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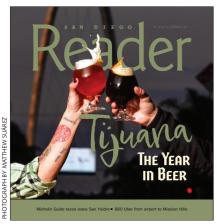
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ON MY BICYCLE

Gotta stop the chop shopsOr heels will still steal wheels

On November 27, Rob Z. linked up with a person on the OfferUp app to sell his Trek Fuel Ex bike, accessorized with aftermarket components. That Saturday, they met at Hollandia Park in San Marcos. Then things took a turn. "He handed me a bag that was supposed to have money in it," Rob wrote on the Stolen Bike San Diego Facebook page. "When I looked down to unzip it, he ran and jumped on the bike and got away from me. Needless to say, the bag only had white blank pieces of paper in it." Rob then called the sheriff's department to make a report.

On December 10, I reached out to Rob, who replied but said he couldn't provide an update on whether someone took him up on the \$1000 reward for the whereabouts of his carbon fiber bike. He described the thief as being "about 5 feet 10 inches, about 135 pounds, dirty blonde hair, white male, red beanie, white shirt, blue jeans, wearing a medical mask...kinda wanna have a conversation with him." On Facebook, Rob added a screenshot of the alleged perp's OfferUp handle.



Rob's robbed bike.

"I have zero surprises this guy's 'fake cash' scammer came from OfferUp," Bryan Hance told me on December 14. "We at Bike Index have been encouraging all victims involving OfferUp to send in complaints to the Attorney General. Because the app has long refused to clean up their terrible platform." Hance is the co-founder of *BikeIndex.org*, a nonprofit



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organization with an app and website that has cataloged over 688,000 bikes worldwide. The Index hosts tens of thousands of daily searches and has about 1250 community partners — and it has connected many San

bicycles, and bicycle parts on public property or within the public right of way. As a matter of public safety and transportation, we need to be assured that we are guaranteed safe passage without bike chop shops in our public

"We need to have some sort of assurance that our bicycles will actually be there when we desire to ride them."

Diegans with their stolen bikes. In 2019, he helped a Coronado resident locate his \$6000 bike at a Tijuana swap meet. Hance's data indicates that within San Diego this year, there were 422 stolen bikes reported to his

site — a jump from 243 last year. And since Rob's bike was stolen on November 27, another 32 other bikes within San Diego County have been reported. Only eight were reported found.

On the Stolen Bike San Diego Facebook page, commenter Jennifer suggested that people reach out to SANDAG, to whom she had written earlier, "As you approach the Dec. 3rd board meeting, and specifically agenda item number 5 regarding the Regional Bike Plan Early Action Program, will you please discuss that while 'making the bicycle a

useful form of transportation for everyday travel, and using funds from the \$200 million initiative are good, that an increase of bike facilities and pathways are not all that is needed. We citizens and tourists need a ban akin to the ones in Long Beach and Los Angeles that will 'prohibit the assembly, disassembly, sale, offer of sale, distribution of

right of way. We need to have some sort of assurance that our bicycles will actually be there when we desire to ride them and that we can effectively recover them without danger to ourselves, as some of us have already experienced when bikes go missing."

Hance — who attributes the rise in bike theft throughout the U.S. to the covid pandemic — read Jennifer's post. "It's amazing to me how many 'cycling funds' or 'cycling orgs' or 'cycling groups' have zero anti-theft

components to them," he noted. "And I think maybe some of that dovetails with the SANDAG thing. Governments are used to regular 'bread and butter' efforts like shared bike paths, painting sharrows, adding bike infrastructure, etc. But when they're asked to do anything anti-theft, they simply come up totally blank. We're trying to educate traditional bike/walk advocacy groups that you don't have cyclists anymore if people can't keep their bikes safe. It's an uphill battle."

MIKE MADRIAGA

PACIFIC BEACH

DA vs. DADistrict Attorney prosecutes Antifa's Direct Action

On December 6, San Diego District Attorney Summer Stephan announced felony conspiracy charges against eleven alleged Antifa militants. The DA blamed Antifa for the January 9 Pacific Beach attacks against pedestrians on the boardwalk and nearby streets, followed by attacks against police officers on Mission Boulevard. According to a DA press release, affiliates of Antifa from San Diego and Los Angeles planned to commit violence against Trump supporters at their "Patriot March" eleven months ago in Pacific Beach. "On at least eight separate occasions, approximately 15 to 20 members from the counter-protesting group (Antifa-affiliated) broke off and surrounded perceived members of the Patriot March group and attacked them using impact weapons and mace. At present, there are 16 known victims." One victim was a minor who suffered a concussion. Additional victims include "a dog that was maced, a journalist attempting to take photos, a business that was vandalized, and assaults on police officers. Video evidence analysis shows that overwhelmingly, the violence in this incident was perpetrated by the Antifa affiliates and was not a mutual fray."

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Direct Action in action?

According to the criminal complaint, "Antifa is known to use force, fear, and violence to further their own interests and to suppress the interests of others. This tactic is referred to as 'Direct Action' and is known to mean acts of violence such as assault, battery, assault with deadly weapons, arson, and vandalism."

The 24-count complaint describes the attacks by eleven defendants and multiple unknown co-

six counts of using tear gas not in self-defense. Jesse Cannon is alleged to be the person who threw a chair at the back of the woman whom the mob attacked and beat while on the ground. He is charged with two counts of assault with deadly weapon. He, Mora, Yach and Rivera are charged with assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury. Rivera is alleged to have inflicted great bodily injury on a victim.

For the second time, the San Diego Union Tribune published a photo of the woman the Antifa mob beat to the ground, and for the second time, it failed to indicate that a mob was attacking the woman. Instead, as they did earlier this year, the

"Video evidence analysis shows that overwhelmingly the violence in this incident was perpetrated by the Antifa affiliates."

conspirators. Charged with conspiracy to riot from the San Diego faction are: Jesse Merel Cannon, 31; Alexander Akridge-Jacobs, 31; Joseph Austin Gaskins *aka* Austin Joseph, 21; and Erich Louis Yach, 37. Yach is the only defendant with an outstanding arrest warrant.

Charged with conspiracy to riot from the Los Angeles faction are: Jeremy Jonathan Ross White, 39; Brian Lightfoot, 25; Christian Martinez, 23; Luis Francisco Mora, 30; Bryan Rivera, 20; and Faraz Martin Talab, 27. *Newsweek* reported that defendant Samuel Howard Ogden, 24, is from Washington state.

In February, I reported the details of Antifa's attacks as related by eyewitnesses, victims, and an abundance of video recordings. Jeremy White is alleged to be the perpetrator who bear-sprayed a dog and is charged with animal cruelty.

Brian Lightfoot is alleged to have hit the photographer featured in my previous story on his back with a wooden staff, and has been charged with two counts of assault with deadly weapon and

U-T described it this way: "counterprotesters fight with a woman."

Newsweek also reported that Summer Stephan is the first prosecutor in the nation to attempt to "break up a network of alleged violent antifa cells," and that a twelfth alleged Antifa attacker, Jonah Abraham Bigel, was already charged for his role in the riot earlier this year.

ERIC BARTL

NATIONAL CITY

Best shot at a pot spot?

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National City has set five new business fees for commercial cannabis businesses, which will take effect in February. The total, about \$11,000, is somewhere in between the fees charged by Chula Vista, its neighbor to the south, and La Mesa. According to Megan Gamwell, the city's economic development specialist, the average cost for a cannabis application is around \$10,000, but Chula continued on page 6

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UNDER THE RADAR

KPBS's public money wind-

fall The finances of the KPBS public broadcasting stations, which are owned and operated by taxpayer-financed San Diego State University, have bounced back a bit from the darkest days of 2020's Covid-19 pandemic. But spending on programs for both TV and radio remained about the same — down in the case of radio. So reveals the group's Fiscal Year 2021 financial

statement by the accounting firm of Grant Thornton LLP, dated December 10. During the twelve months ending June 30 of this year, the stations received \$7,828,947 in "direct and indirect" support from SDSU, including money for "salaries for management, space rental, and utilities." The previous year's SDSU contribution was \$7,726,499. Including that seven-figure infusion by the tax-funded university, KPBS's total "revenues and transfers" rose more

than \$4 million to \$45.9 million, compared to \$41.7 million the year before. A major part of that growth came from charitable contributions, which grew to \$32.8 million from \$29.6 million the year before. As for where the cash wound up, during Fiscal 2021, KPBS-TV spent \$10,055,932 million on "programming and production," barely up from Fiscal 2020's \$9,986,259. The radio operation spent \$3,900,238, a drop of almost \$400,000 from the \$4,282,259 of Fiscal 2020, according to the document. As reported here in July, KPBS management raised the ire of some radio listeners when it moved the weekly

A Way with Words program, devoted to the ins-and-outs of the English language, to 5 am Sundays, and canceled Fresh Air hosted by Terry Gross to save money. "Keeping Fresh *Air* — long after it made sense to do so financially — was no longer prudent," Interim Associate General Manager John Decker told writer Ken Leighton in an email. "The programming schedule changes are an effort to redistribute some of our programming funds and time slots in support of our

needs in the podcast and digital content area." Other KPBS costs itemized in the report included \$6,871,340 to cover the stations' "Fundraising, membership, and development" expenses, which had run \$7,783,755 the year before. "Management and general" expenditures rose a hefty \$777,600, up from \$4,774,908 in FY 2020 to \$5,552,508 in FY 2021. According to figures posted by *TransparentCalifornia.com*, KPBS's acting station manager **Nancy Worlie** got \$205,367 in pay and benefits from SDSU during 2020. By compari-

son, her husband **Paul Worlie**, chief of staff to San Diego County Supervisor Nathan **Fletcher**, got \$221,694.

Insiders' ethics pot Newly named San Diego ethics commissioner **Paul Cooper**, an ex-Executive Assistant City Attorney now vice president and general counsel of the RMD Group, a bar and restaurant consulting outfit, has

a varied portfolio of assets full of possible interest conflicts. According to Cooper's financial disclosure filing with the city clerk's office on December 7, the Carmel Valley resident owns between \$10,000 and \$100,000 of stock in Urbn Leaf, the cannabis vendor that last year sued Chula Vista for turning down its sales permit application. The San Diego firm has announced it is set to be bought by giant pot conglomerate Harborside

of Oakland. "Harborside is positioning itself as the largest cannabis platform in the state with retail stores, brands, processing, manufacturing, distribution, and cultivation," says *Market Watch* in a December 3 dispatch. Appointed to the ethics commission by Mayor **Todd Gloria**, Cooper also owns between \$2000 and \$10,000 in San Diego short-term rental player Airbnb, along with the same in giant warehouse operator and developer Amazon, clothier LuLu Lemon, online legal services provider Docusign, and Upstart, an online mortgage service. City campaign finance filings show Cooper gave Gloria's mayoral cam-





John Decker was happy to cut Gross

expenditures at KPBS.

Will Paul Cooper be able to keep his money off his mind as ethics commissioner?

\$100,000 as campaign manager for ex-GOP mayor **Kevin Faulconer**'s attempt to become governor as part of this fall's failed recall campaign against Democrat **Gavin Newsom**, per Barraza's November taking office statement.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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"Where did San Diego's missing persons go?" Cover Stories November 10

My mom (Debra Puente) always spelled her name "Debi" not "Debbie." What's the best way to get this corrected? Thank you for your attention and care for missing persons.

-spuente

Editor: Fixed now.

"Elisabeth Kimmel's prejail pleas for mercy" News Ticker December 10

That could make a book that could sell very well, and keep the locals with short memories from forgetting just how corrupt and scandal-ridden SD can be, and that this was not so long ago. It isn't, and never was "America's Finest City." And it was never as rich or flush or whateveryou-want-to-call-it as many thought. Every dollar wasted was a dollar that didn't get spent on things that don't show until they break or you lose a wheel in a pothole. Yep, his reports would make a great book; I'd buy it in a heartbeat.

—Visduh

"MTS can't get enough bus drivers" Neighborhood News December 7

And no two people have the same "basic needs." You have to decide what you want to do for a living, meet the educational requirements (or lack thereof) find a job, and if the job doesn't pay enough you have your options. You can't paint everyone with a broad brush, and that's what a living wage does.

A "living wage" will differ for married men, married men with children, married men that have wives with careers or stay at home moms, single moms receiving child support, single moms not receiving child support, single people living at home, single people living in a rented apartment or house, or homeowners with a mortgage and property taxes, regardless of children or marital status. Did I leave anyone out?

Also -- it's not what you make, it's what you do with it. There are spendthrifts, cheap people and everyone in between. A "living wage" may sound good in theory, but it's a pipedream. For all the reasons spelled out above. You need to take personal responsibility for your life, and if the job doesn't pay to your likings, don't take the job. There are more than a few people who will easily take a \$20 dollar an hour job. They're probably unemployed or making less money, and an MTS job (with benefits) is better than they're currently doing, and I'm happy for them.

-Socks3742

"Summer Stephan first D.A. to take on Antifa" Neighborhood News December 13

After watching "Sad Face" Summer failing to prosecute many crimes in the county, such as the Ash Street building fiasco, I'd about given up on her. If she's serious about this bunch of charges and actually sees them through to conviction and sentencing, I will change my mind.

The lamestream media continues to talk about rightwing protestors, and there have been few convictions. It wasn't right wingers who took to arson in the melee in La Mesa last year; no, it was "peaceful" demonstrators who suddenly got violent, and burned down buildings. So, Summer, how about prosecutions involving the thugs on the other side in that mess? Is this the beginning of some balance in the story?

—Visduh

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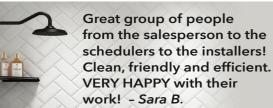
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Vista "is a bit of an outlier" with fees ranging from \$7000 to \$16,000. La Mesa charges between \$7000 and \$10,000. And in faraway Mt. Shasta, a city similar in size to National City, the cost is between \$5000 and \$8,000. "So we fall right in line with adjacent cities and cities similar in size."

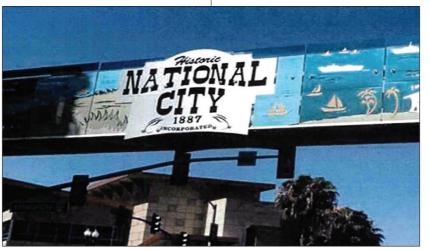
Gamwell said the fees will be used to recover the cost of developing the regulatory program, and to review and process applications for cannabis businesses. To determine the costs, which are based on the time it will take staff to review the applications, the city worked with cannabis consultants from SCI Consulting.

The number of commercial cannabis licenses has been set at six, allowing up to three in the Industrial Zones and three Consumption Lounges in the Tourist Commercial Zone west of I-5. Who will make the cut? The city hopes it will be those who live there. It has dedicated at least two permits to local owner applicants who have lived in National City for at least three years prior to November 9, 2021, the date when the application process was finalized. The city will also favor proposals that benefit the community; for example, businesses that offer higher pay and benefits for employees. A minimum of one permit is intended for an applicant applying for a cannabis consumption lounge.

Everyone begins by paying an initial fee of \$1859 and meeting minimum eligibility requirements. There will be a Zoning Verification Letter costing \$80 per site. In the next phase, each applicant pays \$3765, and the applications are ranked. The top six who score at least 90 percent advance to phase three, paying a deposit of up to \$5000, depending on how time-consuming the application proves. Other fees include a background check of \$350 per owner, and an appeal process fee of \$3586 per appeal. (Appeals can be made at any point in the application process.) In the future, the city will be adding additional fees, including an annual cannabis business permit fee for those who survive the entire application process.

While the review looks at many factors — everything from a business's proposed location to its security plan — the most points are assigned to their Labor, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Plan. And local applicants will receive an extra 150 points added to their application score. One such local asked that the council support the recommendation of vice mayor Jose Rodriguez to require three businesses to be local, not just two, saying that the city has enough qualified professionals to operate more than two cannabis businesses.

SHEILA PELL



Pot: it may be federally illegal, but it's now okay in National City.

ON THE ROAD

Taxis riding into the sunset? Or will rising rideshare rates pave the way for return?

Remember taxis? Those yellow (or orange, or blue, or white, or...) automobiles that you would hail from a sidewalk or commandeer via telephone call to transport you from one location to another? They were Lyft and Uber before Lyft and Uber took over the world of for-hire vehicles by arranging all the rides

Hills, which the commenter bypassed in favor of \$20 cab fare with tip included. Prior to the pandemic, \$60 for an Uber or Lyft from the airport to Mission Hills would have seemed almost unimaginable.

Bryn Scott, who with his wife Dana owns North County's TLC Taxi Stop Services, didn't sound too surprised by these numbers. He has been working as a cab driver for about seven and a half years, and has owned the two vehicles used for his service for about five.

"Take a Lyft from Fallbrook to the Oceanside train station, it would be \$90. But for the Uber it would be \$30."

via cell phone apps and rebranding all the automobiles involved as "rideshares."

Uber arrived in San Diego in 2012; Lyft followed soon after in 2013. Both succeeded because the trips were often far cheaper than what they would have been via taxi. The cars were often a step above the tattered, old Ford Crown Victorias that taxi fleets favored, and rideshare drivers might even offer you bottled water or a mint. The experience was a bit more like a miniature road trip with a stranger, and by the mid-'10s it seemed as if rideshares had become the new "for-hire vehicle" norm.

But then the pandemic happened, and the world went kind of wacky. So wacky, in fact, that the rideshares took pricing to new extremes — extremes that made the thought of riding from point A to point B in a tattered, older Toyota Prius (the taxis had wisely upgraded) appealing once again.

An October discussion on Nextdoor detailing the spike in rideshare costs was particularly eye-opening. The original post detailed a four-mile ride from Lindbergh Field that would have cost the author \$34 (before tip). He opted to take a taxi instead, and the fare, pre-tip, was only \$18. The comments dovetailed with numerous examples of recent high-cost rideshare fares. The most extreme of these may have been a purported \$60 fare for a ride from the airport to Mission

Though he operates two cabs, he still utilizes the rideshares occasionally. He reports, "Two weeks ago, it said if I were to take a Lyft from Fallbrook to the Oceanside train station, it would be \$90, but for the Uber it would be \$30. So, that's triple. It was just during the day on a weekday. There was no surge or anything. For some reason, Lyft seems to be higher now, at least here in North County." (One possible reason? "It's more spread out here. It's less city. So, it's a whole different ballgame.")

TLC Taxi Stop's business hasn't spiked recently due to the rideshare cost increases - rather, it has remained steady.

This was the case throughout 2020 and the Covid shutdowns as well. The pool of customers requesting rides shrank considerably, but there weren't nearly as many drivers competing for those rides. Many of the rideshare drivers stopped working, since they were able to collect unemployment, and Scott's taxi service was suddenly a bigger fish, or at least in a smaller sea. "I think North County is doing better than San Diego as far as competition," he says. But still, overall, "I think there's too many taxis, and they are still being clobbered by the rideshares because it's the god of convenience on their phone, and the marketing is not established well enough within the private vector of Yellow Cab or any of the other cab companies as far as creating efficient phone apps or dispatch organization. I think that's the major weakness."

