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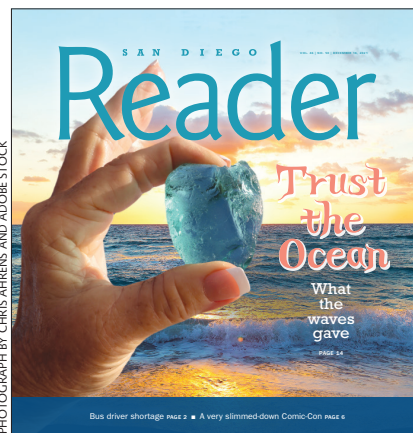
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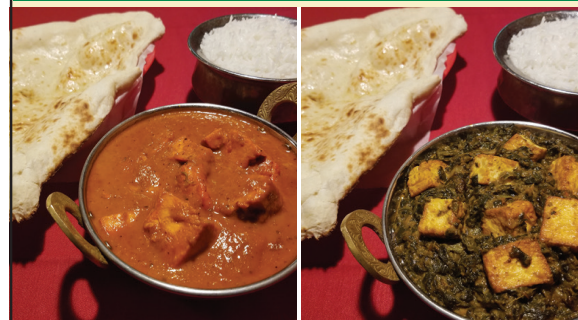
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ON THE BUS

Un-driven drivers

MTS looks for a bus boost

The website of Metropolitan Transit System, the agency that operates San Diego's buses and light rail, raves about the recent expansion of the San Diego Trolley, touting its nine new stops that stretch all the way to Clairemont, Pacific Beach, La Jolla and UCSD. Meanwhile, some passengers who rely on the bus — people with places to go, people to see, and time clocks to punch — have been left waiting at the stop. During the October-November period, passengers lodged some 30 complaints because the bus they were waiting for simply didn't show up. The complaints are troubling, said MTS CEO Sharon Cooney, who publicly acknowledged the problem at the October 14 meeting of the MTS board of directors. "The big (challenge) we're really wrestling with right now is missed service," Cooney told the board.

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The reason? As the post-pandemic economy has reopened, MTS hasn't been able to field enough bus drivers to run all its trips. As a result, MTS officials have resorted to canceling trips on an informal, unannounced basis. "It may be you don't have enough drivers so you strategically plan it the week before. For instance, you get an unusual number of call-offs for sickness. Those are all unforeseen when you write the timetable," Cooney said last week when contacted by phone.

Then, on November 21 — the same date as the ribbon-cutting for the trolley expansion — MTS quietly eliminated a total of 239 trips, affecting 16 bus routes, all of which operated on the Monday through Friday schedule. In all, eight percent of weekday bus trips have been cut, Cooney said. "It was an attempt to right-size the service levels that we publish for our customers to the number of drivers we have."

MTS has detailed the cuts on its website, though finding the list is not exactly easy. It's found under the heading "Alerts and Detours," where visitors read, "No major alerts or detours at this time," before



On the plus side, you can't miss the bus if it never shows up at all.

offering, "See a list of all Alerts & Detours." MTS chose the same November 21 date to publish updates of most of its route timetables — none of which account for the reductions. Cooney said that printing deadlines were too early, considering the volume of changes necessary to accommodate the trolley extension, such as the creation of new bus routes that act as feeders to the trolley. She added that more cuts could be on the horizon. MTS will conduct a review next month that could lead to more eliminated trips.

Signs of the shortage emerged early this year. The number of applicants for open positions declined. People approved for training school weren't showing up. But Cooney is

duration of the three-year contract, drivers will receive annual pay increases of three percent, except drivers on the job more than 66 months, who will get four percent, according to the union website. In some cases, people applying for bus driver positions may be offered employment the same day, Cooney said.

Bus driver shortages are not unique to MTS. School districts in Coronado, Poway, and throughout the county have reported severe shortages that officials say reflect national trends. And during a single week in September, a lack of drivers reportedly forced the North County Transit District to cancel forty bus trips. "It really is a fluid situation, and we're trying our best to...fill as many of our positions as possible so it doesn't impact our riders," Cooney said.

TONY DE GARATE

THE BORDER

Trucks stopped

Gained human cargo results in lost U.S. visas

Since last January, 12 heavy cargo drivers have had their visas taken by the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol after they were caught with undocumented migrants hidden on their trucks. The waiting lane for these trailers can extend for miles, and drivers often need to

stay overnight to save a place in line. Migrants have been sneaking onto Mexican federal property and clinging to the trucks while they wait.

Eduardo Martinez is one of those drivers. On January 15, he lined up at 2 am along the border in Otay Mesa as usual. Due to the lack of police in the area, he slept with one eye open. At 6 am, before getting close to the port of entry, he checked his truck and entered into the Mexican customs point. "There, you can pass through if you get a green light. At that point, I didn't get any problems. Then the CBP agent asked me for my visa and what kind of cargo I had — the usual questions. Right after, she sent me to the x-rays, which is completely normal,

but when she came back, she handcuffed me. I asked what was happening, and then another officer pointed a stun gun at the top of my truck and started yelling to someone to come down."

It turned out that three migrants were hiding in the cardboard load he was transporting. The customs officers detained him for 18 hours and canceled his visa. Martinez tried to explain he had no idea the three were on his truck, and told officers stowaways could have jumped on while he was waiting. "I told her that it was unfair, because they'll give migrants food and retain them for a couple of hours and then they'll just drop them back. But I, who did nothing wrong, have my visa canceled. Then I was sent back to Mexico, and the officer told me to make an appointment in the U.S. consulate to apply to get another visa."

Being unable to cross the border reduced Martinez's income up to 60 percent; his boss helped him out by giving him the minimum wage, as if he was working in the U.S. "Before I was earning \$750 USD weekly, but now I'm just getting \$250, and only because my boss is supporting me throughout all these situations. I'm just driving locally, but he's paying me as if I were still crossing to the other side."

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hopeful that stepped-up recruitment efforts could right the ship by June of next year. "We immediately jumped on it," Cooney said, with "serious efforts to get more [drivers]." She said MTS has agreed to increases in pay, bonuses and health care benefits in a new contract with Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1309 — the San Diego Bus Drivers Union. A vote to ratify the contract was scheduled for December 6, according to the union's website, which also included a statement from union president/business agent Cesar Buenaventura that the union's negotiating team recommended a yes vote. (An employee who answered the phone at the union office on December 7 said the contract was approved, and will go to the MTS board next month.)

Cooney said, "The improvements we want to make on behalf of the employees are in recognition that they have a tough job. And we want to compensate them for that," she said. Starting pay for a bus driver is currently \$19.06 an hour, which she said was "pretty comparable" in the Southern California region. Under the new contract, new hires will make \$20.21 an hour. For the



Migrants: if they're on your truck, you're out of luck.

Elisabeth Kimmel: charity, not parity

Whether it's the homeless or her college-bound kids, she just wants to help

Before her December 9 sentencing to six weeks in federal prison and a year of home confinement, along with a \$250,000 fine and 500 hours of community service, lawyers for ex-KFMB TV and radio owner and manager Elisabeth Kimmel sent Boston's U.S. District Court Judge Nathaniel M. Gorton a cache of letters asking for mercy.

According to a December 2 pre-sentencing memo filed by Kimmel's defense team, 37 individuals had dispatched missives on her behalf, including a La Jolla real estate magnate, Michael Gallegos, whose daughter went to the tony Bishop's School with Kimmel's son Jack, per his letter. "As described by Gallegos, Elisabeth provided free coveted advertising to Father Joe's Villages, a local San Diego charity whose goal is to prevent and end homelessness, during NFL games," her legal team noted regarding statements made in a heavily redacted November 14 letter. Kimmel's daughter, also a Bishop's veteran, was, with her brother Tommy, at the center of the bribery case, in which the ex-broadcasting executive arranged with Newport Beach college admission consultant Rick Singer to get her into Georgetown University and her son into the University of Southern California via bribes concealed as charity. Bishop's, the preferred secondary school for the children of La Jolla's elite, had not received such negative attention since the nationwide killing spree by alumnus Andrew Cunanan, who committed suicide after gunning down fashion designer Gianni Versace on the steps of his Miami Beach mansion on July 15, 1997.

As described in the prosecution memo, Kimmel "caused her family's foundation — which established scholarships for families of law enforcement and military members, and which the defendant served as a director — to pay \$275,000 to [Key Worldwide Foundation], Singer's sham charity, while hiding the true purpose of the payments from the foundation and even her own father. In forwarding the bogus charitable receipt letter from KWF to her spouse, the defendant wrote: 'I wonder if [the bookkeeper for her family foundation] will authorize payment based on this letter. I hope she doesn't

decide to make a big deal about it and run it by my dad.'" Adds the memo: "Twice, the defendant agreed to pay money in exchange for having Singer secure her children's admission to elite universities as purported athletic recruits in sports they did not play. At every



Kimmel in happier times, before the whole bribery thing got out.

step of the way — over the course of more than half a decade — the defendant was intimately involved in the details of the fraud and agreed to peddle even more lies to avoid getting caught." In addition to the Kimmel-submitted letters seeking mercy, thirty-two other exhibits submitted in her filing were listed as "restricted," making them unavailable for perusal by the public.

In their pre-sentence memo, federal prosecutors disputed the Kimmel camp's sunny view of the wealthy La Jolla's charitable disposition, citing an e-mail authored by an unnamed Bishop's faculty member. "Days after her arrest in this case, a teacher at her children's high school, unprompted, sent her the following e-mail: 'Attached is the college letter of recommendation I wrote for [your daughter] six years ago. Without a single reservation, I believed in her qualifications — her powerful intellect, her uncompromising sportsmanship, her sterling character — when you did not. Many of the faculty at Bishop's — I could list ten off the top of my head — remember you as boorish, your treatment of us demeaning, insulting, unprincipled. But we loved your children and, in spite of their parents, always had their best interests at heart. To that end, please forward my letter to [your daughter].'"

Matt Potter

Campbell in the soup

Support for council presidency flows to Elo-Rivera



Uh-oh: new council president Elo-Rivera wants to make sure San Diegans get the leadership they deserve.

A vote for president of the San Diego city council took a surprise turn last Monday, leaving Sean Elo-Rivera to take over the meeting and abruptly ending Jen Campbell's one-year term. Council presidents are chosen by majority vote of the council, and Campbell was the only dissenter in the 8-1 vote. But it was still an upset.

As the process to choose a president got underway, Council President Pro Tem Stephen Whitburn made a motion to elect Campbell to a second term. "With Dr. Campbell's leadership this council has had a very

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UNDER THE RADAR

UCSD's new ethics gumshoe

Faced with a growing number of critical audits, UCSD's Office of Ethics & Compliance is seeking a senior investigator to help root out fraud, corruption, and all-around bad ethics at the taxpayer-funded university. Within the last two years, University of California auditors and the office of State Auditor Elaine Howle have called out a bevy of campus staff irregularities. Lapses ranged from unnamed faculty members slipping away from unreported vacations to a trip abroad by a Moores Cancer Center administrator that "included additional days at another international location, some of which may have been personal, which were not explained in the documentation." University auditors said they rooted out "two instances where the same group of employees were provided with meals more often than once per month. Also, itemized receipts were not always submitted for expenses of \$75 or more." Added the report: "We also noted that business meetings were often held in local restaurants, which can provide the appearance that a University business objective was not the sole purpose of the meeting." UCSD's new investigative hire, to get a yearly salary of between \$104,150 and \$129,400, according to an online job posting, is to conduct "complex investigations of suspected and reported violations of laws and policies, including those with significant potential impact." The new hire will also furnish "advice and assistance with highly sensitive or difficult investigations as well as complex matters of law and policy relating to investigations and whistleblower matters." Adds the job notice: "Our goal is to help the University fulfill its responsibilities to the people of California, protect the well-being of the institution and advance our educational mission by deterring misconduct and promoting honest, ethical conduct in which applicable laws, rules, and regulations are followed, and the public trust is maintained." The deadline for applicants was November 19.



Elaine Howle must think UCSD stands for UC Sneaky and Deceitful

ing, was succeeded in the state's lower house by fellow Democrat **Todd Gloria**, the current San Diego mayor. The latter collected more than \$4500 in SeaWorld-related cash for his 2016 Assembly campaign...With covid-19 quarantines on the wane, some California politicians took advantage of the summer hospitality available at Barona Casino. Contra Costa Assemblyman **Jim Frazier**, a Democrat, got a free overnight stay on August 8 valued at \$89, as did his chief of staff **Paul Derio**. Frazier's Republican Assembly colleague **Randy Voepel** tucked into a free meal worth \$45 three days later. His chief of staff **Gail Ramer** got the same. Meanwhile, thanks to San Diego-based Sempra Energy, state Senate Republican **Rosilcie Ochoa-Bogh** bagged a gratis \$340 ticket and a meal at an August 30 Dodgers game in Los Angeles...

Last month's annual corporate-sponsored legislative blow-out in Maui, originally fostered by ex-state Senate Democrat **Steve Peace**, has been condemned by the *Los Angeles Times*. "Conference organizers would not disclose specific companies that paid for the event and sent representatives this year, but said they come from the pharmaceutical, energy, software, cable and telecom industries, as well as the prison guards' union," noted the paper's November 19 editorial. "Nor would they identify which lawmakers are discussing these important topics this week at the beachfront Fairmont Kea Lani resort." Details on attendees won't be available until the legislators file their legally required disclosures of gift receipts next year. A year ago, the Maui event drew a smaller turnout due to covid-19 worries but

was no less boisterous. "It really doesn't matter where you're coming from as long as you have a negative covid test before you arrive here," **Dan Howle**, an ex-Eli Lilly lobbyist and chair and executive director of the Peace-founded, non-profit Independent Voter Project, sponsor of the event, told *Politico.com*. According to its 2020 report to the Internal Revenue Service, in 2019 the group paid Howle \$120,000 for his services. Besides that, it shelled out \$540,863 for "conferences, conventions, and meetings" and anted up \$63,497 in "travel or entertainment expenses" for unnamed "federal, state, or local public officials"...A former investigator with the San Diego City Attorney's office has received a warning from the California Fair Political Practices Commission for failing to file his legally required leaving office personal financial disclosure statement by the deadline. "But since you are no longer in the position and

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SeaWorld's legislative largesse

SWBG Operations Group of Orlando, Florida came up with \$10,000 for Democratic state Senate Pro Tem **Toni Atkins**'s 2026 Lt. Governor campaign fund on December 1. The outfit is an arm of what used to be known as SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment, Inc., which Atkins championed during the firm's captive whale controversies. Atkins, elected to the state Senate from the Assembly with SeaWorld back-



Jim Frazier, Barona bed beneficiary.

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It has been a slow week in the mail room, so permit me a moment to editorialize a bit, if you would be so kind.

If “Ask a Hipster” has a unifying theme, it has been my mission to convince people of how hipsters make the world a better, more interesting place. So much delicious food and drink exists only because hipsters wanted to eat it and drink it. So much great music exists because hipsters wanted to hear it long

before the rest of the world. Now, I get it, hipsters can at times come off as a wee bit snooty and pretentious. Their mannerisms can verge on downright comical in certain respects, even to other hipsters. I’ve had my fair share of laughs at our collective expense. But recent history has done a lot to

vindicate my basic thesis that hipsters are awesome. Consider the following:

I can no longer remember the first time I heard someone use the word “hipster” as an insult. I do know that it was a long time ago, back when if you couldn’t afford a copy of *In the Aeroplane Over the Sea* you had to steal it on BitTorrent rather than listen to it with a few ads on YouTube. More importantly, I also don’t remember the *last* time I heard “hipster” used as a putdown. Maybe that means it’s been a while, or maybe it means I’m so injured against the use of my vocation as a term of derogation that, like a celebrity who has grown accustomed to con-



stant attention from the paparazzi, I hardly notice that aspect of reality any longer. But my gut tells me it’s the former reason.

I did recently see an advertisement for a line of fuel efficient wood stoves named “Hipster.” Despite carefully studying this little wood-burner, I can discern no cognizable reason for calling it that. I can only surmise that maybe the people who named it once heard the word “hipster” and thought it sounded catchy. If that factoid

means anything, which it very well might not, then maybe we can conclude that “hipster” as an adjective has become accepted as a term that can be used without meanness, envy, or spite. We did it. We won. Mission accomplished. I was right the whole time. “Hipster” is a good thing, and the world gets that now.

That’s a pretty big accomplish-

ment, and we here at “Ask a Hipster” surely deserve some of the credit for that. (Perhaps all of the credit? Is that vain?). As I read through some of my email correspondence, I realize that some of our loyal readers over the years deserve a commendation for helping with this

important work: Al “Stinko” Stanko, the Progressive Guru, and David Jones all come to mind. Lots of good questions from you folks over the years. Without your inquiring minds, we might never have convinced the masses that we, the hipsters, kick all the asses.

Anyways, for those of you who came for questions and answers, here ya go.

Dear Hipster:

How does a hipster say good-bye?

— NO ONE EVER

Pretty much like this.

— DJ Stevens

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“Elisabeth Kimmel’s pre-jail pleas for mercy”

News Ticker December 10

Today, finally, the You-Tee ran a piece on her and the guilty plea bargain that wasn’t downplayed or hidden. It was on Page 1, and actually seemed to report the case in some degree of completeness.

It mentioned the claims of her defense team that her arrest--in La Jolla--was brutal and caused a “cardiac injury.” As to whether that was in any document wasn’t mentioned. The defense team called her transgressions a “dark moment in a life of goodness.”

Typical defense attorney-speak was that. That “moment” ran for six years, as Matt mentions. Personally, I doubted that she was in any way an unwitting victim of Singer, and at least the plea means that she is admitting her guilt, although her plea specifically disavowed any bribery. (She gave Singer the funds; he did the bribing is how the story would go.)

That six-week detention at Club Fed is more than I expected to be levied on a billionaire, or at least someone whose net worth is very close to that figure. Leave it to Matt to dig out more details, utterly unflattering, about her character and dealings with people. It would be so interesting to hear from some of her business associates about her way of running the family media empire, especially in San Diego.

There’s a final question I have. How did her husband, an attorney and former pro-

secutor, avoid indictment? Everything reported so far indicates that he was well aware of what she was up to, and went along with it.

—Visduh

“MTS can’t get enough bus drivers”

Neighborhood News December 7

This CEO isn’t your usual public bureaucrat; she admits that things are haywire when they are. She is so unlike her late predecessor, a smooth-talking dude who always portrayed the situation at MTS as perfect, or nearly so. She doesn’t claim to be transparent, she is transparent with her comments. We all should appreciate that sort of dealing with the public and encourage it.

