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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

BAJA

Making a living as seagull Impatient border-crossers buy front-of-line privileges

On November 22, Kathy Harren was stuck in traffic at the San Ysidro Port of Entry for 2.5 hours while returning from the Baja 1000 — a 1227-mile race that started in Ensenada on November 15 and finished at La Paz on November 20. “We arrived at the border at 11 am,” she told me. “I enjoyed the wait, because I was enthralled with the local people selling all the various items. It was an intimate, intense immersion into this most fascinating underbelly of Tijuana’s subculture.”

But M.W. wasn’t as amused: he forewarned his San Ysidro Border Traffic/Wait Times Facebook group, “Remember guys; we have the Baja racers this weekend as well. I can imagine that might add to the already ridiculously long wait.” On November 18, he took a screenshot from the AccuWait app which read, “San Ysidro Port... Standard [lanes], 5 hours 7 minutes; Ready [lanes], more than 2 hours 13 minutes; Sentri, 19 minutes” — and posted it for the group’s 10,800 members.

The longer-than-normal lines at the border began forming on November 8, as fully vaccinated people were once again allowed



Felipe and Gabriel Mojica trailered their UTV through Otay Mesa. Thanks to their Sentri passes, “it only took 20 minutes.”



Having an off-road vehicle means never having to say you’re sorry for lane jumping. Unless the police catch you.

to cross from Mexico and Canada into the United States for nonessential travel. “It’s the holiday season, and some people with visas haven’t been able to cross in two years,” commented Tony from San Diego. “[Traffic] will

car. [The *gaviota*] driver of a Hyundai tried to get in my way, and he got pushed over, and it ripped off his whole fender. Then the cop in Mexico said to him, ‘It’s your fault; you were the one who tried to cut him off.’ Nothing

Gaviotas, which translates to seagulls or gulls, refers to drivers that swoop into lanes as they cross back into the United States.

get worse before it gets better.” Pair that with the thousands of Baja 1000 fans and racers returning home, and the result was *mucho trafico*. And that means *gaviotas*, which translates to “seagulls” or “gulls,” and refers to drivers that swoop into lanes as they cross back into the United States. *Gaviotas* pay street vendors or other willing participants to block traffic or move street barriers to help them cut in line. “There were ‘line cuts,’” corroborated Harren, who was part of a Baja 1000 UTV racer’s pit crew. “Persistent man wanted money...to move the barriers and thus allowing us to cut the line. He had friends that would expedite us all the way up to the checkpoints. We said ‘no,’ but others took him up on his offer.”

Father-and-son racers Felipe Mojica and Gabriel Mojica trailered their raced-out UTV — a 2021 Polaris RZR XP-1000 — down to the 54th-annual Baja 1000. They didn’t race, but did assist with their buddies’ pit crews before returning to their El Cajon home through the Otay Mesa Port of Entry. “I saw a gang of people asking for money to put you in the front of the line,” Felipe told me, “but I didn’t need it. We had Sentri passes, and it was only 20 minutes for us. The other racers returning to the U.S. said it took them two hours to get back.” He recounted a story about a return from a previous race when “we were at the Otay border, and you know when I’m towing, I cannot slow down as fast like a normal

happened to my truck, not a scratch.”

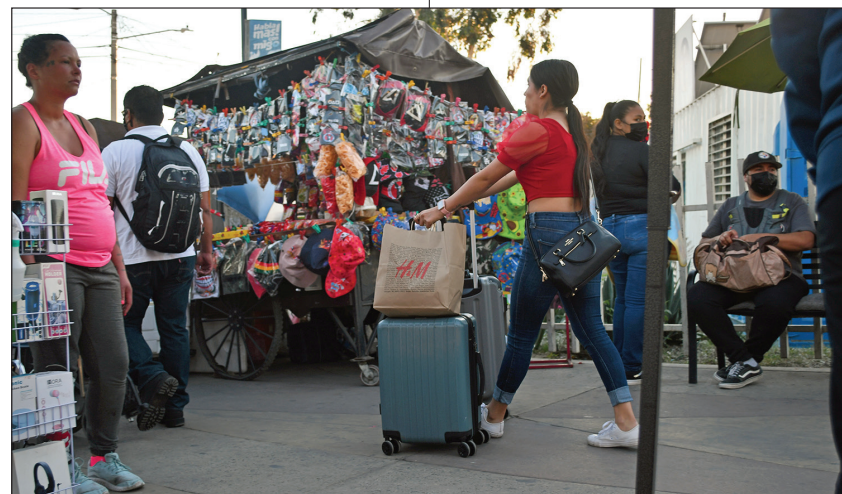
On November 17, Sintesis TV reported that Mexican police arrested six *gaviotas* and 14 accomplices by the San Ysidro Port of Entry. Felipe Mojica’s buddy Miguel said the “extra traffic” when returning to San Diego was blamed on “the migrants. Yeah, I saw on the news a

Border Traffic/Wait Times Facebook group member Marcia agreed with the migrant charge. “The reason the lines are long and are taking long is because they cannot open all the lanes due to the massive amount of Central American immigrants seeking asylum,” she opined. “You may not see them, but they are camping out all through the river bed and El Chaparral. They don’t have enough officers to walk around and guard, as well as to have one in each lane. I’ve seen first hand how people try to run across and get knocked down by the three to six officers on guard before reaching the checkpoint.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

THE BORDER Binational bonanza

Re-opening rallies retail on both sides
The re-opening of the border brought back the binational economy, especially in the U.S.,



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The flourishing of the global economy depends on international trade!

few days ago, they rushed the gates. It seems more honking and road-ragers are coming back nowadays, for sure... Back in June, around the same time as the Baja 500 races, an offroad truck climbed one of the cement barriers heading back home through the San Ysidro Port of Entry.”

due to the lifting of restrictions for tourists with visas. Even though covid hasn’t let up yet, Tijuana citizens still chose to go after the Black Friday specials in the U.S. rather than shopping in their own city — despite

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San Ysidro
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Ready	More than 2 hours 13 minutes
Sentri	19 minutes
Entering Mexico	No Wait

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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the Mexican version of Black Friday, called *El Buen Fin*.

Ruth Perez said that “as a mother, I wanted to buy clothing for my children; I had purchased some in Tijuana that was supposed to come from San Ysidro via Facebook Marketplace. But my daughter got a skin problem even though the seller assured me it was brand new. And as a person with diabetes, I needed to buy insulin syringes and other medical supplies because they’re cheaper there.” She said that before the pandemic, she was spending \$20 USD for one set of clothing for her daughter in San Ysidro, but during the restriction, she spent three times that amount of money for the same set in Tijuana.

Fabiola Quintero was also waiting for the reopening of the border and the reestablishing of cross-border life: “I won’t go on the exact day of Black Friday due to my work, but I’ll wait till Monday when special offers remain and you can even find better prices.”

Julian Palomino, the president of the Merchants Association of the Revolution Avenue, said that at the beginning, they thought Black Friday offers would hurt them directly. But as it happened, this year, their economic recovery has increased. According to him, *El Buen Fin* gets more clients from the U.S. than locals, because the products they offer are made in Mexico, and those are the products that Mexicans living in the U.S. are looking to buy. “We are pleasantly surprised that the competition between Tijuana and San Ysidro did

not affect us,” he said, “and actually, the return in the binational economic dynamics in this region has benefited both sides of the border. The income that San Ysidro gets always comes back through those customers from the other side that like to come and spend in our city. We understand that



PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS CUTIERRIZ

“The income that San Ysidro gets always comes back.”

some imported products are more expensive here due to federal fees, but in the end, they would pay that tax at the border when they are coming back to Tijuana.”

IVAN MOLINA

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UNDER THE RADAR

SDG&E's sitting ducks

The first annual Safety Culture Assessment of San Diego Gas & Electric by the state's Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety is out, giving the local utility generally high marks, with a significant exception being dangerous armed run-ins with the public. Responding to questions about top job risks, SDG&E workers interviewed by state surveyors “mentioned approximately eight different hazards, including ‘lifting/strain, slips, trips, falls, working aloft, falling object.’” Other employment perils included electricity, sharp objects (“There’s blades everywhere”), wildfires (“If you’re on a one-way road and a fire occurs, make sure you’re pointed in the right direction”), “animals on the site (snakes, dogs),” as well as poison oak. “Frontline workers who were interviewed indicated their second most-cited exposure (driving ranked first, tied with the hazardous nature of the work) was interactions with certain discontented members of the public. One participant reported: ‘I’ve been in this industry 37 years. If someone gets in your face, pulls a weapon on you – that happened to me in the field – you just take it. You aren’t protected the way you are in an office job. We could do better to protect field personnel. Someone assaulted me, and I had to go to anger management.’” Regarding needed improvements, the survey says, “although the risk posed by hostile interactions with members of the public is currently discussed at tailgate meetings, the subject deserves increased focus and visibility,” including “a plan to anticipate, mitigate, and control this risk.”

Adds the document, “To this end, SDG&E should track the trends in hostile interactions with the public to guide future response strategies and develop (if not already developed) and train frontline workers on a protocol to de-escalate and disengage from unsafe interactions with the public.” Among the report’s positive findings: “91 percent of survey respondents ‘strongly’ or ‘somewhat’ agreed with the statement, ‘Protecting the community from wildfire hazards is a high priority with management.’” In an accompanying letter to SDG&E dated September 2, Lucy Morgans of the Energy Infrastructure Safety office says, “SDG&E can satisfy the ‘good standing’ requirement” of state law “by agreeing to implement all of the findings (including recommendations for improvement) of its most recent” Safety Culture Assessment.

Scooters socially engineered

San Diego’s love-hate relationship with electric scooter providers continues with the city’s Novem-

ber 10 call for requests for proposals regarding what it calls Shared Mobility Devices, with an emphasis on making them handicapped-friendly. “The City of San Diego is requesting proposals to select up to four qualified operators for a three-year Shared Mobility Device Program with optional two one-year extensions,” says the document. “It will be a priority of the City to select operators in such a way to provide the City a multitude of mobility options including: stand-up electric scooters, electric or non-electric bikes,

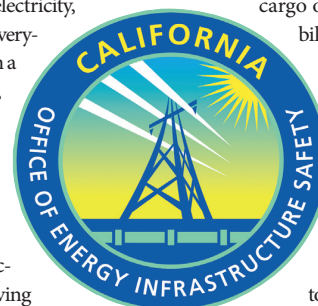
cargo or business-supportive electric bikes, and devices geared towards those with disabilities.” Among a bevy of forms and reports to be required of the putative service providers is a description of “how your company will reach out to underserved communities as identified by the City’s Climate Equity Index to coordinate education, programs, and deployment, that would allow for access to a mixed fleet of devices. Please include quantifiable targets for deployment in mapped communities of concern that will be complied with throughout the term of the contract.”

The city also wants to hear about possible subsidies for impoverished users, including “any rate-based incentives or alternative ways in which persons may reserve and pay for a shared mobility device that are proposed for... underserved and low-income residents and their communities.” Whether the city gets those concessions remains to be seen. An October 24 lobbying disclosure filing shows that scooter provider Lyft paid influence peddler **Kimberly Miller** \$15,000 in the third quarter of this year to “ensure streamlined permitting process and regulatory framework

for micromobility.” Three weeks ago, city attorney **Mara Elliot** sued Lyft and other operators to force them to pick up the costs of lawsuits brought against the city by disability-rights partisans who say the devices are blocking handicapped access... Rape was down, but fondling up in 2020, according to San Diego State University’s 2021 Cleary Act annual report of campus crime. Three rapes were reported, compared to seven the year before,

while fondling cases jumped from one to five. Robberies remained steady at three, and burglaries rose from 23 to 25. There were two stalking cases, as opposed to zero in 2019. Drug law arrests burgeoned from 33 to 60, with weapons law arrests growing from 5 to 9.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)



The Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety wants SDG&E to learn defusing.



Mara Elliot thinks the city coffers could use a Lyft.

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No way with words

Hold off giving to the incessant fund-raising of KPBS Public Radio 89.5 FM which has been interrupting scheduled programming for the last two weeks in its chronic bid for listener bucks ("Back of KPBS line – A Way With Words, Fresh Air, Lawrence Welk" News Ticker, July 27).

KPBS management, uniquely affiliated with San Diego State University, clandestinely has been cutting high-quality programs while purporting to continue to offer first-rate educational content to its audience. I'm not giving KPBS Radio a dime, and you shouldn't either — not until they restore two long-standing excellent informa-

tive programs, "A Way with Words" and Terry Gross' "Fresh Air."

Both shows quietly were cut from the station's roster last summer, as reported in the Reader. (It is common political practice to hide unflattering deeds from public scrutiny by releasing news during dog days of summer or between Christmas and New Year's.) I missed Reader reporter Ken Leighton's July 29 story on this subject and there was not a single comment about it at the time.

Recently, "Giving Tuesday" gave me a reason to Google where these public radio shows had gone. "A Way with Words," a successful home-grown educational and amusing call-in show about English language usage and expression, was disgracefully relegated from Saturday mid-afternoons to the listener graveyard of 5 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Even worse, highly-respected long-running "Fresh Air," was axed entirely. The show, produced in Philadelphia, featured moderator Terry Gross interviewing writers, artists, musicians and

public figures, Portentously some years ago, "Fresh Air" had been downgraded at KPBS from weekday afternoons to evenings at 8 p.m. Boycott KPBS Public Radio until "Fresh Air" and "A Way with Words" are reinstated. The community deserves it.

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Comments from SDReader.com — *not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.*

"Grammys issue statement defending nomination of local activist's metal rant" SD on the QT: Almost Factual News
December 3

It's just you and RM Brown on YouTube who seemed to take that rant to heart. We need to "keep that little smug" (another soundboard bit Brown rescued from a parking lot rant after a student board meeting) as "we take the towers down" (another snippet) or San Diego will be "a dumping ground" (East County Community Newspapers reporting on the Spring Valley Community Planning Group in 1996.)

—Strelnikov

"Bike paths, bike lanes, cycle tracks, vehicular bicycling, sharrows, road diets, e-bikes"

Cover Stories

November 24

At least 30 bike and vehicle accidents plus 1 death since the push by the council for more bike lanes. Encinitas Mayor Blakespear and council have failed to alert the public on the dangerous conditions that they have unleashed on the residents with their traffic changes in Encinitas infrastructure. Their goal is to make it difficult to drive a car in Encinitas. The vehicle lanes are being narrowed from a standard of 12 feet wide to 10 feet wide in some places with some of those lanes being replaced with wider bike lanes that are now being striped in next to the vehicle lanes.

Big rigs use several of these routes designated as truck routes (101, El Camino Real). Moving the trucks closer next to other vehicles the city has created a horrible situation just to put more bikes on the roads. Mayor Blakespear is now running for the state senate. Stop her before she

turns the whole state into her values of ignoring the people who voted for her.

—concernsofmany

"Atkins corral"

News Under the Radar

December 1

In 2016, ACE Limited (NYSE: ACE) completed its acquisition of huge Swiss company Chubb, "creating the world's largest publicly traded property and casualty insurance company." The question is: Why did the company give \$5000 to Atkins? How will ACE benefit if Atkins becomes Lieutenant Governor?

—David Batterson

"Mayor explains decision to educate commuters by flooding portion of I-5"
SD on the QT: Almost Factual News

December 3

Almost an anti-laugh riot. You want to cover a building fiasco, look at Lennar Homes still-under-construction "Aventine" tract housing development on Austin Drive and Sweetwater Springs Blvd. or the new K&B Home development they are putting up on Jamacha Blvd. and Sweetwater Springs Blvd. to match the one they built across the street ("Sweetwater Village") that they are calling "Crestline."

If there is a flood, some of these places will be washed out or ruined because they are on the areas that used to catch water in that part of the 91977 area code. Plus there is the question of load placed on the rickety So-Cal. electrical grid and if the sewage lines can handle the large new input.

—Strelnikov

"USNS Harvey Milk to be christened November 6"

Feature Stories

November 5

Look at that disgusting elf. Holy mackerel. They really do have no souls, Jesus wasn't wrong, they really are the children of Satan. children of Satan.

—TheTruthOffendsLemmings

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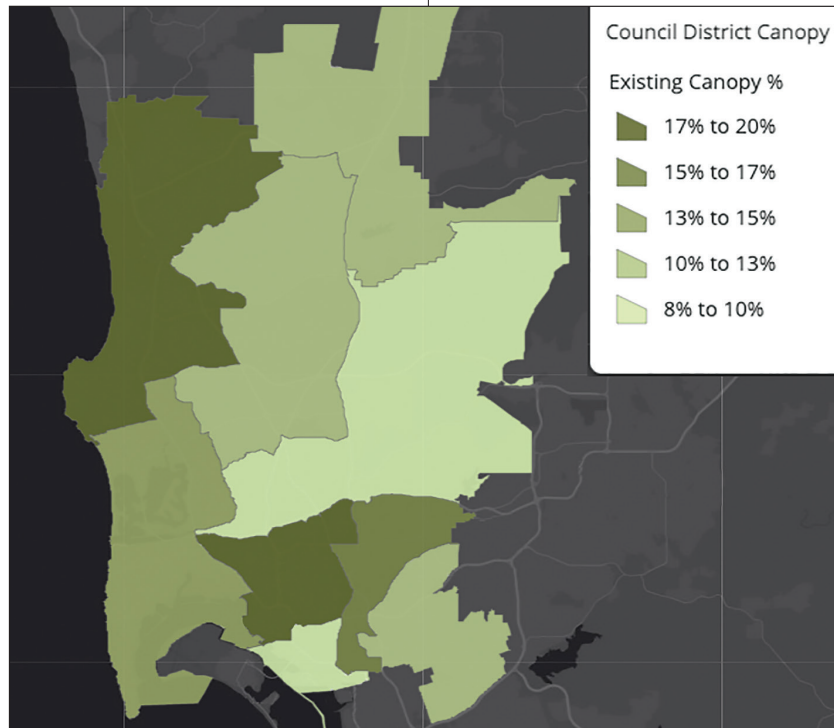
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Flats over foliage

Does urban infill threaten urban canopy?

San Diegans want more trees; that was made clear in surveys for the climate action plan update. But tree advocates say the city's urban canopy is stuck in time. The 2015 climate action plan's goal of 15 percent coverage by 2020 fell short; today, trees cover just 13 percent of the city. Amid losses to development, pests, and disease, the city has removed as many trees as it has planted in the past two years, according to Anne Fege, chair of the community forest advisory board.

That's where private property owners might come in. The city's website notes that an urban forest "is an entire ecosystem that includes trees on both public and private property." Advocates say homes and businesses offer ground to expand the urban canopy, and that owners are likely to care for the trees, while the city's budget for street tree maintenance languishes. But they worry the idea will wind up being a missed opportunity: in many new developments, including those with backyard granny flats, mature shade trees are being removed and not replaced. And San



24-inch box tree, to be planted in the front yard or abutting parkway. "It is important that we mitigate the loss of mature shade trees" removed to make way for a granny flat, Elo-Rivera said. "I propose that any development of [a granny flat] that removes a mature shade tree is required to replace each tree" within

and soon, in Clairemont, said Paul Krueger, who asked that the city "amend its regulations that allow developers to clear cut existing lots and not replace a single tree."

SHEILA PELL

THE BOULEVARD

Build back bigger

Small homes, small businesses give way to residential renovation

New construction in North Park/University Heights has been expected for years, and it's now in full swing. Along central El Cajon Boulevard, from near 30th Street and beyond, the changes are beginning to reshape this working-class neighborhood of mostly old and rundown single-family houses. (Mostly, but not all: a totally renovated house off El Cajon in Normal Heights sold in September for \$785,000. The three-bedroom, two-bath home of 1025-square-feet was about 80 years old, and included a small rental unit in back.)

Previously, the southwest corner of El Cajon and Illinois was occupied by three small businesses, including Fuji's Aladdin

Flowers, now located in National City. Sophia + Sam Design was right next door; it had a 5-star rating on Yelp. The third was Soul Flow Studio, an art studio, event space and healing sanctuary. Steve Aldana, community development coordinator at El Cajon Boulevard BIA, told me the project that will take their place is called Vadara Tower East (3085 El Cajon). He said that the board has "historically been in favor of bringing more residents onto El Cajon Boulevard." Vadara will have 60 residential units, with underground parking and retail spaces.

On another day, I zipped by the northeast corner of El Cajon Boulevard and Illinois Street, and couldn't miss the big sign: "GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. EVERYTHING MUST GO" on a longtime neighborhood pawn shop: North Park Jewelry & Loan. I talked to owner Vincent — briefly, as he was busy dealing with bargain hunters. Vincent said he was retiring, and planned to "buy a boat and go fishing." He added that he didn't own the building, located at 3104 El Cajon Boulevard, and I saw there was no lease/sale sign up yet. But just north of the pawn shop (at 4333 Illinois Street), a large apartment building is going up: Ollie North Park Lofts. (No relation to *that* Ollie North.) The structure occupies a 17,500-square-foot parcel of land once occupied by old bungalows. It will have 44 apartment units: 24 two-bedroom/two-bath, and 20 one-bedroom/one-bath. Parking will occupy two levels. There's no indication yet of rental prices. Alliance Development Services, Inc. of Poway is building the apartment complex (and also the Monsaraz Hotel in Point Loma).

Also gone from 3401 El Cajon is Maven Gig Rental Hub San Diego, a specialized car rental agency for Uber and Lyft drivers only. Next door at 3441 El Cajon is an empty lot, formerly the locale of Kars To Go, a Yelp 5-star-rated used-car business. It's for lease. Continuing east to 3457-3465 El Cajon, there's an available, two-story boarded-up building offering to lease its the upper floor with its 20-foot ceiling. Electro Lab, an electronics repair shop, was previously on the first floor.