Scott also doesn't think it's likely that the taxis will overtake the rideshares anytime soon. He feels that the Uber and Lyft driver numbers are back to full strength now in North County, and that most of the customers simply prefer the overall experience — from arranging the ride to the actual transportation — that the rideshares offer. The same Nextdoor thread that lamented rideshare costs took time to shudder over taxi horror stories.

Scott feels that even if Uber and Lyft were to leave the state, their drivers wouldn't be eager to join the opposing team. "If they shut them off in California, I don't think they are gonna come running to the taxi companies and say, 'I wanna work for you guys." He characterizes most active cab drivers as being primarily "real old-school" and says that "they have a different mentality about how you've gotta put in money to make money." Theirs is a culture that is willing to pay to lease cabs daily, which differs greatly from the model that Uber and Lyft employ.

As it is, he feels that the taxi industry will continue to lag behind the rideshares due to poor marketing. "It's like a piano bar. They were popular. They're still nice places to go to. But I just don't think they'll make it."



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UNREAL **E**STATE

by Dave Rice

In terms of San Diego real estate, "historic" and "oceanfront" are adjectives that don't play nicely with one another. Not only do the beating winds and punishing salt air extract a toll from even the sturdiest construction, owners along the county's coveted shoreline are usually wealthy enough to tear down and rebuild as architectural trends change. Or just because they feel like it.

This makes the 2200-square-foot home at 7944 Princess Street



If a picture is worth a thousand words, how many books is a picture window worth?

in La Jolla something of an anomaly. According to the Zillow listing, it was "one of the first two building sites" designated for construction along

the cliffs overlooking La Jolla Cove. Completed in 1913, it was also one of the earliest commissions for Richard Requa, the renowned Master Architect responsible for the construction and renovation of several buildings at Balboa Park prior to the 1935 California Pacific International Exposition.

"How would it feel to live in a home, perched on an oceanfront bluff, that is much more than a residence?" asks the listing. Honestly this sounds like a lovely proposition, so let's have a look. The first few photos we see are of the home's ocean views, which extend from the Cove to La Jolla Shores to the north. And while we are perched quite high above the cliffs, we're not so far back that we miss the whitewater breakers below. There's something that looks like a little lighthouse protruding from the rooftop deck — it took me a few minutes and several viewings to figure out that it was the chimney for the living room fireplace.

Mature (if slightly unwieldy) trees and shrubbery do a good job at hiding the front of the house from the street. We also

pass a window framed in ivy, and flowerboxes along the brick path to the entryway. Then we're inside. The first thing we see there is a living room trimmed in dark wood, with exposed ceiling beams and bookshelves built in above a doorway to the side patio and a nook with a window seat framing the southwest view perfectly. This would be an excellent spot to relax and read on a sunny day with the window open to catch a hint of the distant surf. It appears the current owners agree with this notion — from the shelves to the coffee table to the stacks we see in the next series of pictures, there are books everywhere.

From the living room, we pass into another living area (or maybe a continuation of the first), and then continued on page 45

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Reader writers get very close to San Diego's homeless

Blood Brothers

It wasn't long before the owner of the radiator shop discovered that Rat had been sleeping in the van. But when the man saw Rat's beat-up face and how sick he was, he agreed to let Rat sleep there. Rat has a certain way about him that makes people like the shop owner want to help him out. Besides his blond, youthful appearance, he has an eager sincerity, like the perfect soldier he once was. **DEC. 23, 1987**

What Do I Have to Be Thankful For?

Reed: "I have no plans for Thanksgiving. Just be with good friends, like my family here and with Sister Winnie and St. Vincent's and the Salvation Army."

Kakei: "Sister Winnie is over at 16th and Island. She's very good. Horizon is the best one for Thanksgiving. You get showers, you get clothes, You also get an eye test and a glaucoma check. They have doctors — they have everything. It's in Clairemont." NOV. 22, 2000

They Make Their Home by the River

The Mission Valley Preserve is one of the most beautiful areas in San Diego. It also is one of the ugliest and that is part of the

problem. It has native plants, like cotton-woods and willows; and invasive exotics like Arundo donax, salt cedar and palms. It has giant blue heron, Least Bell's vireos, yellow warblers and feral cats and stray dogs. The river has largemouth bass and green sunfish and — shopping carts and Styrofoam containers. **OCT. 18, 2001**

Houseless

"I had a business that was failing to support me, and I could not bring myself to let it go. I had to sell everything I own — microwave, childhood toys, guitars, all of my CDs, 99 percent of everything I owned — just to keep it going. I finally walked away. I could not stand



Though Rat, Painter, and Wyoming would rather panhandle for money, they have been donors there off and on for months.

the pressure. Digging my food out of a Dumpster or getting lunch and a sermon is so much better than working like a dog."

JAN. 30, 1997

Labyrinth of the Radiant City

He's got hold of my bag. He's trying to yank me into the bushes. "What do you want?"

I scream. He grips my bag. A tug-of-war begins. "What do you want?" It's obvious what he wants, stupid. He gets two hands on the strap, pulls harder. "Let go! Let go!" I yank with all I have, and the contents of my bag spill to the sidewalk. The man releases the strap and scuttles behind the bushes. JUNE. 3, 1993



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Allison Demers: actress, Ukulele singer

Cinderella at the shoe store

"Can we be serious!"

That's me, trying to get a shot of Allison ("Allie") Demers, 22-year-old stage actress, singer, composer, veteran of acting school, recipient of an MFA degree in musical theater from Indiana University, ukulele player, fearless pre-Christmas recitalist of solo carols for the Charleston Shoe Company's annual community outreach here in Coronado, and,

and because people don't come to Southern California for live theater so much as for the movie-making culture, there is much more of a community sense [among stage actors]. I'm reminded every day how everybody knows each other in the business. It's amazing. And while there is a good amount of professional theater, most is non-Equity and community theater. It's a lower-stakes environment compared with the northeast. Not as intense a way of life. I was brought up within an hour

de Vorzon, who wrote this. But the thing is, he originally wrote the song about Santa Barbara, not San Diego. 'It's Christmas once again in Santa Barbara.' And one of his most popular versions turns the town name into San Francisco. There's even one for Honolulu. Not a bad tune either. And you know what, it took me about fifteen minutes to learn the lyrics, and I have never forgotten them. I don't know why the TV doesn't play it."

Barry de Vorzon has since become famous for writing movie and TV themes such as *The Warriors, Exorcist III, S. W.A.T.*, on and on. And for developing land in San Diego County.

And his song addresses history, too. Some people say it doesn't seem like Christmas You can't look outside and see some snow I don't recall that it was snowing In Bethlehem 2000 years ago

But mostly, it's playing the seasonal card.
Trees are hung with lights and decorations
Families gathered by the fireside
This scene would make a perfect Christmas card
As long as you don't look outside...
It's Christmas once again in San Diego
There is not a snowflake to be found
No sleigh rides or snowmen
Like you see in the Christmas cards
Oh, but we've got a lot of Christmas
We've got a lot of Christmas

We've got a lot of Christmas In our hearts!

"That's it folks!" says John. "Except." Except, he says, the song got it wrong this time. "Head down to the Hotel Del around five. You'll see what I mean." And wouldn't you know, the man is right. Someone throws a switch and the lawn under the Norfolk Pines outside the Del is suddenly engulfed in snow. Gentle blowers make a beautiful, silent, instant blizzard. Old ladies' eyes glisten. Kids' faces open in awe. It's one of those Disneyesque tricks that actually works. You can see people just standing, feeling the snowflakes on their faces, grinning like, well, kids. Guess 'tis the season!



John Drehner strains his golden tonsils to sing a classic SD Christmas song

"It's a lower-stakes environment compared with the northeast. Not as intense a way of life."

well, right now, shoe store assistant and coffee barista.

Allie has just come off from a successful season in *The World Goes 'Round*, a musical that played for five weeks at the Coronado Playhouse. If you haven't seen it, think *New York*, *New York!* meets *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. It's a revue where every player has to be ready to sing, dance, act, the whole enchilada. But that's what Allie is trained for.

Problem is, I'm early. I'm never early! But tonight, I'm twenty-four hours ahead. Allison is still Cinderella, just the sales girl at the Charleston Shoe Company. It's *tomorrow* that she'll turn into a Broadway-trained, Broadway-bound star, singing Christmas carols with her electrified ukulele, and maybe adding a couple of her own songs.

"So I played in *The World Goes 'Round* for the five-week season," she says, "and now I'm here, working in my part-time jobs, and also working on some music with friends and colleagues. We're hoping to finish an album. I'm a songwriter as well as an actor. I love singer/songwriters like Billy Joel, Carole King, James Taylor."

Her San Diego experience has enabled her to compare the cultures of the two Americas, Atlantic and Pacific. "It's interesting," she says. "The difference is less in taste than in community. New York is not very friendly, but it is very professional. Not that it isn't professional here too, but back there, it's a tough business. Here, because it's not saturated, and you're not competing with live theater on Broadway,

of New York City, and so how I trained, and the people who mentored me, who I trained with, definitely influenced me."

Which set-up is ultimately better? The taut, take-no-prisoners east or the more freewheeling west? The jury, she says, is definitely still out. But you can't help but feel that California is already working its wonders on her. It's like she can't stop smiling.

SoCal no-snow song gets it wrong

My friend John Drehner is in ebullient pre-Christmas spirits. "What do you get when you cross a centipede with a chicken?" he shouts, rubbing his hands against the chill. "Uh? Uh? More drumsticks. Bada-boom!" He receives the moans with aplomb. "I bet you've never heard the San Diego Christmas song. It was written by a guy here 30-plus years ago!" He doesn't wait for requests. Now he's singing straight out onto the street.

It's Christmas once again in San Diego There is not a chance that it will snow Palm trees are swaying in the warm breeze Back East it's 10 degrees below."

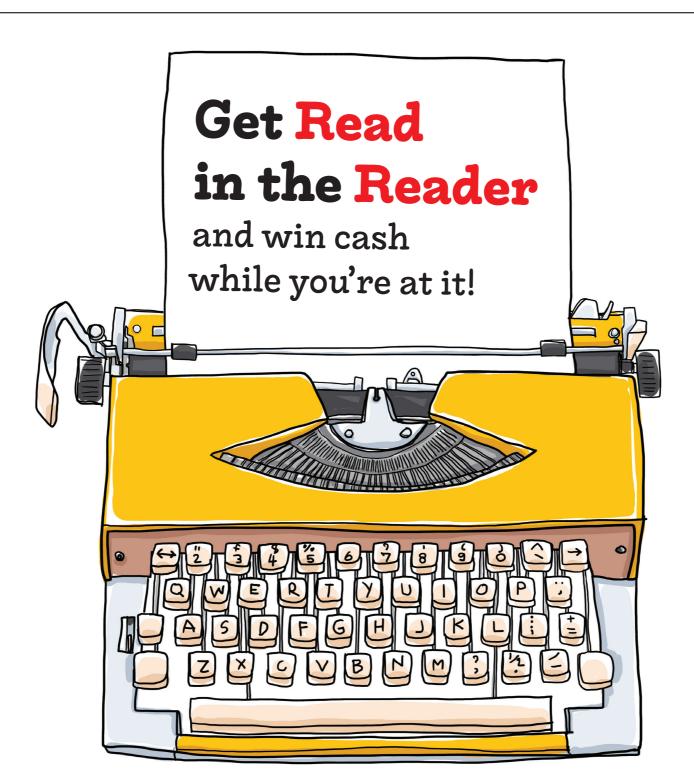
"OK. Here's the chorus."

It's Christmas once again in San Diego
There is not a snowflake to be found
No sleigh rides with snowmen
Like you see on the Christmas card
Oh, but we've got a lot of Christmas in our heart.

Actually, John has a good, rounded voice. Relaxed, Bing Crosby-esque. Still, he says it's not him we should be listening to. "It's Barry



Everybody's young at Del's Christmas snowstorm. But where was the song?



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5 Reasons to Visit Shikoku in 2022

As the world rolls out the welcome mats for foreign travelers once again, there is a veritable Vegas-style buffet of destinations from which to choose. But rather than following the crowd to the usual vacation spots, why not go off-radar to a place you may not even have heard of before? Japan's Shikoku Island might be your little piece of heaven in 2022.

Shikoku is one of Japan's four main islands, but likely the least well-known. It consists of four of Japan's 47 prefectures: Ehime, Kagawa, Kochi, and Tokushima. It has only been connected to Japan's main island of Honshu since 1988; before that, it was mainly accessed by ferries to its major cities. The relative lack of connection to most of Japan has left Shikoku virtually unspoiled and wild, a perfect destinag tion for adventure ร์ seekers and those craving an authentic Japanese experience. Here are 5 great reasons to choose Shikoku for your next

For Outdoor Adventure. Shikoku is Japan's Wild Side

With dozens of small islands and a vast



mountainous interior, Shikoku is known in Japan as the destination for outdoor and adventure travel. Rental cycles and cycling tours are available on many islands. The famous Shimanami Kaido is a 45-mile long scenic bike ride over the spectacular bridges and lovely islands connecting Shikoku's Ehime Prefecture to Honshu's Hiroshima. In Kagawa Prefecture, leisurely cycling around the many islands of the Inland Sea including Teshima and Shodoshima islands is a great way to experience the outdoors as a family.

River hosts international whitewater rafting competitions, and a number of rafting tour companies take adventurous souls on the rides of their lives. Narrow rocky gorges like those along the Niyodo River are ideal locations for canyoneering, led by a professional guide who takes you under cascading waterfalls, over huge boulders, and cannonballing into deep pools of "Niyodo Blue" spring waters.

Shikoku's Array of **Traditional Arts** and Crafts

Shikoku's traditional Japanese arts and crafts are an essential part of its histo-

ry and one the locals enjoy sharing with visitors. Tokushima Prefecture is a rare place where visitors can try aizome, natural indigo dyeing, using indigo plants still grown and processed locally. Kochi's washi paper, made from mulberry fiber, is one of Japan's most prized handmade papers, and visitors can participate in paper-making workshops led by English-speaking artisans.

In a workshop along the historic Udatsu street of Tokushima Prefecture, Japanese wagasa umbrellas take 250 hours to make by hand over a period of three months. For visitors who want to try making their own umbrellas, a simplified smaller version has been created, which can be used at home as decorative lighting.

In the Iya Valley, learn how to make handmade soba noodles, from grinding the grain into flour to serving it up on your plate, where you'll enjoy it as a meal with an array of local side dishes.

Visit a sake brewery in Kochi and sample award-winning sake made with the pure mountain waters of Shikoku, or learn how to make geta, the wooden sandals still popular as summer footwear in Japan. Whatever your interests, Shikoku has you covered.

Stay in Shikoku's Relaxing Hideaways

Social distancing is not an issue in Shikoku with its wideopen spaces and abundant outdoor activities. Nonetheless, why cram yourself into a hotel with a bunch of strangers when you can stay in places that you can practically have to yourself?

On Teshima Island in Kagawa, rent an entire refurbished

kominka, a traditional Japanese house. YUI-AKEDA has the conveniences and amenities of a modern home in traditional Japanese style, complete with its own Japanese rock garden. With plenty of space for four people, it is an ideal accommodation for a family or two couples traveling together.

At Seiran no Sato in Kochi Prefecture, stay in a luxurious facility with only six rooms in modern Japanese decor, each with a private patio facing the Shimanto River. Enjoy quiet strolls in the Japanese countryside or cool your heels in the shallow clear waters of the river while enjoying your favorite beverage.



For accommodations on Ogijima Island in Kagawa, Dorima no Ue offers a unique experience combining a luxurious stay in a traditional guesthouse, organic and sustainable meals from ingredients grown on the proprietor's farm, and opportunities to participate in traditional activities such as mochi making.

If you crave some Japanese-style luxuries with your stay, Kochi's Yu no Mori (Japanese ryokan inn) offers indoor and outdoor onsen hot springs to soak in and a 15-course kaiseki dinner made with local seafood and other Shikoku produce. Drift off to sleep on a fluffy futon laid out on the tatami mat of your spacious Japanese-style room.

Take A Foodie Tour of Shikoku's **Famous Cuisine**

With its relatively mild climate and variety of terrain, Shikoku produces a surprisingly wide variety of fruits and vegetables, including a few that might surprise you. Although olives are not native to Japan,



the climate of Kagawa's Shodoshima Island proved to be perfect for olive trees, so nearly all of Japan's domestic olive production is from Shodoshima. Shodoshima is also famous for a large number of traditional soy sauce brewers who still use wooden barrels to age their soy sauce for years, giving their product a richness and depth you'll never find in a commercially produced soy sauce.

The climate of Shikoku is also great for citrus production,

making the island the largest cultivator of Japanese citrus fruits like yuzu and sudachi, both of which are becoming globally famous for their flavor-enhancing qualities. You'll likely encounter yuzu as an ingredient or garnish to add a little zing to your food and sudachi as the primary ingredient in the ubiquitous ponzu dipping sauce.

The widespread belief in Japan is that good food starts with good water, and Kochi Prefecture has the purest water in

all of Japan, springing from deep within its dense mountain ranges. This pure water makes for great-tasting rice, which in turn creates delicious sake. It is no wonder Kochi residents are renowned for their ability to hold their liquor with so much of the good stuff available to them. Blue Brew, Kochi's newest craft beer brewery, is hidden deep in the mountains near the source of the purest water. It was founded in 2020 by SoCal transplant Kenneth Mukai, so stop in for a tasting, California style.

If there is one musttry food on Shikoku, it has to be *katsuo no* tataki, lightly seared slices of the deep red-fleshed bonito tuna. In Kochi city's Hirome Market, the place where locals and tourists gather for a collection of more than 60 food stands and shops, virtually every table has an order or two of katsuo no tataki. Watch the chefs sear the tuna over huge flames fueled by straw and taste the smoky flavor enhanced with condiments such as thinly sliced garlic and

onions, a sprinkle of salt, and yuzu-ponzu sauce.

Aside from the *kat*-

suo no tataki, Hirome Market stalls serve up a variety of foods meant to be shared, karaage fried chicken, maki sushi rolls, yakitori chicken skewers, and many others, to be washed down with Japanese beer or the famous Kochi sake. With picnic table-style seating, you might end up sitting with locals and making some new friends over a delicious and sometimes raucous meal.

It's Easier to get to Shikoku than you think

Most people will pass on Shikoku on the false belief that it is difficult to get there; in fact, the effort it takes to get to Shikoku from California is little more than getting to Tokyo.

