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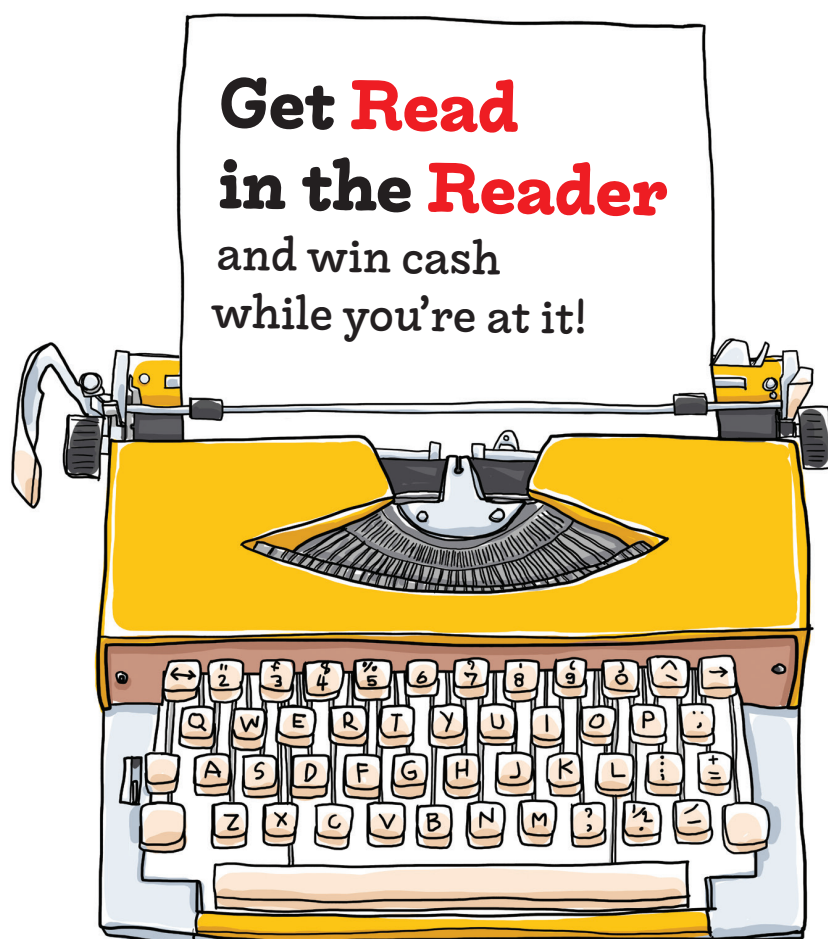
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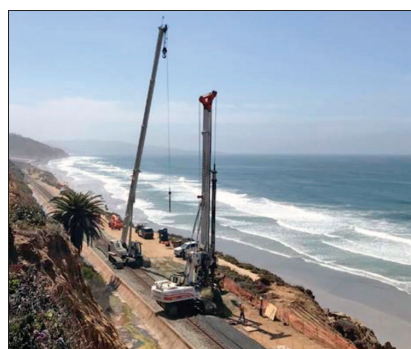
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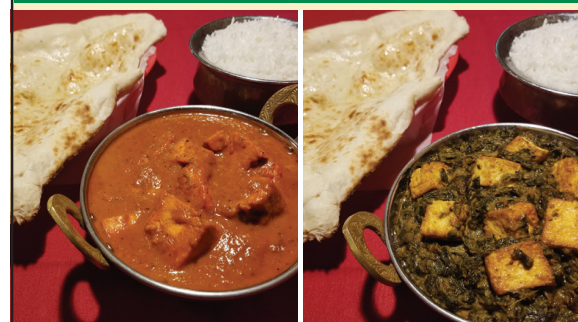
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

SAN MARCOS

## Baptism and blood

Gang brings death to celebration of life

At a recent pre-trial hearing, prosecutor Shawn Tafreshi claimed that parolee Luis Ezekial Espinoza, then 26, was wearing a GPS ankle monitor when he drove his silver Nissan Altima full of homies to shoot up an Oceanside baptism celebration on April 28, 2018. The shooting left one man dead, and two more were wounded. Suspects have since been identified and arrested.

Tafreshi claimed that Espinoza, whose gang name is allegedly "Serio," was the eldest gangmember and had the most status of the six alleged Varrio San Marcos (VSM) gang members in his car. Those alleged members were named as: Emmanuel Nelson, whose gang name is "Puma;" Omar David Ornelas, known as "Damage;" Anthony Avila, known as "Devious;" Miguel, known as "Blanco;" and a man named Elmer Ayala. Espinoza was wearing the VeriTracks ankle bracelet



Jose Jimenez died after bringing a brick to a gunfight.

as part of a GPS monitoring system used for parolees in California. When he was later contacted by police, Espinoza claimed he had been in that neighborhood at that time to pick up a girlfriend.

The celebration of the child's baptism had started about 2 pm that Saturday on Jacqueline Lane, near Tri City Hospital. By about 8 pm, the party was winding down, but there were still 30 or 40 people there, some stand-

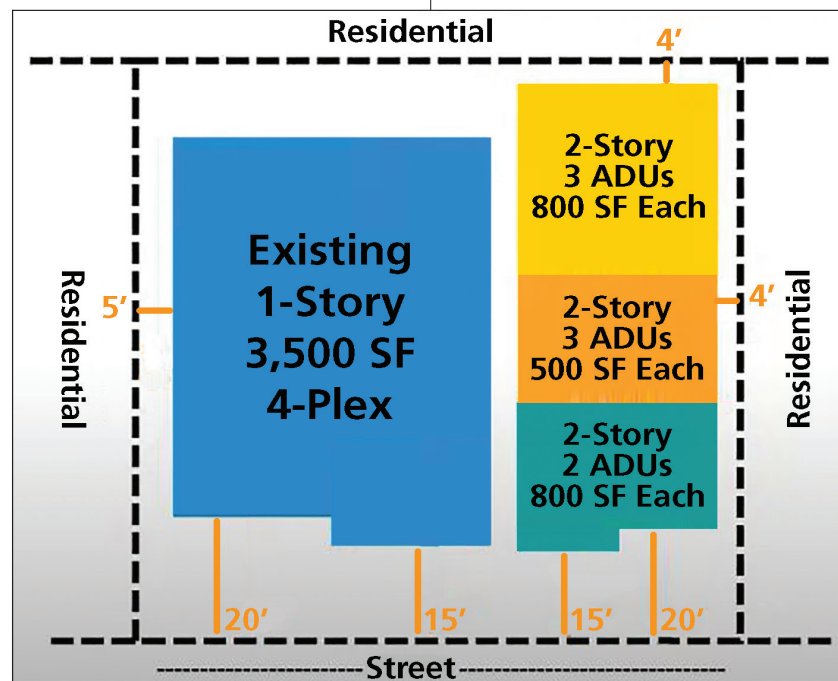
ing outside the home, with many children running around, according to witnesses. Two tall men reportedly walked toward the house party; one of them held a silver pistol. One reportedly yelled, "This is Ghost Town! I'm looking for Vista Home Boys!" and the other yelled, "Varrio San Marcos!" At 7:59 p.m. multiple calls to 911 reported gunshots.

The godfather of the baptized child was seen grabbing up two small children; he turned and ran for the house. Another witness said he heard "at least two gunshots pop off." One victim, 26, was standing in the front yard smoking a cigarette. He reported, "I heard a gunshot and I got hit." The bullet went through his arm and into his rib cage. "That's what the surgeon told me." His lung was damaged, and he was in hospital for one month. Another man, 45, was also hit; he too survived. Police later found four 9mm expended casings in the street in front of the party house, and they collected one blue box cutter from underneath a car parked at the curb.

Another man — Jose Alfredo Jimenez, 29 — came running out of the party house during the confrontation. The two strangers reportedly turned and ran back toward their car, which was parked a half block away on Thunder Drive. Jimenez reportedly chased the two strangers all the way back to their car and smashed a brick into the head of one of the intruders. Jimenez then suffered gun shots to his right arm, right torso, lower back, buttocks, and groin. It was reported that his kidneys, liver, lung, and heart were damaged. He did not survive. Police later collected nine expended shell casings in the street on Thunder Drive, and more 9 mm Winchester casings in a driveway. Bullet holes in the facade of one house and the damaged tire of one parked vehicle were photographed.

Prosecutor Tafreshi alleged that "Puma" Nelson and "Damage" Ornelas, both 21 at the time, were the two alleged Varrio San Marcos gang members who shot the party-goers. He alleged that Ornelas first wounded the two persons who were outside the party, and then Nelson shot Jimenez after he struck him with the brick. Investigators later recorded multiple suspects speaking to each other in jail cells, and Ornelas reportedly said that if DNA could be found on the cartridges or bullets, he "would be fucked."

Nelson, now 25, has a puma symbol tattooed on his neck, the letters "SM" on the back of his neck, "GHOST TOWN" in large letters on his back, and "1904" on his right forearm and "1913" on his hands, according to a San Diego County Sheriff gang expert who testified at the hearing. The numbers 19 and 13 correspond with the letters S and M in the alphabet — for San Marcos, and 19 and 04 for the letters S and D — for San Diego.) Police allegedly found a YouTube



SB 9 would allow up to four new units plus a granny flat on most single-family properties.

videos labeled "Rap from G Boy SM," in which Nelson's voice declares his allegiance to Varrio San Marcos and that he "kills for the thrill" and has "murderous tendencies, pulling triggers on enemies." Ornelas, now 24, allegedly has a Georgia Tech logo tattooed on one arm. The gang expert said the GT symbol is used by Ghost Town members. Police claim they

DEL MAR

## Is density destiny? Or can pretty cities stop state mandate?

The Del Mar City Council voted unanimously on Monday to support an initiative that would give the city more control over some issues they've been grappling with — such as where

"Zoning is not one size fits all," said Del Mar deputy mayor Tracy Martinez, who proposed the resolution.

found rap lyrics on Ornelas' phone, in which he spoke about his gang moniker, saying that he goes by "Damage" because he inflicts damage on his enemies.

The Sheriff's gang expert said that Varrio San Marcos has about 62 documented gang members, and that they claim the entire city of San Marcos. They call themselves VSM for Varrio San Marcos, and GT for Ghost Town, and SMGT and 1913. The founders of VSM in the 1970s called it Ghost Town or 720, because there was not much there at the time. Then in 2004, a shot caller created a subset gang called the Wolfpack, or SMWP, or 2316. Driver Espinoza is alleged to be part of Wolfpack.

Both Nelson and Ornelas have prior felony convictions, with gang allegations. Their next court date is January 25, 2022, to set a date for trial.

EVA KNOTT

to put 113 low-income housing units. Oceanside, Encinitas, San Marcos and other cities have already signed on to the "Brand-Huang-Mendoza Tripartisan Land Use Initiative," a measure filed last summer that will require 1 million signatures in order to qualify for the



Here comes the neighborhood!

ballot next November. Its goal: amend the state constitution to override state laws that conflict with local land-use and zoning regulations. "Zoning is not one size fits all," said Del Mar deputy mayor Tracy Martinez, who

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Crane in vain? Don't ask Amtrak!