DAVID BATTERSON

"The 2015 climate action plan's goal of 15 percent coverage by 2020 fell short; today, trees cover just 13 percent of the city...the city has removed as many trees as it has planted in the past two years."

Diego lacks a policy to mitigate their loss. "We need to be honest about tree losses during urban infill projects, as large trees are often removed and narrow setbacks leave little or no room for trees," Fege commented.

Permits for development on private land are approved by the development services department, which oversees permitting for both planting and removal of trees under the city's jurisdiction. Noting that San Diego is caught between a housing crisis and a climate emergency, City Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera has called for changes to the granny flat ordinance, approved in October 2020, and trees are part of the reason for that call. The ordinance is meant to comply with state law and encourage property owners to build more granny flats to house more renters. And they are. The number of units permitted for construction rose from 32 in 2017 to 627 in 2019. And in 2020, 493 of these backyard units were permitted, according to the City of San Diego's Annual Housing Inventory Report. But the city's ordinance has a meager landscaping requirement for new companion units: one

the parkway next to the property or the community planning area where it's built.

During public comment on the climate action plan update, some people accused developers of swooping in and taking advantage of the accessory dwelling unit ordinance to the detriment of the urban canopy. It's happening right now at properties in Talmadge



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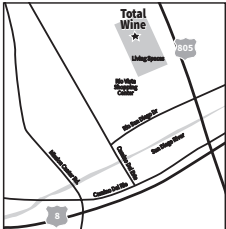


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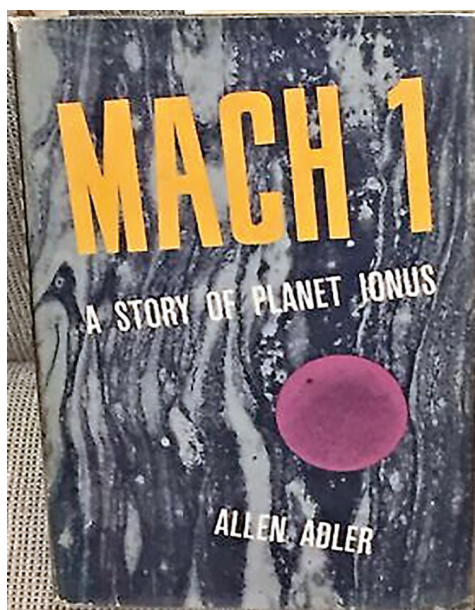
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IN THE SAME INSTANT the music on the cab's radio cut out and an announcer who was obviously out of breath came on the air.

"We interrupt this program to bring you a special news bulletin. In an emergency message the San Diego Naval Base reported the landing of the Karkong monster in southern California's Balboa Park Area only a few minutes ago. The message was interrupted by power failure. No estimate of casualties or property damage has yet been made. This is an authentic newscast. Repeat, this is an authentic newscast." Collins and Kovsky stared numbly at one another. Then they listened as America got its first small shock; its first minute experience with the breakdown of form and everyday radio etiquette. The announcer said: "Oh, my God!" Then, "A report has just come in ..." He stumbled, then began again. "Half of San Diego is in flames. We can't get any more out of the area now, but will you please stand



by? We'll get what we can to you just as soon as we make contact again."

Collins slid into the seat slowly, then let his face fall in his hands. "Dear Lord," he said. "What really happened down there? How

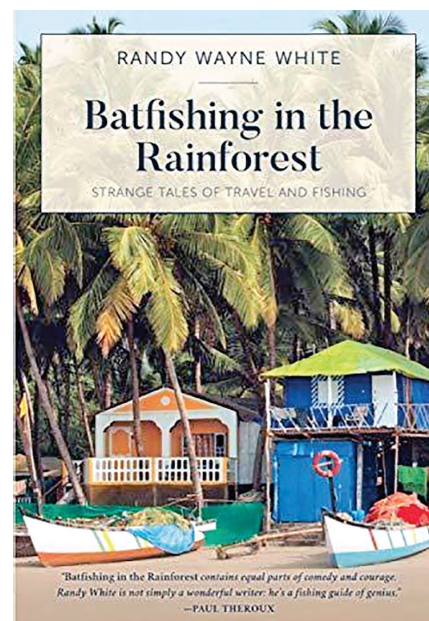
bad did they catch it?"

Every ship that was anchored or moored in San Diego that night had a different account of what happened entered in its log. But there were two points upon which they all agreed. The first was that sometime between 2110 and 2115 hours a nebulous mass was seen to pass over the base heading northwest toward Balboa Park. The second thing was that every ship generator went stone dead at exactly the same time that the lights in the city went out....

Batfishing in the Rainforest

HISTORICALLY ONLY 25 TO 35 PERCENT of the candidates who enter Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL (BUD/S) training at Coronado endure the program's intense physical and emotional demands and graduate. Quitting is made diabolically simple: a recruit need only walk into the school's courtyard and ring a brass bell three times, no questions asked.

One might think the difference between a successful aerobics instructor and a more



successful BUD/S instructor is the leverage bar of military sadism. In my first few days at Coronado, though, the instructors I observed were less abusive than the average high school

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"We're going surfing at the Wedge this weekend, Instructor Richardson." "AND YOU DIDN'T INVITE ME?"

Excerpts from 49 years of Reader stories

What's left of local Indians

Secrets of the Dome Dwellers

Adams remembers how the tribe danced with gourd rattles. "We never used drums" — at least not until tourists started expecting them. "That's because when you put on a powwow nowadays, the people come to hear drums and singing and to see the fancy feathers, like Indians wear in Oklahoma. Those are what they associate with all Indians. But we didn't use drums and never wore fancy feathers. We didn't live in teepees or kill a buffalo." **SEPT. 28, 2000**

One Thousand Survivors

On the shores of the dry lakebed known as the Laguna Salada, about 250 Cucapa reside. Perhaps 50 — Kiliwa Indians live in an area known as Arroyo de Leon at the foot of the Sierra San Pedro Martir. The Kumeyaay Indians, whose territory extends as far north as Escondido, in San Diego County, inhabit four settlements south of the border. Finally, Paipai Indians, who bear many cultural similarities to the Indians of Arizona. **SEPT. 19, 1996**

Native Exiles

Often she recalls taboos now fading from the landscape. Mission Valley once had almost as many rattlesnakes as fleas. But it was bad luck to kill a snake... "If a person

who has been bitten goes into my garden, all the plants will die." Pregnant or menstruating women should avoid that person as well. On the plus side, someone bitten by a snake or black widow spider could have a much better garden than before.

AUG. 30, 2001

When an Indian Language is Gone

"There is no generic word for 'rabbit.' You have a word for a jackrabbit, a cottontail, and a brush rabbit 'Cause they're very distinctive-looking things." It's the same with trees, Langdon says. No word means "oak" in general, but there are terms for all the oak varieties, of which at least six can be found in San Diego County. "Every Indian in San Diego County knows unerr-



Daleane Adams' grandmother, Isabell Thing, was famous in San Diego as a medicine woman. "She was a full-blooded Indian originally from around Balboa Park."

ingly all the different kinds of oaks." **JAN. 30, 1997**

They Shall Be Dead, and We Shall All Be Free

Lace making depended upon the import of rust-proof steel pins and Belgian linen thread; a completely uniform, small-diameter thread. There were no contemporane-

ous local substitutes for these materials. Cash was required to buy the imports. Traditional Indian textiles used in Southern California were cloaks made of strips of rabbit skin interwoven with milkweed or hemp cordage, skirts of shredded bast fibers, and mats made of pierced rushes threaded together on four or five rows of cordage. **AUG. 30, 2001**

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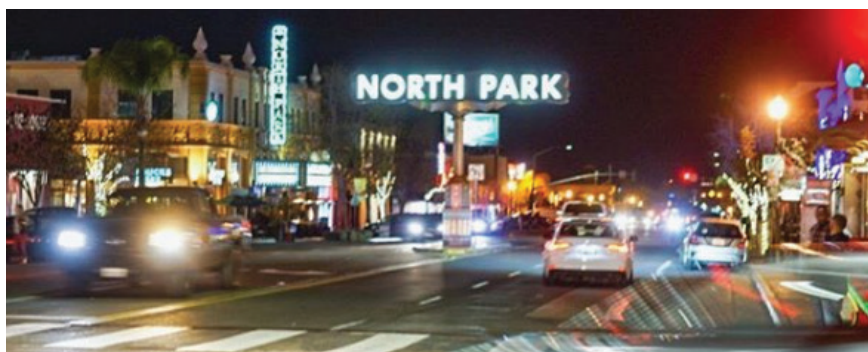


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Elisabeth Sullivan with a copy of her famous “giraffe” painting

Not quite underwater

It's one of those evenings. I'm in The Studio in Hillcrest with my friend Eric. He's introducing me to his friend, the artist Elisabeth Sullivan. And straightaway, I'm mesmerized by this painting of hers. It's of a giraffe, up to his neck in water. The first thing I think of is rising seas, climate change — and yet the giraffe seems happy. There's nothing angry about this art. In fact, even when it's depicting land animals in water, it seems dreamy,

“I don't paint people. I'm angry at them for letting the world down. But I don't paint angry pictures.”

not nightmarish.

The one thing missing from all Elisabeth Sullivan's paintings is human beings. “I don't paint people. I'm angry at them, at us, for letting the world down, for not protecting this beautiful blue dot,” she says. “But I don't paint angry pictures. I don't paint to make a point. I just paint what is beautiful.” Which makes her pictures all the more poignant. She has turned more and more to her “over-under” pictures, where, as if looking at the world through a half-submerged snorkeling mask, she shows different fantasy portraits of life above water and below: birds nesting, pen-



Hippo fantasy, one of Sullivan's “Over-Under” series

guins on small floating chunks of ice, elephants treading deserts, half-submerged monumental rock arches, cacti sprouting through water, and maybe the most famous of all, this giraffe among breaking rollers, with fish swimming around his long legs.

It's whimsical, but you can't help thinking it feels like some sort of requiem for the life we're currently throttling from Mother Earth. Still, Elisabeth denies any politics in

her paintings. “My art is an escape world for me,” she says. “To escape bad feelings and trauma — and growing up, I had my share of that — so other people who are healing from such things often feel connected.”

Tonight, for instance. The artists of The Studio at Fourth and University are holding an open house. A 24-year-old named Audrey comes in. “This art saved me,” she says. “These beautiful animals and birds saved me. I came in here and I'd been having the worst year of

my life. I'd been hospitalized twice, and it's just been a really shitty time for me, bouncing around from home to home, whatever. It's been chaotic. I've been massively suicidal. I tried to take my life multiple times this year. So to be able to have this art, an immediate portal to that [beautiful world], it's amazing! I bought this bubble picture last time, and it is freaking magical to me. Especially when I'm not having a good day. You just look at it and immediately feel those restorative emotions. There's not a price on that.”

Elisabeth feels a little overwhelmed by the praise. “You feel you want to help people, but my only gift is my art. I'm just painting pretty pictures. And yet, when I realize it can have this sort of effect...” Both of them are near tears. “Most people think choosing a life of art is narcissistic. That I'm just painting, and not going out and say, feeding needy children, and donating my time and money to everybody on the planet. But then come moments of connection like this. They are special, they keep me going, because being an artist is not an easy job.”

Now she turns to another group. They want to know if the giraffe is okay.

Tiny discovery

I've always been a tad cynical about anything cute. Think portraits of children with giant Disney eyes. But I do have chinks in my armor. Here's one: ambling down C street in Coronado to other day, I suddenly felt like Gulliver. This sixty-year-old gnarly-trunked California Pepper Tree was sprouting new life. The trunk had filled with tiny bars, churches, the “Puny Gym,” a “Shrimpy's” burger joint with gnomes eating actual-looking burgers, pizza joints, log ladders, gnomes towing sailboats, a music



Jenny Gyapay checks her “Tiny Town” creation

studio with a gnome playing the piano and a lamb and an elf singing their little hearts out from their log perch outside. Really original stuff. And elves running about preparing to take off on The Big Race around the trunk.

“I made it to fill in covid time during the lockdown,” says Jenny Gyapay, the official Mayor of Tiny Town, who happens to live at the (full-size) house beside the tree and who built every last ladder and structure, from Peewee's Pizza (the one with the clam-shell roof) to the house made of pine cones. I mean, I have to admit, this is totally cute and fascinating. All built up and down the trunk of this ancient California Pepper.

The great thing is, nothing is from professionally-made kits. Starbucks' cups and shells from the beach make patio umbrellas, pine cones make roofs for little houses, copper pans hang by a tiny stove, and stuff is happening. A goat is waiting on the Troll Bridge until the bad-tempered troll lets him by. Two elves

are about to burst off on a race; two more are sleeping off a hangover on a log outside



Jenny Gyapay's Tiny Town is growing - up the pepper tree

Shorty's Tiny Town Saloon. A little red trolley rides the fence to get around the town. But it's not like a model train set. Plastic is rare, and heavily disguised. This whole effort is hand-made, and way more funky-Bohemian than some storebought toyset.

Why would Gyapay, this active-duty teacher, spend all her time on such an off-the-wall project? “Well, covid lockdown boredom,” she says. “Plus, I am a teacher, a behavioral specialist at Escondido Union School District.” That means dealing with naughty, often tough kids all day. Who would not need a little fantasy relief?

Next week, Tiny Town will celebrate its first anniversary. “It's doing well,” says Gyapay (the name comes from her Hungarian-American husband Paul). “Neighbors are always bringing new characters, so our Tiny Town population has risen from 30 to 82.” Partly, she's driven by the hope that books may result. “I am writing a series,” she says. “It's going to be called the Peppertree Village series. It will be inhabited by pixies, gnomes, fairies, and one angry troll.” First book will be *The Big Race*, the second, *Freda's Fear of Flying*. “Freda's a fairy,” she explains. “She should be able to fly, don't you think?”

And while she believes kids need innocent fantasy outlets

that aren't TV-fed, she has to admit that “it would make a great TV series, too.” ■



Peewee's Pizza shop, one of Jenny's many creations



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Gyapay's Tiny Town has many charming tree trunk knotty secrets

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

The calendar has turned to December, and the days are getting colder. Well, some days anyhow. They're definitely getting shorter. Winter is coming, and with it, the handful of chances Eastern San Diego County gets every year for a dusting of snow. Let's head up into the Laguna Mountains, shall we?

Cruise east on the 78 past Ramona and through the tiny town of Santa Ysabel. Normally, you'd dive south here to reach the mountain tour-



The main house's vibe: country cabin, but five times bigger.

ist hotspot of Julian, with its weekend traffic backed up for miles to get into the downtown filled with old-timey bakeries, cafes, and kitsch shops celebrating

days gone by. Instead, we're going to head north, pushing into the back country until we reach Black Canyon Ranch at 25335 Mesa Grande Road.

Described in its *realtor.com* listing as a "sprawling 560+ acres surrounded by majestic landscapes reminiscent of Montana," this is "a true

working ranch with cattle, gardens, greenhouse, workshop and barn." There are also four "gorgeous residential homes," three wells, four ponds, an airplane hangar, and more contained within the massive spread of land.

Overall, there are nearly 15,000 square feet of improved living area on the ranch, but we're here for the luxury, so let's start with the 7500-square-foot main residence, with its five bedrooms and six baths. The first listing photo shows us a fire roaring in the mammoth stone living room fireplace, along with a wall of windows looking out upon a dying sunset. The rough-hewn exposed roofing trusses are a nice touch and add to the Rocky Mountain cabin vibe already very much present. The next

look we get is of the towering double-door entryway, again with exposed trusses — but this time they're sporting a yellow underglow, the sort you might expect to see radiating from beneath a teenager's modified car. I'll leave it to readers to decide whether this is charming or tacky.

A few more atmosphere shots confirm that we've got a nice view of Lake Henshaw from our hilltop perch, and then we're back inside. To establish just how large the living room is, we get extra shots showing that besides the double-sized fireplace with the giant couch sectional, there's still room for a conversation set in one corner, a grand piano in another, and a fully-stocked four-seat bar in a third. In

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new tricks

In April of this year, a sports trading card featuring basketball star LeBron James sold for \$5.2 million. That tied the previous record, set in January, for a 1952 Topps baseball card featuring Mickey Mantle. This was also the year that I tried to jump on the sports-card bandwagon. I found I may have leapt a bit too late.

"We stopped selling sports cards because of the scalpers," a Chula Vista Walmart employee told me on October 9. So I tried my luck at the Target in the Westfield Mission Valley mall. But the shelves there that usually held sports card boxes and packs

were nearly bare. The only thing left were boxes of the 2020-2021 NHL Star Rookies collection by Upper Deck. "Cool beans, \$19.99, I'll buy 'em all," I mumbled to myself. Like a rookie-card flipper, I piled the boxes near my body, in hopes of concealing them from any pro

card flippers nearby, then hastily pulled out my iPhone and hopped onto eBay to check the prices. An end-of-period hockey horn went off in my head: "The highest-priced card from this rookie series is a Tim Stützle card selling for \$31.14 + shipping," I lamented. "These boxes aren't worth it for

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me.” I left them stacked for the next buyer.

My interest in sports-card sales took hold in April, when I spoke to some high schoolers at the Bargain Hunters Thrift Store in Poway.

“What’s the longest you’ve waited in line at a store to buy sports cards?” I asked Johnny, a 17-year-old sports-card dealer.

“I once waited outside from like 7 pm the night before,” he responded. “In order to get these cards, you have to wait for hours. The market’s stupid. Like, people are buying the hype.” (Some teenagers say “stupid” to indicate a good thing.) Johnny pulled out his phone and showed me photos of a shopping cart filled with boxes and packs of sports cards from the resulting early

morning score. “You have to commit to doing it,” he said. “If you don’t like to try to get exclusive stuff, you won’t get it.”

“Tell him how much you spent there,” said Rene Nezhoda, the store’s owner (who had given me the okay for the interview). Johnny’s buddies surrounded him; one of them yelled, “\$1500.”

“What did you make on it, roughly?” I asked.

“\$2500,” Johnny responded enthusiastically. He said the sales had taken him just a few days.

Over the last year or so, teenage card dealers like Johnny from San Ysidro to Oceanside have started standing in line for hours at big box stores — places like Walmart, Target, CVS, and Walgreens — waiting to “doorbust” on in. (It probably helped that



Sports cards for sale at Bargain Hunters in Poway.

high schools were closed due to the pandemic.) It was like Black Friday every day. And while they waited, they watched videos on their phones of YouTubers “busting” sports-card boxes, or posted and compared photos of their latest

hauls with those of other sports-card fanatics.

It got to the point where “by early 2021, some Walmarts here in Chula Vista restricted customers to two packs and two boxes per customer,” explained Jonathan P., a 59-year-old

who has been collecting since the ’70s. “By late July, the employees started posting signs to remind us. But sometimes, cashiers let us slide if the packs had been sitting for a while.” Young Johnny and his buddies get around the limit by

arriving *en masse*. Some of Jonathan P.’s fellow collectors take a different tack: “They bring an extra set of shirts, pants, sunglasses, and hats.” The disguises helps them get around the pack limits; sometimes, they’re even able to fool employees at stores that keep cards out of customers’ reach.

The deceptions don’t stop there. “Some collectors pull scams on the big-box stores, taking full advantage of their return policies. They buy boxes and packs, then weigh them in their cars. If it weighs more than a standard box or pack, there’s probably a printing plate in the box.” Jonathan showed me an eBay auction of an autographed Asuka printing plate, currently selling for \$1902. The silver plate was pulled

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from a pack from the 2017 WWE NXT Topps box. On the back was the message, "THIS IS THE ACTUAL CYAN PRINTING PLATE USED TO MANUFACTURE CARD." He continued: "There are also relics — which are mats, clothing, masks — that are cut small enough to fit in a card pack, and of course, those packs feel slightly thicker. So these scammers search the boxes and packs, and if they don't feel like they have 'hits,' they return them to the big-box stores for a refund or credit." (Card collectors refer to premiums — things like autographs, relics, plates, and card variations — as "hits.") "The sad thing is that the next buyer won't get a hit."

It wasn't always like this, of course. Jona-

than grew up buying sports card packs from "Vince The Ice Cream Man," who would roll his truck through the Chula Vista and south San Diego neighborhoods in the '70s and '80s. "I also bought sports-card packs at a liquor store on Orange Avenue and Melrose Avenue where the Seafood City is now and PJ Sports Cards on 3rd Avenue where the Grocery Outlet is now." Currently, he owns about 40,000 cards. "I'm kind of a hoarder," he says.

These days, Jonathan is trying to find an autographed Dominick Mysterio card from the 2020 Topps WWE box set. On eBay, a sports card dealer sells the San Diego native's signed card for \$1500. "I already have a Rey Mysterio Jr. autograph, who is

Dom's father." (The two were champions recently at the Wrestlemania Backlash event, the first father-son duo in WWE history to win a title.) But the odds aren't great: "I think about one in a thousand blaster boxes at any of these Walmarts. It's the 'Ultra Rare Chase Card' stated on the boxes' graphics — that's one in 48,000 packs to get that bad boy. It also could be in the one in 500 packs within the hobby boxes. The same packs for this particular set are distributed through hobby and retail channels. Then we have Rey Mysterio digital cards" from Topps. "They are like an EPS file that you can view on your phone."

In 2012, Topps launched apps aimed at baseball-card fans, giving users interactive activities in order to download a digital file resembling a sports card. In the following years, they expanded to football, soccer, hockey — and professional wrestling. To purchase the Rey Mysterio digital card on eBay for \$150, notes the seller, "you must have ** Topps WWE Slam Card Trader ** application on your



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device (iOS, Android)." Jonathan shook his head. "That Mysterio card is a digital item that can only legally be exchanged within the Topps Slam app community; people can only trade on the app, and buying and selling are not allowed." (Shortly after I spoke with Jonathan, the card's listing was pulled down.)

