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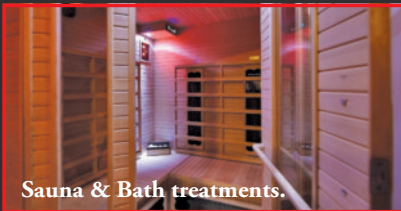
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## NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

**Gloria gains from former local Sainz**

Apple's director of corporate communications wasn't always big on communication

Fred Sainz, flack from San Diego's political past, has popped up on the list of maximum-dollar campaign contributors for Assembly Democrat Todd Gloria, who is currently running to succeed term-out Republican mayor Kevin Faulconer in next year's March primary. Sainz was a Republican operative from New York who had a significant hand in running the 1996 GOP national convention here — before going to work for San Diego mayor

Susan Golding, and later Jerry Sanders. He kicked in \$1150 for Todd Gloria on December 14, a December 15 city filing shows.

These days, Sainz is director of corporate communications at Apple, Inc., where he helps chief executive officer Tim Cook navigate the world of president Donald Trump, for whom Cook hosted a genial corporate event in Austin, Texas last month. Back in the '90s, Sainz adapted to San Diego's rough-and-tumble political world with gusto, eventually getting himself named Republican Golding's public relations person as she began a failed bid for the U.S. Senate.

Sainz subsequently went to work for Golding's GOP successor Jerry Sanders, where he guarded the ex-police chief from questions asked by local journalists not affiliated with the Sanders-supportive *Union-Tribune*. His stonewalling on behalf of Sanders included a June 2006 clash with KPBS-TV, which wanted its star reporter Gloria Penner to interview the mayor. Wrote station producer Graciela Sevilla in an email to Sainz: "We don't have any specific agenda, just a check-in and update." Replied Sainz: "We'd love to do it, but we won't with Gloria as the interviewer." Asked Sevilla: "Would it be safe to assume Gloria is out of favor after the [Ronne]



Badge of honor: back in the day, Sainz did us the the great kindness of telling his staff not to speak to us.

Froman interview in January, or is there another reason?" Said Sainz: "I think your read is accurate." A year later, Froman, an ex-Navy admiral who had served as the neophyte mayor's political sherpa, abruptly quit the Sanders gig as the scandal of building near Montgomery Field became a fiasco.

In 2005, Sainz moved to block news of the mayor's Wi-Fi plans. "To all copied here," wrote Sainz in a memo to staff, "Do not speak with any reporters from the Reader. Tell them that you do not speak with reporters from the Reader. No additional information or follow up necessary. Thanks."

Yet another Sainz run-in with San Diego scribes happened in April 2008, when he rejected a request from the *Voice of San Diego* for a copy of an expletive-filled memo Sainz had sent *Union-Tribune* editorial page chief Bob Kittle. Reported the *Voice*, "Sainz decided instead to give in to the San Diego *Union-Tribune*, despite the requests we had placed under the Public Records Act. It appears that politics trumped law in the mayor's office." When the email saw the light of day, it showed Sainz lobbying Kittle regarding a sewage treatment plan offered by then-city attorney Michael Aguirre, a Democrat:

"Our boy Mike is up to his regular bullshit messing things up, Toilet to tap makes no sense on the economics of it alone. Not a good idea but Mike is hell-bent it appears on hurting the City. Bob, he's about to fuck this up big time -- WATCH!!!"

In 2008, Sainz left town to do public relations for the Gill Foundation, "the nation's largest funder of LGBT issues," according to his LinkedIn profile. Two years later, he went to Washington, where he became vice president of PR for the Human Rights Campaign before leaving for Apple in August 2015.

Matt Potter

**Bobcapella — on the fringe of the weed economy**

"It makes getting stoned seem more spiritual"

By Patrick Henderson

Since California voters legalized recreational marijuana in 2016, the region's cannabis industry has really caught fire. Dozens of dispensaries have popped up all over, the

singer who would surely be on Marijuana Mount Rushmore along with Willie Nelson, Paul McCartney, and Snoop Dogg.

"There must be 10,000 Elvis impersonators, but I

bing along at clubs, casinos or other venues that host impersonators. Instead, he sees his mission, to paraphrase Marley, as helping people "emancipate themselves from mental slavery" and learn to experience that "one love," to quote yet another classic song.

To that end, he is also creating a series of corporate training seminars where he teaches people what he calls "the principles of Bob." One such example was a talk he recently gave at a nursing retreat.

In addition, he hires him-



Stephen Jones, who performs under the name Bobcapella, sings and does comedy routines at corporate retreats and private marijuana parties.

biggest concentration being in Mission Valley. A budding cannabis connoisseur can tour the region's top weed hot spots or choose from the growing number of cannabis delivery services.

And, of course, there are local weed-centered businesses including bakers and candy makers making and selling all sorts of cannabis edibles.

Others are finding unique ways to grow their own living in this brave new world of legal bud. Meet Stephen Jones. He is a Lyft driver who hopes to provide a different sort of lift as a professional impersonator of Bob Marley, the famous reggae

don't know of any people who do Bob Marley," Jones said to explain his budding business as Bob.

Not only does Jones perform Marley's music, but he also does comedy routines in the guise of the reggae legend, such as one bit he calls "Bob-polar," where he has a conversation with himself — a black American — and as "Bob" in Marley's Jamaican patois.

"As Bob, I will call myself out as an American guy imitating a Jamaican guy," he laughed. "I did it first when I was driving some people who were really high and it was freaking them out!"

Jones isn't content bob-

self out to smoke pot with people who think getting high with a Bob Marley impersonator is the height of cannabis chic.

Jones, a 49-year-old graduate of Regis University in Colorado, worked in the business world for more than a decade before deciding to take another path, one that started by growing his hair into the dreadlock style associated with Rastafarianism, a religious sect that started in Jamaica which views the smoking of marijuana as a sacrament.

"Really, when I grew them, that's when I finally recognized myself," the former insurance salesman said.



**Pre-dreadlocks Jones graduated from college and sold insurance.**

Growing dreads may have helped Jones recognize himself, but others see him as a lookalike for the reggae legend. To my eyes, other than the hair, there isn't much in physical resemblance.

That's OK with Jones, who prefers to recreate the Marley vibe rather than imitate his appearance.

"The first two people who called me Bob Marley were a three-year-old girl and a Middle Eastern guy whose plane just landed in America," he said. "Everyone knows Bob. I've had people from all over the world call me Bob. Everyone except China. For some reason, they don't know who he is."

Jones has performed as "Bob" at various events, including last year's Pride Celebration. Although he sings Marley songs, it's in the guise of jokes. For instance, at the Gay Pride event, he quips the singer was gay and that the classic song "Jammin'" was originally written about Marley's (fictional) gay lover, "Benjamin" or "Ben-jammin" in Bob talk.

Jones performs without musicians or recorded backup music, which is why his website is *Bobcapella.com*, a portmanteau of "Bob" and "a capella."

"My brother is a professional musician, and he asked if I wanted help, but it's just better I work alone," he said.

Jones showed his M.O. — "Marley Operandi" — during a recent in-



**Experts believe he may rob Bernie Sanders of the stoner vote.**

terview on the streets of La Mesa. While he and I walked up the street in the Village area, we heard three people arguing about a car part very loudly.

Jones said, "Want to see Bob in action?" He snuck up on the arguing trio and started singing a Marley classic: *One love/ one heart/ let's get together and feel alright*.

Immediately, the conflict ended — at least temporarily — and one guy threw his arm around "Bobs" shoulder and started singing along.

At the end of his song, Jones high-fived two of the guys, but the third man — the loudest one — settled for an elbow tap as his hands were covered in oil. The three were noticeably calmer as we walk away then they were before Jones' intervention.

"See? That's how it's done," Jones said.

Jones doesn't charge to attend private parties as "Bob," thanks to a deal he has with various cannabis industry sponsors, such as Babylon Gardens, Discreet Wellness, and *AddCBD.com* in exchange for product placement.

However, a non-cannabis-themed corporate team building exercise costs \$250 an hour.

In addition, Jones jokes that he can help customers "emancipate themselves from party planning slavery" by organizing appearances by other people working in the cannabis space.

For instance, at a recent party in Normal Heights,

Jones included TH the Chef, a cannabis cook who prepared stoney vittles such as Mac and Cheese balls with a pot-infused marinara sauce, and massage therapist Cara Sherman, who rubbed down guests with CBD, a non-psychoactive substance found in marijuana, while reggae versions of Beatles songs played in the background.

Jones sees himself as someone who can unite the disparate aspects of the local cannabis scene — something he says is sorely needed. "I find San Diego's cannabis scene to be stale on community. They pretty much frisk you and then you buy stuff or they shuffle you out," he said. "That is where Colorado and Portland, Oregon have us beat. They have laws that say you can smoke and hang-out.... Some of the San Diego locations are waking up to the community idea. Columbia Care near PB just started a Senior Sunday where they bring in nurses and professionals to educate seniors on Cannabis."

For Nick Baxter, having a Bob Marley impersonator at his party was a no-brainer. "People think of pot when they see Bob," he said. "Back in college, every dorm room had a poster of him smoking a spliff."

A friend jumps into the conversation: "Yeah, Bob's a rasta, so it makes getting stoned seem more spiritual."

A female partygoer who asked not to be named concurred, and said Marley is like a member of her family.

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## UNDER THE RADAR

### SDSU's cellular super soak

There will be state-of-the-art Internet at San Diego State's new stadium, but don't expect it to come cheap. SDSU, which is in the end-stages of wrapping up a lucrative deal with the city, wants to clean up on a costly new cell phone system at its proposed athletic venue on the Mission Valley site of the old Qualcomm Stadium. "SDSU's assumption is that revenue compensation would be in the form of cash payments to SDSU, either annually or in a lump sum at the beginning of the contract," the university says in its request for proposals from would-be mobile service providers. "All responses will be judged on the merit of their content and their perceived benefit to SDSU. SDSU is seeking the best cellular environment in the new stadium, with the best operational and financial outcomes for SDSU."

As part of the deal, Wi-Fi alternatives to high-priced cellular internet access might not be available to game-goers. "The primary use of WiFi at the field level is for CoachCom and other operational applications, not use by guests or fans. WiFi should be present along the sidelines, but there is not a requirement to cover the entire playing field."

When vendors asked, "is there a requirement to have premium bandwidth WIFI tiers as an option for guests to purchase?" the university answered no.

### Up against the Wahls

Four of San Diego's politically powerful lobbying and public relations outfits have been cut in for part of a \$700,000 payout by the San Diego Unified Port District for so-called "as-needed strategic consulting services," according to contracts posted online by the agency. "The Marketing & Communications Department uses the services of professional consulting firms to provide advanced skills and to supplement the services of the in-house resources utilizing best practices for citizen engagement, strategic marketing, public outreach, public information and stakeholder relations," says a December 10 board resolution.

Raising the specter of conflict of interest, the list of chosen contractors includes Southwest Strategies, which represents a host of developers and port tenants, including the Port of San Diego Ship Repair Association, funded by the military contractors who crushed Barrio Logan's community plan in 2014. Southwest employees are also heavy givers to local politicians, with the most

recent campaign gift of \$1150 by firm honcho **Chris Wahl** going to Republican city councilman **Scott Sherman's** mayoral effort. Wahl's wife, Jennifer came up with the same. The Wahl money came in on December 11, the same day that **Nick Stone**, chief of 2018's defeated Soccer City Mission Valley stadium proposal favored by Sherman, also came up with \$1150. Also on



*Lobbyist Chris Wahl is grinning, because he knows the political power of campaign donations.*

the port's as-needed consultant roster are Katz and Associates; Nuffer Smith Tucker, Inc.; and Moore Iacofano Goldsman, Inc.

### Cory's cash answer

Under challenge by insurgent **Cory Briggs**, city attorney **Mara Elliott** has reached out to the county Democratic Party for big financial assistance. The group came up with \$22,750 for Elliott's campaign on December 17, city filings show. Meanwhile,

Harkishan Parekh of HP Investors gave \$1150 to Assembly Democrat **Todd Gloria's** mayoral campaign. HP "is a real estate investment firm focusing on acquisition, development, and management of commercial properties in high barrier to entry markets on the West Coast of the United States," says the company website, which boasts a host of developments in San Diego's East Village.

### Kevin's cash

Termed-out Republican mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, still yearning for higher office, has reported more money from special interests along San Diego's border with Mexico. According to a so-called behesting report filed by Faulconer December 5, Cross Border Xpress,



*Kevin Faulconer is smiling, because the end is near.*

the privatized Otay Mesa passenger gateway to Tijuana's airport, gave \$5000 to the UC San Diego Foundation on November 1. A week later, the foundation funded a binational border summit hosted by UCSD's Center for U.S. Mexican Studies, featuring Faulconer and a gaggle of mayors from Mexico backing free trade...The Golden Door, the exclusive North County resort battling a developer's plan to build housing nearby, came up with

cool \$370,000 on December 6 for the Committee Against Newland Sierra and Bad Development, according to filings. A referendum on the Newland proposal is set for the March 3 primary ballot.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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### Surf's up

In reference to Tony Marinucci's Letter to the Editor regarding "misleading" readers ("Deceptive Oceanside photos," Letters, December 18), I'm sure most know I have no control over what photos are included with published articles. The photo was one of many shots of the entire Oceanside coastline taken on July 30, 2019, and shortly after the unpermitted work was completed. The time of the shot sequence was not determined by a high tide rather the availability of the drone operator. Having said that, one must agree, the picture (high tide or not) is quite telling as to the state of our shoreline and access to it.

Shari Mackin  
South Oceanside

### RIP Roamers

After Jerry Schad's passing

the San Diego Natural History Museum Canyoneers stepped up to carry on this valuable feature of your magazine. Now that the Canyoneers will no longer provide their expertise to this article; what is the future of Roam-O-Rama? I, like many others, look forward to these stories each week. What's next?

Randall  
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### WHY the quad squad? Roller crew skated with Hawk; now they're gambling on Viejas

On December 13, a Wendi and Steve posted on Facebook that Skate San Diego in El Cajon "is closing" and that "we are liquidating everything." The two posted photos of a large stereo system, "thousands of" roller skate and rollerblade wheels, and fixtures. "I've been there," said Geraldo Velazquez. "Me and my girl went to check it out, and it has a bunch of holes in the floor. I don't know what the floor is made of; it's funky, and it hasn't even been there that long." (On Yelp, most commenters said that the staff was friendly, but others corroborated Velazquez's holes-in-the-floor assessment. One posted a photo of what appeared to be pegboard. "Some of [us] ladies decided to go skating because we saw the Groupon and it was a good deal," commented Tea, an Elite 2019

reviewer. "I would never pay full price for this place. Front desk was nice. But the skates are old. The rink is old and not even wood, very uneven. We had a good time.")

Velazquez, 50, has been roller skating since the 1970s, "when my big sister used to take me to Palisades in North Park. And in the '80s, I used to hit up Aquarius in La Mesa, where Drew Ford was. Skate San Diego was closer to me than SkateWorld in Linda Vista — so I gave it a chance. But

I wasn't impressed, because it's too slow, and they don't have a quad pro shop like they do at SkateWorld." And while Skate San Diego may be closing, he said that "the Linda Vista skating rink ain't going nowhere." On April 8, the city council voted 6-3 to block the sale of SkateWorld to a developer — and NBC 7 San Diego reported that it "will restart the bidding process." But before the blocked sale, San Diego County roller skaters — otherwise known as quad skaters, because of the four wheels on their skates — considered the El Cajon spot. That is, "until they saw and felt the floor," said Velazquez. "It's even hard to dance-skate on that, and since these kids are now doing 'Jamskating'" — a fusion

of dance-skating and breakdancing — "it's probably even harder." If something *does* happen to SkateWorld, "We still have the Boardwalk," he said, "but last time I was there [speed] skating, they were yelling at me to slow down."



Velazquez- "Me and the homies used to vert in the ditch by my mom's house on Imperial."

Velazquez has built a custom set of skates, with wheels that stick out past the sides of the shoes. "When I first made them, I put on skateboard trucks," he said. "Like, Gullwing trucks from my old skateboard, because it was wider, and I thought that it gripped better. The first ones I made, I used Converse basketball shoes, and I used to skate Mission Beach. I was the only one that had the wheels sticking out that far, and the only one that put skateboard trucks on a skate. I've never seen anyone else do that." As for speed, "You know those electric scooters? I can smoke 'em," he said.



Velazquez's custom skates with wheels sticking out.

When we spoke, Velazquez offered to show me "the ditch by my mom's house on Imperial. Me and the homies used to vert there on roller skates before the trolley came in. I'll send you a picture of me in the early '80s catching air there. Tony Hawk used to hit that spot with us on his skateboard." Besides the Boardwalk and the ditch, "there's one more place. Viejas has an outdoor skating rink where the ice skating rink is now, and for 6-7 months, it's a roller skate rink. I was there during summer and I've skated it; they have a big projector screen and they play '80s music and videos. It's concrete and real smooth, and it's the fastest rink that I've been at. The wheels just keep rollin'."

MIKE MADRAGA

ENCINITAS

### Restaurants to close over gas pains?

#### Now you're cooking with...electricity

An expected vote on a ban on natural gas in new buildings took a surprise turn last week, when the Encinitas Environmental Commission announced a change of plans. They would devote their meeting to public comments, instead. The controversial item was continued from a meeting in November. Had the commission approved it on December 12, it would have gone to the city council, so that the council could consider an ordinance banning natural gas pipes in all new homes or commercial buildings — including remodels. "The gist of this proposal is to reduce our greenhouse gases, which of course is the main goal of the climate action plan," explained Jim Wang, the commission vice-chair who wrote the ban. "So that is the proper context for this proposal, rather than having a stand-alone ordinance." According to environmental programs manager Erik Steenblock, as the city updates its climate action plan over the next three to six months, they will assess the measures now in place, where the city is on meeting its goals, and what additional measures may be needed. "It's in that context commissioner Wang has identified that this would be a better conversation, if it even emerges as a potential for a measure."

The city's 2018 climate action plan lists transportation as contributing 54 percent of greenhouse gas emissions; electricity, 23 percent; and natural gas, 13 percent. But while natural gas reduction isn't a specific strategy in the plan, Wang noted in a report that the fuel's main component is methane, a far more potent greenhouse gas than CO<sub>2</sub>. And as cities seek to slash where they can, the practice of greening up buildings — which spew roughly a quarter of the state's emissions — is catching on. Berkeley was the first city in the U.S. to pass a ban, which takes effect next year. More than a dozen California cities have passed similar measures affecting new construction. Carlsbad took on gas water heaters in an ordinance last March as part of their own climate action plan, using a "reach code" — a more stringent code that the state allows to help cities meet clean air goals. Developers of new low-rise residential projects must install non-gas water heating equipment in their projects, the city website says. (Home energy use accounts for about a quarter of Carlsbad's greenhouse gas emissions.)

Supporters say California's commitment to 100 percent clean electricity by 2045 also requires a transition to non-polluting electric appliances. New jobs and products will begin to replace those that now lean on natural gas. "We need to think in terms of moving ahead and meeting our 100 percent renewable energy goals," said resident Helen Bourne. "It's said that it will affect jobs, yet I think it would produce more jobs. Greener jobs."

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An advertisement for a roller rink. It features a woman in a white top and blue skirt skating on roller skates. The text reads: "Southern California's Largest Outdoor Roller Rink" and "Now Closed for the season".

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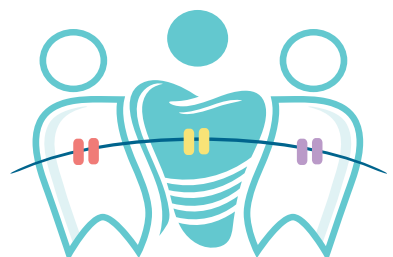
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But that transition won't happen overnight. "This will put into jeopardy jobs, retirements, and benefits for up to 400 of our union families," said Nate Fairman, business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 465, which represents 2700 workers for SDG&E, the Metropolitan Transit System, San Diego Trolley, Imperial Irrigation District, and others. Pat Lopez of the fireplace services company Hearth Industry said the city should "at least offer people a choice," noting that some cities with bans "have actually allowed gas, but with offsets or other provisions which still allow choice." Berkeley's ban allows exemptions where gas use serves the public interest. Menlo Park's ordinance has exceptions for life-science buildings, emergency-operations centers, and non-residential kitchens — and smaller residential buildings can keep using gas for stoves, fireplaces, and other appliances if they also have pre-wiring for electric appliances.

The proposal for Encinitas mentions allowing "reasonable exemptions." For one, homes that add an accessory dwelling unit attached to an existing structure "should be permitted to use the same energy supply." For many restaurants, a ban on gas, which allows precision cooking, would be especially harsh, said Roz Mancinelli, chief executive officer of the Encinitas Chamber of Commerce. She urged the city to consider such businesses in their decarbonization policies. Electric fryers would greatly slow down the productivity of small restaurants, particularly those that are seasonal. Opening a new restaurant in the city would be prohibitive for many. "Encinitas has built a thriving restaurant scene in recent years," she said. But it's a tough business that operates on thin profit margins, and often, the need for a flame. "There is no electric alternative that can get the high heat required in a short burst to perform wok-style cooking," for example. "It would put such restaurants out of business."

SHEILA PELL

## CARLSBAD

### Angel sends a message The Barrio doesn't want to be the Village's parking lot

DeeDee Trejo was born and raised in Carlsbad; today, she operates Lola's Seven-Up Market on Roosevelt Street. It was founded by her family in Carlsbad's first neighborhood: the so-called Barrio, a historic residential area between I-5 and Carlsbad Boulevard/101, just south of Carlsbad Village Drive. Lola's opened in 1943, nine years before Carlsbad became a city. "It used to be the Village by the Sea. But it's not a village anymore when you can build buildings that are four stories tall... really five, when you count the top deck." Trejo's family lives near the market, and she

says that "I can't even have a BBQ at my house and have people over, because they can't find a spot to park."