## Amtrak in absentia

Train brains would do well to keep track of tracks

As the failing bluffs at Del Mar play havoc with passenger and freight rail service, officials of taxpayer-subsidized Amtrak, otherwise known as the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, have been chronic no-shows at discussions to fix the problem. "Since 2018, at least six bluff failures have occurred in the Del Mar Bluffs area just north of San Diego, California, resulting in temporary closures on the railroad tracks that traverse the area and speed restrictions on Amtrak's high-volume Pacific Surfliner route 1." That's per a December 6 memo from Assistant Inspector General Jim Morrison to Amtrak executive vice president and chief operations officer Scot Naparstek calling out Amtrak's lack of engagement during the crisis. "The most recent failure occurred in February 2021, when a 60-foot seawall collapsed at the base of 1.7-mile-long section of the tracks that run along the bluffs. Also, in late September 2021, coastal erosion and high tides caused the railroad tracks near San Clemente, California to shift 14 inches, leading to a 3-week partial shut-down of the Pacific Surfliner."

Yet despite the burgeoning crisis and threats to future service, Amtrak officials have remained above the fray, and have not "engaged in broader forums to discuss...the conditions and work along the bluffs. For example, after a major bluff slide in late 2019, the California State Transportation Agency organized a year-long effort to examine short- and long-term bluff stabilization issues that included more than 70 participants." Amtrak, "the largest passenger operator on the bluffs," the report says, "did not participate. A follow-on study began in the summer of 2020 to analyze alternative route alignments, compare the benefits and costs in

terms of safety, ridership, and speed, and assess impacts on service plans. Amtrak, according to the audit, "is not participating in these discussions either, although any decisions to realign the route could affect the company's service plans and its revenue/ridership."

Notes the document, "Because the company has not been actively participating in ongoing working groups or discussions with stakeholders about these and other issues along the Pacific Surfliner route, it may not be receiving the most current information on the conditions, mitigation plans, and short- and long-term actions under consideration. Without current information on these efforts, the company may not be well-positioned to determine when circumstances warrant additional company actions."

In a December 2, 2021, response to the audit's preliminary findings, Amtrak chief Scot Naparstek pledged a change of course. "Effective immediately, the Executive Vice President/Chief Operations Officer has mandated that an Amtrak representative from the Operations Department will participate in ongoing discussions with stakeholders about evolving coastal conditions, short and long-term remediation efforts, and potential realignment of the Pacific Surfliner route. Amtrak is confident that the measures outlined here," the memo continued, "address the [Inspector General's] considerations and support Amtrak's proactive risk management strategy."

Matt Potter



# UNDER THE RADAR

**Dia de los politicos** Facing a big-money 2022 reelection challenge from termed-out state senator **Ben Hueso**, Board of Equalization member **Mike Schaefer**, a fellow Democrat, has taken to the *Union-Tribune's* paid obituary section to tout his liberal *bona fides*. "She was a hero to women across our nation as the brilliant lawyer who successfully argued the landmark reproductive rights case *Roe v. Wade* before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1971 & 1972," says a January 9 obituary dedicated to Texas lawyer **Sarah Weddington**, who died December 26.

While most *U-T* death notices typically detail the number of great-grandchildren left behind by the deceased or their favorite sports teams, Schaeffer's Weddington tribute reads, "I escorted Sarah to a Planned Parenthood celebration in her honor in San Diego and took her to visit the AIDS quilt exhibit in Balboa Park. We explored Tijuana together, our neighboring city to the south, which she enjoyed immensely." A photo of a smiling Weddington with Schaeffer is featured. The most recently available campaign money tallies on file with the state Secretary of State's office show Schaeffer's reelection committee ended the first half of last year with \$100,750, all of which came out of his pocket. Challenger Hueso posted a total of \$37,387, after raising \$54,700 during the first half. Donors included Anthem Blue Cross (\$2000), Encore Capital Group (\$1000), the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians (\$3000), and the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (\$4000). Second-half givers to Hueso's campaign have included the Los Angeles Police Protective League PAC, with \$5000 on August 30...More bad news for UCSD, which



Mike Schaefer makes political hay with his send-away.

potentially embarrassing public stock offering. "With the \$300 million financing from Nant Capital combined with the equity raised over the last nine months, we have made the decision to pause the At-the-Market offering, and we are well-positioned to further accelerate development of our oncology and covid-19 trials," ImmunityBio's chief executive **Richard Adcock** said in a January 10 *LA Business Journal* dispatch. Having a 78.8% stake in the company, the publication notes, Soon-Shiong "is the most impacted by any significant

movement in ImmunityBio's share price." The stock's price bumped up the first week of January with the announcement that ImmunityBio had finished setting up a deal with Emeryville-based biotech Amyris Inc. to get into the potentially lucrative business of making a covid-19 vaccine. But all has not gone according to plan for another high-profile covid-related Soon-Shiong venture. Back in 2020, the super-rich biotech magnate

bought the 7.5-acre St. Vincent Medical Center in L.A.'s Westlake district out of bankruptcy for \$135 million. According to an April 16, 2020, news release from seller Verity Health System, Soon-Shiong was to "assume the lease between Verity Health and the State of California, which allows the State to utilize the main campus to provide services related to the SARS-CoV-2 virus and related infectious disease ("COVID-19") pandemic. Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong will also use the other buildings on the St. Vincent campus to conduct critical COVID-19 research." Soon-Shiong personally entered the transaction after state Attorney General **Xavier Becerra** objected to a previously set sale to a Soon-Shiong-run non-profit. (Becerra com-



Richard Adcock, the lucky CEO who gets taken care of by his shareholder!

plained the arrangement would be tainted by conflict of interest because a Soon-Shiong profit-making company was a creditor in bankruptcy, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.) But per the *LA Business Journal's* account, under Soon-Shiong's stewardship, the property's status has since been in limbo. "In November 2020, Soon-Shiong quietly turned over the campus to Chicago-based real estate giant Jones Lang LaSalle Inc. to 'reposition' the facility. A spokesman with the Los Angeles office of Jones Lang LaSalle said there had been no significant developments, leases, or other announcements to report in the repositioning process. And a spokesman for Soon-Shiong's Nant Capital did not return calls and emails seeking comment."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

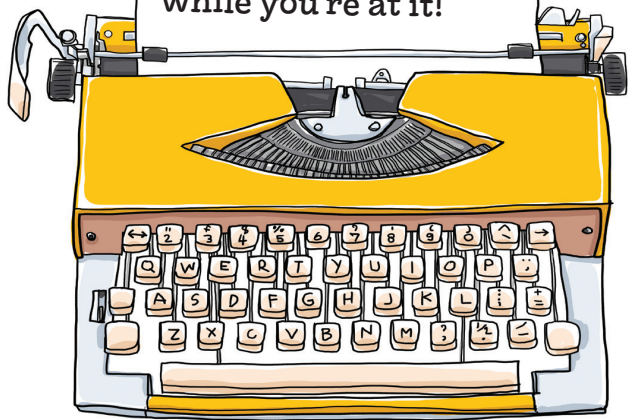
## Covid mogul on the make

Deep-pocketed *Union-Tribune* owner **Patrick Soon-Shiong's** Nant Capital has "loaned" \$300 million of his sizable fortune to his Los Angeles-based ImmunityBio venture, side-stepping a

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### Stacking and packing in Encinitas

This article states that Encinitas supports the Our Neighborhood Voices local control initiative ("Del Mar throws support to California housing initiative," Neighborhood News, January 11). This is far flung from the truth.

In fact, Mayor Catherine Blakespear, who's running for the district 38 Senate seat (which includes ALL of our coastal beach cities and some of OC), didn't defend our city when asked to from residential single zoning killer SB9. Instead, she evoked its use before it became law on January 1st.

Mayor Blakespear believes in stack and pack and that density is good for climate change. The journalist who penned this story should walk back their statement immediately. Not a single one of our 5 district representatives, including Catherine Blakespear have publicly supported the initiative. They are supported by and beholden to the Building Industry Association. Encinitas City Council doesn't believe in local control. In fact, Mayor Blakespear sued her residents to have our local control initiative Prop A invalidated. The citizens of Encinitas voted it into law to prevent zoning changes. She lost, the judge citing her actions as unconstitutional.

Cindy Cremona  
Encinitas

*Sheila Pell responds:*

That came from the Del Mar report: "In order to protect the rights of local cities and counties, including Del Mar, to best determine zoning and affordable housing

strategies for their communities, we recommend that the Del Mar City Council join the cities of Torrance, Oceanside, Encinitas, San Marcos, and others, and adopt the attached Resolution in support of the Initiative." Encinitas has not taken a position on that initiative at this point, according to Patrick Piatt, Senior Management Analyst, City Manager's Office.

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

**"Amtrak is flying blind on crumbling Del Mar bluffs, auditor finds"**  
News Ticker  
January 14

Amtrak's 21st Century Management Handbook Update (see 20th Century Handbook -- no changes.): If we don't go to informational meetings about the status of eroding earth along cliffside Del Mar railroad tracks, we won't have to acknowledge formally that there's a big problem for all passenger train operations on the entire West Coast or that San Diego train connection to the rest of the state is frequently severed at short notice for long periods.

—monaghan

**"Cathedral City, an artsy desert town you shouldn't ignore"**

Architecture & Art

January 16

Simeon Den emailed me today with this update: "Unfortunately, due to the Omicron uptrend and not unlike many other public events, we are having to postpone the open house."

—David Batterson

**"The secret origin of Steve Poltz's One Left Shoe"**

Blurt Music News

January 13

'Poltz' dated a friend of a friend for a bit. She was too young and cute for him, but he 'suffered' through it for a few months. Saw him perform with Jewel, and they had good chemistry and it was a good show. Always figured he was a human-being.

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proposed the resolution along with Councilmember Terry Gaasterland. Over 244 cities have already supported the initiative, including the city of Los Angeles, Martinez said. The petition has received \$200,000 from the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, along with funding from the group Our Neighborhood Voices.

At the center of the fight over local zoning are two new state laws, SB 9 and 10, which tackle the housing shortage by allowing more units per lot. Far too many, as their opponents see it; up to six, counting the existing home. Those opponents regard the new laws as the death of single-family zoning, measures that will draw investors and developers who (they say) will turn entire residential neighborhoods into apartment zones. SB 9, for instance, would allow up to four new units as well as a granny flat on most single-family properties. Additional parking would not be required, since the measures would encourage that units be built near transit lines and job centers by imposing fewer zoning limitations.

The new laws don't mandate any affordable housing, but cities are already supposed to be building their fair share to meet regional housing needs. Del Mar added just one affordable unit in its previous housing cycle (2013-2020). Its current 6th Cycle Housing Element has not yet been certified by the state. Right now, plans for where to put such housing target the state-owned fairgrounds. But that land would hold only about half of the 113 units the San Diego Association of Governments determined is Del Mar's fair share; the rest would go in downtown Del Mar.

Mayor Worden said the city has been through a long, grueling process trying to bring the housing element into compliance with state law, "putting ADUs in various places." Now, in addition, the city must reckon with SB 9 and 10, which would allow four units where there used to be 2, he said. "I'd rather live with the mistakes we make than mistakes made by the state," he concluded.

Housing isn't the only issue when it comes to questions of community control, however. The city is also struggling to assert its local coastal plan, which centers on adaptation measures that don't involve the Coastal Commission's managed retreat — read: moving houses away from the rising sea. It, too, remains uncertified by the state. Trains, on the other hand, they do want to see moved inland, miles from the eroding bluffs; it's another topic involving complicated jurisdiction. Neither will be helped by the citizens' initiative, which doesn't cover every local issue. State law would prevail in three areas of statewide importance: coastal zones, power plant sites, and infrastructure projects.