Although the famous Shinkansen bullet train lines do not go to Shikoku, affordable domestic flights are available from Tokyo's Haneda Airport to the major cities of Shikoku: Kochi city in Kochi, Takamatsu in

Kagawa, Tokushima city in Tokushima, and Matsuyama in Ehime. Each flight is a little over an hour, and domestic air travel in Japan is refreshingly simple compared to many other countries, including the US.

If you wish to combine a visit to Shikoku with a trip to western Japan, you can transfer to a Shikoku-bound train at Okayama or rent a car from Kyoto, Osaka, Okayama, or Hiroshima, all conveniently connected to Tokyo by the Shinkansen bullet train line, and drive to Shikoku using the network of scenic bridges connecting Honshu and Shikoku. Ferry service between ports in Kobe, Wakayama, and near Hiroshima to Shikoku are available, as well as between the main island of Shikoku and its smaller islands.

So there you have it: 5 good reasons to choose Shikoku for your next vacation in 2022. And Lonely Planet agrees, choosing the region as one of its top 30 destinations for 2022. Ad- g venture is out there, and its name is \$\frac{13}{22}\$ Shikoku.

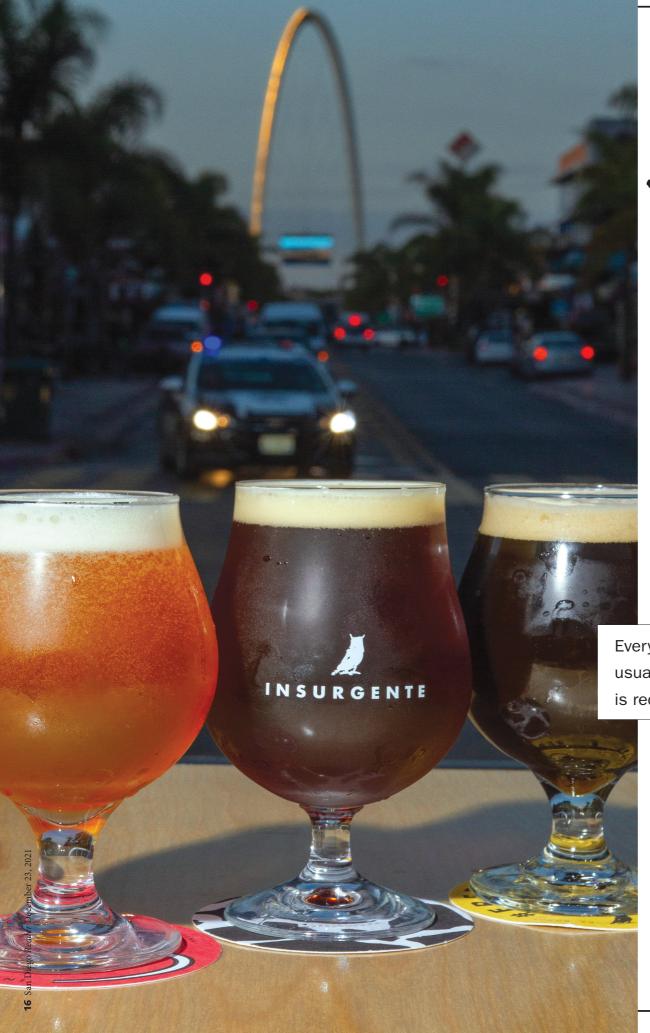
THE YEAR IN BEER Tiyuaya

BAJA'S BEER SCENE has grown exponentially since I first wrote about it for the *Reader* six years ago, and I've been obsessing over it ever since. Back in October of this year, at the most recent Copa Cerveza MX, Mexico's most important beer competition under the Beer Judge Certification Program guidelines, Baja's craft beers were awarded 36 medals. Bosiger Brewery and Kaminari Brewing tied for the best small brewery in Tijuana with three medals each, while Ensenada, led by Cerveza Cardera and Bruer Cervecería (both in the same location), hauled a total of 22 medals, 8 of them gold.

Six years ago, Plaza Fiesta was the mecca for Baja's burgeoning craft beer scene. Over 20 taprooms from different breweries filled the plaza, and you were free to roam around

Everything that Insurgente does is usually of superb quality, so everything is recommended.

clutching a *cerveza artesanal* (or two) while bouncing from spot to spot. But then bars with extremely loud music and cheap liquor invaded the plaza and turned it into a frat party scenario, a place people went to drink just to get wasted. One by one, the taprooms started closing and moving to other locations — primarily to downtown Tijuana. Now, this is how you do beer in Tijuana. Almost all breweries have their beers bottled, canned on the spot, or give you the option to fill growlers. These downtown locations are listed geographically from North to South. Most breweries charge from 60 to 100 pesos (\$3-5) per pint.





Medley of seafood plates by chef José Figueroa (of La Carmelita) and a pint of Insurgente on special Sundays.

Border Psycho Cantina

Border Psycho has been in the beer scene since 2012, brewing from a spot in Colonia Independencia. They used to have a taproom in Plaza Fiesta. Those days are gone, and the glass dildos that decorated the beer taps are now situated in what used to be "La Ballena" in downtown Tijuana. Your first stop on your Tijuana beer hopping experience, Border Psycho usually has a handful of guest beers as well as 10+ taps of their own beer, which is characterized by going heavy on the ABV (like their Brutal Imperial Psycho). Food offerings tend to change frequently; on my latest stop, I got a pizza topped with beef birria accompanied with a consomé and three 10 oz. beers for 260 pesos (around \$14) on a Sunday special promotion.

Mamut Brewery

Mamut is the oldest brewery in downtown and it is located in one of the oldest buildings, the "Foreign Club." Back in the 1930s, hotel lobbies were decorated with a chapel, which is now the hub that welcomes you to the brewery. Mamut's beer quality has be-

haved like a rollercoaster, but for the past few years, they have been cruising in the right direction, delivering beers of all styles - including what became my favorite, a berry sour called "Meta Pink Skin" that makes my mouth pucker by just typing the name. They recently won a gold medal with their Bandido beer, an American porter. The food menu is extensive with some hits and more misses, but extremely cheap (go for the pizza). My only wish is that they could only fix their slow service issues.

Mamut "Classic" Pasaje Rodríguez

Mamut didn't start in that big building, but on the second floor of a small art gallery in Pasaje Rodriguez. They soon moved to the Pasaje (and eventually to the aforementioned space). This space is tiny — just enough room for for five small tables, two kegs, and a fridge filled with freshly canned brews — but it's where it all started. The food from upstairs is available in the alley. Chilling in the artsy hipster space of Pasaje Rodriguez feels like the most downtown Tijuana thing you can do (and

the service is also better).

República de Hops

To find this brewery, you have to go through a semihidden narrow corridor known as Pasaje México. The corridor expands to an underground twofloor space filled with curio shops, art galleries, cafes, a bakery, bookstores, and concepts that come and go. The space used to host a handful of tiny breweries, but now there's only this one. The brewery's original name was Corsario, but a different brewery (Lúdica) already had a beer with that name. Head brewer Isaias Medina had to scramble for a different moniker and landed on República de Hops, a Spanglish name for a Spanglish region ("hops" in Español is *lúpulos*). But don't let the name fool you: Isaias brews all sorts of styles of beer, and not only hoppy ones. I found all of them to be on point. The art style for his labels and the surrounding area were done by an artist known as "Moser" — drawings as great and creative as the beers.

Norte Brewing Co.

The views. The magnificent views. This was the spot that was on the cover in 2016; it was brand new then, and it has only gotten better since. When taking tourists to this hidden brewery, I often pretend as if I have made a mistake along the lines of, "I forgot something in my car, please accompany me to this parking lot." Then they have their minds blown when I show them our destination: Norte is hidden inside the 5th floor (soon to also include the 6th) of the "pyramid" parking lot, and it offers some of the best views of the city. What used to be a strip club has been transformed into a neat brewery with classic styles and a simple pub

menu of wings, nachos, and burgers (check out the three-cheese burger). Get there at sunset for maximum enjoyment.

Cerveza Insurgente

Clausurado! The government shut down one of Tijuana's most popular breweries a couple of years ago over some silly drama, and to this day, they are still closed. But fear not, Insurgente opened a taproom on 4th Street (Calle Cuarta) in what used to be the short-lived Cervecería Tijuana taproom. Fear yes, they are very popular; on the weekends and during events, expect delays to be seated and some kegs to be dry. The kitchen is handled by José Figueroa of La Carmelita with a project he calls El Casimiro. The menu includes fresh seafood (try the ceviche tatemado), chicken sandwiches, and more; it rotates regularly and guest chefs



Two pints of Hazy IPAs by Madueño Brewery (the hazy master).

make appearances frequently. Everything that Insurgente does is usually of superb quality, so everything is recommended.

Mexica Cervecería Artesanal

Mexica Cervecería used to be Azteca Brewery, hidden in a corner of Pasaje Gómez. The original brewery was led by the late José López, and is now headed up by his successors, the sister team of Ximena and Karla López. They relocated to 4th Street, right below Insurgente's taproom and rebranded to Mexica. Their new spot has exposed brick, tall ceil-



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A pint of Silenus Session IPA and steak sando by Etereo Panadería.

ings, cute cacti, and Mexican-themed decorations. There's an open alley with a few tables that could be expanded to a larger venue. The menu seems to change every time I visit, but it's decent quality with creative ideas — like their porter beer popsicle.

Cervezartistas **Brewhouse**

Genaro Valladolid, a city broker and promoter of Tijuana, started giving beer tours to his friends in 2015 through a WhatsApp group he called Cervezartistas. The group grew slowly to include more beer aficionados. In 2017, Genaro met brewer Rudy López, who inspired Genaro to start a brew project of his own with his friends. Spearheaded by Genaro and aided by the power of friendship and beers, Cervezartistas is now a collective of 15 partners, all chipping in to create beers under brewers Rudy López and Ricardo Rodríguez of Cervecería 5 & 10 (Cinco Y Diez). "Our motto," says Genaro "is successful men united by the love of beer, the good life, and the common good." A simple citra smash-style IPA is their only constant offering, while the rest rotate from being great hits or slight misses. Cervezartistas joined the gang of breweries in downtown opening in late 2019 with 16 taps; usually, four are from the house, while the rest showcase the best of the region, handpicked by Genaro.

Madueño Brewing Co.

Madueño was one of the last breweries to leave their cave-like spot in Plaza Fiesta; it later opened on the popular and renewed 6th Street (Calle Sexta). That spot was briefly a strip club in 2013, then turned into "Praga Cafe second edition," then later, to "Mamut party edition," and finally, to Madueño's main drinking spot, featuring Pee-Wee's Ribs and Wings.

There is some nerdiness to Madueño; his brews' names are usually a play on words with pop culture references. If you are a fan of the hazy trend of beers, then you'll love Madueño. I gave him the nickname "the hazy lord master" for a reason. The other styles of beers are also of great quality, though I find his darker beers overwhelmingly sweet. As for the PeeWee's food, the cheese sticks breaded with Ruffles de queso and their boneless wings are what I would go for.

Kaminari is a concoction of family names — the wife and kids of owner and brewer Carlos "Charlie" bar Mous Tache. Just the Navarro — and is the latest bigote on the awning of to leave the Plaza. His spot the entrance. I saw countwas a hidden terrace with a less bands from all over the carne asada grill overlookworld perform in the iming the human zoo that provised venue on the back the plaza became. When patio. Silenus Brewery, Insurgente left the plaza, which also used to have a taproom in Plaza Fies-Charlie took the spot, and began selling cheap shots ta, took over, and gave it to please the masses. But he a fresh look. All the grime has now joined the downthat the punks left behind town gang of cerveceros has been replaced with a on a tunnel-like spot right colorful patio decorated below his old neighbor Mawith pretty plants. What dueño (in a place he shares used to be \$2 for spoiled with Mestizo Bar). Kami-Negra Modelo has been replaced with \$4-5 pints of nari hasn't been in the new location for long, so there Silenus craft. What used are plenty of adjustments to to be a Chinese lady yellbe made. But knowing him ing "Chun Kun" to sell her from his previous setup and egg rolls for \$1 has been remany beer festivals, I know placed with solid choices of that Kaminari's beers are Japanese-style sandos by on point. And he is one of Etéreo Panadería (grilled the only brewers in Tijuacheese, salami, and on my na who constantly slings visit, steak). quality sours. Kaminari won two gold medals with **Bajer Brewing** Guayabo Tree, a Catharina Speaking of removing Sour (Wild Ales), Malt Seltzer (Experimental Beers), and a bronze medal with Sour Gozala Mojito (Berliners). Charlie also teach-

punk grime, Mi Pueblito Bar is no more. That place was so dirty, it was common to see heroin needles near the garbage couches (your only choice of seating). It has been replaced by Bajer, a love story turned brewery. Fernando Saspe, a Tijuana local, and Pia Feddersen from Denmark met in Berlin, fell in love, and combined their passion for beer and travel to establish a brewery in downtown Tijuana. Bajer opened in 2019 with experimental beers and avant-garde art by Fernando's mother. It was closed all of 2020, but opened late in 2021. During covid times, it was a common sight to see Fernando and Pía supporting local breweries as they talked about their upcoming plans, such as a speakeasy in the back, hidden behind a mirror. ("Bajer" is a slang term for beer in Danish, just like "cheve" is the slang term in Mexico.)

Teorema Cervecería

From love, we move to divorce. The shared taproom between Teorema Cervecería and Lúdica Cervecería is now all Teorema. Lúdica has gone, seeking greener pastures over at Valle de Guadalupe, while also serving at their brewery near El Mercado de Todos. Teorema holds their main spot in "Revu" as Tijuana's tallest downtown building gets built next to them. Most of their beers are named something eloquent. It's all about math, geometry, balance, and other di-

Kaminari Brewing

es workshops on how to make homebrew.

Silenus Cerveza Artesanal

Not much remains of what used to be the "legendary"



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mensions for this brewery (Teorema translates to "theorem"). They are now also serving cheesy melt sandwiches on toasted buttery bread with hints of oregano.

1993 Beer / Cervecería 1993

One of the newest breweries by one of the youngest brewers in town, Abraham "el Ham" Rodríguez. He previously brewed with Mamut, and I partially credit Ham for fixing their brews and setting a quality standard. Now he has cofounded (and is the head brewer for) a new brewery, with colorful cans and art by the tattoo artist known simply as "Shemo." 1993 started serving their beers at "Omerta Cafe," a classy coffee shop at the end of Revu in what feels like colonial Mexico instead of the dirty old Teejay. In the late summer of 2021, they opened their taproom, which also functions as a restaurant and club (one with an undisclosed dress code — this writer was rejected for having a backpack, others have been rejected for wearing sandals or shorts).

Beer Boutique & **Licores Cactus**

Crossing the border back and want to take some beer with you? You are allowed only one liter of alcohol or one six-pack of beer, and these two spots are the best for taking some beer home. Beer Boutique (at the edge of downtown) is exactly what it sounds like, a place with a lot of beer to go that also acts as a restaurant and a taproom. I enjoyed a large plate of shrimp and octopus aguachile there with a couple of flights of beers. Licores Cactus (on Calle Sexta) has the best variety and price of beers in the region. It wasn't always that way; once, it was just like any other liquor shop in town.



Silenus, in what used to be Mous Tache Bar.

boasts a large bar with

But craft beer's popularity has transformed it into a must-stop for beer lovers, as their fridge is constantly updated to offer the latest of the region and more. (Note: imported beers are marked up a lot.)

Etc.

It's not only breweries that have been moving downtown. Upscale restaurants, third-wave coffee shops and roasters, boutique stores, trendy barbershops, and more have opened there, converting downtown Tijuana once again into something unrecognizable from the previous decade. Though of course, a plethora of dive bars, clubs, brothels, and street tacos remain as one of the main attractions of downtown. Here are a few alternative places that also feature craft beer. Winchester: A British-inspired pub with Asian-inspired dishes featuring fish & chips, ramen, and more. It is hidden down some stairs in an alley known as Pasaje Gómez in what used to be "Cafe La Especial." Verde y Crema: The original location was in Colonia Cacho, but Green and Cream has been downtown since 2019. The second floor acts as a quiet restaurant area, while the third floor

great views of downtown and an ample selection of beers, wine, and mixology. Caesar's: Everybody knows about the legendary place that invented the caesar salad (if you didn't, now you do). Besides that, and their ample menu, Caesar's also has their amber ale, crafted by Cervecería Olvera. Zebra Pub: Situated on the corner of Sixth and Revolución, this place mostly sells liters of commercial beer for cheap. They also have a variety of craft beers at a low price as well as bar food that I recommend only if you are drunk. Barrica 9: Colectivo 9 shut down during the pandemic. Restaurants that were there disappeared, but the bar remained the same. Beto the bartender is very knowledgeable about craft beer and will match your palate to whatever he has available. Octhanos: Surf and skate enthusiasts vibin' for a good time enjoying local coffee and showcasing their favorite beers of the area is what this spot is all about. Estación Central: A marble entrance with gold finishings and everything fancy you can imagine is

what Central provides. It's

a fine dining establishment

at San Diego-like prices,

but they also have a variety of craft beers at the right Tijuana price.

Elsewhere

The rest of the city also has breweries and taprooms opening everywhere — from just a few steps away from the border to areas of Tijuana

will never step. The city grows endlessly, expanding not only in size but also up to the sky, as more than 20 new buildings have been erected in the last couple of years. It seems craft beer is easy to find in every corner now. Even the supermarket chain, Calimax, now offers freshly canned local beers and a big walk-in beer fridge in two of their stores. Let's explore, shall we?

into which most tourists

Bosiger Beer Brewery

The only one to stay behind in Plaza Fiesta after the exodus was Bosiger Beer Brewery. In contrast to most of the brewers in Baja, who are influenced mostly by San Diego beers, Demian Bosiger (owner and head brewer) is influenced by his dad, who is from Switzerland (and the owner of Sotano Suizo, a Swiss-inspired bar and oldest establishment in Plaza Fiesta). "I was in

a supermarket in Playas when I yelled an audible 'Woohoo!'" says Demian, recalling the moment he found he had won medals in the beer competition, including best small brewery in Mexico. Demian started homebrewing in Playas de Tijuana not far from the border wall, more than twenty years ago. While other brewers fled the Plaza, Demian moved his brewery right across from his father's bar. Sticking to his European roots, Bosiger's beers stick to traditional styles of clear lagers, porters, and stouts, perfecting a New Zealand lager gave Bosiger the gold medal. But Demian also likes to dabble with experimental beers, such as a curry porter concoction and the silver awardwinning Guayaba Catharina Sour.

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When I was putting together my first Reader cover on beer, there were a group of kids brewing experiments in a dark basement in downtown Tijuana under the name Baja Brew Labs (where Republica de Hops is now). The team was led by brothers Adrian and Luis Echavarria; Chabarri is a way to say their last name. The young team also had Eduardo Quezada, who is the assistant brewer for Bosiger. "We brew wherever they let us brew," says Luis of Bosiger, which is where they brewed their latest batch. You can find their "Pax" series (American IPA, British stout, and a dry hoppy "Roman" lager) in different bars and beer shops while they jump from brewery to brewery doing collaborations and limited series. If all bodes well, I expect them to have a taproom of their own in the upcoming years.