Last week, the Carlsbad city council made some changes to its Village and Barrio Master Plan, approved last year. But unchanged is the fact that four-story buildings (45 feet maximum) can still be built in the downtown Village business district. Village parking regularly overflows into the adjacent Barrio district. Consider the under-construction State Mixed Use 30 development, a four-story mixed-use project on the corner of State and Oak streets. It sits on the border of the Village and Barrio districts. The first floor is designated commercial, while the second, third, and fourth floors will contain 27 condos (14 for sale, 13 time shares). The project is being built with 33 on-site parking spaces, dedicated to the residents. Any overflow residential parking and all the commercial parking will have to be done in spaces along the already overwhelmed streets of the Village and Barrio districts.

How was this development allowed to happen? Carlsbad senior planner Scott Donnell says the city planning commission signed off on it after the developer agreed to pay for 20 "in lieu parking fees." This means that instead

### "We don't need more luxury apartments that are not affordable to the average Carlsbad resident."

of requiring adequate parking as mandated by law, the city allowed the developer to pay approximately \$11,000 for each of those 20 spaces into a city fund. That pot of cash was then supposed to be used by the city to acquire property for parking and/or build a parking structure. Donnell says that at present, he is not aware of any plans for Carlsbad to buy property or build a parking structure.

Lifelong Carlsbad local Simon Angel remembers when streets in Barrio Carlos weren't paved. He says the house he lives in, once purchased for \$6,000, could get \$700,000 now — but adds, "I know many people in the Barrio who are property rich but cash poor." He says there is an increasing divide between the "elitism" of the new Carlsbad and the down-to-earth approach taken by his Barrio neighbors. "To slow down traffic on Roosevelt and Madison [Streets], they are talking about traffic circles. Many of us are just saying, 'How about you give us four-way stop signs and speed bumps?'" Further, the encroaching upscale Village business district is choking the life out of his neighborhood. "The Barrio is shrinking. When he was mayor, Buddy Lewis would have never allowed there be buildings higher than two stories. It would have been, 'Over my dead body.' We don't want a complete moratorium on building. We just don't want to see Carlsbad turning into Manhattan or Redondo Beach. We don't need more luxury apartments that are not affordable to the average Carlsbad resident."



It takes a Village to raise a condo...wait, what?

Angel is a mild-mannered retiree who has never run for public office, but he is stepping up to run in a special election to replace councilwoman Barbara Hamilton, who resigned after only one year in office. She represented District 1, which includes the Village and Barrio. He says the Village/Barrio parking situation helped encourage him to run. "There is

says she has voted in the minority against Carlsbad's in lieu parking arrangement, which favors developers. "The city [staff] says we have plenty of parking, and yet we know we don't," says Schumacher. She adds that she wants to make sure the amount of the in-lieu fee parking fees gets increased, and that that fund collected by the city actually gets spent on a specific parking facility. She says the four-story State Mixed Use 30 project was approved at the planning commission level, but never made it to council. "The planning commission completely kept us out of the loop. That's why I just voted last week to change it so that anything like this must also come before the council going forward." Schumacher agrees with Simon about Barrio misrepresentation. "The Barrio has been invisible with past councils."

no parking, and it keeps getting worse," says Angel. "It gets impossible around here when we have 5K runs or the Village Fair." He says it got so bad that the city painted over some red curbs in a desperate move to allow more parking on street corners. "That decreased the line of sight, which made it unsafe for both drivers and pedestrians who tried to cross the street."

Angel says he knows his underfunded city council campaign makes him the decided underdog against his two challengers, both of whom have run citywide elections. But the fact that Carlsbad is now divided into four districts could help. "We have never had a Mexican from the Barrio elected to anything in Carlsbad," he notes. There are about 1,000 voters in the Barrio, which is about six percent of the total 16,500 voters in Carlsbad's District 1. "I can't overestimate my chances," he admits, but he also says he can count on help from the same street team that helped Hamilton get elected last year. "My Barrio precinct would always vote in the 30 percent range. Then last year, for the first time ever, we got it up to 67 percent."

Council member Cori Schumacher is also running for the District 1 seat (her current city-wide seat is being phased out next year due to the arrival of districting). She



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Angel says that one of the biggest challenges for Carlsbad is that the city council won't stand up to its own city staff. "If the council tells them to do something they don't want to do, they can come up with a million reasons not to do it. Sometimes, the staff hears what it wants to hear."

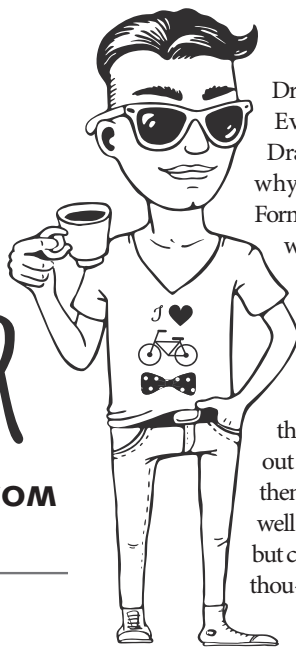
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## What, no Honey Badger?

### Rat

Entrepreneurial and visionary, Rats dream up billion-dollar business ventures (“Let’s make Uber, but for dogs!”) while drunk, all of which are usually forgotten by the time the hangover wears off. Most compatible with Dragons and somebody else’s cocaine; avoid Horses.

### Ox

Loyal and strong; even when all your friends are eating gluten again, you remain true to cauliflower pizza crust. Marry a Snake. Sheep will bring trouble with their love of wheat.

### Tiger

Tiger people are sensitive, candid, and always in possession of at least three partially finished modern novels or chapbooks of non-heteronormative poetry. Horses and Dogs make fantastic life-partners with whom they can synthesize a new, non-patronymic name. Monkey always assumes their gender.

### Rabbit

Rabbit is the nicest person you know. We all put up with Rabbit’s hapless charm, because Rabbit’s just good peeps. Likes everyone, even Rooster (although Rooster hasn’t got time for Rabbit’s shit.)

### Dragon

Dragon’s a goddamn Dragon. Everybody wants to be Dragon and nobody knows why — not even Dragon. Forms a symbiotic relationship with Monkey; irritates Dog.

### Snake

Wise, well-heeled, and sexy AF, Snakes never seem to buy their own drinks in the bar, and they know everybody without anybody really knowing them. Gets along surprisingly well with the Ox and Rabbit; but can’t stand the holier-than-thou-art Pig.

### Horse

Needy, basic, pumpkin spice latte-drinker who spends extra time at the gym honing an already biologically gifted physique. Not sure what Horse sees in Dog, but it seems to work for them. Rat has too many big ideas.

### Sheep

Enigmatic and creative, Sheep prefer their carefully cultured sourdough starters and kombucha SCOBYs to the company of humans. Friendly with Boars and Rabbits; scornful of the Ox.

### Monkey

Ten out of ten monkeys are enthusiastic tech bros who are already planning next year’s trip to Burning Man in the company’s

air-conditioned, fully provisioned RV. A Rat might be just the person to take to Coachella next year. Tigers are too SJW for you, bro. You’re woke, but not that woke.

### Rooster

Diligent and hardworking, Rooster built an urban chicken coop with hand-carved mortise-and-tenon construction while the rest of you animals sat around the brunch table rehashing how much you drank last night. Has a soft spot for the Snake and Ox, but ain’t nobody got time for Rabbit.

### Dog

Dog has too much body hair and won’t shut up about craft beer. In a long-term relationship (in which the fire long since sputtered out) with a Tiger or Horse after having been burned by a Dragon.

### Pig

Noble, uncompromising, and fair-trade everything. Known to irritate people with rants about the externalized costs of 21st-century consumer culture. Bernie 2020. Thinks the Snake is a materialistic shill; but admires the Sheep and the Rabbit for their genuineness.

—DJ Stevens



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# SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

Do you have what it takes?



This can't end well. Image taken from Reddit's r/Lonelyhearts community.

## The War at Home

Wife of Camp Pendleton Marine arrested for sex with 15-year-old exchange student

## Dino-Rhino?

San Diego Zoo Researchers declare success in effort to bring back Northern White Rhino — or something very much like it

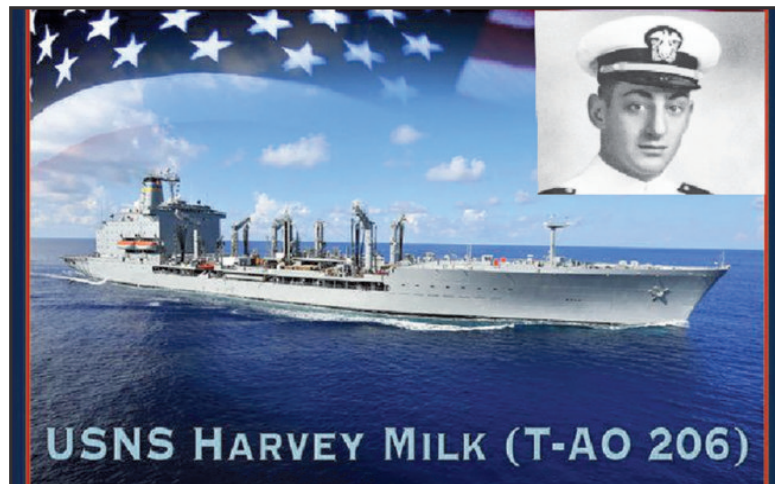


A San Diego Zoo employee seeks to lure Future Shock, a northern white rhino grown from stem cells that were genetically tweaked into sperm and eggs by Zoo geneticists, away from the scene of what the Zoo later termed "an insufficient observation of security protocols."

## Spoiled Milk

Navy cancels plans for ship honoring slain gay-rights activist due to uncontrolled giggling

Before Harvey Milk was the first openly gay elected official in California history, he was in the Navy, right here in San Diego. His time as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors ended tragically when he and mayor George Moscone were assassinated by former Board of Supervisors member Dan White. His time in the Navy ended, as he told it, when he was discovered



Navy Spokesman Saylor: "We're very disappointed. We really thought that we were past this sort of thing. But then, we do have a lot of 18-year-old boys in the service."

to be gay. Though there is no evidence for this claim, the Navy made plans to correct its unmade mistake some 60 years later by naming a replenishment ship after the fallen gay-rights hero.

Sadly, the Navy has decided to delay that honor in the wake of multiple and sustained outbursts of what it calls "unbecoming giggling" in the wake of announcing its decision to sail on Naval bases around the world. "The Milk will be an oiler," read the statement, "sailing up from behind to provide much-needed replenishment to depleted vessels. The oiler will get in close enough to get its big

hose into the needy ship's port. Then it will pump it full of precious fuel before disengaging and moving on to the next ship that calls it. It may not sound as sexy as a battleship firing its great big guns or a submarine launching missiles from the depths, but it gets the job done when you're under way. We in the Navy couldn't be prouder."

A source close to SDQT said that in response, the Navy was considering giving the Milk name to a new aircraft carrier, "because there's no way to make any kind of gay sex joke about the kind of boat that launched the flyboys in *Top Gun*."

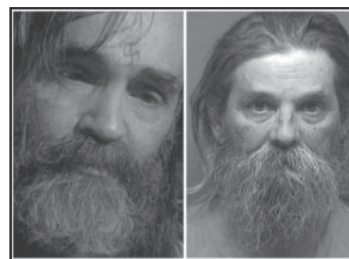
## WHO PLAYS WHO

## THE PAST CATCHES UP EDITION



On *The Sopranos*, Steve Schirripa played Bobby Bacalieri, who made it in the mob a long time without committing a murder.

Kevin Thomas Ford made it a long time before being convicted of the 1987 rape and murder of Normal Heights woman Grace Hayden.



Charles Manson was recently portrayed onscreen in *Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood*, a film that looked back at his murderous past.

James Boget's allegedly murderous past was uncovered when La Mesa police looked back over the evidence and found some DNA.



Joe Pesci recently starred in *The Irishman*, a film about Jimmy Hoffa, whose case is still open because there is no statute of limitations on murder.

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### People With Too Much Time on Their Hands

—Silicon Valley entrepreneurs who have made their fortunes in tech-related fields have discovered a spiritually enriching new guru, Jess Magic, a ukulele player and singer who calls herself a "heartist." At Magic's intimate, invitation-only "Soul Salons" (and now on a 10-city national tour), participants share their energy and join in "songversations" – philosophical rap and improvised music and dance – a process Magic calls "a play date for your inner child." Andrew Hewitt, creator of Game Changers 500, explains: "For people who live most of the time in their head, this feels like magic." The New York Times reported that Magic believes her appeal is in response to the spiritual hollowness wealthy executives feel. "People forget that they are human beings rather than human doings," she said.

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Ken Irvine between waves

### Aggressive stingrays

The morning beach looks pristine and empty, except for the white teeth of the waves, like David Hockney's *A Bigger Splash*.

But something has changed. Ah, yes. At the lifeguard tower, the purple stingray flag has come down. Finally! Does this mean the stingrays have left for warmer waters?

"I wouldn't bet on it," says Ken Irvine. And he should know. He surfs every day. He's also the executive chef of Bleu Boheme restaurant in Kensington. "Stingrays love the warm shallows of IB, Coronado, La Jolla Shores," he says. "I saw this GoPro video shot off the Coronado Shores two years ago. It was like a carpet of stingrays. Hundreds of them."

Irvine had his own really bad day three years ago.

"I was in knee-high water. I'm used to being stung once, twice a year. I've seen how they do it. These little guys turn, expose their tail. Then they shove their body at you. And when they withdraw, it's like pulling a Christmas tree backwards. It rips the flesh and leaves venom and sea particles to infect the wound."

This time the ray's stinger scraped across the top of Irvine's left foot. "He opened up a vein and cut the tendons to my toes. I got out and headed home. Our housekeeper was there. I put my foot in hot water, which is what you need to do, to pull out the toxins. I told her to bring some more hot water. But the water she brought was boiling. I suffered second-degree burns when she poured it in. Now I needed cold water to help the burn, but hot water for the

stingray sting. It was impossible."

He somehow drove himself to ER, where they wanted him to wait. "I am going to pass out if you don't give me something!" he remembers shouting. "It's like someone holding a butane lighter to your foot," he says. "The pain goes to your bones and then up the leg. I have been 90mph through a windscreen before, so I know pain. But this was the worst I have ever experienced."

Finally, they gave him a combination of Percocet and a morphine drip. It took six months in a cast to reconnect his tendons. Did he ever go back into the ocean?

He's surprisingly nonchalant. "Every day. None of me and my surfing friends are put off by these fellers. You just shuffle your feet, thump with your heel, and hope for the best."

But he does believe the round stingrays that inhabit San Diego may be getting more aggressive. "Two months ago, my surfing buddy Scott was 20 feet from the beach. He got hit. I heard him go 'Ugh!' He told me, 'It was clear water. I saw this stingray three feet away from me. He actually turned and came at me and struck! Luckily he only nicked me. But I had definitely not trodden on him. He attacked me!'"

Why is this becoming worse? El Niño? Warming waters? According to one theory, a big factor is the diminished numbers of Great White sharks, one of stingrays' major predators.

"One of my favorite places to eat is TJ Oyster Bar in Bonita," Irvine says. "They have a great stingray machaca tostada. I never used to eat them. I was



Ken Irvine, executive chef, won't let a deadly stingray attack slow down his surfing



Foot shot: Ripping action of stingray's tail caused these tendon-slashing lacerations

thinking of the juju. But then, that attack, others. I'm back eating stingray machaca tostadas."

### This is for you, Michael

It's Saturday night at the Comedy Palace, Kearny Mesa.

"You've got it easy."

"Oh. Do you mean the wheelchair, or the diaper?"

The audience laughs. They're tuned in to what's going on. As she approaches the one-year anniversary of her friend Michael Schmid's death, comedian Lisa Alvarez is here, sharing Michael's jokes from his first and last comedy

"He goes, 'Sometimes my hand shakes a lot. Which is really fun when I'm alone.'"

Badda boom.

"A lot of women like to change their men, which is great for me, because I need to be changed three times a day."

"I wrote this one," says Alvarez. "I told my neighbor I wanted to do stand-up comedy. And she said, 'Well don't you have to be able to stand up, to do stand-up?' And I said, 'Don't you have to be on your period to be a bitch?'"

Laughter.

"I'm losing control of my arms... I signed up for Tinder. Which is really fun, because I never

"Finding comedy in tragedy is what comedians do best."

show. (I wrote about him 12/26/18.)

Wheelchair jokes? Schmid suffered from PLS, Primary Lateral Sclerosis, similar to ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. He was gradually losing control of his body and even voice. "But he came to me after one of my performances and told me his dearest wish was to perform stand-up comedy," Alvarez says. "And with his illness advancing, he wanted to leave people with hope and laughter. And finding comedy in tragedy is

know which way I'm going to swipe.

"Because of my condition, I have to do everything with my tongue. My ex-girlfriend really liked that... because she was a stamp collector. — You guys! You thought it was going to go blue. Shame on you!"

"I can't raise my arms. So if I roll through a spider web, I'm screwed."

Laughter.

"OK, I'm going to read that again for the



Michael Schmid at his own farewell party, watching video of his comedy act

what comedians do best. So I decided to make that happen."

Alvarez assembled a group of comedians and together they wrote jokes for Michael to tell at his one performance, scheduled for November 29th, 2018.

He delivered it to rousing cheers. And to a video crew recording for a documentary that Alvarez is making about Michael and his determination to go out cheerfully. Tonight she's retelling all his jokes to that same camera, and to a crowd who know what's going on. Tonight, the laughs are guaranteed. A lot of the humor is, well, earthy.

camera, and you're going to laugh louder, fuckers. I can't raise my arms, so if I roll through a spider web, I'm screwed."

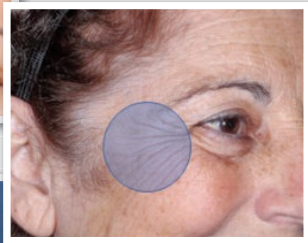
Big laughter. Claps. Cheers.

"Thank you so much," says Lisa. "Before I go, this is also going to go into the documentary. On the count of three, as a group together, I would just like us all to point up and say, 'This is for you, Michael.' Okay? On the count of three. One... two... three..."

Michael Schmid died a year ago December 28th in a doctor-assisted suicide. To see the movie trailer for *Don't Wait*, Alvarado's documentary about him, go to [lisaalvarado.com](http://lisaalvarado.com).



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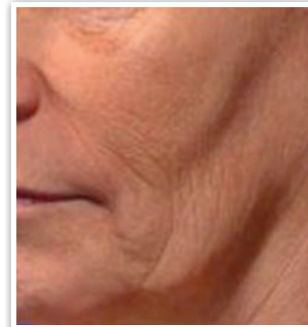
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A photograph of a man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, standing at a bar. He is looking slightly to his right with a serious expression. His right hand is adjusting his tie. The bar counter is dark and textured. In the background, there are shelves with various bottles and glasses, and a warm, orange-toned light illuminates the scene.

# Duncan Hunter: San Diego's good soldier

Disclaimer: None of this ever really happened.  
But then, Donald Trump *is* President...

**W**hen I found Duncan Hunter — the former Marine and soon-to-be former Congressman from the United States' 50th District — holding down one end of the Renegade Country Bar off Olde Highway 80 in Lakeside (you know, the one with the rearing horse on the roof and the chuck wagon out front) — he was in a bad way. I didn't blame him; he'd had a month. His main man, President Trump: headed

for impeachment. The Afghan war, in which he served: revealed to be an unholy mess, the extent of which was covered up by the people waging it. And on the personal front: public disgrace over admitted corruption. And a wife who can't be happy to have been portrayed as the real culprit when he was having dinner and visiting hotels with... *Individuals*. I wouldn't go home either, no matter how many family vacations I'd bankrolled with campaign funds.

The bartender wouldn't say how many War Crimes — essentially, a Jäger Bomb with Four Loko serving to receive the shot instead of Red

Bull — she'd committed for Hunter, but she did suggest that maybe I buy him a beer, something to act as a comma in the run-on sentence that was his evening so far. I ordered up a couple of Bolt Brewery brews, seeing as how the Congressman would soon be fading into San Diego's history just like the Chargers a few years back, and made my approach. I had some news.

The good soldier in him must have sensed me coming. "Mencken, you son of a bitch!" he hollered. "You better watch what you write. I'm a private citizen now. Sue your ass."

"Not yet, you're not," I reminded him. "You



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Hunter took a slug of his beer and eyed me suspiciously over the rim of the glass. The hairs on the back of my neck twitched. As I said, I had news: *I'd gone looking for him.* But I've gotten soused with enough public servants to know when one of them wants to talk. So I adopted a receptive demeanor and waited. He did not disappoint.

"You ever see *The Godfather*, Mencken?" he began. "You remember Sollozzo? The Turk? That's me. He saw the future. He knew the old ways were done for, that Don Corleone was washed up, no matter how much political juice he had. Remember what Sollozzo asked Tom Hagen after he had Don Corleone shot? 'Ten years ago, could I have gotten to him?' Ten years ago, could Donald Trump have become President?"



That's me in the middle of an awkward moment at dinner with the Hunters. "Did you really just say, 'Honey, please pass the blame?'"

I saw the future, just like the Turk. I saw how things were slipping. That's why I was the first Congressman to endorse Trump, back in February 2016. Trump said he didn't care, because that's what he had to do. He was com-

ing to drain the swamp; he couldn't look like he was playing the game in the old accepted way. I mean, look who had all the endorsements at the time: Rubio. *Rubio!* But Trump noticed. I know it. That's why I said I

didn't think he wanted my endorsement. So he would know I understood his game.

"So yeah, things were slipping. Don Corleone, he had a code: 'Drugs is a dirty business,' he said. Sure he was a crook, but

there were just some things he would not do, that simply *were not done* — as if a crook gets to have principles. The old guard felt the same way about Trump. Presidents don't Tweetblast. Presidents don't grab women. Or if they do, they don't talk about it with reporters. Presidents are... Presidential. Bullshit. Just like Don Corleone was bullshit. Dude was a crook pretending to be a gentleman. But he was just a crook. There's no such thing as dirty business; there's just business. Just like there's no such thing as war crimes; there's just war. 'War is cruelty. There is no use trying to reform it; the crueller it is, the sooner it will be over.' General Sherman said that, and he was on the side of the Union, the good guys. Nobody's tearing down any monuments to him:

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# Campaign is Life

Duncan Hunter releases statement in response to Department of Justice investigation into alleged misuse of campaign funds



Congressman: "They out here tryin' to make the Hunter the prey, though they know this show is strictly pay to play."