As to the pay being offered, about \$20 an hour, it doesn’t sound all that attractive now. Decades ago the pay for San Diego Transit (what MTS was called at the time) drivers were taking down over \$20K a year typically, equating to about \$10 an hour. With the high cost of housing, utilities, and a host of other household expenses in SD now, this starting wage is barely a living wage. I have to wonder what the turnout of applicants would be if the pay started at, say, \$25 an hour.

This woman is one of the highest paid public employees in the county, maybe the highest paid. Her late predecessor was earning roughly four times the salary of the mayor of SD. Her salary must be comparable to his. For that kind of reward, I hope that she really takes the job seriously.

One chronic problem was that MTS could not keep its buses on schedule, with long delays and then two or even three buses on the same routes all showing up within about two minutes. If she can solve that issue, it would encourage more folks to ride the Coaster in from No County to work, and make that train an even bigger success. Many potential riders of the Coaster need a MTS bus to cover that last mile, and it needs to run on time.

—Visduh

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Martinez applied for the appointment he was told to, but due to the pandemic, it was scheduled for December 15. The situation is in his favor; he has no criminal record and this is the first time he has had a problem like this. But, he said, if CBP protocols would consider the criteria of its officers, his visa wouldn't have been canceled.

According to Lupita Sandoval, the representative of the Independent Transporters Association, the organization has been denouncing the lack of security in the area. They have asked for the reinforcements from the local secretary of public security, but the secretary has been reluctant. For now, they have installed a fence to reduce the traffic of people in the area.

IVAN MOLINA

NORTH PARK

Woolworth's woolly future

When and how much are just two of the unanswered renovation questions

Renovations of historic buildings often move at a snail's pace. Consider the former Woolworth's store in North Park, which has

estimate was \$2.4 million, but due to increased construction costs, the actual cost will be a much higher. The North Park Gateway principals are listed as architect Bejan Arfaa and Lyda Cohen, agent for service.

San Diego's historic designations require that a structure "embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship." In 2012, the local Historical Resources Board cited the Woolworth building's Streamline Moderne architecture, and pointed to features such as the flat roof and parapet, stucco exterior, and sash awning windows. Aria Pounaki, a longtime North Park local and housing expert, emailed this comment: "I'm hopeful that the funding and entitlement for the project can move forward for the greater utility and enjoyment of North Park residents, since the structure as it exists now actively takes away from what is currently one of the most dynamic parts of the neighborhood."

Asked for an update, city of San Diego development spokesperson Jerry McCormick told me, "We are working with the devel-



The building is currently a picturesque part of North Park, meaning, there are pictures of North Park on it.

states: "Second floor to be 10 new residential units, residential units also on the first floor. Public Improvements under separate permit." The architect has recently paid permit fees of \$15,336.05 to the city. Hayes also clarified the historic designation process: "From the City staff, we understand the reviewer on this project sent it back for revisions in order to be consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's standards, and the applicant has not yet resubmitted."

Katherine Hon, secretary of North Park Historical Society, provided an image from the society's book, *Images of America: San Diego's North Park*.

The North Park Woolworth's was constructed in 1949 by Trepte Construction Company, which also built the San Diego Sports Arena, the First National Bank building at 530 B St., the Old Globe Theatre rebuild in 1981, and a facility at North Island Naval Station.

DAVID BATTERSON

COMIC-CON AMC and the SM:NWH NFTs

Web-head meets block-chain

As I wrap up this article on December 7, three eBayers within 15 miles of North Park are selling *Spider-Man: No Way Home* movie tickets: for \$15,000, \$4,499.99, and \$3,000, respectively. And many other San Diegans are slinging Spidey premiere tix for hundreds of dollars apiece.

"How much did you originally purchase your tickets for?" I asked Sean T., an eBayer from Chula Vista. "\$13.99 each from the AMC [American Multi-Cinema] site," he responded. "I might sell my wife's ticket." Sean "Spidey senses" that the AMC movie-premiere tickets for December 17 sold out

on Cyber Monday because of AMC's exclusive Spider-Man NFTs. NFT is an acronym for non-fungible token, which can mean a digital one-of-a-kind photo, video, music clip, in-video game accessory or character, or a fusion of files. These NFTs are predominantly bought and sold via the Ethereum blockchain, although the Spidey NFTs will also be sold on the WAX blockchain. A few NFTs sold for over a million dollars earlier this year, nearing the record \$3.6 million sale of an *Amazing Fantasy* #15 comic

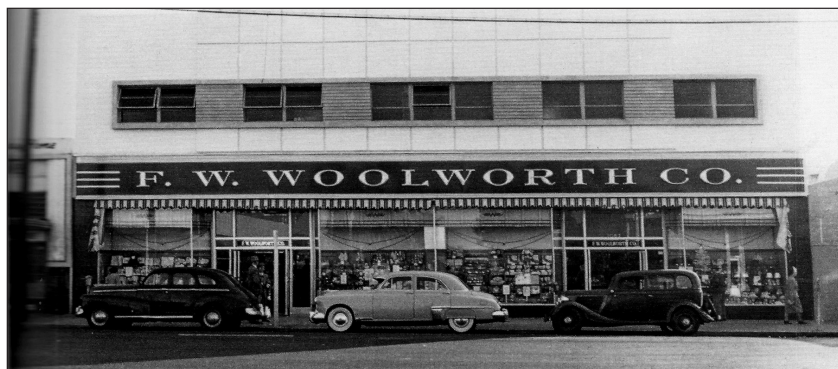


Ivan Ballesteros has already seen the latest Spider-Man movie. But he's going again on Friday - in costume!

Historic designations require that a structure "embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship."

stood vacant for many years. Located at 3067-3075 University Avenue, its last tenant was a non-profit thrift store. In 2020, North Park Gateway, LLC entered into a new disposi-

oper to keep the project on track and fulfill the obligations in the DDA. No additional updates at this time." However, Amie Hayes, senior historic resources specialist with Save



From the North Park Historical Society.

tion and development agreement with the City of San Diego that set the financial terms of a renovation project. It stated a purchase price of \$1.4 million, with about \$231,000 allocated for the city. The rest will be divided up by local taxing agencies, and the city will provide a \$100,000 forgivable loan for public improvements. The original construction

Our Heritage Organisation, further explained the delays. Hayes said the initial plan "is from 2012 and was never completed, and has now expired," adding, "The current 2020 project appears to be going through a permitting process now, and historic staff has yet to sign off on this."

The current city development application

book — the tangible art piece that contains the first appearance of Spider-Man.

"Swing in and grab #AMCTheatres first Eco-Friendly NFT!" tweeted the movie theater company, which owns eight theaters in San Diego County and more than 600 world-

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An aerial photograph of San Diego, California, showing the city's urban landscape, the San Diego Bay, and the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. The text is overlaid on the image.

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Authors out loud on writing

V.S. Naipaul

Naipaul, on one October after another, witnessed the Nobel's crown placed on other heads, including that of another Trinidadian, the poet Derek Walcott, who won the prize in 1992. Paul Theroux, writing in *Sir Vidia's Shadow* (1998), the memoir about his friendship with Naipaul and that friendship's end, quotes Naipaul as saying at those times, "The Nobel committee are doing it again, as they do every year. Pissing on literature. Pissing from a great height." **DEC. 6, 2001**

Mark Halperin

My mother was worried about me when I wanted to go to Russia; she thought it was a dangerous place, so she would ask me why I was going. The first time I said it was so that when I saw my father in heaven, I could speak Russian to him. She had no doubt where my father was, but she asked me, "What makes you think you're going to heaven?" **SEPT. 6, 2001**

Alice McDermott

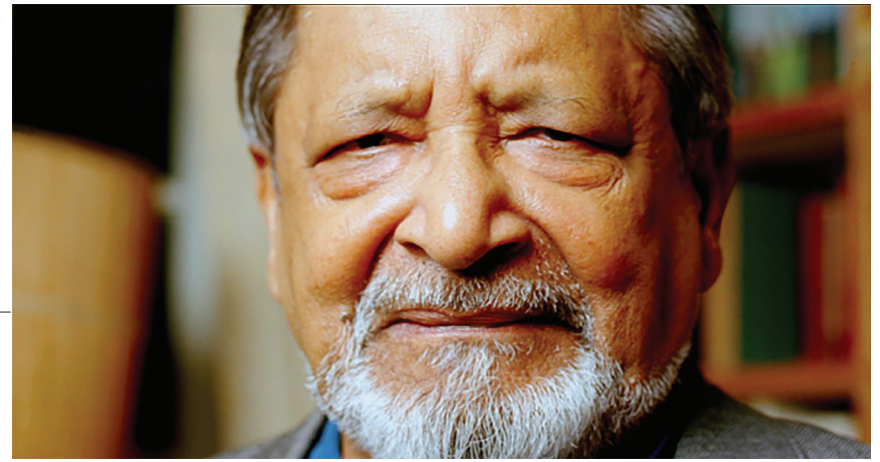
My 14-year-old, this summer, when I was going over the proofs for this while we were on summer vacation, picked up the first few manuscript pages as we were sitting out by the ocean. She read it through. She was talking to me about something, and all

of a sudden she stopped and she said, "You know, it is true, there is no misanthrope like a chubby misanthrope." **DEC. 2, 2002**

Rick Moody

There were at least four fiction writers of national reputation there. Jeffrey Eugenides, who wrote *The Virgin Suicides*, was there; Donald Antrim, who's written several novels — *The Verificationist*, *The Hundred Brothers*; Edward Ball, who won the National Book Award for nonfiction a couple of years ago for *Slaves in the Family*, Todd Haynes, the filmmaker who made *Safe* and *Velvet Goldmine* and other films. And there's also his producer Christine Vachon, who produced *I Shot Andy Warhol*. **SEPT. 5, 2002**

The above are excerpts from the Reading column by Judith Moore.



Naipaul. It was 6:30 on the West Coast. Mr. Naipaul answered the telephone. He asked in peevish tones who I was and why I was calling.

Pat Conroy

When I wrote the short story "The Legend" that senior year, my coach screamed at me, went nuts, he just screamed and went crazy. That was the first time in my life a fictional character was recognized by somebody who saw themselves in it and went crazy. But it also was the great liberation out of myself; I knew that writing was going to free me from that family, free me from that college." **NOV. 14, 2002**

Paul Auster

Absolutely. I think a very good school to go to if you want to become a writer is to translate good writers, because it's a way of penetrating a text more thoroughly than just reading it or even writing about it or thinking about it. You have to go into the bloodstream and the bone structure of the piece. You've got to break it all down, and then you've got to rebuild it. **OCT. 10, 2002**

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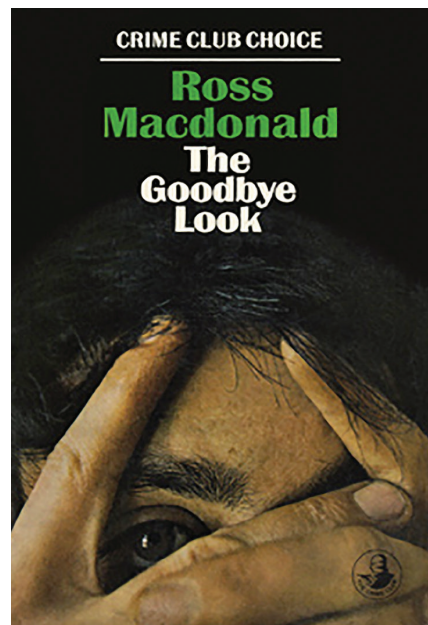
I GOT TO SAN DIEGO shortly before noon. The Trask house on Bayview Avenue stood near the base of Point Loma, overlooking North Island and the bay. It was a solid hillside ranchhouse with a nicely tended lawn and flowerbeds.

I knocked on the front door with an iron knocker shaped like a seahorse. No answer. I knocked and waited, and tried the knob. The door didn't open....

I went back to my car, which I'd parked diagonally across the street, and settled down to wait. The house was ordinary enough, but somehow it gripped my attention. The traffic of the harbor and the sky, ferries and fishing boats, planes and gulls, all seemed to move in relation to it.

Guilty Bystander

THE ROOM WAS SILENT except for traffic noises — the growlings of cars and the rattlings of trucks as they traveled up Fifth Avenue, and from a few blocks north sounded the belligerent streetcar bells of downtown



San Diego. He slipped his arms into the shirt he found piled on the dresser top and buttoned it while he studied his face in the contorted mirror surface. Red-rimmed eyes above an unshaven chin stared back at him.

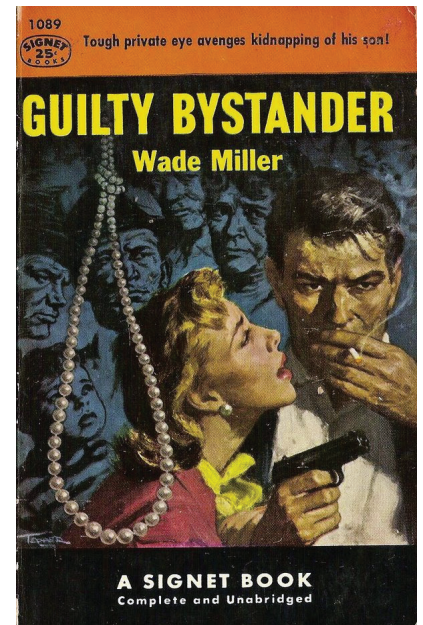
The broadness of his face escaped sheer ugliness by the highness of his cheekbones and the strong arch of his nose....

Max Thursday glanced down the wide carpeted corridor that led to the front door of the Tower Bowl. It was dark on Broadway now and the street lights and neon signs glowed fuzzily on the wet sidewalks. He gulped down the last few sips in the glass of 7-Up and swung off the lunch counter stool.

The thunder of bowling balls in two dozen alleys was out of place in the artificial daylight of the Tower. The noise belonged out in the night with the rain. Thursday returned the borrowed stub of pencil to the girl at the registration counter. She smiled. "Bowl a couple frames, sir? Relax the nerves."

He discovered the muscles in his face were pulled tight. Somehow he managed a chuckle. "No, thanks. Got a date with a boat." He went down the carpeted corridor to the street.

Balled in his right fist were two napkins covered with writing. Questions. Questions he couldn't answer. Thursday angrily flung the wad of paper into the swollen gutter. He stalked down Broadway dodging around



sailors and their girls, keeping abreast of the floating napkins until they sank....

Thursday continued striding west, toward the waterfront. Watchfully, he passed the *continued on page 20*

"The monster bulk of the United airliner thundered overhead, plunging toward Lindbergh Field."

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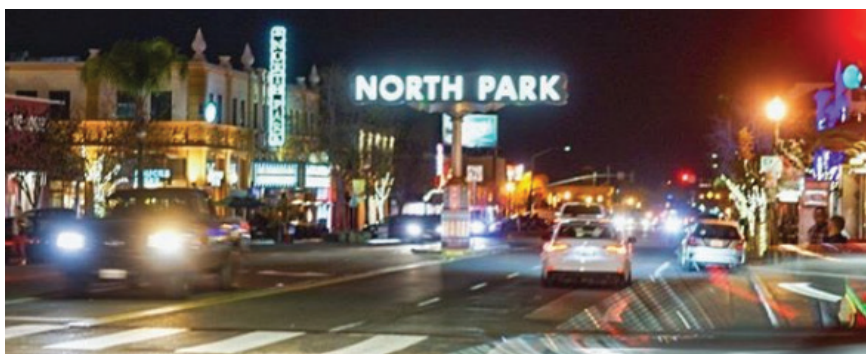
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Prevention means attention

"This is truly tragic," said Danielle R. Pena of San Diego's Morris Law Firm. She was talking about the case of Joseph "Joey" Earl Morton, a 33-year-old former auto dealership employee who died by suicide while in custody at the



Attorney Pena:
"This is truly tragic."

San Diego County Sheriff's Vista facility. Through their legal counsel, Morton's family contends their beloved relative need not have died while in jail.

"In the month leading up to Joey's suicide, he had been fired from his job as a car salesman due to the pandemic shutdown," explained Pena. "Lost and with no means to care for himself, he attempted to kill himself by way of carbon monoxide poisoning. Ultimately, law enforcement officers intervened and placed Joey on a '5150' hold for suicidal ideations."

From that, it sounds like the sheriff's department with a clear understanding that they were dealing with person who was thinking of killing himself. But according to Pena, their clarity and situational understanding proved fleeting.

"The day after his release, he was arrested," the attorney continued. "While detained at Vista Detention Facility, on three different occasions, Joey admitted to medical staff that he was feeling suicidal and was suffering from untreated mental health disorders and withdrawals."

And every time, said Pena, the county medical provider "ignored his admissions because they thought he was lying." She said that the very medical providers who should have been keeping him safe and healthy ordered that Joey be housed in an isolation cell without medication or medical monitoring. "Joey was ignored for the next four days and was found hanging in his cell on May 17, 2020."

Now suing the county on behalf of the Morton family, Pena is part of the small team of San Diego attorneys at Morris who recently won an historic settlement from the county of San Diego in a similarly tragic death that

occurred at the same Vista lock-up where Morton died. In the previous case, former San Diego deputy city attorney Chris Morris and his team secured a nearly \$3 million settlement for the family of Heron Moriarty after he killed himself while incarcerated. Moriarty's wife had warned both jailers and medical providers that her husband was a

"This case highlights the problem with outsourcing medical and mental health care in our jail system."

suicide risk.

Pena says the Morton family is beyond distraught — in part because there were, allegedly, many opportunities to prevent Joey Morton's death. She believes part of the breakdown in measures that should have recognized and responded to the risk the Morton presented has to do with private-sector outsourcing. "This case highlights the problem with outsourcing medical and mental health care in our jail system. Rather than taking measures to meaningfully address training and policy deficiencies, the county instead punts its responsibility to a private, for-profit medical group that has no independent obligation to provide constitutionally adequate medical care to county inmates. That loss of accountability results in lost lives." The county declined to comment while the case is ongoing.

Low battery blues

I'm the sort of person who would be glad to own an electric car. I just need it to be affordable, fun to drive, and able to make 300 miles on a single charge. So I was excited when the guy at the car-rental desk offered me a spacious, crisp-white, all-electric 2022 Kia Niro crossover as an alternative to a homely econobox gasoline car.

Day one with the car was a dream. Then it came time for charging. The Kia offered three options: the main two involved connector ports inside a cute cubby compartment embedded in the car's front grille. One worked with faster charging units, but I soon learned that you pay significantly more for the speed. Then, stowed in the back was a 120-volt, three-pronged plug at the end of a cord that proved too short to reach any of the outlets in my condo-complex home. Had it be a couple dozen feet longer, I might have avoided the troubles to come.