Cervecería Lírica

The most popular and replicated food court in Tijuana, Telefónica Gastro Park, is home to Cervecería Lírica. The brewery sits in the middle of the dozens of restaurants that form the park. The visible beer fermenters have



Chicken Sandwich by PeeWee's inside of Madueño Brewery.

names of musicians like Bowie, Marley, and Madonna; you can watch the team of brewers at work. The names of the beers also have musical connections. Domo Arigato Mr. Roboto is a crisp rice Japanese lager. Or try Rocket Man imperial porter. It is led by brewer Josue Davila Crespo, who used to be the brewer for Mamut in its very early stages. Josue jumped from brewery to multiple projects until finally settling in Teléfonica, where he has been brewing the best of his work.

Madero Tasting Room

This is not a place that brews its beers, but a small

taproom in Colonia Madero (nicknamed Colonia "La Cacho"). The taproom carefully selects the best beers in Baja, as chosen by experimental homebrewer and beer enthusiast Alberto Tello. It's a place where beer aficionados gather to talk about the latest releases. New releases, special collaborations, or rare beers from the region (and beyond) are usually available at Madero, either on tap, or in cans or bottles. The kitchen is handled by Porcino, and offers homemade sausages, birria and cochinita pibil tacos, chicharron en salsa, and more things pork, Think Bar Sin Nombre (in Chula Vista),

but in uptown Tijuana in a neighborhood that keeps growing and reinventing itself every time I visit.

Public House

My first apartment in Tijuana in early 2012 was situated in "La Cacho." My rent was \$350 for a decent one-bedroom, and craft beer was nowhere to be found. That rent is now \$750 for the same apartment. There wasn't much back then besides a row of street taco shops known as "Las Ahumaderas," made famous by a visit from Anthony Bourdain. But "La Cacho" has now evolved to become one of the trendiest neighborhoods in Tijuana, and now there's a taproom and restaurant right in front of my old apartment in what used to be an abandoned house. Public House has 12 beers on tap with a rotating variety and features a pub menu with pretzels, hotdogs, burgers, sandwiches, and killer grilled potatoes.

Sci-Hop Brewing Co. / **Abary Game Bar**

Brothers Juan Carlos and Jorge Bucío and his partners were the ones who started the trend of opening taprooms in Plaza Fiesta back in 2016, in what used to be El Tigre Bar. Sci-Hop Brewing started

breweries left, they moved their taproom to a different part of the city in a spot called 1994 Bar (an area known as La Recta). That bar recently got renamed once again to become Abary by Sci-Hop, a barcade packed with retro and modern videogames. Sci-Hop most recently opened the doors of the place where they brew their beer in Colonia La Juárez, next to the giant Mexican flag. Chelito the alien welcomes you to the new galaxy of beers featuring a neon green lager, a sweet blueberry blonde, and wild experimental beers that are out of this world.

in said Plaza, but when all

Lúdica Cervecería

Established in 2014 under brewers Gustavo del Castillo and Ivan García, Lúdica won the best small brewery in Mexico back in 2019 (the same title that belongs to Bosiger in 2021). They closed their taproom in downtown Tijuana and opened the doors to their warehouse, where they brew in a residential neighborhood situated near 'El Mercado de Todos'. This hard-to-find space opens to a warm open picnic patio; there, you can find their award-winning line of beers (Session IPA, single hop pale ale, Baja Lager, stouts, and more) as well as their rotating experimental beers. The food is managed by Tombo, featuring tacos, tostadas, and other Mexican goodies, as well as brunch, while their coffee is done by Occvlt Café. Lúdica also opened a taproom in the middle of Valle de Guadalupe surrounded by wineries. Their slogan reads: "Our beers have a slice of what life in Baja is all about: optimistic, free, and spontaneous."

BCB Baja Craft Beer

Compared to the rest of the city, not much has

changed with BCB since they started in 2012. They still claim to offer 42 taps and over 300 beers, though you'll find many missing. They recently added mixology to their menu, but it remains the same place, with exposed brick, barrel lampshades, and the a popular bathroom for selfies, thanks to its triple mirrors. It was one of the first bars in Tijuana to feature a plethora of craft beers, and it continues to be exactly that. There are also plans for BCB to open a downtown location with over 100 taps.

Cervecería Rámuri

Founded by gastronomer Sergio Michel, Rámuri is one of the oldest breweries in Tijuana. Like many others, Rámuri also had a taproom in Plaza Fiesta that is now gone. Their new tasting room is located near the end of the city, at the skirts of Cerro Colorado, in a spot they share with Three Brothers BBO (a kitchen endeavor by chef Giovanni Brassea). The logo (a foot with wings) and name Rámuri come from Tarahumara Natives from the state of Chihuahua: the Rarámuris ("rara" — foot, and "muri" — run). Their imperial cacao stout, Lagrimas Negras, was one of the first heavy beers introduced to the area, and remains a favorite amongst locals, while their lager, Diablo Blanco, became one of the first craft beers for commercial palates.

Cervecería Paso

If you thought some of the previous places were hard to find, Paso Cervecería (with Singolo Pizza) is inside a house hidden in one of Tijuana's many valleys (Google Maps tends to be unreliable). Just a block after passing Hotel Flamingos, take a right and look for a door in between brick

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walls and a small sign for both the pizzeria and brewery. After climbing stairs surrounded by vegetation, you'll find the place opens up to a beautiful patio with a big tree and picnic tables overlooking Fundadores Boulevard and the Tijuana hills. On my visit there, the beer didn't leave a lasting impression, but the potential for growth and what might come in the future did.

Etc.

Iust as downtown has more than just breweries dedicated to craft beer, so does the rest of Tijuana. There are so many places that keeping track is next to impossible. These are a few that I know of. Casa Prado: Similar to Public House, Casa Prado is a regular house converted to a craft beer bar with 15 taps. But instead of being located in Colonia Cacho, this house is by the Xolos soccer stadium. República Malta: This spot is a fifteen-minute walk, less than a mile away, from the pedestrian border. The place is a collective of breweries and restaurants (that come and go) in refurbished shipping containers with a stage in the middle for live music and other events. As you might at a carnival, you have to purchase tickets to buy beer or food. Nonis Bar: You rarely find me in Otay (east Tijuana), but if you do, you'll spot me at Nonis Bar. It's a loud bar with live music for university students, but they also boast a great collection of craft beers (at student-affordable prices). Playami by Border Psycho: Playas de Tijuana is not known for its bar scene, but as a quiet place for families and (many) Americans that want to live near the beach. However, there is demand for day drinking craft beer, and that's what Playami provides. Border Psycho teamed up with four other big breweries from Baja (Insurgente, Fauna, Agua Mala, and Wendlandt) and coffee shop Sur a Norte to provide a spot for thirsty Playas residents and visitors in refurbished shipping containers. Mamut Playas: Following the suc-



Singolo Pizza and a pint of Paso Beer Co somewhere near Flamingo's Motel.

cess of Playami, Mamut's latest move is to Playas de Tijuana with a replica of their food menu and beers. in a spot that also uses shipping containers. The demand for beer in Playas is there; as for Mamut's survival, time will tell. Social Beer Party: While finalizing this text, I found out about the first beer by a new project headed by Ejival (music promoter) and Jonathan Sales Ramírez (photographer and brewer with Norte). According to those who know about this project, the free exchange of ideas to grow as homebrewers is a political act that corporate beer fears. A session IPA called "The Politics of Hops" in collaboration with Insurgente and Lúdica is served in taprooms around the city. The beer is a crushable light session IPA brewed with Azacca.

In conclusion: what's next?

It's true that there are politics to beer in Baja, as brewers, beertenders, and other staff jump from brewery to different projects and es-

Amarillo, and Centennial.

tablishments, playing the never-ending game of musical chairs. And the fate of the industry as a whole might depend on who the current governor of the state is. The main Insurgente plant got shut down by the former governor, Jaime Bonilla, reportedly because his brother lived nearby and he disliked the noise. The brewery survived, thanks in part to friendly breweries leasing their space and equipment to help out brewers in dis-

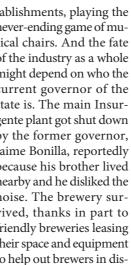


And you don't need to be the biggest Baja city to produce Mexico's best beer. Located only an hour south of Tijuana and boasting only a quarter of the population, Ensenada's beer wins more awards, and there are more breweries per capita. The beer and food scene there deserve to be acknowledged, admired, and written about. Keep your eye on the Reader for my next installment!

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EL VEZ MERRY MEXMAS

Robert Lopez cofounded local punk band the Zeros. He also created the personal of El Vez, the self-proclaimed "Mexican Elvis." El Vez's show has costume changes and reimagined Latinflavored samples from dozens of songs, not all of them by Elvis. Expect to hear



Friday | 24

ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE



ALWAYS... PATSY CLINE

A musical tribute to the country singer who died tragically at age 30 in a 1963 plane crash. The show is based on the true story of Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas hon-

ky-tonk in 1961 and continued a correspondence with her until her death. Includes many of Patsy's hits, such as "Crazy," "I Fall to Pieces," "Sweet Dreams," and "Walking After Midnight" — 27 songs in all. The show's title was inspired by Cline's letters to Seger, which were consistently signed, "Love ALWAYS... Patsy Cline".

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plimentary champagne, take in views of the San Diego skyline, and listen to live holiday music.

Menu includes slow roasted prime rib of beef, grilled portobello mushroom, winter mixed green salad, artichoke crab cakes, charcuterie, and apple caramel cheesecake. Choice of indoor or outdoor seating.

Children three and under are free.

WHEN: Saturday, December 25, 12:30 pm to 3 pm

WHERE: Flagship Cruises & Events, 990 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. *flagshipsd.com*

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INFECTED MUSHROOM

Israeli musical duo Infected Mushroom has been making psychedelic electronic music together for a quarter century. Their recently released 12th album features collaborative tracks recorded with Israeli trance producer Astrix and trip-hop-jazz star BLiSS. Best known for their 2000 hit "Bust a Move," their multimedia concerts include live band instrumentation and backdrop video projections.

WHEN: Sunday, December 26, 8 pm **WHERE:** Music Box, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. *musicboxsd.com*



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HOW TO SEND US YOUR

LISTING: Have an event? We want it! Festivals, lectures, sporting events (including surfing, kayaking, and sailing), Meetups, conventions, book signings, art gallery openings, conferences, dance performances, expos, poetry readings, classes & workshops — all are welcome. You can submit an event at sdreader.com/events/submit.

ART

Art Making Classes for Adults

Art making classes for adults and mature adults. Small groups, minimum 3 to maximum 6 participants. Everything needed for the class is provided. Beginners welcome. Fridays, 2pm; through Friday, December 31, \$30-\$60. 18 and up. Golden Moth Creative Lounge, 439 South Cedros Avenue Suite 201. (SOLANA BEACH)

Frozen in Time Art Exhibition

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

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

How to Work a Computer: Zoom for Phone or Tablet Presented by the San Diego Futures Foundation in conjunction with SD Access 4 All. Thursday, December 23, 10am; free. 18 and up. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Yiddish for Life Course for Beginners In each class, learn how to read and pronounce Yiddish, listen and understand the various dialects it is spoken, and learn Yiddish's rich and extensive vocabulary and grammar for reading, writing, and practical use. Thursdays, 7pm; through Saturday, January 8, \$25-\$125. Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

iPhone/iPad for Beginners 6 Week Course Join the online world using your iPad & iPhone. Learn the basic functions, applications, & other fun features. This class is designed for beginners. Wednesday, December 29, 12:30pm; \$20-\$90. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

COMEDY

Holiday Gang Bang Gilly's Legendary Lager Presents 15 comics versus 1 host to see who will win the cash prize. Featuring stand-up comedy by Katelyn Attard, Walter Ruskin, Joshua Higuera, David Rosenberg, Shawn McCaw, Josh Thomas, Carol Johnson, Daniel Gersztyn, Matt Eisendrath, Sarah

OUTDOORS

Toyon berries – protected by state

Shorebird-Watching enters its most agreeable season this month and next, with migrant and resident birds sharing common winter grounds. Egrets, herons, terns, and a variety of other species provide endless entertainment as they go about the business of fishing and feeding in San Diego County's coastal wetlands.

Publicly accessible wetlands include the following (listed north to south): San Luis Rey River mouth, Buena Vista Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Diego River flood channel (south of Sea World Drive), Sweetwater River marsh, southwest San Diego Bay, and Tijuana River Estuary. Many of the same birds can also be seen on the shores of inland reservoirs such as Lake Murray and Lake Miramar.

Tree Aloes, the familiar succulent plants with red-hot-pokerlike



TREE ALOE ON WORLD OF SUCCULENTS WEBSITE.

RW, Jae Waldman, Kashif Habib,

Chuck Meyers, Franky Gonzalez,

Shayna Amster, Rene Lancaster,

and Craig Sutton. Wednesday,

December 29, 8pm; free. 21 and up.

American Comedy Company, 818

Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Rene Vaca Rene Vaca has been

seen on NBC & Comedy Central.

Thursday, December 23, 8pm;

\$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue.

Stand-up Comedy: Sean Grant

Stand-up comedy with Sean Grant from Jimmy Kimmel Live Head-

lining. Additional performances

by Daunte Cordova, Matt Lock-

wood, and Diya Basrai. Wednesday,

December 29, 8pm; \$10. 21 and up.

Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street.

DANCE

City Ballet: The Nutcracker

City Ballet's The Nutcracker,

which received the Tommy Award

for the "Best Nutcracker" in San

Diego, offers four performances

of the beloved holiday classic at

the California Center for the Arts.

Escondido. Thursday, December

(DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

(SOUTH PARK)

23, 2pm and 7:30pm; \$27-\$99. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard.

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. Thursday, December 23, 2pm and 6pm; \$32-\$45. Old Town Temecula Community Theater, 42051 Main Street. (TEMECULA)

FILM

All Aboard for Movie Night: Polar Express Hop aboard the Polar Express with your hot chocolate, marshmallows, candy canes, and Christmas joy to wait and see what you get. Located in the Sorrento Ballroom. Friday, December 24, 6pm; free. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay.

FOOD & DRINK

Gospel Brunch Hosted by Sister Nun-of-the-Above (Tootie) with



flower clusters, are at their showy best in January. Large clumps of aloes can be seen at La Jolla Cove, Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and scattered along the embankments overlooking Highway 163

Toyon, or "Christmas-berry," one of the more distinctive shrubs of Southern California's native chaparral plant community, are now flaunting clusters of bright red berries. In coastal San Diego, toyon can be found wherever large patches of native vegetation survive, but especially in the thick chaparral covering some northfacing slopes. Toyon branches may look inviting to cut as a Christmas wreath — but they're protected by California state law.

The Longest Nights of the year in the Northern Hemisphere are Dec. 21 and 22. Dec. 18 was the full moon. The full moon of the Christmas season rides higher across the sky at midnight than at any other time of year. Stay up late enough to watch the Ursid meteor shower, which is likely to peak the morning of Dec. 22.

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.

the Sisters of Sequin. Each entree includes unlimited Mimosas, Champagne, or Bloody Marys. Sundays, 12pm; through Thursday, June 30, Lips Restaurant, 3036 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Turnback Tuesdays Retro show, hosted by the fabulous Paris Sukomi Max, with a night of all your favorite hits from the past. Drink and food specials all night long. Tuesdays, 8pm; through

Thursday, June 30, Lips Restaurant, 3036 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)



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SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

Elijah Mountain Ministries

Contact: *6763 El Cajon Blvd*, *San Diego 619-884-8063* www.elijahmountainministries.com

Attendance: 40

Neighborhood: Lemon Grove

Pastors: Dane Lindsay (wife Elizabeth Lindsay, co-pastor)

Age: 63

Born: San Diego

Years Ordained: 13

San Diego Reader: How long do you spend preparing your sermon?

Pastor Dale Lindsay: I preach what I live. I haven't written but one sermon in my life. I don't write them. I wrote one and the Lord told me not to bring it. I haven't been able to write one since. Every week, my mes-

sage is basically the same thing — the power of scripture to guide our lives and bring us out of the mud. I spend about 8-16 hours in the word and in prayer, if not more.

SDR: What's the mission of your church?

PL: The mission of the church is to see individuals delivered and come into their created purpose. Thus, we are meant to heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, to fulfill the commission the Lord put on us — to see people delivered from demonic strongholds and addictions, the things that destroy people's lives. My heart and the heart of the church is to see those

people become completely free. We have different individuals in the church. I'm about equipping the people to do what they're called to do because I'm not called to do it all.

SDR: Where is the strangest place you found God?

PL: In a bus in the middle of Uganda when I was at the end of my end. I literally ended up in Uganda after going to some deep places in my life, experiencing suicidal thoughts. I had an encounter with a young man, in his mid-20s, and Jesus in this bus. I was looking out the window, into the middle of Africa, telling God I was done. I can't do this. I know you love me. But

I'm done with the ministry and done with it all. I've had it. Then this kid starts talking to me, and he basically read back to me everything I said to the Lord. He looked at me and said, "Dane, if it was just for one, would it be worth it to continue?" So that's one of my main things when I'm preparing for a message. "God, I don't have anything if I don't have you." If it makes a difference to one person who is affected by the word of God or his presence in our meetings — if just one person showed up, it would be worth it. That bus trip was transformational.

SDR: Where do you go when you die?



Dane Lindsay

PL: I believe in heaven and hell. Without Christ, you'll end up in eternal darkness and with Christ, you'll end up in eternal glory. We all have free will to make that choice. But I think there are going to be a lot of people shocked when we get to heaven. We might deem

this or that person hellbound, and they probably have more of a relationship with Jesus than the person in the front row of the congregation. I think God is way bigger than the box we put him in. I do believe that Christ is the only way, but if you're not sitting in my church this weekend, it doesn't mean you're going to hell. God is outof-control in love with us. We think we have it figured it out, and we don't have a half an ounce of it figured out — the magnitude of God's love for humanity.