SHEILA PELL

## WET LANDS

### Flood buds

#### River rescue team rides when the waters rise

In December, San Diego accumulated 2.58 inches of rain at the San Diego International Airport, almost an inch more than our city's 1.6-inch December average. "Widespread heavy rainfall and mountain snow is forecast this week, with the heaviest precipitation occurring Wednesday [December 29] afternoon through Thursday [December 30] morning," warned the US National Weather Service San Diego.

In preparation, locals retrieved complimentary sandbags from the County of San Diego or CAL FIRE, then lined the flood-prone areas of their properties and surrounding streets and sidewalks. Those San Diegans who were headed towards Mount Palomar and Mount Laguna, which received more than two inches of rain and snow, were wise to follow CAL FIRE's advice: "Be winter driving ready... Even the safest driver can still end up in an accident." Local auto racers took precautions by removing cold air intakes, which sit low to the asphalt and are notorious for sucking floodwater into the engine's cylinders,

in La Jolla, at 3:21 pm, a report read: "Storm drain clogged preventing access to school parking lot prevent parents and staff from entering or leaving."

But most flooding reports that Tuesday came in from Mission Valley and Fashion Valley — as commuters by the carload (boatload?) trekked in for holiday shopping. At about 8 am, The River Rescue Team collected a motorist on Avenida Del Rio "with a high directional off their bumper for a one-point boat rescue." (The River Rescue Team is a subsidiary of San Diego Fire-Rescue, established in 1978 to "respond to emergencies created by flooding due to heavy rain. It is the task of the team to rescue people or property threatened, surrounded or entrapped by stationary or moving water.") At about 1:30 pm, the River Rescue Team aided a man and a woman who had jumped into the San Diego



There are some things a Camry can't do.

traffic, the driver of a black Toyota Camry driver proceeded anyway. Then the car conked out. Eventually, lifeguards pulled up in a yellow boat and rescued the Camry driver.

That same day, a San Diego State University student captured video footage of a driver driving a black Camry through a flooded street "in Mission Valley" and posted it to the *DaygoTV* Instagram account. "Oh shit, it got stuck," says the person filming. Felipe M. from El Cajon explained that it was "because of how fast he/she was driving the Camry. The water got all up in the engine. The water probably got in the air filter and throttle body, and then killed the engine — hydrolock. Also, if your coil gets wet, it'll start misfiring, and that'll shut the engine off, too. And lastly, if the connector to the crank sensor gets wet, that's not good." Felipe races a VW Bug in the annual Baja 1000 races, where he sometimes has to drive through deep water and mud. "Thing is, when we race, we just drive slow in the deep waters."

MIKE MADRAGA  
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## "Pacific Highway and A St. flood badly every time it rains. This is true even after your team spent months redesigning the street."

causing the engines to seize, or hydrolock.

Happily, the rain wasn't as heavy as it might have been, and flooding receded. But San Diegans had good reason to take the precautions they did, as two weeks prior, on December 14, over 70 "Streets Flooded" reports had been made on the city's Get It Done app. "STREET FLOODED TRASH-CANS FLOATING IN MIDDLE STREET" reported someone by Mission Gorge Road. "Pacific Highway and A St. flood badly every time it rains. This is true even after your team spent months redesigning the street," read a report made at 2:31 pm, followed up with a photo depicting a black SUV driving through water that reached the top of its wheels. Up

River by Murphy Canyon Road and the I-15 to try and save their dog from the rapidly streaming water. "They were in that water, which was 52 degrees," said Chris Babler, the Battalion Chief of San Diego Fire-Rescue, in a CBS News 8 interview. "Both victims are being treated for hypothermia."

Usually, barricades are posted to block traffic from accessing flooded roads throughout Mission Valley and Fashion Valley during this time of the year. But while Rancho Mission Road by 24 Hour Fitness and the trolley platform in East Mission Valley appeared blocked from



"Pacific Highway and A St. flood badly every time it rains."



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## UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

San Diego County is a big place. With a population of nearly 3.3 million people, the head count here is higher than in 21 entire states. But again: it's a big place, covering 4526 square miles. That's more land than Delaware and Rhode Island combined.

Sure, we've got our city centers surrounded by densely-packed suburbs. And wealthy inland enclaves like Rancho Santa Fe might even give you a homesite with several acres of land upon



Why install a pile of rocks? To build a bridge over them, of course!

which to spread out. But there's still plenty of barren wilderness — back country where you won't see a neighbor for days unless you're look-

ing for them. Let's head out east, and explore a massive compound where you and perhaps a few dozen friends can hunker down and await the

apocalypse undisturbed.

"Historic Rancho Jamul," the Zillow listing for the 120-acre estate at 17426 Campo Road opens, was "established

in the mid-19th century, the headquarters for a once sprawling cattle and equine operation spreading far east and north." We're promised "beautifully expansive, usable land encompassing a functionally versatile ranching retreat." Sounds nice, doesn't it?

The first photo on our tour shows a nicely-trimmed lawn and a whole bunch of palm trees in front of a house with quite a few garage bays. Let's assume this is the "impressive 6000+/-sf rambling, main adobe ranch-house with outdoor pool and entertaining space." It certainly doesn't look like it was built in 1860 as reported in the listing (public records offer no help confirming or denying this build date), but it's appealing, nonetheless.

We're also told there are two more "secondary residences" in addition to a "caretakers home, several barns and outbuildings, two water wells and acreage ideal for a variety of uses and activities."

An aerial shot shows us a tropically-landscaped compound of buildings, and another shows us just how alone we'd be when living here — there's nothing else in sight aside from the tree-lined drive to our gated entryway. A foliage canopy completely covers the path leading from a wrought-iron gate to what I assume is the main entrance. At least, it's the entrance I would bring friends through on their first visit, just to impress them.

We've got a proper entry foyer, then a big living room with the sort

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## San Diego's brush with fame

### Kemp and the Fugitive

Fotomat also gave Graham a political base. One of the first beneficiaries was Jack Kemp. On May 23, 1968, the *San Diego Union* reported that Kemp had "joined Fotomat Corp., La Jolla, as assistant to the president, Clifford C. Graham." It went on to say that "Kemp will assist a national sales program by assembling groups to purchase blocks of Fotomat franchises, such as one which recently bought Oakland area franchises for 30 small drive-thru photo stores." **OCT. 24, 1996**

### San Diego's Least Remembered Man

A couple of years ago, in the La Jolla International House of Pancakes, after months of studying history-book photos of the compact, sad-faced soldier, I came face-to-face with an in-the-flesh, near likeness of the great General U.S. Grant, a blue-eyed man in his 70s, Grant King, a retired architect living in La Jolla. Grandson of Buck, great-grandson of the general (the source of his given name), Grant King is one of the fiercest Grant defenders. **JULY 2, 1998**

### Look for the Soap with the Peace Plan on the Label

"I want to buy that house," he shouted. "I want to buy it and make it a shrine for

the All-One-God-Faith. Go to Modesto. Chuck! Find it!" Bronner didn't wait for me to reply. "And there's some other things that should go in your article that are more important than anything about Bronner. I don't have much time.... But there are six of my inventions that need patent protection. Help me get it, Chuck!"

**NOV. 2, 1978**

### Wyatt Earp Was Here

He always preferred arresting gun-wielding cowboys without drawing his pistol, because he knew that that was an insult to them. Most of these guys fancied themselves infamous gunmen, vicious killers, and to be arrested without a struggle, without so much as even having a gun



Fotomat kiosks were staffed by young women, called "Fotomates," dressed in hot pants, a gimmick patterned after the stewardesses of another San Diego start-up, Pacific Southwest Airlines.

trained on them, was something they would have to live down for a long time to come. Earp understood that, and he wanted to insult them because he believed they were cowards. **FEB. 6, 1986**

### San Diegans Who Were Famous For A Very Short Time

As a result of the ensuing national publicity about Beard and her memo, the

Republican convention was yanked out of San Diego, forever dashing Jim Copley's dream of hosting pal Richard Nixon in his lucky city. "From then on, I was basically persona non grata and spent a few more months at the paper," says Cox. "I had very little if anything printed and finally left with my middle finger raised high at the managing editor over some issue." **MAR. 7, 1991**

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# UNREAL ESTATE

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of rock-lined fireplace you'd expect to find in a mid-century home about 60 or so years old, which is when I'm guessing the current residence was built. The white carpet does not seem like it would lend itself to ranch living, however. Moving on, there's a dining room that at first I thought was part of the kitchen, outfitted with a brick wall and a fireplace. Add the big wooden table with lazy Susan and you've definitely got a "ranch house" vibe going on. The *real* kitchen is through a passageway off to the side. While it's had a recent remodel, it's not as opulent as some of the kitchens we're used to seeing in this column – but is that a pizza oven built into one wall below the microwave and wall oven? Yes, please. We then get another dining room that's even bigger than the kitchen-adjacent one, another living area with brick walls, exposed-beam ceilings, and (by my count) the third fireplace we've seen so far, plus a bar/pub with a more modern feel than much of the house.

The bedrooms are fine, really. The main suite has an extensive hallway wardrobe leading to a large bath with a soaking tub and a couple of nooks that we're going to assume are hiding a shower and toilet. The rest of the interior photos are of rooms that look like they could be in my house, except much larger.



It's easy to love your neighbor when he's nowhere in sight.

Now we're getting back outside to the pool area, and I am returning to being impressed. A little non-functional bridge over a pile of rocks that appear to have been placed there solely for the purpose of building a bridge over them leads us to the massive black-bottomed pool and a covered patio that houses another fireplace, a bar, a TV, and an outdoor kitchen. I can't tell if the other building here is a pool house or one of the secondary residences, but whatever it is, this would make an excellent gathering space and, with no discernible neighbors aside from the ones co-occupying your compound, there's no risk of a noise disturbance.

We're next presented with a handful of photos of some of the other houses, which look simultaneously more modern and less opulent than the main residence. One of them features another pleasant loggia with what's now the fifth fireplace we've seen, but it's unclear how many bedrooms and baths each contains. Will you need ten friends to help you occupy this property? Thirty? All we know is that it's a large number.

The last pictures are of a pair of barns; these

are the only structures I believe could actually be more than 100 years old. Maybe you could house some horses there — or maybe you're scared they could fall down at any moment. I'm not sure which is the correct call here. There are also some more aerial shots of empty fields just waiting to be plowed and planted, or torn up to build a monster truck course, or to have done to them whatever a very wealthy person with a large plot of land wishes to do. We're told the ranch is "surrounded by an Ecological Preserve & Wildlife Aera totaling thousands of acres assuring continued privacy and endless recreational opportunities," so let's assume the possibilities are pretty wide open.

Public records list a Lawrence Daley as owner of the ranch. Daley died in 2002, but not before he and his wife Barbara dedicated another 597 acres of their land to create the Lawrence and Barbara Daley Preserve near the property. Rancho Jamul was listed for sale in early December, the first time it's recorded to have been offered to the public. The list price, which seeks offers between \$5,999,000 and \$6,299,000, remains unchanged to date. ■

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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### HILLCREST

#### Sailor Shangaied by Russian

But not the way you think

Continuing my research into the history of my home's original owners: the 1950 census won't be released until 2025, so it was impossible to follow the census trail forward any further. I figured the only more current record I would find on our couple was their death dates, which I figured would also get me their birth dates. Harry, who had been born in Missouri, lived from 1879 to 1954; Keria lived from 1889 to 1965. Both are buried at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in Point Loma, which makes sense, given that Harry was a Navy veteran.