I found my first charging station via the interactive map on the Electrify America app, and the charging unit did its work quickly, easily, and inexpensively. I powered the car up to about 120 miles of range in about an hour. My confidence boosted, the next day I

let the car fall to just under 40 miles remaining. Then I got a call from a publisher that I'd been trying to make happen for months. I chatted for a chunk of time, during which I drove stupidly and somewhat aimlessly around La Jolla.

Bong-bong. "-- miles remaining" read the message on the LED display. Not enough juice

left to even estimate the range! Ending the call somewhat abruptly, I began what turned out to be an hours-log hunt for a nearby, functional charging station. First, I found a two-unit station behind a closed office complex not far from UCSD. It instantly began charging — but not my car. While the car continued losing power even as it was plugged in, the thing threatened to drain my bank account.

I got a zap worth eight miles at another unit before it inexplicably stopped charging and refused to start up again. That began my real wandering: Hillcrest to Rancho Bernardo and back, in search of precious electricity. Sometimes, I limped in with just a couple of miles left on the gauge. But I did learn something new: there are a handful of free charging stations in San Diego, one of them at the old DMV lot in Hillcrest. It even has two charger ports...but only one of them works. And when I arrived there, a very nice gentleman was using the other one. I turned back to my app, and it sent me to Whole Foods on University. Naturally, it boasted a bunch of the eco-friendly charge stations. And naturally, they were all occupied by Teslas, plus one Jaguar. I shopped. I ate. I entertained myself. I never did get my turn.

Joe Biden's recently passed Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill includes \$7.5 billion dedicated to installing 500,000 new stations. Until then, I'll wait on my purchase — and maybe even my next rental. ■



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A paralympic superstar turns to the waves

In 2016, *60 Minutes* featured local wave skier Alana Nichols. (A wave ski is a watercraft similar to a kayak, made for riding waves.) In the televised segment, after parking her van in a Cardiff lot, Nichols reaches back, lifts her wheelchair from the space behind her, places it on the pavement, eases herself into it, rolls to the rear of the vehicle, unloads her wave ski into her lap, and then begins the complicated process of getting to the water. After pushing her wheelchair as far as the sand will allow, she exits the chair and pulls herself with one arm, dragging her ski with the other, to the water's edge. Once in the damp sand, she climbs onto the ski and awaits a wave that will lift her enough to begin paddling. She gets dumped while paddling out, but remounts her ski, makes it into the lineup, and catches a series of long rights, turning and cutting back with power and speed.

On the afternoon when I stood on the Oceanside Pier and watched the Adaptive Surfing final of the 2021 Super Girl Pro, I hadn't seen that segment, or heard of Alana Nichols. But I couldn't help noticing the ag-

gressive, powerful female wave skier who ripped into whatever wave she decided to catch. The tide was low and the waves were mostly closed out, making it difficult for surfers of any sort to get decent rides. But that wave skier seemed to have adapted her style to the conditions, and pushed her way to victory in the prone division of the event. That skier, it turned out, was Nichols, a four-time Paralympian with six combined medals — first as a wheelchair basketball star, then as an adaptive skier.

At 17, Nichols was a star athlete. But while attempting a backflip on her snowboard, she over-rotated, landed on a boulder, and broke her back in three places. When she learned she would never walk again, she believed her competitive days were behind her. Then she happened upon a wheelchair basketball game. “They were going for it,” recalls Nichols, “running into each other with metal wheelchairs. It was noisy and kind of violent.” Attracted to the joyful adrenaline it produced, Nichols quickly learned the sport, and eventually became a shooting guard for the

University of Arizona. A few years later, in 2008, she took the podium in Beijing, where she received her first gold medal, along with the American Olympic team of which she was an integral part.

Wanting to “get back on the horse that bucked me off,” Nichols returned to the mountains to learn the extremely difficult sport of adaptive ski racing. A mere two years later, in the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics, she took gold again, this time in both Downhill and Giant Slalom, making her the first woman Paralympian to medal in both the summer and winter Paralympics. She also received silver in the Super G and bronze in the Combined. (What made those victories all the more challenging and meaningful was that they occurred only months after her brother, who was her best friend and biggest fan, was murdered.)

But injuries continued to plague her pursuit of glory. Four years later, during a practice run for the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, she broke both ankles and dislocated her shoulder posteriorly. After surgery and nine months of rehab, she took silver

at Sochi in the Downhill. Then, after a strong start in the Super G competition, she fell, was concussed, and fell unconscious for several minutes. Realizing the impact her risk-taking was having on her family, she retired from competitive ski racing shortly thereafter.

As she rehabilitated post-Sochi, Nichols took her grandmother to Hawaii — the woman had raised Alana, along with her brother and sister, after a drunk driver killed her father when she was nine months old. There, she fell in love with wave skiing. “After I caught that first wave, I knew I didn’t want to do any other sport,” she says. In pursuit of a seventh Olympic medal, she threw herself into sprint kayaking, and was selected to compete for the U.S. in the 2016 Olympic games. She finished seventh. Returning to surf competition, she won the Western Surfing Association adaptive surfing wave ski competition in 2018, beating competitors of both genders.

According to Nichols, “When I first became paralyzed, I didn’t want to be seen in a wheelchair and I thought about ending my

life. I didn’t think people in wheelchairs could be athletic. When my brother was shot and killed, I again felt like giving up on life. Now it’s my job to show disabled people what they can do. I always tell them, ‘You do what you can with what you have.’

The ocean came into my life at a time when I was broken down. The ocean is my canvas, and all the anxieties disappear there. I trust the ocean; it offers freedom I can’t get anywhere else. You have to seize the moment when you’re out there, because

it’s never the same.”

The world must drink a lot of 7-Up

It’s the hottest day of the year when Mary Bressi, a cheerful middle-aged woman who grew up in Oceanside, ushers me toward a pile of



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smooth beach rocks. As we walk, she observes that the tide is right and the rocks are beginning to pile up, meaning that this could be a good day for “sea glassing,” or simply “glassing.” Many of the glass shards that she is seeking — their edges softened by the work of water, stone, and sand — will become centerpieces for beautiful earrings, necklaces, and bracelets sold by Bressi and a few others in the San Diego area.

“I can feel my adrenaline starting to kick in,” she says as we approach her happy hunting grounds. Like surfers, glassers need to know about oceanic conditions to be successful. “I study the tides and the storms,” says Bressi. “On some nights, I’ll hear the ocean from my bedroom window and know it’s going to be a good sea glass day.” Also like surfers,

glassers are aware of shifting locations, and guard their spots and techniques carefully, sometimes vibing each other if there is a perception that someone is “dropping in” — a surf term for interfering with someone else’s wave — on someone else’s territory. “Sometimes, people will walk ahead of me to try and get in a position to find something before I do,” she says. “But there’s enough glass for everyone, and those same people are in such a hurry they often walk right over the best glass.” Other times, “it can break my meditation when I see people raking and digging and disrupting the beauty of nature instead of finding whatever is on top of the rocks. When that happens, I usually turn around and go the other way.”

Perhaps because Southern California’s waves are biggest from fall through



Alana Nichols won gold at the 2021 Super Girl Pro.

winter, when much of the sand is stripped from the beach, “glassing season” usually begins in late September and runs until around mid-May. The exposed and migrating beach rocks work to break discarded bottles and so start the production of the year’s sea glass.

“Toward the end of the season, my baggie starts getting lighter,” says Bressi. “When the season finally ends, I get a little melancholy, because the sand comes in and covers the rocks. Then when I walk the beach, I wonder if the glass is under me, or if it comes in from out at sea.” But no matter what part of the season, no matter how carefully you guard your hunting grounds, glassing offers no guarantees of finding anything. On this day, says Bressi, the glassing is “decent,” and we find around a dozen small shards between us in just over two and a half hours.

From what I observe, the green of Heineken and 7 Up bottles is by far the most common, with brown and clear shards tied for second. We found none of the rare and prized colors: orange, yellow, turquoise, teal, and red.

Bressi began glassing about seven years ago. According to her, “After my mother was moved out of the family home, I was feeling down. In despair, I wandered down to the beach and met a man digging in the rocks, bringing up pieces of sea glass. I bought some pieces from him before I began collecting on my own.”

The physical benefits are perhaps the most obvious. “My core and my back have become stronger from picking up all those pieces,” attests Bressi. “Also, my knees, my hip joints, and my balance are all better. I’m getting vitamin D and negative ions. The bones and muscles in my feet get worked, and at the start of the season, my feet hurt, something that reminds me that the season is here.” But there are other goods, perhaps more significant. “Anything that travels on the bottom of the ocean, gets tossed and turned, and ends up on our coast has a story — it’s magical. Other than glass, I’ve found marbles, beautiful pieces of tile and old pieces of China. Who knows where they traveled from?” But it’s the glass that keeps her coming back: “It’s just glass, but it’s beautiful, especially after it’s been tumbled in the ocean. Once I get the glass home, I don’t do anything to it except wash it off and dry it on a paper towel. The ocean clarified the beauty of life for me; the glass is just a bonus. The only thing I spend money on is a pair of Quiksilver flip-flops. They have something

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like a track top bottom that helps with grip. I go through one, maybe two pairs a season. What else can you get for 17 dollars that makes you feel like a million bucks?"

Bressi grants that "you can look crazy sometimes, walking back and forth. Sometimes, I just stand in one place on a chunk of rock and look around. I've had glass fly up after a wave broke, and I realize that if you acknowledge the sea, you're blessed. Whenever I finish, I look up and out to the horizon and thank God." It makes the hours worth it — the hours, and the occasional spot of bother. "Focusing on glass can also get you into a little trouble. One time, I was down on New Year's Day and thought I could make it around this jetty. I had gone part way when a wave broke. I didn't see this big boulder, and I tripped and fell.



Former pro surfer Sandy Ordille just had a new board made by shaper Craig Hollingsworth.

I usually don't bring a cell phone with me, but I did that day. But I didn't care about my phone; I cared about my glass. My phone was ruined, I cut my knee

up, but I kept my glass."

Good glassing is not just a matter of looking down while you walk. "You have to have the right eye, and you can trick your mind

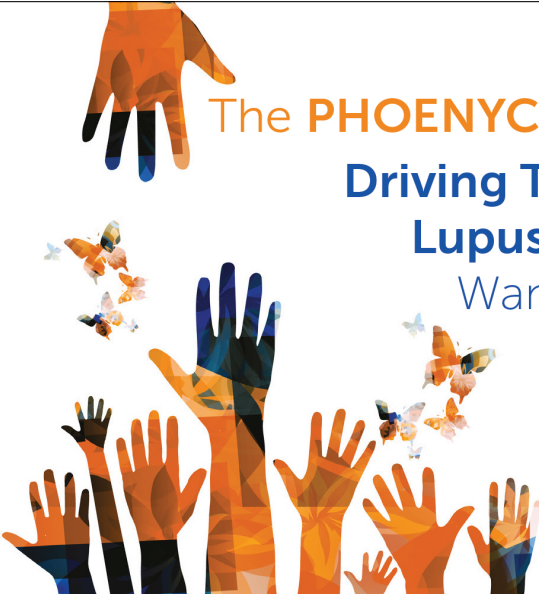
into trying to find some blue one day, instead of the more common green and brown. The rarest color is orange; only one in 10,000 people will find a piece of

it. But there are many different colors of blue, and you can see them from a distance when the sun is shining. I usually only search within a couple

miles of my home, but if I do go anywhere else, I label the glass I find with the name of the area where it was found. Whenever I travel I like to go to places that are 'beachy' because I want to know if there will be any sea glass there."

After a while, Bressi showed some of her findings to the man who introduced her to glassing. "He said, 'You're good at this. You should start your own jewelry line. I'll wrap it for you.' I replied, 'I don't know if I'm ready for that; this is my place of meditation and serenity.' Eventually, I did start selling my pieces, but it remains my hobby. I maybe make a dollar an hour sea glassing, but how do you put a price on time when you're doing what you enjoy? I never want it to be where I have to make a living, because it will destroy what it does for me. And it does more than I realize.

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Even today, whenever my daughter calls, she'll say, 'I can tell by your voice that you sea glassed today.' In my first three years of glassing, I wouldn't let go of my rare pieces, but I gradually started to say goodbye to them. It feels good if they go to someone I know. The glass saved me, and I hope it will save someone else."

Wave Therapy

"Only a Surfer Knows the Feeling"

—Billabong clothing ad slogan from the mid-'80s

Former pro surfer Sandy Ordille knows what it is to have the ocean deliver her. As a child growing up in the '50s and '60s on a barrier island in an unpredictable Ocean City, New Jersey home, waves became her retreat, her sanctuary, her temple. And they were more than that; as a surfer, she knew the secret feeling hidden from the land-bound masses.

In winter, the ocean temperatures around New Jersey can drop to a numbing 32 degrees. But an icy saltwater bath was more welcoming than what should have been the warm comforts of

home, and the waves, no matter how frigid, provided a means of escape. "From the age of five," she says, "I found solace on the water. At first, it was on canvas rafts that my older brother Pete and I learned to stand on. Next, it was those five-and-dime Styrofoam boards. I rode those until I got too tall for them and started breaking them in half. In 1967, when I was 12 years old, my mom bought me my first fiberglass surfboard."

During those chilly winters, "the ocean becomes so cold that the salt water turns to a half frozen slush in the corners where the jetties join the sea." But even so, says Ordille, "one thing that attracted me to it, then and now, is that the ocean is very fair. There's no monarchy; you get what you give in the water. The falling snow would dampen any noise from the outside world and create this beautiful, peaceful silence where I could get away from the sometimes chaotic episodes at my house. The ocean became my home. As a child, I knew I wouldn't be harmed by an angry father there. Eventually, however, you have to go home and deal with whatever's there. Hope for the best and pray for the rest."

Too often, the hoped-for best was trumped by the actual worst, but even then, she held on. "As a young child I didn't think I would outlive my father's angry outbursts. Surfing not only provided an escape for me, but also imparted a treasure chest of hope. It helped me make peace with my home situation by providing a vision of escape when I became old enough. Wave riding taught me to deal with and negotiate the fear of human anger. I was absolutely afraid of big waves when I first learned to surf them in Hawaii. But that wasn't the same kind of fear I had experienced dealing with my father. I could harness the fear of big surf into adrenaline and utilize that to create energy, which transformed into a tool to go for it and take off on the biggest wave of the set. If you take a beating in the ocean when a large wave holds you down, you will eventually pop up to the surface."

Hawaii was not her first stop after leaving Jersey, however. "I ran away from home when I was 16 years old, something I don't recommend, and headed south, to Florida.



"I can feel my adrenaline starting to kick in," says Mary Bressi as we approach her happy hunting grounds.

There, I met one of the top women surfers of the time, Mary Ann Hayes, while competing in Eastern Surfing Association contests. Mary Ann became my legal guardian. She is not only an amazing surfer, but also super smart, and a natural-born entrepreneur before anyone even knew what the word meant. When she found an abandoned house right on the beach, strategically placed directly in front of a secret and very rare Florida reef break, she and I moved in there; rent-free. There was no hot water, but when you're 16, who cares? It was close enough for me to walk down the beach to school, but not

when the surf was up. I somehow finished high school, even though I held the record for the most absences that year."

After graduation, "Mary Ann, my brother Pete, our friend Barbie Belyea, and I headed west for bigger waves. Mary Ann found us a free car to drive to California through one of those companies that paid for your first tank of gas. We split the cost of the rest of the gas and ended up in Pacific Beach. Once there, Mary Ann and I got jobs fixing dings for Pacific Beach Surf Shop manager Bill Andrews. She had taught me how to patch dings and we patched them the way women do

things; meticulous about every step.

Once ensconced in San Diego, "Windansea soon became my home break. It can be pretty tough for a newcomer, but after dealing with my dad, the tight-knit group of mostly friendly men was a cakewalk. Windansea was part of my healing process. It's where I learned to stick up for myself; to be bold, yet kind. I made friends quickly, but no one was giving you anything — I had to paddle out on big days, take off late, and earn the respect of the locals. I've been a Windansea Surf Club member ever since."

When Ordille got an opportunity to join the first-ever Women's Professional Surfing World Tour in 1977, she put aside plans for college and headed off to South Africa for the first contest. "My friends Debbie Melville (who eventually became a world surfing champion) and Mary Ann Hayes decided not go, and I reluctantly sold my Stratocaster guitar and my used Toyota to pay for my trip, as there were no sponsors available for women yet. Back then, surfing had a bad reputation, and I'll never forget my aunt saying, 'You do this and you're out of the family.' The prize money for the event was \$300 for first place for the women; I made \$100 for taking

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Bressi makes jewelry out of the glass she finds on the beach.

third. Once the contest was over in Durban, Bobby Owens, Lynne Boyer, Randy Rarick, Dane Kalo, Michael Ho, Randy Lane (some of Hawaii and the U.S. Mainland's top competitors) and I caravanned to Jeffrey's Bay. It was just a tiny fishing village then, and the surf

was so good, I felt I had died and gone to heaven. It was the best time of my life, and the people I met and traveled with on that tour are still good friends today." Sandy finished fifth in the world that year.

Even after she quit competing, she kept surfing, "until 2015 when I was

hit by a camper van. Because of that, I've had two knee replacements, a hip replacement, and neck fusion. They told me I would never walk again. Through great effort, I can walk now, but I still can't surf on a regular board. Instead, I ride waves on my paddleboard. Even when I'm not catching waves, just being in the ocean is better than meditating; or rather, it is mediating, and I connect with it. I think the ocean is feminine in its movements."

And she looks forward to the day when she can return to riding the waves as she once did. "Shaper Craig Hollingsworth just made me a board, and that's inspired me to surf again. The process will be difficult for sure, but I know I can do it. No matter what, the ocean is still the place where I find the most peace."

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offices were just as dark as the rest of the windows. The monster bulk of the United airliner thundered overhead, plunging toward Lindbergh Field.

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Thursday shivered and kept his eyes squinted at the misty waters. There were no government ships here. The shallows were dotted with tiny single-masted hulls. Their cabin windows were dark. This was the tuna fleet.

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productive year," he said. They'd tackled tough issues "previous councils were unable to resolve," such as a short-term vacation rental ordinance and the Parks Master Plan — all amid a pandemic. Campbell serves District 2, which includes Clairemont, Linda Vista, and several beach communities. Controversy over her plan to regulate, not ban, vacation rentals led to a recall campaign against her, but it failed to collect enough signatures. Councilmember Raul Campillo "gladly" seconded the motion to extend her term. But then Councilmember Chris Cate asked if there was an option to do nominations by individual members, which was followed by Councilmember Joe LaCava declining to vote "in light of" Cate's question until he heard what others would do with the motion.