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his statue is right there in President's Park. Hey, did you know that there was a huge fight over who got to design his memorial? The Society of the Army of the Tennessee chose a guy the National Sculpture Society wouldn't even consider. *The New York Times* condemned the selection as 'discreditable,' and the Senate debate showed that

people had had enough of the so-called 'experts.' Sound familiar?"

I sensed we were losing the thread. "So you're Sollozzo, huh? You see the future?"

"Damn straight" Hunter blurted. "Hell, I am the future. As my oh-so-public campaign expenditures indicate, I vape, I play video games,

I take cool trips to 'grammable places, and I make tons of runs to Jack in the Box. I hang at Disneyland, and I buy my pet bunny her own seat on the plane. I am the youth vote's Man in the Mirror. On top of that, as you jackals have so helpfully reported, I'm living in my parents' house, I like to day drink with my crew, and I keep

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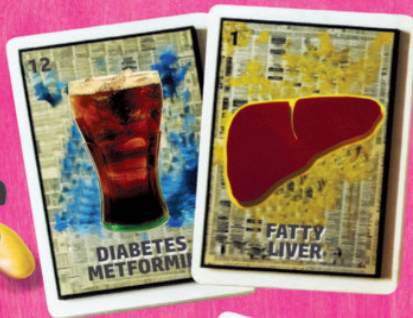
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# THE HUNTER BECOMES THE HUNTED

Prosecutors draw link between Duncan's dough, nuts



**Dude, if you're gonna use your campaign funds to cheat, don't put your wife in charge of the campaign funds. That's like Smollett paying by check.**

JULY 2019: Congressman Duncan Hunter, currently under indictment for misuse of campaign funds, is unhappy that a judge has ruled that evidence showing he used those funds to finance extramarital affairs with lobbyists and staffers may be admitted in court. And now, he's speak-

ing out about it: "Like my lawyers say, I was mixing business with pleasure — no problem there. My friendships often blur the line between personal and professional. Hey, that's like that song, 'Blurred Lines.' Did you see the video for that one, where the girl is dancing around in just a pair of

panties? Damn, that was hot. Anyway, the filing against me says that I met up with women and 'engaged in intimate personal activities unrelated to Hunter's congressional campaign or duties as a member of Congress.' That's nonsense. Congress has been screwing the American people since forever. Hey-o!"

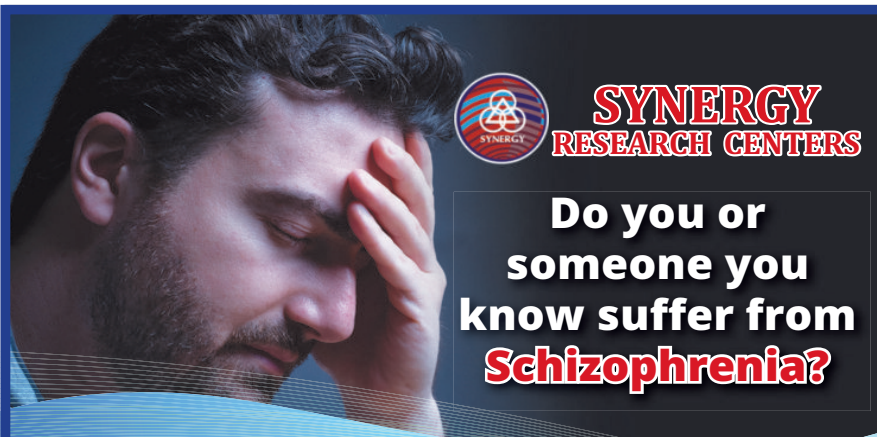
inappropriately dressed babes around when I'm at work. So I've got the slacker/bro vote on lock, too."

"Spoiler alert," I interrupted, "Sollozzo died. Don Corleone's son Michael shot him. And now you're resigning. And Trump's getting impeached. Even if you are the future, sometimes, it doesn't pay to be ahead

of the curve."

He was ready for me. "But I'm not just Sollozzo, Mencken. I'm Michael, too. And not just because I'm the son of a longtime Congressman, a part of the old order. Because I'm a good soldier. Michael was a war hero. He did what he had to do, and he paid for it — two years in exile. That's me. I'm loyal to the Don; I've been loyal

throughout. He goes hard to the Muslim menace, I call my opponent Ammar Campa-Najjar an Islamist security threat, even though he's a Christian. He says we need a wall, I make a video showing how easy it is to jump the border, even though actually doing so would have meant violating my parole. He steps in on behalf of Eddie Gallagher, I'm



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# HUNTER'S MOST DANGEROUS GAME

Representative takes aim at critics of accused Navy SEAL Edward Gallagher



In this undated file photo, Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher (left) and US Representative (and ex-Marine) Duncan Hunter (right) pay a visit to the black site headquarters of the mysterious Colonel Kurtz to seek counsel regarding both the treatment of enemy combatants and the proper method of dealing with fallout resulting from same. Center is an unnamed civilian photographer, apparently serving as an advisor on dealing with leaks to the press. Notes taken from the seized phone of Rep. Hunter indicate that the photographer said, “He can be terrible, and he can be mean, and he can be right. He’s fighting the war. He’s a great man. You don’t judge him like an ordinary man.” It was not immediately clear whether he was referring to Kurtz or Gallagher.

JUNE 2019: In a surprising development, military judge Captain Aaron Rugh today dismissed all charges against Navy SEAL Edward Gallagher related to his alleged murder of an injured Islamic State prisoner under his care and the shooting of two Iraqi civilians in 2017. Gallagher has also been accused of posing in photos with the dead bodies of his enemies. In his comments on the dis-

missal, Rugh cited the defense offered by Representative Duncan Hunter, who recently stated, “I was an artillery officer, and we fired hundreds of rounds into Fallujah, killed probably hundreds of civilians. Probably killed women and children if there were any left in the city when we invaded. So, do I get judged too?” As for the Islamic State soldier whom Gallagher allegedly executed with a knife,

Hunter said, “I frankly don’t care if he was killed. I just don’t care.”

“Representative Hunter is a former Marine, and he clearly knows whereof he speaks,” said Captain Rugh. “His words reminded me of another soldier who knew what it takes to win a war, the famous Colonel Walter Kurtz of US Army Special Forces. ‘I’ve seen horrors,’ said Kurtz shortly before his death. ‘Hor-

rors that you’ve never seen. But you have no right to call me a murderer. You have a right to kill me. You have a right to do that. But you have no right to judge me. It’s impossible for words to describe what is necessary to those who do not know what horror means.... You must make a friend of horror. Horror and moral terror are your friends. If they are not, then they are enemies to be feared.’ Amen.”

right there condemning ‘the entire military justice system’ for their treatment of an American hero. And screw impeachment: I showed Trump that you can win an election while you’re under indictment! So yeah, I’ll go to Sicily — or in this case, East County. But don’t think I won’t be back after

Trump wins in 2020. The President has never called *me* sad on Twitter. That means something.”

I snapped. I wasn’t angry, exactly. Just frustrated, like when you see Sonny take the bait after Carlo beats Connie and heads off to his death on the Jones Beach Causeway. Sonny is being Sonny, and

he’s doomed because of it. And Hunter? “You’re not Michael,” I spat. “You’re not even Sollozzo. You’re Mr. Feather from *Undercover Brother*. He was The Man’s right hand, the favored son of the champion of traditional whiteness — until he screwed up and lost. You remember what The Man

says when Mr. Feather is dangling from his helicopter, begging to be rescued? ‘That Feather went out like a sucka. Punk ass bitch played himself. Let’s bounce, dog.’ That’s right: he talks just like the folks he’s supposedly fighting, and he lets the true believer take the fall. The Man isn’t a champion of

anything but himself. And you? You’re not Trump the Next; you’re Trump the Lesser. Trump declared bankruptcy six times and is still a billionaire; you drained your bank account and went to live with your dad. He bragged about grabbing women by the pussy and cheated on his wife — alleg-

edly — with porn stars and *Playboy* playmates, and *still* brought Melania’s smiling self into the White House; you stepped out with a few Individuals and your wife flipped on you to the Feds. He bagged on foreigners and rallied his base; you went after Campa-Najjar and barely squeaked out a victory in

reddest San Diego. You're Diet Trump. Trump lite."

It was too much, I know. Hunter has those big eyes, and suddenly, they were even bigger, regarding me with a mixture of pain and surprise. *Why had I gone so hard?* those eyes asked. Reader, I will tell you why I kicked the puppy. On December 3, shortly after Hunter pleaded guilty and ended his political life, Assis-

stant U.S. Attorney Phillip Halpern told the press, "The case began when Morgan Cook published an article in the *U-T*." The article reported that the Federal Election Commission was questioning Hunter's use of \$1302 in campaign funds to pay for video games on Steam. "We said [to the FBI], 'Look at this — is there a case?'" Then Halpern talked to the Justice

Department, and the hunt for Hunter was on.

But Halpern fudged; the case didn't really start with Cook. According to the *Times of San Diego*, *U-T* Digital Editor Ricky Young says that "a tip came in about an 'interesting FEC inquiry about Hunter's campaign filings.'" A tip. Cook did her job and she did it well, but it started with a tip. *A tip from whom?*



Hunter meets the Don soon after his offer of endorsement.

As I said, I came looking for Hunter because I had news. Something he needed to hear: a tip of my own. Something that would let him know that the Don wasn't dead, however many shots he had taken; he was very much alive, and had no intention of naming an heir. That the President's four-dimensional chess game with his many enemies occasionally required the sacrifice of a pawn, that attention on one Republican's bad-ideas-bumbling could prove an advantageous distraction

for another Republican who was having a difficult time in the public eye — provided there were no observable ties to the throne. Hunter had been right about Trump, way back in February of 2016. Trump didn't want his endorsement. But he could use it.

Good soldier Duncan Hunter had gone out on a limb for that wily rascal Trump, and all it had done was put a target on his back. From the very beginning. A tip. Dammit, Hunter ought to know where it came

from. So that he didn't sit waiting by the phone like a sap. I kicked the puppy because I wanted to soften the effect of the real blow when it came.

But I couldn't do it. Those eyes were too damn big, too full of innocent hope. How do you tell a kid that Santa's not coming this year — not ever? I was a jerk not to tell him, but I couldn't do it. I left him there, at the Renegade, and hoped that 2020 would be kinder to him than 2019 had been. To all of us.

—Walter Mencken

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# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 26

### BALBOA PARK HOLIDAY FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Check out gourmet food from over a dozen of San Diego's food trucks, live entertainment, a holiday light display, and activities for families on the plaza: giant checkers, hula hoops, bowling, cornhole, and giant tumbling blocks. From 4 pm to 7 pm, musical groups perform in the Plaza de Panama. This year's bands are the Carmen Murray Jazz Trio (12/26), Finnegan Blue (12/27), Theo and the Zydeco Patrol (12/28), Sue Palmer (12/29), and the Bayou Brothers (12/30). Some museums are open extended hours, and local organizations will offer booth games.

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 26 through Monday, December 30, 12 pm to 7 pm.

**WHERE:** Plaza de Panama, 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park. [balboaparkconservancy.org/holiday](http://balboaparkconservancy.org/holiday)



## Friday | 27

### TANGO FESTIVAL

Five days of workshops, *milongas* (tango dance parties), and DJs. Promoted as a festival to "take tango seriously, but not TOO seriously," dancers are promised a professional atmosphere in regards to crowd flow on the dance floor. There are four beginners' evening classes over the weekend and a free intro class on

Friday. This year, there will be a NYE *milonga* ending at 6 am.

**WHEN:** Friday, December 27, 12 pm through Tuesday, December 31.

**WHERE:** Wyndham San Diego Bayside, 1355 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. [sandiegotangofestival.com](http://sandiegotangofestival.com)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28: HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

### KUMEYAAY ROCK ART IN SAN DIEGO

Dr. Don Liponi presents ancient Kumeyaay pictographs in the San Diego region. He will delve into Shamanic world of the Kumeyaay people. The author is part of a group of Native Americans, archaeologists, and photographers working on this project.



**WHEN:** Friday, December 27, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Anza Borrego Desert Natural History Association Auditorium, 200 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs. [parks.ca.gov](http://parks.ca.gov)

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 26 and Friday, December 27, 5 pm; Saturday, December 28, 2 pm and 5 pm; Sunday, December 29, 11 am and 2 pm.

**WHERE:** Donald and Darlene Shiley Stage, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. [theoldglobe.org](http://theoldglobe.org)

### THE CRYSTAL METHOD AND KEITH SWEATY

Big beat electro-rockers the Crystal Method have been blending BPMs for over a quarter century, landing songs in film, TV, and videogame soundtracks,



Their most recent album *The Trip Home* is their sixth studio full-length, and the first release since co-founder Ken Jordan retired from music in 2017. The bill includes local comedic DJ Keith Sweaty, and Lorna Dune and Omega Squad.

**WHEN:** Saturday, December 28, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Music Box, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. [musicboxsd.com](http://musicboxsd.com)

## Saturday | 28

### HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS

Based on the Dr. Seuss book, this production features songs like "This Time of Year," "Santa for a Day," "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," and the "Fah Who Doraze," carols from the animated version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. See a snow-covered Whoville, right down to the last can of Who-hash.



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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

### Winter Break Camp for Kids

Each day is full of hands-on animal encounters plus themed activities, crafts, and games. Please feel free to reach out with any questions: (858) 756-4117 x 318, [education@animalcenter.org](mailto:education@animalcenter.org). Friday, December 27, 9am; \$58-\$77. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

## ART

**Art With A View** Del Mar Art Center Gallery artists will be showcasing their artwork. Free underground parking is available. Saturday, December 28, 1pm; free. Del Mar Civic Center, 1050 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

**Craft Works Holiday Shop** San Diego City College visual art students, faculty, alumni and friends are creating a crafts holiday shop in the Art Produce Gallery space. Hand-made ceramics, glass, and fiber works, jewelry, and more will be featured as holiday gifts. Fridays, 2pm; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Saturday, January 4, free. Art Produce Gallery, 3139 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**Pajama Jam** Get cozy in your jammies at the annual New Year's Family Night Out event. The evening includes a catered dinner, art activities for the entire family, a dance jam, photo booth and our popular countdown balloon drop. Saturday, December 28, 5:30pm; \$15-\$35. New Children's Museum, 200 W. Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

**The Art of Dr. Seuss Collection** Children are invited to attend readings from Dr. Seuss's best-known children books while enjoying hot chocolate and cook-

ies. Those naughty and nice are invited to explore the 70 art pieces on display and acquire works from Dr. Seuss's best-known children's books. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Tuesday, December 31, Exclusive Collections Gallery Solana Beach, 212 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Wonderspaces Virtual Reality Showcase** Visitors will begin their one-hour experience by sitting down to DINNER PARTY. The film is based on the accounts of the couple who experienced America's first nationally-reported UFO abduction in the 1960s. Find joy with two animated films, OLD FRIEND, invites visitors to an animated dance party in a psychedelic squall of energy and color, and CHOCOLATE, casts visitors as a robot god in a chrome-tinted world. The Showcase finishes with TRANSITION, a metaphoric film for death and the afterlife. Thursdays, 4:30pm; Fridays, 4:30pm; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, December 29, \$13-\$15. San Diego Art Institute, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

## CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

**A Christmas Carol** Bring the family to enjoy the holiday classic adapted from Charles Dickens' timeless tale of hope and redemption. Wednesdays, 7:30pm; through Sunday, December 29, \$30-\$65. Cygnet Theatre, 4040 Twigg Street. (OLD TOWN)

**Holiday Food Truck Festival** For five days and evenings between Christmas and New Year's Day, the annual Holiday Food Truck Festival serves up gourmet food from over a dozen of San Diego's top food trucks, along with free live entertainment and fun activities for families. Thursdays, December 26, 12pm; Friday, December 27, 12pm; Saturday, December 28, 12pm; Sunday, December 29, 12pm; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Jim Brickman Christmas Celebration** Saturday, December 28, 8pm; \$30-\$50. Balboa Theatre,

## Rhyme & Verse

*Two poems for Christmas by Henry Vaughan*

### Christ's Nativity

Awake, glad heart! get up and sing!  
It is the birth-day of thy King.  
Awake! awake!  
The Sun doth shake  
Light from his locks, and all the way  
Breathing perfumes, doth spice the day.

Awake, awake! hark how th' wood rings;  
Winds whisper, and the busy springs  
A concert make;  
Awake! awake!  
Man is their high-priest, and should rise  
To offer up the sacrifice.

I would I were some bird, or star,  
Flutt'ring in woods, or lifted far  
Above this inn  
And road of sin!  
Then either star or bird should be  
Shining or singing still to thee.

I would I had in my best part  
Fit rooms for thee! or that my heart  
Were so clean as  
Thy manger was!  
But I am all filth, and obscene;  
Yet, if thou wilt, thou canst make clean.

Sweet Jesu! will then. Let no more  
This leper haunt and soil thy door!  
Cure him, ease him,  
O release him!  
And let once more, by mystic birth,  
The Lord of life be born in earth.

### The Incarnation, and Passion

Lord, when Thou didst Thyself undress,  
Laying by Thy robes of glory,  
To make us more, Thou wouldst be less,  
And becam'st a woful story.

To put on clouds instead of light,  
And clothe the morning-star with dust,  
Was a translation of such height  
As, but in Thee, was ne'er express'd.

Brave worms and earth! that thus could have  
A God enclos'd within your cell,  
Your Maker pent up in a grave,  
Life lock'd in death, heav'n in a shell!

Ah, my dear Lord! what couldst thou spy  
In this impure, rebellious clay,  
That made Thee thus resolve to die  
For those that kill Thee every day?

O what strange wonders could Thee move  
To slight Thy precious blood, and breath?  
Sure it was love, my Lord! for love  
Is only stronger far than death!



Henry Vaughan (1621-1695) was a Welsh poet, and considered one of the "metaphysical poets" of 17th-century England. By trade he worked as a physician, and he is best known for his religious poems, which he began writing after reading the works of a contemporary English poet, George Herbert. Vaughan's style was marked by an ingenious use of monosyllables, alliteration, and, like most of the metaphysical poets of the time, a compelling use of elaborate imagery. Merry Christmas.

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## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Botanical Bundle Dyeing

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**Grief Yoga Class** This monthly class is slow-paced, trauma-informed, and includes full-body movement designed to support the body's efforts to bear up under the weight of grief. Sunday, December 29, 9:30am; \$15. 18 and up. Dance North County, 535 Encinitas Bl., Suite 100. (ENCINITAS)

**Indigo Dyeing & Shibori** the ancient Japanese art of dyeing natural fabrics and using resist techniques: folding, clamping, stitching, twisting and compressing. Bring your clean 100% natural fibers to dye. Please register in advance. Thursday, December 26, 10am; \$76-\$88. Bravo School of Art South Park, 2963 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

### Kadomatsu + Kokedama + Workshop

Kadomatsu is a decoration with three cut pieces of bamboo and pine for the Japanese New Year's holiday. After Christmas, you will see this decoration at the entrances of houses and buildings in Japan. Saturday, December 28, 10am; \$60. Japanese Friendship Garden, 2215 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

**Paint Your Pet** Work at your pace. Step by step instruction. All supplies and pre-drawn pet included in price. Email a photo of your pet to be pre-drawn on your canvas at least two days prior to the scheduled class. [Lovejoycreations@gmail.com](mailto:Lovejoycreations@gmail.com) Saturday, December 28, 12pm; Sunday, December 29, 12pm; \$65. Lovejoy Creations Studio, 2690 Historic Decatur Rd., #201. (LIBERTY STATION)

## COMEDY

**Black Kat Theatre Year in Review Cabaret Fundraiser** Refreshments, entertainment and a chance to mingle with your favorite kats. Performing 2019 themed sketches and songs to help you look back at the year's events. Saturday, December 28, 7pm; \$25. Women's Museum of California, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16, #103. (LIBERTY STATION)

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**Noon Year's Eve Bash** Count down to "noon year's eve"! Children ages 3-7 will get to dance the morning away with music and party favors as they wait for the ball to drop. Friday, December 27, 11:30am; free. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Salute the Season** Salute the Season at Liberty Station features Rady Children's Ice Rink on the Central Promenade through January 5, 2020. Open daily from 10 am to 10 pm, except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Tickets are \$13-\$15 and include skates and a helmet. Through Sunday, January 5, \$13-\$15. Rady Children's Ice Rink at Liberty Station, 2875 Dewey Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Seas 'n' Greetings** Deck the Hall (of Fishes) and get into the holiday spirit at Birch Aquarium. Enjoy

holiday decorations throughout the aquarium, and don't miss Scuba Santa during special dive shows. Sundays, 9am; through Tuesday, December 31, Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

**The Nutcracker** San Diego Ballet brings America's favorite holiday event to dazzling life once again at Copley Symphony Hall. Saturday, December 28, 7pm; Sunday, December 29, 2pm; \$49-\$134. Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Veuve Clicquot Lawn Lounge** This bar on wheels rolls up to Windsor Lawn in a 21-and-up adults-only zone, serving bubbles and a full menu of spirits and cocktails, including the featured Bikini Riche. Thursday, December 26, 12pm; Friday, December 27, 12pm; Saturday, December 28, 12pm; Sunday, December 29, 12pm; free. 21 and up. Hotel del Coronado, 1500 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Winter Wonderland** The holidays are magical at Fairmont Grand Del Mar. Skate under the twinkling palms. Take a ride on the Ferris wheel and carousel. Enjoy fireside s'mores and traditional refreshments in the Garden. Thursdays, 3pm; Fridays, 1pm; Saturdays, 1pm; Sundays, 1pm; through Wednesday, January 1, Fairmont Grand Del Mar, 5300 Grand Del Mar Court. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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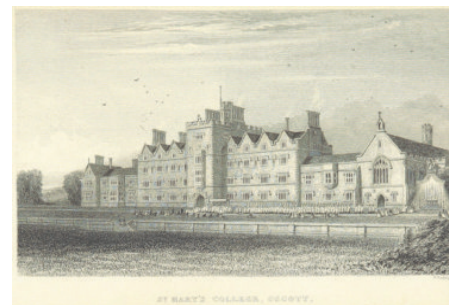
## Henry Weedall

Let us begin with the virtue of religion. Of this a principal duty is worship, reason teaches us to worship God. The natural law prescribes that we should do it frequently. The divine law specifies a day, and the ecclesiastical law extends and modifies the precept in many determinate ways. Now if at the stated periods, a person repair to the temple of God, behave with exterior decency, listen to the accustomed offices, and recite with faithful lips the ordinary forms of prayer, he has completed indeed with the letter of the law, and may appear to some to have satisfied his obligations. But if his wor-

ship has stopped here, it has been but a pitiful worship. God has not been really worshipped, he has not been supplicated; such a man has fulfilled no duty, he has uttered no prayer. What then was wanting? Why the essence was wanting, the spirit was wanting, the interior, the heart. And what does this enjoin more, you may ask? Oh, it enjoins nothing, I love to reply, but it prompts to every thing. . . . It suggests to the soul which it animates, rapid and forcible ideas of the majesty of God, his infinite attributes and eternal perfection, his immensity, his power, his wisdom; his beauty, his glory, his justice, his mercy, his love.