Death information can be easily attained online through the free resource *Findagrave.com*. The site even contained photos of the couple's gravesites, and from those, I discovered that "Keria" was short for "Glikeria". Just like that, her name had gone from something unusual for its time period to *what the heck country did she come from?* It seemed that Harry L. Rogers, who had about as American a name as one could have 100-150 years ago, likely married an immigrant.

Armed with their birth and death years, I set out to see what else I could dig up on Harry and Glikeria. Even though there was no family tree on *Ancestry.com* that claimed them (no major surprise there), the document floodgates soon opened up. I found their 1915 marriage certificate, applied for in Shanghai, China, where Harry was obviously stationed. Besides the surprising residence, I learned that Glikeria's full maiden name was Glikeria Dmitrieva Hastchina. A 27-year-old bride to be, she had been born in Kharkof (Toms Province), Russia, and, according to a Wikipedia entry, seemed to fit the description of an early "Shanghai Russian". Wikipedia defines this group

as a Russian diaspora that flourished in Shanghai, China, between WWI and WWII. Clearly, Harry Llewellyn (as I now had his middle name) Rogers had done some round-the-world traveling as a sailor, and must have met his fiancée in China. But how did Glikeria and Harry communicate? In English? In Russian? In some



Join the Navy. See the world. Maybe marry a Russian in China and bring her home to San Diego.

form of Mandarin? That was something I knew I'd never discern about their early years together.

When it came to digging through documents on *Ancestry.com*, though, the best

news was that the couple did some serious overseas traveling after getting married, and that meant passports. And passports meant photos! Their subtly smiling faces adorned both their passport applications from 1917, when they were heading from Manila to the United States. Glikeria wore an undoubtedly home-made, European, checker-board-design blouse in her photo, while Harry donned his bright white lab coat in his. It was fortuitous that photos were included, because they had not become a regular fixture in passports until 1914. I was beyond excited to see what the pair looked like, because I had already been drawing a detailed mental image of them going through their daily routines in the rooms of our old house some 80+ years ago. I imagined Glikeria calling out in her Russian accent: "Harry, would you please shut the front door? There's a draft in here!"

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## Shirtless

"Attention!"

It's midnight on Friday. A shirtless, tattooed guy jumps up onto the counter at Danny's, the Coronado bar in which Navy Seals and other special ops types like to gather to let off steam. "Tops off! Two minutes! You've got two minutes! All who don't are pussies!" Owner Mae Sue and her assistant Rachel nod approval. And the guys need her approval, because she just may be the toughest bar owner of them all. She can stare you down or bark at you or get you ejected like none other. So if she gives the nod to something, it's Let's Go!

Now this unofficial Shore Patrol is moving among the male imbibers. "Shirt off, pussy!"

"No way," says my buddy Frank. He's tough, but has a beer belly (like me) that he's suddenly aware of. "Among these hardbodies? I don't think so."

Me too. It's amazing how naked you feel when you have to go shirt-off in front of a scrum of super-fit guys. But also kinda liberating. I'm sure, once you've done it.

"Off! Off! Off!"

It strikes me: this is the ultimate in male bonding — along with the drinking and doing stressful activities like combat or base-jumping, of which these alpha types are the prime practitioners. Still, I'm a little reticent. I blame that hippy skinny-dipping episode when I was 20. By the time I actually got to do it, everybody else was in, out, dried, and dressed. Suddenly, I was the odd man out. Or the time when I went swimming in a crater lake and was so frozen when I got out I could hardly shake my UPs back on afterwards. Everyone had left. It was a lonely trip down that mountain.

"Off! Off! Shirts off if you're man enough!" The voice snaps me back to now, to Danny's, to tonight. Already, dozens of guys are milling around bare-chested, exposing wild tattoos with skulls, wings, and words you've gotta be tough to carry off, specially when they're inked

on your chest. They're knocking back shots, bumping biceps, doing lots of "Oorahs!" and belly laughs, cheering when someone tries to chug a pint down in one.

"Think I'll pass, too," I tell Erik. Then I immediately regret it. A chance to go tribal with the legendary top guns of special forces? Damn! Especially when this portly 50-something-year-old guy takes his shirt off and looks just fine chatting and sipping his beer. NBD! No Big Deal!

But too late now. Bunch of guys standing at the bar with some of their girlfriends belt out with Toby Keith on the juke box, "I love this bar!" Then a couple of them look up and lift their glasses. Above them, the photo gallery of their buddies who didn't make it back from wars in places like Afghanistan look down. You suddenly feel like stopping everything out of respect.

And then you feel like: no, this is what they would want. These guys bonding are doing it for them. I look up again. In some weird way, they look as though they approve.

## Love in Little Haiti

San Diego's active Haitian Pastor Johny (sic) Oxeda has a new weapon: his food truck. He uses it to reach out to his flock, to give them a taste of home. Also, to spread Haitian culture to others — and yes, to make money. Just now, it's seven at night. We're in a shadowy cul de sac in City Heights, and his food truck is blasting French-peppered Creole music. "French is our official language," Pastor Johny says while he waits for customers. The Haitian Caribbean Kitchen truck is covered in pictures of grilled sandwiches that look like empanadas, or dishes of "Fritay chicken," or Caribbean spaghetti.

The reverend and his wife and family have just started this food truck business, slinging everything Haitian, from "griot and pikliz" (pork cubes with pickled shredded vegetables)

to "fritay chicken (fritters) and tasso ham." But it's not just food. Pastor Oxeda wants us all to know about Haiti, too. "I come from the first free Black Country," he says. "The slaves revolted and won. You had your revolution in 1776. We had our revolution in 1791." What started as the largest slave uprising since Spartacus turned the French slave colony into the republic of Haiti, which, despite its prob-

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lems, remains a beacon of black-ruled independence to this day. Still, Pastor Oxeda says times in the country of his birth are really, really tough. He had to leave because of death threats. "Life was never easy like it is here. We didn't grow up with electricity. We didn't grow up with food. We didn't grow up with nice clothes, clean water, good education. Being born in Haiti makes me value what I have now, and I teach people how many blessings they have, to be born and raised in a country like this. I have never been into drugs, alcohol, I've never been in any trouble, because where I come from, when you make a mistake, you get killed. If you steal stuff, they kill you. If you're in drugs, you're killed. People die for whatever reason, for whatever small mistake they make. So I thank my country. At least, with those choices, it forced me to be a better person." At an early age, his mom passed. "I had to survive alone, to be independent. But by the grace of the Lord, He has always helped

father, mother, but one of the best strengths I have now is that I live here, in a safe country, a lovely country, where people respect you for who you are, and which gives us a lot of great opportunity. That's something I'm really happy about."

We talk into the night, until Pastor Oxeda's first customer walks into the pool of light.

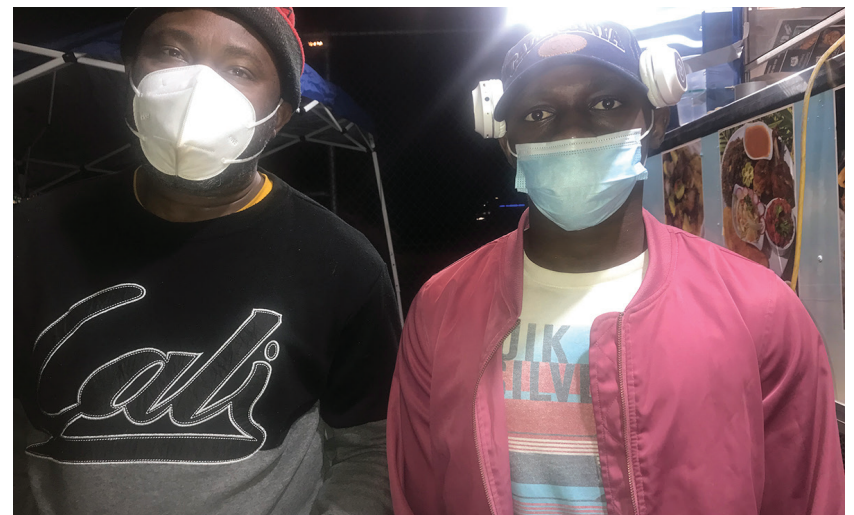
"Hello, sir. How are you?"

"Do you have tacos?"

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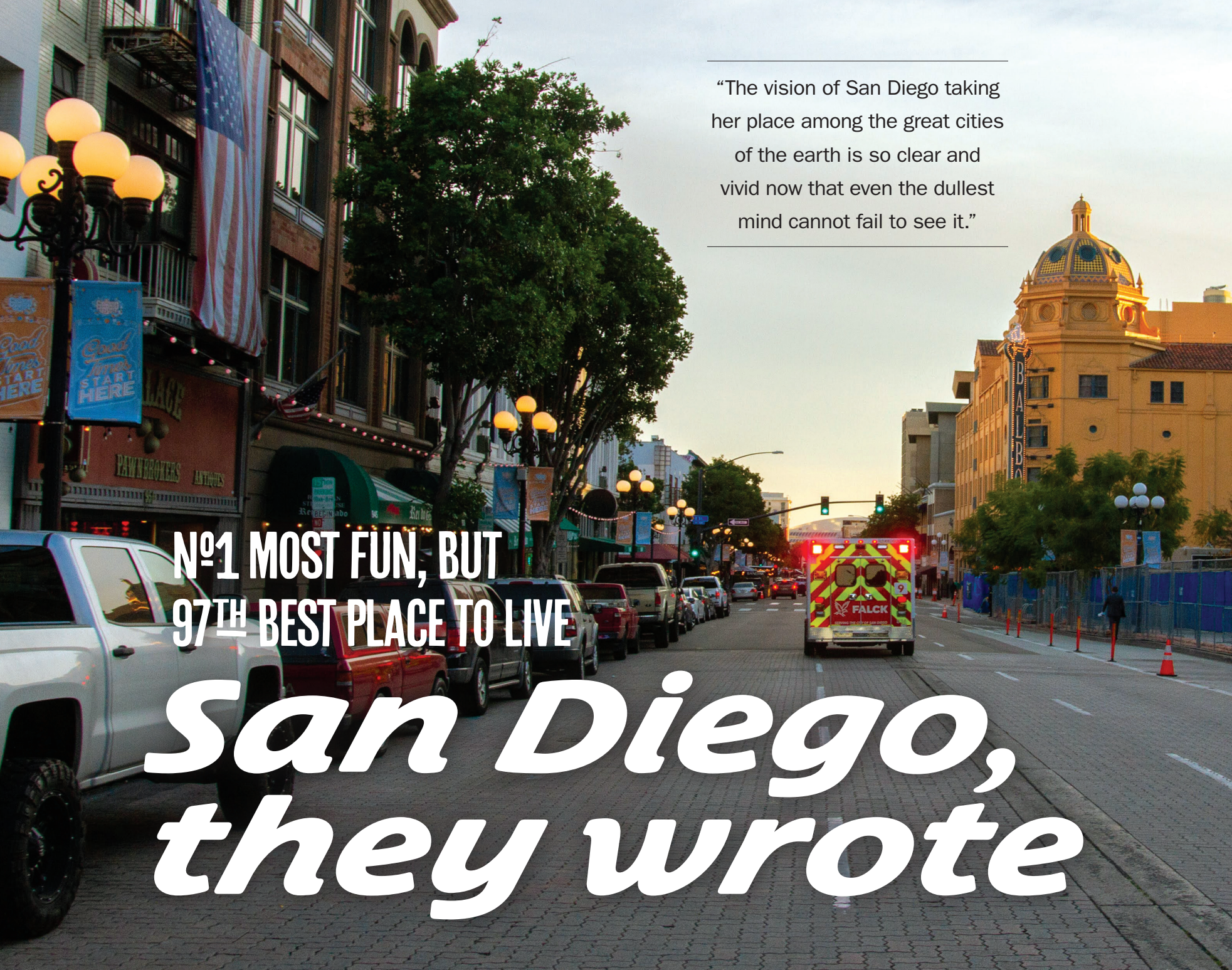
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# *San Diego, they wrote*

The Marina District is one of San Diego’s more prestigious addresses. Once consisting mostly of warehouses and vacant lots, the 343-acre area on the west side of Downtown is now a cluster of apartments, high-rise condos and townhomes. The District is credited with igniting the revitalization of the Gaslamp Quarter by bringing the crucial residential element to the city’s center, beginning in 1982 with the Marina Park and Park Row condominiums. According to the San Diego Condo Mania website, the average price of a Marina District condo (as of December 2021) was \$2,173,130, with an average price per square foot of \$1,813.