Councilmember Monica Montgomery Steppe was "also a little curious about the process." Campbell replied that other nominees had not come forward. So, would they please just vote?

The motion failed, 5-4.

Campbell made her own motion to elect Whitburn president, which was seconded by Campillo. She then called a recess to check with the city attorney, and when they returned, a new motion was made by Councilmembers Vivian Moreno and Cate to elect Sean Elo-Rivera. This time, Whitburn waited to see how the others would vote. Campillo, noting that "an unusual turn of events has happened," asked to hear Elo-Rivera's vision for president before he cast his vote. Elo-Rivera described the role as governing responsibly, with transparency, "doing everything we can to ensure that all San Diegans get the leadership they deserve." He serves the ninth district neighborhoods of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge.

The city council president has final say on the issues that are put on council agendas, making it a powerful seat in city government.

Sheila Pell

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wide. "Get ready, Spidey-Fans! #SpiderManNoWayHome tickets will be going on sale on Spider-Monday, November 29 at 12:01 a.m. EST!" Sean, who works remotely on his computer as a graphic designer, saw the tweet. "I hopped onto the AMC site. Then I was in a waiting room, and they said it would take 15 minutes, then it crashed over and over, then finally it said something like 'Over one hour wait times.'"

Despite Sean's seeing multiple error messages, he persevered, and advanced into an area of the site where he chose the theater and seats of his liking. "It crashed a couple more times," he continued. Finally, after three hours, he landed his tickets. And after all that, "we have to actually walk into the movie theaters so they can scan our tickets to get our NFT. Otherwise, we don't get the NFT."

On that Cyber Monday, throughout the U.S., comic-book collectors, NFT investors, ticket scalpers, and parents and guardians teamed up to break

the internet. (Regal Cinemas and Fandango also offered Spider-Man movie premiere tickets but no accompanying NFTs. The Fandango servers also reportedly crashed.) "It took me three hours on the Regal site to secure the ticket, but it was well worth it," said Ivan Ballesteros. "I will be going into the Mira Mesa theater on December 17 at 5:30 pm dressed as Spider-Man. See you there, Webheads." Ballesteros is a local Spider-Man cosplayer who attended the Comic-Con Special Edition at the San Diego Convention Center on November 26-28, the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday before Cyber Monday. "[The show] needed more celebrities and freebies, but cosplay and the vendors' booths were amazing," he reported. The con was reportedly much smaller and quainter than its usual summertime showing. Duane, a vintage Spider-Man collector who's been attending the Comic-Con since the 1970s, said that "there was only 10-15 percent of the normal 130,000-plus crowd."

Other Comic-Con attendees said there was a buzz surrounding Spider-Man NFTs brought about by rumors that some of the attendees had watched *Spider-Man: No Way Home* at the Con but had to keep it a secret. "As part of the Comic-Con panel, I watched the whole movie, along with its two-end credits scenes," Ballesteros confirmed. "They made everyone turn off their cell phones, and they had electronic wands to scan you before seeing the movie, and of course they told us, 'Don't

say anything.' I so want to talk about the movie, but I can't say anything. Marvel has done a good job keeping its secrets. I respect that, and it leaves the fans happy. I'm not spoiling the surprise."

AMC and Sony Pictures collaborated with Cub Studios to create more than 100 different Spider-Man NFTs. At the Friday premiere, AMC ushers will scan the Spider-Man movie tickets, which will begin the allotted 86,000 NFTs' activation process. The NFT owners' information will then be entered into the blockchain, which is a transaction ledger linked to computer networks worldwide. On December 22, the NFT will be available to view and show off after Spider-Man fans follow the email instructions sent by AMC and WAX.

One Spidey Redditor keyed in, "This is cool, because it could bring more people into NFTs and, inevitably, crypto. I've not seen something as big as Spider-Man give out free NFTs yet!"

MIKE MADRIAGA

Under the radar

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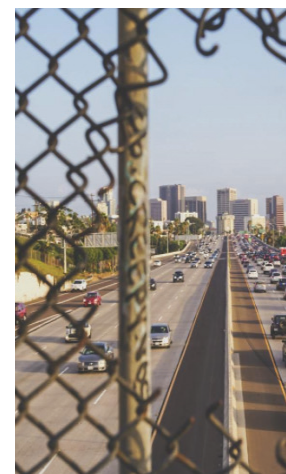
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Calendar

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Thursday | 16

CHRISTMAS CITY USA



Enjoy music, food, vendors, a live Grinch movie experience in a 4-D motion seat theater, 60-foot Christmas tree light show, digital snow globe, life-size nativity scene, and show fountains. Live entertainment from Americana soul singer Leon Timbo, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra, and MALO.

WHEN: Thursday through Saturday December 16 through 18, 6 pm to 9 pm
WHERE: Legacy International Center, 875 Hotel Circle South, Mission Valley. legacysandiego.com

Friday | 17

STARS AT MISSION TRAILS: WEST SYCAMORE

Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association to view the nighttime sky through telescopes.

Those telescopes will be provided, or you can bring your own. The viewing takes place the day before the full

moon, which you can look at through filters, along with the bright planets Venus, Jupiter, and Saturn. Deep sky objects will be difficult to spot, but star clusters like the Owl will still be visible.

WHEN: Friday,

December 17, 5 pm to 7 pm

WHERE: Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail, San Carlos. sdaa.org

SEBASTIAN BACH

Hard rock singer Sebastian Bach has worn many hats since quitting Skid Row, including a stint as an actor and reality TV star. Though he's steadfastly refused to reunite with his former group, his solo band will wrap up their current tour by playing an entire Skid Row album, *Slave to the*



Grind, at downtown's HOB. Expect a plug for his new autobiography from Harper Collins, *18 and Life on Skid Row*.

WHEN: Friday, December 17, 8 pm

WHERE: House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. houseofblues.com

Saturday | 18

THE 1940'S RADIO SHOW

The play presents a live radio broadcast of

The Mutual Manhattan Variety Cavalcade from the Hotel Astor's Algonquin Room on December 21, 1942. Experience an era when the world was at war and pop music meant "Strike Up the Band" and "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." The harassed station manager copes with a drunk lead singer, a delivery boy wants a chance in front of the mic, a second banana who dreams of singing ballads, and a trumpet player who chooses a fighter plane over Glenn Miller.

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18: THE 1940'S RADIO SHOW

WHERE: Lamplighters Community Theatre, 5915 Severin Drive, La Mesa. lamplighterslamesa.com

Monday | 20

DAVE KOZ & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS TOUR WITH REBECCA JADE

Earlier this year, local singer Rebecca Jade co-produced her first solo project with Carnell Harrell (Jacksons, J-Lo), known for working with jazz icon Dave Koz. In turn, Koz added her to perform on his annual Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour. Jade sang on Koz's virtual holiday special in 2020, and



she'll join him at downtown's Balboa Theatre, along with Jonathan Butler, Richard Elliot, and Rick Braun.

WHEN: Saturday, December 11, 11 am
WHERE: Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue, Downtown. sandiegtheatres.org



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Sidro Saturdays Enjoy a variety of artists, art vendors, food, crafts, & performances to be announced. Saturday, December 18, 5pm; **free**. Front, 147 W. San Ysidro Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)

Underground Fashion Show Underground fashion meets alternative club culture. Club Nothing features Old World Outsiders and Vaudou Noir Designs in a fashion show like no other. Friday, December 17, 9pm; \$10. 21 and up. Kensington Club, 4079 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON)

AUTOMOTIVE

Cars & Coffee Cars & Coffee is an exciting way to visit the San Diego Automotive Museum and all the incredible exhibits on display! The community is invited to visit the Museum for a discounted admission price (\$10 before 10am) and free coffee and donuts for guests to enjoy while browsing the vehicles on display. The public is also invited to bring their own cars to display in the parking lot for other spectators to enjoy. Sunday, December 19, 7:30am; \$10. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

OUTDOORS

Long nights trigger poinsettias

Poinsettias, a favorite of backyard gardeners, are now exhibiting their scarlet, petal-like bracts, just in time for the holidays. The onset of 14-hour-long nights triggers their behavior: in San Diego, this condition is met just before the date of winter solstice — December 21.

Winter Solstice, the moment when the sun reaches its southernmost point on the celestial sphere, occurs this year at 7:59 am, Tuesday, December 21. This event signals the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the beginning of summer in the Southern Hemisphere. With only about ten hours of daylight, San Diego must endure its darkest and gloomiest nights this week and next. During the day, the sun struggles to an altitude of only 34 degrees (as seen from San Diego), and then quickly sinks toward the horizon.



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Have You Ever Watched a Sirius-Rise? Find an open view right down to the east-southeast horizon. Watch there for Sirius to come up about two fists at arm's length below Orion's vertical Belt. Sirius rises sometime around 8 pm now, depending on your location.

About 15 Minutes Before Sirius-Rise, a lesser star comes up barely to the right of there: Beta Canis Majoris, or Mirzam, a name that means "The Announcer." What Mirzam announces is Sirius. You're not likely to mistake the two; the second-magnitude Announcer is only a twentieth as bright as the King of Stars about to make his entry.

When a Star is Very Low, it tends to twinkle slowly, often in vivid colors. Sirius is bright enough to show these effects well, especially with binoculars.

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.

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream: Sam Quinones Warwick's will host Sam Quinones as he launches his new book, *The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth*, in conversation with Sherri Walker Hobson. Thursday, December 16, 4pm; **free**-\$32. warwicks.com/event/quinones-2021. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Beginner Candle Making Workshop You'll learn about the science behind candle making, fragrance oil blending, different waxes and wicks, and make your own candle labels. Thursday, December 16, 3:30pm; \$65. San Diego Made Factory, 2031 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Christmas City USA Enjoy music, food, vendors, and festive décor, along with Americana Soul

Singer Leon Timbo, Denver and the Mile High Orchestra, MALO, and a live Grinch movie experience for the whole family. Thursday, December 16, 6pm; Friday, December 17, 6pm; Saturday, December 18, 6pm; **free**. Legacy International Center, 875 Hotel Circle South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Family DIY Gifts Class This once a year family class will have some fun garden and kitchen crafts for take home DIY gifts. This is a great way to get outdoors and get crafty with the whole family. There will be light snacks and instructor-led DIY gift ideas. Saturday, December 18, 1pm; \$25-\$35. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Introduction to Electronics Using various electronic components, students will learn the basics of circuits and build mid-level Bread board projects such as a light-sensitive nightlight, railroad crossing signal with timer, a sound effect board, pocket flashlight etc. Thursday, December 16, 3pm; **free**. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Paint & Party: O Christmas Tree Grab your favorite adult beverage and a warm hot chocolate to paint "O Christmas Tree." No experience necessary. Ticket includes painting supplies and step-by-step instructions are provided and a free

beverage and a hot chocolate. Monday, December 20, 6pm; \$40. 21 and up. Little Italy Food Hall, 550 West Date St., Suite B. (LITTLE ITALY)

Wim Hof Method Workshop In this Wim Hof workshop, you will learn tools to enhance your immune system, anxiety levels, and energy. We do this by learning the science, using guided breathwork, and ice baths. Use the code "sdreader" for 20% off. Saturday, December 18, 10am; \$120-\$147. Acupuncture and Massage Indigo Dragon Center, 451 La Veta Avenue. (ENCINITAS)

Winter STEM Camps This winter break, the Fleet Science Center offers weekly STEM camps for kids in grades 1-3. The full-day in-person STEM camps are designed to include fun hands-on activities while incorporating the Fleet's general exhibit galleries. Monday, December 20, 9am; \$200-\$275. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

COMEDY

Comedy Heights Live outdoor standup comedy show with Will Burkart, Diya Basrai, Al Gavi, Carol Johnson, Kash Habib and Tarikh Joseph. Reservations recommended 619-934-7371 Friday, December 17, 8pm; **free**. 21 and up.

Bay Bridge Brewing, 688 Marsat Court. (CHULA VISTA)

Comedy Heights With Will Burkart, Jason Cheny, Diya Basrai, Kash Habib, Carol Johnson and Al Gavi. All ages welcome. Limited seating. Snacks available at Coffee Shop. Saturday, December 18, 8pm; **free**. Twigg's Bakery Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Fred Armisen and Def Rain Tuesday, December 21, 8pm; Music Box, 1337 India Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

HO HO Comedy Show Mikey Gordon, Lucia Tuman, Josh Kreps, Mike Freedman, Jennifer Churchill, Terron Hefley, Ezra Nolan, CeeDro. Wednesday, December 22, 8pm; \$10. OB Rattle House, 4861 Newport Avenue Unit C. (OCEAN BEACH)

JP Sears JP Sears is a famous YouTuber with videos that have accumulated over 300 million views & he's also the host of the podcast "The Awaken With JP Sears Show"! Thursday, December 16, 8pm; Friday, December 17, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 18, 5pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, December 19, 5pm and 9pm; \$30. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Matt Rife Matt Rife is a standup comedian and Actor best known for MTV's Wild N Out, The Chal-

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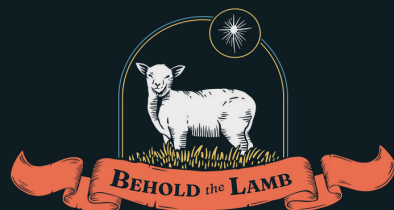
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lenge "Champs vs. Stars", and even hosting the MTV reboot of TRL. Wednesday, December 22, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

Toddler & Preschool Storytime Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun! Please note: Weather permitting, this program will be held outdoors. Wednesday, December 22, 10:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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 16, 6:30pm; **free**. Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

Free Magical Snowfalls with Music & Lights Enjoy magical snowfall, accompanied by cho-

reographed music and lights. The magical snow transforms the courtyard near the Koi Pond into a holiday wonderland. Children get free headbands and "magic" glasses to watch the snow falling in rainbow colors. Thur-Sun, 6pm; through Sunday, December 19, **free**. Village Walk at EastLake, EastLake Parkway at Miller Drive. (EASTLAKE)

Gingerbread House Decorating Class Join our legendary Chef Kari Cota and make a festive gingerbread house. Complete with everything you'd need from candy canes, gum drops, M&Ms, peppermints, sprinkles, and more. Tuesday, December 21, 3pm; \$50. L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Pajama Party with Mrs. Claus Put on your festive holiday jammies and watch movies with Mrs. Claus. Get ready for popcorn, hot chocolate, and candy canes. Located in Conference Center. Friday, December 17, 6pm; **free**. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay. (MISSION BEACH)

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 18, 1pm; Sunday, December 19, 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)

Stocking Hunt How many stockings can you find? Do you think Santa can fill them all? Join us for a stocking hunt. Located on Garden by the Bay. Wednesday, December 22, 2pm; **free**. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay. (MISSION BEACH)

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. 7 days a week, 4pm; through Friday, December 24, \$10-\$14. Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Winter Wonders & Holiday Lights With the exception of December 25, tours will be offered every night from December 17 through January 2. Your family can enjoy an exclusive nighttime tour of Wild Wonders when our nocturnal animals are bathed in the glow of festive holiday nights. Two tours each night. Each are restricted to a single family household. Fridays, 4:30pm; Sundays, 4:30pm; Mon-

days, 4:30pm; Tuesdays, 4:30pm; Wednesdays, 4:30pm; through Sunday, January 2, \$250-\$500. 18 and up. Wild Wonders, 5712 Via Montellano. (BONSALL)

LECTURES

Desert Bighorn Sheep This program will highlight the iconic desert bighorn sheep, not only of our local Anza-Borrego Desert State Park but of the western states and northern Mexico. The book, "Desert Bighorn Sheep, Wilderness Icon" is the most comprehensive photographic work ever published on the desert bighorn. Thursday, December 16, 12pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3IZ844Q>. (ONLINE)

What Korematsu vs. United States Means for Us Today Hear from two Asian American luminaries: Dale Minami, lead attorney on the legal team that overturned the conviction of Fred Korematsu, and Dr. Karen Korematsu, Founder and Executive Director of the Korematsu Institute, a non-profit dedicated to advancing racial equity, social justice and human rights for all. Thursday, December 16, 6:30pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3GANnEk>. (ONLINE)

NATURE

Guided Bird Walk: Lake Murray North Join MTRP birder Cindy Cornelius for a guided bird walk along the scenic shore of Lake Murray. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Location - Lake Murray. Meet on the north side of the lake. After entering at Murray Park Dr. and Belle Glade Ave., proceed along the driveway past a set of ballfields on your right and turn into the paved parking lot on your right. Saturday, December 18, 8am; **free**. Lake Murray Community Park, 7001 Murray Park Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Nature Story & Craft with a Ranger Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to join Ranger Heidi on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10 to 11am, for a nature story and arts-and-craft project related to the theme of the story. This free program meets at the picnic shelter across from the comfort station at the Kumeyaay Lake Campground. Please contact Ranger Heidi to RSVP at (619) 668-3276 or at hgutknecht@sandiego.gov Saturday, December 18, 10am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTÉE)

Nature Walk from Peñasquitos Creek Crossing Trailhead Join naturalist Les Braund for an easy walk on flat ground across Peñasquitos Creek. Besides the "usual" flowers, plants and animals, learn about lichens, mushrooms, and mosses. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. & Camino del Sur. Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos 92129. Saturday, December 18, 8am; **free**. Peñas-

quitos Creek Park, 11939 Camino Del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Shamanism Hike with anthropologist Will Bowen This is a hike about the principles and to practice Native American shamanism and see how they can be of value in our daily lives. We will create sacred space, cleanse negative energies, embody the energies of nature for use in healing, and access a trance state of non-ordinary reality. Limited to ten people. Reservations required. Meet in the West End parking-staging lot at 4300 Sorrento Valley Blvd. For reservations email kelly.mike8388@gmail.com. Sunday, December 19, 3pm; **free**. 4300 Sorrento Valley Rd., Sorrento Valley

NEW YEAR'S

Lafayette Hotel: Posada Navidena on Logan Avenue Celebrate Posada Navidena in Barrio Logan with a community precession to celebrate the holiday season and ring in a prosperous New Year. There will be free holiday themed kids activities, kids goodie bags, antojitos, a chicano claus picture station, mariachi, lowriders and more. Saturday, December 18, 4pm; **free**. Barrio Logan / Logan Avenue

SPECIAL EVENTS

Accessibility Mornings The Fleet Science Center invites guests who would benefit from a low-sensory experience to Accessibility Mornings. On the third Saturday of every month, visitors can enjoy admission to the exhibit galleries in a quieter setting, an hour before the museum opens to the public, and a special documentary screening with house lights on and a lower soundtrack volume. Visitors are welcome to stay and enjoy the museum all day. Saturday, December 18, 9am; **free**. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

SPORTS & FITNESS

San Diego Legion Talent ID & Skills Clinic Join the San Diego Legion Major League Rugby team as they host their second Legion Skills Clinic of the season. The Legion program aligns with player growth and simultaneously drives talent and athlete development. The clinic will be led and coached by USA and Legion rugby players Ryan Matyas, Nate Augspurger, Pete Malcolm, and Nate Sylvia. The Legion clinics provide an opportunity to improve on skillsets and develop a better understanding of the game. For any questions or additional info, please call (760) 429-7922 or visit online. Sunday, December 19, 9am; \$40-\$55. Robb Field, 2525 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)



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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.