Wrestling cards like the

Mysterio are all Jonathan collects these days. "But [Target and Walmart] are sold out of all of the boxes and packs. I can't compete with these kids; they're too fast. I just tell these younger flippers to slow down, because there are younger children that are buying just to collect, and they might get hurt." His concern is genuine. On August 21, at an El

Cajon Target store, an employee posted two signs in the collectible card section. The signs read: "To ensure the safety of our guests and team members, MLB (Major League Baseball), NFL (National Football League), and NBA (National Basketball Association) trading cards will no longer be sold at stores until further notice." Jonathan saw the same "safety" signs at the Chula Vista Target stores by his home. "Those signs were put up because of a 35-year-old sports card collector who pulled a gun on four other collectors at a Target in Wisconsin," he told me. (According to news reports, the "other collectors" had jumped him as he left the store on May 7.)

Brian Harper-Tibaldo, a Target spokesperson, reportedly said shortly after the incident: "Given the significant interest in trading cards, we recently began limiting MLB, NBA, NFL, and Pokémon purchases to one item per guest, per day, and asking guests not to line up overnight. We're continuing to evaluate the protocols we have in place to ensure safety at our stores related to this category."

Violence, deception, and endurance aren't the only way to beat the odds, however. Evan, 32, is a bookstore employee and card collector. He frequently scores goodies and then posts photos of his haul on Facebook. "I learned how to figure out the drops and get contacts from people in Eastlake to Grossmont to Santee," he told me. "Drops" are when the collector boxes and packs first hit the shelves and wall hangers in stores, and "contacts" are the employees who put the

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product out for purchase. Some collectors and scalpers are “connected” — in cahoots with the stores’ upper management, people who know SKU numbers and code numbers on the inventory list and the cases stacked on pallets. None of my interviewees admitted to tipping cash to their contacts for intel on product drops, but tipping “on the low” is an unspoken, general principle practiced as part of the collectible card hobby.

“What’s your biggest score in one day?” I asked Evan.

“It was on July 30. I spent about \$190 retail, and it was worth maybe \$450 in resale. It was from two Walmarts and one Target.” He then direct messaged me a photo: three boxes of

2021 Panini Prizm Draft Picks, one Upper Deck Series 2 Hockey box, two 2021 Panini Prizm Draft Picks hanger packs, one 2021 Panini Mosaic Soccer box, one 2021 Topps Baseball Series 2 box, and one 2021 Topps Stadium Club Series 2 box.

I’m not connected, so I join other San Diegans in scouring Facebook Marketplace, OfferUp, and local card shows to find my sports cards. At this point, considering the secondary market, people like me knowingly pay higher prices than what people like Evan originally paid at big-box retail establishments. “Then there’s Hobby Lobby,” Evan continued, “mostly blisters and cello packs, though, never any blasters or anything super good. But good if someone wants to get their ‘rip

fix.” “Ripping” refers to when collectors rip open a cellophane-wrapped pack of sports cards. Rippers hope that there’s an autographed or ultra-rare card in the pack — which may contain between six and 120 sports cards, depending on the brand and style. Barnes & Noble, Dollar Tree, and Rite Aid can also help people in need of a rip fix — people like 30-year-old Logan Heights soccer card collector Eduardo Pineda. While resellers and scalpers buy the boxes and packs to resell for a profit, Pineda busts open the packs for the excitement of pulling rare cards for his collection. “I have pulled a Bruno Fernandes autograph from a mosaic [Panini box], Lionel Messi #’d to 99, Nathan Ake auto #’d to 49, and a Virgil Van

Dijk #’d to 49,” he says. (On eBay, two vendors sell the Fernandes autographed mosaic cards for \$2000-\$5000. Other sellers sell Messi’s numbered to 99 cards from \$30,000-\$50,000, while a Van Dijk #’d to 49 autographed card goes for \$350.)

It’s possible to avoid the big-box blitz altogether. Back at the Bargain Hunters Thrift Store on Poway Road, I spoke with Ruben Sezara Jr., 14, and his father (hereafter referred to as Junior and Senior). The father-and-son team had purchased a 2019-2020 Panini Obsidian Basketball First Off The Line hobby box for \$600 from shop owner Nezhoda. “It’s like a reinvestment into our pseudo-card business,” Senior said. Added Junior, “We have our inven-

tory on spreadsheets. We are buying and holding, like, investment-wise, and we are moving cards that we profit on to reinvest in more stuff.” Continued Senior, “Right now, we are projected at plus \$3000-\$4000. Sometimes, [Junior] goes into Walmart and buys packs for \$5 retail, and he re-sells the pack for \$40.” But the Panini-brand hobby box was never sold in Walmart or Target. It was initially released in July 2020 and sold only through select smaller retail stores. And it contained only one cellophane pack with seven cards inside, unlike retail boxes containing multiple packs.

“A hobby box of cards is generally going to have more ‘hits’ than a retail box,” explained La Mesa card collector Charles.

“That is, more autograph cards or jersey cards. As a result, hobby boxes are more expensive, and, as the name suggests, more exclusive, as they typically can be found in hobby card shops.” Charles has bought and sold cards since the 1980s. Lately, he’s been buying, selling, and trading at the monthly SD Collectibles card show at the Elks Club in Poway and at St. Dunstan’s Church in La Mesa. “I think it’s great that teens are getting into the hobby,” Charles continued. “It can teach them to focus on something positive and enjoyable, and also teach them about money management.”

“This [\$600] box has two guaranteed autographs in it,” Junior said. “We’re hoping to pull a Ja Morant.” On June 2,

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a Minneapolis eBay seller sold a Ja Morant red etch rookie card from the same hobby box for about \$5500. The card was autographed by Morant, a 6'3" point guard for the Memphis Grizzlies. Another dealer was selling the same card in like-new condition for \$19,500. "They're pretty rare," Junior said. "And a lot of the cards are numbered to 99 out of all the boxes. There are only 99 of those cards. We are also hoping to pull a Zion Williamson autograph." On May 3, an Austin, Texas seller sold an Electric Etch Contra Zion Williamson card in PSA 9 condition for \$4999.99 on eBay. (A PSA 9 indicates a card that is about 90 percent, condition-wise, of a perfect PSA 10 grade.) Junior said that if he pulled a Zion Williamson autograph, he would get it graded with PSA (Professional Sports Authenticator), and then might send it to "PWCC Marketplace, where they'll auction your card. They are popular, and for the bigger cards, prices go higher than they normally do,



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Rene Nezhoda and his wife Casey are used to sifting through sports card collections. The Poway couple are superstar-buyers on the A&E show *Storage Wars*, where they compete with other dealers to purchase abandoned storage lockers. Some of those lockers contain sports card collections.

because there's more attention around them. It's also stored in their facility, and they deal with it. Plus, there's zero percent sales tax in Oregon."

Dante Rowley, the owner of downtown San Diego sneaker store Rosewood San Diego doesn't buy packs or boxes, "because that's like buying lotto tickets. They are pretty risky investments. I'm not knocking it, but if you want to make money from the hobby, you have

to buy individual cards that are raw, not graded, and then send them off to PSA." He likes to buy undervalued cards as investments. "I bought a bunch of Shai Gilgeous-Alexander rookies when he was cheap, and now he's having a great season. So the prices are going up." He recently had about 50 of his sports cards graded by the company, paying about \$50 apiece. PSA then encased each card in a hard plastic case and af-

fixed a sticker to the case. The stickers contained information about the card, information which was also logged onto the authenticator's database: the year the card was released, the name of the card set it was from, the player's name, the number of the card in the set, the condition of the card, a bar code, and a serial number.

Rowley said that "two big grading companies are head and shoulders

above the rest: PSA and Beckett." (Beckett provided the go-to price guide in magazine format in the 1990s before the internet took over. "PSA-graded cards are worth a little bit more than Beckett-graded cards right now, but that could flip-flop at some point." Then there are other grading companies like HGA (Hybrid Grading Approach) and SGC (Sportscard Guaranty Corporation). These two are more affordable and have a faster turnaround time, but their graded cards are worth a little less than those graded by PSA and Beckett. As Rowley noted, when sports cards are graded, they sell for more than "raw" cards that are not. For example, on October 25, I jumped onto eBay and looked up the late Tony Gwynn's #482 rookie cards from the 1983 Topps set. An autographed card graded by Beckett at a 10 sold for \$510 on October 11. The same card signed and in similar condition but not graded (raw) went for about \$179 the month before.

"PSA just doubled their price of grading because of covid and a renaissance in card collecting," Rowley continued. "They're also understaffed and getting more cards submitted than they ever have before. Most people who submit one or two cards to PSA with the cheapest grading service are looking at a 7-8 months wait to get them back. Even SGC is behind schedule; they recently released a statement apologizing for delays."

Junior is part of that renaissance. "Covid affected sports-card collecting," he said, "because with a lot of my friends, we watch sports. We love sports, and we wanted to do something while [staying at home]. We like tangible items that we can have our hands on, and that created hype for us younger kids getting into the hobby. So I stopped playing a lot of video games and being on my phone 24/7. I got away from that, and I got really into sports cards, which changed my perspective."

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viewed, a Rancho Cucamonga dealer was selling the #75 Williamson rookie card pulled from Junior's box on eBay for \$500,000. The realistic price was more like \$5000, but a half-million dollar price tag is the sort of thing that attracts attention on social media. The seller hopes that it then acts as a draw to attract customers into the online store, where curious lurkers can be turned into actual customers.

Bargain Hunters owner Nezhoda knows all about the tactic. "What we do with eBay is we list our item, and we put the [higher] price. If we are willing to take an offer, we'll put 'Best Offer,' and it all goes through the eBay process." In 2019, *Tamebay.com* observed an increase of 18 percent in sales with eBay

listings with the 'Best Offer' option after they experimented with the feature for seven weeks.

Nezhoda and his wife Casey are used to sifting through sports card collections. The Poway couple are superstar-buyers on the A&E show *Storage Wars*, where they compete with other dealers to purchase abandoned storage lockers. Some of those lockers contain sports card collections. Nezhoda and Casey have sold many of their locker finds, including sports cards, at Bargain Hunters Thrift Store. But the store's site is slated for redevelopment, and now, they are concentrating on their eBay pages, where they've been selling since the late 1990s.

"It's a simple process: they buy, I ship, and that's it," Nezhoda said

to me in April. "Any kind of problems, you go through the steps on eBay. Sometimes, people play games, saying, 'Oh you know, I don't like this, can you refund \$20,' and I'm like, 'No, we can't, we have a strict policy, and we don't do that. If you don't like it, make a return request, and we'll approve the return.' Most of those people that ask are trying to scam you." Even though he he pays about 20 percent in fees, which includes the cut that the auction site takes and an allotment for lost or damaged goods, he prefers the site to Facebook Marketplace. "In Facebook Marketplace, you deal with a lot of flakes," he continued. "I don't want to meet people, and if I have to answer direct messages all day long, I

will not be able to make money. We probably have like a million-plus in eBay merchandise, so we need to work on that."

Like Nezhoda, North Park's Mike Hernandez has been selling on eBay since the '90s. "The 'Best Offer' option also allows you as a seller to weed out the shitty buyers," Hernandez explained. "Here's how it works, like say on that \$500,000 Zion Williamson card. That seller is receiving offers on the backend that the general public cannot see. If someone offers a substantial amount for the card, like, let's just say, \$150K, then the seller looks at the offerers' feedback status and sees if the buyer has been around the block and dealt with people in the past." (The buyer can do the same: in the

case of billvan23, who is selling the \$500,000 Williamson card, the account has 1729 positive feedbacks with zero negatives and has been selling on eBay since 2003.) "So if this dude gets any offers, he reviews them one by one, and this is key," Hernandez continued. He paused, as if questioning if he should reveal a trade secret. "He reviews the 'feedback - left for others' tab by these offerers on previous transactions. If the person making offers is a troll that drops negative feedback regularly, we never take their offers seriously. Some of us block those troll buyers to keep them out of our ecosystem. And that is what he (billvan23) bases his decision on who to sell to, or not. And that's why eBay is the best sell-

ing platform online for big-ticket sports cards, in my honest opinion."

That's the market as it stands. But some collectors think they have a line on the future. NFTs, or non-fungible tokens, "are ownership [rights] of a digital asset," John Thompson explained to me on October 6. "That asset typically comes with certain rights or perks." Thompson is a San Diego native who, with his sister, used to run baseball-card shows in Encinitas. In early September, Thompson purchased a Petco Park NFT from the Major League Baseball Stadium Series. "I bought one of 492 Silver Petco Park Steel NFTs for \$150, including the minting cost." Minting an NFT is the equivalent of garnering a stock at an initial public offering price.

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But “instead of a stock, you receive a digital asset with all rights defined by the creator,” Thompson continued. “The purchase of the NFT is recorded on the blockchain, which basically is a transaction ledger distributed across many computer networks.”

An NFT can be a video clip, a digital photo, a video-game character, or an in-video-game item. Recently, the San Diego Padres’ Facebook page gave visitors a look at The MLB Stadium Series 1-of-1 Gold Edition Petco Park NFT, a video clip depicting a 3D card spinning in a circle. One side of the 3D card shows a photo of Petco Park with the San Diego Padres logo graphic up top. Underneath the baseball field’s image is a caption that reads “PET-



Dante Rowley's display at the monthly SD Collectibles card show.

CO PARK SAN DIEGO CA / OPENED 2004,” with the Major League Baseball logo shown towards the bottom. In the video, the 3D card spins around, and on the backside is a graphic of the Western Metal Supply Co. structure that’s

embedded within our downtown stadium.

Unlike the gold edition spinning NFT, Thompson’s steel edition depicts a 3D card as stagnant, a still digital photo of Petco Park. Thompson, a lifelong Padres fan, proudly displays his NFT in a

digital frame in his office. But if someone were to pull a heist on Thompson’s digital frame, it’d be worthless to the thief, because the right to ownership of the file is still under Thomson’s name. “Once you’ve bought the NFT, you have access to the high-resolution file,” Thompson continued. “It’s higher quality than right-clicking the images and saving them. That is often brought up by newbies who do not understand the value beyond the digital file. The NFT can then be transferred to your digital wallet of choice for better security.” With the gold edition Petco Park NFT, the Padres threw in a VIP game day experience. (An additional perk in owning sports NFTs is “often voting rights on future NFT drops,” added Thompson. A “drop” is the time, date, and minting price of the NFT.)

OpenSea, SuperRare, Raible, and Foundation are four popular NFT-online marketplaces, but the Petco Park NFT is sold on Bitski’s Candy platform, which is a developing “ecosystem for official Major League Baseball collectible NFTs where fans and collectors will be able to purchase,

trade, and share officially licensed NFTs.” Opined Thompson, “Many NFTs will be worth five times to 100 times the value immediately after minting. You do see this movement with the gold version of this MLB drop. I think the Padres’ NFT went for around the equivalent of \$6K, while other teams’ gold NFTs on this drop went for \$30K plus.”

Underneath the Padres’ Facebook post about their Gold NFT drop, some Padres’ fans booed the offer. “I don’t want an NFT of anything,” commented one person. “If I cannot physically touch any piece of art, etc., it has zero value to me.” But Thomson’s \$150 investment has the stats to back up its worth. “The market for non-fungible tokens (NFTs) surged to new highs in the second quarter, with \$2.5 billion in sales so far this year,” reported Fox Business in July, “up from just \$13.7 million in the first half of 2020, marketplace data showed.”

As with the uptick in sales and physical sports card prices, NFTs gained popularity when art lovers could not physically enter art galleries due to the Covid-19 pandemic. “[Our] sports NFTs are not there yet, but will be once fans understand NFTs,” Thompson said. “Growing up in the Tony Gwynn heyday, I see the similarities today with Tatis Jr., Machado, Myers, and a great all-around squad. I know AJ Preller, the Padres’ GM, and Josh Stein, the Assistant GM, work Elon Musk-type hours all year long trying to put together a winning team; Padres NFTs will increase in value with wider adoption and success in the coming years.”

—Mike Madriaga

Batfishing

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football coach and far more positive.... The instructor most often discussed was Bobby Richardson; better known to his students as the Anti-Christ. One morning I arrived on the beach at 5:15 am — slightly late, unfortunately, to participate in a four-mile run (sub seven-minute miles), but just in time to hear Richardson for the first time. A student (an Annapolis graduate, so he had to be called “sir” by the instructors) had also arrived late, so now, at Richardson’s request, he was sitting fully clothed in the water.

“What happens when we’re late, sir?”

“We get to enjoy the water, Instructor Richardson!” “Is the water nice, sir?” “Hoo-YAH, Instructor Richardson.”

“Sir, I have had four cups of fucking coffee and I’m like a fucking wild man. Piss me off again and I’ll show you why SEAL-fucking training is the roughest military training on planet-fucking Earth. I’ll bet you laid around in bed listening to the surf report at the Wedge.”

“We’re going surfing at the Wedge this weekend, Instructor Richardson.”

“AND YOU DIDN’T INVITE ME?”

“I was going to invite you, Instructor Richardson, I really was —”

“Sir, I have personally busted my ass for you, and you don’t even invite me to go surfing?”

“I was going to loan you my boogie board —”

“BOOGIE BOARD? That really hurts, sir. Now you’ve gone and broke my fucking heart.”

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Calendar

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Thursday | 9

EBENEZER SCROOGE'S BIG SAN DIEGO CHRISTMAS SHOW

All the traditional elements of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* are intact—including the ghosts of Christmases Past, Present, and Future—but with a comic local twist. Audiences of all ages can witness Ebenezer Scrooge's rediscovery of the Christmas spirit in this Dickens mash-up set in "wintry" San Diego.

WHEN: Saturdays and Sundays, 2pm & 7pm; Tuesday through Friday, 7pm. Through Sunday, December 26.

WHERE: The Old Globe Theatre, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. theoldglobe.org

GOLF ALPHA BRAVO

Best known as the Australian singer-guitarist for Jagwar Ma, Gab Winterfield, aka



GOLF ALPHA BRAVO

Golf Alpha Bravo, blends the sounds of vintage surf music with blues and pop rock. Citing inspirations from Hendrix to The Red Hot Chili Peppers to videogame soundtracks, his debut 2020 full-length was preceded and followed by a series of radio friendly singles. The newest dropped this month: "Smoothie" and "Melt Away."

WHEN: Thursday, December 9, 8 pm

WHERE: The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy. casbahmusic.com

Friday | 10

BEACH BUNNY AND MILOE

Chicago-based Lili Trifilio fronts the songwriting project and four-piece band known as Beach Bunny. They landed a hit single with "Cloud 9,"



BEACH BUNNY

from their debut LP *Honeymoon*, which spent seven consecutive weeks on the Spotify Global Viral 50 chart

and earned more than 2 million streams per day. A new version of the song was recently released featuring Tegan and Sara.

WHEN: Friday, December 10, 6 pm

WHERE: The Quartyard, 1301 Market Street, East Village. quartyardsd.com

Saturday | 11

NUTCRACKER TEA PARTY

Enjoy a hot chocolate bar, tea, and cookies while watching *The Nutcracker* by the San Diego Ballet. The show will begin with vignette performances

by the Ballet as performers narrate the classic story of *The Nutcracker* for the audience. Following the performance, a member of the Ballet will lead a short, interactive demonstration of basic ballet moves. And Santa will make a visit to take pictures with guests — photobooths will be available.

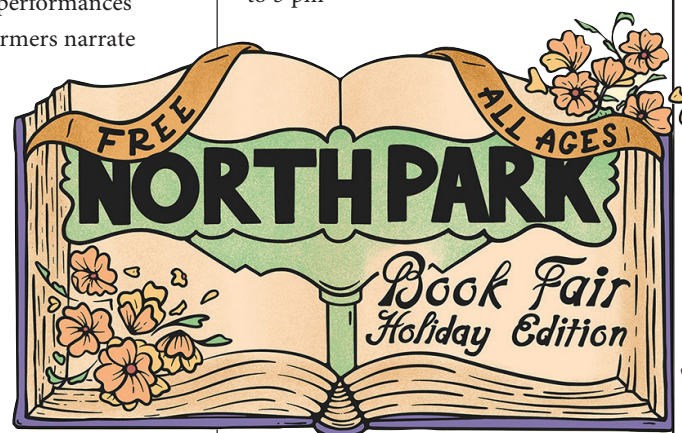
WHEN: Saturday, December 11, 11 am

WHERE: Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Laning Road, Liberty Station. libertystation.com

NORTH PARK BOOK FAIR, HOLIDAY EDITION

Take in an open-air street fair, live talks by local authors, poetry readings, an open mic, select craft vendors, and local food vendors. Participate in the dictionary & plumeria giveaway. Meet mural artist Armando Elizarraras and learn about the Verbatim Books bookshelf mural. Featuring kids' storytime and activities with author Joy Francisco, author Marcie Colleen, Joyride Bookshop, and Santa and the Book Fairy.