But despite the prestige and price, according to a September 2021

story on the *News Break* website, which bills itself as “The Nation’s #1 Intelligent Local News App,” the Marina District is one of San Diego’s five most dangerous places to live. “It’s one of San Diego’s most expensive areas,” the article states. “Don’t be fooled though; it’s also among the most dangerous neighborhoods in San Diego, with a crime rate of 556% greater than the San Diego average. Any resident in Marina has a 1 in 9 chance of becoming a crime victim, so it’s advised to avoid exploring the area alone or moving in the area if you’re a family with kids.” Little Italy, the reborn Italian-American community now known for its high-end restaurants and elegant pedestrian mall, fared no better in the *News Break* story: “Police patrols are rare, while property crime and thefts occur frequently, especially



around public transit areas. And although the crime rate has been on the decline over the past few years, it's still deemed an unsafe area for families, women, and solo travelers." The *top* danger zone in San Diego, the article maintains, is East Village: "Heroin addicts and drug-addicted people fill up this neighborhood, often living on the streets. Petty crimes and muggings often take place as well." Also on the list are Horton Plaza ("Exploring the neighborhood alone, especially at night times, is deemed greatly unsafe") and Kearny Mesa ("a vast majority of Kearny Mesa's crime is in petty thefts and muggings, which mainly occur in public means of transport").

The USA ESTA Online website, run by a privately owned service provider specializing in Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) applications, also published a story on dangerous San Diego neighborhoods in July 2020. The writing appeared to be generated by a computer, or by someone using bad translation software. At the top of this list: Kearny Mesa. "This neighborhood of 3,664 people has a vast majority of its crime in petty thefts," the website said. "Bus transits and other public means of transport are thus not safe." East Village, according to the website, is filled with "heroin addicts and drug-addled homeless.... Strangely enough, there are tons of police patrolling this neighborhood regularly. This neighborhood is not a safe one for walks or bike journeys, especially at night times.... Females and visitors are encouraged to travel lighter, in terms of cash handling.

This is to avoid being mugged. Residents are doubtful about the safety of public commutes or hotels." And Oak Park, the website said, "has a slight gang situation and car stealing fetish.... Going around Oak Park gets sketchy, so walking or strolling should quit at daylight hours. Preferably, female solo travelers would need to be escorted at nights through these seedy areas."

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Ah, San Diego! For years, our humble burg received precious little media coverage, and most of what was written consisted of fawning travel stories that pegged San Diego as a hidden gem just waiting to be discovered. In a 1925 cover story for the *Los Angeles Times Sunday Magazine*, John Steven McGroarty wrote, "It is a strange thing, indeed, that the world has been so slow to find its way to San Diego. It has always been a wonder to us – this strange thing. A spot so surpassingly alluring in its beauty, so glamorous with romance, and that was ever so potential in its commercial position of strategic mastery. But, the world has a way of learning at last. And now it is making a pathway to San Diego's door – to its *puerta del sol*, the doorway of the sun.... The vision of San Diego taking her place among the great cities of the earth is so clear and vivid now that even the dullest mind cannot fail to see it."

Nearly 20 years later, World War II brought San Diego into the national spotlight for its military presence. Famed war correspondent Ernie Pyle wrote in 1942, "You can't help but feel war when you are in San Diego.... The streets are

jammed with soldiers, sailors and Marines. In some ways it is like a college town.... Since I was here last spring, more housing projects have gone up [and] vast new trailer camps for the workers have been established.... This is a city living on war. It will be a chaotic day here when the war ends and all this terrific war structure begins to crumble. Unfortunately, it probably never can crumble clear back to the good old sleepy San Diego of ten years ago." A year later, in his syndicated column, H.R. Baukhage mentioned "that fabulous city of San Diego, once a pleasant, sleepy town which seemed to move lazily with the pelicans that flew over the bay or the whispering palms. The pelicans have been replaced by planes and it's a 24-hour town, with a 336 percent increase in the use of its busses and trolley cars." But when the war ended, so did the media attention, and the mentions that San Diego did get consisted mostly of snide comments about a sleepy Navy town living in the shadow of Los Angeles.

In 1967, *Los Angeles Times* sports columnist John Hall marveled over San Diego's new football stadium in Mission Valley, which he called "the newest and perhaps plushest joint of them all." "San Diego, that sleepy place where they have the zoo and where all they used to do was sail around and lie around in the sun, may have at last outdone us city slickers." A *Chicago Tribune* travel story from 1971 talked up San Diego as a "pleasant place in which to live," but also noted that historically, the city "became a place where old sailors



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faded away and good admirals went to retire.” Then-Mayor Pete Wilson tried to lift the city’s national profile in 1972 when, shortly after the city lost out on hosting the Republican National Convention, he coined the nickname, “America’s Finest City.” But few outside San Diego even noticed. In a 1972 article on President Nixon’s groundbreaking visit to China, the *New York Times* referred to San Diego as a “palisade of palm trees and political conservatism.” Three years later, the *Honolulu Star-Telegram* wrote an article about a new World Team Tennis franchise in “San Diego, the Navy town.”

A rare exception was a story on San Diego and its many recreational opportunities that was published in the December 1978 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, in which the author branded San Diego “Sports Town, USA.” But some of his passages are a little hyperbolic, if not downright laughable. He wrote of “the streams of people who pour out of City Hall and downtown offices at noontime and hoof it to nearby Balboa Park for



A News Break story deemed Little Italy an unsafe area for families, women, and solo travelers.

group jogging sessions; judges and lawyers over there, secretaries to the left, dentists to the right.” At Mission Bay, the writer observed, “along with countless swimmers, sail surfers, water skiers and jet skiers, the waters were brimming with an armada of pleasure craft: kayaks, sloops, sculls, cabin cruisers, pontoon barges, paddle boats, catboats, catamarans, hydroplanes, hydrofoils — you name it,

it was afloat and moving. Ashore, scattered across 27 miles of bayfront that meanders around a maze of coves, peninsulas and islands, park-goers were bicycling, skateboarding, fishing, practicing karate, sailing Frisbees, batting whiffleballs and playing badminton, volleyball, kickball and touch football. And everywhere there were joggers, including one fast-stepping woman towing a tot on

roller skates.” The author also noted that “on a back road leading to the University of California, San Diego, one can see regally attired equestrians on one side, while on the other, motorcycles, dune buggies and comical all-terrain vehicles skitter across the hills like jack-rabbits.” (We have no idea to which “back road” he is referring.)

Only with the rise of the Internet — and the

proliferation of “ranking” features, designed more than anything else to generate clicks — has San Diego been getting the media attention the city has craved for so long. But those of us who truly see San Diego as paradise and wouldn’t contemplate living anywhere else might be surprised to find that not everyone shares our rosy-eyed view of California’s second-biggest city. On

travel blogs and discussion boards, San Diego routinely gets knocked for our high cost of living and expensive housing. We get dinged for our lack of culture, our too-laid-back ways, our traffic and our restaurants — even our weather, which some say is too gray in May and June and too boring the rest of the year. Even on the various “best places” lists, San Diego typically doesn’t place nearly as high as we locals believe it should. San Diego’s media went gaga in October when *U.S. News & World Report*, in its annual ranking of 150 metro areas, pegged San Diego as No. 1 on the “30 Most Fun Places to Live” list. But what the media didn’t mention was that on the overall “Best Places to Live” ranking, San Diego didn’t even make the Top 25. That elite group consisted of such dynamic metropolises as Ann Arbor, Michigan; Huntsville, Alabama; Fayetteville, Arkansas; and Omaha, Nebraska — the latter, home of the Reuben sandwich and Duncan Hines cake mix.

You could blame San Diego’s failure to crack the top 25 on the usual

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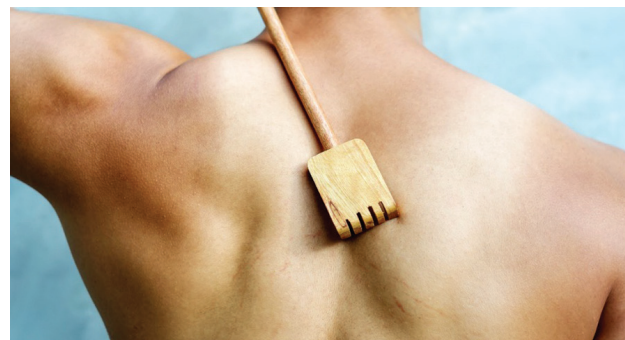
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**“Every year while home for the holidays in SD I witness that it has increased in population, that more land has been developed into endless condos, the traffic is worse, the crime is worse and 90% of the people are not Californians.”**

suspects — cost of living and affordable housing — but then, how does one explain the fact that San Francisco, where everything is even more expensive than down here, finished at No. 15? And just where, exactly, did San Diego place? Number 97. Yep, Number 97. Ninety-seven! That’s six spots below Birmingham, Alabama, which for years has had one of the highest murder rates in the country, nearly three times that of Chicago.

Also in October, *Liveability.com* published its annual ranking of the “Top 100 Best Places to Live in America.” Madison, Wisconsin was No. 1, followed by Ann Arbor, Michigan at No. 2; Overland Park, Kansas, at No. 3; Frederick, Maryland, at No. 4; and Charlottesville, Virginia, at No. 5. Only a handful of California cities made the list, including Oxnard at No. 68 and Riverside

at No. 82. (When my middle son, Conner, went to orientation day at Cal State Channel Islands a few years ago, a police officer warned the incoming freshmen: “Stay away from Oxnard!” And Riverside — well, what really needs to be said?) As for San Diego, well, America’s Finest City didn’t even make the list, with the final spot, Number 100, reserved for — get ready — Anchorage, Alaska.

San Diego also was shut out of *Money* magazine’s 35th annual 50 Best Places to Live, which was topped by the Minneapolis suburb of Chanhassen, Minnesota, praised by the publication for its “gorgeous outdoors, musical history (the city was home to Prince), and an appealing growth trajectory.” Rounding out the top five: Carmel, Indiana; Franklin, Tennessee; Flower Mound, Texas; and Ashburn, Virginia.