Being the Ricardos — Another week, another round of celebrity pantomimes, this time a biopic prime for Amazon, not theatres. Lucy (Nicole Kidman) loved logic, a trait that clearly did not find a home in writer-director Aaron Sorkin's final cut. The pampered superstar couldn't find a washing machine in a Maytag showroom. What would prompt her to suddenly do a couple of loads of laundry? Try the incriminating lipstick-stained handkerchief Sorkin planted in Desi's (Javier Bardem) pocket in need of making its way into Lucy's hands. According to the script, William Frawley (J. K. Simmons) and Vivian Vance (Nina Arianda) were basically the same stumblebumps on screen as off. Sorkin adds depth by coloring Frawley as a proud lush and Vance as the victim of a boss who kept her fat and frumpy lest a fickle audience begin to chant, "We love Ethel." Those looking for a barn-burning expose will find the source of the disappointment lurking in the closing credits, the card that reads: Produced by Lucie Arnaz and Desi Arnaz, Jr. The kids cop to mom and dad's sexual proclivities



Being the Ricardos: Hi honey! No one's home.

and little else. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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 three words for writer/director Kenneth Branagh: Hope and Glory. 2021. — S.M. ★ (REGAL PARKWAY PLAZA; REGAL SAN MARCOS)

Don't Look Up — Adam McKay directs Leo and J-Law in a black comedy about humanity's similarity to the ostrich. Newsflash: we're all gonna die. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Drive My Car — In the shadows of their bedroom, a Japanese power couple — actor-director Yūsuke Kafuku (Hidetoshi Nishijima) and screenwriter Oto Kafuku (Reika Kirishima) — take advantage of their post-coital glow to hatch an idea for a T.V. pilot. She is always with him; while driving, he runs lines off a tape of Uncle Vanya that she recorded for him. One day, he furtively happens upon Oto making love to her young protegee Kôji (Masaki Okada) and says nothing. Two years after a cerebral hemorrhage takes Oto's life, Yūsuke accepts an Artist-in-Residence position



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CURRENT MOVIES

to direct Chekhov's tragedy-tinged comedy. There are scars in life that refuse to heal. He still listens to Oto's tape, and would prefer to drive himself. But a fatal accident involving another visiting dignitary adds a contractual provision for the services of driver Misaki Watari (Tôko Miura) that is non-negotiable. (If they go to the expense of hiring a driver, why not supply a car as well?) A master at mounting multilingual productions, Yûsuke can't find the words needed to make sense of his own life. Add to that the appearance of Kôji's headshot in the stack of audition forms, and an unexpected bonding with Misaki... all that's missing is a will to survive. Ryûsuke Hamaguchi (*Wheel of Fortune and Fantasy*) takes us on an unnecessarily long ride that is ultimately a journey worth taking. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (ANGE-LIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFÉ; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

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 Studios' 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 only carry us so far. Rather than catering to the \$300-ticket set, Miranda adjusted his expectations for \$5 spectators who can barely see over the seat backs in front of them. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

National Champions — Stephan James stars as LaMarcus James, a college quarterback wrathful over the iniquitous manner in which unpaid student-players are treated. In a last-ditch effort to get through to management, James called an audible that resulted in a boycott of the big game. More than just a fact-based biopic, the anomaly of a football drama unfolding largely in hotel rooms and hospitality suites that doesn't end on a field of head-injuries earned it one star; its depiction of gridiron life as a plantation lorded over by cash-rich, whip-cracking massuhs added another twinkle. The wrapping is novel, and the last shot adds a damning bow, but the corrugated narrative contained within made for a bumpy ride. Ric Roman Waugh's direction is as canonical as his script is unremarkable. The film's true heroes are casting directors Mary Vernieu and Michelle Wade Byrd. With: J. K. Simmons, Kristin Chenoweth, Tim Blake Nelson, and Uzo Aduba, a force of nature about whom you may expect to hear great things. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Nightmare Alley — Based on William Lindsay Gresham's gruesome crime novel and the 1946 noir it spawned, the latest from Guillermo del Toro finds Bradley Cooper assuming the role of a contemptible carry who doubles as a one-man



Drive My Car: The long and winding road.

geek squad. The trailer oozes style and enough star power to hopefully light Santa's path to the box office. To wit: Cate Blanchette, Willem Dafoe, Rooney Mara, Toni Collette, Richard Jenkins, David Strathairn, *et alia*. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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. ★★ (LAND-MARK 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)

Spider-Man: No Way Home — Peter Parker picked a peck of pickled plexes in which to debut his latest adventures. In a case of the spider-biting the hand that feeds you, wasn't it millionaire ingrate Tom Holland who famously told GQ, "if I'm playing Spider-Man after I'm 30, I've done something wrong." 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Hand of God — Paolo Sorrentino (*Il Divo*, *The Great Beauty*) dips into his past for a story about learning to deal with loss. 2021. (LAND-MARK HILLCREST)

The King's Man — When you make a sequel as disappointing as Kingsman: the Golden Circle, there's nowhere to go but back in time to the days before it happened, back to the freedom and possibility of...the prequel. Ralph Fiennes stars in Matthew Vaughn's return to his beloved realm of brutally violent but extremely well-mannered Brits. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Matrix Resurrections — When you make a pair of sequels as disappointing as *The Matrix Reloaded* and *The Matrix Revolutions*, there's nowhere to go but...wait, never mind, they actually pushed right on ahead with this one, hoping that your love for Keanu Reeves and the world he popularized will be

enough. Director Lana Wachowski goes it alone without Lily on this one. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)



During an audience Q&A at the Chicago International Film Festival, Robert

Wise was asked why he chose to open both *West Side Story* and *The Sound of Music* with tapering views from above. "Because I felt like it,"

the director snapped. Truth be told, both were pre-sold director-proof properties that came with a built-in audience.

— Scott Marks

WEST SIDE STORY (1961)

To those who proclaim it "one of the greatest musicals ever made!" please allow me to direct your attention to Lubitsch in the '30s and the films produced twenty years later by MGM's Arthur Freed Unit. That

West Side Story — Why? Steven Spielberg can make any movie he wants. Why trace a legend if all that's to come of it is such a blemished face-lift? Some of the more problematic moments from Robert Wise's 1962 original — Anglo-stars darkened by Max Factor, Marni Nixon's ghost-singing, Vaseline lenses — have been smoothed out, although not entirely. The original, shot in 70mm and intended to be viewed on a big screen, was composed almost entirely in medium and longshots. Janusz Kaminski's camera knows no restraint: including the light source in every other shot must be the director and cinematographer's way of paying tribute to Kubrick. (Imagine watching a movie with a car's high beams parked behind the screen.) Is there nothing nice to say? One expected it to be woke woke, so imagine one's chagrin to find Baby John in the arms of a woman. Tony Kushner's script grants Tony (Ansel Elgort) and Maria (Rachel Zegler) more time to fall in love and the repositioning of America from rooftop to sidewalk was a musical highpoint. And a man with Spielberg's clout couldn't have secured the rights from the estate of Ned "Doc" Glass to Photoshop on a wedding picture next to his widow, Valentina (Rita Moreno, topping her turn as Anita). In the Heights blows the doors off remarkably unnecessary remake. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

said, it takes ten fingers and a few toes to count the number of times I've seen it, because unlike other classics, *West Side Story* was always there. Name the gauge and format and I was there: Technicolor, Panavision, Super Panavision-70, pan-and-scan CBS, 35mm, 16mm "Scope, VHS, DVD — and TO-NIIIGHT,



West Side Story: "Quiet Tony, my parents are sleeping... TO-NIIIGHT, TONIGHT..."

TONIGHT a blu-ray added another toe to the tally. Though the film is frozen in time, revival screenings of the enduring, criticism-defying goliath continue to draw new

generations of admirers. Come for the music and dance, but pay close attention to the collaborative contributions of these three: visual consultant and credits designer Saul Bass, style-setting production designer Boris Leven, and the depth-defying, hard-edged cinematography of Daniel Fapp. If you must view Spielberg's imitation, I implore that you do so in light of the original. More awaits online.

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ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

THEATER LISTINGS

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1022 Oceanfront: A Black Family Christmas

Playwright Dea Hurston collaborated with three other co-creators, two of whom star in the show and one of whom wrote songs for it, to produce what her program note calls "a holiday piece created for actors of color to tell a story about people of color." The result is something like a highly polished, super-sized, musical Christmas episode of a beloved sitcom. Problems, mostly of the relationship variety, are presented, but only so that they may be triumphed over, talked through, joked about, or otherwise resolved. The Black family is a black family — well, except for the adopted Hispanic younger brother of protagonist James, the grown-up son of a strong single mother, headed home with his loving (but not wilting) wife to...Carlsbad? Yep: 30 years ago, Dad achieved his American dream of home ownership in the California beach town — even though the Powers that Be found ways to make him pay more because of his race. (That Was Then here; later, when a character asks, "What trouble could three black men possibly get into walking around at night?" the line evokes laughter, mostly of the not-nervous variety.) Now, the place is Christmas Central, where people are quick to share both songs and feelings along with food and cheer, the sort of place anyone might want to go and spend a holiday evening.

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 brokenhearted 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,



1022 Oceanfront: A Black Family Christmas: Sing through it!

who died too soon, and a devoted female fan.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, THROUGH JAN. 2

AZUL by C. Quintana

Memories of Yadra'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 *tia* 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."

CVGNET 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 outgame 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 dear 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? Play-

wrights 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 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

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

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.

HAPPY HOUR

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ALLIED GARDENS

McGregor's Grill and Ale

House: Monday, Thursday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers. Tuesday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers, \$5 Pacifico pints and Margaritas. Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers, \$5 whiskey cocktails and shots, half price bottles of wine.

BAY PARK

Off Shore Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks. Saturday, 9pm-close: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks.

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

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

CARLSBAD

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

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Carnitas' Snack Shack — Embarcadero: Tuesday, 3pm-5pm: \$8 well drinks, \$10 craft cocktails, \$2 off all draft beers. Three tacos for \$13 all day.

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

BOOZE NEWS

BY MATTHEW FLYNN

Hess brewing is getting in the holiday spirit with freshly redesigned cans

"Our mission is to bring people together over great beer around great causes, and this is certainly one of the most impactful and meaningful — especially this time of year," explains Mike Hess, founder of Hess Brewing, as his team kicks off its third year of working with NEGU (Never Ever Give Up). Dedicated to providing encouragement and hope to kids fighting cancer, NEGU delivers JoyJars to both kids in hospitals and their siblings.

JoyJars became important to the Hess family in 2018 when their daughter Keely was battling osteosarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Hess says, "Those jars, like overgrown Cracker Jack

boxes, were full of all kinds of unexpected goodies and really were meaningful, not only to Keely but to her siblings, who also received jars."

Now, Hess is paying the good will forward, setting up donation sites at his locations in North Park, Imperial Beach, Seaport Village, and Ocean Beach through December 31. Those looking to help can drop off toys or make a cash donation when they buy a beer. Donated toys must be new and smaller than 4x6 inches. Hess instructs, "The jar itself is about the size of an oversize mayonnaise jar, so think about the toy you bring fitting through that opening and into the jar. Think things that fit different age groups, too, for boys and girls. All are affected, and the JoyJars go to kids three and up."

Philanthropy doesn't need to be limited to the holiday season, a fact of which Hess Brewing is aware. "We intentionally live our purpose throughout the year, including our HessFest anniversary party from where we take no dollars but rather donate it to our foundation partners — Next Step Service Dogs, Dogs 4 Diabetics, MIB Agents, the Navy Seal Foundation, St. Baldrick's Foundation — where we raised \$42,000 on a single day — and others. We dedicate a day every week in each of our tasting rooms

to local charities through our Mike Hess Helps program and allow our teammates to suggest and bring in those organizations. We love working with organizations who are a mission fit and for



Rebranded Hess cans in their natural environment.

whom we have a real passion. We believe that we, as a brewery and community partner can do so much more to rally our fans than the typical pint night. Our goal is to raise \$150,000 or more for these groups."

This year, Hess Brewing also finished a major rebranding of its flagship beers, adding bold graphics and a San Diego flair. One example is Steel Beach American Craft Lager, which now has

can art that pays homage to San Diego's military population and Mike Hess's time in the Navy. Meanwhile, the Hop Cloud Hazy IPA — a hoppy, fruity IPA with notes of pineapple, mango, and



JoyJars at Hess Brewing spread holiday cheer.

For more craft booze news, see sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news

ENCINITAS

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 well cocktails, house wine, domestic draft.

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine Escondido: Daily, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, well drinks, featured wine, \$5.75 house margarita.

Vintana Wine + Dine: Daily, 3-5pm: \$8 martinis and appetizers.

HILLCREST

Urban Mo's Bar and Grill: Thursday, 5-8 pm: \$6.50 Martinis

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.

LEMON GROVE

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.

LITTLE ITALY

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.

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: All draught pints (excluding cask, \$6 Anytime, and Black Velvet) and bottled beer \$1 off. well liquor \$4.50, \$5 house wine, appetizers \$5.95-\$7.95.

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.

Rockin' Baja Lobster — Old Town: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot, \$5.50 Jame-son shot, house margaritas, \$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels,

Grey Goose.

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.

The Local Pacific Beach: Monday, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.

The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-9pm: Bottles cocktails to go.

POINT LOMA

The Pearl: Monday-Tuesday, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty cocktails. Wednesday, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty drinks. Thursday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty drinks.

The Wine Pub: Daily, 4-6pm: \$5 craft beers on draft, \$5 select red and white wines.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego: Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24.

SAN MARCOS

Churchill's Pub and Grill: Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells. Sunday, All day: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

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

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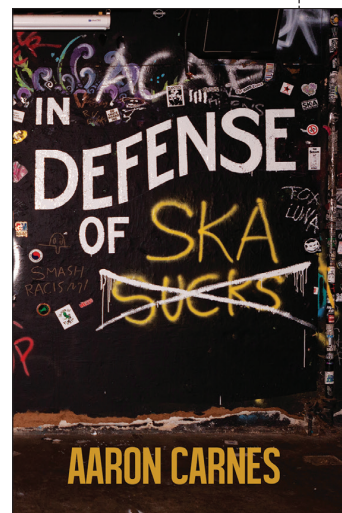
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blurt the inside track

Ska rah-rah Aaron Carnes started working on a book about ska in 2013. He didn't have a game plan; he just loved the genre and "wanted to contribute something about ska to the narrative that was lacking." He compiled numerous interviews and stories, but about five years

trip down memory lane by detailing various ska-shaming instances (primarily from the 2000s) in which the ska pasts of indie musicians were exposed and mocked in publications such as *Pitchfork*, *Spin*, *Entertainment Weekly*, and *Stereogum*. Musicians guilty by ska-association and

ska in San Diego. The genre may not be experiencing the U.S. commercial peaks it reached in the mid-'90s when bands such as No Doubt, Reel Big Fish, and The Mighty Mighty Bosstones were all over MTV and the airwaves, but it's still chugging along, and is very much alive. And it's not just being defended in book form. The In Defense of Ska Tour (featuring long-running local outfit Buck-O-Nine, Mustard Plug, and Omnigone) will be flying the ska flag loud and proud at west coast venues in early 2022, kicking



Aaron Carnes isn't skared of skandalizing ska-haters.



PHOTOGRAPH BY AMY BEE

into the project, he found he was spinning his wheels, and decided the only way he would finish the book would be if he secured a publisher. It was in the act of drafting the sales proposal that he zeroed in on the concept of defending the oft-maligned genre.

"I was forced to clearly define what the book would be and [what] exactly I was trying to say," Carnes explained. "It was in that process that I was thinking it would be interesting to acknowledge right up front in the title that I understand ska is not taken seriously, and that I am going to address that. I'm going to use that as an ice-breaker to talk about this whole era of ska and these stories and all these bands that are largely ignored."

Originating in Jamaica, ska is fast-tempo dance music that melds rhythm and blues with jazz and calypso, with a strong accent placed on the off-beat. Early in the book, Carnes takes the reader on a

targeted for credibility assassination included members of The Bravery, The Walkmen, and Franz Ferdinand. "The only other genres that I think get shit on in the same way are genres that are just sort of trends," Carnes argued. "They're sub-genres like nu-metal or rap-rock. These kinds of things get made fun of, but ska is an entire genre that goes back to the '50s. I can't think of an entire genre with such deep roots that has such positivity in its history — stuff like inclusion, anti-racism, and multi-culturalism. That the entire thing gets dismissed is just so unique to ska. It's so bizarre."

Jeff Rosenstock's *Ska Dream* (a reimagined make-over of his 2020 album *No Dream*) received an 8.0 rating on *Pitchfork* earlier this year, which shows how much the times have changed. Locally, filmmaker John Arquilla at Almost Famous PBTv is working on a period documentary about the history of

off with a January 22 date at Soda Bar in City Heights.

This past fall, Buck-O-Nine played their first gigs since late 2019. The nearly two-year break from live shows was their longest time away from the stage since the band formed, according to guitarist Jonas Kleiner. The group seems to have made the most of the lockdown though. Working remotely, they managed to hammer

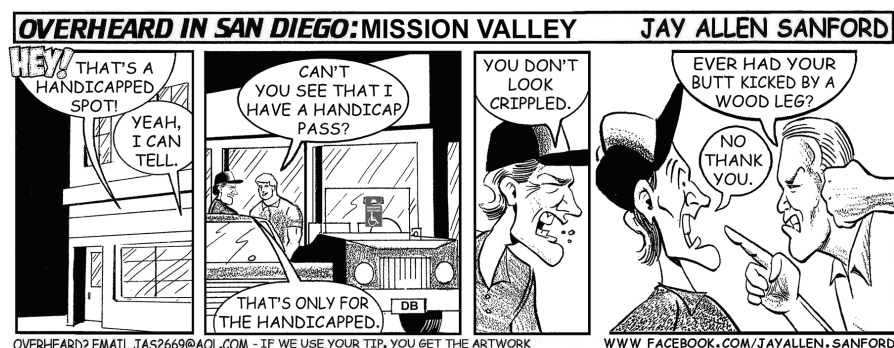
out demos for over 20 new songs, which could eventually form the basis for one or two new albums.