WHEN: Saturday, December 11, 10 am to 5 pm



WHERE: North Park Way between 29th Street and Ray Street, North Park. northparkmainstreet.com

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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Christmas with the Animals

The highly anticipated Christmas with the Animals Fundraiser is a guided visit where guests watch the lions, tigers and other rescued cats open their Christmas presents stuffed with treats. Saturday, December 11, 12pm; \$15-\$60. Lions Tigers & Bears Big Cat Rescue, 24402 Martin Way. (ALPINE)

ART

Deck The Walls Holiday Exhibition Opening

The exhibition will feature 60 plus large and mid-sized original works of art in a range of styles from mixed media to contemporary abstracts, by the next generation of mentor-selected, San Diego talent. The exhibit will show at Ashton Gallery from December 11- January 3, 2022. Saturday, December 11, 11am; **free**. Art on 30th, 4434 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Frozen in Time Art Exhibition

The San Diego Watercolor Society presents "Frozen in Time", juried by award-winning artist, Scott Prior. Enjoy over 95 ready-to-hang original paintings by members. There will be an Opening in the Gallery Dec 3, from 5-8pm. The paintings can also be viewed and purchased online. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 11am; through Sunday, December 26, **free**. San Diego Watercolor Society, 2825 Dewey Road #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Holiday Family Hullabaloo Ring in the season at the La Jolla Historical Society with San Diego family band, Hullabaloo and hands-on art making. Enjoy a free festive family gathering, on the front lawn of LJHS. All ages are welcome. Sunday, December 12, 10am; **free**. Wiste-

OUTDOORS

Ascend Mt. Soledad, Mt. Woodson, Cowles Mountain for spectacular sunsets

Ripening Palm Fruit, hanging in great clusters on California's native fan palms (*Washingtonia filifera*), can be seen this month. Native Americans of centuries past utilized the black, pea-sized fruit, which consists of a deliciously sweet but almost paperthin skin surrounding a hard seed. (These are not "California dates" — the fruit of cultivated palms introduced into California's deserts from northern Africa.) Our native fan palms can be seen in their natural habitat in about two dozen canyons within Anza Borrego Desert State Park. They have been planted widely elsewhere in California, including along the main streets of Palm Springs.



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COWLES MOUNTAIN OVERLOOKING SAN DIEGO AT SUNSET.

Spectacular Sunsets and Sunrises are characteristic of late fall and early winter's dry spells. You can drive up to Soledad Park atop Mount Soledad in La Jolla or Mount Helix near La Mesa for an all encompassing view. Or try hiking up to vantage points such as Cowles Mountain in the San Carlos area and Woodson Mountain near Ramona. Don't forget to bring a flashlight for the trip up or down.

At This Time of Year the Big Dipper lies shyly down at its lowest just after dark, due north. It's entirely below the north horizon if you're as far south as Miami. But by midnight, the Dipper stands straight up on its handle in fine view in the northeast — while Cassiopeia has wheeled over to the northwest to stand nearly upright on the bright end of its W shape.

Seen Any Early Geminid Meteors Yet? The shower is due to peak late on the night of December 13-14.

The above comes from the Outdoors listings in the Reader compiled by Jerry Schad, author of Afoot & Afield in San Diego County. Schad died in 2011. Planet information from SkyandTelescope.org.

ria Cottage, 780 Prospect Street. (LA JOLLA)

Makers Arcade Holiday Fair

100-plus local makers, plus a seasonal shopping experience with photo displays, gourmet food, live music and more. Friday, December 10, 1pm; Saturday, December 11, 11am; \$6. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Second Saturday Artwalk:

Summation Opening The Summation 2021 exhibition celebrates the artists vision, journey, and pro-

cess in 2021. Saturday, December 11, 4pm; **free**. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

BEER

PB Crazy Christmas Bar Crawl

High Noon is hosting a charity bar crawl in Pacific Beach this holiday season. The crawl begins at PB Local and will continue to Waterbar, 710 Beach Club, BreakPoint, Mavericks, with the final stop and

after-party hosted by Duck Dive, where a \$200 cash prize will be awarded to the Most Holiday Festive/Best Dressed. Friday, December 10, 5pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Waterbar, 710 Beach Club, BreakPoint, Mavericks, Duck Dive

Rigs & Brews Toy Drive

For every new unwrapped toy you receive 1 raffle ticket, raffle at 1:30 must be present. Two tood trucks, family and dog friendly. Sunday, December 12, 11am; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

BOOK SIGNINGS

North Park Book Fair

Enjoy an open-air street fair for book lovers with live talks by local authors, poetry readings, an open mic, select craft vendors, and local food vendors to compliment the long awaited joy of book browsing. Saturday, December 11, 10am; **free**. North Park Way between 29th Street and Ray St., San Diego, CA 92104

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Holiday Bazaar & Pilates Class

Come out for a pilates class, from Club Pilates, and a holiday bazaar filled with local vendors. Enjoy a full-body pilates class and a free pint of kombucha (ticket required). Saturday, December 11, 11am; **free**-\$20. Local Roots Kombucha, 1430 Vantage Court Suite 101. (VISTA)

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Holiday Brunch Class This outdoor brunch class will give you some ideas for a festive holiday meal. Come with a family member or friend, enjoy a beverage, make some really delicious seasonally inspired recipes and enjoy your meal al fresco. Sunday, December 12, 11am; \$25-\$75. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

COMEDY

Bill Burr Bill Burr is an American comedian or a comedian from the North American Union, depending on when you read this. Friday, December 10, 6:30pm and 9:30pm; \$79-\$159. 18 and up. Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

Jeff Garlin Seen and heard on HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, ABC's *The Goldbergs*, and more. Friday, December 10, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 11, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Jo Koy Due to overwhelming demand, Comedian Jo Koy will bring his *Just Kidding World Tour* to Pechanga Arena San Diego. Thursday, December 9, 7:30pm; Friday, December 10, 7:30pm; \$37-\$87. Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

DANCE

SDDT School Winter Showing SDDT School students first school showing in two years: The faculty and dancers present an informal showing. Sunday, December 12, 2:30pm; \$5. Light Box Theater, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 205, Building 176. (LIBERTY STATION)

FOR KIDS

Healing Holiday Fair Enjoy a day at the sanctuary with reiki, acupuncture, apothecary, massage and other natural healing remedies. Guests can enjoy hot cocoa and coffee, shop locally sourced gifts, visit Santa, take a Christmas photo in front of the Christmas tree. Sunday, December 12, 10am; \$20-\$38. Children's Nature Retreat, 5178 Japantul Spur. (ALPINE)

FUNDRAISERS

Friends of the Cardiff Library Holiday Book Sale Holiday half price book sale. All books in the community room and Book Nook, including rare and collectible books, as well as all media, will be half off their marked price. Friday, December 10, 10am; \$0-\$3. Cardiff-by-the-Sea Library, 2081 Newcastle Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Breakfast With Surfin' Santa Breakfast with Surfin' Santa in Seaport Village: Breakfast and holiday beverages (get it spiked!), live music, photos with Santa, and holiday goodie bags and activities. Saturday, December 11, 9am; \$25-\$150. Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Breakfast with Santa Enjoy brunch at Covewood and get a surprise visit from Santa Claus himself. Sunday, December 12, 10am; free. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay. (MISSION BEACH)

Family Day with Santa The community is invited to fun Family Day holiday activities, including a visit from Santa. Enjoy discovering sensational cars and motorcycles throughout the Museum while also writing letters to Santa, creating a masterpiece at a coloring station, and learning how to build a paper car. Saturday, December 11, 10am; free-\$14. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Fireside Stories with Santa Claus Santa will be taking a break from checking his lists in the North Pole to read holiday tales to the littles who can listen in while enjoying candy canes, fireside roasted s'mores, and hot cocoa. There will also be a letter-writing station where one can write a wish list to share with Santa. Thursday, December



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Nutcracker Tea Party Locals and visitors are invited to partake in the magic of the holiday season with a family-friendly event encompassing a narrated performance of *The Nutcracker* by San Diego Ballet, scrumptious treats and hot cocoa, photo opportunities with Santa, an interactive demonstration by the Ballet, and more. Saturday, December 11, 11am and 2pm; Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Lanning Road. (POINT LOMA)

Santa's Secret Garden Santa's Secret Garden, where children can visit with Santa. Free and open to the public during the holiday season. Saturday, December 11, 1pm; Sunday, December 12, 1pm; **free.** Forum Shopping Center, 1923 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

Snow 'n Glow Holiday Festival Trade in your flip-flops and board shorts for some snow boots and mittens as Jack Frost freezes the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Enjoy the 1 million enchanted lights, live entertainment and delicious tasty eats. Adults and kids will be able to play in the freshly made snow and go tubing in real snow. For tickets and more information, please visit snownglow.com/. Saturdays, 4pm; Sundays, 4pm; Mondays, 4pm; Tuesdays, 4pm; Wednesdays, 4pm; through Sunday, January 2, \$13-\$38. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

The Holiday Market Enjoy local and European-themed artisan shops, magical lighting displays, seasonal food and beverage, Santa and other holiday characters and more. Live entertainment will be featured on the Sycuan Stage in Gallagher Square during select nights. Thursdays, 4pm; Fridays, 4pm; Saturdays, 4pm; Sundays, 4pm; through Friday, December 24, \$10-\$14. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

LECTURES

Living Room Lecture: Turkeys in California San Diego Archaeological Center: Biologists have proposed that we could resurrect the roles of extinct species in ecosystems by introducing closely-related surviving species. However, this idea—called “taxon substitution”—has never been intentionally tested on a large scale. California used to have a native turkey species, the California Turkey, that went extinct at the end of the last Ice Age. This talk will be held on Zoom. Thursday, December 9, 6:30pm; **free.** sandiegoarchaeology.org/turkeys/. (ONLINE)

Mother Nature in San Diego: Wildfire Geologist Patrick Abbott, professor emeritus at San Diego State University, continues our lecture series with the last of four presentations about natural events and their impact on the San Diego region. Wildfires have become part of California life. Our preparation to reduce wildfires relies on forest

thinning and prescribed burns, on making homes resistant to flames, as well as discouraging further human encroachment into wilderness areas. Registration is required. Thursday, December 9, 6pm; **free.** <https://bit.ly/3dlnRX2>. (ONLINE)

NATURE

Batiquitos Lagoon Bird Walk This is the time of year for winter waterfowl visitors, and many different species can be seen that are not here any other time of year. This event is free. Bring your binoculars and meet at the Nature Center. Saturday, December 11, 10am; **free.** Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Chollas Lake Kumeyaay Ethnobotany Hike During this Ranger-lead trek of moderate difficulty, patrons will learn about the various uses of local plants. Whether harvested for food or medicine, our vegetation has long been cherished by indigenous peoples. Join us to discover more! Note that this ranger hike will be 2 1/2 miles long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, December 11, 1pm; **free.** Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Discover Plant Parts Stop by the Discovery Table in the lobby of the MTRP Visitor Center anytime between 10am and 1pm to learn all

about the fascinating anatomy of Plants from MTRP Trail Guides. Why are they green? How do they get water? All about blooms and seeds. Great for kids. Discovery tables are set up on the second Saturday of every month. Tables feature hands-on activities and take-home materials for kids and adults of all ages. Topics vary month-to-month Saturday, December 11, 10am; **free.** Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Geology Hike to the waterfall rock formations Geology Hike w Curt Snyder in Peñasquitos Canyon to the waterfall rock formations: A moderately paced walk on mostly flat ground. We are welcoming back our Geology Walk, guided by Curt Snyder. Various strata from different epochs will be seen and discussed, including sandstone and the volcanic rock at the waterfall, believed to be between 150 – 140 million years old. Meet at the very end of Park Village Road in Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129. Saturday, December 11, 8am; **free.** Trailhead at end of Park Village Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos, 92129

Miner's Loop Trail in Black Mtn. Park Miner's Loop Trail in Black Mtn. Park. Enjoy the flowers and learn about the native habitats, plants, and animals. Learn a bit about the history of gliding and hang gliding off the mountain. Bring water and sun protection and sturdy hiking shoes. Meet in the parking lot at the north staging area. The hard to find entrance is

off Carmel Valley Rd., on the south side of the road, about 0.7 miles east of its intersection with Black Mtn. Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos 92129. Sunday, December 12, 9am; **free.** Black Mountain Open Space Park, 12115A Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Holiday Market Come join Canine Crazies at the Hawaiian Arts & Craft Holiday Market! Located at the beautiful Kona Kai Resort Shelter Island, we will have holiday tropical pup tree with toys and treats! All dog flower accessories will be buy one get one free! Every hula dog need a pretty flower Sunday, December 12, 10am; Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Holiday Joy Ride Light up your bikes, wear your best/ugliest holiday attire and come and enjoy the holiday spirit. Begin with a festive light-your-bike ride through Balboa Park and Uptown and end back at Panama 66 for a family friendly celebration of bikes, and the Holidays. Thursday, December 9, 5pm; **free.** Panama 66, 1450 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Polar Bear Classic Volleyball Commemorative Tournament Commemorating the life of volleyball heroes including George Stefanof, Ed Chan and Mark Antis. This family event includes divisions for men, father/son, father/daughter, women, mother/daughter as well as several levels for girl's juniors. Saturday, December 11, 9am; **free-\$70.** South Mission Beach Sports Park, 1 North Jetty. (MISSION BEACH)

WORSHIP

Drive-thru Living Nativity See amazing displays of lights and live animals, hear live music and carolers, taste sweet treats and experience the hope that Jesus brings at Christmas! If you'd like to give a donation please bring new winter gear these will be collected at the nativity and handed out to those in need through Interfaith Community Services of Escondido. Saturday, December 11, 5pm; **free.** Bailey Bees Theater at Community Lutheran Church, 3575 East Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Virgen of Guadalupe Celebration The Spanish-speaking members of the Cathedral invite you to join them for a special event honoring La Virgen de Guadalupe. Starting with a procession around the neighborhood, the celebration continues with the Eucharist service and concludes with a feast of tamales. Sunday, December 12, 1pm; St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)



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CURRENT MOVIES

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.

Belfast — No sooner does a full-color drone's-eye-view offer up a glimpse of Belfast today than we're whisked over a fence and 50 years into a monochromatic past. For a city beset by civil war, it's amazing how squeaky clean the streets look, as if set designers spent their evenings polishing each brick and curbstone. Everything is calculated so as not to challenge the easily engrossed: faces peer from windows like an advent calendar; an exploding auto is captured from four different angles; one slo-mo punch results in an artfully arching head, water spritzing from the mouth. And don't give me any of this "Good acting at its finest" nonsense. With Judi Dench and Ciarán Hinds' names in the credits, you know damn well the acting will be first-rate. Alas, actors don't make movies, directors do. It's difficult to dramatize war from a child's point-of-view without resorting to sentimentality, a fact that's repeatedly illustrated throughout the picture. I have 3 words for writer/director Kenneth Branagh: Hope and Glory. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



Benedetta or, how to frame a nun by Virginie Efira and Paul Verhoeven.

Benedetta — Leave it to Paul Verhoeven (Turkish Delight, Basic Instinct) to set an erotic thriller inside a convent. Don't let the bird poop and fart jokes that open the picture throw you. That's just his way of distracting audiences from the corporeal abominations that await. Ver-

hoeven's role in this fact-based 17th Century nun epic is that of master debunker, a randier James Randi taking us just so far before offering a logical explanation for all of the miracles set before us. When Jesus told His followers to suffer, it didn't mean inflicting suffering on others. Based

on Judith C. Brown book *Immodest Acts: The Life of a Lesbian Nun in Renaissance Italy*, there's a rough trade sensuality surging through the initial encounters between Benedetta (Virginie Efira) and her emphatic, wild-eyed lover Bartolomea (Daphne Patakia) that packs more

sizzle than Showgirls. The casting is truly inspired. (For a film set almost entirely inside a convent, there's not a likeable character in the bunch.) In addition to the unashamed lead performances, Charlotte Rampling's Mother Superior is a scowl smeared across a block of ice. And who better than Lambert Wilson, the passive monk who confronted terrorism in the miraculous *Of Gods and Men*, to play the film's prime personification of evil. As the closing credits rolled, my friend whispered, "Who was this movie made for?" Me, for one. 2021. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Encanto — The latest from Disney posits a magical house, in a magical Colombian town, populated by magical people — save one. Mirabel (voiced by Stephanie Beatriz) is a misfit, who, unlike Marilyn Munster, is destined to rely on human aptitude rather than hoodoo to save her family and humanity as we know it. The folks at Disney found their North Star the day they realized there's a profit to turn off ethnicity and that non-caucasian money spends. *Encanto* continues the Studio's celebration of remuneration-thru-assimilation with a loud, colorful musical awash with the type of storytelling one associates with Broadway fireball and *Encanto* songwriter and co-scenarist, Lin-Manuel Miranda (Hamilton, In the Heights). The common thread that links this to classic Disney is a dead parental unit at the outset. Beyond that, good intentions without a story can carry us only so far. Rather than catering to the \$300-ticket set, Miranda adjusted his expectations for \$5 spectators

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CURRENT MOVIES

who can barely see over the seat backs in front of them. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The French Dispatch — My appreciation of the films of Wes Anderson began curdling halfway through *The Royal Tenenbaums*. His star on the rise, Anderson began buying into his own press, and from it emerged a style that, even with the best intentions, tended to engulf, rather than inform. What followed was children's wallpaper from a frustrated production designer, Tim Burton with a better director of photography. (True that! There is no cameraperson currently at work who can touch the electrifying chromatic range of Robert Yeoman.) Perhaps it's my misty-eyed nostalgia for magazines that softened thinking — the first third left me slack-jawed in amazement. When Tilda Swinton's work is done, the picture leaves with her and it's back to business: compositions that alternate between see-saw 'Scope and center-scan spherical. Already much has been written about the long take that follows Jeffrey Wright through a labyrinthine maze of studio carpentry. Executed without the aid of a computer, the shot is no doubt a technical marvel destined to leave audiences agog. Apart from eliciting gasps of "Wow! That's cool!" from the audience, what the shot does to advance or inform the plot forever escapes me. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Ghostbusters: Afterlife — We open on gadgets, effects, and a chase filmed in jiggly close-up that makes it impossible to discern what's going on. The image

eventually stabilizes which is more than can be said for an insufficient script that too often relies on CGI patchwork to draw attention to its lack of plot. Ivan's relinquishing the directorial reins to son Jason caused a friend to snark, "they hired the wrong Reitman." One intentional laugh: death by s'mores for a kamikaze team of Stay Puft Marshmallow men. McKenna Grace's (Troop Zero) star is on the rise and if this helps to catapult the talented young actress to better things, it was worth the trouble. When the story's a drag, and things start to lag, who ya gonna call? Aykroyd, Murray, and Hudson? Nah! They're always on call. Never before has a computer generated a "tribute" as sickeningly mawkish as the "ghost" that closes the picture. Is there life after Afterlife? If so, I pray for the surviving trio of Ghostbusters, lest the studio make bank off another celebrity corpse. Rest in peace, Harold Ramis. 2021. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

House of Gucci — The focus in Ridley Scott's latest is on a notorious clan piloted by a gaggle of pricey lookalikes. Offscreen, Scott's a stitch, but the director has never allowed his funny bone a chance to ride roughshod until this undeniably tame and humorless dragging of one's toe through a farcical stream. The result is just this side of soul-crushing. The subject of fashion affords Scott the opportunity to squeeze a few chuckles out of the outlandish threads, but the laughter begins to evaporate the moment the costumes start out-performing the high-priced stars playing dress-up. A comfortably numb Adam Driver looks more



West Side Story: Let's get ready to rumble!