– Joseph O'Brien

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FOR KIDS

Boarded! A New Pirate Adven-

ture Guests will leave the Museum docks and head out on San Diego Bay aboard the Spanish galleon replica San Salvador for pirate theatrics. This hilarious interactive show puts you right in the middle of the pirate action. Participants will be sworn in as part of the ship crew, trained how to navigate, sword fight, bail water from a sinking ship, escape from the King's Jail, swab the deck and other pirate skills. Sunday, December 26, 10:30am and 12:45pm; \$25-\$60. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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. For outdoor events, masks are recommended but are not required. For indoor events, masks are required. Wednesday, December 29, 10:30am; free. Mis-

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sion Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

HOLIDAY EVENTS

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. Thursday, December 23, 2pm and 7:30pm; \$25-\$109. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Grinch's Game Room We hope Santa was good to you this year, if the Grinch stole your Christmas let us help turn your day around with festive and jolly Christmas movies and board games. Located in the Conference Center. Saturday,

December 25, 10am; **free**. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay. (MISSION BEACH)

Holiday Character Meet & Greet Take a photo with holiday-themed characters including Santa, his elves, reindeers and more festive friends. Saturday, Dec. 18 from 12-3pm: Santa - Sunday, Dec. 19 from 12-3pm: Characters from "Frozen" - Thursday, Dec. 23 from 12-3pm: The Grinch - Friday, Dec. 24 from 12-3pm: Santa and his elves - Saturday, Dec. 25 from 12-3pm: Santa and Buddy the Elf Thursday, December 23, 12pm; Friday, December 24, 12pm; Saturday, December 25, 12pm; free. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

visitsnownglow.com/. Saturdays, 4pm; Sundays, 4pm; Mondays, 4pm; Tuesdays, 4pm; Wednesdays, 4pm; through Sunday, January 2, \$13-\$38. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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

Who Stole Christmas? Start at resort pool and see where you end up as you try and find out who stole Christmas! Follow the Grinch through the resort and end the hunt with a glow party to find out really who stole Christmas. Santa will be so thankful. Thursday, December 23, 5:30 pm; free. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay. (MISSION BEACH)

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. The price at is \$250 which covers the first four people. Additional adults (12+) are \$30, and additional children (5-11) are \$20. Fridays, 4:30pm; Sundays, 4:30pm; Mondays, 4:30pm; Tuesdays, 4:30pm; Wednesdays, 4:30pm; through Sunday, January 2, \$250-\$500. 18 and up. Wild Wonders, 5712 Via Montellano. (BONSALL)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Breath Fitness Light fitness and guided breathwork outside on a cover deck next to a waterfall. In these Breath Fitness classes, go over the science of how breathwork can make immediate changes in your physiology. You will learn techniques to clear your sinuses, how to breathe throughout the day, get into deep mediation and how to improve your sleep. Fridays, 9am; through Friday, January 28, \$15-\$20. Japanese Friendship Garden, 2215 Pan American Road.

New Year Intentions with Yoga in Yiddish New Year Intentions with Yoga in Yiddish Set some new intentions for 2022 in this 60 min. yoga class. Join in to let go of all of the ups and downs of 2021 and step into the New Year with a focused, clear, determined and hopeful version of yourself. The slow and gentle nature of this class is perfect for beginners and is also great for other students who can sink deeper into their practice. Sunday, December 26, 8am; \$10-\$15. yaaana.org/yiddishyoga/. (ONLINE)

San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl Arrive early and enjoy the pregame party in Gallagher Square before the game kicks off at 5:00pm with the UCLA Bruins from the PAC-12 taking on the NC State Wolfpack from the ACC. Fans can take their experience to the next level with a sideline suite where they can sit on the field close to the action. Luxury suites and other hospitality spaces are also available for the game. Tuesday, December 28, 5pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

WORSHIP

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services Candlelight Christmas Eve Services at progressive, LGBTO-friendly church: You are "invited home" for a kid-friendly service at 4 pm and a traditional services of lessons and carols featuring choirs and instrumentalists at 10 pm. Both services will include candlelit singing of Silent Night along with other favorites. This is an open and affirming church where all individuals and families are truly welcome. Friday, December 24, 4pm and 10pm; free. Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Las misas en español A partir del domingo 28 de noviembre de 2021, la Iglesia Episcopal de Todos los Santos, en Hillcrest, San Diego, te invita a participar en las misas en español los primeros, segundos, cuartos (y quintos) domingos de cada mes a la 1pm En la Capilla de Santa María (al doblar la esquina de Pennsylvania y 6ta. Avenida) Todas las personas son bienvenidas. Sundays, 1pm; through Saturday, December 28, free. All Saints' Episcopal Church Hillcrest, 625 Pennsylvania Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Room in the Inn Las Posadas Christmas Eve Celebration Welcome the birth of Jesus with a bilingual Las Posadas celebration for all ages, a tradition from Latin America which symbolizes the Biblical journey of Mary and Joseph as they searched for shelter in Bethlehem before the birth of Jesus. Friday, December 24, 5pm; St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANNERS HILL)

Solemn Midnight Mass Friday, December 24, 10pm; St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

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CURRENT MOVIES

MOVIE LISTINGS

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

American Underdog — Zachary Levi stars in this inspirational rags-to-riches biopic of Kurt Warner, a high-muckamuck hurler who rose from the ranks of grocery shelf-stocker to Hall of Fame quarterback. Directed by Christian cinema's answer to the Coen Brothers, Andrew and Jon Erwin. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The French Dispatch — My appreciation of the films of Wes Anderson began curdling halfway through The Royal Tenenbaums. His star on the rise, Anderson began buying into his own press and from it emerged a style that, even with the best intentions, tended to engulf, rather than inform. What followed was children's wallpaper from a frustrated production designer, Tim Burton with a better director of photography. (True that! There is no cameraperson currently at work who can touch the electrifying chromatic range or Robert Yeoman.) Perhaps it's my misty-eyed nostalgia for



Nightmare Alley: Step right up, ladies and gentlemen, lest Spider-Man occupy every shoebox in the multiplex!

magazines that softened thinking — the first third left me slack-jawed in amazement. When Tilda Swinton's work is

The most challenging component of being my

stickling, analretentive moviegoing self has been this dumbfounding devotion to logic and historical continuity that rides roughshod inside my skull.

The trailer to Sing spoke to me, saying, "You are free to devote two hours of your life to the service of another feature." Happy years passed without Sing getting stuck inside my head. But all bets were off when a seguel crossed my desk during a week that came up one film shy of the quota. Surely this would be one #2

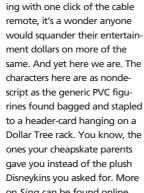
easy enough to pass without

benefit of the original hardly the same sacrilege as viewing Bergman's "Death of God" trilogy in reverse order — but damn if this inquiring mind didn't voluntarily serve two hours of hard labor with the original before passing judgement on Sing 2, or as I like to call

> it, 100 Minutes in Sing Sing. - Scott Marks

SING (2016) With all of the competitive amateur hours free

for the watch-



shelves!

same. And yet here we are. The rines found bagged and stapled Dollar Tree rack. You know, the

on Sing can be found online.

done, the picture leaves with her and it's back to business: compositions that alternate between see-saw 'Scope and center-scan spherical. Already much has been written about the long take that follows Jeffrey Wright through a labyrinth maze of studio carpentry. Executed without the aid of a computer, the shot is no doubt a technical marvel destined to leave audiences agog. Apart from eliciting gasps of "Wow! That's cool!" from the audience, what the shot does to advance or inform the plot forever escapes me. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (LA PALOMA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

A Journal for Jordan — From one man of integrity to another comes director Denzel Washington's adaptation of an essay penned by Charles Monroe King (Michael B. Jordan). 1st Sgt. King kept a journal for his son to be read in the event he didn't return from Baghdad. This is his story. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Licorice Pizza — Whither were thee in '73? Watching American Graffiti. It's no coincidence that Paul Thomas Anderson nostalgic tale of coming of age in the Valley opens the same year as George Lucas' terrestrial masterwork (and with a filched cherry bomb in the boy's room). The controversial age gap between our heretofore unknown leads — Alana (Alana Haim) has at least a decade over 15-year-old Gary (Cooper Hoffman) - isn't the prickliest thorn on this wandering vine. Theirs is a zipless pursuit set 50 years in the past, a time when an underage male looking to score with a chick nearly twice his age was held in high regard. Anderson set the bar high with Boogie Nights and a woke spin on the time frame would ring insincere. Compare this to John Michael Higgins' Jerry Frick, an entrepreneur whose overenunciating obsession with mail order "Oriental" brides isn't so much offensive as it is umbday. The anecdotally-correct celebrity lookalikes never fail to amuse: not since I Love Lucy have Ms. Ball (Christine Ebersole) and William Holden (Sean Penn) shared billing. It's the central characters (and a lack of running time-management skills) that lost me. The entrepreneurial lad wants so much to bag Alana that for a brief moment he considers fashioning a skin flick around her while she in turn becomes an angry star-effer. A mixed bag destined to accrue enough critical one-liners to convince theatregoers and VOD consumers of its genius. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Nightmare Alley — What makes the 1946 adaptation of William Lindsay Gresham bleak tale of life far, far under the big top so unique was the curious combination of director Edmund Goulding (acclaimed for such "woman's pictures" as Grand Hotel and Dark Victory), the backing of a Hollywood major (20th Century Fox), and Tyrone Power, the handsome leading man contracted to star as the mentalist, fallen on hard times, reduced to entertaining the crowd by biting the heads off live poultry. In these shockproof, post-Jigsaw times, a chicken-plucker is downright gentlemanly by comparison. Bradley Cooper cooks up a chilly con's carny while Cate Blanchett's overworked vamp on Barbara Stanwyck provides the actress with a rare fizzle. It looks great — Guillermo del Toro casts a mahogany-blush over production designer Tamara Deverell's spacious art deco sets. The story is ripe for remaking, but at a bloated 150 minutes, I'm not certain this is the film to do it. With Rooney Mara as the sole softening agent and Richard Jenkins, never nastier. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Sing 2 — From the studio and director that brought you Sing comes a movie about characters whose dream it is to be on television. Taking a talent scout's word that he's not ready for the big time forces Buster Moon to confront his self-worth. Is his musical troupe good enough to make it in Redshore City, a Vegas-ish mecca lorded over by a Simon Cowell-lite white wolf? The cast of luminaries (Matthew McConaughey,

Reese Witherspoon, Scarlett Johansson) welcomes even more featureless cartoon creations to tag along. The generic categorization falls under "musical Jukebox," a show in which the majority of the score is derived from popular songs. I call it 112 Minutes in Sing Sing. 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)

Swan Song - A technologicallyfeasible portrait of conductor-free commuter trains and driverless cars warms us to a metaphysical conundrum; vou're dying and wealthy enough to afford a clone to continue in your absence that's so convincing, even your spouse won't notice the difference. Would you do it? Set 'neath overcast skies, the questions raised in the futuristic frostiness that follows aren't half as confounding as the logic that drives them. Why would anyone living on borrowed time choose to spend their dying days in a secluded glade surrounded by strangers rather than surrounded by the ones they love? Second, what kind of narcissist would rather see his spouse in the arms of a clone simply so that his legacy may live on? Cameron (Mahershala Ali, twice as compelling) is the third duplicate to be minted by Dr. Jo Scott (Glenn Close, her permafrost unthawing), who foresees a process that in a few years will be as common as a heart transplant. How can that be when so much of the operation hinges on patient secrecy? Entry-level auteur Benjamin Cleary establishes an atmosphere of sterile orderliness - every chair is evenly set apart — and the only laugh comes from a dog's double-take. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (READING CIN-EMAS TOWN SOUARE)

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 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, Vaselined 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 bound to be woke woke, so imagine one chagrin to find Baby John in the arms of Tony Kushner's script grants refrachel Is there nothing nice to say? It was 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 this remarkably unnecessary remake. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Sing: When the toys fly off the

ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

THEATER LISTINGS

Theater listings and commentary are by Matthew Lickona unless otherwise noted. Information is accurate according to material given us, but it is always wise to phone the theater for any last-minute changes and to inquire about ticket availability Many theaters offer discounts to students, senior citizens, and the military. Ask at the box office.

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, supersized, 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

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



Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show comes into its own.

immortal, but fame is fickle. Happily, there's a musical revue to help keep the memory alive, based on a correspondence between the singer, who died too soon, and a devoted female fan. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE. THROUGH JAN. 2

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

Reader

A Christmas Carol

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

CYGNET THEATRE, THROUGH DEC. 26

Dr. Suess's How the **Grinch Stole Christmas**

No matter how much you may adore the song-and-dance antics of Heat Miser and Cold Miser, in the end, there will be only two animated Christmas specials that endure: A Charlie Brown Christmas, and this one. And this one is the

clear favorite when it comes to a stage adaptation, so there's that. (It helps that there are songs, and also, you know, a plot.) The Old Globe's signature holiday production returns after a year of being forced to go audio-only. This time round, Andrew Polec dons the green skin of a Christmas-hating critter whose heart is two sizes too small.

OLD GLOBE THROUGH DEC. 26

Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San **Diego Christmas Show** What's a modern theatrical produc-

tion to do with a story most everybody knows by heart? Playwrights Steve Rosen and Gordon Greenberg (Greenberg also directs) have decided that if some familiarity is good, then more is better, and set Scrooge's story right where the theater stands today. They keep the setting in olden-days 1919, the better to preserve the mutton-chop facial hair, the top hats, and the lack of furnace heating. But they're happy to go present-day for the sake of a joke we're told that ghosts exist, but they're hard to spot, "like parking at Trader Joe's." They're happy to go all sorts of places, and at very high speed. Meta: a chorus intoning "It's a metaphor!" to a confused Scrooge. Silly: "Bah, humbug" is "French for 'get a life." Clever: Scrooge says that a friend is only an enemy you haven't known long enough yet. Even weird: the same burly actor plays brother-sister moppets. He also plays a shrieking Jacob Marley, complete with inexplicable Southern accent, Scrooge's first boss, and Scrooge's sole employee. The versatility and precision of the actors is matched only by the clever prop work, which makes the absolute most of a few crates, chairs, ladders, and window casings, plus lots of cans of spray fog. This is the second year for what may well become a local tradition, and the updated script has - perhaps wisely, but definitely cannily — moved the story away from its dark beginnings and toward its bright conclusion. Even the dramatic climax gets tweaked to downplay Scrooge's personal salvation and emphasize his intention to better the community. You know, the way that theater — "a place to be reminded that we are more alike than not" -does! By the end, the play becomes a fun and funny ad for itself, a pitch for a place in the city's holiday heart.

OLD GLOBE THROUGH DEC. 26

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 moviemaking giants like Martin Scorsese and Ridely 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

UPCOMING SHOWS

Catch Me If You Can

Seeking fame and fortune, precocious teenager, Frank Abignale, Jr., runs away from home to begin an unforgettable adventure. With nothing more than his boyish charm, a big imagination and millions of dollars in forged checks, Frank successfully poses as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer - living the high life and winning the girl of his dreams. When Frank's lies catch the attention of FBI agent, Carl Hanratty, though, Carl pursues Frank across the country to make him pay for his crimes. SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE, FEB. 11 THROUGH MAR. 13.

The Cocktail Hour

The time is mid-70's, the place, New York. John, a playwright, has returned to his family's home, bringing with him his new play which was based on them. His purpose is to get their permission to proceed with production, but his wealthy, very proper parents are cautious from the start. Plus, John's sister Nina must be contended with. As the martinis start to flow, so do the recriminations and revelations, both funny and poignant. But the ties that bind them do prevail, with humor, warmth, and hopeful anticipation.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE. JAN 14 THROUGH FEB. 6

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 Haddonwhich 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 THROUGH

Final Draft New Play Festival

The annual Final Draft New Play Festival solicits emerging playwrights to submit a 10-minute, one act full length play that will be performed during the festival. Special encouragement is given to underestimated and underrepresented community members in order to represent all artist voices in the community. Performances include 10 never before seen plays written by talented local playwrights, as well as delicious craft beers. If you'd like to partake in the storytelling, grab a pint and join the Artists panel, where community artists and leaders share what changes they'd like to see in the San Diego art scene, try monologue writing at the playwrighting workshop, or even take to the stage at the kickoff party open

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Mendoza's creepy

EP? "Happy Together," performed by the Turtles, came out on Valentine's Day 1967, and hit number one on the Billboard charts on March 25. Though it's often covered and enshrined in film, nobody seems to notice that it's about unrequited

with its sweet summoning of a place, and a lover, who may or may not have existed in the first place.

"I'm in the midst of an overhaul of my archives," explains Mendoza. "Apparently, over the





Bart Mendoza (center): picking up the musical pieces and seeing what fits together.

love: the singer meeting the object of his desire only in his imagination. But the song's stalker underpinnings didn't keep Bart Mendoza, veteran of several local bands, from essaying the tune on his new EP 66/68, released via local Pacific Records and European label Snap!! Records.

Besides the Turtles tune, 66/68 also features two other big hits from that era; Bobby's Hebb's "Sunny," a well-crafted yet creepy ode to newfound love, and "Different Drum" by Linda Ronstadt with her old band the Stone Poneys (written by the late Michael Nesmith), a sweetly sad rejection of monogamy. The one relative obscurity is "Beechwood Park" by the Zombies, from their cult album Odessey and Oracle,

lots of projects got sidelined for reasons ranging from lack of funds to lack of time. Much unreleased music has turned up, and I figured we might as well do something with it, otherwise it will all eventually be lost, just another pile of tapes in somebody's closet before that final trip to the curb. These four tracks fit together thematically, so it made sense. The common thread is my vocals. Pacific Records' enthusiasm when they heard the songs was encouraging, [and] having them put together such a nice package, especially with Michael Buchmiller's artwork, [that] sealed the deal."

Each song was left over from a project which fell apart. "I'm really not sure why they didn't happen, but 'Different

played with mod band Manual Scan, jangly power pop rockers The Shambles, and True Stories, whose music is inspired by the end of the '60s and dawn of the '70s. He picked this EP's songs from his own formative listening. "Except for 'Beechwood Park,' these are tunes that were huge international hits. I recall hearing them on the radio as well as family trips to Tijuana. These songs were everywhere, playing in shops, blasting out of car stereos, and on various TV shows."

Drum' was for a Mike Nesmith

tribute album. Had it ever been released, 'Happy Together' probably would have been

a Mission: To Mars* [one of

Mendoza's old bands] album bonus track. Both 'Beechwood Park' and 'Sunny' are from an

EP project with Normandie

Mendoza grew up in south-

east San Diego and, in addition

Wilson & The Joyelles."

to Mission: To Mars*, he's

Musical immersion had a lot to do with setting his sights on a career. "I loved Top 40 AM radio from the moment I discovered a transistor radio at home. Keep in mind this was pre-FM boom. My mom and grandfather both played guitar, so that was a big influence. Music has been my life's obsession as far back as I can remember. Wanting to be an actual musician? It's The Beatles. I knew all the hits, but I think I can trace the moment back to a 1972 Saturday afternoon Bowling for Dollars screening of A Hard Day's Night. My parents had gone out for a bit, and I was watching my siblings. Mom put the movie on and said, 'You'll like this.' By the time it got to the concert scene at the end, I knew what I was going to be doing with my life."

— Andrew Hamlin



Collaboration's end

Since 1991, Kearny High grad Marc Intravaia has been collaborating musically with Eve Selis, who won Best Americana or Country at the 2008 San Diego Music Awards. "The best thing about maintaining a musical collaboration with someone for so long," says Intravaia, "is that you and your collaborator can work and create pretty seamlessly, because there is an innate connection built on trust and honesty. The hardest thing about collaborating for so long is that each partner can grow in different directions, as we have."