"The next process for us is to woodshed some of these songs in batches and see which ones have the best legs, and which ones we want to record," Kleiner explained. "I anticipate us going back into the studio to record this stuff starting probably in February of next year, right after we get back from doing these In Defense of Ska Shows."

— Dryw Keltz

Yale Strom survives the maelstrom

Calling Yale Strom a polymath somehow seems inadequate. He's a violinist, composer, educator, author (working on his 15th book), award-winning documentary director, playwright, and now, the latest inductee to the San Diego Music Hall of Fame. (The November ceremony also celebrated local institutions like the Beat Farmers, Lisa Sanders, Bob



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Taylor & Kurt Listug, The Deering Family, and the late DJ Carlos Culture.) "I got a call at the end of August from [San Diego Music Hall of Fame founder] Jefferson Jay," says Strom. "I didn't recognize the number, and these days you never know, but luckily, I didn't delete it. I was quite surprised. It's a young institution here in San Diego, but there always has to be a beginning to everything. I looked at some of the past inductees, and there were some huge names, like Charles McPherson and Walt Richard. Charles is a jazz legend, and Richard is an institution of country and bluegrass music."

Strom specializes in Klezmer and other forms of Eastern European music, which some might classify as "niche" markets, so he wasn't sure how his name came up. "He told me that they were looking for someone who was known for giving to the community, but also with an international presence. And I do have that. Wherever I go, people have read my books and know my music, and I've played all over the world."

Strom's band Hot Pstromi played a short set after the Hall of Fame ceremony intermission. "We brought the house down and got a standing ovation. When I got off-stage and walked back to my seat, a woman came up to me who said she had never heard this kind of music, but that it was amazing and kicked ass.

She wanted to know where she could get some CDs. I felt good about converting some people."

Strom is active in many forms of media; is there a unifying thread that connects them all? "There is an Eastern European Jewish context and a connection with the Roma culture, but beyond that, music itself has been the thread through my films, books, plays and photography. It's all about the power of music, which is the universal language."

Like everyone else, he suffered during the pandemic. "It was bad. I'm not ashamed to admit it. I lost over \$30,000 worth of work. In the last six months, things have picked up, but some of that work is gone forever. I do see the light at the end of the tunnel in

busy finishing up his latest documentary, *Recordially Yours*, an homage to the late San Diego folk and roots music raconteur Lou Curtiss, who owned Folk Arts Rare Records and organized the San Diego Folk Festival for many years. Curtiss was a big influence on Tom Waits and Jack Tempchin, among many others. "I hope the film will go beyond San Diego County to festivals at other parts of the country. I knew Lou a little bit, but I didn't realize the breadth of his influence, because he didn't brag. He didn't put himself out front. But his knowledge of music and the people he knew was just amazing."

You can catch Yale Strom & Hot Pstromi on December 21 at downtown's San Diego Repertory Theatre. There will



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Yale Strom isn't just fiddling around; he's also making movies.

terms of live performances. I'm hoping to go to Europe in the spring or early summer, but even that isn't certain because there may be another wave of covid. There are a lot of anti-vax people and it boggles my mind, the stupidity of humanity."

Meanwhile, Strom is

be a film benefit concert for *Recordially Yours* on January 29 at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad.

— Robert Bush

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SISTER SPEAK

Fronted by Canada-born Sherri Anne, Sister Speak combines alt-blues rock with world music. “The idea was a collaboration of musicians supporting the expression of the woman’s voice through music,” says the spokesperson for local Taylor Guitars, who’s been backed by the same players for around five years. “Drummer Stephen Haaker is based in L.A. and has played with the band since 2017. My bassist Jacob Miranda Jr. has been in the band eight years and is San Diego-based. Sarven Manguiat [has supplied] guitar and vocal harmonies for five years and is Long Beach-based. Percussionist Kimmo Shim plays with us for larger productions.”

With two studio albums and one live record to their credit, they’ve performed at various festivals and venues throughout North America and Germany with the Doobie Brothers, Xavier Rudd, Air Supply, and others. Their music has earned airplay on CBC, the BBC, 91X Loudspeaker, NPR, and recently *105.3FM* in Vancouver and *88.5FM* Los Angeles. Their upcoming album *Love For All* features guest musicians Bonnie Brooksbank (Marina), Jon Deas (Gary Cark Jr), Aaron Durr, and the Brothers Burns. “The new single coming out in late February literally has the word San Diego in it,” says Anne. “The full album will be out in April.”



PONY DEATH RIDE

“We moved to Burlington Vermont, in case you hadn’t heard,” says comedy rock duo Pony Death Ride. “Although we’re still not able to do our official Christmas Show tour this year, we still have some neat Christmas stuff in the works. Namely, the release of our Christmas record on sexy pearl red vinyl. That’s right, we’ve listened to the people with turntables and put out our record on vinyl. More cumbersome and more expensive, just like the kids like.” *The First Leon Christmas Album* features tracks such as “All I Want For Christmas Is a Divorce” and “Your Baby’s Ruining Our Christmas.” Their

song “Ugly Sweater Christmas Party” was featured on a compilation from Spain’s SNAP!! Records, *Power Chords, Harmonies and Mistletoe II*. The band also has some live concerts planned, as well as recently appearing on a local VT radio show. In addition, “We will be performing a viral show on New Year’s Eve with Highlight NYE Burlington. Part songs, part chat, anything goes. One ticket gets you access to Burlington’s best music, comedy, and general cool things.” A new album called *Unthemed* is planned for 2022, and a video recently debuted online for their track “Cuddle Party.”



JEWEL

Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter, occasional poet, and mental health advocate Jewel has a new remix of her song “Standing Still” recorded with Swedish pop duo Pure Shores, who’ve worked with Giorgio Moroder, Don Diablo, KSHMR, Girls Generation, and others. “Standing Still (Pure Shores Remix)” is part of the 20th Anniversary celebration of Jewel’s platinum-selling album *This Way*. Though not a huge hit on its original release, “Standing Still” broke the Billboard Hot 100 chart in the U.S. and reached the top 40 in Australia, the Netherlands, and New Zealand. “I wrote [the song] about the supposed irony of how much I move and travel and how I’m

in constant motion and how that constant motion can make your love life stand still, and also really your emotional life,” she told *Rolling Stone*. Jewel’s year has included Pride month remixes of two songs, “Intuition” and “Stand,” created with Initial Talk and Bright Light Bright Light. “My LGBTQ friends and family have enriched my life in innumerable ways,” Jewel posted online. “The humor, love, and ferocity of spirit inspire me every day.” Earlier this year, she was featured in a *Today All Day* streaming special, “Tomorrow’s Voices,” aimed at creating a platform for deserving teens across the country. She’s also reportedly working on new music for release next year.



BERKLEY HART

As the folk rock duo Berkley Hart, Jeff Berkley and Calman Hart have been making music together for nearly a quarter century. Berkley (“I’m one of the rare native San Diegans”) and Hart (“I moved here from Utah in the early ‘80s”) are also known for their recurring show called *O Berkley, Where Hart Thou?* in which they perform music from the film soundtrack *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* and similar classic Americana songs. “We love that music and, as soon as we thought of the name, we couldn’t resist,” says Hart. A related CD and video package was produced featuring

a live concert performance with local guests the 7th Day Buskers, Eve Selis, Gregory Page, and others. The duo has a new video for “Dear John John Deere,” from their album *While the Night Is Still Young*, featuring a cameo appearance by Mentals frontman Joey Harris. They’ll perform January 8 for the Java Joe’s Reunion Show at Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Carlsbad, where the coffeehouse operator whose local stages hosted so many future stars will be celebrated. Presented by San Diego Folk Heritage, that bill includes former baseball star Tim Flannery, as well as Billy Galewood, Gregory Page, Lisa Sanders, and Brown Sugar.



THE SCHIZOPHONICS

Founded in 2009, the Schizophonics play fuzzy, psychedelic rock mixed with funk. Singer-guitarist Pat Beers has been known to play a custom dinosaur-head Strat. Beers was later joined by his future wife Lety Mora (the Rosalyns), who attended high school with him in Arizona. The Best Hard Rock trophy winners at the 2013 San Diego Music Awards often play with occasional Zero Robert Lopez, aka El Vez: The Mexican Elvis, serving as the backup band for his Punk Rock Review, and Pat Beers is frequently the touring guitarist for El Vez. Side projects include Bowiephonics, which is Schizo-

phonics plus Diana Death (Chinese Rocks) getting glammed out for a fully-costumed David Bowie tribute. The Little Richards sport an all-star lineup of polka-dot studded players like Robert Lopez (El Vez, The Zeros), Diana Death, Joshua Kmak (Nformals) doing an all-Little Richard set. The Schizophonics will play a New Year’s Eve show at ReBru Spirit Co in National City, for a night of revelry that also features Band of Gringos, Sonido De La Frontera, Dani Bell & the Tarantist, Drug Hunt, Josexxx, Moans, MoonSugar, and Tormenta Rey, with visuals courtesy of Liquid Liquid Lightshow.

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

Aztec Brewing Company:
Sunday, 6pm — Holiday Jazz Jam. Free.

Balboa Theatre:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Bela Fleck.
Monday, 7pm — Dave Koz & Friends Christmas Tour with Rebecca Jade.

Belly Up Tavern:
Friday, 8pm — The Gin Blossoms.
Sunday, 8pm — X and Soft Kill. \$35-\$62.
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, 8pm — Men At Work.

Black Cat Bar:
Friday, 8:30pm — F+ and Slum Summer. \$8.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Authority Zero and Bossfight. \$15-\$20.
Friday, 8pm — Trish Toledo. \$20-\$25.
Saturday, 8pm — Shred For Dime. \$10.

Casbah:
Thursday, 8pm — Pokey LaFarge and Pete Molinari.
Friday, 8pm — Emo Nite. \$16.
Saturday, 8pm — Ziggy Shuffledust & the Spiders from Mars. \$15-\$18.
Sunday, 8pm — Kelly Finnigan & The Atonements.
Wednesday, 8pm — Martin & The Big Nativity Scene.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:
Tuesday, 7pm — San Diego Jazz Collective Jam Session. Free.

Ebullition Brew Works:
Friday, 6pm — Holiday Ugly Sweater Party with Cheez Whiz. \$10-\$15.
Saturday, 6pm — Spray Allen ft. Eric Wilson & Wade Youman. \$10-\$15.

Frankie's:
Wednesday, 6pm — The Soto Six. Free.

House of Blues:
Friday, 8pm — Sebastian Bach. \$30-\$70.
Saturday, 7pm — Noah Kahan. \$22-\$70.
Sunday, 7:30pm — G Herbo and Lil Zay Osama.

Jazzy Wishbone:
Saturday, 7pm — The Soto Six. Free.

Jolly Joker Tavern:
Friday, 8pm — Cadillac Fringe. Free.
Saturday, 8pm — 2lil2late. Free.

Legacy International Center:
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 6pm — Christmas City USA. Free.

Mission Bay High School:
Thursday, 7pm — Music Program Winter Concerts.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:
Friday, 9pm — Nemesis. Free.

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Saturday, 8:30pm — Serious Guise. **Free.**
Sunday, 6:30pm — Josh Taylor Project.
Monday, 7:30pm — Ocelet and the 8 Ball.

Pure Project Vista:

Saturday, 7pm — Alyssa Roie and Kris Wott. **Free.**

Roxy Encinitas:

Friday, 8pm — Blame Betty. **Free.**

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 6:30pm — Craig Owens.
Sunday, 8pm — The Spill Canvas (Acoustic). \$18.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Todds and Deepsea Daniels.

Soma:

Saturday, 6pm — Kip Moore. \$38.

South Carlsbad State Beach Campground:

Friday, 4:30pm — Slack Key 'Ohana.

Steele 94:

Saturday, 7pm — Hee-Haw Party.

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Thursday, 9pm — Whiskerman and The Cedar Shakers. \$10.
Friday, 9pm — Universe Peoples. \$8.
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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

2021: an extra-ordinary year in music

This is the time of year when we ordinarily take a look back over the previous season and select the top concerts. We could do that, but 2021 was not an ordinary year for classical music, at least not in San Diego.

On the one hand, that is an obvious statement. On the other hand, we can recognize that 2021 must not become the new normal.

There is a temptation to simply take what we are given in the arts and classical music and to then call it wonderful. And what we were predominately given in 2021 was classical music in outdoor venues. From Mainly Mozart to The San Diego Symphony to San Diego Opera, outdoor venues were the call and

cause. Within the context of 2021, those outdoor venues were sufficient. But they were still far from wonderful when we consider what the true classical music and opera experience is — and has been.

Outdoor venues have a certain appeal. They are more casual, and therefore more accessible to those who are yet to be initiated into the classical world. In theory, this will bring more people into the classical fold. But there is no evidence that that is the case.

What about those who prefer a more formal affair and value the ancient traditions? One of the defining qualities of our current culture, in general, is a disdain for the formalities of

tradition. We can see it everywhere, from the technological interruptions of traditional media, commerce, and industry to acclaimed movies based on comic book characters. Even in the concert hall and opera house, a sense of informality is beginning to become the new normal.

A system that is overly traditional will die of stagnation, but a system that is devoid of tradition is just another name for chaos. New and powerful ideas can be birthed from chaos, but there must be a structure — that is, a tradition — into which those ideas can be integrated. If not, those new and powerful ideas will be swallowed by the surrounding chaos.

Orchestral and operatic



Dressing the chorus of *Lohengrin* in mouse costumes does not make it relevant. It makes it ridiculous.

music organizations are always striving to find an ever-moving target named relevance. The relevance of the arts has been established since the Greeks began writing tragedies. Relevance does not reside in clapping between movements or avant-garde opera productions or outdoor venues. The relevance of classical music and opera is within classical music and opera themselves.

Some new ideas have been birthed in 2021, again, mainly around the idea of outdoor venues. These ideas can be useful if they are integrated into the tradition of listening to a classical concert within an enclosed space with no amplification or ambient noises from the city at large. As we look to 2022, the hope is that San Diego's classical music and opera will return to their appropriate indoor venues.

Classical Music this week

Bach Collegium:

CHARPENTIER: JOYEUX NOEL Charpentier's Messe de Minuit celebrates Christ's Nativity with popular French carols of the day, while In Nativitatem Domini Canticum retells the Christmas story in the sumptuous style of the Grand Motet. MËSSE DE MINUIT POUR NOËL H. 9 Marc-Antoine Charpentier IN NATIVITATEM DOMINI CANTICUM H. 416 Marc-Antoine Charpentier. Sat, Dec. 18, 7pm; \$15-\$55. Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 3459 Manchester Avenue. Sun, Dec. 19, 5pm; \$15-\$55. All Souls'

Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Boulevard.

Golden State Ballet's The Nutcracker

Golden State Ballet: Dazzling scenery and costumes set the stage for Jared Nelson's choreography telling the holiday tale of Clara and her Nutcracker Prince, all danced to live music from musicians of the renowned San Diego Symphony, playing Tchaikovsky's classic score. Ages 5+. Please see San Diego Civic Theatre website for full details, including COVID-19 protocols. Thur-Fri, Dec. 16-17, 7:30pm; Sat, Dec. 18, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sun, Dec. 19, 1pm and 5:30pm; \$25-\$109. San

Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue.

Music Program Winter Concerts

Mission Bay High School Music Program's Winter Concerts will be December 14 and December 15th. The 14th will be our "Jazz Night" featuring our Swing Choir, Hot Club Quartet, Mambo Orchestra and Preservationists. The 15th will be our "Classical Night" featuring our Concert Band and Choir, as well as our String and Symphony Orchestras. This is an outdoor event in the quad area. \$5 suggested donation at the door. People are encouraged to bring their own seating and blankets. Lite snacks and beverages will be available. Thur,

Dec. 16, 7pm; Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Avenue.

Musica Vitale Holiday Concert: What Sweeter

Vocal ensemble Musica Vitale, under direction of Elena Vizuet in collaboration with harpist Stefan Wendel, will present a program of Christmas carols and music for the season. The evening will also feature speaker and host Bill Propp, who will offer insights on stylistic practices of writing contemporary Christmas carols, arguably the oldest form of pop music. The sing-along portion of the evening will undoubtedly put attendees in the Christmas spirit! Registration is strongly encouraged. Sat, Dec. 18,

7:30pm; **free.** Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue.

The Nutcracker Ballet

Presented by The Ballet Studio & Norris Performing Arts Center in association with Fine Arts Network Theatre Company and directed by Mark Erickson. Featured in the award-winning documentary film, "The Making of The Nutcracker" at the Temecula Valley International Film Festival, The Ballet Studio offers their renowned version of the most-performed ballet in the world. Fri, Dec. 17, 7:30pm; Sat, Dec. 18, 3pm and 7pm; Sun, Dec. 19, 1pm and 5pm; \$32-\$45. Old Town Temecula Community Theater, 42051 Main Street.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

BNS Brewing & Distilling:

Friday, Dec. 31 — NYE With Gregory Page. **Free.**

Balboa Theatre:

Friday, Dec. 31 — The Sweet Caroline Tour. \$45-\$85.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Dec. 23 — Cash'd Out Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 26 — Betamaxx and Good Company.

Tuesday, Dec. 28 — Donavon Frankenreiter and Christina Holmes.

Wednesday, Dec. 29 — Donavon Frankenreiter and Christina Holmes.

Thursday, Dec. 30 — Grateful Shred.

Casbah:

Thursday, Dec. 23 — El Vez Merry Mexmas.

Friday, Dec. 24 — Exile on Kettner Blvd.

Thursday, Dec. 30 — Thee Sacred Souls.

Friday, Dec. 31 — Thee Sacred Souls.

Coyote Bar & Grill:

Sunday, Dec. 26 — She Says So. **Free.**

House of Blues:

Thursday, Dec. 30 — Black Label Society and Prong.

Jolly Joker Tavern:

Friday, Dec. 31 — New Years Eve with Classic Buzz Band. **Free.**

Music Box:

Thursday, Dec. 23 — Sensi Trails and MDRN HSTRY.