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## LECTURES

**Kumeyaay Rock Art in the San Diego Region** Dr. Don Liponi will be presenting a vibrant display of ancient Kumeyaay pictographs in the San Diego region. Apart from the beautiful photography, we will delve into the Shamanic world of the Kumeyaay people who created this artwork after their immersion into the spiritual world. Friday, December 27, 6:30pm; free. Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

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**Chanukah Menorah Lighting & Celebration** In honor of Chanukah, One Paseo will be hosting a Menorah Lighting Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 26 at 5:00pm. The evening will include a Menorah Lighting with Rabbi Levi Raskin in association with the Chabad Jewish Center of RSF and Chabad of Carmel Valley, as well as Chanukah S'mores, the Urban Donut Truck, live music, face painting, crafts, and more. Thursday, December 26, 5pm; free. One Paseo, 3725 Paseo Place. (CARMEL VALLEY)

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# Everything from France

“I’m going to create the French Starbucks.”

First order of the day: Do. Not. Look. In. The. Mirror.

Bit too much celebrating lately. So, second order of the day: belly up for a cup of real French coffee at Madeleine’s. Because, well, bit too much celebrating lately. And Madeleine’s is French. Real French, run by an actual Frenchman who swears

he imports everything from France, from coffee to butter to wine to cheese, so you know it all don’t just taste French, it *is* French. Translation? Strong coffee.

So here I am, outside this patio near one of the great sculptures of Cedros, a joyous girl running with a large bottle of champagne. She’s how I know I’ve arrived. She, and the black-and-orange plaque: “Madeleine, French Cafe & Bakery,” surrounded by bright orange chairs. And ooh. Three-legged tables. So they never wobble. No more jiggled coffee spilling on your legs. I swear. Every restaurateur should have these.

Inside, the food menu’s on the wall. I mean, yes, could just go for a croissant. They make them here. Cost \$4.50, even with almonds and chocolate. Or *fougasse* olive bread (think: focaccia). Costs \$6. Or hey, actual madeleines, \$2.50 each. Menu’s divided into breakfast, eggs, crepes, salads, tartines, small plates, and main plates. And the prices, guess you have to say, are not bad for being in the “Design District.” Eggs “your way” on toast costs \$8. French toast with berries is \$10. “Parisienne omelette,” with French cooked ham and gruyere cheese, \$11, or you can have it as a crepe, same price. The Salade Niçoise, with egg and tuna, is \$13. And just to remind us this is a French joint, the first “small plate” is *escargots* (\$12), and there’s a duck *foie gras* terrine made right here in-house. It is

\$14, but a pâté plate goes for only \$8. Salmon and capers is \$14, the raw (let’s not forget) filet mignon beef tartare is \$15, and the most expensive item on the menu is a mixed platter of cheese and charcuterie for \$28. Guess you could share this and be paying \$14 each.

D’aagh: in the end, the pâté wins out. Hey, \$8. It comes as two triangles of liver pate, plus seven cuts of baguette, four gherkins, and a splot of mustard.

And out there in that sunlight, it hits the spot with the coffee I get (\$3). Next time, I’m gonna try the duck terrine, though. Terrine’s usually made of bigger chunks of meat. In this case, duck breast.

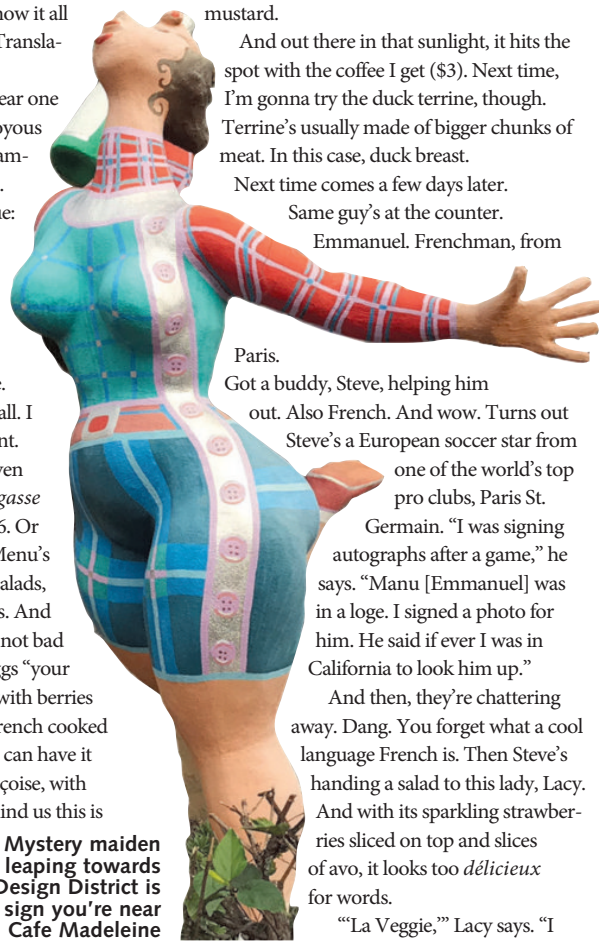
Next time comes a few days later. Same guy’s at the counter. Emmanuel. Frenchman, from

Paris. Got a buddy, Steve, helping him out. Also French. And wow. Turns out Steve’s a European soccer star from one of the world’s top pro clubs, Paris St.

Germain. “I was signing autographs after a game,” he says. “Manu [Emmanuel] was in a loge. I signed a photo for him. He said if ever I was in California to look him up.”

And then, they’re chattering away. Dang. You forget what a cool language French is. Then Steve’s handing a salad to this lady, Lacy. And with its sparkling strawberries sliced on top and slices of avo, it looks too *délicieux* for words.

“La Veggies,” Lacy says. “I



Mystery maiden leaping towards Design District is sign you’re near Cafe Madeleine

always have it.” It’s mainly spinach, arugula, goat cheese, cranberries, strawberries and walnuts. Costs \$12, plus \$2 for the avo.

By now, Lacy’s on a stool at the narrow wall-counter. “We Americans are so afraid of fat and flavor. The French have all the naughty stuff, but the good stuff too, and as part of a much more varied diet. You don’t see fat French kids. I’ve just ordered chicken *goujon* for mine.” She’s talking about chicken tenders. They come with French fries (\$6).

“That should be Belgian fries,” says Lacy. “That’s who invented them, not the French.”

Emmanuel comes around with a bottle of rose wine and refills her glass. “Thank you, Manu,” she says. “He gives a very generous pour here, and only French wines. Good. But everything here’s French, right?”

“Everything,” Emmanuel says, “including ingredients. Flour, butter, cheeses. The *jambon* comes straight from Paris. That’s why things are a little more expensive.”

Wow. “So what’s most popular?” I ask. Emmanuel doesn’t hesitate. “Croque Monsieur,” he says. Good enough for me. I think about the salads, the snails, the duck *foie gras*, but a croque with all that cheese and ham? Can’t go wrong. But I go with the Croque Madame, which has an egg on top.

I go outside, sit down near a giant ancient Confucius statue, dead serious. The complete opposite of my prancing girl.

My croque comes with a vinaigrette salad, and gruyere cheese licking out from the thick breads and spilling over the ham splayed on top. The bread is lightly toasted but still very soft. Makes it an easy chew, and dang. If I wasn’t working, a glass of wine would just perfect the whole experience. Sigh. But Emmanuel’s coffee is a good second best.



Steve, Emmanuel



Croque Madame: an egg-topped version of their most popular item.

Talking of which, have to say the very best croque I’ve ever had is still the one at Clayton’s Bistro in Coronado. Maybe because they marinate theirs overnight before baking. But this one gives it a run for its money.

It turns out Emmanuel owned three French restaurants in Hong Kong. Lived there for years. He thought about doing the same when he got here. “But you utter the words, ‘French restaurant,’ and what do people think? Heavy linens, expensive food. They usually don’t succeed here. So, suddenly I had this idea: ‘I’m going to create the French Starbucks! But best coffee, and everything real French.’”

Gotta go. The dancing girl looks like she’s saying, “You’ve got work to do!” Confucius is nodding.

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## Stew, salad and Soup Du Jour

*Soup Du Jour*; 8583 Aero Dr, Serra Mesa. Rain. Wind. Cold. Our long summer has finally given way to what passes for winter (for the time being), which has proven the perfect time to visit a new restaurant built around a fondness for soup.

Soup Du Jour recently opened on Aero Drive, in a modern, mixed-use apartment building on the northern edge of Serra Mesa. Last I visited, this was a deli that cured

its own meats and made a mean pastrami sandwich. I'm sorry to see it go, but then, there aren't a lot of restaurants or other retail businesses nearby to drive traffic to the area.

Nevertheless, on a rainy day this week I found a lively dining room populated by soup fans slurping their lunches. The new business has added a few decorative touches, but for the most part the set-up of the previous tenant remains intact, a long service counter slash beer and wine bar on one side,

booths and community tables banked by windows on the other, and a spacious dining patio out front.

The menu's not exclusively soup: small plates ranging

## FEAST!



A cup of short rib soup with tender daikon radishes in a pork and vegetable broth.



Chunky albondigas soup with a side of roasted vegetables.



A fast casual counter restaurant built around soups.

from 5 to 9 dollars include spring rolls and Taiwan-style popcorn chicken, while 10- to 13-dollar salads range from sesame noodle salad to crab mango. Which is to say, there's an unusually diverse assortment of solid meal options, some revealing Asian influences, some merely highlighting the owners' preference for local vegetables and naturally raised proteins.

But yes, what the family behind the place really loves is soup, and they furnish no fewer than six soup options, available by \$6 cup or \$10 bowl.

There's a lot to like here. For fans of Mexican soups, there's a free range chicken tortilla soup served with strings of oaxacan cheese melting into it, and *albondigas* packed with chunks of *chayote* and large meatballs made from a beef-pork blend and fragrant dose of cumin. For Asian flavors, you can look to the hot and sour soup featuring both shitake and wood ear mushrooms, and the option to include shrimp; though I would recommend checking out the daikon soup, swimming with tender daikon radish, bolstered by shitake mushrooms and the option to include spare rib.

I'm impressed to find so many different base stocks at play. A beet broth is the base for both

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vegan and beef borschts, while the corn clam chowder builds off a roux and clam juice. There's beef for the *albondigas*, chicken for the tortilla, and a vegetable stock built from ginger, carrot, *chayote*, and mushroom starts off the vegan daikon soup, then gets blended with pork broth for the short rib version — my favorite of the bunch so far, in case that's not already clear.

I was surprised not to find any noodle soups, but I didn't miss them. While the stocks are thin, they do not want for fla-

vor, and the large, chunky solids make them fairly substantial, whether you're bouncing from cup to cup as I do, or commit to a large bowl. Either way, they come standard with sides such as tortilla or wonton strips, which can be upgraded for 1 to 4 bucks to a choice of something like *naan* or roasted veggies: a tasty jumble of eggplant, zucchini, squash, tomatoes, and onions coated in chili paste.

When I asked whether cold soups such as *gazpacho* or *vichyssoise* might make an appearance during warmer times of the year, the

owners said it's a consideration. But they're confident soup lovers will eat these chunky soups year round. If not, they can always move over to the stews menu, whether *ratatouille*, chickpea and cauliflower curry, or a hearty braised pot roast with hunks of carrots and potato (\$11).

by Ian Anderson

**Duck Foot's new menu proves gluten isn't necessary**

*Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen; 550 Park Boulevard, Ste 2104, East Village.* By the end of this story, chances are you'll forget I'm talking about gluten-free food. That's exclusively what Duck Foot Brewing serves at its East Village restaurant and taproom, where even the beer has been stripped of the stuff. In either case, you won't find any rea-

son to miss it.

Beginning with the Brazilian cheese bread (\$7), or *pão de queijo*, which is already meant to be made with gluten-free cassava or tapioca flours.

Crispy on the outside, smooth and chewy within. They make a fantastic showcase for the parmesan umami, except rather than grit a hard crumbling cheese between your teeth you sink them into lavish, cushiony texture of tapioca.

Going a different cheesy

direction is the mac and cheese (\$9), where corn- and quinoa-based pasta swims in a creamy blend of melted cheddar, jack, and smoked gouda. There's an option to add pulled pork or buffalo chicken for \$3, mushrooms or kale for \$2. I'm sure these are value added propositions, but the wheat-free mac stands up quite well on its own, even without the default sprinkling of

basil and bacon crumbles.

Duck Foot has been fine tuning a few of these dishes since Ed Bedford visited the new concept last summer, and contributing to a recent menu refresh was chef Flor Franco, a star caterer and restaurant consultant who operates the kitchen and events space, Franco on 5th, in Bankers Hill.



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Patatas Bravas with smashed potatoes and a terrific chipotle aioli.



Like Duck Foot cofounder Matthew Delvecchio, Franco happens to be among the one out of every 133 people with celiac disease, which makes the chef well versed in the ins and outs of navigating a gluten-free diet.

One of the new dishes he added to Duck Foot's menu is that standard of Spanish tapas bars, *patatas bravas* (\$7), interpreted here as smashed

potatoes topped with scallions and chipotle aioli. The potatoes are tender, with pleasantly toothsome skins, but it's the smoky warmth of the chipotle that makes the dish. It's tough to get excited about potatoes, but I'll tell you what, these will almost make you forget

about French fries. If you want them made a little extra, add egg (\$1) or shrimp (\$3). And, take note, that chipotle sauce is also served with the cheese bread for dipping.

Any of the above dishes will prime your belly for a second round of beer, but there are several *sous vide* meat dishes to consider. We're talking brisket nachos, shrimp ceviche, and sliders made with cheese bread buns and a choice of either pulled pork or chicken (all

\$13). But the highlight has got to be another new Franco dish: pork ribs, glazed with a honey-based sauce also featuring the Duck Foot honey ale cleverly named Drink This or All the Bees Die! The sumptuous ribs are cooked in *sous vide* for 16 hours, and finished with a dusting of both black and wasabi sesame seeds, the latter standing out as little green specks in contrast to the dark glaze.

It's deceptively casual food for a casual taproom and restaurant right beside the Park & Market trolley stop, and it will help you forget you ever worried about gluten.

by Ian Anderson



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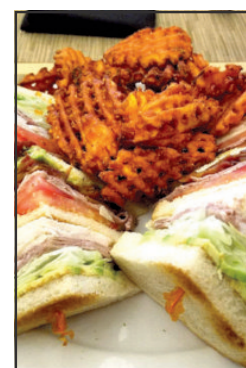
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**Bali Coffee serves digital latte art**

*Bali Coffee; 722 11th Ave, East Village.* Dog on the leash, we were only passing by the little, below the sidewalk café in East Village, with its garden patio and a nifty white bench with a built-in, pop-up center table. A chalkboard sign embedded within in the greenery recommended stopping in to Bali Coffee for macrons and a little caffeine fix. I obliged, not knowing at the time that we were stepping into the future, about to come face to face with technology allowing me to put an image of my dog's face on the top of my latte foam.

I guess you could call it living the dream. If your dream includes photorealistic latte art.

Of course, we've all seen talented baristas create latte art by skillfully pouring white steamed foam into the brown espresso to draw hearts, swans, or fern-shaped rosettes into the drink's



An iPhone dog photo printed on latte foam.

surface, and you can get that at Bali too. Adding a digital image inverts the process, courtesy of a small appliance that uses coffee extract as ink to "print" brown images onto the white surface of a foam topped latte. Any images you might find or

create on your smartphone.

The device making this magic happen is marketed by a business called Ripples, which bids the technology as a way to turn beverage foam into ad space, and then track its success rate by harvesting social media

data when everyone inevitably shares their coffee photos online, as I have done here.

Happily, Bali Coffee just embraces the thing as a fun way to sell coffee. I downloaded the Ripples app as I stood at the counter and was relieved to discover I didn't have to sign up for anything using an email and password. I only had to choose Bali Coffee from a list of nearby locations and the app sent my image to its printer.

A few high contrast clip art graphics come with the app, mainly with thick, dark outlines that will theoretically show up better in the foam. Such as a beach and palm trees scene I picked out for a \$4 12-ounce mug. Still, a photo of my dog on a to go cup showed just enough of a shade of photorealism to do the job.

Pretty decent coffee too. Bali Coffee uses beans roasted in South Park by Seven Seas Roasting Company.

*by Ian Anderson*

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**Cafe 21:** Daily, 3-6pm: Half off craft beer, mimosas, and sangria pitchers.

**Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar:** Daily, 3pm-6pm: \$3 off everything on food and beverage menu.

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## BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

### Insurgente resurgent

On Wednesday, December 18, Tijuana craft brewer Cerveceria Insurgente resumed making beer in its Zona Rio brewery for the first time since October 5, when municipal authorities abruptly closed the property, reportedly at the behest of Baja California's new governor, whose brother lives nearby and has complained about the noise generated by its outdoor tasting room. Insurgente and its 30 employees were immediately forced to suspend operations at their three-story urban brewery, and to abandon the beer still fermenting in its tanks. "The city government suspended our license to operate, in an illegal way," contends Insurgente co-founder Ivan Morales. Insurgente has spent more than two months fighting the closure, producing documents to prove the brewery has always been

fully licensed and permitted by the city.

For the moment, it's worked. "We won a suit against the city government late last week that has lifted the suspension they imposed on us," reports Morales. However, with multiple government entities seemingly intent on finding a reason to keep the brewery closed, he remains wary.

The beer menu of this anonymous Zona Centro taproom reveals that Insurgente beers are poured here.

Over the past nine years, Insurgente has established itself as one of Mexico's premier craft breweries. The beer produced in the Zona Rio brewery is shipped throughout Mexico, including Mexico City, as well as to Southern California, Denmark, and Switzerland.

Morales had been reluctant to speak to the press during the first several weeks of the shut-down, or even to promote a new Insurgente taproom that opened in Tijuana's downtown, Zona Centro, on the corner of Avenida Revolución and Calle Cuarta. "We have all of the required permitting, but that hasn't seem to have stopped them so far against us."

The taproom has been operating for several weeks without any branding, other than a few coasters. The greatest indication it belongs to Insurgente is a beer menu featuring the familiar names of its signature beers, such as its Tiniebla witbier and La Lupulosa IPA.

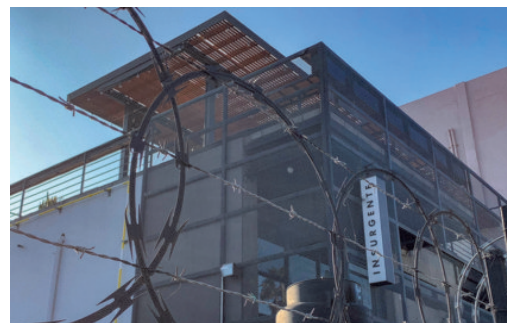
Along with the taproom, Insurgente has managed to continue selling beers. It has participated

in tap takeovers, wherein local bars on both sides of the border have served all Insurgente beers in a show of support. (There's a planned appearance

mostly composed of the beer we've been making around Baja," Morales says. Fellow Baja beermakers, including Mamut Brewery Co. and Ludica Artesanal, have welcomed Insurgente's brewers to produce beers at their own facilities. "We have been making our core beers at other breweries over the last two months," says Morales, adding that in the process, they've made cobranded collaborations. "The collabs have been another way of making some seasonal beers while having a bit of fun with our brewing friends."

For the moment, Insurgente and its brewery appear to be back in action. But Insurgente doesn't appear confident the struggle is over. "Even though we can now operate," Morales says, "we've had hostilities towards us in the form of additional visits from the city. We're expecting them to keep trying to find ways (legal or illegal) to keep us shut down."

But with beer community on both sides of the border behind it, Insurgente pledges to keep pressing forward. "As long as it takes," Morales says. "We're not going anywhere."



Insurgente's Zona Rio brewery and rooftop beer garden, closed for two months by Tijuana's city government

at National City's Machete Beer House scheduled for December 19).

"Fortunately, we have a community in Tijuana that has offered to help us as much as possible during this horrible experience," says Morales, "That has definitely helped us in keeping afloat during this time."