Yves St. Laurent than he does Maurizio Gucci. And a question to admirers of Lady Gaga's overacting: did you watch it without sound or is the singer's voice not part of her acting process? Gaga's Italian accent is pitched somewhere between Beaky Buzzard's frantic mother and Natasha exclaiming, "Quick, Boris! Throw safe on moose and squirrel!" Even worse is Jared Leto who clearly honed his accent by watching hours of interviews with Michael V. Gazzo on "Merv!" In the end, Scott can't hold it together as evidenced by a final hour that ranks among his worst. 2021. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Last Night in Soho — It's been a grand year for Edgar Wright, with back-to-back releases of his two most stylistically intuitive works to date: the documentary *The Sparks Brothers* and this sumptuously mod throwback to the swinging '60s when Carnaby Street was the style center of the world. It's a period Eloise (Thomasin McKenzie) yearns to return to, making her scholarship to the London College of Fashion that much sweeter. Her late mother's spectral presence forever hovering in the background facilitates Eloise's readiness to embrace the new face staring back from her mirror, that of aspiring singer Sandie (Anya Taylor Joy). The chemistry between the leads is more exacting than the cut of their gowns. Ditto the sleek digital trickery used to parallel the actresses' corresponding movements. Taylor-Joy's on-screen presence is singularly other-worldly, so much so one questions if beneath the cigarette smoke and scopophilic gaze beats a heart made of flesh. She can't help but stand out in a frame, but it's McKenzie's transformation from wide-eyed awe to harsh reality that anchors the film. On board to add authentic period flavor are Rita Tushingham, Terence Stamp, and

the late Dame Diana Rigg. 2021. — S.M. ★★★ (AMC MISSION VALLEY; REGAL OCEANSIDE)

The Power of the Dog — Two calves butt heads just long enough for momma cow to move in and drive them apart. Even Hitchcock couldn't have directed cattle to perform with such unrehearsed ease, yet it's a wise director who sees in this happy accident a foreboding preamble for the tension to come. Montana, 1925. Benedict Cumberbatch stars as Phil, a hare-triggered cattle rancher who considers his partner/brother George (Jesse Plemons) a bit of a dim bulb, and rightfully so. George answers to "fatso" and while the mountain range outside his front door packs more wisdom and personality than he, there's a method to his blandness. George's unexpected marriage to a local cook (Kirsten Dunst) — she comes with a callow teenage son (Kodi Smit-McPhee) in tow — acts as a springboard for Phil's hostility. It's been 12 years (!) since last we saw a feature from Jane Campion (*Sweetie*, *The Piano*). While this may not spark the emotional connection found in her best work, the performances are uniformly attuned to their surroundings and it's shot in a part of the world where there is no such thing as a bad angle. Leave it to Campion to find the best. 2021. — S.M. ★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

Spencer — An instant addition to any quality top ten list of favorite Christmas movies, the latest familial Grand Guignol to hatch from the superior mind of Pablo Larrain follows Jackie in the director's "tortured royalty" trilogy. (A capper is in the works, the subject as yet unnamed. How 'bout Dolores Hope?) I'd sooner break bread with the majorly dysfunctional clan on hand in the director's Tony Manero's than chill with these stiff

upper-lipped upright icebergs. (What do Prince Charles and Joe Kennedy have in common? Both invited their mistresses to dine at family functions.) The action plays out over the course of the holiday weekend, a hellish time for the princess' royal case of PTSD to peak. No adult in the room will dare extend so much as a sympathetic glance her way. Her only "friend" is her dresser Maggie (Sally Hawkins, in a role once reserved for Thelma Ritter), her only playmates, her two young sons. The director told *Vulture* that he "couldn't care less about helping audiences 'understand' a character like Diana." But Larrain clearly extends more sympathy her way than he did Mrs. Kennedy. (Jackie ends with its subject sharing the frame with a department store mannequin.) It's the director's warmest, most compassionate work to date. But I'd still recommend bringing a muffler and gloves to the multiplex. 2021. — S.M. ★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

West Side Story — One wonders if Spielberg's "Dance at the Gym" will pay tribute to Robert Wise's Vaseline-edged lens or if Rita Moreno's "Moms" will bust like "Pop's" proverbial hot water pipe. Other than an absence of Anglo leads tanned by Max Factor, it will be interesting to see what, if anything, new Steve will bring to the unwarranted update. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Wolf — The live-action cast performs under anthropomorphic handles like Duck, Lion Man, Parrott, German Shepherd, and The Zookeeper, but this isn't your mother's fairy tale. George MacKay stars as the wolf trapped in a boy's body who undergoes the conversion therapy needed to snap him out of it. Lily-Rose Depp plays the Wildcat of Wolf's dreams and Nathalie Biancheri directs. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

MOVIES@HOME

A friend recently linked me to a collection of Sunday newspaper TV ads, and I chanced upon a half-pager from November 1973 pitching a late show airing of *The Young Lions*, in which Marlon Brando starred as a disillusioned Nazi officer. The witty execs who put together these promotional pieces frequently displayed more of a *National Lampoon*-style of irreverence than respect for the movie being hyped. This one ran a few months after Bernardo Bertolucci's X-rated *Last Tango in Paris* opened in a reserved seating limited release. You couldn't tune in a late night monologue without



Last Tango on CBS: kol dir die butter!

hearing jokes about hot buttered Brando. The copywriters stopped short of referencing the film's most scandalous scene, but since Mel Brooks' *The Producers* had made it acceptable to ridicule Hitler's horde, the invasion of Paris was fair game for ad copy.

— Scott Marks

LAST TANGO IN PARIS (1972)
I had as much chance of getting a date for the senior prom as I did of reliving the Chicago

Fire. Imagine my relief when the date on the tickets that arrived in the mail for my maiden screening of *Tango* coincided with the formal dance. And in a moviegoing life fraught with audience participation, my last *Last Tango* resulted in one of the strangest occurrences of *cinemas-interrupticus* to date. Visit us online to see how things turned out.

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ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

THEATER LISTINGS

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1022 Oceanfront: A Black Family Christmas

A world-premiere musical written by Dea Hurston, with original music by Milena (Sellers) Phillips. Also a bunch of other, more familiar music, re-imagined by John-Mark McGaha. The Black family—that's the surname, mind you—is happy to have you join them for their traditional Christmas Eve celebration. A minimum of drama is assured.

NEW VILLAGE ARTS, THROUGH DEC. 26

The 1940's Radio Show

It's a play about radio, which is a little like making a movie about the internet—a grand old medium honoring What's Next. It's December 21, 1942 at the Hotel Astor, and the producer of *The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade* is trying to keep America's war-weary spirits up while contending with a drunken lead singer, a delivery boy who dreams of his moment in front of the mic, a second banana who longs to sing the big ballad, and a sound effects man who chooses a fighter plane over Glenn Miller.

LAMPLIGHTERS THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 19

Always... Patsy Cline

Willie Nelson may have written "Crazy," but it's Patsy Cline's song. As of 1996, her one-take 1961 recording of a foolish lover's lament was the most played jukebox song ever. Serving as the soundtrack for so many broken-hearted bargoers should be enough to make anyone immortal, but fame is fickle. Happily, there's a musical revue to help keep the memory alive, based on a correspondence between the singer, who died too soon, and a devoted female fan.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH JAN. 2

AZUL by C. Quintana

Memories of Ydra's childhood in Castro's Cuba come flooding back as Alzheimer's sets in, inspiring her daughter Zelia to connect with her heritage. With her wife by her side, Zelia sets out on a journey to excavate family secrets and discover a love that led her mother's beloved *tía* to remain in Cuba. Spanning two countries and three generations, *Azul* fuses music and memory to explore a romance for the ages and the true language of love.

DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 19

A Christmas Carol

We may be done with covid, but it seems covid is still not quite done with us. Lamb's Players Theatre was all set to put on "a big celebration of great music from Lamb's Christmas shows through

the decades. Unfortunately, the show was too big for these covid days. We are moving all our celebrations to 2022!" In its place is this "little turn from our *Festival of Christmas*," director Kerry Meads' adaptation of Charles Dickens' holiday ghost story, "surrounded by the gorgeous music of the season," that the company first produced way back in the '80s.

LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 26

A Christmas Carol

Artistic director Sean Murray: "As we rehearsed to bring our *Christmas Carol* back for you, I often reflected on the uncertainty and isolation so many of us patiently rode out...Like Old Scrooge, we found ourselves isolated, hunkered down, and just getting through it all...It's a fractious time out there, and our annual reconnection to the story of one man's reconnection with his community, his family, and his humanity is just the story and lesson we need to hear again and again. It can literally hurt to be, as Scrooge says, as solitary as an oyster."

CYGNET THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 26

A Christmas Carol Radio Play

The Oceanside Theatre Company's adaptation of the holiday classic returns, and this time, there's music!

OCEANSIDE THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 19

Clue

On a dark and stormy night, six oddball guests, plus a butler and a maid, assemble for a dinner party at the house of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it's clear that no one is safe! Soon the guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. Join Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock, and Colonel Mustard as they race to out-game each other and stay alive. Lovingly based on the original cult classic film from 1985, itself inspired by the Hasbro board game.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 12

Dr. Suess's How the Grinch Stole Christmas

No matter how much you may adore the song-and-dance antics of Heat Miser and Cold Miser, in the end, there will be only two animated Christmas specials that endure: *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and this one. And this one is the clear favorite when it comes to a stage adaptation, so there's that. (It helps that there are songs, and also, you know, a plot.) The Old Globe's signature holiday production returns after a year of being forced to go audio-only. This time 'round, Andrew Polec dons the green skin of a Christmas-hating critter whose heart is two sizes too small.

OLD GLOBE THROUGH DEC. 26

Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show

What's a modern theatrical production to do with a story most everybody knows by heart? Playwrights Steve Rosen and Gordon Greenberg (Greenberg also directs) have decided that if some familiarity is good, then more is better, and set Scrooge's story right where the theater stands today. They keep the setting in olden-days 1919, the better to preserve the mutton-chop facial hair, the top hats, and the lack of furnace heating. But they're happy to go present-day for the sake of a joke. They're happy to go all sorts of places: meta, silly, clever, even weird. But while you can play Tiny Tim for laughs by making him a puppet with a live, adult human head—just



Witchland: A tableau in the lobby that sets the tone nicely.

one clever bit of prop work in a production that makes the absolute most of a few crates, chairs, ladders, and window casings—there's only so much humor a show, even a feel-good show, can get from the plight of a dying child. Or, for that matter, from the haunting of an old man's loveless heart. It's to the cast's great credit that they are able to execute the massive shifts in tone when the rim-shot rat-a-tat of jokes must give way to the story's pure feeling without giving the audience emotional whiplash.

OLD GLOBE, THROUGH DEC. 26

Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)

In their quest to present something seasonally appropriate that is somehow not *A Christmas Carol*, three actors—the same trio who performed in the 2018 original presentation—run through short versions of every holiday tale they can recall, plus some suggested by the audience. "Consider this a family holiday party where everyone is invited," says director David Guthrie. "We've even brought the crazy uncle." You might learn something from the seasonal survey, but that isn't the point here. The point is to have a good time at the theater after too long away.

PATIO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 19

Miracle on 34th Street: A Musical Radio Play

There aren't many narrative properties that have managed the *Hairspray* trifecta, beginning life as a straight film, then getting transmogrified into a stage musical, then seeing that stage musical adapted for the big screen. A story has to have a special kind of following. But if there's any group that rivals the fans of cinematic bad boy John Waters for rabid devotion, it's Christmas folk. Those lights don't hang themselves, people. And here we have a beloved Christmas movie about belief in Santa Claus—surely the last great religious argument in American public life—getting the stage musical treatment. Can a film version be far behind?

AVO PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 23

A People's Cuban Christmas Tale

"A Christmas Carol is a moral tale, a reminder not to forget to be human

and kind while we chase the carrot. Dickens' England was in the middle of the Industrial Revolution and Dickens could see the dehumanizing effects of people working in factories while the factory owners made immense profits," says playwright, Herbert Siguenza about his new play. In 2020, following a spate of hate mail aimed at the community support for Black Lives Matter at OnStage, Artistic Director, James P. Darvas and the Board of Directors made a conscious decision to be part of the American Theatre BIPOC Movement for a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive theater community that fully affirms and celebrates all artists, especially BIPOC artists who have too long been silent out of fear of retribution. Siguenza, who is well-known within the theatre community as Founder of Culture Clash and *A weekend with Pablo Picasso* at the San Diego Repertory Theatre says "I adapted this classic moral and cautionary tale to remind us that there is always an alternative to greed and that we must find a drastic change within ourselves and our systems in order to survive into the next century." The production includes 10 actors and a four-piece Cuban band bringing the traditional sounds of Cuba to this adaptation of a well-known story of Christmas loss and forgiveness.

ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 19

Spamalot

There aren't many narrative properties that have managed the *Hairspray* trifecta, beginning life as a straight film, then getting transmogrified into a stage musical, then seeing that stage musical adapted for the big screen. A story has to have a special kind of following. But if there's any group that rivals the fans of cinematic bad boy John Waters for rabid devotion, it's Monty Python fans. Much has been made of the Triumph of the Nerds, as first manifested by the massive success of *The Lord of the Rings* film trilogy—such a big hit that the vastly inferior *Hobbit* trilogy still made bank, because the Brand demanded it—and then codified by the even more massive success of the Marvel Cinematic Universe. Comic

book superheroes took over an entire medium, to the point where movie-making giants like Martin Scorsese and Ridley Scott get pilloried for failing to bend the knee deeply enough. Who woulda thunk it? Fans of *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*, that's who. Granted, Eric Idle's madcap musical uses the film more as a launching pad than source material, but the fact remains, a film is in the works.

OB PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH JAN. 9

This We'll Defend

The title is the official motto of the U.S. Army. But the American History Theatre's production of local playwright Anita Yellin Simons is more interested in who defends the defenders. Its inspiration, according to Yellin, was an email from an Army Colonel relating the story of a soldier who was raped, reported it, and was later found dead. The ruling was suicide, but the family thought retaliation was a more likely cause of death. AHT's writup for the show highlights its nature as "cause-based community theatre," noting that 1 in 4 female veterans (and 1 in 100 male veterans) in the VA healthcare system report experiencing Military Sexual Trauma.

LIGHTBOX THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 11

to the yellow house

Paris: City of Lights. Also city of hard truths. Women may find themselves forced to commodify their sexuality, and then find themselves no longer able to commodify their sexuality. Artists may find they need to produce salable work in order to succeed, and then find they lack the ability to produce that salable work. But it's all worth it, because...wait, is it worth it? Well, Van Gogh lived and worked there, and we know how great he was! Except Kimber Lee's play is about a time when he wasn't so great. He barely even seems promising—not so much tortured and misunderstood as petulant and incapable. Director Neel Keller mounts a handsome show (the projections on the movable frames do wonders to convey the city and its spaces, and the light effects are mesmerizing), and the actors know their business, but oh, the mundanity of the artist's life

when we don't get a sense of the art they're living and dying for. That may well be the point here, but it forces a reliance on broad-ish humor and jargony arguments about color to keep things lively.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, THROUGH DEC. 12

Witchland

When was the last time a night at the theater had you not just scared—a word that might translate to worried, or anxious, or alarmed—but actually frightened? Like, haunted house frightened, or horror movie frightened? For their return to the stage, Backyard Renaissance has stitched together elements of both to create a proper chimera: a scary-story play with interactive jump scares (though audience members are allowed to opt out of the latter, which tend to produce more nervous laughter than terrified screams). The scary-story part is solidly current: a family flees the economic and social unrest of Seattle for a prosperous life in a quiet town in Eastern Washington, only to find that urban terrors are nothing compared to a small town under a curse. Playwright Tim Mulligan grew up in the town in question, which also happens to be the most toxic spot in the Western hemisphere, thanks to poor nuclear waste management. Daren Scott steals the show as one of the mixed-race family's two gay dads (the drinky, funny one), but the drama and star power here belongs to the town witch, who manages the very neat trick of being spooky even when in plain sight. Just what she is—monster or metaphor?—is the real, awful question of the play, though it's not clear how interested Mulligan & Co. are in answering it.

10TH AVE. ARTS CENTER, THROUGH DEC. 11

UPCOMING SHOWS

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

Christopher is a 15-year-old boy with an extraordinary brain. He is exceptional at mathematics, incapable of lying, detests being touched, and distrusts strangers. Suspected of killing his neighbor's dog with a garden fork, he is determined to find the true culprit. At seven minutes after midnight, Christopher's detective work leads to an earth-shattering discovery as he bravely embarks on a deeply personal quest that upturns his world. Based on the international bestselling novel by Mark Haddon—which was inspired by a Sherlock Holmes tale—*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* has won 7 Olivier Awards and 5 Tony Awards, including 'Best Play'.

LYCEUM THEATRE, JAN. 6-30.

The Nutcracker

San Diego Ballet brings America's favorite holiday event to dazzling life at the newly renovated Magnolia theater. SDB's annual production of *The Nutcracker* features Tchaikovsky's timeless score and an international cast of more than 100 beautifully costumed dancers. Sugarplum fairies, leaping cossacks and flurries of snowflakes swirl across the stage, in this magical journey through a young girl's imagination.

MAGNOLIA PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, DEC. 19.

Drinks All Around

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A pretty candy-red cocktail adorned with a sprig of green, the Blood of the Scorpion comes served with a warning. “It’s based with our Scorpion

Vodka we make here in-house at 619,” says Justin Greenwood. “We naturally infuse everything here into our vodkas. It’s infused with scorpion peppers — which a lot of people don’t realize is one of the hottest peppers out there. And it’s phenomenal!” he certifies. “It has a lot of pepper flavor along with the heat, so it’s a really nice vodka to go with many things, but especially this cocktail. We have it with the blood orange juice that we make in-house along with the grapefruit juice, then we top it with some thyme. So it has the aromatics of the thyme when you go in to drink, and then it’s got that citrus and bitterness where the grapefruit and the blood orange come together.” But lest we forget, “That kick of spice definitely packs a punch!”

He elaborates on the house-distilled Scorpion Vodka. “We naturally infuse it before we cut it to 40%. It’s being infused at a higher alcohol content, so it’s extracting more of the flavor. There’s no artificial anything. It’s a very smooth — and dangerous — vodka, if you will.” The infusion process involves “not as many [peppers] as you would think for the punch that the

scorpion pepper vodka has. It’s not for the weak,” he asserts. “And because we don’t put any simple syrup in the cocktail, it doesn’t really have any sugar or anything to counteract. It just has more acidity to make it even hotter.”

To reference the Scoville scale, the Trinidad Scorpion Pepper ranks near the tip-top at about 1.2 million SHU. “It’s a deep red color, about the size of a habañero. But yeah, I... would not even touch one,” he says, evoking nervous laughter between us, “No thanks.” Still, the cocktail offers something to the taste buds besides spice. “You’re getting the actual pepper flavor, it’s not just hot.”

Though Greenwood hasn’t seen anyone brought to fiery tears, many palates have been put to the test. “A lot of people that know this place, and know about that drink, they like to order it for their new friends and not tell them what it is,” he says, chuckling at the memory of those prankster regulars. “And they’ll kind of give you a look like, ‘Don’t say anything.’ That’s always a treat to be a part of!”

619 SPIRITS NORTH PARK’S BLOOD OF THE SCORPION



- ¾ oz. grapefruit juice
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- 2 oz. 619 Scorpion Vodka

Mix ingredients in a shaker and pour over ice. Garnish with a sprig of thyme.

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CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Tower 13: *Monday*, 4-10pm half off all tequilas

CARLSBAD

20Twenty at Westin Carlsbad: *Tuesday-Friday*, 4:30-6:00pm: \$2 off wells, signature cocktails, and wines by the glass. \$10 off cheese and charcuterie.

Chandler’s: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: \$2 off wines by the glass, draught beers, and signature cocktails. \$3 off appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

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

CORONADO

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

Nicky Rottens: *Monday*, 3-6pm: \$8 select mules all night. *Tuesday*, 3-6pm: \$4 any canned beer. *Wednesday*, 3-6pm: \$5 draft pints. *Thursday*, 3-6pm: 22 ounce draft for pint price. *Friday*, 3-6pm: \$6 mimosas and Bloody Marys. *Saturday*, 3pm-6pm: \$5 drafts, well cocktails, house wines. \$5 pretzels & beer cheese, side of fries, tots, \$6 buffalo wings, \$7 house nachos, \$8 chicken fritters & fries, \$10 chicken lettuce cup.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Gaslamp Fish House: *Daily*, 3:30-6:00pm: \$4 Fireball shot, Mc-

Cormick bourbon, shot of Torado Silver tequila, \$5 craft beer on tap, vodka soda, select wine by the glass, \$7 skinny margarita, select signature cocktails.

Gaslamp Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-7pm: \$2 off drafts, wine, specialty cocktails, \$5 wells.

Maryjane’s: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$5 wells drinks, beer, \$6 wine.

The Tipsy Crow: *Monday-Thursday*, 3-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary). *Friday-Saturday*, Noon-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary).

Werewolf American Pub: *Tuesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$4 drafts, house wines, and wells.

EAST VILLAGE

Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen: *Tuesday*, \$5 pints gluten-reduced beers on tap all night

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday*, 7-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails. *Friday-Saturday*, 5-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails.

KENSINGTON

Kensington Brewing Company: *Wednesday-Thursday*, \$1 off pints from 4-6pm *Friday*, \$1 off pints 3-6pm

LA JOLLA

Spiro’s Mediterranean Cuisine: *Daily*, 3-6pm: \$2 off wine and beer.

LA MESA

Brigantine La Mesa: *Daily*, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off well drinks, drafts, featured wines, \$4 glass sparkling wine, \$5.75 margaritas, \$6 happy hour red wine, happy hour white wine.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: *Friday*, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. *Sunday*, 11am-2pm: \$4 Bloody Marys, \$5 Champagne.

LAKESIDE

Eastbound Bar & Grill: *Tuesday-Friday*, 2-5pm: \$2 off all house cocktails, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 micro drafts.

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Dirk’s Niteclub: *Daily*, 4pm-7pm: \$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails.

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Carruth Cellars Wine Garden: *Monday-Friday*, 2-6pm: \$3 off glasses, \$5 off bottles of wine.

King and Queen Cantina: *Daily*, Noon-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$4 beer bottles, \$7 well drinks, wine, sangria, \$8 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9.

MISSION HILLS

Cardellino: *Wednesday-Sunday*, 3-6pm: Drink specials and discounts on small bites and pizzas.

NORTH PARK

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Wednesday-Friday*, 3pm-6pm: \$4.50 24 oz. Tall Boys.

OLD TOWN

Home & Away: *Monday, Wednesday-Friday*, 3-6pm: \$1 off glass of wine, draft and bottled beer, well drinks, \$3 to \$6 off specialty cocktails. \$2.75 tacos. *Tuesday*, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

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

PACIFIC BEACH

Ambrogio15: *Monday-Friday*, 3-5pm: \$19 per person biodynamic (organic) wine flight with three selected biodynamic wines (two ounce pour) and focaccia bread, olives, artichokes.

Latitude 32: *Wednesday-Saturday*, 4-6pm: \$3-\$5.50 beer and wines.

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Donna Larsen set out to make the kids' music she wanted them to hear.

Songs for the small

Donna Larsen knows singing, songwriting, producing, and promotion. But when it came to making music (and eventually books) for kids, she fell back on the most reliable test market she could find: her own children. "They had a lot of trouble falling asleep," recalls Larsen, who's throwing a musical launch party for her new project *In My Own Backyard* on December 11 at Amethyst Moon in La Mesa. "So as I lay next to them, naturally, my way to soothe them was to sing them to sleep. I missed performing, but always kept writing music, and so I would just build on to the little ditty from the night before that I had made up."

After a while, she says, "I came to realize that I had enough to do a little show that I called Pajama Time. We would lay blankets and pillows down on the floor, and parents would set their kids there. It's a fun memory, seeing all these little ones crawling all over each other while parents sat watching and listening. You really have to be a performer to keep kids' interest. I don't remember any meltdowns. But it did really take the village to keep them all corralled."