And the hits keep coming. In July 2018, British journalist Robert Hull came to San Diego for Comic-Con and wound up writing a travel story for *The Guardian*, one of the top British newspapers. He described San Diego as “a city often in the shadow of its Californian neighbour, Los Angeles (a two-hour drive north along the Pacific Coast Highway),” but raved about Torrey Pines State Park, Cabrillo National Monument and even Chicano Park. The Gaslamp Quarter, on the other hand, didn’t impress Hull: “The Gaslamp Quarter is ‘the historic heart of Downtown’ with its Victorian-era buildings,” he wrote. “In reality, it’s a nightlife hub that feels too engineered.”

On the *Houselly.com* website, contributor Camille Moore wrote an undated article titled “5 Of The Worst Things About Living In San Diego, California.” At the top of her list: “San Diego is what some would describe as overcrowded. Not only do lots of people come to visit San Diego, but many people also relocate there, which has led to an increased number of residents. With that being said, it’s nearly impossible to avoid crowds in San Diego, especially at places like the beach.” Other “worst things” include traffic, the high cost of living, the weather (“The city has lots of ‘gray’ days and the weather can have long periods of being cloudy and muggy”) and “constant construction,” which Moore maintains “can get pretty annoying.” A January 2021 YouTube video is titled “The Top 10 reasons You Should NOT move to San Diego.” Among the reasons: too many tourists (“a bunch of entitled

visitors who tend to be jerks”), “awful drivers,” boring always-the-same weather, and fire danger. In a November 2021 story on the *Embrace Someplace* travel blog, an article explores the pros and cons of living in San Diego. Among the latter: The high cost of housing, taxes, the lack of public transportation, and homelessness — a rather surprising dig, considering that the website is based in Portland, Oregon. “Time and the time again, San Diego makes the list as having one of the highest homeless populations in the country,” the article maintains. “And it’s true, you can’t walk around the city streets without seeing the detrimental effects of homelessness around you... The discrepancy between the haves and the have-nots is painstakingly clear on

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the streets and practically impossible to avoid.”

Back in 2002, on the *Fodors* travel forum, the question was posed, “What are the worst things about San Diego?” Dozens of respondents ticked off traffic, the high cost of living, low wages and the lack of public transportation. One, whose online name was New York Exile, complained that “in addition to the previously mentioned negatives (traffic, high home prices, no public transportation, low wages), as a New Yorker, you will notice that the few theater productions here are second-rate touring groups, the restaurants don’t compare to New York’s (and bring your own corned beef and bagels — the delis and bakeries are really sad), classic culture (ballet, symphony) is almost non-existent, and

the schools leave much to be desired. While the weather is better than New York’s, be sure to find out about May Gray and June Gloom if you’re thinking about living near the coast. And if you’re thinking about living inland, plan on super-high electricity bills in the summer because of the air-conditioning (assuming there are no black-outs). And did I mention the forest fires if you live further out to get a cheaper house? So welcome to San Diego!” Another, “John,” wrote a checklist: “Most residents are transplants, so no ‘traditional sense;’ people are quite superficial; weather is very same and predictable; lack of cultured feel; everything is super casual all the time, which is great most times, but not at all times; tax base being eroded continually; huge illegal immigrant



The top danger zone in San Diego is East Village.

population; schools don’t compare well nationally. There’s no perfect place. I’ve lived all over the country. You just have to find what works for you. For me, SD wasn’t it.”

On the *Quora* question-and-answer website, two questions were asked about what people don’t like about living in San Diego. Of the more than forty responses, at least half complained about the high cost of housing and the low-wage job market. A woman named Leslie Slavens, who described herself as a fourth-generation San Diego native now living in New York, penned a

lengthy diatribe in September 2018 about what she doesn’t like about her former hometown. “I did not like that the changing seasons were hardly noticeable and Christmas just didn’t have the right atmosphere,” she wrote. “I found it culturally limited as more tax funds and public interest seemed to go toward arenas and stadiums over libraries and museums. I disliked the obsession with the physical, which drove plastic surgery and tanning salons to take over magazine ads, mini malls and main streets while the intellectual was starved and ignored by

the mainstream culture. These and many other little things like increased traffic, crowds, homeless, too many conservatives all inspired me to move to New York.... Every year while home for the holidays in SD, I witness that it has increased in population, that more land has been developed into endless condos, the traffic is worse, the crime is worse, and 90% of the people are not Californians. They bring their preconceived ideas of California with them and slowly change the state to something very different from my memories of 1970s San Diego....

San Diego is heaven to those who have only known life in the middle of wheat fields or Midwest tract homes, [but] I’m sure it’s not so great to those visiting from The Riviera, rather filthy and dangerous for someone from say Sag Harbor, and a bit boring to most NY city dwellers....”

Isaiah Howard, a former San Diegan who now lives in Houston, blasted San Diegans in April of 2020 for their thin skins: “Criticize anything about it, and I mean anything — even the increasingly bad homeless situation or increasingly bad traffic — and your name is s\*\*t in a social circle, neighborhood, or workplace pretty quickly. Imperfections are ignored in SD in a manner so blatantly closed-minded that I haven’t seen anywhere else in the world, except maybe the rural American South....” A third respondent complained that “90% of all restaurants are Mexican food,” while a fourth opined, “It isn’t all that visually appealing. The skyline sucks and the city itself is, for the most part, a sprawl of chain stores and ugly stucco buildings.”

Another *Quora* question asked, “What’s it like to live in San Diego?” Ca Ri, in March 2021, wrote, “I hate San Diego! I really wanted to come here and was optimistic about everything. I have been here almost 8 years and am counting the days until I can move that is 13 months from today exactly.... What don’t I like? It’s mostly the people. I have lived in 4 states and this is the only place I have ever had a hard time talking with people, making or keeping friends. Every conversation with anyone here is like a first date. It’s all

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**"Time and the time again, San Diego makes the list as having one of the highest homeless populations in the country"**

small talk and no matter how many times you talk to them, the conversation is still shallow small talk. This place has the most aloof people anywhere in the U.S. I have ever seen. Most the time, I think I may be a ghost because no one ever acknowledges me in anyway. I consider this a lonely paradise.... Homeless people have no boundaries like in other cities, they will camp out in your carport and yes they have tried in mine or they will sit in your car or break your car windows to take a quarter. They also love to get in the dumpsters and throw it all over the alley. They even argue that they should get to stay in your carport because it's cold outside, you know like 60 degrees."

San Diego has even gotten some nasty reviews on Yelp. In 2016, Encinitas resident K.C. wrote a lengthy piece titled "I'm not 'clicking' with San Diego. Like, at all." K.C. wrote, "I like every place

else I've lived ... until San Diego." Her biggest complaint: "Its surprisingly rude, cold, aloof, and unfriendly population... In only six months in SD (I live in North County and work in the city), I've experienced:

\*Indifference in customer service. Even the Berliners seem to be better at this customer service thing!

\*Road rage directed at me numerous times, which I have not instigated, engaged or fueled (I honestly didn't experience this in L.A. or the Bay Area!) And, disclaimer: I've driven on the 405 in L.A., Highway 880 in Oakland, I-75 in Cincinnati/Dayton, and ain't none of those drivers got the road rage y'all got!

\*Going out in PB, OB, and La Jolla, which has introduced me to the wide range of douchebags that San Diegans seem to love to rag on L.A. for supposedly having. If you leave Beverly Hills and Santa Monica,

L.A. folks are actually pretty normal."

In October of 2016, author Sara Morris wrote on the website *Thrillist* that after four years in San Diego, she moved to Nashville. Good riddance, she writes. A key reason: "I missed the four seasons. Living in a never-ending summer sounds like paradise, but if I had to wake up to another perfect, sunny, cloudless day I was going to freak out. I know, I know — spoken like a true transplant. Sure, the entire month of June is sort of gray, but I enjoy the occasional gloomy day at other times of the year, or having an afternoon thunderstorm that doesn't cause complete chaos in the streets just because it's a little wet outside. Feeling the crispness of the air in fall and seeing the leaves change color is one of my favorite things in life. In SoCal, the changing of seasons is much more abrupt. It seems like the leaves die and fall off of the trees overnight then suddenly, it's winter (if you can even call it that). The 70 degree 'winter' weather is not exactly conducive to wearing the cozy sweaters and coats that I love and have had to keep in storage for the last 4 years. Sorry/not sorry, ladies of PB, but rocking Uggs and a scarf with a mini-skirt and a tank top does not qualify as winter wear."

But one of the saddest comments is on the *Baby Center* website, under a thread for military spouses. "i hate san diego :(" writes Ellie16. "It's depressing and expensive and it's awful. I've never lived somewhere that just made me feel so sad and alone. I can't wait to leave."

—Thomas K. Arnold



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# Calendar

# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Friday | 21

### JOHN FOGERTY

Creedence Clearwater Revival co-founder John Fogerty is the songwriter behind that group's hits like "Proud



JOHN FOGERTY

Mary," "Bad Moon Rising," "Fortunate Son," "Down on the Corner," and "Who'll Stop the Rain." As a solo performer, he's hit the top ten with songs such as "Centerfield" and "The Old Man Down the Road." Lately, he's been streaming remote pandemic performances; his most recent single, last year's "Weeping in the Promised Land," concerns covid and former president Donald Trump.

**WHEN:** Friday, January 21, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way, Valley Center. [harrahssocal.com](http://harrahssocal.com)

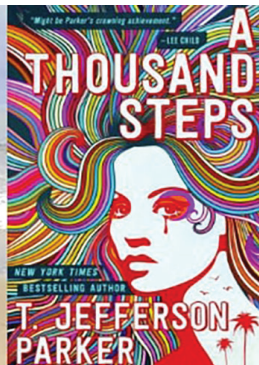
## Saturday | 22

### LOCAL AUTHOR TALK: T. JEFFERSON PARKER

T. Jefferson Parker will speak and sign copies of his new book *A Thousand Steps*. Laguna Beach, California, 1968. The



T. JEFFERSON PARKER



Age of Aquarius is in full swing. Matt Anthony is sixteen, broke, and never sure where his next meal is coming from. Mom's a stoner, his deadbeat dad is a no-show, his brother's fighting in 'Nam, and his big sister Jazz has just gone missing. The cops figure she's just another runaway hippie chick, enjoying a summer of love, but Matt doesn't believe it. Not after another missing girl turns up dead on the beach. Doors open at 11:30 am, followed by a light lunch at 12 pm.

**WHEN:** Saturday, January 22, 11:30 am to 2 pm

**WHERE:** Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Highway 395, Fallbrook. [fallbrooklibraryfriends.org](http://fallbrooklibraryfriends.org)

### TIJUANA STREET FOOD TOUR

Enjoy tastings at five food stops, one non-alcoholic beverage stop, and one desert stop. Browse the Mercado Hidalgo open-air market and the Mexican bakery and eateries Anthony Bourdain and Andrew Zimmern showcased on their Travel Channel shows. Food, transportation, shopping, sightseeing, and a tour guide are included in the bill. Reservations and passports required.

**WHEN:** Saturdays, 12 pm to 4 pm.

**WHERE:** San Ysidro Trolley Station, 700 E. San Ysidro Boulevard, San Ysidro. [wildfoodietours.com](http://wildfoodietours.com)



## Sunday | 23

### SAPIENCE

Elsa is a primatologist with a secret that's easier to bear when she's at work with Wookie, the orangutan she's training to speak. Her worlds collide when her nephew AJ, a teenager who is nonverbal and on the autism spectrum, forms a relationship with Wookie.