The brewery has also managed to distribute mixed 12-packs of its core beers to stores. Which raises the question: with their brewery closed, where are they making this beer? "These are

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Saturday, 4-7pm: 51% off appetizers and select drinks. Football specials all day: Bud Light draft \$2.50 pint or \$7 for 34ounce stein, \$20 five domestic beers (Bud, Bud Light, Mich Ultra), \$30 five specialty beers (Golden Road Wolf Pup IPA, Golden Road Mango Cart Wheat, 10 Barrel Cucumber Crush Sour, Truly Wild Berry or Grapefruit), \$7 wings, short rib fries, Bob's sliders. Sunday, 4-7pm: 51% off appetizers and select

drinks. All day: \$4 Refuge cans, \$5 Fireball, \$10 bottles of champagne. Football specials all day: Bud Light draft \$2.50 pint or \$7 for 34ounce stein, \$20 five domestic beers (Bud, Bud Light, Mich Ultra), \$30 five specialty beers (Golden Road Wolf Pup IPA, Golden Road Mango Cart Wheat, 10 Barrel Cucumber Crush Sour, Truly Wild Berry or Grapefruit), \$7 wings, short rib fries, Bob's sliders.

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wine, \$8 cocktails, \$10 8-oz martinis. Appetizers \$6-\$13.

**Refill:** Friday-Sunday, 4-8pm: \$5 all wine, beer, mimosas.

**Trust:** Monday-Thursday, 5-7pm: \$6 wines and beers, \$7 cocktails. \$2 off bar bites. Friday, 4-7pm: \$6 wines and beers, \$7 cocktails. \$2 off bar bites.

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**Phil's BBQ:** Monday-Friday, 3pm - 6pm: \$5 all draft beer, all wine, all signature cocktails and preferred spirit brands. Also available are food specials featuring a new BBQ wings recipe.

### NORMAL HEIGHTS

**The Ould Sod:** Monday-Friday, 2-7pm: \$3.50 Fireball shots and well drinks, \$5 draft beer.

**The Rabbit Hole:** Monday-Friday, 5-7pm: \$5 select local drafts, \$6 glass of wine, specialty cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 9:30am-2pm: \$4 Busch Michelada, \$5 bloody Mary, \$10 bottle Champagne.

**Triple Crown Pub:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$1 off select pints and bottles. Saturday-Sunday, Noon-5pm: \$1 off select pints and bottles.

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**The Air Conditioned Lounge:** Monday-Friday, 4-9pm: \$2 off draft beer, \$1 off specialty drinks.

**Bar Pink:** Daily, 4-8pm: \$3 wells, \$2 PBR, \$1 off drafts and calls.

**Berkeley Pizza North Park:** Daily, Noon to 8pm: Discounted craft beer.

**Bluefoot Bar and Lounge:** Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything. Tuesday, 11am-7:30pm: \$1 off everything, Miller High Life bottles \$3. Saturday-Sunday, 10am-7:30pm: \$1 off liquor.

**Dunedin New Zealand Eats:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 on select wines and beers. \$5 pretzel bites & jalapeno cheese, chicken skewers (fried or

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**HOPE 46:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off select wine by the glass, \$4 wells and draft beers.

**Jaynes Gastropub:** Tuesday-Saturday, 5-6:30pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$3 off regular cocktails, \$5 Guinness. \$6-\$8 appetizers.

**Polite Provisions:** Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$5 bourbon draft shot, \$6 cocktails, sparkling wine.

**Seven Grand:** Monday-Saturday, 4-8pm: \$5 beers, \$6 select house cocktails.

**True North Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$4 well drinks, domestic drafts, El Jimador margaritas, \$5 house wines.

**U-31:** Monday, \$2 wells, \$5 Jameson and Kettle One

**Waypoint Public:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$5 drafts, \$7 select wines by the glass.

### PACIFIC BEACH

**Bare Back Grill:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$6 craft beer, house sangria, mules. \$6 munchies including chicken tenders and shrimp skewers.

**Barrel Republic:** Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday, 3-6pm: All taps 20% off. Wednesday, 3-9pm: All taps 20% off.

**Cabo Cantina:** Daily, 4-8pm: Two-for-one drinks.

**Café Athena:** Daily, 3-6pm: All bottled beer \$3.75 to \$4.25, wine by the glass \$5 to \$5.50. Small plates \$3.75 to \$9.50.

**Dirty Birds:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Half price select pitchers and half price wings.

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**Pacific Beach AleHouse:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 house draft beer, \$5 guest draft beer, \$7

featured craft cocktail, 50% off wine bottles. \$2 off all starters, \$12.99 burger and 14 ounce beer.

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**Phil's BBQ Rancho Bernardo:** Monday-Friday, 3pm - 6pm: \$5 all draft beer, all wine, all signature cocktails and preferred spirit brands. Also available are food specials featuring a new BBQ wings recipe.

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### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Cafe 21:** Daily, 3-6pm: Half off craft beer, mimosas, and sangria pitchers.

**Cueva Bar:** Tuesday-Sunday, 4-6pm: \$5 tapas and select beer and wines.

**Great Maple:** Monday-Friday, 5-6pm: \$4 drafts, \$5 cocktails.

**The Lancers Cocktails:** Daily, 10am-2am: \$4.50 well drinks and domestic beers.

**Madison:** Tuesday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$7 signature cocktails, red or white wine by the glass. Appetizers \$6-\$10

**Park & Rec:** Monday-Thursday, 4-6pm, 10pm-2am: \$4 PBR or Tecate, \$6 margarita, oldie, mules, uh escape, all wines, \$7 dealer's choice.

**Small Bar:** Monday-Friday, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts, well cocktails. Saturday-Sunday, 5-8pm: \$1 off local drafts, well cocktails. 10am-2pm: \$15 to \$18 brunch menu.



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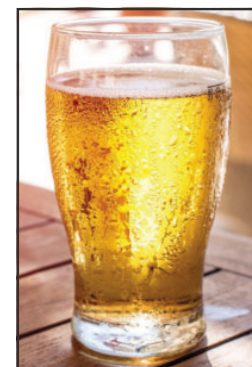
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the inside track

**Heffern's a hugger** "The best times were the early days. People don't realize the hours of rehearsal and also how many parties and benefits we did... Country Dick Montana and I were on our usual walk after sound-checks, and he said to me, 'Maybe it will help you get over your nerves if you think like I do. We are finally getting paid to show off. I burst out laughing. He burped. And I never threw up [before a show] again.'"

That's Gary Heffern, recalling San Diego's punk heyday, in the late 70s and early 80s. He arrived in the city with his



Some advice from Country Dick Montana helped The Penetrators Gary Heffern (above) get over nauseating stage fright.

adoptive parents in July 1958, and left the city on Christmas Eve, 1984. He spent most of

his San Diego musical career in a band called the Penetrators, purveying punk to people who were sometimes ready, sometimes not.

"The Skeleton Club show — San Diego's first punk rock venue — was the first one we sold out, where the police came in and shut down the show. This was right after opening for the Ramones. There was the riot after the Unknowns and Dick Dale show, people lighting trash cans on fire.

"We were blown away that that too sold out. Same thing with the Del Mar Fairgrounds. It was great also to bring the Meat Puppets to open for us as we had done a few shows

with them in Arizona. They showed up high on acid. It was at the Bacchanal, and



people did not know what to think of them."

But Heffern didn't enjoy every twist the scene took. "When hardcore kicked in, the innocence and joy of just being yourself became lost. We lost a lot of fans during that time as we were playing bigger places, and everyone thought we were 'sell-outs.' So I was surprised to see all the original folks come out to our re-union shows."

Heffern lives in Finland now, and enjoys himself well enough over there. Professor Raul Sandelin at Grossmont College recently shot a short film, available on the web, about Heffern's life and times.

"I am so grateful to the

friends I have and love each and every one of them," he finishes. "I know the world is spinning out of control. So many dying, or hurting... I want to come back and spend some time just sitting and talking and laughing and crying and hugging every one of you."

— Andrew Hamlin

**The Godfather of Hardtrap** On December 11, I called BASSMNT to see if they'd permit our preschooler to access their club in two weeks; nobody answered and I left a message.

Our preschooler and his playground homies love SAYMYNAME, also

known as the Godfather of Hardtrap — who will perform at the downtown club on December 28. The Los Angeles-based electronic dance music DJ and producer created and posted Barney Theme Song (SAYMYNAME's Bacon Trap Remix) on the SoundCloud app in 2013. It's his fusion of the purple dinosaur's anthem, backed with a thumpin'-trap bassline.

"When I had the idea to remix the Barney theme song," SAYMYNAME said in an interview with *Insomniac*, "I doubted it a few times during the process of making it. I thought that remixing

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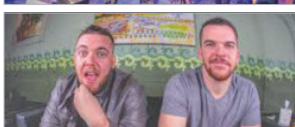
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a child's song like Barney could harm my career, but I just went in YOLO Mode (yes I said YOLO) and did it. It is my most popular song, surprisingly."

In 2006, Dayvid Lundie-Sherman DJed his first gig for his 9th grade classmates. Six years later, under his SAYMYNAME moniker, he's said to have created HARDTRAP when he combined the hi-hats and southern twanged-Roland TR-808-esque, half time-rhythms from the trap genre with the rattly bass and faster buildups of hardstyle,

which is a hybrid of techno and hardcore.

"I love the sound of deep hardstyle bass drums that go *Baawm Baawm Baawm Baawm*," he said in the *Insomniac* interview. "The Headhunterz song, 'Just Say My Name,' inspired [my] name. I loved the aggression in the song and the monologue in the break. It is demanding, like my music."

Earning the title "godfather" of the sub genre of electronica was not a simple push of a button for the 6'5" DJ that bobs his red-colored dreadlocks on stage. He graduated from Chapman University and worked at Guitar Center while simultaneously preparing to win

the 2013 Discovery Project competition, that allowed him to play onstage at various electronic music festivals in the U.S.

"One of the biggest challenges I've faced since the founding [of HARDTRAP] in 2012, was getting people to be open minded to the genre," he said in an interview with *RelentlessBeats.com*. "I faced a lot of backlash because the sound was too 'harsh' or didn't 'fit,' in the scene. Some even thought that hardstyle and trap music were better left separated. My fans really helped change that though and spread HARDTRAP all over the world."

SAYMYNAME's remixing of his screeching,

layered kicks, sine sweeps and saw waves — were approved by his electronica brethren, including Zatox, Carnage, Milo & Otis and The Chain-smokers; their collabs are shared on the SoundCloud app, and part of their repertoires.

Instead of cuddling with Barney and Friends-toys in the 90s, the then five-year-old Dayvid learned how to scratch and blend beats on his pop's DJ turntables that were passed onto him.

Nowadays, his parents are the first to proof-listen to his newly produced-bangers. "It is funny, though," he said, "when I see them at some shows in the middle of the crowd with a bunch of raging teenagers and young adults."

As of print time, BASS-



The 6'5" SAYMYNAME, born Dayvid Lundie-Sherman, is known for bobbing his red dreadlocks while on stage.

MNT hadn't called me back to approve entrance to my preschooler and his posse, to sing the "ABC's and 123's" with SAYMYNAME that Saturday night — which is OK, because it's passed his sleepy time. The concert begins at

9:30 pm, and tickets start at \$10.

— Mike Madriaga

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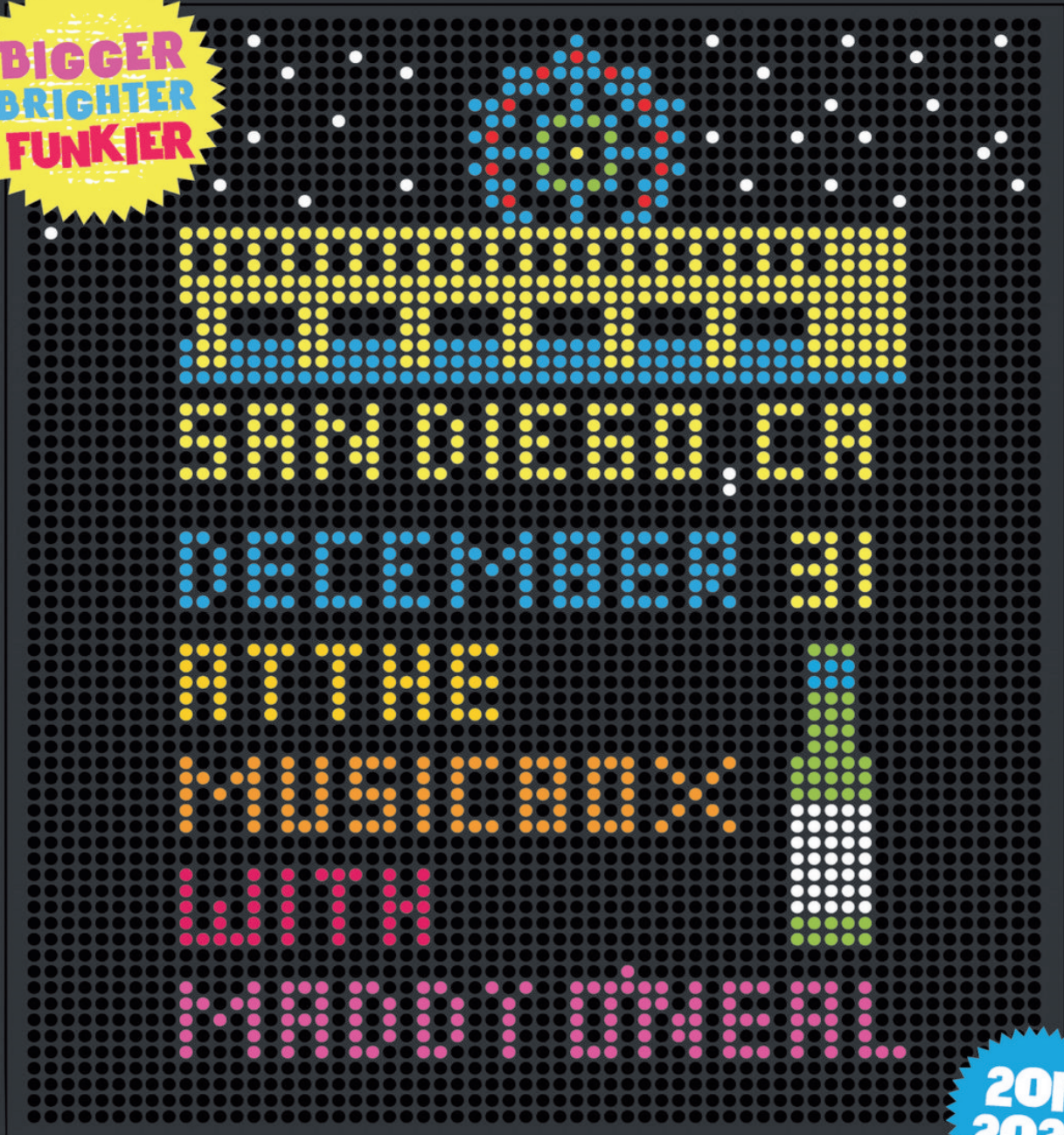
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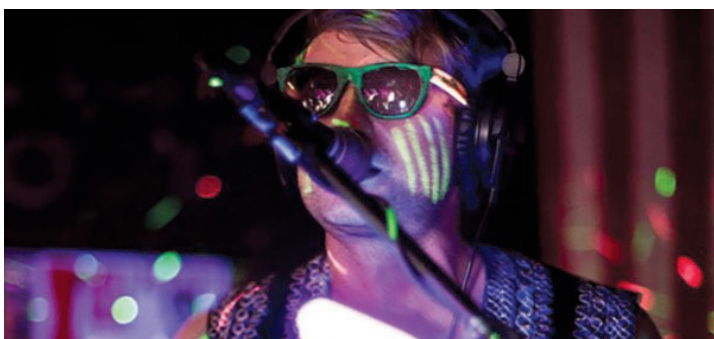


## EL VEZ at Casbah

DEC 26

An El Vez show is like a cross between an Ike and Tina Turner Revue, a Tom Jones Las Vegas gig, the LSD episode of *Dragnet*, and Elvis Presley's 1968 comeback special. The self-proclaimed "Mexican Elvis," Robert Lopez made his mark in the early San Diego/L.A. punk band the Zeros and then played in Catholic Discipline (which also spawned gender-fluid folk singer Phranc). Tunes in his extensive catalog, not all of them based on tracks in the Elvis canon, include "You Ain't Nothing But a Chihuahua," "Brown

Christmas," and "En El Barrio," a Chicano version Presley's "In the Ghetto." For this one-night performance, El Vez will be paying tribute to the Screamers, an L.A. group originally known as the Tupperwares (at least until a threatened lawsuit), extant from the mid-'70s into the early '80s. They were later cited as godfathers of electro-punk, and Jello Biafra has credited the band with inspiring the early Dead Kennedys. The bill includes Blood Ponies, a post-punk duo featuring Candice Renee and Jeff Terich.



## KEITH SWEATY at Music Box

DEC 27

Headliner the Crystal Method is basically now a one-man band (one of the two founding members retired a few years ago), so it's only appropriate that an occasionally local one-man opener warms the stage for them, or rather, him. DJ Keith Sweaty, aka Keith Milgaten, has been producing hip-hop records since he was 17. After cofounding Vision of a Dying World with his brother Jackson while the two were growing up in Las Vegas, the duo moved to San Diego and hooked up with local players. Their theatrical, ambitious songs, mixing elaborate harmonies with prog-rock guitar, jazz-inspired sax work, and the occasional

ukulele solo, earned them a nod from *Filter* magazine as Undiscovered Band of the Month. When Jackson shifted focus to Cuckoo Chaos, Milgaten (who DJs as Keith Sweaty) turned up the heat as Jamuel Saxon, a solo electronic project that evolved into a full touring and recording ensemble. Milgaten, who was nominated for Best Electronic at the 2009 San Diego Music Awards, wrote a concept album for the Keith Sweaty full-length *Spaceface*, about a character from the film *I Am Not a Hipster* and concerning the San Diego music scene, featuring visual aesthetic and music by Sweaty. The bill includes Lorna Dune and Omega Squad.



## STICK FIGURE at the Belly Up

DEC 28

San Diego now has several nationally known ska and reggae acts, from Hirie and Tribal Seeds to Flogging Molly, Pepper, etc. The best known may be Stick Figure, who draw such crowds to the Belly Up that the Solana Beach venue has booked them for both Friday and Saturday nights. At this writing, their album *World On Fire* has spent 11 weeks at number one on the Billboard Reggae Albums Chart, easily making it that chart's top selling island music release of 2019. It was afire straight out of the gate, opening with sales of over 10,000 copies, the highest selling opening week since the Sting and Shaggy crossover from early

2018. Their 2012 album *Burial Ground*, and their 2016 full-length *Set in Stone* also topped the *Billboard* reggae chart. *World On Fire* was written, produced, and recorded by Scott Woodruff at Stick Figure-owned Great Stone Studios in Oakland, former home of Green Day, with a title single featuring Slightly Stoopid. Festival appearances this year included California Roots and a headlining set at Red Rocks in Colorado, where locals Pepper were also on the bill. A recent "World On Fire Remix" features Slightly Stoopid, Tribal Seeds, Common Kings, the Green and the Movement.



## THE STEELY DAMNED 2 at Music Box

DEC 29

The Steely Damned II pays tribute to the music of Walter Becker and Donald Fagen with up to fourteen players at once, most often featuring Hank Easton alongside players such as Four Eyes frontman Marc DeCervo, Kevin Esposito (trombone), Chuck Phillips (sax), Etoile Presnell aka Ruby (vocals), Gary Taylor (drums), Rob Girona (keyboard), Doug Meeuwson (trumpet), Jim Reeves (bass), Tripp Sprague (sax, EWI, keys, percussion), and Doug Booth (guitar, keys, vocals). Guitarist Easton frequently performs a medley

reproducing the guitar solos from several Steely Dan guitarists, including Larry Carlton, Denny Diaz, Elliott Randall, Rick Derringer, and Jeff "Skunk" Baxter. This will be the band's fourth annual holiday show, being held once again at the Music Box, which is acoustically well suited for the large array of instrumentation, especially with so many of the players being showcased while playing iconic solo passages.



## THE SCHIZOPHONICS at Casbah

DEC 31

Even with numerous New Year's Eve choices around town, it's not hard to choose this packed local bill that includes the Creepy Creeps, Wild Wild Wets, Scary Pierre, and headliners the Schizophonics, fronted by married couple Pat and Lety Beers. The latter duo just played the NYC London Calling 40th Anniversary benefit on December 14, a benefit for the Joe Strummer Foundation featuring Debbie Harry, Fred Armisen, and Eugene Hutz (Gogol Bordello). Halloween saw the release (via Pig Baby Records) of their sophomore album *People in the Sky*, recorded with Dave Gardner (Hot Snakes, Rocket From the Crypt) and Stephen Kaye (JD McPherson). Singles have so far dropped for "Battle Line," "Steely Eyed Lady," "Something's Got To

Give," and "The One I Want." They'll spend February and early March touring New Zealand with bassist Takumi McIntyre (formerly of the Cavemen), including appearances at Upper Hutt's Obey the Riff festival and Tauranga's Not Woodcock extravaganza. The Creepy Creeps - founded by members of the Locust, Struggle, and Tarantula Hawk - usually dress in mariachi clothes, with skulls painted on their faces. Wild Wild Wets, founded by former members of the Old In Out, calls itself "a party psychedelic rock band," and Scary Pierre is a female fronted rock group featuring Black Hondo singer Lucina Gonzalez, Alia Jyawook (Vaginals, Hot Nerds), Charlie Brownell (Buzzkill Romantics), and David Robles (Marsupials, White Mule).



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### Balboa Park Club & Ballroom:

Monday, 6:30pm — Auld Lang Syne Ball. \$10-\$15.

### Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 8pm — Lies N' Roses and Way Cool Jr.

Friday & Saturday, 8pm — Stick Figure. \$51-\$89.

Sunday & Monday, 8pm — Donovan Frankenreiter and Tom Curren. \$30-\$53.

Tuesday, 8pm — Steel Pulse.

### Bird Rock Coffee Roasters:

Sunday, 10am — Tinkersmith. Free.

### Brick by Brick:

Saturday, 8pm — Ignite and Pulley. \$15-\$20.

### Capri Blu:

Friday, 7pm — Jennifer Klein.

### Carvers Steak & Chops:

Tuesday, 8pm — Miss Demeanor. Free.

### Casbah:

Thursday, 8pm — El Vez  
Screamers Tribute and Blood Ponies.