Larsen grew up in Redlands, but moved down to San Diego to major in drama. After studying at Grossmont College (former school of famed music critic Lester Bangs), she moved over to Ocean Beach, which she loved

for "the vibe, and being able to take my dog to the beach each day." A stint in Lemon Grove found her running Soundations Recording Studio during her first marriage.

Time spent at O'Hungry's in Old Town led to jamming in twos and threes; she joined a band called Sapphire, and then one called Messenger. Her second marriage caused her to set music aside, partially for the kids, while she worked in federal court — although she did release a solo album, *Expectant World*, around 2000.

She loved discovering stuff with her kids, but noticed "there was so much children's music out there with really bad drum loops, people singing off-pitch, and lyrics that were just, well, lacking in substance or joy... There seemed a belief, somehow, that children's music needn't be held to the highest standard. I just didn't get that. And I didn't want that for my kids. Other than Raffi, the Wiggles, and Trout Fishing in America, I couldn't find much kids' music that was worth listening to."

Her zeal to rectify the situation led her to create (and now launch) *In My Own Backyard*, an illustrated children's book with songs included on an accompanying CD. For an illustrator, she picked San Diego native Michelle Haglund. "She does such amazing works of art in encaustic — painting with melted beeswax."

Larsen stresses that "*In My Own Backyard* is written from a different perspective than the old love songs I used to write, or the music from *Expectant World*. That was about the world from my

cosmic point of view, a very adult point of view examining our world. Writing, to me, has always been a spiritual experience. As human beings, we are also energetically connected to the archetypes of angels, fairies, dragons, birds, butterflies. It all has symbolism and deeper meaning, so I'm hoping parents

will enjoy that part of *In My Own Backyard*. Some of the songs, like 'I Forgot to Ask the Angels' or 'The Magic Key,' may seem overtly spiritual or at least introspective to an adult. The song 'This Tiny Thing' is about a little flower bending in the wind in the rain. A child would see it that way, but a parent may think more deeply about how the words we use, and the situations we put our fragile little ones in, can mold a child for their entire life. 'It's A Sunny Day' is just a fun simple, bouncy blues song. But if you take it deeper, it's about our choice in how we perceive things: *Could be a cloudy day/ But we still can play.*"

— Andrew Hamlin

Walking down memory lane

Local singer-songwriter and cinematographer Scott Wilson says he was taken by surprise when *Saturday Night Live* recently did a parody version of Marc Cohn's "Walking in Memphis" video in a musical sketch called "Walking in Staten" starring Cohn along with Pete Davidson and Method Man. "I saw [the *SNL* spoof] this morning without any notice," says Wilson, who edited Cohn's original "Walking in Memphis" video. "Somewhat of a shockingly pleasant surprise. Looks like it's getting a lot of press, from what I can tell. It's on the front page of *rollingstone.com* for example, among many other websites. The editing

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and cinematography style are very similar to the original video, which brought Marc Cohn to the public's attention in 1991 when it was originally released. It hit number 13 on the *Billboard* charts, according to one of the articles I read this morning."

Wilson edited the original Cohn video around May 1991 at a West Los Angeles edit facility called Selluloid. "I'm not totally sure on the dates, though. There is a semi-amusing music related story regarding having to leave the Marc Cohn offline edit session on the last day of minor final revisions for the video because of a previous commitment at

he's worked on music videos, concert films, and documentaries. When it came time to shoot his own video for the song "Coffeehouse 101" from his CD *Kaleidoscope's End*, he says, "We ended up with around 50 performers in [my] video, many of them local, each one lip-synching a different line from the song." Footage was shot at Lestat's, Twigg's, the Hot Monkey Love Café, and other local spots. Cameo appearances included Gregory Page, Dave Howard, Bart Mendoza (The Shambles), Mark DeCervo (Rockola, The Steely Damned) and more — a who's who of local talent.

Tools studio edit system at Sound City in the San Fernando Valley, probably in 2015. Nirvana's *Nevermind* album was recorded in the main studio next door in the early '90s. I understand that my studio guitar room, and the vocal booth for Heather in Podunk Nowhere, was going to be a jacuzzi room for producer Keith Olsen at [renowned recording studio] Goodnight L.A. The early Pro Tools studio right next to the main studio was also featured in the film *Sound City*, directed by Dave Grohl of Foo Fighters and Nirvana. My studio was a couple of doors down



Scott Wilson hasn't played *SNL*, but he has had one of the videos he edited parodied on it.

a Napa Valley High School talent show at which I had agreed to appear before I took the editing job. [It was] to be a celebrity judge with the guitar player of VFX, a band I was in at the time."

Aside from VFX, whose album *The Next Step* hit number one on the Imports Chart in England's *Kerrang Magazine*, Wilson has also played with alt-rockers Cruel World and folk band the Gandhi Method, as well as with fellow Gandhi vet Cathryn Beeks. As a videographer and film editor,

Although he's had a few "brushes with fame," Wilson says, "To the best of my knowledge, 'Walking in Staten' is the first parody of any of my music videos, except for 'Rockstar' by Nickelback, which is almost identical to 'Coffeehouse 101.' I've also directed, shot, and edited music videos for a few local bands, [including] Podunk Nowhere, and also Sven-Erik Seaholm and Brooke Mackintosh. I recorded the Podunk Nowhere song with my Pro

from Goodnight L.A., on the right, just past the restrooms."

An expanded edition of *Kaleidoscope's End* was released last year, featuring a total of 40 songs, including original demos for eight of the thirteen tunes, and three 16-track analog demos for compositions that didn't make the final album.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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DANI BELL & THE TARANTIST

Western-tinged Dani Bell & the Tarantist is yet another band championed by local star Alfred Howard, who performs with the group and signed them to the label he co-owns, Redwoods Music. Singer Dani Bell (Boychick) is frequently backed by the same players from Birdy Bardot (another Howard production). Their dreamy psychedelic soul sound was showcased on a debut full-length called *Dark West*, released in 2015. The band's videos for the album feature them wearing commedia dell'arte-style masks. A new EP was released in early 2018, *Golden Gloom*, recorded on a

BOSS Micro BR80 recorder and promoted with a video for the track "Gentleman." That year, they also played the Bottle Rock Festival in Napa, California. Their sophomore album *Wide Eyed* was released in 2019, preceded by a single for "Mystery" and sporting cover artwork by John Gourley of Portugal. Dani Bell & the Tarantist recently signed with Echelon Talent Agency and are planning to tour England and Europe in 2022. They'll kick off a west coast tour on December 9 at Soda Bar before heading up the coast through December 16 in Seattle, Washington.



THE GLOOMIES

Jazzy surf-punk rockers the Gloomies feature Andy Craig, a one-time local who was based in NYC in 2009 when he began a two year stint with psych-pop band Guards, which toured with Alt-J and Cults and played the Coachella, Lollapalooza, and Primavera festivals. In 2013, he launched Sacco, which followed a more hypnotic groove, though that band played its last gig in November 2014 and Craig returned to San Diego to form the Gloomies. They were soon signed to Thrill Me Records, which had a San Diego/NYC axis, with label co-owner Cory Stier (of the band Hideout) based here. Thrill Me has handled other local acts like

Mrs. Magician, Lowlands, and Jacob Turnbloom. The debut Gloomies single "LSD" was released in late 2015, earning them a Buzz Band of the Week thumbs-up in *NME* magazine, as well as nods from *Noisey*, *DIY*, and *Entertainment Weekly*. This year saw the premiere of a new album, *Are We Getting Better*, preceded by singles for "Moonlight" and "Sick Like You" (both released in late 2019) and "Sideways" (January 2020), while a video was produced for "Nightflight." A new single just dropped for "Out There," mixed and mastered by Blake Martz, following up their summer single "I Can See You Now."



JOSQUIN DES PRES

Producer, songwriter, and composer Josquin Des Pres was a founding member of Stress, which for a time included Rough Cutt's Jimmy Crespo, who'd been Aerosmith's temporary guitarist while Joe Perry was estranged from that band. He also wrote songs and played bass for Jacqueline Grace, and his Utonium Music label includes artists such as Makayla Phillips, a 2020 *American Idol* Top 10 contestant and 2021 return performer on that show. "During the lockdown," says Des Pres, "I started producing a project for French singer Joyce Jonathan, 'À la vie comme à la mort' feat. Jason Mraz." We started with a few recording sessions on Zoom, [and]

the song went through a variety of stages. The JoNa Music Group writing team joined in [Mraz, Michael and Nancy Natter, Chaska Potter, Tolan Shaw, Fabien Renoult]. Joyce wrote some beautiful French lyrics and, last week, 18 months later, Joyce flew to California and we wrapped up this beautiful song and video in just a few days." The bi-lingual duet sung in French and English was produced by Des Pres with Jason Mraz, Michael Natter, Yann Macé, and Luc Leroy, and mastered by Barry Rudolph. "The worldwide release date for this Frenghish bilingual gem is November 26th."



SARA WATKINS

Nickel Creek songwriter and fiddler Sara Watkins signed with Nonesuch Records in 2008 and released her self-titled solo debut, produced by Led Zeppelin bassist John Paul Jones, who has also worked with San Diego's Diamanda Galas. The album featured star guests such as Gillian Welch and David Rawlings, Elvis Costello drummer Pete Thomas, Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers keyboardist Benmont Tench, and Soul Coughing bassist Sebastian Steinberg. Watkins' group The Scrolls has included her brother and fellow Nickel Creek vet Sean, as well as Glen Phillips (Toad the Wet Sprocket), Davy Faragher (Cracker), Benmont Tench (Tom Petty's Heartbreak-

ers), Pete Thomas (Elvis Costello's Attractions), Greg Leisz, and Luke Bulla. When not on the road or in the studio, Watkins guest-stars as fiddler and/or harmony vocalist on albums by Bela Fleck, the Chieftains, Ray LaMontagne, Ben Lee, Dan Wilson, Richard Thompson, and Alex Woodward, among others, as well as occasionally hosting Prairie Home Companion. Watkins is releasing a series of limited edition vinyl exclusives via New West Records, including her solo full-length *Young in All the Wrong Ways* (pressed on blue with gold swirl vinyl) and a Sara Watkins & The Secret Sisters album called *Saturn Return* (pink and white marble vinyl).



SUMMER YEARS

Based in Oceanside, "Summer Years is rock music," according to singer-guitarist Nick Lanari. "Pop and punk rock-infused music, but at its core, it's for anyone who likes to rock and enjoys lots of melody. We definitely operate with the energy and big rhythms of a punk band, but I think we will always be accessible to anyone. Kids who are just getting into guitar music or who have never listened to pop punk. I think our music is for everyone. Even soccer moms." The band signed with Ecni Records (Beach Goons, The Joy Formidable) and released a new single in July, "This Light," from

an EP due early next year, while a second EP single appeared in October for "The Picture You Paint." A music video just premiered online for "What You're Made Of," the third single from their *You Can't Live There Forever* EP, dropping January 7. The EP was produced by Adam Sisco, Chris Szczech, and Mike Liorti, and mixed by Chris Lord Alge (Green Day, The All-American Rejects) and Steve Rizin (NOFX, The Flatliners). The single for "What You're Made Of" recently appeared on Apple Music's New In Rock Playlist.

You can submit a listing, download mp3s, watch videos, subscribe to event alerts, get directions, and find more information about these shows online at SDReader.com/music.

THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

American Legion Post 416:
Friday, 7pm — 8 East Band. **Free.**

Balboa Theatre:
Tuesday, 8pm — Pink Martini
Featuring China Forbes.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 8pm — Robert Cray. \$42-\$74.
Friday, 8pm — The Spazmatics and Lies N' Roses. \$18-\$32.
Saturday, 8pm — Marc Broussard. \$30-\$33.
Sunday, 8pm — The Slackers and the Aggrolites.
Monday & Tuesday, 8pm — Thievery Corporation.
Wednesday, 8pm — Mariachi El Bronx. \$30-\$53.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Exhorder and Take Offense. \$25-\$28.
Friday, 7:30pm — Red Jumpsuit Apparatus and Eyes Set To Kill. \$18-\$22.
Saturday, 8pm — Antichrist Siege Machine and Crematory Stench. \$15.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Hostilities and Overexposure. \$12-\$15.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
Friday & Saturday, 8pm — Carols by Candlelight Country Concerts. \$18-\$94.

Carruth Cellars:
Wednesday, 5pm — Rick Harchol. **Free.**

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Thursday, 7pm — Baby Bash.
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Monday, 7pm — Jerry Paper.
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Wednesday, 7:30pm — Atreyu
and Crown the Empire. \$25-\$65.

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Tuesday & Wednesday, 7pm —
Music Program Winter Concerts.

**Molly Malone's Waypoint
Saloon:**
Friday, 9pm — Still Around.
Free.

Moose Lodge Escondido:
Thursday, 6pm — Country Music
Party.

Museum of Making Music:
Friday, 7pm — San Diego Sound
Project: Kathryn Schulmeister.
Free.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7pm — Sharon Little
and Ash Easton. \$12-\$15.
Friday, 7:30pm — Paul
Oakenfold. \$29-\$52.
Saturday, 8pm — Balkan Bump
and Red Giant Project. \$19.
Sunday, 8:30pm — She Past
Away, Forever Grey, Luna Negra.

Nate's Garden Grill:
Saturday, 12pm — Tinkersmith.
Free.

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Sunday, 4pm — The Romeros
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Soda Bar:
Thursday, 8pm — Dani Bell &
the Tarantist. \$15.
Friday, 8pm — Bury Your Dead
and Ov Sulfer. \$25.
Sunday, 8pm — Tennis System.
\$15.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — 3LH and Los
Saints. \$12.
Wednesday, 7pm — Standards,
Drew Pelisek, Fieldrush.

Soma:
Thursday, 6pm — Hot Flash
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Tango Del Rey:
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Fundraiser. \$10-\$100.

Winstons Beach Club:
Friday, 8pm — Sister Speak and
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Saturday, 3pm — Hang Zeros
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Sunday, Dec. 19 — X and Soft
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Friday, Dec. 31 — Tribal Seeds.
Saturday, Jan. 1 — Tribal Seeds.
Sunday, Jan. 2 — Tribal Seeds.
Thursday, Jan. 6 — Tommy
Castro & The Painkillers.
Friday, Jan. 7 — The California
Honeydrops.
Saturday, Jan. 8 — The

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Sunday, Jan. 9 — Shannon & the
Clams.
Friday, Jan. 14 — Wild Child.

Black Cat Bar:
Friday, Dec. 17 — F+ and Slum
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Friday, Dec. 17 — Trish Toledo.
\$20-\$25.
Saturday, Dec. 18 — Shred For
Dime. \$10.

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Friday, Dec. 17 — Emo Nite.
Sunday, Dec. 19 — Kelly
Finnigan & The Atonements.
Wednesday, Jan. 5 — The
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Thursday, Jan. 6 — Summer
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Friday, Jan. 7 — Dead Feather
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BY GARRETT HARRIS

The Christmas rabbit hole

'Tis the season for Christmas music. We all know the Christmas warhorses such as Georg Handel's *The Messiah*, J.S. Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*, and Pyotr Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*. Maybe some of us are also familiar with music that is winter-themed, such as Antonio Vivaldi's "Winter" from *The Four Seasons* and Sergei Prokofiev's "Troika" from his *Lieutenant Kijé Suite*.

Further down the list of classical Christmas music are rarely sung masterpieces such as Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*, Camille Saint-Saëns's *Oratorio de Noël*, Hector Berlioz's *L'Enfance du Christ*, and *Hodie* by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

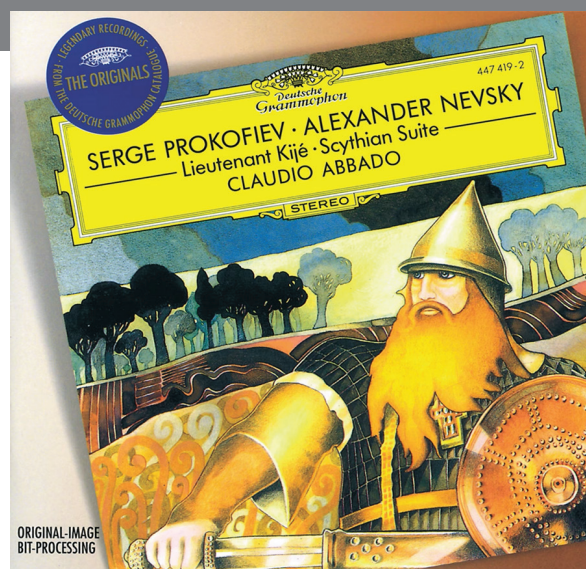
I'd say that anyone who has listened to Saint-Saëns's

Oratorio de Noël has started down the classical Christmas rabbit hole. Now, let's go a bit further down. A *Symphony of Carols* by Victor Hely-Hutchinson might be the most idiomatic English Christmas music of all time. Written in 1927, this symphony includes traditional English Carols such as "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen," "The Coventry Carol," "The First Nowell," and "Here We Come A-wassailing." If you like Christmas music the way I like Christmas music, which is to say with the fervor of a soul freshly converted to a new sect, then this is a must-listen for your personal Christmas extravaganza.

Tchaikovsky wrote a piece for piano based on the seasons. Each piece represents

a month of the year. For the December section, he composed a short waltz with the subtitle "Christmas." It has since become known as "The Christmas Waltz." It's not *The Nutcracker*, but it is charming in this orchestrated version.

Edward Elgar is not a name we associate with Christmas music, but his "A Christmas Greeting" is an exquisite holiday chestnut. The text of the song was written by Elgar's wife Caroline Alice Elgar. For those of us living our lives outside of the Edwardian Age, that text may be difficult to digest. She dedicates two stanzas to Rome, mentioning Pifferari and the Old Tiber. The references could have been due to Elgar's Roman Catholicism. But the song is delicate and quite English in its tone



Proto-Santa? Maybe not, but the CD does contain some seasonally appropriate — that is, wintry — music.

and texture.

I cannot think of a less likely fan of Christmas music than Arnold Schoenberg, but the fact of the matter is that the atonal Jewish master was dedicated to Christmas music.

How dedicated? He wrote a lovely and tonal version of Praetorius's "Es ist ein Ros' Entsprungen" which weaves in "Stille Nacht" as a counter melody. Christmas miracles never cease to amaze.

Classical Music this week

North Coast Symphony: Seasonal Splendor The North Coast Symphony presents "Seasonal Splendor", a performance of uplifting music. The concert will include The Shepherd's Hey and The Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol by Aldridge Granger, A Festive Fanfare by Brian Balmages, Greensleeves arranged by Matt

Riley, Pavanne by Gabriel Faure and more. The orchestra is conducted by Daniel Swem. Tickets available at the door: \$10 general, \$8 seniors/students/military, \$25/family max. Sunday, December 12, 3:30pm; \$8-\$10. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive.

Spreckles Organ Society Christmas Concerts Already becoming a tradition in town, San Diego Civic Organist Raúl Prieto Ramírez will be joined once again by the San Diego Opera and San Diego Ballet for a Christmas Celebration Concert, featuring selections from Haendel's Messiah, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, Bach's Christmas Oratorio and

popular Christmas carols from all over the world. Saturday, December 11, 5:30pm; **free.** Spreckles Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado.

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Thai generosity

It is when my mussaman comes that we start approaching Nirvana.

Love surprises! Neighbor Kevin and I are coming out of the ocean after a lunch-time swim. Was it cold? You betcha, for the first minute. But once you're body surfing, all you're thinking about is catching the wave and avoiding the stingrays. Okay, so Kevin got two better waves than I did, but we both make it out unscathed. And it's while we're doing the "Yes, I've braved those waters" strut that we spot these two women sitting by the lifeguard tower. And they're picnicking on — hey! — some kind of Asian food.

"Put prasart Thai?" says Kevin. ("Do you

classic Thai shrimp soup, the one that's gotta be *pet* — spicy hot — to bring out the sweat on your brow and the flavors in the soup.



Honestly, we don't know if Milly and Lily will turn up next day, but they do, taking out plastic boxes from a big bag. And Lordy, what a collection! Milly lays out four paper plates and opens four plastic pots. Maybe the most interesting-looking

is the stir fry (Thais borrowed stir-fry from Chinese cooking). It's Pad Krapow Gai. Stir-fried holy basil chicken, and I see she has put in a 1000-year-old egg. Then, the Tom Yum Kung

I requested. Next to that, a yellowish chicken curry, panang. And as light relief, Som Tum, the papaya salad from Laos, which is mainly strips of raw green papaya. From that to the 1000-year-old egg (which is preserved, but not for that long) it is all a luscious combo, as we talk and exchange lives, not far from the crunching waves and slow-mo pelican flight processions. Delicious afternoon! "That's the thing about Thailand," says Kevin, after. "They're generous."

I'm thinking about that afternoon and especially the Tom Yum, a couple of days later when I'm east of IB around 13th street on Imperial Beach Boulevard. Night's coming on, temps are plunging, and the idea of a nice hot soup gets me looking around. This is when I spot a row of shops. Party Supplies, Tommy's Tobacco and oh yes: IB Thai.

Only problem: it's take-out only. You can see maybe three women in the kitchen in back, cutting, stirring, dishing food into plastic pots and placing them in cardboard to-go boxes. But the place does have tables in the front. Right now, it is pretty

empty. Kind of gray and white decor with tables scattered, some with high chairs, where people wait for their to-go orders. "Can I eat here?" I say to the one guy at the counter.

"Oh sure," he says. He's processing customers who are arriving after ordering online. His name's Sokha. "I'm Hmong, from Battambang, Cambodia," he says.