**WHEN:** Sundays 2 pm, Thursdays, 7:30 pm, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 pm. Through Sunday, February 20.

**WHERE:** Moxie Theatre, 6663 El



SUNDAY, JANUARY 23: SAPIENCE

Cajon Boulevard, Suite N, Rolando. [moxiethatre.com](http://moxiethatre.com)

## Tuesday | 25

### AUGUSTANA

After playing a handful of shows in 2005, Augustana were signed by Epic Records, which released their debut full-length *All the Stars and Boulevards*. The album sold over 300,000 copies, and the catchy piano flourishes on their hit "Boston" helped pushed that song to platinum sales status. Frontman Dan Layus released a solo album in 2016, but has since revived the Augustana moniker for his record and tour projects.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 25, 8 pm

**WHERE:** The Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little Italy. [casbahmusic.com](http://casbahmusic.com)



AUGUSTANA



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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

**You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Full Day)** You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids in San Diego to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future! Saturday, January 22, 9am; \$160. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp (Half Day)** You Can Be a Veterinarian Camp offers a rare opportunity for kids in San Diego to practice veterinary skills, interact with animals, and gain experience with equipment they might use in the future! Saturday, January 22, 9am; \$85. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

## ART

**Cathy Cooper Scott: Double Exposure** Scott works predominantly in oil and spray paint on sustainably harvested canvas, particle board, wood shelving, plexiglass, cork board, mirror, and panes of glass. Fridays, 11am; Saturdays, 11am; through Friday, January 28, free. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Considering Boundaries** This free workshop is led by Regional Artist Luciano Pimienta. Through coil building ceramics, in a communal process, participants will help the artist build a sculptural chain-link fence while discussing the idea of boundaries, access to land, and the proximity to the border. Participants need to be currently enrolled in college or community college. Space is limited to 15 participants and spots will be secured first come first served. Saturday, January 22, 10am; free. 18 and up. Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Don Bartletti: Elusive Moments-Enduring Stories Opening** Oceanside Museum of Art celebrates the storied career of the Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist, Don Bartletti with an exhibition featuring photography captured throughout his over 40-year career. Runs through May 1. Saturday, January 22, 7pm; Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

**Paint & Vino Night: Coronado Bridge** Channel your inner artist and paint the iconic San Diego Coronado Bridge while sipping

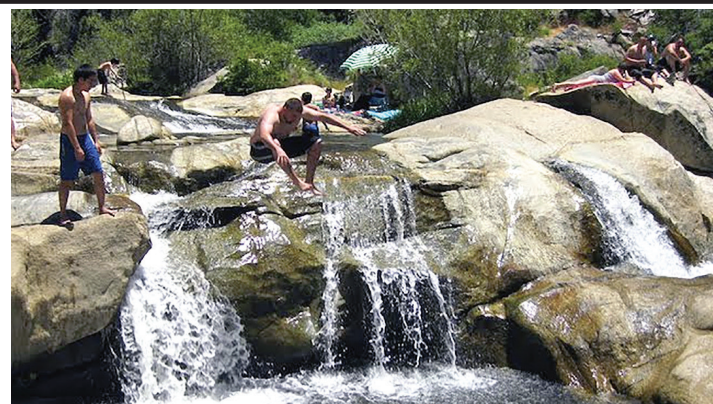
# OUTDOORS

## Three of San Diego's most accessible waterfalls

San Diego County's Waterfalls could be at their very best during the next month or two, depending on how much rainfall arrives. Three of the most accessible are: Green Valley Falls at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park; the falls below the first palm grove in Borrego Palm Canyon (Anza-Borrego Desert State Park); and the falls at the midpoint of Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve — a three-mile walk from either its east or west entrance. Hikers and climbers can explore many other waterfalls (some with heights up to 100 feet) in remote areas of the county.



CEANOTHUS BLOOM, RANCHO PENASQUITOS



GREEN VALLEY FALLS

**Ceanothus**, or wild lilac, a late-winter or early-spring blooming native plant, could blossom profusely this month or next. Heavy rains and protracted periods of abundant sunshine produce the most extravagant displays. Blue- and white-flowering varieties of ceanothus are common wherever native sage-scrub and chaparral vegetation grows, from the bluffs of Torrey Pines to the edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert.

**Now That The Waning Moon** doesn't rise until about 9 pm, is your early-evening sky dark enough for you to see the winter Milky Way? After dinnertime, it runs vertically from Canis Major low in the southeast, up between Orion and Gemini, through Auriga and Perseus overhead, and down through Cassiopeia, Cepheus, and Cygnus to the northwest horizon.

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

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Author Talk: Wiser by Dr. Dilip Jeste** From the field's pioneer, an exploration of the neurobiology and psychology of wisdom: what science says it is and how to nurture it within yourself — at any stage of your life. For over two decades, Dr. Dilip Jeste has led the search for the biological and cognitive roots of wisdom. Tuesday, January 25, 4pm; free. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Author Livestream: Roderick Beaton** Warwick's will host Roderick Beaton as he discusses his new book, *The Greeks: A Global History*, in conversation with Dr. Seth Lerer. Tuesday, January 25, Noon; free. [facebook.com/warwickbooks/live](https://facebook.com/warwickbooks/live). (ONLINE)

**Author Livestream: Eliza Jane Brazier** Warwick's will host Eliza Jane Brazier as she discusses her new book, *Good Rich People*, in conversation with Emma Jade. Wednesday, January 26, 4pm; free. [facebook.com/warwickbooks/live](https://facebook.com/warwickbooks/live). (ONLINE)

**Weekends with Locals: Robert McCaw** As part of our ongoing Weekends with Locals Program we will be hosting Robert McCaw, author of *Treachery Times Two (Koa Kane Hawaiian Mystery #4)*. Sunday, January 23, 2-4pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Ave. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Alzheimer's SD Coping With Personality & Behavior Changes** Learn why people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias experience behavior and personality changes, what those changes mean, and how to respond. Pre-registration is required 858.492.4400 [info@alzsd.org](mailto:info@alzsd.org) Thursday, January 20, 11am; free. <https://bit.ly/3rjaA7Y>. (ONLINE)

**Crafronics** Learn about electronics and circuits while creating fun crafts projects. Possible projects include a moving origami swan,

light-up LED bracelet or robot bug. Monday, January 24, 4pm; free. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

**Macramé Plant Wrap Craft Workshop** Learn to create this plant hanger- a perfect addition to any room or patio. All supplies provided to make your personal macramé creation including beads, rope, and a planter. Tickets include all supplies, a flight of wine and \$10 off a bottle of your choice. Wednesday, January 26, 6pm; \$55. La Mesa Wine Works, 8167 Center Street. (LA MESA)

**On-Farm Composting Course** This course will combine lectures, hands-on training, and a field trip

to operational composting facilities. This course does not address typical residential composting or large-scale commercial composting. It is intended for those mid-sized systems that fall in between, particularly farms and horse ranches. Saturday, January 22, 1pm; free-\$25. Terra Madre Gardens, 9928 Protea Gardens Road. (ESCONDIDO)

**Slime & Non-Newtonian Fluids** Just like slime, Earth's glaciers, mudslides and quaking bogs are made of fluids that are neither liquid nor solid. Use slime to investigate how things work in the natural world. Saturday, January 22, 2pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

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**Conniving Cats**  
— Seoul, South Korea's Metropolitan Fire & Disaster Headquarters is warning citizens: your cats may burn your house down. According to the agency, more than 100 fires over the past three years have been started by cats, *The Washington Post* reported. "We advise pet owners to pay extra attention as fire could spread widely when no one is at home," warned Chung Gyo-chul, an official at the department, which recommends keeping paper towels and other flammable items away from cooking appliances.

**Awwwwwww**  
— Alfredo Antonio Trujillo was born at 11:45 pm on Dec. 31 at Natividad Medical Center in Salinas, California. Just 15 minutes later, at 12 am on Jan. 1, his twin sister, Aylin Yolanda Trujillo, made her grand entrance, according to NBC Bay Area. Twins born in different years are a rarity, with the chances being about one in 2 million. "What an amazing way to start the new year!" said Dr. Ana Abril Arias.

**Plot Twist**  
— Since 2016, the publishing world has been baffled by a fake insider who tricks authors or editors into sending him unpublished manuscripts, then apparently just keeps them for himself. On Jan. 5, at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, Filippo Bernardini, 29, was arrested on wire fraud and identity theft charges related to the mystery. *ABC News* reported that Bernardini, who works for Simon & Schuster

in London, allegedly collected hundreds of unpublished works, including those of well-known authors and a Pulitzer Prize-winner. If found guilty, he could face up to 20 years in prison.

**Ewwwww**  
— Young people in Norway are called to military duty to guard NATO's northern borders, and until recently, when they were discharged, they were allowed to take their military-issued underwear with them. But no more, the *Guardian* reported. COVID-19 has caused supplies to dwindle, so as of Jan. 7, people leaving service are being asked to hand over their unmentionables to be "washed, cleaned and checked," defense logistics spokesman Hans Meisingset said. "What we distribute is in good condition."

**Rude?**  
— Cinnamon Clarke and her husband made their regular weekly trip to Firehouse Subs in Ozark, Alabama, WDHN-TV reported on Jan. 7, but when they got home and she opened the sandwich, she saw that her half didn't have any meat. She called the shop and they told her to come back so they could remake the order. But when she got there, the owner refused to make a new sandwich for her. "When I talk to God tonight," the owner said as Clarke recorded him, "I'm going to see if he can come to your house and take you." Clarke was appalled: "It was just a fancy way, a nice way, of saying, 'I'm going to pray that you die tonight.'" The Firehouse Subs corporate of-

fice told WDHN that the incident would be handled internally.

**Awesome!**  
— In what one police officer called a "real-life Lassie situation," a one-year-old Shiloh shepherd named Tinsley is being hailed as a hero for saving her owner and another person after a car crash on I-89 in Vermont. WMUR-TV reported that Cam Laundry and his passenger had been ejected when his truck hit a guardrail and went off the road on Jan. 3. When state troopers and a Lebanon, New Hampshire, police officer found Tinsley on the side of the road, she evaded capture and led them to the scene of the accident. "We were shaken up, didn't know what was happening," Laundry said. "Next thing we knew, the cops were there, and it was all because of her." Tinsley's reward? A venison burger. Follow-up: Laundry has a February court date for driving under the influence. At least Tinsley was sober.

**Weird Science**  
— Russian biologist Vera Emelianenko stumbled across a strange phenomenon in the snow along the White Sea coast, in the Russian Arctic, in December. Bright blue glowing spots were embedded in the snow, *Oddity Central* reported, and her feet would leave streaks of blue as she walked. Emelianenko collected a sample and examined it under a microscope, where she found tiny aquatic crustaceans called copepods. When she poked them with a needle, they lighted up blue. The creatures normally live up to 100 meters deep in the ocean, but an

expert at the Academy of Science in Moscow thinks they might have been caught in a powerful current that swept them ashore and into the snow.

**Oops**  
— When Olivia Crump tried to leave her apartment in Milledgeville, Georgia, on Dec. 28, she was surprised to find a crucial structure missing: the stairs to the ground floor. According to the *Daily Mail*, Crump said the management company did not notify her about the stairs being removed for construction. "It was impossible to get down without climbing over the ledge with a ladder or scaling the side with a decent drop below," she said. She and her dog were trapped in the apartment for about four hours, during which the dog almost had an accident. While Crump doesn't plan any legal action, she did note that the absence of stairs could be a fire hazard, and she hopes the management company will compensate tenants for putting them in a dangerous situation.