Friday, 8pm — Drug Hunt and Dani Bell & the Tarantist.

Saturday, 8pm — Big Sandy & His Flyrite Boys and Deke Dickerson.

Sunday, 7pm — JARA and Darenosa.

Monday, 8pm — Ten Bulls and the Basics.

Tuesday, 8pm — The Schizophonics and the Creepy Creeps.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints:

Friday, 7pm — Songs For A Winter Night. Free.

### Courtyard by Marriott El Cajon:

Tuesday, 8pm — Boogie Oogie NYE Party. \$85.

### Dirk's Niteclub:

Friday, 8pm — Diana & the G-Strings.

Saturday, 8pm — Cheap Date.

Tuesday, 8pm — NYE With Bam.

### Ebullition Brew Works:

Friday, 6pm — SM Familia. Free.

### F6ix Niteclub:

Friday, 10pm — LNO. \$10.

Saturday, 10pm — DJ Heart Attak. \$1-\$10.

### Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Tuesday, 10pm — New Year's Eve Party. \$40.

### Fluxx:

Friday, 9pm — DJ Mark Da Spot.

Saturday, 9pm — Romeo Reyes.

Tuesday, 9pm, Wednesday, 5am — New Year's Eve & Day Masquerade. \$40-\$80.

### Four Points by Sheraton:

Tuesday, 9pm — The Finale NYE. \$35-\$50.

### Grant Grill:

Tuesday, 8:30pm — Mercedes Moore. Free.

### Handlery Hotel's 950 Lounge:

Sunday, 4:30pm — Mary Ann McSweeney Quartet. Free.

### Hard Rock Hotel:

Tuesday, 9pm — NYE 2020. \$60-\$500.

### Hello Betty Fish House:

Friday, 8pm — Club12 New Years Eve 2020. \$30-\$50.

### Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa:

Tuesday, 9pm — Tony Cummins. Saturday, 9pm — Raney/Butler.

### Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego:

Friday, 9pm — Flophouse Playboys.

### House of Blues:

Thursday, 7pm — Kayla Ray. Free.

Friday & Saturday, 8pm — Holiday Hangover.

Sunday, 11am — Gospel Brunch. \$31-\$49.

Sunday, 7pm — Patrick "Bluefrog" Ellis. Free.

Monday, 7:30pm — L.A. Guns. Monday, 7pm — The Sea Monks. Free.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Bone Thugs-N-Harmony.

Tuesday, 7pm — The BlueFrog Band. Free.

### Intercontinental Hotel:

Tuesday, 9pm — NYE Rooftop Silent Disco Dance Party. \$15-\$50.

### Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall:

Wednesday, 2:30pm — Salute to Vienna New Year's Concert. \$33-\$129.

### Kava Lounge:

Saturday, 9pm — Rhythm Nation Pre NYE Boogie. \$5-\$10.

### Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows:

Tuesday, 8pm — NYE Bash: The Roaring 2020s. \$45-\$80.

### Lestat's Coffee House:

Friday, 8pm — Gregory Page. \$20.

### Martinis Above Fourth | Table + Stage:

Tuesday, 10pm — Ty Herndon. \$125.

### McP's Irish Pub and Grill:

Saturday, 9pm — Miss Demeanor.

### Merrow:

Tuesday, 8pm — New Year's Eve Celebration. \$5-\$10.

### Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:

Friday, 9pm — Safety Orange. Free.

### Moonshine Beach:

Saturday, 8pm — The Outliers. Tuesday, 8pm — Yankton.

### Mother's Saloon:

Friday, 8pm — Epic XVIII. Free.

### Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 8:30pm — The California Rangers. Free.

Friday, 8:30pm — Charles Burton Blues Band. Free.

Saturday, 8:30pm — Hazmatt. Free.

Saturday, 4pm — Sophia Alone. Free.

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Saturday, Jan. 11 — West of 5. Free.

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Thursday, Jan. 30 — College Night Party Cruise. \$5-\$10.

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Friday, Jan. 3 — Willie Nelson & Family.  
Sunday, Jan. 26 — Close to You: The Music of the Carpenters. \$40-\$50.

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Thursday, Jan. 23 — Big Head Todd & the Monsters.  
Friday, Jan. 24 — Railroad Earth. \$25-\$44.  
Saturday, Jan. 25 — Railroad Earth. \$25-\$44.  
Sunday, Jan. 26 — Back to the Garden.  
Monday, Jan. 27 — The Marcus King Band.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28 — John Mayall. \$30-\$53.  
Wednesday, Jan. 29 — Tower of Power. \$56-\$98.  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — Sergio Mendes.

**Blind Lady Ale House:**

Saturday, Jan. 11 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

**Brick by Brick:**

Friday, Jan. 10 — 96 Bitter Beings and the Native Howl.  
Saturday, Jan. 25 — Skinlab.

**Camel's Breath Inn:**

Saturday, Jan. 11 — Fleetwood Bigmak. Free.

**Carvers Steak & Chops:**

Friday, Jan. 31 — Miss Demeanor.

**Casbah:**

Thursday, Jan. 2 — T.S.O.L. and the Detours.  
Friday, Jan. 3 — Sure Fire Soul Ensemble.  
Saturday, Jan. 4 — Petty 2: Tribute to Tom Petty. \$20.  
Sunday, Jan. 5 — Steve Nieve and AJUQ.  
Friday, Jan. 10 — King Khan & BBQ Show.  
Saturday, Jan. 11 — Mrs. Henry.  
Wednesday, Jan. 15 — Run River North.  
Saturday, Jan. 18 — Nada Surf. \$35.  
Friday, Jan. 24 — Cursive and Cloud Nothings.  
Saturday, Jan. 25 — Dirty Sweet and Dead Feather Moon. \$15.  
Tuesday, Jan. 28 — City of the Sun and Kiltro.  
Thursday, Jan. 30 — The Toasters and Mustard Plug.  
**Ché Café:**  
Saturday, Jan. 4 — World of Pain and Take Offense. Free.  
Saturday, Jan. 11 — Buck Meek

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Friday, Jan. 24 — Revelation 69 and Grand Old Evils. \$5-\$10.

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SAT., JANUARY 11 <b>RED HANDED DENIAL</b> Samsara, He Films The Clouds, The Unsung, Blackcast	SAT., JANUARY 25 <b>BLEED THE SKY</b> Skinlab, Arise In Chaos, So This Is Suffering, A Hero Within	TUE., FEBRUARY 4 <b>VADER</b> Abysmal Dawn, Hideous Divinity

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*Sunday, Jan. 5* — Bonneville 7. Free.

*Saturday, Jan. 11* — Flipside Burners. Free.  
*Thursday, Jan. 16* — Miss Demeanor.

**Downtown Café:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 25* — Cyren.

**Encinitas Library:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 5* — Mark Lessman. Free.

**Famous Mexican Village:**  
*Friday, Jan. 17* — Cyren. Free.

**Fast Times:**  
*Friday, Jan. 31* — 3 Car Garage. Free.

**Ferry Landing Marketplace:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 5* — Miss Demeanor.

**Grauer School:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Roger Anderson Chorale: R.A.C. the House. Free.  
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**Handlery Hotel's 950 Lounge:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 5* — Chase Morrin Trio. Free.  
*Sunday, Jan. 12* — Danny Green Trio. Free.  
*Sunday, Jan. 19* — Adam Wolff Quartet. Free.  
*Sunday, Jan. 26* — Tony Tixier Trio. Free.

**Holding Company:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 23* — Matchbox Twenty Too. Free.

**Hotel Indigo Del Mar:**  
*Tuesday, Jan. 7* — Kathleen Murray.  
*Tuesday, Jan. 21* — Kathleen Murray.

**House of Blues:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Elbow and

Jesca Hoop.  
*Sunday, Jan. 19* — Reverend Horton Heat and the Paladins. \$25-\$30.  
*Thursday, Jan. 23* — Koo Koo Kanga Roo.

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 9* — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$5.

**JAI at the Conrad:**  
*Tuesday, Jan. 28* — Ranky Tanky.

**Joan B. Kroc Theatre:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 4* — The Outsiders: Back To The Sixties. \$46-\$52.

**La Jolla Community Center:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 2* — Carlos Velasco & Friends. \$10.  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Preservation Through Improvisation: The Korean Haegeum. \$23.

**Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 19* — Hot Jazz Instructors Concert & Dance. \$8-\$20.

**Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center:**  
*Wednesday, Jan. 29* — The Lerner-Mogulevsky Duo. \$33-\$52.

**Loft:**  
*Wednesday, Jan. 8* — Cedric Burnside. \$9-\$30.

**Magnolia Performing Arts Center:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 9* — Art Garfunkel.  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Led Zepagain.  
*Friday, Jan. 31* — Angela Aguilar: Como La Flor Tour.

**Martinis Above Fourth I Table + Stage:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 9* — Clint Holmes. \$45.  
*Saturday, Jan. 11* — David Burnham: Tom Jones Tribute. \$35.  
*Sunday, Jan. 19* — Liliias White. \$40.

**McP's Irish Pub and Grill:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 11* — Bonneville 7. Free.

**Mission Trails Church:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 12* — Gregory Page. Free.

**Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 2* — The Sickstring Outlaws. Free.  
*Friday, Jan. 3* — Mojo Strut. Free.  
*Saturday, Jan. 4* — John January & Linda Berry. Free.  
*Saturday, Jan. 4* — Sound Vault. Free.

**Music Box:**  
*Friday, Jan. 3* — Red Not Chili Peppers and Vitalogy. \$12-\$15.  
*Saturday, Jan. 4* — The Winehouse Experience and Jenny Voss. \$20-\$22.  
*Thursday, Jan. 9* — KT Tunstall and Charlie Mars. \$28-\$30.  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Joyce Manor, Oso Oso, Peach Kelli Pop. \$22.  
*Saturday, Jan. 11* — Vokab Kompany. \$12-\$15.  
*Thursday, Jan. 16* — Los Stellularians.

*Friday, Jan. 17* — Motumbi and Dennis Bovell & Winston Reedy. \$27-\$32.  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Zoso. \$20-\$22.  
*Friday, Jan. 24* — Sullivan King. \$20-\$30.  
*Saturday, Jan. 25* — Stepping Feet and Heavier Things. \$15-\$17.

*Sunday, Jan. 26* — Scarface. \$20-\$25.  
*Tuesday, Jan. 28* — The Marcus King Band and Early James. \$26.  
*Wednesday, Jan. 29* — Queensryche, John 5, Eve To Adam. \$37-\$42.  
*Thursday, Jan. 30* — Fistfights with Wolves and Belladonna.

**My Yard Live:**  
*Wednesday, Jan. 15* — Triple Shot.

**Navajo Live:**  
*Friday, Jan. 17* — 3 Car Garage. Free.

*Sunday, Jan. 19* — Miss Demeanor.

**Nick & G's:**  
*Friday, Jan. 17* — Tim Yancey. Free.

**Observatory North Park:**  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Mandolin Orange. \$27-\$32.  
*Thursday, Jan. 16* — Trey Anastasio Band.  
*Wednesday, Jan. 22* — Michael Kiwanuka.  
*Tuesday, Jan. 28* — King Princess.

**Old California Coffee House & Eatery:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 11* — Rolf Olsen Quartet. Free.

**Panama 66:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 5* — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.  
*Sunday, Jan. 19* — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

**Pechanga Arena San Diego:**  
*Wednesday, Jan. 15* — Chance the Rapper.  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Boomshaka 2020.

**Pounders:**  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Miss Demeanor.  
*Saturday, Jan. 11* — Miss Demeanor.  
*Friday, Jan. 17* — West of 5. Free.  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — West of 5. Free.

**Pour House:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 4* — Bonneville 7. Free.

**Poway's Irish Pub:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 25* — Fleetwood Bigmak. Free.

**Proud Mary's Southern Bar & Grill at the Ramada:**  
*Friday, Jan. 3* — Flipside Burners. Free.

**Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 25* — Stop the Domestic Violence Fundraiser.

**Rock and Roll San Diego School of Music and**

**Performing Arts:**  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Alex Lievanos. \$10-\$12.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church:**  
*Sunday, Jan. 5* — La Jolla Renaissance Singers: An English Christmas. Free.

**Soda Bar:**  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Moans and Aviator Stash. \$10.  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Hieroglyphics and Rap Noir. \$28.  
*Tuesday, Jan. 21* — Jason Devore and Chris Demakes.  
*Thursday, Jan. 23* — Dude York. \$12.

*Friday, Jan. 24* — Fog Lake.  
*Saturday, Jan. 25* — Los Dug Dug. \$15.  
*Sunday, Jan. 26* — The Shivas.  
*Tuesday, Jan. 28* — Mattiel and Calvin Love.

**Soma:**  
*Wednesday, Jan. 8* — Motionless In White and Beartooth.  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Cashmere Cat.  
*Sunday, Jan. 26* — Trippie Redd.

**Spreckels Theatre:**  
*Saturday, Jan. 18* — Concert of Hope: Los Lobos.

**Sycuan Live & Up Close Theatre:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 16* — Blue Oyster Cult. \$49-\$59.

**Tio Leo's:**  
*Friday, Jan. 3* — 3 Car Garage. \$10.

**Tower Bar:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 2* — The Picturebooks.  
*Saturday, Jan. 25* — Coda Reactor and Gaslighter. \$5-\$10.

**UCSD Price Center:**  
*Thursday, Jan. 23* — The Haden Triplets. \$9-\$30.

**University City United Church:**  
*Monday, Jan. 6* — Auditions for Key of She. Free.

**Viejas Arena:**  
*Friday, Jan. 10* — Tool.  
*Sunday, Jan. 12* — Tool.  
*Thursday, Jan. 30* — SuperM.

**Winstons Beach Club:**  
*Friday, Jan. 31* — Kitchen Dwellers.

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### A Christmas Carol

Bring the family to enjoy the holiday classic adapted from Charles Dickens' timeless tale of hope and redemption. This production features original music, stagecraft, puppetry, and live sound effects. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS.

### A Christmas Story

Nine year old Ralphie Parker wants one thing for Christmas, an official red ryder range model carbine action BB gun. There's only one problem: everyone else is convinced he'll shoot his eye out. Undeterred, he begins his saga of convincing all the necessary players, from his sweet and protective mother, to his straightlaced teacher, Miss Shields, all the way to Santa Claus himself, that he needs that gun for the protection of his loved ones, and maybe even a little cowboy glory to call his own. Ralphie's vivid imagination conjures up several numbers,

from "Ralphie to The Rescue" in which he defeats every foe a young boy can think of (robbers, mustache twirling villains, and of course, the school bully), to thrilling tap routine performed by a gun moll-esque Miss Shields, who sheds her sweater set and romance novel for a glittery red gown and a whole lot of moxie.

HORTON GRAND THEATRE, 444 FOURTH AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9583. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 4PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Black Kat Theatre Year in Review Cabaret Fundraiser

Refreshments, entertainment and a chance to mingle with your favorite kats. Performing 2019 themed sketches and songs to help you look back at the year's events.

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### Ebenezer Scrooge's San Diego Christmas Show

All the traditional elements of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol* are intact—including the iconic ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Future—but with a local twist. Ebenezer Scrooge rediscovers the Christmas spirit in this Dickens mash-up set in "wintery" San Diego. Please note: No performances Dec. 6 and Dec. 25. No 7 pm performance on Dec. 29. No 2 pm performance on Dec. 11 and 18. Extra performance on Dec. 26 at 2 pm. Performance on Dec. 24 will be at 2 pm. SHERYL AND HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

### How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Based on the classic Dr. Seuss book, this production features the songs "This Time of Year," "Santa for a Day," "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," and "Fah Who Doraze," the carols from the animated version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. See a snow-covered Whoville, right down to the last can of Who-hash. Please note: There will be no performances on Dec. 6 and Dec. 25. Extra performances on Dec. 18th at 4 pm and Dec. 24th at 11 am and 2 pm. The following dates will have 5 pm performances only: Dec. 20, 23, 26, 27 and 28.

DONALD AND DARLENE SHILEY STAGE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 5PM SATURDAYS, 11AM, 2PM, & 5PM SUNDAYS.

### The Magic Underground 5D

Monthly event of two or three magicians and stand-up comedians. Arrive early and enjoy the full menu before you head downstairs to the show in the acid vault. Doors 7:30 pm show 8 pm. AMPLIFIED ALEWORKS, 1429 ISLAND AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 7:30PM WEDNESDAY, JAN. 1.

### Natale; Journey to the North Pole

The circus-style show and Christmas-themed village is a nostalgic holiday experience with acrobatic performers and dancing animatronic polar bears, the show traces Natale as she sets off to the North Pole on a quest to find the World's Greatest Toy Store. Along the way, she encounters enchanted creatures that help her overcome the many chal-

lenges she faces crossing the polar cap. When Natale finally arrives, and is ready to choose her present, she discovers the true spirit of the season. Adjacent to the big top, the South Promenade will be converted into a "Holiday Village" that will include train rides, a glacier-like climbing wall, a bounce house, and vendors selling holiday treats and food.

LIBERTY STATION SOUTH PROMENADE, 2850 ROOSEVELT RD., LIBERTY STATION. 6:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 3PM & 6PM SATURDAYS, 12PM, 3PM, & 6PM SUNDAYS, 6:30PM WEDNESDAYS.

### Welcome Home For The Holidays

Family friendly musical, Broadway blend with newer holiday influences. This show is a love-letter to the rat pack TV holiday specials of the 1960s. You might even spot a jolly old heavyset fellow in red. WELK RESORT THEATRE, 8860 LAWRENCE WELK DR., ESCONDIDO. 888-802-7469. 1PM THURSDAYS, 1PM & 8PM SATURDAYS.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### 35th Plays by Young Writers Festival

Plays written by California students that were chosen through the 2019 California Young Playwrights Contest. Out of over 560 submissions, four students won the opportunity for their plays to be performed at The Joan B. Kroc Theatre. Three young writers will receive full productions of their plays, and one younger writer will have her script presented as a staged reading. Full productions: "Love is Blind: A Spoken Word Play" by Aiko Lozar Age 15, Carlsbad The year is 2121, love is treason...but are Amber and Blake in love? "Like Father, Like Daughter" by Izzy Ster Age 16, Carmel Valley Adulthood dawns on a daughter and her father over a series of coffee dates. "Feliz Cumpleaños" by Jordan Marie Finley Age 17, San Diego Cami struggles to celebrate her birthday after her parents are deported. STAGED READING: "The Hurricane" by Torrey Woodfill Age 11, San Diego Two friends experience the emotional rollercoaster of facing their fears.

JOAN B. KROC THEATRE, 6611 UNIVERSITY AVE., ROLANDO. 619-269-1552. FEB. 1.

### August Wilson's Jitney

In 1970s Pittsburgh, the unlicensed cab drivers in a Hill District garage fight to save their business and their livelihoods as their neighborhood gentrifies around them.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. JAN. 23 THROUGH FEB. 23.

### Bloomsday

Have you ever wished you could go back and have a second chance at a decision you made back in your 20s? This lyrical Irish love story is set amidst tourists exploring the pubs and streets of James Joyce's *Ulysses*. It captures the intensity of experiences that pass by fleetingly as an older couple retraces their steps to discover their younger selves.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR.,

SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. JAN. 8 THROUGH FEB. 2.

### Going To A Place Where You Already Are

Is there a heaven? Joe says no; it's all a bunch of hokum. His wife, Roberta, has always claimed to agree. But lately she's beginning to wonder, especially when they find themselves in church a lot, having reached the age when funerals are more frequent than weddings. Their granddaughter, Ellie, doesn't have time in her own busy life to ponder the after-life. But when mortality confronts them, her grandmother's claim to have gone to heaven and back doesn't sound so crazy after all.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. JAN. 17 THROUGH FEB. 16.

### The Humans

Erik Blake has brought his family from Pennsylvania to celebrate Thanksgiving at his daughter's new apartment in lower Manhattan. As darkness falls outside the ramshackle, pre-war duplex, eerie things start to go bump in the night. Soon, family tensions reach a boiling point.

SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE, 79 HORTON PLAZA, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-544-1000. JAN. 9 THROUGH FEB. 2.

### Jacque Nunez: Journeys to the Past

A journey into the lifestyle of the Acjachemen Nation, which flourished in Southern California hundreds of years before Father Serra. Learn about the past and present culture of California Indians through stories, songs, dances, indigenous tools, instruments, games and clothing. CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 N. ESCONDIDO BL., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4138. JAN. 8 THROUGH JAN. 8.

### The Maids

Two domestic servants conspire to kill their socialite employer in this contemporary reimagining of Jean Genet's 1947 psychodrama. Nervous Theatre's production explores Genet's seductive world of role-playing where power, gender identity, and desire are constantly in flux. TENTH AVENUE ARTS CENTER, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-920-8503. JAN. 10 THROUGH JAN. 12.

### The Rocky Show 2020

Musical comedy featuring a Transylvanian transvestite, a cryogenically preserved zombie motorbiker and Frankenstein's monster in Greek god form. This sexual parody of horror and science fiction films premiered onstage in London in 1973, becoming the popular cult classic film *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* in 1975. OB PLAYHOUSE. JAN. 17 THROUGH MAR. 1.

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SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. JAN. 24 THROUGH JAN. 26.

### Suor Angelica

Suor Angelica is the story of a woman who bears a child out of wedlock and is sent to a convent to repent for her sins. Her will to live is fueled by the thought of someday being reunited with her son. This one-act opera is sung in Italian, with English supertitles projected above the stage.

STAR REPERTORY THEATRE, 329 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. JAN. 18 THROUGH JAN. 19.

### The Things We Never Say

In 2015, Breakthrough Workshop Theatre presented the World Premiere of *The Things We Never Say* – a song cycle by Thomas Hodges – as part of the Fringe Festival. This production would go on to win Thomas a 2015 Fringe Award for Outstanding Original Score. To commemorate the anniversary of that production and to launch Season 8 – a season of work that will explore a theme of "Grief, Empathy, Hope" – the composer Thomas Hodges and original director of *The Things We Never Say*, Ira Bauer-Spector, will once again present this piece. This time around it will be a one night-only concert featuring both members of the original cast and additional Breakthrough Artists, as well as Thomas himself on the keys. MARTINIS ABOVE FOURTH | TABLE + STAGE, 3940 FOURTH AVENUE #200, HILLCREST. 619-400-4500. JAN. 8.