Sunday, Dec. 26 — Infected Mushroom.

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Wednesday, Dec. 29 — Dirtwire and Boostive.

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Friday, Dec. 31 — The Motet and Collin Miller.

Navajo Live:

Sunday, Dec. 26 — Acoustic Showcase.

Monday, Dec. 27 — Scott Samuels Band.

Friday, Dec. 31 — New Year's Eve Party with Time Trip.

Panama 66:

Sunday, Dec. 26 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free.**

ReBru Spirit Co.:

Friday, Dec. 31 — Bad Vibes Good Friends NYE Fest 2021.

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Crab grab

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Say what? "You're pouring the dinner onto the paper table cloth?"

"That's why we give you plastic gloves," says Jordan. Then he's off. And there I am, sitting with my puddle of sauce and potatoes and sausage and corn cobs right on the paper table-covering. Man. I'm still not sure. But nobody around me is sniggering. I guess this is the way.

It's all happening inside the brand-new Crab City in Barrio Logan. The spot used to be a pizza and burger bar called Dough-Nation. Now, suddenly, it has smart red furniture and a new name. At first, I thought, "This is exciting." Second



Jordan (Tho) and sister Hang Le. They're in this venture together



Clam chowder, nice and hot, but also helps cool the spices

thought was, "Uh oh, crab, crawfish, clams, lobsters? This has gotta be way above my pay grade." But I came in anyway.

First thing I notice is a couple settling in like they know what's what in all things Cajun — Chris and Rachel. Hmm. I'll watch them. I go sit up at the bar. Actually, I know it of old, because whenever I've passed through on the way home late at night — and that could be quite often — the bar has been here. Dough Nation was usually the only place still open and ready to serve a starving traveler a beer and a slice of pizza. So it's exciting, but also a little sad, that that nice, friendly bar full of night workers

and off-duty cooks is no more.

"Let's Get Dirty," says a new red sign outside. I grab a menu to see if there's anything I can, well, afford. At first, my worst fears pop out at me. Combo #1 is a pound each of shrimp, clams, crawfish and mussels, \$59. Add a pound of snow crab and it's \$95. Add a pound of king crab and we're at \$165.

I start wondering how to wiggle out of this. But then I look at the rest of the menu. Appetizers look more doable. A whole bunch of fried items cost \$12 each: fish and fries, calamari, shrimp, coconut shrimp, chicken wings. They have a garlic noodle pasta for \$8, and it's also \$8 for a bowl of clam chowder. And for \$6, a potato fry waffle.

The rest of the menu is instructions on eating seafoods boiled. You can do this individually: for \$16, you get a pound of, say, Manila clams. Then you order your flavoring: Cajun House special flavoring, lemon pepper, garlic butter, or "naked." Next you choose your spice level, and then — aha! — you can get add-ons. Sausages (8 pieces for \$5), boiled and seasoned potatoes (3 for \$3). Or a combo of two corn on the cob, two potatoes, and four sausage chunks, all for \$6, in an extra spicy bath of sauce.

"The Cajun House sauce is the best," says the guy, Jordan. Fine. I go for that. And this is when the surprises start, when I get the bowl of clam chowder (\$8), plus the \$6 combo with the corn, spuds, and sausages in the spicy sauce. Jordan plumps this plastic bag filled with sauce, drifting cobs of corn, sausage and floating spuds, knots it and leaves it on the paper table mat.

"Uh, what do I do with that?"

He looks at me like, "You don't know?" then says, "You pour it on the paper mat and then you eat it."

"Uh, huh." I still hesitate.

"Put the plastic gloves on, and then you grab!"

I mean, I love the idea. And this must be what they do in someplace like New Orleans. Jes' never seen it before. I take slurps from the clam chowder (it has plenty of clam bits), and wish I'd ordered the garlic bread you can get for \$4. Ok, here goes. I thrust my plastic hand out, undo the knot, watch everything flow out onto the table — seriously! — and grab a rolling spud, then a cob of wet spicy corn, and scoop up a hot sausage and slurp a handful of the actual hot spicy liquid licking slowly over the paper cloth. "Let's Get Dirty," says the sign. There's



Add-ons, like this sausage, corn, potato combo, become the heart of the meal

something totally crazy but also very sensual about this, and half of me wants to take off the thin plastic gloves so I feel the real thing, sticky hands be damned. Or maybe lean forward and lick. The biggest surprise is that this tomato and spices gloop is filling, specially with the potatoes and the andouille (I'm guessing) sausage bits. And fire-breath hot! I know, I know — I asked for it.

I get a Vietnamese iced coffee (\$6) and that deliciously takes the edge off the heat.

I sit back, exhausted. "You're Vietnamese. How come you started this Cajun thing?" I ask Jordan (Vietnamese name, Tho). "Because we already have a Vietnamese place next door and there are only eight Cajun seafood places in all of San Diego County," he says. Turns out, he made it out of Vietnam only four months ago. "It's quite a story," he says. But not tonight. He's up and busy again.

On my way to the door, I stop off and ask Chris and Rachel what they thought. Because after all, they're southerners from the New Orleans area. "Well, the shrimp was a little over-



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Visiting Cajuns Rachel and Chris give Crab City the thumbs up

done, but the rest — and we had a lot, including crawfish and king crab — was perfect."

"Perfect," says Rachel.

This Vietnamese coffee is also perfect. Strong? Oh yes. But why no wine and beer, so good with spicy Cajun food?

"You are right, Cajun food needs beer," Tho says. "We are waiting for our beer license. Maybe a couple of months."

Hmm. Couple of months. Enough time for me to learn how to eat with my hands and not leave half the meal on my face. ■

The Place: Crab City, 1985 National Avenue, Suite 1101, Barrio Logan, 619-795-0779

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Smokin' J's BBQ improves on the TV dinner

Smokin' J's BBQ: 14035 Midland Rd, Poway. People under a certain age might know them as Hungry Man dinners: frozen meals sold in partitioned, microwave-safe trays, in order to keep entrees and side dishes separate as they're reheated. But



A TV dinner tray featuring smoked brisket, beans, and macaroni shells.

back in the days before microwaves, the trays were made of aluminum, and the meals were marketed as TV dinners. The idea being that, you could

simply stick one in the (regular) oven to “cook” while you watched TV, then, when it was ready, eat while you continued to watch TV. Even more convenient: you could eat straight from the tray. No dishes to wash.

The idea that anyone would need marketing encouragement to eat in front of the tube might seem quaint to younger generations, digital natives who've likely grown up eating in front of two or three screens at once. And I suppose we could draw a straight line from those old TV dinners to the home delivery services of today, as if they were the first step in the process of Americans becoming too lazy or enthralled with bingeable content to cook our own meals at home.

So I shouldn't be too surprised to have found a meshing of the two concepts out in Old Poway Village. I'd finally made it out there to chase down the oak-smoked victuals of Smokin' J's BBQ. Now in its fifth year of business, the highly regarded suburban BBQ joint fits right into the country-styled cluster of old-timey storefronts and parks here at the outer edge of suburban development. Out there, it's so often sunny and arid that most of the counter restaurant's seating was set up outdoors well ahead of any pandemic. The vibe's as relaxing as the village is cute — it's really a great place to hang out and enjoy smoked meats.

However, as with most restaurants everywhere,



House-seasoned St. Louis-style spare ribs served by Smokin' J's BBQ.

what the pandemic did bring to Smokin' J's was a more hybrid business model. Though outdoor seating is plentiful, the eatery opened up a take-out and delivery window to better facilitate to-go orders, even as on-premise service carries on. As part of that addition, Smokin' J's came up with its own TV dinner trays. And they're better than anything you could pull out of your freezer.

Bear in mind, this is a place that makes a signature sandwich loaded with both brisket and hunks of pork belly. Gluttony is usually in order, and to accommodate that, it sells the likes of ribs, brisket, and pulled pork by the pound, usually about \$25-30 per. I started out ordering a half pound each of the ribs (\$16.32), and seriously delectable brisket burnt ends (\$16.83).

Add a couple side dishes, and you've got a meal for two. Most BBQ joints are set up this way, and it works out great when you're eating family style. But approach a place like this solo, and I don't think you can do better than these TV dinners. For between 11 and 17 bucks, you choose a meat and two sides. That could be three bones of the St. Louis-style ribs plus candied yams and coleslaw for \$15.50, or two pieces of dark meat chicken with beans and mac n'cheese for \$11.50.

I grabbed a third-pound of brisket with the beans and mac for \$16.50, and may or may not have watched TV while I scarfed down a fairly complete meal. Those who remember TV dinners may wonder why this version doesn't include cobbler for dessert. The answer likely has something to do with Smokin' J's scratch-baked pecan pie (\$4 per slice), a seriously better option.

As a kid, I was no stranger to eating turkey and gravy or Salisbury steak dinners out of an aluminum tray. But one needn't remember those made-

for-TV flavors to know that expertly smoked BBQ is a significant improvement. Smokin' J's will be best eaten within the confines of Old Poway Village, but if you're itchin' for BBQ from the comfort of your sofa, a true brisket TV dinner will do you no wrong.

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Encinitas Vegan Food Pop-up Pizza, nachos, grain bowls, Chinese, comfort food, cheeses, donuts, ice cream and more. Saturday, December 18, 12pm; **free**. Seaside Bazaar, 459 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

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BLR (BECKY & RUSTY) Happy Holidays to you and your families. Peace Love Leslie.

BLR (BECKY & RUSTY) Play hangman 3 words 1w-5letters 2w-5letters 3w-8letters.

FRANK DEAR Santa has been a bit of a grouch, thinking about hightailing to Paris meet me there. I will be at the Big clock (you know where). Always your love, Katherine.

FRIENDS OF P DUB same 858 landline and address, please call Evie.

JAMES ROBINSON JR Evie needs you, same 858 landline and address.

JOHN S IN LA MESA what's up? Peace Love your cool Aunt Leslie (are you checking?).

JUST WONDERFUL! I didn't realize a boss could no hour. No schedule you to force you to quit! What evil is this? So, guess I'll be homeless as of 1-1-21! Curses rain down! Evil! So wrong!

KIESOW'S Wishing you and your families Peace Love Happiness during this holiday season. From You know who L.

LIFE IS A SERIES OF HABBITS We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit.

MAMA JUDY We Sure miss you! Especially during these holiday times. Your thought of daily, We love you (More) so very much. Your daughter Sarah & son n Law Kelly.

MOM, DAD AND BROSKI, These Holidays are rough without you guys around. I really really miss my family. Love all yall. KK

SANTA SOPHIA CLASS OF 1983 anyone out there? Please respond here.

THE VALUE OF PERSISTENT PRAYER is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

J. I COULDN'T SEE YOU within the bullseye. Now I can't un-see you. J.

KATHERINE Z. upon disembarking at Long Beach, I was herded onto a bus with the crowd and was taken to Disneyland where I am having the time of my life. come visit me here! Frank

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EYESORE! Semi-truck trailers parking lot across from Taft School. Is this allowed?! What an eyesore and property value destroyer. Looks awful for our community!

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 thinner merij. 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.

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

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STUDENT LOOKING FOR HOUSEMATES I'm AnnaKaren and am 22. I'm currently looking for a room and roommates. Also trying to move closer to SDSU and to work (downtown). My budget is \$850. DM me @ bit.ly/sdsu-anna

NORTH COUNTY RESIDENT SEEKS NEW ROOM I need to relocate asap, address should be near public transit and/or commercial sector. Rent: \$740 I'm quiet but friendly; age 66; by myself. email: janetjb-networking@outlook.com

NEW YORK TO SAN DIEGO I'm currently seeking a sublet in San Diego. I'm 36, from New York, I work as a realtor and a musician and I'm traveling to SD to escape the cold. Non-smoker. I'm clean and respectful of others' space. facebook.com/JeffJacobs

SDSU STUDENTS ISO ROOMIES Looking for a one-bedroom that isn't too far away from SDSU (5-10 miles). My budget is \$900-1100/ per month and I'm willing to move in by November 29th-December 4th. FB DM @ bit.ly/sdsu-student-15

ROOMMATES WANTED I recently signed a lease on a 2 bedroom place near SDSU. The complex is called Dorado Plaza, rent would be around 1100 per month starting around mid September. FB: facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315

WE'RE MOVING TO SAN DIEGO Hi everyone, my husband and I are looking for a studio for \$1400. We are students and would like a studio for a long stay. Message me on FB: facebook.com/amanda.lucila/. Thanks!

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



Clean rooms, very comfortable, convenient location. Historic building near C Street Trolley. Choice of common or private bathrooms. Utilities included. Free cable TV, on-site laundry, vending machines, modern elevator.

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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/

ROOM FOR RENT Rent Weekly or Monthly, Call (619) 869-5814 / rtgdo02016@gmail.com

ROOM NEEDED FOR TRADE, ASAP! Awesome female looking for a private room in Trade for domestic services such as pet care, house keeping, cooking/baking, etc... I must be in a safe/peaceful environment that's smoke/drug free with sane easygoing people. No spam/scams fakes or flakes sandiegolady13@gmail.com

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.orteig

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

SPRING VALLEY \$500 Separate bedroom. Share utilities. Female preferred. Employed full-time required. Kitchen privileges. Laundry. No smoking. \$200 deposit. (619) 829-1504.

SANTEE, \$750 2/2 home w/ homeowner, dog. Same price furnished/unfurnished. No kids under 18. Pools, spas, clubhouse, tennis. AC & heat, kitchen, W/D. No tobacco, or add'l pets. Share util. (619) 499-9663, phone calls preferred.

TINY ROOM TO LIVE PLEASE 62 year young, healthy, vaccinated, single, no family, Virgo, never married, non-smoker, clean, SoCal native, low income, male, high school/college graduate. Seeking any somber tiny room please in Solana Beach, Cardiff, Leucadia, Encinitas, Carlsbad. Dale Hauskins (858) 401-2973

COLLEGE ROOMMATES

2022 USD AND MESA STUDENTS Perfect for 2022 Spring students at Mesa or USD colleges because of proximity.

There is a swimming pool on the property as well :-). Check the Facebook page and message for prices and availability for the next semester. facebook.com/riviera.devil (858) 279-6186

COLLEGE STUDENT FRIENDLY Fellow-college students: You haven't found a place yet? Vantaggio Suites offer furnished studios, 1bedroom, and 2bedroom apartments for short-term stays. Omg, I know how difficult it is to find a place. Check their FB for options. facebook.com/vantaggiosuites/?ref=ts

END OF SEMESTER BREAK Book now — whether it is in Green Valley Lake or Arrowbear Lake, come stay at the cozy mountain retreat perfect for any season - Skiing/snowboarding and hiking rentals. facebook.com/GetLostInn getlostinn@gmail.com

IN PB, CLAIREMONT, LA JOLLA Hi, I'm looking for a room/or roommate! My budget is \$1,000. Looking in PB, Clairemont, La Jolla, Sorrento Valley, Mission Valley, Kearny Mesa. Please message me if you have a room available or wanna be roommates! facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

MIRAMAR COLLEGE ROOMMATES We have temporary accommodation. The accommodation is a private room and a private bath at Westbrook Apartments in Mira Mesa. facebook.com/sanjana.sanju.1420

MIRAMAR OR UCSD COLLEGE ROOMMIE Does anybody have a room for rent in Mira Mesa? My budget is \$500-800. I would like to have carpeted floors, washer/dryer and it has to be cat friendly. I work 5 days a week. Plmk, thank you facebook.com/danielle.clarke.9638

POSSIBLE ROOMMATES Saw on FB: Searching for a roommate now so you can come view the house and get to know you better. (I have a 5 bedroom 4 bath house. Renting out the downstairs room with its own private bathroom). We are looking for a roommate. \$1450 a month. facebook.com/Hazaeef



SNOWBOARDERS' RETREATS Looking for a winter break cabin for the fam & schoolmates? Click on the link to see what cabins we have available. f facebook.com/GetLostInn getlostinn@gmail.com



CAL STATE SAN MARCOS 2022 CSUSM 2022 students, make Prominence Apartments your new home. Come in and make yourself comfortable! You will love our 2-bedroom apartment along with our amenities which include assigned parking. bit.ly/prom-apt (760) 798-2794

CLOSE TO SDSU I'm looking for a room near or around SDSU for \$900-\$1100 before or after utilities. Ideally looking for mature, responsible, and clean roommate(s). My sublease ends on the 29th and I'd be ready to move in by December 1-4th. bit.ly/sdsu-student-09



ISO HOUSEMATES I'm a 24-year-old male and will be moving

to San Diego to start a job in Mission Valley in November. As far as being a roommate, I'm pretty easygoing. Let me know what you got! My budget is \$1500 bit.ly/housemate-chris

ROOMMATE/HOUSEMATE Posting again since it's so hard to find a place. Looking for a room OR roommates to find a spot with! Wanting to move in the next few months, My budget is around 1100. Females only, pls. facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

2022 USD/MESA STUDENTS The Parkridge Manor is within walking distance from Mesa College and a short drive to USD. Call (858) 576-6396 for prices and availability on 1/2 bedroom apartments.



PERF 4 CSUSM/PALOMAR STUDENTS One room on the first floor has closet space and a carpeted floor. It's fully furnished w/a full-size bed and 12x12 dimensions. DM OP for price/availability. facebook.com/TheVibeHouseSD thevibehoused@gmail.com

PLACE FOR SDSU STUDENTS I saw this on FB, it's across the freeway from SDSU in San Carlos. DM the OP. The place is like super cute! \$950 for master size room with separate entrance option. Shared bathroom for 2. bit.ly/sdsu-cute-place

ROOMMATE VEGETARIAN PREFERRED Apartment for rent in Rancho Penasquitos. \$1100/m 400/w 75/d. A fully furnished room in a gorgeous model home, with exclusive/attached bathroom and toilet available for rent for working professionals/students Females Only - Vegetarian Preferred bit.ly/vegie-roomie



SDSU STUDENT ISO ROOM I'm 26, and looking for a single furnished room at PB/MB or near SDSU, where I'm an international student. My budget is around 1300\$. facebook.com/tim.ahlers.10

USD AND MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATE Private room in bright Clairemont home with backyard terrace. Location: Mount Aguilar Drive, Clairemont Mesa East. Monthly Rent: \$900. Lease Start: December 1, 2021 bit.ly/mesa-usd-claire

BLVD63 BY SDSU Reposting: XL room available for a lease take over in a V-Dub apartment. 3 females roommates neat and clean. No pets. Room rate is \$1174/month + utilities (~\$30/month). Lease expire the 07/24/2022 with possibility to extend. \$500 lease take over facebook.com/william.prevost.758

MISSION VALLEY SPOT \$1100 One bedroom rental available immediately. Female only. Prefer professional or conscientious student. Unit has attached bathroom, walk in closet and an assigned parking place. Available immediately. \$1100 including utilities. www.sublet.com/property/3604522



NURSING STUDENT ISO ROOMMIE I'm Jordan, 29, and a full-time nursing student. I work from home and have 2 dogs. I'm looking for another female to rent a house within San Diego County.