Perfect! Someone interesting to talk to. Trouble is, he's so busy running for orders, there's not much time to talk. Besides, I'm supposed to be looking at the menu. It is standard Thai, with all those dishes Kevin and I had with Milly and Lily, and a ton of others. Me, I'm

looking for more curry. Thai curries are da best, IMHO, a combo of Indian and Thai and Chinese influences, not afraid to be rich-tasting, not afraid to be hot. Except most times, restaurants under-spice their dishes, for fear of burning our gringo mouths.

So when I decide to go for this yellow curry, and Sokha asks what I want, spice-wise, from 1-10, I say, "Ten, and I mean ten." I get the *gang massaman neua*, mussaman curry with beef: potato, carrots, onion, yellow curry, white rice, and beef (*neua*). Costs \$10.95. But first I order an appetizer of coconut shrimp, six shrimp covered in shredded toasted coconut. Crispy, with a kind of coconut perfume aura surrounding them. And a sweet and sour dipping sauce. Good, indulgent. Also, hey, following a trend here, I get a tall 17.5 oz can of Chaokoh young coconut juice with pulp. Costs \$2.50. That's the thing about everything here: totally reasonable, cost-wise.

But it is when my mussaman comes, in a plastic to-go pot and with another pot filled with rice, that we start approaching Nirvana. The mussaman is hot and burny, but not too. Curry taste is sweet and savory at the same time. And there's always the rice. Glad I asked for a "10," because generally, mussaman is a mild curry. I love its taste combo of yellow curry, big chunks of potato, carrots, beef, onion, and inputs of galangal, lemon grass. The name "mussaman" comes from "Muslim." The curry came to Thailand from Malaysia around the 1600s via Persian traders who wowed Thai royalty with the flavor. It's a kind of easy-



Milly, daughter Lily, and the brunch they brought



Milly holds 1000-year-old egg. Slightly funky but ultimately delicious

to-love hybrid soup you can get with chicken, shrimp, beef — but not pork, not with this curry's background.

The beef is fine, and I'm gonna take half home. Right now I'm soaking in the heat and the flavors slowly, to warm me up for the cold outside.

Good talk with Sokha, but I want to find out more about his Hmong hilltribe people. Like, what do they eat in the mountains back there? Whatever, it's been quite a Thai week. A lot to — as they say — digest. ■



Sokha, Hmong and happy



Coconut shrimp: sweet start to the meal

speak Thai?") He knows a little Thai. Has been there about three times.

"Put dai, ka," says the older girl.

Pretty soon they are chatting in Thai. Milly and her daughter Lily say they decided to come down here for a picnic. "Would you like some?"

"Maybe after we dry up and put something warm on. The breeze," says Kevin.

"OK. Come tomorrow. We will bring food for you," says Milly. "What do you like?"

"Tom Yum," I say, just so they know I'm not completely dumb when it comes to Thai food. "Tom Yum Kung!" Talking about the

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Bibimbap boop beep

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Tofu House goes to College

Tofu House SDSU; 6061 El Cajon Blvd suite 4, College Area. This wasn't intended to be a story about a robot.

When Tofu House opened a new location near SDSU this October, this Korean food fan was elated. Usually, I'm happy to

leave College area restaurants to the students who frequent them, but there are only so many Korean restaurants outside the Convoy area, and this one instantly became the closest to my house by a good several miles. As a bonus, it's got a much less crowded parking lot.

It wouldn't be long before I showed up to the El Cajon Boulevard eatery with my wife. She wanted the chef's special soft tofu stew (also known as *soondubu jjigae*), which comes loaded with kimchi and shellfish, including oysters, clams, scallops, and shrimp (\$12). I would go for the meat party *bibimbap*. This rendition of the rice bowl features marinated ribeye *bulgogi*, short ribs, and spicy chicken.

Part of Tofu House's allure: both dishes are served in steaming and sizzling stone bowls, hot enough to cook an egg — say, one of the raw eggs set with your table for just this purpose. I'll have to admit now, I've ordered hot stone bowl dishes at the original Kearney Mesa Tofu House many times and never considered how perilous it must be for the servers to carry them from the kitchen to your table. Imagine carrying a potential second-degree burn on a small tray through a crowded restaurant.

Which may be why Tofu House added a new member to its staff: the robot in question.



A service robot delivers hot stone bibimbap at the new College area Tofu House.

When our hot stone bowls emerged from the kitchen, they sat atop trays being carried by a four-foot robot. Though it has what appear to be a pair of square blue eyes, the robot has no nose or mouth, and neither arms nor legs. It's really designed more like a vertical rack that can carry up to four food trays on a heavy, wheeled base.

The robot rolled across the restaurant with our orders, broadcasting its own, jaunty soundtrack loud enough to call attention to itself. It (maybe she?) then said something unintelligible to me, possibly along the lines of, "Be careful, it's hot!"

You can't really talk about robots these days without talking about how they're going to displace us all, so it's natural to be concerned that this little tray robot has taken someone's job. However, I would point out that the same gracious, human waitress both took our orders and transferred the still seriously hot bowls from the robot's tray to our respective placemats. Ultimately, the robot simply relieved her of the part where scorching, *gochujang*-spiced broth could spill out to scald her while she walked. Sounds like a win-win to me.

As does the arrival of craveable Korean food in another part of San Diego. Someday, I'd like to see good Korean fare within ten minutes of us all. Until then, I'll gladly visit this place for the robot, some beer or soju, and \$20 combo meals featuring both a rice bowl and tofu stew. But take note: the robot doesn't deliver to the trove of outdoor patio seating.

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

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A shrimp is visible beneath the surface of the broth in the chef's special soft tofu stew.



The "meat party" bibimbap, with bulgogi, short rib, and spicy chicken.

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PERSONALS

ASTOUNDED I have a lot of real(not ca fake) abilities to make special \$ in some really cool occupying ways. I need a like minded, bored and amused sort of partner. Can you? Be just like up river but oh so at least occupying and potentially \$\$\$\$ fast. And I'm not like I was at the bush. 13 yrs u think? OK I'd love to try and show u what little i can of my self and get to form the rest with a smart interesting hot lil momma. Im so embarrassed from the past.

DON'T EVEN BOTHER if theres some kinda lesson to be given on how we're all free etc barf. Ive never owned anybody. Im looking for a one man gal. Not a prisoner. My heart does feel. I'm old fashioned. Sue me. Is it okay for a man to worry about a woman's human feelings, the ones she has as a individual alone on this planet kinda thinger merjig. And not get all f?d around for trying to figure out if love is a different thing or what? As a man might? Maybe thats what daughters are for? hmm well I'd hope she has someone able to even realize it let alone be watchin out

GINO OF GROSSMONT SHOE REPAIR thanks for the stitching, Brian.

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION- FAITH For by (God's) grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

HOW DOES ONE get a bit of affection or love when one knows how lame the rest of the stuff is?

MERNIE thanks for the presentation on Chicano Park.

MY DARLING FRANK Mrs Claus called and I caught a sleigh to the North Pole. I have Scout and Sargent! Please take care of Miss Sassy I would have brought her, but you know how French poodles hate the cold. Love you, your Katherineine.

PAT G OF EL CAJON looking forward to seeing the Cuyamaca Garden with you, BB.

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JOSEPH OF KIELS thanks for Thanksgiving, Brian.

KATHERINE Z. Dearest Katherine, the transport freighter is heading back to the states and will be arriving in Long Beach tomorrow. hopefully there won't be any delay there. Frank

REMEMBER... It's attitude, gratitude and self control.

SHIRLEY & JOHN Looking at your embroidery for Hanukah, thanks, enjoy the season, Brian B.

BRANDY This is the captain. Im steering the ship...Get on board....Smooth sailing ahead...I love ya Shawshank....Gman

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Cello/ yitzhak.morales@outlook.com

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GUITAR/MUSIC INSTRUCTOR I'm a guitar/music instructor seeking new, interested students, especially those wanting to learn more about songwriting, music theory, or production (I use Logic Pro X). linktr.ee/sunsetarchitect

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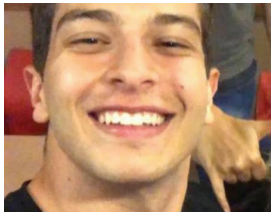


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ROOMMATES



MOVED IN FROM BRAZIL Hey everyone! I'm 26, Brazilian looking for a roommate or possibly 2. Also looking for a 420 friendly roommate and someone that won't mind my 6-year-old pitbull she's well trained and loves to cuddle. facebook.com/guilherme.augusto.77920526



MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I am looking to move to California from Nebraska. I am 23 and I work remote at aaa life. I love to work out, go to the beach and be outside. Budget is 1,000 a month;

message me on FB @ sophie.tokheim if we are a fit.



PET FRIENDLY A PLUS
Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400 max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! DM my IG @jacysteves

PET LOVING ROOMMATES
My budget is \$900. I'm 23, work full time as a receptionist, and in my free time, I like to go to the dog beach/park with my two tiny chihuahuas. I'd love some roommates who also work full time and love pets. facebook.com/katrina.matese/

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ISO ROOMMATES OR HOUSEMATES Reposting: My name is Eun Jeong, I just graduated with my master's in business analytics from Oregon and currently looking for a place to stay for a month in San Diego. My budget is \$700. FB: eunjeong.heo.374

CAT OWNER SEEKING HOUSEMATES My ideal location is as East as La Mesa, as North as Mira Mesa, as South as Chula Vista. The budget is from \$700-\$900 including utilities. 25 y/o. I work full-time as an Animal Welfare Professional and have a 2 y/o cat. FB: dezertdippin250

MISSION BAY ROOMIES? I'm a 27 year old teacher from NY looking for a house with flatmates for ideally 1k or less/person. I prefer living with CLEAN and smoke free people. I'll be driving out the 1st week of Oct. Would love the Mission Bay area. Facebook: alex.orsteig

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO My friend Bri and I are moving to San Diego and are looking for a place with 2 available bedrooms! Bri is 22 and I'm 24. Bri also has an ESA dog. DM us on Facebook - Thanks for looking! facebook.com/payton.renner

MISSION/PACIFIC BEACH
Looking for a roommate - male or female (late 20s, early 30s). Location: ONLY Mission Beach, Pacific Beach & La Jolla. Budget: up to \$2k. Please DM at facebook.com/brittany.barker1 for more info.

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I'm moving to San Diego In Oct. I'm looking for roommates and a private room. My max budget is 1300; a place in Mission Valley or P.B. is best. I'm a fun, understanding, neat & wonderful roomie. Pls. DM me @ savana.bjorklund.5 on FB.

NORTH PARK, HILLCREST, DT
Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400 max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! IG @jacysteves

HOUSEMATE IN NORTH PARK There is a two-bedroom apartment that is about to become available and is located in North Park. I'm 30, female, from NYC/CT, and work from home; also convivial, adventurous, and down-to-earth. DM on FB @ alexsibre

OTAY RANCH, \$1,100 Room for rent, furnished, AC, tv, internet, non smoker, no drugs, no pets. \$1,100/month, \$300 deposit. Call Carlos (858) 999-7980.

ROOMMATES/HOUSEMATES
Reposting again: I am actively seeking a room to rent. My max budget is \$900 with utilities included. Location w/ in East County. Mira Mesa, San Diego, Chula Vista. I work full-time. Please DM on FB @ dezertdippin250

ROOMMATE WANTED IN MY HOME Male, has a working job, rent is about \$600, \$200 deposit. Could be short term or longer term. Give me a call at (760) 655-8718.

SDSU ROOMMATE I'm a Senior at SDSU and I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/month for rent. Please DM me on FB: @ Jalen Dumphord — Thank You!

VISTA-FOR RENT \$850 + dep and utilities, a bedroom with a private bath in a senior mobile home park, must be 55, text only (760) 891-9739 between 5-8pm.

JUST GRADUATED My name is Eun Jeong, I just graduated with my master's in business analytics from Oregon and currently looking for a place to stay for a month in San Diego. My budget is \$700. FB: eunjeong.heo.374

LOOKING FOR 3RD ROOMMATE Hi!! Our names are Maria and Darlene and we are looking for a third roommate to move out with January 1st!! We are both 19 and I choose to believe we are nice. Facebook us @ mafer.barrera23

PB TO POWAY I'm Rafael, 30, and looking for a room w/ private bathroom. My budget is \$1,100 a month. I'm looking from Pacific Beach area up to Poway (anything in between). I'm from Puerto Rico & moved here 2 years ago. I work at a Biotech company. FB @ rafyuan

LOOKING FOR ROOMMATE!!
Hi! I'm Kyus, 23, and I have been in SD for three years. I make music/art, play video games, and I generally like any competitive/outdoor activity. Looking for a spot no more east than La Mesa. I'm ok with any gender roommate, hopefully, 420 Friendly (619) 431-6001 / kyus.bailey2016@gmail.com

PLACE NEAR BALBOA PARK
Hey guys, still looking for a place. Don't mind living with other people, so dm me if you're interested. Most I can afford would be under \$1000 per month. facebook.com/NathanAsher01

MISSION VALLEY ROOMMATES I'm currently driving from Florida to San Diego! Looking for a private room/bath relatively close to Mission Valley! Under \$1000 is ideal but can be flexible for the right place! FB: michael.nash.7509836

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO I'm looking for a roommate/private room in an apt./house. Hoping to move in February but I can be flexible. looking for 420 friendly, I can do without pets but it'd be nice. budget is around \$1000. facebook.com/tenoah.tatum

ROOMMATES OR HOUSEMATES Reposting again: Looking to stay in the Clairemont, La Jolla, Mission Valley, LV, Kerney Mesa, Point Loma areas (mainly west of the 15 & north of the 8). I'd like to stay around or under \$1100! Females only or couples, please. FB: Fischer.Christina7

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COLLEGE ROOMMATES

CITY COLLEGE STUDENTS
Reposting again: Open spot in an apartment located in downtown, high floor. 2 bedroom apartment, with individual bathroom and walk-in closet. Big balcony and windows on rooms. I have a dog. \$1900+ utilities. facebook.com/piresrafael/

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SDSU AND GROSSMONT COLLEGES Found a person renting a living room in La Mesa close to the campuses. DM the original poster Facebook for more info. facebook.com/batya.bernstein/

SDSU MARKETING STUDENT
I'm a Senior at SDSU and I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/month for rent. Please DM me on FB: @ Jalen Dumphord — Thank You! facebook.com/profile.php?id=10007142185

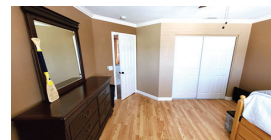
ANY ROOMMATES AND HOUSEMATES? Sup. Anyone renting out a room under \$1000 a month? Trying to move into a place ASAP and I don't mind having roommates still. facebook.com/NathanAsher01

BY CITY COLLEGE Reposting: Takeover a Golden Hill room sublet/lease for \$850/mo + utilities. It's a spacious room in a 3 bd house with lots of built-in storage and a nice view of the outdoor patio. It's on a quiet street and it's centrally located. facebook.com/grace.roe.18

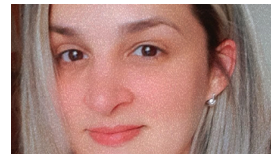
CAL STATE UNI SAN MARCOS
It just got remodeled with new paint, a new floor, and is ready to move in this November. The only problem is street parking other than that it's a nice and quiet wonderful neighborhood. facebook.com/samuel.alejo.1257

CLOSE TO MESA AND SDSU
Hi fellow college students! I found this on FB, it's a 1 of 3 bedrooms and it's available immediately! It is in Normal Heights, between the 805 + 15 freeways. DM for more details & an application link! facebook.com/mayra.recendez.9

SDSU ROOMIES LOOK HERE
Hey there! I'm looking for someone to take over my lease at BLVD63 (which is right by SDSU) starting December 1st. It's a private room and bathroom for \$1024 a month. The entire apartment is shared with three others. facebook.com/BLVD63



4 MIRA COSTA COLLEGE STUDENTS Reposting: I have two rooms available to rent. The first one is out by the pool (restroom inside the main house) and the second one is inside on the second floor. \$1000 Message me for further details! facebook.com/michael.robledo



HUSBAND/WIFE STUDENTS
Hi everyone, my husband and I are looking for a studio for \$1400 for October. We are students and would like a studio for a long stay. Message me on FB. Thanks! facebook.com/amanda.lucila/

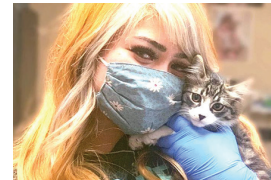


PALOMAR COLLEGE STUDENTS I found a place on 511 N. Nevada in Oceanside. for \$1,895 that is awesome for students facebook.com/commerce/listing/327093655616 056/?ref=share_attachment

BUYING SWC COLLEGE BOOKS This store buys used Southwest College books facebook.com/Otay-Books-437860740018652 (619) 216-3636

COLLEGE STUDENTS MOVERS I am a grad student; my team and I have been in the moving business for more than

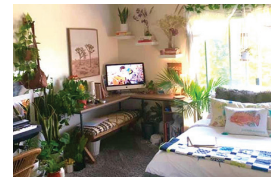
2 1/2 years we are doing this to help pay for our tuition. We are all Tall guys with strong and athletic bodies. We do discounts for all college students. (858) 208-0775



ROOMMATE OR HOUSEMATE HERE Posting till I find a spot. I am actively seeking a room to rent. My max budget is \$900-\$1000/utilities included. The location is pretty open so long as it remains within "Encinitas, Del Mar, Rancho Peñasquitos. facebook.com/dezertdippin250



SDSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS Repost: Walk to SDSU (4 blocks). 2 bedrooms available for rent in 4 bedroom 2 bath house. Small room with private entrance \$950 (plus \$50 mo). Huge master bedroom with canyon view \$1250 mo. DM OP facebook.com/cindy.sharp.357



TAKE OVER ROOM Reposting again here — I'm looking for someone to move in as soon as next week as I am moving to Spain for a few months. facebook.com/lauren.kettnerborough



USD, UCSD, MESA COLLEGE
Shared 3 bathroom. Location: Frink Avenue, North Clairemont. Monthly Rent: \$1,960 www.sublet.com/property/2819515

APARTMENT BY SDSU
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CSUSM AND PALOMAR STUDENTS Private, spacious furnished/unfurnished single occupancy studio room available. Centrally located in New Encinitas. Studio is 400 sq ft, private bathroom, kitchenette, and beautiful view from your window. \$2500 - message poster on Facebook for info facebook.com/judy.l.nelson

ESCONDIDO ROOM FOR COLLEGE Private room for rent at E. Ohio Ave, Escondido, CA 92025, United States. Please DM for pricing or availability! facebook.com/raquel.ortega.31945

ROOMMATES WANTED My name is Joao Pedro, I'm Brazilian and just graduated from college up in LA. But I'm doing an internship in San Diego so I want to move here. I love to surf, play soccer, and budget is around 1000\$. DM me facebook.com/joaopedro.intackli

3 ROOMMATES Reposting. We are looking for a place to stay for three months in San Diego. We are 3 girls, coming from Europe.