### Twelfth Night

*Twelfth Night* gives us one of Shakespeare's most remarkable heroines, the quick-witted Viola, who assumes the disguise of a page boy for Duke Orsino and finds herself at the center of an explosive love triangle in which identity, passion and gender all threaten to come undone. Themes of gender frequently appear in Shakespeare's plays and are part of the plot in *Twelfth Night*. This production will explore gender identity through Shakespeare's text and gender-fluid casting. Ages 13 and older. Post-show talkbacks on Saturday, January 11 and 18. ASL-Interpreted performance, 2 pm, Saturday, January 18. CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, 1600 VILLAGE PL., BALBOA PARK. JAN. 10 THROUGH JAN. 19.

### Twelfth Night Open Reading

Twins are separated in a shipwreck, and forced to fend for themselves in a strange land. The first twin, Viola, falls in love with Orsino, who dotes on Olivia, who falls for Viola but is idolized by Malvolio. Enter Sebastian, who is the spitting image of his twin sister... Sharpen your cold reading skills. All ages welcome. Recasted after every scene so all who want to can get a chance to read. All casting is non-gender specific. If you'd like to just listen that's ok too. BARNES AND NOBLE BOOKSTORE ESCONDIDO, 810 WEST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO. 760-480-2760. JAN. 21.

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# Uncut Gems: Bad man with a plan

Who says television isn't educational? Ever hear of African Jews? Diamond man (14 carat, not baseball) Howard Ratner (Adam Sandler) hadn't, not until the night a documentary introduced him to a tribe of landlocked nomads sporting precious black opals. The resulting quest to get his hands on one becomes a testament to

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his passion. Using the History Channel as one would QVC, Howard makes a few calls, and in 17 months, his package arrives — cold-packed and FedExed in the guts of a fish. It's on this day that *Uncut Gems* begins.

The opening shot shares an eerie similarity with the archaeological dig that greets us in *The Exorcist*, but instead of dredging up Pazuzu in Iraq, impoverished Ethiopians risk life and limb mining diamonds to ship state-side. In exchange for a cut, Demany (LaKeith Stanfield) sends business Howard's way, in the form of high-profile African-American celebs. Howard's

clientele consists mostly of rappers and sports figures, and the film excels at exploring the hero worship that Jews have for black athletes. According to Howard, the connection dates back to 1946, when a Jewish chap by the name of Ossie Schectman scored the first two points in the NBA. To Demany, his mirror-opposite goes by the affectionate sobriquet, "Black Jew power n---a."

The odd looking, 5000-carat stone that Howard acquires resembles a rock that swallowed a stoplight whole, causing it to beam individual pockets of hypnotic light. It's also Howard's life's blood, and to prove it, an opening credit special effect transitions us from inside the opal to the colonoscopy tube lodged in his *tuchas*. You see, Howard is eyebrow-deep in debt — he's into the mob for 100 grand — and his day consumed with robbing Peter to pawn to Paul. His life is a constant juggling act, his desperate ploy a complex series of bets involving a multitude of moving



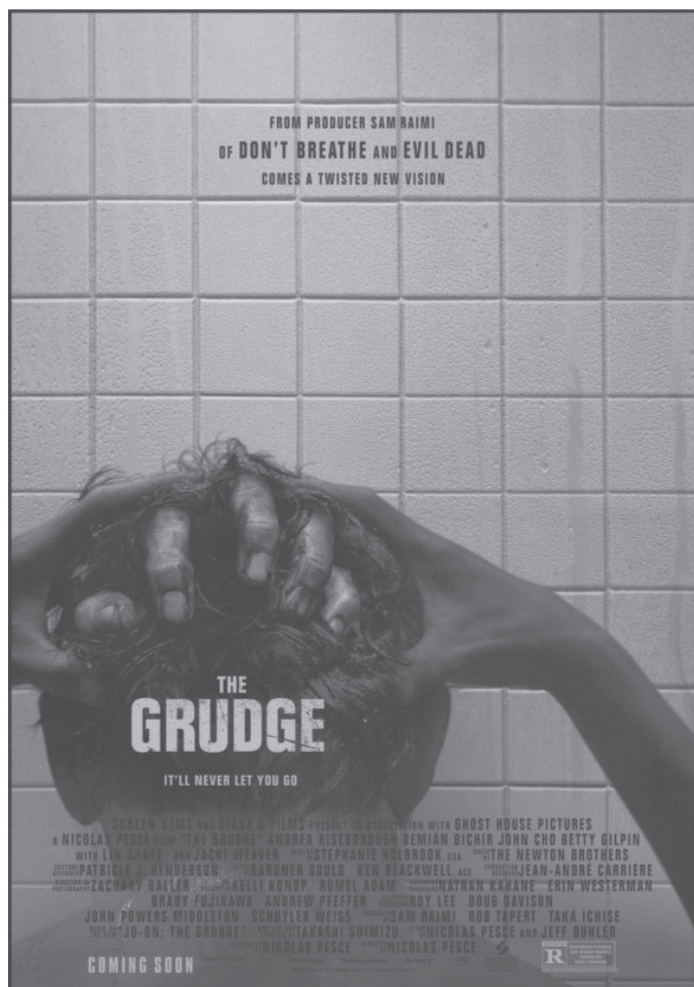
**Uncut Gems: Sandler the schemer in the Safdies' scuzzy saga.**

parts. He's got to distract his clients long enough to keep afloat everything from a studded Michael Jackson pendant, an NBA championship ring, and most of all the opal; the rewards could top over a million. That's the business end. Ironically, his enforcer (Eric Bogosian) is his brother-in-law, with whom he later shares an uncomfortable Passover seder. Rounding out his immediate family are a sick and tired spouse (Idina Menzel), three kids not yet old enough to com-

prehend just how big of a shitheel dad is, and Julia (Julia Fox in a blistering debut), a younger secretary/mistress who stands to profit most.

Moments of character motivation don't always cohere. NBA player Kevin Garnett (played by ex-NBA superstar Kevin Garnett) is there when the package is delivered to Howard's exchange. Thinking it's a million dollar good luck charm, he asked Howard to sell it to him outright, or at least let him borrow it for

that night's Eastern Conference finals. When Howard initially balks, the dribbler raises a salient point: why would Howard dangle the gem if he had no intention of selling it? When the day broke, Howard had no idea that his scheme involved Garnett leaving his championship ring behind as collateral. The minute Garnett is out the door, Howard takes a hop, skip, and jump down the street, and it's in the hands of a pawner in exchange for \$21,000.



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There's much scuzzy fun to be had, but nothing tops a moment of unexpected sensuality between boss and employee. Pretending that he's in a cab, Howard hides in the closet, sexting Julia as he watches her prepare for his arrival. Howard is based on a real-life character who worked alongside directors Josh and Benny Safdie's (*Daddy Longlegs*, *Good Time*) dad in the Diamond District back in the day. For a brief moment, we're granted full access to Howard's charisma; we understand what drove the Safdies to fashion an entire feature around him.

The performances are all fully realized — with John Amos stealing the show as the effing legend in 33F — but Sandler's fast-talking schemer is unlike anything we've seen from the actor. In the absence of baby talk and Dennis Dugan's flat-as-a-flounder pacing, Sandler has found his match in Howard Ratner. And while the brothers aren't able to shake all the obvious tropes — dangling a character head first out a window, a gag involving a file and a security door, etc. — their vision is singular enough to keep it interesting up until the ending...well, just ends.

—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](http://SDReader.com/movies).

**Bombshell** — Before the credits fade, Megyn Kelly (Charlize Theron) is reporting on Ivana Trump's allegations of rape against her husband. So much for fair and balanced coverage — which in the case of Trump-bashing, wouldn't be bad. But like Roger Ailes (John Lithgow), the lecherous architect of the cable news channel at the center of the picture, *Bombshell* is more interested in parading Xeroxed pulchritude past the camera than it is in getting at the truth. (The only award this deserves is for the makeup artist who every day fit Theron with prosthetic eyelids.) As if dramatizing the sexual humiliation endured by Kelly and Gretchen Carlson (Nicole Kidman) weren't enough, screenwriter Charles Randolph (*The Big Short*) feels compelled to create Kayla Pospisil, a fictional composite of several Fox employees brought to the screen by flavor of the year Margot Robbie. It's a brilliant bit of casting insurance to safeguard against Hollywood standards that no doubt brand both lead actresses as long in the tooth. And coming from Jay Roach (*Austin Powers* x 3, *Meet the Fockers*) what chance did this have of being anything but skit-tish? 2019. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Cats** — A duffer's guide from a viewer whose familiarity with the play is limited to switching channels the minute "Memories"



**Little Women:** "Look, there on the horizon...literary immortality!"

came on the radio. Tom Hooper's (*The King's Speech*, *Les Misérables*) feral recitation yields a uniquely unpleasant moviegoing experience. The design is hideous to behold, with character perspective that's disorientating to say the least. In one shot, a cat stands almost as tall as a milk truck, and in the next, the same critter is nearly dwarfed by a beer bottle. Movement proves equally problematic: no sooner does a tabby leap into the air than it freezes, faster than Gumby dropped in a vat of liquid nitrogen. So many questions... Here are just a few: how is it a musical when the lyrics are talking and the numbers are choreographed by an instructor at 24 Hour Fitness? If this is indeed a city populated with slumbering humans, why are the puns splashed across the billboards and marquees all geared toward felines? Does Francesca Hayward have just the one facial expression? This film should come with a warning: laboratory tests indicate that mice exposed to *Cats* have a higher risk of contracting jejular cancer. 2019. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Ford v Ferrari** — Come for the metal, stay for the mettle. Because as only-American-to-win-LeMans Carroll Shelby (Matt Damon) tells you at the outset, once you get your snarling, straining beast of a race car up over 7000 rpms, you go to the Race Place, where everything fades away and you're left with the question — the only one that matters, mind you — "Who are you?" Well, if you're autophile and superdriver Ken Miles (Christian Bale, skinny and sweet), you're the hero, the man of artistic vision and unsullied integrity (plus impatience with those who lack it) who is all but doomed in this rotten world. If you're Henry Ford II, you're the thin-skinned titan of industry who needs a genius if he's going to stick it to that painfully successful Eurosno Enzo Ferrari. And if you're Carroll Shelby, you're the guy who has to get the Man and the Money Man to cooperate, despite the best efforts of corporate snake Leo Beebe. Director James Mangold indulges himself with this tale of American manhood (152 minutes and an awful lot of auto racing), but he knows he can afford it — he's got Bourne and Batman as brilliant, growling best buds battling the bastards. Think Iron Man and Captain America, only it's a (mostly) true story and what's at stake is not the fate of the universe, nor even an auto race, but the glorious, endless pursuit of perfection. 2019. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Frozen II** — Let's start with the biggest and happiest surprise about Disney's followup to what was, before the *Lion King* remake, the biggest animated film ever: Olaf the Snowman is considerably funnier and more useful to the story this time 'round. His ridiculous recounting of the first film's events to some folks who need catching up is a meta delight, in contrast to the studio's usual self-commentary — and this installment's own jab at its use of a super-creepy, sleep-killing lullaby as story setup. Other positives: Elsa's ice powers make for some spectacular visuals, and the animators have outdone themselves when it comes to depicting water. (Speaking of which: the invocation of Travis Bickle's "real rain" — the sort that will wash not only the scum off the streets but the streets themselves off the face of the earth, along with the stain of original sin that made those streets possible — in an all-ages film is gutsy, if nothing else.) But it's not much gain against a good deal of loss. The tension between Elsa and her sister Anna this time around is...unconvincing, as it has less to do with "Don't shut me out," and more to do with "Where I am going, you cannot follow." The story, which concerns a disturbance in the elemental spirits and a mystery in a misty wood, is both dragged out overall and rushed through in crucial moments to the point of neglect. And the songs range from underwhelming ("Into the Unknown") to cringingly silly ("Lost in the Woods"). Directed by Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck. 2019. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**A Hidden Life** — Once upon a time, there lived in a valley above the clouds a young Austrian couple, secure in their beliefs that fascism would never reach them. The fact-based story of a conscientious objector who refused to fight alongside the Nazis — villagers turn against the #NeverHitler for not returning their salute — is dragged across the screen for what seems an eternity by Terrence Malick. With Harvey Weinstein committing career hara-kiri, one hoped that along with his merited banishment went the annual year-end attempt to drag the Holocaust through the Hollywood cesspool traveling for Oscar. What therefore Harvey hath joined together, let not Malick put asunder. After three introductory minutes of file footage featuring Hitler, an inter-title appears to inform us that the story that we are about to see is based on truth. Words have

never been Malick's strong suit, but in case the viewer finds what the characters say to be simplistic, consider his use of "Scope. One stinkin' fisheye lens! It's like watching bow tie pasta for 174 minutes. 2019. — S.M. ● (AMC LA JOLLA; ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Honey Boy** — Shia LaBeouf's self-penned biopic turns out to be the biggest surprise of 2019. With expert assurance, the opening shot yanks us into the action without even bothering to use a stunt double. A simulated blast sucks tethered movie star Otis (Noah Jupe, age 12; Lucas Hedges, age 22) deep within the frame. When symptoms of PTSD emerge, the cauterized headliner can barely lift his voice to mutter, "From what?" Along with the pyrotechnics, a walking trauma case of an old man (LaBeouf) who infects all who cross his path with a sense of fear and self-loathing, that's what. There's but one typical aspect to dad's otherwise unpredictable nature; a resentful stage father jealous of his son's success in every way. At its heart, a film about a boy who both wants and deserves a better father and the inescapable reality that he will never get one. When it comes to cinema as therapy, LaBeouf put his time (and ours) to superb use here. Almost all is forgiven. One more like this and we'll consider *Disturbia* permanently expunged from the record. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**The Irishman** — During his fight against the Nazis, Frank Sheeran (Robert De Niro) forced a pair of enemy soldiers to dig a hole that, in the few seconds it took to fire off a few rounds, became their eternal resting place. Little did the soldier know at the time, but this "follow orders and you're rewarded" mentality was preparing him for a career in the mob. Speaking of following orders, Scorsese hops in bed with Netflix for a return to the genre that has brought him the most amount of box office success. It's great to see the old guard together again, with Scorsese newcomer Al Pacino noisily stealing the show as Jimmy Hoffa. When he goes, much of the energy gets buried with him. The tale of the teamster who wacked the hand that fed him is never boring, but at this stage in his career, one expected something more than a small screen gangster epic from the man who redefined the genre. He knew all along that the majority of viewers would

come to the film on television, so he shot accordingly. A betting man would wager that well over half the picture was composed in TV-safe closeups and reverse angle shots of well-paid actors talking, the impact of which would not be lost on a flatscreen. I liked it better when Scorsese, not the medium, dictated shot size. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK KEN)

**Jojo Rabbit** — There's a deep and sincere sweetness in the work of writer-director Taika Waititi. It's a kind of relentless and innocent good cheer that persists in the face of horror — to the point where the horror is obscured, or maybe defanged. That sweetness is in full effect in this story of a little German boy who makes an imaginary friend out of *Der Führer* to help him on his way to becoming a proper Hitler Youth, only to discover that his Mom has been keeping a secret while Dad's away at war: his dead sister's Jewish best friend is hiding upstairs. The result is reminiscent of Roberto Benigni's *Life is Beautiful*, another film that used the horrors of the Holocaust as the backdrop for a little kid's big adventure. It's clear that in both cases, the intentions are entirely good; no one's looking to exploit or ignore the nightmare atrocity, just to find glimmers of light and love amid the darkness and hate. And maybe find a way to laugh in spite of everything. Look at Hitler! Isn't he silly, with his little mustache and his need for adoration and attention? After all, it's not the kid's fault the world around him has gone mad. He just wants, as his Jewish housemate notes, to belong to a club. And if the club leaders tell him that Jews are inhuman and that someone should write a book about their wicked ways, well, he's just a clumsy, insecure kid. Some will find his gradual journey toward empathy and love an utterly charming fable, complete with deadpan Sam Rockwell as a nonplussed Nazi. Some will find it a borderline apologia for haters, a softhearted attempt to find good people on both sides. And some will find it ping-ponging awkwardly between the two. There's a reason the poster proclaims the film "an anti-hate satire" — it wants to make sure you don't get the wrong idea from what's on the screen. 2019. — M.L. ★★ (AMC LA JOLLA; LA PALOMA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Knives Out** — Writer-director Rian Johnson sure is having fun these days. They let him into the Star Wars sandbox, and he built a monument to feminine genius that enraged a measurable portion of the fanbase and still managed to make over a billion dollars. (Sure, it was half of what J.J. Abrams managed with his reboot/remake, but it weren't no fan service, that's for sure.) Now he's pulling a reverse Netflix — slapping a TV-style Family Mansion Murder Mystery, the sort so ably handled by our British cousins, up there on the big screen — and turning it into a critique of American anti-immigration sentiment. The immigrant in question — actually, it's her mother who is undocumented — is Marta (Ana de Armas) the caregiver for a fabulously successful mystery author (Christopher Plummer). An author who, as it happens, is also the victim. The presumptive heirs — a splendid collection of wretches, none of whom can remember exactly what country Marta hails from — were already gathered for Dad's 85 birthday, so they stick around for the reading of the will, and also the investigation spearheaded by Daniel Craig in full Southern accent, for some reason. The goal here, besides solving the mystery in suitably clever fashion, seems to be to provide families gathered for Thanksgiving with both a rollicking good time and something to argue about

at table. (A measurable portion of old white relatives may be enraged.) You can practically see Johnson's mischievous grin in every frame. 2019. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Little Women** — Director Greta Gerwig reteams with her *Ladybird* star Saoirse Ronan for a cast-heavy but still nimble adaptation of Louisa May Alcott's story of sisters making a home and making a life in spite of limited options and opportunities. (Neither Meryl Streep as stern Aunt March nor Emma Watson as pretty Meg are given room to let their sheer star power overwhelm the proceedings, while Timothee Chalamet as Laurie and Laura Dern as Marmee do solid enough work, and Florence Pugh as temperamental Amy and Chris Cooper as gruff Mr. Laurence give great delight.) And it is very much an adaptation, the narrative scrambled so that it tells the story of a writer's beginnings: Jo's journey from a citified hack scribbling for money to a serious artist with the humility and courage to mine her seemingly humdrum life for material. The book she will eventually write is about her family, but this here story is Jo's. She is not always onscreen, but everything we're shown is for her sake. Ronan handles her central role with aplomb, but the shift does tend to drain some of the surrounding events of their emotional affect — as if they will only gain their proper force and meaning once they've been put on the page. Still, an expert and elegant retelling. 2019. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Only Cloud Knows** — The narration makes it clear: the one who gets left behind suffers. A Beijinger named Simon (Xuan Huang) returns to Auckland to make good on a promise to spread the ashes of his late wife Yun (Caiyu Yang) in her favorite place. Characters enter and exit director Xiaogang Feng's narrative; many add gravitas — most notably the couple's best friend Melinda (Lydia Peckham) — but all leave an indelible impression. Some are given but a sentence or two: "I've been through this. I understand," says the anonymous woman seated in the veterinarian's waiting room, trying to comfort Simon over the passing of his dog, Blue. (Never has a film paid such loving attention to euthanizing a pet.) And that's just the first hour. The skipper's reaction after Simon finishes telling him about Yun is hands down the most beautiful moment put on screen this year. Based on a true love story, there isn't an emotional experience with which to warm your heart this holiday season than comes close to this. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★ (AMC MISSION VALLEY)

**Pain and Glory** — Here is the privilege of artistic reputation: even your fallow periods may serve as fertile ground. When we meet filmmaker Salvador Mallo (Antonio Banderas, low-key and soulful as the stand-in for writer-director Pedro Almodóvar), he is floating underwater, eyes closed, motionless, not even a bubble escaping his nostril. An artist, suspended in stasis after being betrayed by his failing body? Or a new creation just waiting to be born, if only something would bring on the ordeal of labor? Why not both? The first contraction comes from mining the past: someone has cleaned up one of Mallo's early works, and they'd like him to present it to the adoring world. He hits upon the idea of bringing in the film's star, to whom he has not spoken since the premiere. Said star is still doing the heroin that caused the rift (the director preferred the energy conferred by cocaine), and Mallo finds that joining him in "chasing the dragon" helps to ease the pain — and also to bring on the dreamy memories of youth! And what do you know,



Las Vegas and a mock Fillmore East play home to this pair of New Year's Eve-themed comedies.

— Scott Marks

#### OCEAN'S 11 (1960)

Frank Sinatra and a group of Korean war buddies regroup to knock over the five major Las Vegas casinos at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve in style. That's style as in sartorial nuance — freshly mowed alpaca sweaters, pocket squares that never match neckties, tuxedos by Sy Devore, etc. — as opposed to telling a story with pictures. Warner Bros. never struck a 35mm print for revival bookings, and it wasn't until the film made its debut on DVD that many of us saw it in the widescreen format for the first time since its initial release. Sinatra was allergic to retakes, making it impossible for director Lewis Milestone to fret over formal finesse. In this case, the Telecine op did Milestone a favor by trimming the wasted side space. The titular superfluity of swingers includes Chairman Sinatra; Dean "Barometer of Hip" Martin; Sammy Davis, Jr. (a garbage collector whose truck is cleaner than most people's homes); Joey "Putting Green Maned" Bishop; Richard "Big Casino" Conte: a torturously post-synched Akim Tamiroff; Richard Benedict (a bald guy nicknamed "Curly"); Clem Harvey as the gang's resident Mormon cowpoke; the power of Norman Fell; the perpetually outranked Peter Lawford; a whipped Buddy Lester; and the divine pres-

ence of Henry Silva. As Duke Santos — Lawford's fortunate step-father and the man responsible for the caper's eventual undoing — Cesar Romero out-cools all eleven hipsters combined. Angie Dickinson holds her own as Sinatra's ex, but for the most part, this primer on misogyny is stocked with decorative hot and cold running



Ocean's 11: Countdown to cool!

broads, eager to give instant neck rubs and quick to listen after the first "beat it." Not wanting to lead your expectations in the wrong direction, I'm hesitant to mention it was photographed by Garbo's favorite cameraman, Lee Garmes. At least what's basically an excuse for Sinatra and his pals to have a swinging' time on Warner Bros. dime concludes with a powerhouse plot twist. Ain't that a kick in the head?