Intravaia's resume dates back to the late '60s, with Kearny Mesa-based Marshmallow Highway, followed by stints with Head County and then Listen, which landed songs on the KGB Homegrown albums. He went on to play with Kenny Loggins, Kim Carnes, America, Suzy Bogguss, and B.J. Thomas, as well as locally with Back To The Garden (recreating the sounds of '60s-'70s Laurel Canyon) and his longtime stint with the Eve Selis Band, Both Selis and Intravaia teamed up with Jeff Berkley and Calman Hart (of Berkley Hart), to record a CSNY-style album billed as Berkley Hart Selis Twang.

Regarding his collaborations with Selis, he says,, "My most memorable moment was opening for Crosby Stills and Nash in 1996, and playing a long Guitar Hero-type solo at the end of our set with a very enthusiastic response from the crowd. When we walked off stage, Stephen Stills and Graham Nash were waiting for us, and they patted me on the back and shook my hand."

Intravaia also mentions the time he and Selis randomly ran into Talking Heads frontman

David Byrne. "We actually had no idea he was going to be there at the Mike Post studio. We had been invited by a music industry guy who really loved our band [Rick Elias Band] and wanted to talk business with us and said to meet him there after our set. We were buzzed into the studio. We all sat down while they were editing a scene from Stop Making Sense, although we had no idea that that was even a movie at that time. We just knew it was David Byrne up on this video screen in the studio...no iPhones back then to document the moment, but it did happen. We invited David to breakfast at Denny's, but he declined, which was probably a good thing because we would have been very starstruck and just stared at him the whole time."

Eve Selis has performed on CNBC, ESPN, and the BBC,

and not so much fun. But mostly, it's just an incredible, spiritual experience. When you get to share the stage with someone as talented and kind and musically connected to your soul, then it's magic. That's what it's like to be on stage with Marc Intravaia. Plus he's a badass world-class guitar player. Having my daughter join us onstage was the icing on top of the cake."

Even so, Selis did once post online that the two would no longer record together. "We did not have a fight or a blowout or anything of that nature," says Intravaia. "The fact is, we just drifted apart musically. It's been happening for the last couple years and now she is on a much different path than me." At present, the duo has no plans for upcoming live shows, although Intravaia says, "I'm sure we will be working together a few times this year



Eve Selis and Marc Intravaia put in the work and found the magic.

as well as opening for Travis Tritt, the Doobie Brothers, Joan Osborne, Heart, Dwight Yoakam, and Hootie & the Blowfish. She's been living in Nashville, but recently returned to San Diego long enough for the pair to stage a 30-year celebration concert. "Playing music with Marc Intravaia has always been a joy for me," she says. "That doesn't mean that every gig was great or fun. Sometimes, music can be work,

[2022]. We still really enjoy performing live together. She is a world-class singer and an absolute powerhouse. The most important thing to be said about our 30 years of working together is that we are still the best of friends."

- Jay Allen Sanford

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AUTHOR & PUNISHER

Mechanical engineer and musician Tristan Shone is the man behind the industrial drone-doom one-man band Author & Punisher. A new album called *Krüller* is due February 11 via Relapse Records, featuring newly upgraded musical machines, revised vocal processing, and guest players including Tool's Danny Carey and Justin Chancellor. The video for the first single "Drone Carrying Dread" was directed by Monte Legaspi and features illustrations from album cover artist Zlatko Mitev. Shone says the album was thematically inspired by Octavia E. Butler's *Parable* series. "I had just gotten home from the final tour of the *Beastland* album cycle, and I spent a couple weeks

updating my overall tones with a nice balance of sub, saw-synth, and tube amp. This track was basically the one where it all clicked and I had these chords that resonated just right, shaking the entire warehouse. It's a simple but raw progression that was ripe for the addition of melodic guitars, as well as synthesizer programming from myself and co-producer Jason Begin [Vytear]. Lyrically, it's about escape and survival, as the events that were unfolding in 2020 were prophesied by the [Parable] books I was reading throughout the year." Shone, who creates custom musical instruments for performances and recordings, is also launching an audio gear company called Drone Machines.



EL VEZ

Robert Lopez, who cofounded the influential local punk band the Zeros, has made a whole new career for himself as El Vez, the self-proclaimed "Mexican Elvis." On record and in concert, he re-imagines songs, not all of them by Elvis, as Mexican-themed anthems such as "En El Barrio" (a bordertown version of "In the Ghetto"), "Aztec Hotel" (parodying "Heartbreak Hotel"), "You Ain't Nothing But a Chihuahua," and "Immigration Time," sung to the tune of "Suspicious Minds" ("I've got my green card / I want my gold card"). His holiday favorites include "Brown Christ-

mas": I'm dreaming of a Brown Christmas/ Just like my ones in San Diego/ Where cousins and familia are tight/ And thank God our Christmases ain't white. The one-time contestant on the TV show To Tell the Truth has released several pun-filled albums, including Graciasland, Sno-Way Jose, A Lad From Spain, God Save the King, Pure Aztec Gold, Boxing With God, and Merry Mex-Mas. Lopez will stage his annual Las Vegas-style El Vez Merry Mex-Mas show at the Casbah on December 23. The bill includes Hammered Satin and Chaki.



THE BOMBPOPS

Founded in North County San Diego circa 2008, the Bombpops cite influences such as No Use For a Name and Fat Wreck Chords. They recorded their debut 2010 album, *Hair Products and Narcotics*, at Doubletime in El Cajon with Jeff Forrest, who's recorded countless locals from Blink-182 and Buck-O-Nine to Rocket From the Crypt and Battalion of Saints. The following year, they signed to Chicago-based punk label Red Scare Industries, known for championing eventual stars like Cobra Skulls, the Menzingers, and Teenage Bottlerocket. The label backing enabled the Bombpops to promote their *Like I Care* EP with a

national tour and opening shows for musical inspirations such as Anti-Flag and NOFX. Their 2017 album Fear Of Missing Out was recorded at Black in Bluhm in Denver, CO, and produced by Chris Fogal, of Colorado pop-punk band the Gamits. The Bombpops just got back from touring with Bayside and Hawthorne Heights, along with a few shows featuring Senses Fail. They're heading back on the road for the Dropkick Murphys St. Patrick's Day Tour 2022, which kicks off February 21 in Reading Pennsylvania and runs through late March, with no San Diego date currently scheduled.



JEWEL

Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter and mental health advocate Jewel has a new remix of "Standing Still" recorded with Swedish pop duo Pure Shores, who have worked with Giorgio Moroder, Don Diablo, KSHMR, and Girls Generation. "Standing Still (Pure Shores Remix)" is part of the 20th Anniversary celebration of Jewel's platinum-selling album *This Way*. Though not a huge success on its original release, "Standing Still" made it into 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*. Earlier this year, Jewel was promoting Pride month remixes of "Intuition" and "Stand," co-created with Initial Talk and Bright Light Bright Light. "My LGBTQ friends and family have enriched my life in innumerable ways," she posted online, "the humor, love and ferocity of spirit inspire me every day." She's reportedly working on new music for release in 2022.



CASH'D OUT

Johnny Cash tribute band Cash'd Out formed in the early 2000s when singer Douglas Benson (who had only recently learned guitar) met guitarist Kevin Manuel through an ad in the *Reader*. Since making their stage debut in January 2005, they've been striving to recreate the music from Cash's Columbia and Sun Records period, along with the famed live recordings Cash did at Folsom Prison and San Quentin. In 2007, they scored a \$20,000 prize in Viejas's Ultimate Cover Band contest. They also won Best Cover Or Tribute Band at the 2008 San Diego Music Awards, and Best Tribute Band at the

2011 and 2012 editions. They then took home the trophy for Best Cover or Tribute Band at the 2013 SDMAs, which named them Best Cover Band in 2014. When they performed at the opening of the Johnny Cash exhibit at the Fender Museum in Corona, California, they jammed with longtime Cash drummer W.S. Holland. The band returned to the Fender Museum the following year to play a Cash birthday celebration with John Carter Cash (Johnny's son) and Cindy Cash (Johnny's daughter). Their annual Cash'd Out Christmas show will be staged at the Belly Up on December 23.

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 8pm — Cash'd Out Christmas. \$25. Sunday, 8pm - Betamaxx and Good Company.

Tuesday & Wednesday, 8pm Donavon Frankenreiter and Christina Holmes.

Casbah:

Thursday, 8pm — El Vez Merry Mexmas Friday, 9pm — Exile on Kettner

Blvd. Sunday, 8pm — Magical Animals and Super Buffet.

Monday, 8pm — Battle Bot. Wednesday, 8pm — Thee Sacred Souls.

Covote Bar & Grill:

Sunday, 5pm — She Says So. Free.

Music Box:

Thursday, 7pm — Sensi Trails and MDRN HSTRY. \$12. Sunday, 8pm - Infected Mushroom. \$35. Monday, 7:30pm — The Steely Damned 2. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Dirtwire and Boostive.

Navajo Live:

Sunday, 7pm — Acoustic Showcase. Monday, 7:30pm - Scott Samuels Band.

Panama 66:

Sunday, 3pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

Soda Bar:

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Tina Fake and Resin Lung. Wednesday, 8pm - Synthwave

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Friday, Dec. 31 — NYE With $Gregory\ Page.\ \textbf{Free}.$

Balboa Theatre:

Friday, Dec. 31 — The Sweet Caroline Tour. \$45-\$85. Thursday, Jan. 6 — Simon & Garfunkel Story.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Dec. 30 — Grateful Shred.

Friday, Dec. 31 — Tribal Seeds. Saturday, Jan. 1 — Tribal Seeds. Sunday, Jan. 2 — Tribal Seeds. Thursday, Jan. 6 — Tommy Castro & The Painkillers. Friday, Jan. 7 — The California Honeydrops.

Saturday, Jan. 8 — The California Honeydrops. Sunday, Jan. 9 - Shannon & the Clams

Friday, Ian. 14 — Wild Child. Saturday, Jan. 15 — 11th Annual Beat Farmers Hootenanny. Monday, Jan. 17 — Jamestown

Revival Tuesday, Jan. 18 — Jamestown Revival

Thursday, Jan. 20 - Sammy Rae & The Friends.

Friday, Jan. 21 — The English Beat.

Saturday, Jan. 22 — The English Beat.

Monday, Jan. 24 — Joan Osborne and The Weepies. Wednesday, Jan. 26 - Anais Mitchell & Bonny Light Horseman.

Thursday, Jan. 27 — All Them Witches and Blackwater Holylight. \$18-\$32.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters: Sunday, Jan. 23 — Tinkersmith Free.

and Ceschi. \$14-\$18. Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Cattle Decapitation and Creeping Death. \$25-\$28.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, Jan. 20 — Fit For An Autopsy and Enterprise Earth. \$22-\$25.

Saturday, Jan. 8 — Haunt, Saber,

Friday, Ian. 14 — Supersuckers

Saturday, Jan. 15 — Get Dead

Old Man Wizard. \$10-\$14.

and Scott H. Biram. \$20.

Saturday, Jan. 22 — I The Breather and Sleep Waker. \$20-

Sunday, Jan. 23 — Smith/Kotzen. Friday, Jan. 28 — Baroness. \$60. Saturday, Jan. 29 - Charger and Hell Fire. \$15-\$18.

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Unlikely Candidates. Thursday, Jan. 6 — Summer Years.

Friday, Jan. 7 — Dead Feather Moon and Thunderbeast. Saturday, Jan. 8 — The Blasters. Sunday, Jan. 9 — Lomelda and Alex Alone.

Thursday, Jan. 13 — El Ten Eleven and Sego.

Friday, Jan. 14 - TWRP and Rich Aucoin.

Saturday, Jan. 15 — L.A. Witch and Poppy Jean Crawford. Sunday, Jan. 16 - Fruition and Goodnight, Texas.

Friday, Jan. 21 — Emo Nite. Sunday, Jan. 23 - Son Volt and Iesse Farrar.

. Thursday, Jan. 27 — Starcrawler. Friday, Jan. 28 - Earthless. Sunday, Jan. 30 — The Spits and VR Sex.

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Holding Company:

Friday, Dec. 31 — Ring in the New Year.

House of Blues:

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

Thursday, Jan. 6 — Badfish: a Tribute to Sublime. \$20-\$45. Friday, Ian. 7 — Gasolina Party. Saturday, Jan. 8 — Azizi Gibson. Tuesday, Jan. 11 — D Smoke. Thursday, Jan. 13 — Bryce Vine. Saturday, Jan. 15 - Randy Rogers. Sunday, Jan. 16 — American Nightmare. Tuesday, Jan. 18 — The Warning. Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Nissim

Black Wednesday, Jan. 19 - iDK-

Thursday, Jan. 27 — The Struts. Friday, Jan. 28 — Allen Stone.

Humphreys Backstage Music

Saturday, Jan. 15 — Mike Zito and Bennett Mateo Band.

Jolly Joker Tavern:

Friday, Dec. 31 — New Years Eve with Classic Buzz Band. Free. Friday, Jan. 14 — West of 5. Free.

Kava Lounge: Saturday, Jan. 15 — L.A. Witch.

Kensington Club:

Thursday, Jan. 6 — Gary Wilson & The Blind Dates and INUS. Saturday, Jan. 15 — The

Writhers and Rival Squad. \$10.

Thursday, Jan. 6 — She Say So. Free.

Saturday, Jan. 8 — West of 5.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Friday, Jan. 28 — Steve Vai.

McP's Irish Pub and Grill: Saturday, Jan. 15 — Miss

Demeanor

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:

Friday, Jan. 7 — Miss Demeanor.

Moonshine Beach:

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Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Maddie

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

The cheerless Christmas paternal playlist

From time to time I find it necessary to update the "Depressed-Disney-Dad at Christmas when his Ex has the Kids" playlist. This playlist is also known as "Contemplations Upon the Mysteries of Solitude at the Winter Solstice." The pieces here are chosen for their lack of Christmas cheer.

An update is necessary because the shifting sands of YouTube policy tend to make videos disappear. For instance, O magnum mysterium by Mortem Lauridsen went missing, along with In the Bleak Mid-Winter. Happily, they have now been restored to their rightful place.

From time to time, a piece of nativity music needs to be added. That is the case with Arcangelo Corelli's Christmas Concerto and Ottorino Respighi's Laud to the Nativity. Respighi barely made it onto the playlist because it

has a cheerful section, but thankfully, it is short-lived. Instrumental music such as Corelli's Christmas Concerto provides the dad with a respite from the non-stop mother-and-child Nativity ideology. Let's be honest about this. The Nativity is about motherhood. That's bad news for the depressed-Disney-dad. Respighi's Laud to the Nativity, based on a 13th Century Latin text, comes right out and says it. Joseph is "...too old and weary for to help the mother." The text of O magnum mysterium proclaims, "Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord." The text of Ave Maria states, "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,

Christmas is all about the mother.

The significance of Christmas and motherhood appears to be missing in the current rallying call of "Down with the patriarchy" in such vapid holiday fare as HBO's Santa Inc. Now, Santa is a different topic than the Nativity. However, a show such as Santa Inc, which claims that Christmas is all about an old white man who needs to check his privilege, ignores the rich tradition of the mother and Christmas.

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Perhaps motherhood is undervalued by those who would topple the patriarchy. Even so, the biggest holiday of the year is firmly rooted in the value of motherhood and the concept of birth, be it that of Jesus or Sol Invictus — the invincible sun which is reborn on December 25th

This Christmas is an opportunity to venerate the mother and take a break from woke culture. Need I say that the mother need



The depressed-Disney-dad at Christmas at Disneyland.

not be biological? If anyone is confused as to who their non-biological mother could possibly be, I say, look to the cookies. Whoever makes the Christmas cookies bears the mantle of mother.

Even the depressed-

Disney-dad has the opportunity to find the warmth of motherhood somewhere in the bleak mid-winter. Above. photo evidence that I know that of which I speak: the depressed-Disney-dad at Christmas at Disneyland.

Classical Music this week

City Ballet: The Nutcracker City Ballet's The Nutcracker, which received the Tommy Award for the "Best Nutcracker" in San Diego, offers four performances of the beloved holiday classic at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The Nutcracker is the clas-

sic Victorian-era story of

Nutcracker Prince, Herr

the adventures of Clara, the

Drosselmever and the Sugar Plum Fairy told through a magical theatrical experience to Pyotr Tchaikovsky's famous score. Young and old alike will be captivated by Elizabeth Wistrich's choreography, the exquisite costumes, and grand sets, all accompanied by The City Ballet Orchestra, John Nettles conducting. Thursday, December 23, 2pm and 7:30pm; \$27-\$99.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido 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. Thursday, December 23, 2pm and 7:30pm; \$25-\$109. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third 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. Thursday, December 23, 2pm and 6pm; \$32-\$45. Old Town Temecula Community Theater, 42051 Main Street.

Sunday, Jan. 9 — Spud Cannon.

Wednesday, Jan. 12 - Lavender

Saturday, Jan. 15 — Hip-Hop &

Wednesday, Jan. 19 — Sunsets

Thursday, Jan. 20 — The Halluci

Saturday, Jan. 22 — Guttermouth

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

Friday, Jan. 7 — The Purple

Saturday, Jan. 8 - Red Not Chili Peppers

Sunday, Jan. 9 — Mason

Old Town Temecula **Community Theater:**

Thursday, Jan. 6 — Prince Again: Prince Tribute. \$20-\$25.

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Saturday, Jan. 1 — Club Retro. Free.

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Trio. \$10-\$20.

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

Observatory North Park: Monday, Jan. 10 — Jack Harlow. Monday, Jan. 17 — Still Woozy and Wallace.

Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Washed Out. Thursday, Jan. 27 — Goose. Friday, Jan. 28 — Circa Survive.

Dream business

"I would love to see San Diego Sliders in every city across the country."

ure, I went to culinary school. The School of You Tube." You've got to hand it to Dale. He

seems to have single-handedly created this San Diego Empire of the Small Burger. Right now, I'm looking at "the world's largest selection of sliders," created by a guy who's never run a restaurant before this. So yeah, it's not

just a choice between BLT and cheeseburger sliders any more. How's about a garlic bread meatball slider? Or a Hangover Cure (ketchup, mayo, bacon, American cheese, onions, egg)? Or Kimchee with bulgogi? Or BBQ tri-tip, or stuffed blue cheese? Or chipotle

looked at myself at60-70 years old, still painting cars? So I was trying to create something for my family. I would love to see a San Diego Sliders in

every city all across the country." So far, he has two sliders outlets, plus one food truck. "I have six kids, aged 4 to 21. This started when I would make them school lunches, and their friends were like, 'Can we buy this off of you?' So I made this Hawaiian pulled

pork slider. That was the one that I first sampled out and tested. And friends said, 'You've got something special here."