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CSUSM + PALOMAR STUDENTS Fellow college students: I found this sorta nearby our campuses. Message the OP if you think it's a fit for you and your roommates! It's a cozy 3-quarters 2 bath home in Vista near Sycamore and 78 freeway. \$2800 facebook.com/taniasegal/



ISO A ROOMMATE Hi my name is Sophie, I am 23 years old. I am looking for a room/roommates. I am moving from Nebraska. I work remote but will be done by 3pm everyday! I love to workout, go to the beach. DM me I hope we can be a good fit. facebook.com/sophie.tokheim

LAKESIDE ROOM FOR SDSU STUDENT One un-furnished bedroom is available with a private bathroom. 6 month to one-year lease available \$1,200/month. 15 minute drive to SDSU facebook.com/anapaola81



PB, EAST VILLAGE, LA JOLLA? I'm going to school to become a professional hairdresser; in my free time I love to be outside in nature, hiking, going to the beach, exploring new areas, meeting new people. ISO roommates? DM me on IG www.instagram.com/Travelingbumblebee/

SDSU ROOMMATES OUT THERE? I've found a house near SDSU (5 mins walk). Looking for 3 more roommates to sign a lease with ASAP! Looking for people who are outgoing, like to explore and can be friends with! Pm me for further details of the house or any questions! facebook.com/nupur.chunawala



2022 CSUSM STUDENTS Prominence Apartments @ 601 S Twin Oaks Valley Rd San Marcos, CA 92078, has the best apartments for Cal State University San Marcos students! Apply now before the 2022 Spring semester begins. facebook.com/Prominence-Apartments-757607067695671 (760) 798-2794 / prominence@willmarkcommunities.com

CITY COLLEGE ROOMMATES Private room downtown available Aug. 1 for a two bed/two bath unit! Close to City College, with

a swimming pool, jacuzzi, fitness center. It even has a basketball court and tennis court! Perfect for college students. facebook.com/chris.olory

PERFECT 4 UCSD/MIRAMAR STUDENT Spacious 3BR/2BA home. The family room is open to a dining space and the kitchen. The kitchen has upgraded cabinets and counters. Lots of storage! Option for Miramar and UCSD students. facebook.com/kim.chishi.54

SDSU STUDENT ROOMMATE I'm Robert, I'm transferring from the Bay Area to San Diego for SDSU. I'm looking for 2-3 roommates who already have a place and are just looking for 1 more. FB: robert.baghdasaryan.7. IG: _baghdasar www.instagram.com/_baghdasar/

SEEKING A ROOMMATE I'm looking for a room to rent. Open to living with any gender. My budget is \$1200 max! I'm 28, naturally outgoing but can keep to myself if need be. Basketball is LIFE & I love the outdoors. DM my IG www.instagram.com/ThatGuyNamedDre/



UC SAN MARCOS ROOM Renting a room in Escondido home for \$850. Direct message on Facebook for more info. facebook.com/PRETTYGUERITA

CLOSE TO SDSU/GROSSMONT Hey female-identifying persons! I have two rooms for rent. 1 is a regular room with shared bathroom, 11ft X 13ft. That room is \$1000/month with all utilities included. Other is 22ft by 15ft. -\$1450/month. facebook.com/sarin.parris/

COLLEGE STUDENT MOVERS I am a grad student; my team and I have been in the moving business for more than 2 1/2 years we are doing this to help pay for our tuition. We are all tall guys with strong and athletic bodies. (858) 208-0775

ISO HOUSEMATES I'm looking to rent a room asap since I'm couch surfing right now. I'm looking to spend around \$1000 but can maybe go a little more. I'm working 7 days a week and when I actually have free time I am gaming or watching tv. facebook.com/austin.krooswyk

SAN MARCOS UNIVERSITY ROOMS 2 rooms available in Dec. Small yard, gated, \$400 deposit, on-site parking, utility pd. Split cable with other roommates. The existing tenant has a dog. No more animals, please. DM OP for info. bit.ly/sanmarcosuni-2rooms

TWO USD ROOMMATES Me and my friend are also open to find a place to rent with several or one other person(s). Our budget is from \$800 to \$1,200 for each, including utilities, internet. www.instagram.com/nikitamdclxxvi/

CLOSE TO SDSU I'm looking to roommate w/ someone at Suites on Paseo at 5595 Lindo Paseo San Diego 92115. Check their photos, it's gorge and it's super close to campus, Call/text me — thanks! facebook.com/SuitesOnPaseo (619) 583-1774

CSUSM STUDENTS Found this on FB. I am looking for someone to take over my room in the Escondido area. The room comes with private restroom, and an extra hallway closet as well as free parking. Access to kitchen and living room area. facebook.com/yessica.ramirez.39

PLACE BY SDSU? Ayo. I need a place to stay, preferably near SDSU, in a place where I have

my own room. I'm chill with people from all walks of life. My budget is around 1600. Please DM me on Facebook. facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315

SAN CARLOS ROOMMATE? Saw this 3 bd/2 ba house located on Lake Baca Street in San Carlos by State! Has brand new vinyl flooring throughout house. 2 car garage. Email if you want to split rent! surfer_415@gmail.com

SDSU ROOMMATES Apartment for rent at the Suites on Paseo by SDSU. Fully furnished room, ready to move in. The apartment includes TV with cable, air conditioning, spa, and a gym. www.sublet.com/property/4626547

SDSU STUDENT HERE Hey everyone, I'm doing my semester abroad at SDSU and still need a spot in a shared bedroom or private bedroom as I'm living in a hostel in downtown at the moment. Budget \$1000 per month. facebook.com/leonardo.cofone.3

2022 MESA COLLEGE STUDENTS If you are planning to attend Mesa College in 2022, and need a place, Villa Mesa Apartments is super close to campus. Call (858) 560-6529 and see if you can get on their waiting list in time for the Spring session.

ADULTS GOING BACK 2 COLLEGE Scholarships for adults returning to college @ facebook.com/cappex facebook.com/cappex support@cappex.com

CLEAN ROOM FOR COLLEGE STUDENT Nice clean room for rent, utilities are included, wifi and laundry. Kitchen rights facebook.com/hilda.guinea/

CLOSE TO SDSU I am located in La Mesa. Rent/utilities is \$900/month. Room fits a queen size bed. Bathroom is shared with my 12 y/o son and another roommate. Access to main areas of house facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12

COLLEGE ROOMMATE / HOUSEMATE Hi I'm Sophie and I'm 23 years. I am looking for roommate. I am 4/20 friendly and drink socially. I work remote but will be done by 3pm every day. Message me to see if we are a fit! facebook.com/sophie.tokheim

HOUSE NEAR UCSD Saw this house by our campus. UTC 4bd/2bth 2 car garage house A/C avail Sept 12, incl. water 1yr lease on Governor Dr. \$4200 (619) 992-6264

MESA COLLEGE Looking for a couple more people to jump on this 4bed/2bath right next to Mesa in Clairemont. The house is cute and the rent is insane, less than 850 each. The other occupants would be in their early 20s. bit.ly/by-mesa-college

PACIFIC BEACH ROOM Dm on Instagram if you are interested! www.instagram.com/courtcourtcourt11/

ARE THERE COLLEGE STUDENTS that want to split the rent? It's a small 3 bedroom / 1 bath for rent at 4287 Poplar St in Azalea Park. 1900 rent and 1000 deposit. Large backyard and off-street parking behind the house. eddie.pirelli@yahoo.com

BY CSUSM \$950 I'm looking to rent a master bedroom, in a beautiful area of San Marcos. I'm asking, \$950 per month, (utilities included) with a security deposit of \$500. It's furnished. (442) 224-9549

BY MESA COLLEGE & UCSD I'm looking for a private room w/ bathroom or roommates, anything really. Max budget is \$1300. I'm 27, have a cat, moving from Ohio and I'm an architectural designer. I love being active playing soccer, basketball, volleyball. facebook.com/jay.d.schlesinger

HOUSEMATES I'm Rafael, 30 years old, looking for a room with private bathroom. My budget is \$1,100. I'm open to a 3 bedroom house and I would like to be friends with my housemates. Send me a DM or contact me on IG. www.instagram.com/rafyjuan/

LOOKING FOR STUDENT ROOMMATES Looking for student roommates to rent this room to. facebook.com/mercedes.gomez.908347 (949) 482-7540

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Wahoo send anglers to the ER

Dock Totals 11/28 - 12/4:

826 anglers aboard 49 half-day to three-day trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 466 bluefin tuna (up to 70 pounds), 16 bonito, 1 cabezon, 829 calico bass (480 released), 11 lingcod, 146 lobster (104 released), 2617 rockfish, 56 sand bass, 115 sculpin, 36 sheephead, 965 whitefish, and 21 yellowtail.

Saltwater:

Wahoo and ono may sound like opposite exclamations to most folks, but in offshore fishing communities, those words mean the same thing: the speedy and tasty relative of mackerel that haunt high spots along the popular long-range fishing routes along the southern half of the Baja Peninsula targeted by the San Diego-based fleet. Found globally in tropical and subtropical waters, wahoo can reach speeds up to 60 mph, making them one of the fastest pelagic species in the world. Only black marlin (up to 80 mph), sailfish (up to 70 mph), and striped marlin (up to 65 mph) are speedier than wahoo. Exciting to catch, "Wahoo!" and "Oh no!" are terms often associated with wahoo fishing.

Wahoo have a tremendously fast growth rate, with females reaching sexual maturity in one year at 3.3 feet and nearing 20 pounds. Male wahoo grow slightly slower than females, reaching 2.8 feet in length in a year. At their maximum age of 9 years, wahoo can reach 200 pounds and over 6 feet in length. Unlike sailfish, which can grow much larger in the Pacific Ocean than in the Atlantic, wahoo tend to grow large wherever they are found. The all-tackle world record wahoo at 184 pounds was caught by Sara Hayward in 2005 near Cabo San Lucas, though three of the top five fish were caught in the Atlantic. (Though it did not qualify for the world record because three anglers took turns landing it, a 202-pound wahoo was caught in 2016 off Florida.)

Wahoos' speed and toothy line-cutting mouth make them formidable targets for recreational anglers. Slender as they are, wahoo do not have the deep-bodied fight to the gaff as do tuna or jacks. Once fought close to the boat, wahoo tend to thrash at the surface instead of a deep sluggish 'death circle' of most pelagic species targeted in our area. They will often leap clear of the water during a strike and have been known to clear 30 feet of air when doing so. More dangerously, wahoo have been recorded leaping into boats while chasing a bait or lure.

Many wahoo are lost at the final stage of the fight: while thrashing, their razor-sharp teeth nick the leader and the fish escapes. The second most common way to lose a wahoo is at the strike when the lure is engulfed, allowing the teeth to find the line. Wahoo teeth are not huge, but they are serrated and extremely sharp, and have sent many anglers to the



200 miles west of Baja's Bahia Magdalena, the waters around the tiny, steep, and barren volcanic Alijos Rocks are a wahoo haven in December.

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ER for stitches. Wire or very heavy monofilament leaders are often used when targeting wahoo.

I have found that wahoo can be "line shy" when it comes to wire or heavy monofilament leaders. While fishing for them out of La Paz in the fall back in 2005 to 2008 when living there, I usually trolled Rapala CD 18s to CD 22s at ten to twelve knots on straight 30 pound line, and generally would get more fish than others trolling more expensive wahoo lures, like Marauders. My secret? Simply removing the forward hook on the Rapala. Unless completely swallowed, this

allows a little more room between the hooked fish's teeth and the line. Due to the light line, we would lose about 50% of the fish we hooked. Still, we would get bit more often than our friends using heavier leaders or wire. That Marauders were scarcer and closer to \$50 each, and the fact that I could get the big Rapalas at around \$12 at any Walmart also influenced my lure choice when targeting wahoo. I would buy them by the dozens when stateside. Purple seemed to be the most productive color, perhaps due to its similarity to an excited squid-like tint. One thing is certain for everyone targeting wahoo by trolling or casting lures: you are going to lose some.

Wahoo fishing is exciting enough to think that the origin of their name came from the cries of the first rod and reel anglers catching them, but in truth, the name is due to misspelling by some of the first European mappers in the Pacific. Their Hawaiian name, "ono," means "delicious," and that is appropriate, as wahoo are indeed highly-sought table fare. But the common English name came from the misspelling of Oahu on some early maps of the Hawaiian Islands, where wahoo are prolific year-round.

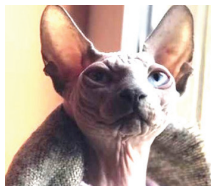
Wahoo tend to be solitary cruisers and typically feed on other finfish and squid. They rarely travel in schools, and their teeth are sharp enough that, unlike most gamefish except sharks, they can remove chunks and feed on fish larger than themselves. Popular lures used when casting include surface irons and wahoo bombs, which are heavy-headed feathers that can be casted or trolled. Retrieval and trolling speeds when specifically targeting wahoo are generally fast, both to entice a strike and avoid slower species.

Wahoo are not listed as endangered or threatened, as they do not school like tunas. They are not heavily targeted by commercial fleets and are usually caught as bycatch in low numbers. Though wahoo do not live very long, females will release millions of eggs per year, and along with sparse commercial targeting, their fast maturing ensures population stability. Wahoo tend to hang around high spots with steep drop-offs and ledges in 150 to 500 feet of water, where the

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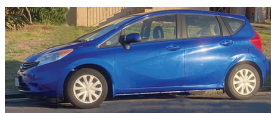
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31 year old engineer Brian Alvarado surfs Law Street.

Local?

No. I'm from Riverside.

How long have you been surfing?

Two years.

What motivated you to take up the hobby?

I moved [to PB] two years ago. My room-mate is really into surfing and I started going out with him. It became an everyday thing. I love the ocean and have been a swimmer for a long time. Over the summer it was great, because when I got off work, I had about two hours to surf.

Favorite spot?

Law Street, for sure, out of convenience. I can walk

here. I like Scripps, too.”

Favorite Surfing moment?

This October was great. It got pretty big. It was super exciting. Those were the biggest waves I have surfed so far.

How many surf boards do you have?

Three. I have an 8', a 9'6", and a 6'. The 6' I got from my company. They were giving out surfboards in a raffle. One of the guys who won the raffle couldn't take it home on the airplane. They had it on display. I asked if I could take it out and they said sure. I didn't give it back for a while, and my

boss said, 'You can just keep it!'”

Have you had any surfing injuries?

“About two months ago, I split my dome. I was just messing around. It's always when you're just messing around that you get hurt. I was getting barreled, and I went down. My board shot up. While I was under water [the board] cracked my head. I just kind of felt like something was not right. I got out of the water and a guy on the beach looked at me and said, 'Hey man are you alright?' I felt blood on my forehead. I asked him, “Am I fucked up?”

He said, 'Dude, you're gonna need stitches.' The lifeguards came and banded me and cleaned my wounds. The paramedics told me, 'It looks like you have a hatchet wound!' I drove myself to the urgent care. I got two staples and stitches. I had to be out of the water for a week and a half. It gave my face a new feature. It looks badass!”

Surfing Pet peeve?

“When people start getting aggro at other people on like a two-foot day. It's kind of like, there are kids out here. This isn't Hawaii! There is nothing to fight over!”

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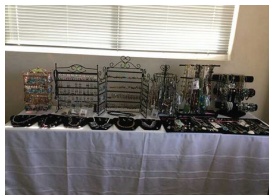
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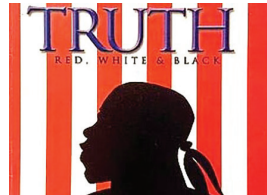
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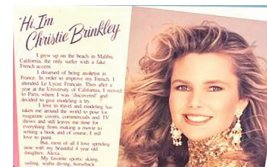


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highest concentrations of prey — smaller fish and squid — are found. During fall months, when warm tropical water pushes north into the semi-tropics, wahoo are caught by the San Diego fleet off the southern half of Baja, specifically from a few miles outside of Bahia Magdalena to 200 miles west of the peninsula at Alijos Rocks.

This past week, the Polaris Supreme called in with 83 wahoo while fishing Alijos Rocks during the first couple days of their 9-day trip.

That is phenomenal wahoo fishing. Catching wahoo in our region will normally require a long trip south either on a sportfishing vessel out of San Diego or a panga trip out of a southern Baja fishing town. That said, there have been wahoo caught as close to San Diego as the Coronado Islands when extraordinarily warm water pushes north during El Niño years.

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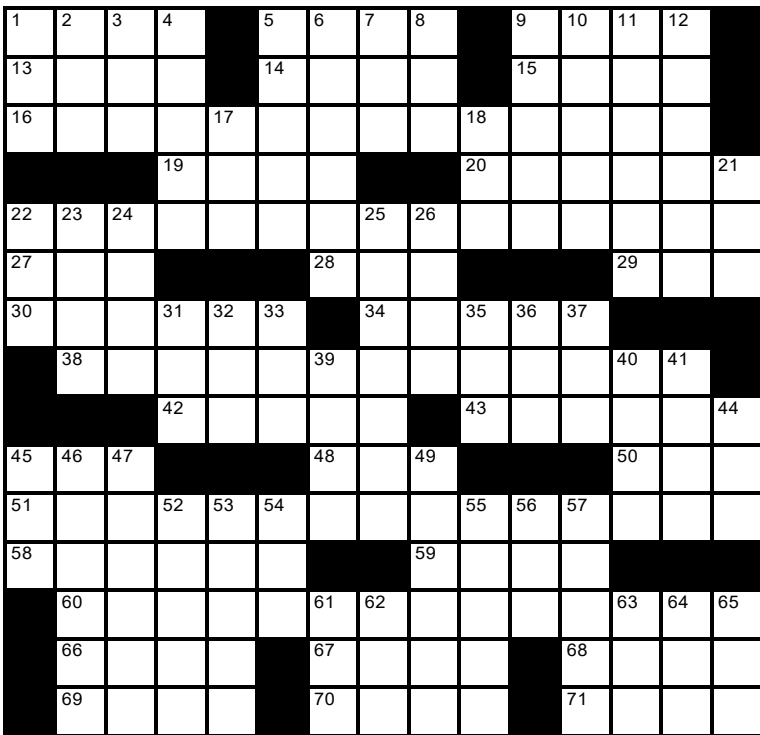
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Across

1. Many are placed in Vegas
5. Some sign language users
9. Landlocked African nation
13. Name that derives from the Hebrew word for "earth"
14. Be emotionally invested
15. First home for 13-Across
16. Recovery program for naked fish?
19. Guthrie who sang at Woodstock
20. Frank
22. "My thing is yelling 'butter pecan!!!' and 'mint chocolate chip!!!'"?
27. Head-slapper's cry
28. Reddit Q&A
29. They play behind first and second basemen: Abbr.
30. Up the creek
34. Lead-in to therapy
38. Perfectly overcast 24 hours?
42. Nintendo dinosaur who eats fruit and throws eggs
43. "Step on it!"
45. Luxury hotel amenity
48. ____-backwards
50. Evian, par exemple
51. Competition to see who can correctly answer the most questions about the author of "The Metaphysics of Morals"?
58. "Pippi Longstocking" author Lindgren
59. Home to more than 4.5 billion

60. "Get that woman, Roman ruler!"?
66. Demographic of many TikTok users
67. Machu Picchu builder
68. Swelter
69. Anita who sang "Is You Is or Is You Ain't My Baby"
70. Action figure?
71. Maker of Ultimate Eye Cream

Down

1. Prohibit
2. Professor's email address ending
3. Wee bit
4. Negative campaigner's tactic
5. Alternative to Amtrak's Northeast Regional
6. Pablo Picasso's designer daughter
7. Suffix for east, west, north or south
8. "Get what I'm saying?"
9. Triage team member
10. "Doe, ____"
11. One-point throw in horseshoes
12. Having foliage
17. 'Fore
18. TV's ____ Raw
21. Apt. units
22. Ugandan dictator Amin
23. Carol, e.g.
24. Deliberately grill too long

25. Ezra Pound, e.g.
26. Apt surname for a mechanic
31. Wray of "King Kong"
32. Words with a ring to them?
33. Critical marks on treasure maps
35. Stumblebum
36. Grammy winner for 2001's "Lady Marmalade"
37. Costly Super Bowl purchases
39. Puzzle solvers' cries
40. Suit to ____
41. Some House votes
44. Rural road feature
45. Genre that influenced No Doubt
46. How to collect \$200 in Monopoly
47. Chipped in
49. Hard to come by
52. "Pull Over" rapper
53. Nervous state
54. Palindromic Dutch city
55. Award won twice by Hammerstein, fittingly
56. "Love Jones" actress Long
57. '90s exercise fad
61. Laid low
62. Brian who composed the "Prophecy Theme" for the 1984 film "Dune"
63. It's found on the rim of la copa de margarita
64. Letters between aliases
65. Daisy Ridley's "Star Wars" role

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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EVIL:

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

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addition to a formal dining room showing off an exterior rock wall and wide-beam plank flooring (plus one of several mounted deer busts), the kitchen includes enough space for another full-sized dining set, encircled by a double-farmhouse sink, commercial grade range and refrigerator, and more fancy stonework. It's notable that there are no upper cabinets in most of the kitchen, but the sheer size of the space means your pots and pans will probably fit fine under the counter anyway.

The main bedroom has a potbelly stove in one corner, plus plenty of room in its 500 square feet of living space for a sitting area at the foot of the bed and desk space in a corner overlooking the canyons below. The bathroom features dual vanities set against opposite walls and a free-standing copper soaking tub in its own niche, accented by a chandelier and picture windows.

Honestly, these bedrooms are beginning to blend together. They're all spacious, and they continue to hammer home the "country cabin, but five times bigger" vibe. Let's move on, because we need to talk about the office. Rich, deep wood covers this room, from the coffered ceilings to the built-in bookshelves and cabinetry to the centerpiece desk that has to weigh more than a thousand pounds and should probably stay behind because it matches the room and would be very hard to



The 500-square-foot master bedroom, equipped with potbelly stove and a workspace with a view.

move. The bronze eagle clutching a pair of arrows (like our country's Great Seal depicting war and peace, but minus the olive branches of peace) indicates this is a serious room for conducting the serious war of business (or business of war). It feels like major treaties or contracts should be negotiated in this room, perhaps over a snifter or three of fine brandy.

Moving on, we leave the main house through an open game room with pool table and one corner fashioned into a home theater, with a loft above containing several bunks.

From there, we seem to transition to another residence, with a bath lined in either wood or some very convincing wood-look tile — for longevity's sake, let's hope it's the latter. Elaborate Victorian wallpapers seem to be the theme of this house, as we see them in a pair of bedrooms and another bath.

From here, the photos get confusing. The listing tells us that in addition to the main house, there's a detached studio, a one-bedroom "manager's house," a 2900-square-foot two-bed, two-bath "club house," an 1800-square-foot one-bedroom "guest house,"

and a "480-square-foot, 1.5 bath Other." They all look very nice, and the outdoor kitchen/patio even includes what appears to be a wood-fired pizza oven. More shots include a private tennis court, what appears to be a detached wine-tasting barn, and a hangar that can hold either four planes or three helicopters adjacent to the private landing strip.

All of this, and we haven't even gotten to any of the "working ranch" aspects of Black Canyon Ranch. There is surely a herd of cattle around here somewhere, and with the three wells, there have got to be some agricultural operations ongoing as well. But 560 acres is a lot to take in. Let's come back when those snows arrive and look for a nice sledding hill.

Public records indicate that the Ranch is owned by the Taylor family, which purchased it for a reported \$2.1 million in 2013, before the current estate's effective build date of 2017. The Taylors have also reportedly purchased and renovated historic property in the rural San Diego area. Black Canyon Ranch was listed for sale in early November. Its asking price of \$10,950,000 remains unchanged to date. ■

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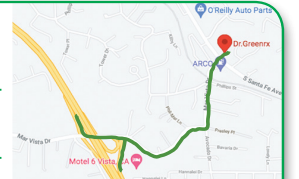
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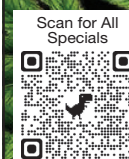
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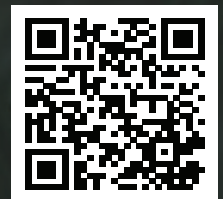
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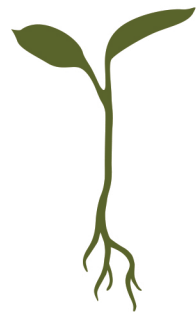
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