PLMK, thanks! Budget: \$1500 DM on Facebook, thanks! facebook.com/Jordan.mcguire.3

ROOM 4 SDSU STUDENT 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. FB for more info - thx! facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12

SDSU HOUSING ON CAMPUS www.housing.sdsu.edu/ www.housing.sdsu.edu/ (619) 594-5742 / oha@sdsu.edu

SHARE A PLACE BY SDSU? Gravity Apartments at 4560 Mission Gorge Pl, San Diego, CA 92120 is renting a studio for \$2,440 — wanna split rent here? It's like close to campus! facebook.com/GravityApts (619) 880-8340 / leasing@livegravityapartments.com

SWC COLLEGE Hi Southwestern College students, Saw this \$800 Chula Vista place on Facebook. Direct message the owner for details. facebook.com/monica.reyes.96155

APT COMPLEX NEAR SDSU Hi all, I am looking for a roommate to share the bedroom with me in a 1 bedroom apartment. The complex is called Villa Del Sol. The area is off-campus of SDSU. facebook.com/Villa-Del-Sol-Apartments-106409991659182

COLLEGE STUDENTS SPENCER'S IS HIRING Spencer's is hiring. www.spencers.com/ (800) 762-0419

ISO A PRIVATE ROOM 2 RENT ISO A private room to rent, preferably with my own bathroom, in a house or apartment. My budget ranges from \$700-\$900 including utilities. I'm 25 and have a 2-year-old neutered male cat. PLMK @ facebook.com me Thanks! facebook.com/dezertdippin250

MIRAMAR COLLEGE STUDENTS Moving to San Diego for work. I love the outdoors - hiking, climbing, surfing, etc. Looking for a van-boarding situation, AKA I'd pay you partial rent for a place to park my van and a few basic amenities. ISO of a spot by Miramar College. facebook.com/trinity.locker

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

COLLEGE ROOMMATES HOUSEMATES I'm looking for a room/or roommate! I'm looking to move ASAP but no rush as well. My budget is \$1,000. Please message me if you have a room available or wanna be roommates! facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

ISO A PLACE BY UCSD Looking for an apt 1BD1Bath to rent with my husband! We are both Argentinians moving in mid-December. My husband studies at UCSD and I teach yoga and paint. Ideally, like to stay around the university area to the south, no further than Pacific Beach. facebook.com/constanza.ilapur

MISSION BEACH, PB, LA JOLLA 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 for more info. Thank you facebook.com/brittany.barker1

SDSU STUDENT LOOKING FOR ROOM I'm AnnaKaren and am 22. I'm currently looking for a room and roommates. Also trying to move closer to SDSU and to work (downtown). My budget is \$850 and would like some cool roommates to make friends with! bit.ly/sdsu-kar

SDSU STUDENT ROOM/HOUSEMATE I'm looking for a single furnished room at PB/MB or near SDSU. I'm an international student studying at SDSU, so I'm looking for a room from January till May. My Budget is around 1300\$. facebook.com/tim.ahlers.10

SPANISH TUTORS HELP YOU PASS We can help you pass your

Spanish college classes facebook.com/EspeñTusManos/ (619) 414-7736 / andycs3195@gmail.com

UCSD MED STUDENTS Apartment for rent in University Hills property — It's a quiet sanctuary furnished with bed, linens, high-speed Wifi, desk, chairs, dresser, chandelier, washer, dryer and parking. \$1200/month www.sublet.com/property/2694226

UCSD / MIRAMAR STUDENTS FB REPOST: \$1350 room for rent in a beautiful house with views in Rancho Penasquitos. Very close to Mira Mesa and the Penasquitos Preserve. 1/2 mile to freeway 15 and 56. Average 15 min drive to Torrey Pines beach and Delmar; 20 minutes to UCSD. facebook.com/hamid.sadre

1BR/1BA UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS 1BR/1BA studio for rent; bright airy units; 1-year lease. in University Heights at Illinois and Meade (619) 280-3278

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BUYING MIRAMAR COLLEGE NOTES Tell your classmates and roommates that Studocu buys your Miramar notes. Earn money while you help other students! Be quick, the offer stands only for a limited time! www.studocu.com/ facebook.com/StuDocu/

CLOSE TO MIRAMAR COLLEGE Reposting again: Furnished room for rent in Mira Mesa near High School. Shared bathroom, kitchen, and living room. \$850 only. No pets. No couples. Message OP if you're interested. facebook.com/malouvaldez210

EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT SDSU We are both Swedish and we'll be studying at SDSU during spring 2022 as exchange students. So we need a place to stay from the beginning of January. We are two 21-year-old girls, looking to rent a place/room for 5 months. facebook.com/ida.hertin.5/

GOOD FOR CSUSM STUDENTS Renting a 2 bdr/1.5 bath townhouse with new appliances and AC. on Grand Avenue in Escondido. If Interested, please send a message on Facebook messenger! Available 12/1. facebook.com/26.2jim

SDSU ROOMMATES HERE Our budget is \$1100 each. If anyone has anything, people let me know! We are looking for an apartment or house in the SDSU College area FYI. facebook.com/ethan.chandler.79230

SDSU STUDENTS LOOK HERE Repost from FB: Hello! I am looking for a female to take over my lease of a single room with private bathroom in a 4 rooms dorm asap. It is in BLVD63 near SDSU. Possibility of living there by this week. No pets. facebook.com/profile.php?id=100012703626352

UCSD STUDENTS Room for rent at Rancho Penasquitos for \$1100. www.sublet.com/property/4681667

WILL PITCH IN \$900 I am looking for a private room to stay in starting December. Budget: \$900 a month including utilities. I currently am employed at two different places and I'm not home most of the time. facebook.com/jacqueline.sakai.9

ZOO PASSES 4 COLLEGE STUDENTS We college students get a discount at the San Diego Zool Pls delete this post if it is not allowed. I was just excited when I purchased my pass and had to share it! zoo.sandiegozoo.org/school-programs/student-discount

15 MINS FROM SDSU Looking for roommates in a freshly remodeled house. Bedroom @ \$1,250 per month. bit.ly/state-room

2022 SDSU STUDENTS We are two 21-year-old girls, looking to rent a place/room for 5 months. We are both Swedish and we'll be studying at SDSU during spring 2022 as

exchange students. So we need a place to stay. Direct message if you have anything. Thanks! facebook.com/ida.hertin.5

COLLEGE STUDENT RN?

Are you a student in San Diego County looking for a roommate, a job, cheap furniture, a spot to sell your books, free movie tickets, happy hour locales, or a club to rage at? Check SDReader.com or our free magazine on campus for more deets :-). facebook.com/ClassifiedsBySDReader (619) 235-3000 / post@sandiegoreader.com

MESA AND SDSU STUDENTS

Found this adorable place for MESA or SDSU students. It's a master bedroom for rent in Serra Mesa behind Frys off the 15 Freeway. \$1,100 per month and half the utilities. Facebook msg the OP facebook.com/yosimien.cain.7

OB ROOMMATES? My name is Cam and I'm looking for a room starting on 10/1. Preferably in OB but I'm open to other areas. I work near the airport. I like hiking and grabbing a beer with friends. I spend most of my time working or studying. Budget: 1200 Pls. DM me www.instagram.com/cam_fenley/

SDSU ROOM Found this on FB -. 4540 60th St, San Diego, CA 92115-5416, United States. Looking for a roommate to stay in one of the bedrooms inside a nice 2 bed 2 bath condo nearby SDSU! facebook.com/joshua.baldwin.18



LOOKING FOR ROOMMATES I just graduated with my master's in business analytics from Oregon and currently looking for a place in San Diego. My budget is \$700. Very welcoming your sublet, I don't mind sharing a room either. I don't smoke and don't have a pet. facebook.com/eunjeong.hoo.374

USD OR MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATES

ROOMMATES Reposting from FB: "House in mission beach". Hello everyone. I am looking for roommates for a FULLY furnished single bedroom and 2 shared bedrooms. Available from January 2022 until May 2022! facebook.com/benan.nan.10/

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/piresrafaell/

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Our Court Reporting Program provides the training, mentorship, and hands-on experience you need to become a certified court reporter. Court reporters are in high demand in CA! facebook.com/SouthCoastCollege/ (855) 314-5022 / admissions@southcoastcollege.edu

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Are you in college and need help in Spanish class? We can help! facebook.com/EspEnTusManos/?view_public_for=101163108502004 (619) 414-7736

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/327093655616056/?ref=share_attachment

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.ketnerborough

USD, UCSD, MESA COLLEGE

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

APARTMENT BY SDSU

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

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

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/rachel.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. Budget: maximum \$600/pers. Do you have any tips? Direct message on FB bit.ly/three-roommates

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

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Yellowfin tuna and dorado

long gone

Generally, mid-December is the time of year inshore and offshore fishing winds down to rockfish and sand bass in San Diego area waters. Though fine eating, targeting and catching rockfish and sand bass is not nearly as exciting as summer and fall "glamour fishing" that can test anglers and their tackle. Except for a few "home guard" stragglers that remain near kelp beds through winter, yellowtail move back south to warmer climes. Though colder water-tolerant bluefin tuna have been hanging out around Tanner and Cortez banks through the holiday season the past few years, other pelagics like yellowfin tuna and dorado are long gone. White seabass, bonito, and barracuda have yet to make their springtime appearance off Point Loma and La Jolla, and angler counts at the landings dwindle down to less than a thousand from summertime highs of over six thousand men, women, and children stepping aboard a sportfishing vessel per week.

Down to taco meat

For many who cannot afford the time off or cash required to hop aboard a long-range boat, it's down to "taco meat" from the sea, or trout from one of the stocked lakes in San Diego County. On the beach, surf fishing is also winding down as sand crabs dig deep or wash away with winter swells. Sand crabs live about two years and die off as the water cools in the fall, so, though there will still be a few around, usually found deep near rocks or pilings, there are not enough to keep corbina and croaker fed and those species move south coastally, or into bays to spawn. Surf perch can be caught year-round, and though they can be a fun distraction, surf perch do not usually raise an angler's heart rate. One saltwater species found in San Diego during winter months, however, will increase the pulse of the average angler when caught: California halibut.

Eye begins to move to the opposite side of head

That California halibut move into deeper water during colder months doesn't mean they leave the area. Typically, halibut spawning migrations in Southern California are from February through June as they move into shallows to release eggs. The eggs float freely for about sixteen days, after which they



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A fat San Diego Bay halibut can relieve off-season saltwater fishing blues.

their diet. In the shallower Mission Bay, winter halibut can be found along channels nearer the bay mouth and under bridges, while in San Diego Bay, where the deeper boating channel runs back to J Street Marina, halibut can be found throughout the length of the bay.

Slow drifting bait best

If you're targeting spawning halibut in the surf or bay shallows, they will readily strike lures from heavier spoons such as Krokodiles to the lighter Lucky Craft and Rapala stick baits. When in deeper water, bait will work better for halibut, as it is hard to properly present a lure as a baitfish swimming laterally. Their bite tends to slow down in cooler water as well, so awaiting a strike while winding a lure can be a lengthy affair. Slow drifting a bait along the bottom is the most productive technique used for halibut in winter months. A heavy enough weight to stay down given wind and/or current, and a long 2' to 3' leader with a hook sized to the bait is the basic halibut drift setup.

Move the rod tip toward the fish

Where and when to send a bait to the bottom makes most of the difference in getting halibut to bite, but once bit, there are basic "rules" that gets most fish caught to the boat. Though they can destroy lures with violent strikes, a halibut bite on bait can be so subtle that it is easily missed. Often, there is pressure as though the weight found a snag, and if the angler pulls to free the snag, the halibut will usually let the bait go and not chase after it. When you feel pressure, the best method is to move the rod tip toward the fish while maintaining pressure as the fish slowly takes the bait. Halibut usually strike a bait tail-first and slowly chew it into their mouths. For

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this reason, a stinger hook is often attached to the main line hook and embedded into the tail of the baitfish.

They'll spit the hook or tooth-cut the line

With or without a stinger hook, patience is commonly required for the best result when halibut bite. Often, the angler will feel a small jerk as the halibut chews in the bait. When it feels as though the fish has the bait fully in its mouth, a slow wind and slight raise of the rod tip is all that is needed to know if it is on or not. The hooks will set with pressure; there is no need to whip the rod back or wind fast, as a slow steady retrieve will get more halibut calmly to the boat. Pulling hard and winding fast will only induce a harder, more frantic fight, and with that, more fish will spit the hook or tooth-cut the line and be lost in battle. Once caught, a halibut is not done fighting. Take care when handling the fish, they are reaction biters and can do serious damage to human fingers with their teeth.

Santa Anas help

Other than bait and location, tide and current need be considered when targeting halibut. The shape of their body is kite-like, which means they will struggle more in fast-moving water. Halibut prefer to feed during slack tides within a couple hours before and after the low or high. Therefore, days when there is a smaller swing between high and low tides are best. Low wind can make a difference, especially if fishing from a light vessel like an aluminum boat or kayak. Once you find a sandy-bottom channel with steep edges, drifting slow (no more than one knot) along a line parallel to the channel is best. In San Diego, winter Santa Anas can result in warm calm days on the bay as offshore wind collides with prevailing onshore breezes. A slow tide swing coupled with little or no wind is the optimal weather condition for halibut fishing along bay channels in either of our bays. So when our local saltwater fishing action flattens out during winter months, seek flatfish!

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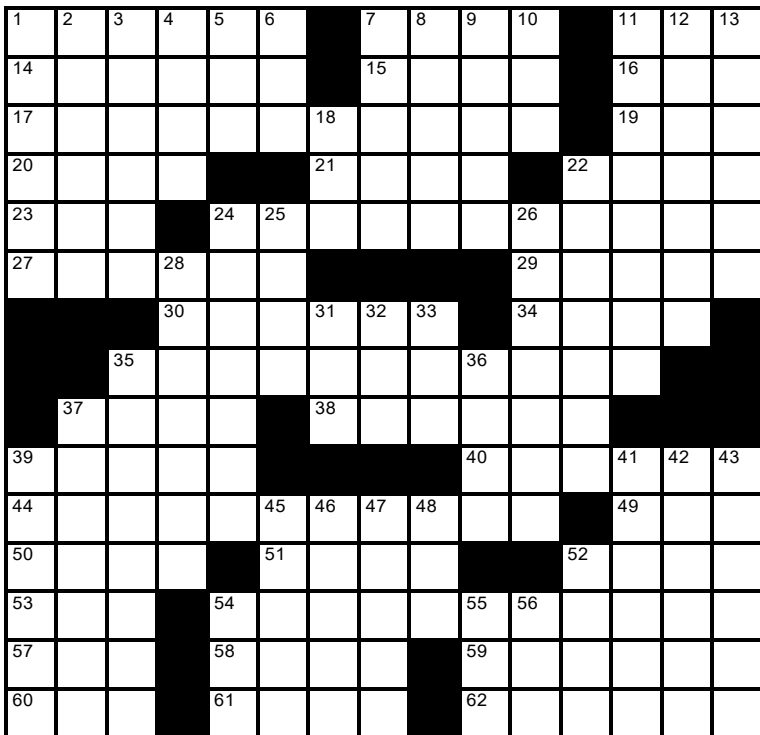
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Across

1. Charlie who was a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus
7. DuVernay and Gardner
11. Noticed, to Tweety
14. Blissful
15. "Pencils down"
16. "So ____ heard!"
17. Something drawn for sport
19. Point of a dancer who's en pointe
20. Go ____ great length
21. Party where roast pig is often served
22. Martin Luther King's "Letter From Birmingham ____"
23. Regatta implement
24. 2004 film with the tagline "When the world closed its eyes, he opened his arms"
27. Popular video-sharing service
29. Like the walls of an old church, maybe
30. Implant deeply
34. Hail
35. Its construction created Lake Nasser
37. Hollywood's Clarke and West
38. Pitch a tent, say
39. Olympic gymnast Strug
40. 1910s Mexican revolutionary Emiliano
44. Once in a while

49. Slang for \$1,000,000
50. Wilson of "Starsky & Hutch"
51. 905-year-old in Genesis
52. Mrs. Krabappel on "The Simpsons"
53. What might get under your collar?
54. Emmy-winning Disney+ series (or what you'll have after solving 17-, 24-, 35- or 44-Across)
57. Sturm ____ Drang
58. Mix with a spoon
59. 1962 John Wayne film
60. Book contents: Abbr.
61. Curds and ____
62. Loses freshness

Down

1. Techie's suggestion, often
2. God, in the Torah
3. Aaron Burr's birthplace
4. Insect flying in a cloud
5. German "a"
6. Like many HDTVs, in brief
7. Based on ____ story
8. Having millions of views, perhaps
9. Stevie Wonder's "My Cherie ____"
10. Use a Singer
11. Metal that's as strong as steel but 45% lighter
12. Skirted
13. Little shaver, to a Scot

18. Not mainstream, informally
22. Android download, perhaps
24. Focuses attention (on)
25. South side?
26. Maniacal guy
28. Two-time All-Star pitcher Julio
31. Suffix with lact-
32. Part of BYOB
33. Tic-____-toe
35. Plants also known as mountain misery
36. The Soup ____ ("Seinfeld" character)
37. Asking for a saucer of milk, maybe
39. Get tense and hard, as a muscle
41. It goes from about 540 to 1700
42. Cassiterite, e.g.
43. Singer Morissette
45. What a thanatophobe fears
46. "It's the Hard Knock Life" musical
47. Run out, as a well
48. "Sex Education" actor Butterfield
52. "Cómo ____?"
54. U-turn from ENE
55. DVD precursor
56. "Am ____ risk?"

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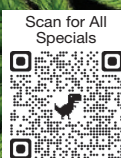
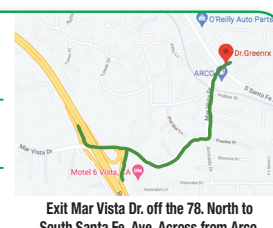
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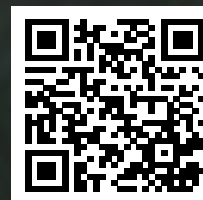
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