Then came the dream. "I actually had a dream [of opening my own restaurant]. And in

> it, my wife said, 'How can you think about opening up a restaurant when you haven't been working in a restaurant since you were a teenager?' But I watch a lot of TV, programs like Bar Rescue, and Restaurant Impossible, and I'm like, 'I think I could do this. A lot of multi-tasking, memory.' But in the dream, my wife said, 'If you want to open up your own restaurant, you need to go get a job. In a restaurant.' So I got a job at a deli, and ended up buying it from them. We had a grand opening, and I woke up and

said, 'I'm doing it.' And my wife said, 'Don't.' And my parents and my sister said, 'No! You've got a body shop. That takes up enough of your time. How in the world are you going to have the time?' But I hate to be the person who stands at the edge of something and lives his life saying, 'What if?' So I signed the lease for a place in Chula Vista, a sub-lease inside a bar, like this, and I brought in my parents and my wife and my sister, and every single one of them said, 'Don't do it.' But I signed the lease, did it. And shortly after, everyone jumped on: 'We love it!'

Now, three years later, I have two places, this here and one in Pacific Beach, and a food truck that has saved our butt over the pandemic."

Impressive story. I order up a couple of sliders - they have a "Tour de Slider" deal where you get two for \$11.99. Saves you a buck. I ask Janell, the gal at the counter, for a lobster slider, one of the choices. Love the idea of a super luxury item in a lowly slider. It's not that cheap, \$8.99 for each slider, but hey, holiday season and all. It gets a bump in flavor from lemon zest, paprika,



Owner Dale Stansberry and assistant Kaylani hold up a couple of crazy shakes



Customer Rachel deciding where to begin on her German Chocolate crazy shake

salmon? Or avocado toast? Or Hawaiian pulled pork? Or soft shell crab? Or chicken and waffles? Sliders all!

Dale Stansberry's list goes on and on and on. Forty-eight sliders long right now. Came across him just up from Crab City (see last week's column). "Actually, I own a body shop in El Cajon," Dale says. "I've been painting custom cars for almost 25 years. I still have it. Now my sister runs it for me. In 2016-17, I wanted to try something that I could duplicate. Pass on to my kids. I

and the lobster aioli he makes. "We poach the lobster and then quickly deep-fry it," The other slider I get is more for

its colors. It's called the Big Kahuna, named after Sean, a Hawaiian friend of Dale's who passed away. It's basically a big ring of pineapple on top, bacon, beef patty, tomato slice, and lettuce on a nice goldendomed bun. And, oh yeah! The pineapple sweetness reminds me of some spectacular-looking milkshakes I see they make right here. What the



Bun buddies: Cost a Jackson, but worth it

heck: 'tis the time of year! I get one, a "Birthday Cake Shake" (\$8.99), and then, once I've sucked that dry, a Bubblegum (\$9.99). Taste about the same. You pay for all the frou-frou. Standard shakes run \$2.99. For candy bar shakes like, say, Reese's, think \$5. For the "crazy" milkshakes, like the one webbed in cotton candy, or the strawberry cheesecake, think ten bucks. I only do because it's, well, the season. Can't say mine don't taste good, though. Secret to a good milk

Big Kahuna: not cheap, but a bun of plenty

shake? "Real ice cream," says Dale. "Good milkshake's like a good handshake: kind of firm."

Honestly, the lobster's really nice, but the Big Kahuna just comes through with more flavor, and you can't beat the good ol' sweetumami pineapple-baconbeef juxtaposition. Perfect with the shake. Next time. though, Filipino Breakfast slider, which Dale — who gets his Filipino side from

his mom, who still helps out preparing the Filipino sliders — says is basically corned beef, onions, tomato, egg, rice, Hawaiian bread.

Of course, we're sharing the space with Attitude Brewing here. Heck, this being the season, if I wasn't working tonight, I'd add one of Attitude Brewing's stouts to the menu. But this has been a wonderful surprise, right here on National. I'd bet Dale's future grandkids are going to have quite a business to inherit. ■

The Place: SD Sliders, 1985 National Avenue, Barrio Logan, 858-412-4490 Hours: 11am-10pm daily

Prices: Garlic bread meatball slider, \$5.99; Hangover Cure slider, \$5.99; Kimchee slider, \$5.99; sloppy joe, \$5.99;

prime rib, \$7.99; lobster, \$8.99; portobello mushroom, \$5.99; BBQ tri-tip, \$5.99; stuffed blue cheese, \$5.99; Steak'n egg slider, \$5.99; chipotle salmon, \$5.99; Hawaiian pulled pork, \$5.99; soft shell crab, 8.99; eggplant parmesan, \$5.99 Buses: 901, 929

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Tuétano shows up in Old Town, with Mar Rustico in tow

Tuétano Taqueria; 2548 Congress St., Old Town. It's fair to assume that the Michelin Guide will never revisit San Ysidro. Also that no restaurants in that small border district will again receive attention from magazines including Food & Wine, Fortune, or GQ. That's because birria and bone marrow taco



A birria taco with roasted bone marrow, a dish that caught the Michelin Guide's attention. near San Ysidro; good news for those who live near Old Town.

That's where Tuétano showed up in November, as part of the new Old Town Urban Market. The Congress Street food hall features a curated and growing assortment of small local businesses — so far, primarily Mexican-American-owned — which may succeed in lending a sense of balance to a neighborhood better known for touristy renditions of Mexican eateries.

Certainly Tuétano's famous combination of birria and roasted bone marrow raises the floor of Old Town cuisine. The counter shop occupies a stall somehow tinier than its former San Ysidro location, but that's because the space doesn't require any seating. There's plenty of that on the covered Urban Market patio, a raised dining area equipped with fire tables and a view of the street.

When I showed up this week, I found a stripped-down version of the Tuetano

menu, one that nixed the likes of cochinita pibil, arrachera (skirt steak), and longaniza sausage, to focus exclusively on chef Priscilla Curiel's nationally-hyped birria. I also found significantly higher prices: birria tacos that cost \$2.50 when I first visited back in 2018 are now up to 6 dollars. The \$3 bone marrow add-on is up to \$7. A birria torta, which



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Shared patio seating for a birria counter, mariscos counter, soon-to-be donuts and coffee.

cost \$10 earlier this year, now goes for \$18.

We can credit inflation, the change in neighborhood, and no doubt the brand's runaway success for these increases. At any rate, I can't be mad at this birria, especially with the addition of *tuétano* (bone marrow). And if there's a slight saving grace to the price hikes, it's that you can simply order the birria *tuétano*, with bone

marrow included, for \$11, rather than get them separately for \$13.

Cool though it may be to feast on a San Diego birria coveted by foodies in New York City, I might have missed Curiel's non-birria options were it not for another Urban Market tenant: Mar Rustico. Turns out, this is the same chef pulling double duty. Next door to her birria counter, she's opened this Baja-style mariscos counter, led by ceviches that feature Baja-sourced grouper and shrimp, plus oysters.

I went for La Paz, the "classic fish ceviche" at the top of the menu (\$14) and quite enjoyed it. Along with the citrus-bathed grouper, diced vegetables helped it hit all the great flavor points — from serrano chili heat and olive brine — to go with red onions, cucumber, micro cilantro, and avocado. There were even black sesame seeds

Elsewhere on the menu were an octopus and shrimp *aguachile*, and a clam chowder that I regret not adding to my order. Of course, I doubt it will be too long before I'm back in the Market during another visit to Tuétano. Because Old Town is a lot closer than San Ysidro.

by Ian Anderson

CHRISTMAS DINING

Christmas Brunch Wake up Christmas morning with us. Enjoy specialty brunch entrees and sips while you go over what Santa left under your tree. Saturday, December 25, 9am; L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Christmas Dinner Celebrate at Hope 46 restaurant with a special 3-course prix fixe menu. Friday, December 24, 4pm; Saturday, December 25, 12pm; Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

Christmas Eve Dinner Indulge in a five-course prix fixe Christmas Eve dinner at Alila Marea Beach Resort. With a menu that acts as a love letter from Executive Chef Claudette Zepeda to her hometown in celebration of local flavors and influences. Friday, December 24, 5pm; \$45-\$135. VAGA Restaurant & Bar, 2100 North Coast Hwy 101.

(ENCINITAS)

Baja grouper ceviche from Mar Rustico, the new *maris*cos concept from chef Priscilla Curiel

Christmas Eve Dinner Get ready for Christmas Day and enjoy your loved one's company while letting the team at Adelaide cook your feast. Friday, December 24, 5pm; L'Auberge Del Mar, 1540 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

Harbor's Edge Three-Course Christmas Dinners

On both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, friends and family will happily dine together at signature Harbor's Edge at Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. The three-course holiday menu offers seasonal choices, and there will also be a select a la carte menu available. Friday, December 24, 5pm; Saturday, December 25, 5pm; free-\$72. Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)

Holidays on the Waterfront Indulge in a plated Christmas Day dinner along with holiday-themed cocktails, gourmet s'mores, dinner specials and more sweet treats as you cozy up next to the waterfront. Saturday, December 25, 5pm; \$52. Sally's Fish House & Bar, One Market Place at Manchester Grand Hvatt. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

À La Carte Christmas Feast Enjoy a winter-inspired celebratory Christmas meal at The Vineyard Rose Restaurant – prepared by Executive Chef José Esparza and his culinary team. Reservations are required at OpenTable or by calling (951) 719-8356. Friday, December 24, 11:30am; Saturday, December 25, 11:30am; South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, 34843 Rancho California Road. (TEMECULA)

Drinks All Around

BY AMANDA TASCHER

CAROLINE WILHELM

The Corner Drafthouse 495 Laurel Street Banker's Hill



Prawn by twinkling lights and decorations, I duck into The Corner Drafthouse during their Christmas Pop Up, and bartender Caroline Wilhelm offers to help me pick a cocktail from the specially-made holiday menu. I finally land on the Heart of Gold, which she says is "a play on the golden color of

the cocktail and the Christmas theme. You know, Santa, I suppose, having a 'heart of gold.'"

It's a bourbon cocktail, "made with Bulleit bourbon, lemon juice, rosemary syrup and Domaine de Canton, which is a ginger liqueur," says Wilhelm. "There's a little bit of citrus, of course, with the lemon. So that brings out a bit of brightness in the bourbon. It's spiritforward, so you just get subtle notes of ginger and rosemary." A sprig of mint is added "mostly for aromatics and aesthetics. You get a little bit of that freshness; I think it lifts the citrus and everything from the cocktail. But you don't really taste the mint."

She continues, "It's a nice holiday cocktail, 'cause it's not super sweet, not super overpowering — you still get a lot of the bourbon, but everything balances really nicely together. If you like bourbon and whiskey in general, it's a really great cocktail." But for those who aren't normally bourbon drinkers, "there's enough sweetness and brightness with the citrus that it's really palatable."

One ingredient that sets it apart is

the ginger liqueur. "I really like playing around with Domain de Canton; it's a really delicious ingredient that you don't see in too many recipes. But for me at least, when I see it on a menu, I'm like 'Ooh, I'm in!' Because even a vodka soda with a splash of Domaine de Canton is top notch," she says with a click of the tongue. She does acknowledge that "ginger can be a really intense flavor, but this one's done really well. So it's just a nice addition to the cocktail. And it's fancy, 'cause it's French!"

Crisp and refreshing, the drink's recipe was designed for a California winter. "In San Diego, it's difficult to come up with a Christmas cocktail menu, because a lot of Christmas flavors are so bold and hearty, and it's 70 degrees sometimes in December," she reasons. "So you want to keep in mind finding cocktails that are suitable for the warmer weather, but still have the holiday theme." For Wilhelm, the trick was just finding the right balance of ingredients. "A cocktail like the Heart of Gold is a good one, because you get a little bit of the Christmas flavor but it's not super 'Rosemary in your face!"

THE CORNER DRAFTHOUSE'S HEART OF GOLD



- 1 ½ oz. Bulleit bourbon
- ½ oz. lemon juice
- ½ oz. rosemary syrup
- ½ oz. Domain de Canton ginger liqueur

Stir ingredients and strain into a glass with ice. Garnish with a sprig of mint.

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DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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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

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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 vou. J.

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ROOMMATES



JUST GRADUATED: ISO ROOMIE 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

WANTED ROOM TO BENT senior, on Jan 3rd, private entry and bathroom, one male, no dogs, lifetime San Diego resident. Please call Mario (858) 263-6295.

ROOMMATES/HOUSEMATES

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

ROOM NEEDED FOR TRADE ASAP! Hi. I'm a SWF who is seriously struggling & need a place to live where I can provide household help in lieu of rent. I need a smoke/. drug free environment that is peaceful, safe, stable & hopefully will include wifi, tv. laundry & kitchen. Thank you! sandiegolady13@ amail.com

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

NP. MISSION VALLEY. OB OR PB I am a 30 y/o professional working as an Interior Designer at a firm in Mission Valley. Currently in Temecula and looking to SD to be closer to work. ISO a master w/a private bath Budget: \$1200-\$1700. DM @ facebook.com/ blkbyedesign/

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

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

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

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

\$1200 / MONTH Hey! My name is Cam. I'm looking for a room.

My max price is \$1200 including utilities. If you have any questions for me, feel free to ask! DM me at facebook.com/cameron.fenley.9/. Thanks for looking.



MOVING FROM BOSTON My roommate and I are looking for a 3rd roommate for an apartment in North Park for \$3300, Jackie (28) and I (26) are moving to San Diego from greater Boston. Please DM me a message with a blurb about yourself @ bit.ly/ NP-3rd-roomie

MOVING TO SAN DIEGO 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 @ FB: sophie.tokheim I hope we can be a good fit.

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ROOM FOR RENT \$700 month, \$700 deposit, male only, 92154, (619) 572-5598, available Jan 1st.

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: janetib 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 | 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/.

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COLLEGE **ROOMMATES**

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



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

2022 SPRING SDSU STUDENTS I am located in La Mesa near SDSU. Rent/utilities is \$900/month. Room fits a queen size bed. Bathroom is shared with my 12 y/o son and another roommate. Access to main areas of house facebook.com/kristine. leigh.12

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/

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

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

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

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

LOOKING FOR STUDENT ROOMMATES Looking for student roommates to rent this room to. DM for more info on room size/location, facebook com/mercedes.gomez.908347 (949) 482-7540

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

ADJUSTS GOING BACK 2 COLLEGE Scholarships for adults returning to college @ facebook.com/cappex facebook.com/cappex support@cappex. BY MESA COLLEGE & UCSD I'm looking for a private room w/bathroom or roommates, anything really. Max budget is \$1300, I'm

27, have a cat, moving from Ohio and I'm an architectural designer. I love being active playing soccer, basketball, volleyball. facebook. com/jay.d.schlesinger

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



PLACE BY SDSU? Ayo. I need a place to stay, preferably near SDSU, in a place where I have my own room. I'm chill with people from all walks of life. My budget is around 1600. Please DM me on Facebook. facebook com/iackson.sutter.315

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

2022 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: rohert. baghdasaryan.7 IG: _baghdasar www.instagram.com/_baghdasar/

3 FRIENDS LOOKING FOR PLACE Hi, my name is DanDan, me and my two friends are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment. Our budget is about 3000\$. We need it to be furnished. We are all professional good people, and very chill. Please message us. bit.ly/dan-

CA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS I found this place that's close to the Cal State University-San Marcos campus. It is a place in Escondido called Citrus Court Condos. I saw on FB that they are taking applications for our 2022 school year. Just an FYI. www.citruscourt.com/ (760)

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PERFECT FOR COLLEGE ROOMMATES Found this place on FB. Five bedroom home with three full baths. 2,000 square feet. Large lot with plenty of yard. Lots of upgrades for modern living including dual laundry areas located inside and in the garage, facebook.com/commerce listing/1023110341596177/

SDSU STUDENT ISO ROOMMATE I'm 22 years old, finishing up my last year at SDSU as an Environmental Science Major I'm tidy, respectful, and will give you space, without being a stranger. Budget: Max of \$1100/ month. I hope you'll consider me as your future roommate. facebook.com/maren.appert

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

MIRAMAR AND UCSD COLLEGES Rp: Room available in 3br home in Mira Mesa.
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month, plus utilities, a 15m drive to UCSD, 5m walk to public transit. Has a garage and driveway, plus plenty of on-street parking. facebook.com/betty. ramirez.3766952



PALOMAR COLLEGE / CSUSM It's at the Marc Apartments in San Marcos. 749 SQ.FT 1 Bd. / 1 Ba. W/D in the unit. \$2336. Dog friendly. Walking distance from Palomar College and close to Train Station and Freeway 78. facebook.com/archstu27

SEEKING ROOMMATES Reposting: The house has 3 bds/2bths and access to the country club and gym, spot to park on you car. Rent and security deposit is \$1350/utilities are separate. More info on the pictures or DM @ FB facebook. com/christinav419

ADORABLE FOR STUDENTS Repost: Hi Obecians! I have a large bedroom for rent in my 2br apartment two blocks fror the beach. (1250 rent +33 for water+40 for internet +electric which stays pretty low year-round) The room has two large closets. facebook.com/mary. ramsey.7737

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ISO A PRIVATE ROOM 2 RENT ISO A private room to ren 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

BOOMMATES OR HOUSEMATES? 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/

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SDSU EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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GREAT FOR SDSU STUDENTS Furnished rental. 1 bedroom available. Rent: \$ 1226/ month www.sublet.com/ property/3844762

ISO A REPLACEMENT TENANT Reposting: The house has 3 bds/2bths and access to the country club and gym, spot to park on you car. Rent and security deposit is \$1350/utilities are separate. More info on the pictures or DM/email OP, thank you for looking, facebook.com/ christinav419

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PERF FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS Repost: We are looking for great contestants who are dancers and singers for LET'S MAKE A DEAL! This season could be your chance to win a car, cash, or amazing prizes! bit.ly/lets-make-deal

SDSU HOUSING IN MISSION VALLEY Reposting due to error in last listing. Looking for 2 roommates for 2 unfurnished single bedrooms with a shared bathroom in a 3BR/2BA condo located in Mission Valley. 10' x 8.75': \$700 + utilities. 11.75' x 9.75': \$850 + utilities facebook.com/michael.phan.524

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CSUSM & PALOMAR STUDENTS One opening at The Vibe House. The house has lots of light, 2 living rooms to chill, dance, play, yoga, co-working or meditate. Month to month. 2 weeks' notice. monthly included utilities at \$1,200 deposit \$500 www.thevibehousesd.com/ purpose thevibehousesd@gmail. com

CSUSM ROOMIES Repost: San Marcos rooms avail on Dec 1st. Rent: \$900/room+ \$550 security deposit. 3 bed 3 bath house (2 rooms available). DM for more info bit.ly/cal-san-marcos-rooms

UCSD STUDENTS MOVING IN Myself and my friend Nina are relocating from Germany to San Diego to study at UCSD

DOWNTOWN \$573-825

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.