#### GET CRAZY (1983)

For his unofficial sequel to *Rock 'n' Roll High School*, director Allan Arkush fashioned a slapstick homage to that cherished the twinkling time of his youth spent ushering at Bill Graham's celebrated Fillmore East concert hall in New York. We open on December 31, 1982, with the crew at rock impresario Max Wolfe's (Alan Goor-

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**Playing with Fire** — Instead of getting his chance to clear the bar set by a smokejumper father seasoned in the art of smothering, Superintendent Jake "Supe" Carson (John Cena) is stationed in Reading, CA, a minor hazard town, relatively speaking. Built like Popeye, the ablutophilic Supe's workday consists of tidying the firehouse and playing first fiddle to

witz, nee Garfield) Saturn Theater (doubled to perfection by Los Angeles' Wiltern Theatre), preparing for the biggest New Year's Eve bash in venue history. The cast boasts an eclectic gathering of personages, musical and otherwise — from teen idols Fabian and Bobby Sherman, Lee Ving (unforgettable as head-banging punker "Piggy"), and jazz man Bill Henderson vamping Muddy Waters, to a Dylanesque Lou Reed, stuck in a taxi and in search of the lost chord. There's even an appearance by everyone's favorite retro-couple, Paul Bartel and Mary Woronov (*Eating Raoul's The Blands*). In the film's most savage putdown, Malcolm McDowell guest stars as an aging, zonked-out rocker (rhymes with "Stagger") who, in one scene, has a hilarious heart-to-heart with his penis. If a film's greatest act of ungodliness is trying too hard, *Get Crazy* is a sinner's paradise, a joke machine spewing tasteless antics and bits of dope humor, many of them flying faster than they can land. So: other than a VHS release, why hasn't this film been made available on home video? One guesses the cost to clear the music rights would amount to more than it's worth. From what I gather, I was one of the fortunate few to see it during its limited release. According to IMDB, the film was financed along the lines of Mel Brooks' *The Producers*. A tax shelter trick-deal saw to it that the picture "didn't need to be released and was designed to lose money so that others would make money." The YouTube copies are muddy to say the least, but any port in a storm, right?

a band of stout, roughhewn, and wholly unfunctional stooges. Supe swoops down to save a trio of kids who swear that their parents are away for the weekend and that older sister Brynn (Brianna Hildebrand) was left in charge. But if that were the case, there would be no sad music cues at the mention of dead parents, no reconciliations to be made, and no kids to adopt before the

obligatory blooper reel rings down the curtain. Directed by Andy Fickman (*Parental Guidance*) whose "poop reversal" is as bold a directorial statement as Scorsese "borrowing" George Delerue's "Theme de Camille" from Godard's *Contempt* to underscore the opening credits of *Casino*. Per custom with this director, the star rating is there to punish those who only look at the numbers without reading the review. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★ (AMC PALM PROMENADE; REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; SOUTH BAY DRIVE IN)

**Richard Jewell** — Clint Eastwood worked five years putting the film together, and there's not another actor out there who'd make a better lead than Paul Walter Hauser. Their similarity is uncanny, but it's much more than that: Jewell is not a celebrity along the lines of, say, Ray Charles or Mr. Rogers. So unlike most celebrity biopics, this isn't a matter of makeup and mimicry, where an actor is afforded the luxury of poring over hours of footage before hitting their mark. And whether or not a newspaper reporter propositioned an FBI agent to get a scoop is second only to the fact that were it not for their rush to judgement, Jewell would have lived out the remainder of his life in a manner befitting a hero. Alas, the film tanked at the box office. Did people stay home fearing a lecture on fake news from a crabby old Republican prone to speaking to unoccupied chairs? Give the man some credit. With 38 movies to his name, director Eastwood's a much sharper smuggler than that. Set aside a couple of hours this holiday season to spend with a pair of real-life American heroes. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

#### Star Wars: The Rise Of Skywalker

— Well, that's over. After Rian Johnson's *Episode VIII: The Riling of the Fanbase*, Disney lets J.J. Abrams resume the *Star Wars* cockpit, and the man who gave new meaning to fan service with *The Force Awakens* wastes no time before initiating course correction. When we meet up with brash pilot Poe, he's lightspeed-skipping his way out of trouble, and Abrams is in much the same mode, whisking you from one thing to the next before you have much time to think or feel anything in response. Suffice to say, there's a terrible new (or old, depending on how you reckon it) threat out there, and very little time to do anything about it, and our heroes need to find a clue that will help them find a tracker that will help them find...you get the idea. Mission, mission, mission, and hope the characters can register along the way. They can't, not when they're made to do things that don't make much sense except in the service of spectacle — viz. just about every Force-fed encounter between conflicted baddie Kylo Ren and even more conflicted goodie Rey. (One of them includes the film's biggest howler: a version of Obi-Wan's "What I said was true, from a certain point of view" that serves as a direct rebuke of Johnson's vision.) It's a ride, but it's exhausting, and not just for the audience: by the time Poe is rallying the troops for the big battle, he sounds utterly pooped. It's a pity; the big battle in the sky is a bust, but the personal drama that goes on down below feels like what Abrams should have been attending to all along. Fans of the series will groove to the old familiar beats and see the old familiar sights. For some, that will be enough — maybe even satisfying. Others may find themselves wondering exactly why they used to love this stuff so much. 2019. — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Uncut Gems** — Reviewed this issue. 2019. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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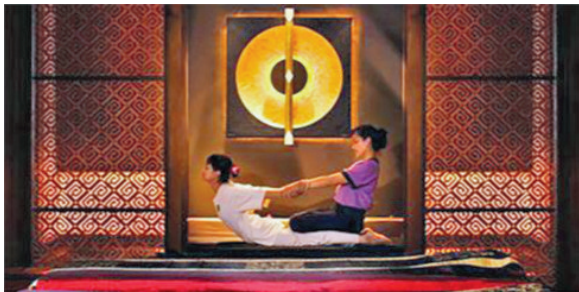
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2BD+2BA; extra large unit on top (3rd) floor; lots of windows for bright, sunny, airy view; remodeled with vinyl plank floors, new cabinetry; stainless appliances; sparkling pool; elevator; coin laundry; balcony area; parking; central heat and air conditioning; no pets; available now; 1433 Oliver Ave. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$1545.**  
1BD+1BA; large downstairs unit in Crown Point area; remodeled kitchen with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher; coin laundry; parking; available now; 1768 Thomas Avenue. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**PACIFIC BEACH, \$2395.**  
2BD+1BA house in Northeast PB; huge remodeled kitchen with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher; living room plus den; front lawn plus back patio; water and gardener paid; parking and coin laundry; close to stores and EZ freeway access; no pets; available now; 1859 Chalcedony Street. Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**RENTAL WANTED** Disabled couple need inexpensive rental in Encinitas. Call 626-712-0303

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Penthouse Condo! Outdoor wrap-around balconies to enjoy spectacular views of Canyon, SD Bay, Point Loma. Quiet street on canyon. Fireplace in LR, laundry Rm., 2 pking sps. Walk to Hillcrest, Mission Hills. \$3,995/mo. 1 Yr. Ls. 619-807-5753.

**DOWNTOWN, \$573-825.**  
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**LA MESA, \$1395.** 1BD+1BA downstairs apartment in La Mesa/Lake Murray. Small, quiet complex near lake. Patio, stove, refrigerator, A/C, dishwasher, laundry, parking. No pets. 7490 Collins Avenue #4. Add Realty, 619-232-6811.

**EAST SAN DIEGO, LA MESA OR ROLANDO** Needing large garage rental for storage. Will pay \$200/month. Text/call 760-271-9187, leave message.

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**HILLCREST, \$1945.** 1BD+1BA; 100 year old vintage unit in 4-plex on the park; 900 square feet with formal dining room; remodeled kitchen and bath with all new appliances; small garage fit for a carriage without the horse; cat OK with extra deposit; available now; 1634 Upas Street; Del Sol Property Management, Broker. www.delsolpm.com. 858-270-2071.

**NORTH PARK \$2000** 3339 North Park Way. Nicely renovated 1100 SQ FT house with fenced yard, private parking, no pets. Call 619-808-4674

### REAL ESTATE

**KEARNY MESA OFFICE / CONDO** \$279,000, 1080 ft2. Located next to the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant. http://bit.ly/kearny-office

**HOUSE 4 SALE BY OWNER** 4 bedroom, 3 bath upgraded tri-level. Great location, large lot,

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**160 ACRE RANCH** overlooking historic Rancho Guejito for \$2.95 million. http://bit.ly/ranch-guejito

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**ELECTRIC ORGAN FREE** in Spring Valley. It's free but you have to pick up. http://bit.ly/spring-valley-organ

**ABOUT 12 DIDGERIDOOS** for sale. The didgeridoo was developed by indigenous peoples of northern Australia. Most are 4'-8", all appear handmade not sure if Aboriginal or Wes made. I am negotiable, make appt. to see in National City. http://bit.ly/DIDGERIDOOS

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**1976 SALVI DIANA CONCERT HARP** for sale, \$10,000, in Hillcrest. It's a 47-string concert-grand pedal harp. Also includes: storage case, harp dolly, matching music stand and seat, many additional gut strings and felt dust cover http://bit.ly/harp-hillcrest

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**NUTMEG** is a 47 pound 2 yr old spayed female Husky. She's hoping to find her Home Fur The Holidays. She's an active playful girl that would make a wonderful addition to your family. She's currently waiting for her forever home at our Bonita location. Animal ID: A1868755 San Diego County Animal Shelter 5821 Sweetwater Rd. Bonita, CA 91902 Hours: Tuesday - Sunday, 9:30am - 5:30pm Interactions: 10:30am-4:00pm. Closed Mondays and County Holidays. Adoption Fee is \$20 now through Jan. 5th for our Home Fur The Holidays Adoption Special (already spayed, comes with microchip, deworming, vaccinations, flea treatment, and licensing for our service area). For more information, please call 619-498-2311 or visit our website at [www.sddac.com](http://www.sddac.com)

**CHRISTMAS PUG PUPPY** She's ready for her forever home. She's 9 weeks old. Will come with first shots and deworming. Parents on site. Mom is a mini pug and dad is a big pug (619) 816-1026

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**ENCINITAS SOCCER MEETUP** Fun games with lot of goals! Please bring one white and one colored shirt (not gray) so we can make recognizable teams! <https://www.meetup.com/Los-Gallos-Beginner-Soccer/>

**SAN DIEGO SOFTBALL: PLAY BALL!** If playing softball (or learning to play) and meeting new people sounds fun, then we think you will enjoy playing ball with us! Despite the name "softball," softball can be dangerous, so always play at your own risk. <https://www.meetup.com/SanDiegoSoftball/>

**TWO BASKETBALL CLAW HOLDERS** can also be used for footballs, soccer balls or rugby balls. One appears unused still with packaging, the other is lightly used. \$12. 1-760-746-5422

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**BOCCE BALL SET & CLAY SKEET TRAP TARGETS** for sale. The bocce eight ball set is \$13 and (90) clay targets made by Champion are \$20. Please call David at 1-760-746-5422

**SAN DIEGO PADRES SCARF** \$15 in East Village, new condition with no stains, marks, rips or tears. Throwback brown and yellow, 6" x 60" by Forever Collectibles MLB 619-322-4654

**JOHNSON AND JOHNSON ELASTIC SPORTS TAPE** for sale. Each box has 16 rolls that are 3 inches wide by 90 inches. Each box sells for over \$95. Prices: 1 box \$40; 2 boxes for \$60; 3 or more boxes, \$25 each <http://bit.ly/sports-tape>

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## BICYCLES

**RED ROADSTER** Schwinn Trike for sale, \$25. Needs new tires, these ones are flat. Also needs some steel wool to shine off the rust and it will be good to go. <http://bit.ly/red-roadster>

**SCHWINN LOWRIDER BIKE FOR SALE** \$500 <http://bit.ly/schwinn-lowrider>

**1968 SCHWINN STINGRAY ORANGE KRATE** in Oceanside, \$1498. Seems to have all correct Schwinn components except derailleur (but original will be included) and rear tire. <http://bit.ly/orange-krate-aside>

**SCHWINN MINI SCRAMBLER** Very nice 70s, all original, unrestored, little tiny Schwinn bike. This thing is perfect for the grandson or collector. \$350. Call Ron 858-243-0887

**SCHWINN STINGRAY GRAPE KRATE** \$200 It's in good condition. It only needs the tube in front. I'm asking \$300 for it. Call or text: 760-803-5223

**TREK 3700** 18 frame, Shimano component mountain bike, good condition, \$80. Two ladies bike, Schwinn 17 in frame, 10 sp road bike, excellent condition, \$50. 858-880-8741

**SONDORS THIN ELECTRIC BIKE** \$600, has throttle and electric assist, 619-203-2194, in North Park

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**VINTAGE UNICYCLE W MAG WHEEL** \$40, 20", text Joe at 619-857-0257

**52 FELT AR5** road bike, plus Vision TC50 wheels, 2014, \$1000, Pacific Beach, Bob at 619-333-0661

**FUJII/ABSOLUTE** Almost new, 21-speed, 19 inch, orange, Shimano/Altus, new hybrid tires, new shifters, new pedals, Hillcrest, \$175, call Tedd, 619-298-4777.

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**1964 NORTON N15CS** 750cc and 1966 Triumph TT650 for sale. Please call 619-445-2894 for info!

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**1973 BMW R75/5 MOTORCYCLE, TOASTER** \$5,500 excellent condition, great collectors bike, Airhead, SWB. If you know these bikes they are going up in value. New clutch installed. Brian in Carlsbad at 760-525-9791

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**2005 HARLEY DAVIDSON SPORTSTER** \$2500, in Santee, need to sell due to upcoming military commitments. I hate to sell it. Price is a bit negotiable. Cell: 915-540-1165

**2003 KAWASAKI NINJA ZX-6RR-LIMITED EDITION** 9k mileage, clean title and registered till 9/20 Text: (760) 994-3083 for price

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**70 OLDSMOBILE 442 WAGON** featured in March 70 issue of Car Life Magazine and Road and Track. Send inquiries to PO Box 1813 Vista, CA 92085.

**CAR FOR SALE** 2003 Ford Focus, runs well. Small blemishes on paint, 174,000 mileage. Needs minor maintenance, rebt tranny. \$1500 /offer. East San Diego. 619-248-5987

**1997 SATURN SL COUPE** for sale, \$1,800 OBO. 99,798 miles. Runs well, reg good, no AC, needs paint job, all else good. 619-277-1981, leave message.

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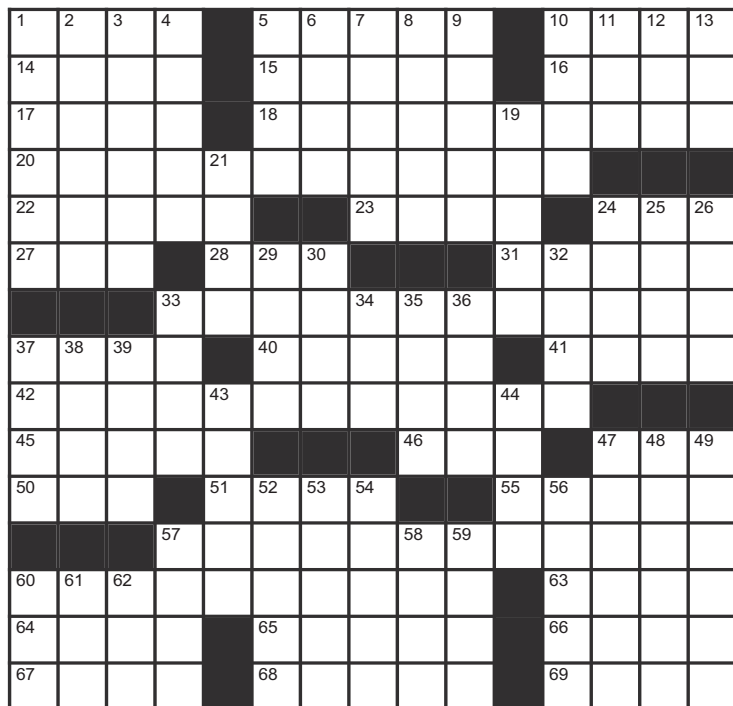
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# CROSSWORD



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## Across

1. Aspiring MD's hurdle
5. Unit of bacon
10. Reaction to a bad pun
14. Hitch together
15. "\_\_\_\_ my reasons ..."
16. Song often sung in Italian
17. "Come \_\_\_\_\_, the water's fine!"
18. Shrine in Moscow's Red Square
20. Harsh critic's favorite anagram?
22. Mazda model
23. Cuba, por ejemplo
24. Maidenform product
27. Nos. on wine labels
28. "Everybody Hurts" band
31. Exhaust
33. Netflix lover's favorite anagram?
37. James in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
40. The Hunter constellation
41. Not so much
42. Japan traveler's favorite anagram?
45. Mere smidgen
46. \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
47. "Who's a good boy?" response
50. "I agree"
51. "The Matrix Reloaded" actress Pinkett Smith
55. "That's the truth!"
57. Crossword enthusiast's favorite anagram?

60. Bronze producer

63. Gusto
64. Talk show host whose first name is Mehmet
65. Book that's the basis for the movie "What's Love Got to Do With It"
66. Cockney greeting
67. PlayStation maker
68. Purge, Pied Piper-style
69. Piece of classroom furniture

## Down

1. "Good heavens!"
2. 1997 film with the tagline "They were dead on the ground. Now they have wings."
3. Husky relatives
4. Article of faith
5. River delta deposit
6. Baseball exec Epstein
7. "Amazing" magician
8. Octet of elite schools
9. Kind of colony or code
10. "Do the \_\_\_\_\_!"
11. Spanish Olympian's quest
12. Purpose
13. Slap the cuffs on
19. Rusty whose #10 was the first number ever retired by the Montreal Expos
21. Have the audacity
24. "Molto \_\_\_\_\_!"

25. Toupees, in slang
26. Bonobos, e.g.
29. "Grand slam" of showbiz awards
30. "Dog Barking at the Moon" painter Joan
32. Storage unit on a farm
33. Large inlets
34. Suffix with beat or neat
35. Messes around (with)
36. \_\_\_\_\_ about (approximately)
37. Online crafts seller
38. It's a drag
39. Ali had more than 20 of them in his career
43. Sarcastic "Great!"
44. Sardines containers
47. Mutated gene
48. Coke and Pepsi, e.g.
49. "How you holdin' up?"
52. Steer clear of
53. Al \_\_\_\_\_
54. Showing signs of life
56. Went like molasses
57. Like a couch potato
58. Lake \_\_\_\_\_ (Blue Nile source)
59. Go \_\_\_\_\_ great length
60. '60s activist grp.
61. Expert
62. Guitarist Wood of the Rolling Stones

**SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:**  
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 O M N I M O L I N A E P I C  
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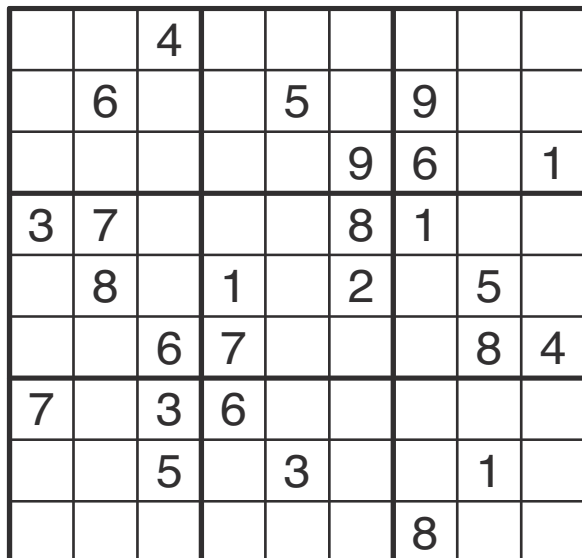
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☛ Mernie Aste, San Diego.

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# SUDOKU

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7	3	6	8	5	2	1	9	4
9	5	8	6	1	4	3	2	7
8	1	2	9	7	5	4	6	3
3	7	4	1	2	6	9	8	5
6	9	5	4	8	3	7	1	2
2	8	3	5	9	7	6	4	1
5	4	9	3	6	1	2	7	8
1	6	7	2	4	8	5	3	9

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### CITY LIGHTS

## Bobcapella jump

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"Bob is just fun. He reminds me of beach campouts with my family," she said.

As you might expect, a lot of marijuana was smoked at the party, while people gorged on the TH the Chef's food. "Takes 30 minutes for the effect to kick in," she told

the crowd.

Although Jones can arrange for pot deliveries, most of the people at this party were already "holding." One guest, hearing that it was a "Bob Marley Pot Party" — which apparently sets it apart from just a regular old "pot party" — came in and threw down a bag of gummy edibles.

"Party's here," he said.

He wasn't wrong.

After people ate TH the Chef's offerings, and had their CBD massages, Jones stood up and did a brief stand up routine that probably benefited from the other guest's altered states of consciousness.

Still, the guy who brought the gummies was impressed.

"Best party ever!" he said. ■

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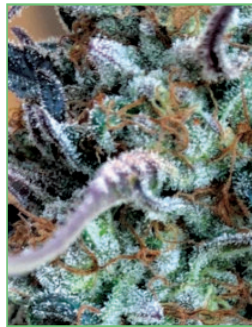
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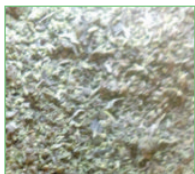
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