Southern Hotel 1159 6th Avenue at B. • 619-239-3808 next Spring term. Therefore we are looking for a place to stay. Feel free to dm me or Nina if you have any questions or have rooms available! facebook.com/ LinhVuKieu69

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. deville (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 shortterm 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
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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 ROOMIE 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/Hazaeee/

SNOWBOARDERS' RETREATS Looking for a winter break cabin for the fam & schoolmates? Click on the link to see what cabines we have available. 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 roomate(s). My sublease ends on the 29th and I'd be ready to move in by December 1-4th. bit.ly/sdsustudent-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 ya got! My budget is \$1500 bit.ly/ housemate-chris

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 thevibehousesd@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 cutel \$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 ROOMIE I'm Jordan, 29, and a full-time rursing 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 | 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 - thxl facebook.com/kristine.leich.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) 80-8340 / 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 vanboarding 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/
trinitv.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

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.

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.llapur

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 an 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

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UCSD MED STUDENTS
Apartment for rent in Mission
Hills property — It's a quiet
sanctuary furnished with bed,
linens, high-speed Wiffi, desk,
chairs, dresser, chandeller,
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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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 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 | 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/jaqueline.sakai.9

ZOO PASSES 4 COLLEGE STUDENTS We college students get a discount at the San Diego Zoo! 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/studentdiscount

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

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.heo.374

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

USD OR MESA COLLEGE 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/

RENTALS

APARTMENT WANTED! Hi, my name is DanDan, me and my two friends are looking for a 3 bedroom apartment. Our budget is about 3000\$. We need it to be furnished. We are all very organized, working professional good people, and very chill. DM @ bit.ly/sd-apartment

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Please note: this is not a house
Barn with 6 horse stalls and
arena for \$800/month. Also, 3

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MUSIC

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PETS



LOST FEMALE TERRIER MIX Lost female Terrier mix about 8 lbs. missing from foster home in Valley Center at 6:30 pm on Thursday 12/16. She ran from the merge of Old Castle Road and Lilac Road. Pls. call if you see her. (760) 519-6431



PET ADOPTION FEES WAIVED In honor and appreciation of our military, San Diego Humane Society is extending our Animals for Armed Forces adoption promotion through Dec. 31! Adoption fees are waived for active-duty military, veterans, reserves and their families, (714) 509-5823 / animalsforarmedforces@gmail.

SPAY AND NEUTER IN OCEANSIDE Low cost spay and neuter clinic in Oceanside (442) 777-2065 / loveyourfixedfelines@ gmail.com

MISSING RUBY Reposting: missing Ruby again in Cool Valley Ranch Estates area. She was scheduled to have surgery tomorrow morning! Pls text me of any sightings. (760) 580-7670. She is very friendly.



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MOOCHI IS LOST Moochi is lost — last seen in Pacific Beach! Please spread the word. Or call if you see Moochi. (858) 776-9799

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SPORTS

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MARTIAL ARTS KICKING PAD I have an old-school martial arts kicking pad for \$25. The foam is still and in great condition. petesuarez619@gmail.com

YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL Youth flag football at Morley Field. Hey neighbors - just sharing this info for any folks looking to get their kiddos into flag football! Email for 2022 schedule. (619) 525-8262 / amagdaleno@sandiego.gov

8-BALL POOL TOURNAMENT We are hosting friendly 8 ball tournaments at Off Base Bar! Address: 9522 Miramar Road, San Diego, 92126. Email or call for updated dates/times (858) 578-0757 / offbasebar@gmail.

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RED RUM SKATES / WITCH BOARDS All of these skateboard decks are being sold to help raise funds for permits as well as other costs for our first art and music event coming late June. They are \$80 each and available for local pickup. redrumskates@gmail.com

VINTAGE MOREY MACH 7 Selling a vintage Morey Mach 7 boogie board with an ankle strap. for \$60. bit.ly/mach-7 bit. ly/mach-7

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ROSARITO PRO BASKETBALL Here is this season's schedule for "The Beach," a pro basketball team based out of Rosarito Beach. diegoknight69@gmail. com



SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB Found this cool San Diego-based ski and snowboard club that has banded together to provide group travel for skiing/boarding, sporting, and social events for members! www.nisnowdrifter com/index.html (858) 455-1461

UPHILL RACING IN 2022 Uphill racing on 9/29-9/30 and 10/3-10/4 in Ensenada. more info at: facebook.com/bajahillclimb/ rhtranspen@gmail.com

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Lucky lakes boast big bass

Dock Totals 12/12 - 12/18:

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Saltwater: Winter has set in here in the San Diego saltwater fishery with a wet and windy mid-week storm punctuating the arrival of the Southern California off-season. That said, bluefin tuna did not shy away from the blustery cold front and leave the outer banks as some expected. Though so far they've been caught in the 18-to-30-pound range since the storm passed, boats venturing out past San Clemente Island to the Tanner and Cortez banks toward the end of the week reported wideopen limit-style fishing on smaller bluefin tuna. There are still some

larger fish out there being metered, but so far, only the smaller units are biting.

That the fish biting are smaller on average than in weeks previous could be due to moon phase and the time boats have to fish the area during night. So far this year, more of the larger models (over 300 pounds) have been caught between sunset and the wee hours of the morning than have been caught during daylight hours. We should soon know if the big bluefin will turn on with a few boats scheduling trips to the area for up to four days, which should give plenty of opportunity to test the night bite.

In closer to shore, the high spots from La Jolla to the border are kicking out plenty of rockfish, sheephead, whitefish, and sculpin for anglers aboard ½ to ¾ day trips. From the border south past Ensenada to Colonet, the yellowtail have thinned out and it's all about rockfish and lingcod right now. Yellowtail do get caught in the area during winter, but, like San Diego, they are considered an off-season bonus when one comes over the rail. Northern Baja on the Pacific side of the peninsula is a lot like San Diego's fishery all the way south to the Vizcaino Peninsula, with prolific kelp beds holding calico bass, sheephead, and halibut in the flats between. When yellowtail are not migrating through, white seabass, barracuda and bonito are the main catch in the upper water column.

Though the fishery is similar, once south of San Quintin, seasons begin to bend into the next. By the time you get to the last vestiges of Kelp beds from Guerrero Negro to Punta Abreojos, some 700 driving miles south of San Diego, it is like our summertime season right now. Yellowtail are thick in the inshore areas, while yellowfin tuna and dorado can be found on the offshore banks within 10 miles of a launch point. Long range boats are reporting great yellowtail and grouper fishing



A very happy Braeden Steveson of Santee with his lake record 15.12-pound largemouth bass.

along that stretch, which they will usually check out on the way back from the Ridge or points south during trips targeting cow yellowfin tuna and wahoo.

Back home in the tap-water, San Diegans have something to crow about. Not really known for great camping and freshwater fishing, San Diego County does hold it's own in both categories. Eleven of the top 25 largemouth bass caught in the world have been caught in San Diego County, and Santee Lakes has been awarded both Park of the Year and Plan-It Green Park of the Year in 2021 by the National Association of RV Parks and Campgrounds.

Though largemouth bass are not native to California, they seem to do just fine once introduced to the Golden State's lakes and reservoirs. In San Diego, Lakes Dixon, Miramar, Hodges, Wohlford, and Morena have put out the largest fish in the county. With

an estimated 11 million anglers targeting them nationwide, largemouth bass are the most sought-after game fish in the United States. According to studies by federal fish and wildlife officials, those 11 million bass anglers spend a collective 176 million days each year trying to catch a bass.

Given that San Diego has some of the largest largemouth bass in the world, the area lakes see little pressure when compared to other regions in the country where they are targeted. Of those eleven San Diego-caught bass out of the top 25 in the world, Miramar has produced five, from 19 pounds one ounce to 20 pounds, 15 ounces. Dixon Lake kicked out three, from 19-8 to 21-11, while Hodges, Wohlford, and Morena each recorded a bass over 19 pounds that made the world's top 25.

Santee Lakes has not recorded any bass in the world's top 25, though the five small shore-fishing only lakes in the park often give up decent largemouth to those working the banks and reeds for them. The official largemouth bass record for Santee Lakes is still a whopper at 15 pounds, 2 ounces. That fish was caught in March of this year out of Lake Three by 15-year-old Braeden Steveson of Santee. Braeden was tossing a Rat-L-Trap during the afternoon after baseball practice, and to make the catch even more spectacular, he was using just 6-pound test line. According to lake staff, of the five lakes in the park, Lake Three is best for largemouth bass. Other lake records at Santee Lakes include a 39.4-pound channel catfish and a 16.9-pound rainbow trout.

So, though it is the off-season, there is plenty of fishing action here in America's finest city. Merry Christmas and tight lines!

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Father-daughter duo Erik and Kristen Furuholmen surf PB.

How long have you been surfing?

Erik: I have been out in the ocean since I was six or seven and surfing since I was ten.

Kristen: I started surfing when I was around six. Erik: She was tiny!

How often do you get in the water?

Erik: We go every week. Even when the conditions are bad, we still try to get out into the ocean. Kristen: Yeah, it's a bonding thing for us. We go out a lot.

Favorite

surf moments?

Erik: My greatest moment with Kristen was when she paddled into her first green wall by herself. That was the best. She was probably eight or nine. I was like, finally!

Kristen: Sometimes

we catch the same wave

together. That's fun. Have you seen any cool wildlife?

Erik: At upper trestles, I saw a little baby great white breached. That was crazy. Seeing the whales migrate is pretty rad.

Have you had any bad injuries?

Erik: No, I've been lucky

Kristen: I got stung by a stingray. I was scared. It hurt really bad. I didn't tell my dad until we got home because I thought he would take me to the hospital.

Have you gone on any cool surf trips?

Erik: Yeah, I try to go on surf trips a couple of times a year. I went to Scotland. That was an adventure. I think that was my favorite surf trip. I went to Nicaragua and there was a war going on at the time. There was a moment where we were coming around a rotunda and there were like 100 people with machine guns. There were bombs going off and buses on fire. That was a little bit terrifying. I really liked Peru and I surf all over Baja. I like Baja a lot! *Kristen:* We are taking a [surf] trip to Costa Rica in June with the whole family.

Any surfing pet peeves?

Kristen: There's just a lot of kooks out there sometimes. Erik: Everyone wants to surf. That's great, but [unexperienced surfers] go out on big days. Everyone just wants to challenge themselves. That puts people that know what they are doing in jeopardy, because not only do we have to deal with Mother Nature, but also with people who don't understand where to be. What is your favorite spot to surf in San Diego? Erik: Ah, undisclosed locations. Kristen: Yeah, same!

Kristen: Yeah, same! What do you love most about the Sport?

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Cuteness Alert

— The Flower Mound Rebels, a youth football team in Texas, won't be in the playoffs this year, NBC News reported. The Rebels, composed of 7- and 8-year-olds, are "too good" for their league, boasting a perfect record and having outscored their opponents 199-6, according to Keller Youth Association Vice President Rhett Taylor. "They are a select-level team." He said if the team had competed in the league's super

bowl, he would have caught it from parents of other teams. Center Greyson Tanner, 8, reported being "very sad" about the ruling.

Randy Aliens

- Preacher and author Sharon Gilbert, 69, raised a reaction when she appeared on the Jim Bakker Show on Nov. 23 and described the moment when an alien visited her for nefarious reasons. "After Derek and I got married, one night, this other Derek appears in our bed. The real Derek is lying down next to me; other Derek sits right up out of him. It startled me," she said, according to Newsweek. No doubt! Gilbert asked the "critter" who he was, "Because he clearly wanted to have sexual relations." Alona with claiming to be Derek, the creature said he was Xerxes, but Gilbert wasn't having it. "I reached up, grabbed his face and I said, 'You are a liar, and Jesus is real.' And I pulled that face off, and beneath it was a reptile." One Twitter user responded, "This is a story a 7-year-old tells when you ask them why they're late for something.'

'Educational' Toy

— Ania Tanner, a grandmother from Ontario, Canada, found a cute singing and dancing cactus on the Walmart website and purchased it for her granddaughter, *CTV News* reported. The animated \$26 toy sings in three languages: English, Spanish and Polish. But when Tanner, who is Polish, listened to the Polish lyrics, she was shocked: "This toy uses swear words and is talking about cocaine use. This is not what I

ordered for my granddaughter. I was in shock. I thought, what is this, some kind of joke?" The Polish song is by rapper Cypis, who didn't give permission for the use of his song by the Chinese manufacturer of the item. For its part, Walmart said the toy is sold by a third-party vendor and will be removed while they investigate.

Awesome!

- Swedish meatballs for everyone! A snow-storm that dumped about 12 inches in Aalborg, Denmark, on the evening of Dec. 1 forced about 30 people to spend the night in an Ikea store, Pix11-TV reported. Store manager Peter Elmose said customers and employees slept "in the furniture exhibitions and our showroom on the first floor, where we have beds, mattresses and sofa beds," giving shoppers the chance to "pick the exact bed they have always wanted to try. It's been a good night. All fun."

Bright Idea

— In Greenwood, South Carolina, firefighters responded on Nov. 28 to the Morningside assisted living facility, where several rounds of ammunition, which had apparently been stored in a toaster oven, discharged and caught a resident's apartment on fire. WSPA-TV reported that employees initially believed a shooter was on the property when they heard the shots, but the room's resident was found unconscious and suffering from smoke inhalation. The fire was extinguished, and no other apartments were damaged.

A Likely Story

– Dale Wheeler, a 56-year-old IT worker from Morrisville, North Carolina, crashed his car just four miles away from his home on Nov. 12 and then disappeared. Officers responding to the crash found the keys still in the car, along with "a little bit of blood." Wheeler was reported missing after not showing up for work for two days, but it was almost two weeks before anyone saw him again. On Nov. 28, someone called police to do a welfare check at Wheeler's home and found him there, alert and conscious. He was taken to a hospital, where he explained that he had walked away from the accident but went back to find his phone, then was lost in the woods for nearly two weeks before finding his way home. An investigation is ongoing.

That's So Haute

— Politix, a menswear brand in Australia, celebrated Mo-vember with a special suit made of mustache hair, *Oddity Central* reported. The Mo-Hair suit's fabric was made by Melbourne artist Pamela Kleeman-Passi, who collected hair from salons and individuals. "When hair is on your head, it looks really beautiful," she said. "But when it's off the body, it immediately becomes disgusting ... I'm interested in the polarity between what's really voluptuous and what's really repulsive." If you're interested in the Mo-Hair suit, sorry: it isn't commercially available.

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19. Scrap of food

20. Best Picture of 1954

22. Org. with an annual Codebreaker Challenge

23. "De-e-elish!"

25. Become depleted

26. In 1964, he received 52 electoral votes in comparison to I BJ's 486

31. Bit recorded on a Fitbit

32. Have a home-cooked meal

34. Ref. work that added "livestream" in 2021

37. Suffix with glycer-

38. Declaration when sensing one's amniotic fluid has leaked ... or a statement when solving four answers in this puzzle

41. Org. with the slogan "Every child. One voice"

43. Inits. on toothpaste tubes

44. Voters' topic

45. One who's able to rattle off

digits of pi, perhaps **47.** D.C. hotel that once used Richard Nixon's speeches as its telephone hold music

52. Where a Persian might get a manicure?

55. Some offensive NFL players, briefly

57. Dallas NBA player, for short **58.** Accounting firm that has

handled Oscar balloting since 1935

63. Get an ____ (ace)

64. Zip

65. Not as fine

66. Lyon king

___ plaisir!" 67. **67.** "_____ plaisir!" **68.** Kathleen and Tina

69. Tour de France units: Abbr.

70. Run for, as office

71. Knights' mounts

Down

1. Pete who was 2019's N.L. Rookie of the Year

thermometer

3. *big kiss*

4. Quick snack

5. Some

6. Express again

7. Response to "Is anyone else

here?" **8.** Olympic poker?

9. "_____ is human ..."

10. Not just a glitch **11.** Familial bond

12. Flush

13. Do an old printing house

14. Word after sing or string

21. Drs.' co-workers

24. Reader (magazine with the slogan "Cure ignorance")

27. Susan of old TV's "The Partridge Family'

28. Trumpet or quitar effect

29. Slightly

30. Steals from

33. "____ a Putty Tat" (Friz Freleng short)

35. Source of the words "spunk" and "trousers"

36. Like Eeyore

38. Some people like them dirty

39. Ouinceañera, e.g.

40. Order for a big party, maybe

41. Pirates' home

42. Where something's always brewing?

46. Award since WWI

48. Go on the offensive

49. Entertained

50. Stunning weapons

51. Brooklyn's Medgar _ College

53. Baseball's Alejandro, Carlos and Tony

54. Catch (surf)

56. Religious offshoots **59.** "Zip-____-Doo-Dah"

60. 38-0, e.g.

61. Fabled loser to a tortoise

62. Author Sarah _____ Jewett

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1) Submit your completed puzzle to the Reader each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.

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Paula Henderson, La Jolla, 8.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S

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Even the chimney is architecturally engaging.

UNREAL ESTATE

continued from page 8 to an office setting. The dark wood theme continues from room to room, and it's beginning to get a bit overwhelming. I've often praised the use of natural wood in this column, but perhaps furniture with more color variation would provide some helpful contrast here. And the green carpet that follows us from room to room feels like a forest floor; I would probably change it. The dining room has a builtin hutch with some fine stained glass panels on the doors, but the green carpet is making the chairs here look green, and I do

not think they are sup-

posed to look green.

Next, we're shown a spacious but utilitarian kitchen that's at once functional and likely to disappoint aspiring chefs. But with just 2200 square feet of total living space and the strong likelihood that such things would've been considered frivolous nearly 110 years ago, I suppose we shouldn't expect (and won't get) things like a massive stone center island or an extra room dedicated solely to the storage of wine bottles.

Finally, the listing leads us through a main bedroom that's spacious if not palatial, with an adjacent bathroom that has a pleasant sitting/dressing area beyond the jetted tub — and also, for some reason, even more

green carpet.

Outside, we're treated to more photos of the sweeping views available from the two levels of patio, plus some aerial shots that illustrate just how much home size demands have grown for today's modern wealthy folk. And with that, our tour has drawn to a close.

Public records list the Buoymaster family as the property's current owner; the listing says the home hasn't changed hands in four decades. Ned Buoymaster worked for years in the tech field, developing hardware for some of the earliest personal computers. He passed in 2015; since 1985, his wife Kathleen has operated an interior design firm out of La Iolla.

While the Princess house hasn't sold in decades, it hasn't been for lack of trying. The residence has been listed five times since 2012, with asking prices as high as \$8.9 million and as low as \$5.2 million. The most recent listing went live in mid-September with a \$5.7 million asking price that remains unchanged to date.



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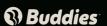
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