**Oh, Canada**  
— Two transport trucks full of butter went missing from Trenton, Ontario, on Dec. 26, CTV News reported. Each of the trucks was loaded with about 20,000 kilograms of butter, worth about \$200,000 total, the Ontario Provincial Police said. While the trucks were found on Dec. 27, the contents were missing, which raises the question: when will the cookies be ready?

Send your weird news items to [WeirdNewsTips@amuniversal.com](mailto:WeirdNewsTips@amuniversal.com).

COMEDY

**Comedy with Brady Matthews** After winning the Uncle Clyde's Comedy Competition at the Ice House in 2007, Brady knew being on stage and making people laugh was what he is meant to do. Thursday, January 20, 8pm; \$10-\$25. 21 and up. Backyard Kitchen & Tap, 832 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)  
**Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour** Tuesday, January 25, 7:30pm; free. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Laughter is Therapy** WWC Comedy & BK Cellars Presents "Laughter is Therapy" hosted by Caramelita Jonez, with headliner Brendan Jay, Kimbles Hume, Sarah Hershberger, Logan Baert and Chris Williams. Saturday, January 22, 7pm; \$20. 21 and up. BK Cellars Urban Winery & Tasting Lounge, 2225 Barham Drive. (ESCONDIDO)

**Nimesh Patel** AS SEEN ON: SNL, Comedy Central & more! Wednesday, January 26, 9:45pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Riff City Comedy** Blair Socci headlining, with Audrey Stewart, Ramsey Badawi, and James Hancock III. Wednesday, January 26, 8pm; 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Sal Vulcano** Friday, January 21, 7:30pm; \$40-\$60. Magnolia Per-

forming Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

**Stand Up Comedy** Think you have what it takes? Sign up for the open mic at 7pm and try it out in front of a real audience. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, March 2, \$5-\$10. OB Rattle House, 4861 Newport Avenue Unit C. (OCEAN BEACH)

**WWC Comedy** With host Chris Williams, Headliner Brendan Jay and more. Thursday, January 20, 6pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. La Fleur's Winery, 215 South Pacific St., Suite 106. (SAN MARCOS)

**Yannis Pappas** AS SEEN ON: YouTube's "LongDays", The Joe Rogan Experience, Comedy Central, ABC, and more! Thursday, January 20, 8pm; Friday, January 21, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, January 22, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DANCE

**The Music & Dance of Bali** With a career spanning five decades, I Nyoman Wenten is a Bali musician and dancer. Along with his wife, choreographer, and dancer Nanik Wenten, he will lead his group Gamelan Burat Wangi for an evening of gong orchestra and dance drama. Friday, January 21, 7:30pm; \$20-\$40. Mingei International Museum, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FILM

**Belle** Enter the magical world of U in Belle at the Heikoff Giant Dome Theater. Experience Belle in IMAX. Thursday, January 20, 5:30pm and 8pm; Friday, January 21, 5:30pm and 8pm; Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

FOR KIDS

**Disney On Ice: Dream Big** Your favorite Disney characters return to San Diego as Disney On Ice presents Dream Big. Thursday, January 20, 7pm; Friday, January 21, 7pm; Saturday, January 22, 11am, 3pm and 7pm; Sunday, January 23, 1pm and 5pm; \$20-\$100. Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

**The Snowy Day & Other Stories by Ezra Jack Keats** Follow Peter and his friends as they romp and play, starting snowball fights and making snow angels in this celebration of childhood joys and the wonder of imagination. Packed with humor and fun, this production uses shadow puppetry and live-action to bring the stories of Ezra Jack Keats to life. ASL-Interpreted performance 2pm, Saturday, January 22, 2022. Friday, January 21, 7pm; Saturday, January 22, 2pm; Sunday, January 23, 2pm; \$16-\$18. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

**Toddler & Preschool Storytime** Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun. Wednesdays, 10:30am; through Wednesday, January 26, free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

LECTURES

**Dr. Rap on Dante** Nine lecture-readings with Dr. Gideon Rappaport in Our Mother of Confidence Parish Hall. Required Text: The Divine Comedy (The Inferno, The Purgatorio, and The Paradiso), by Dante/Alighieri. Preferred translation: John Ciardi (New American Library/Penguin). Please read the listed cantos before each class. Email [grappap@zoho.com](mailto:grappap@zoho.com) or call Dr. Rappaport at 858/344-5198. Tuesday, January 25, 7pm; \$225. Our Mother of Confidence Catholic Church, 3131 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

**Insights: Genetics of Congenital Heart Defects** While congenital heart defects (CHD) remain the most common cause of death in infants, the genetic basis of these defects is unknown in the vast majority of cases. Learn how the team helped a family receive life-saving therapies by identifying a mutation associated with CHD. Tuesday, January 25, 1pm; free. Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, 10901 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

NATURE

**California Native Plant Sale** At the two-day free, outdoor event, veteran gardeners and newcomers can purchase a wide selection of native plants and seeds, books, and merchandise, and get tips from native plant experts. Saturday, January 22, 9am; Sunday, January 23, 9am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Chollas Lake Hike with a Ranger** Join a Park Ranger for hike around Chollas Lake Park. Discover unique wildlife and native plants as well as interesting geology. The rich history of the Chollas Lake area will be also be discussed. Note that this hike of intermediate difficulty is 2 1/2 miles long on uneven, loose dirt surfaces with some steep hills and steps. Bring water, sun protection and sturdy shoes. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, January 22, 1pm; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

SPORTS & FITNESS

**Birding and Biking Eco Tour** On this Birding & Biking Eco Tour you will bike along the National Wildlife Refuge and Silver Strand while learning about native and migratory bird species as well as

local ecology and conservation efforts. Saturday, January 22, 9am; \$35-\$55. San Diego Bay Refuge, 535 Florence Street. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

**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 meditation and how to improve your sleep. Fridays, 9am; through Friday, January 28, \$15-\$20. Japanese Friendship Garden, 2215 Pan American Road. (BALBOA PARK)

**FIST Combat Pro Wrestling** FIST Combat Pro Wrestling - Young N Gun'N - Vito Russo V Veinom (2 out of 3 falls) Anton Carillo V Eddie Islas (2 out of 3 falls) Hellman Roscrown & more. Saturday, January 22, 7pm; \$20. OB Rattle House, 4861 Newport Avenue Unit C. (OCEAN BEACH)

**SD Legion Skills Clinic for Rising Rugby Talent** The local rising rugby talent will have the opportunity to train with the San Diego Legion coaches and players - all of which share a passion for developing and growing the game locally. The clinic will be led and coached by USA and Legion rugby players Ryan Matyas, Nate Augspurger, Pete Malcolm, and Nate Sylvia. Sunday, January 23, 10am; \$40-\$55. San Dieguito Sports Complex, 2275 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)



# 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](http://SDReader.com/movies).

**American Underdog** — A purebred underdog with a dream rises from supermarket stock boy to the heights of fame and fortune in this inspirational sports biopic. Before entering the theatre, I couldn't tell the difference between NFL hurler Kurt Warner (Zachary Levi) and legendary college football Pop Warner. Imagine my delight when the coaches of the future Hall of Fame quarterback took to calling him Pop. What came as no surprise was Anna Pacquin's powerhouse performance as Brenda, Kurt's lifemate. And it's hard to resist Levi's soulful romanticism or admire the role he plays in raising his sightless stepson Zack (Hayden Zaller). (For a film that has the love of God embroidered on its sleeve, what's with Kurt and Brenda living in sin?) In order for it to work, directors directed by Andrew Erwin and Jon Erwin needed to pay more attention to the action that takes place off the field than on. Why waste so much time on reenacting a game, the victory of which is established at the outset? Cut to the final touchdown and return to the romance. The supporting cast boasts a pair of favorites: Dennis Quaid and Bruce



**Parallel Mothers (Penélope Cruz and Milena Smit) in horizontal repose.**

McGill, the man with the slippery smile. 2021. — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Belle** — The latest from Mamoru Hosoda follows Suzu, a shy high schooler with a split personality whose alter ego takes the entertainment world by storm as a virtual singing sensation. 2021. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**House of Gucci** — Let the grand guignol begin as Ridley Scott goes to camp. The focus here is on a notorious clan piloted by a gaggle of pricey lookalikes. Offscreen, Scott's a stitch, but the director has never allowed his funny bone a chance to ride roughshod until this undeniably

tame and humorless dragging of one's toe through a farcical stream. The result is just this side of soul-crushing. The subject of fashion affords Scott the opportunity to squeeze a few chuckles out of the outlandish threads, but the laughter begins to evaporate the moment the costumes start out-performing the high-priced stars playing dress-up. A comfortably numb Adam Driver looks more Yves St. Laurent than he does Maurizio Gucci. And a question to admirers of Lady Gaga's overacting: did you watch it without sound or is the singer's voice not part of her acting process? Gaga's Italian accent is pitched somewhere between Beaky Buzzard's frantic mother and Natasha exclaiming, "Quick, Boris! Throw safe on moose and squirrel." Even worse is Jared Leto who clearly honed his accent by watching hours of interviews with Michael V. Gazzo on "Merv!" In the end, Scott can't hold it together as evidenced by a final hour that ranks among his worst. 2021. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Jockey** — Jackson (Clifton Collins Jr.) has broken his back so many times the track veterinarian at last prescribes the services of a human doctor. Add to that a bad case of the shakes and a resultant inability to command the whip. Horse racing is a sport that takes place largely during daylight hours, but that didn't stop writer-director Clint Bentley from shooting a sizable portion of his modern day horse opera at "twilight time" to gently underscore his protagonist's fading state of being. What little racing footage to be found is often relegated to television sets in the locker room or clubhouse. A realist in denial, Jackson's worries are further exacerbated by a young jockey (Moises Arias) on his tail who claims to be his son. He takes a liking to the kid, and in quick time the two bond, train, and spit ice cubes at each other in the steam room. But emotions run deep, and the ensuing tsunami of betrayal and resentment leads to an inevitable father vs. son steeplechase. The tone and performances are such that the addition of Aaron and Bryce Dessner's elbow-on-the-keyboard score strikes the film's only discordant note. 2021. —S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Parallel Mothers** — Leave it to Pedro Almodóvar to slap a fresh coat of Technicolor enamel on that most reviled made-for-TV variant: the switched-at-birth melodrama. Two mothers, two accidents, and numerous unexpected twists come to a boil in this, the filmmaker's definitive statement on motherhood, melodrama,

and the unhealthy allegiance that's formed when the two are shuffled and dealt from the crazed mind of Almodóvar. At least he does so with the greatest of stylistic ease. A response to something as seemingly innocuous as a knock on the door whisks us into the past. And don't expect any of that "One Year Earlier" nonsense when a change of costume and hair will do for an indicator. You know you're in good hands when along the way, every question that arises — and there are many to be found within the labyrinthine narrative — is answered the moment after it comes to mind. Penelope Cruz reciprocates by gifting her frequent directorial collaborator with a performance that's equal parts warmth, depth, and the nervous breakdown required for these parts. A white Shinola bob adds elfin charm to Milena Smit, who co-stars as Cruz's maternity ward bunkmate-turned-lover — and mother of Cruz's dead daughter. I warned you about the unwholesomeness. Not to be missed! 2021. — S.M. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Redeeming Love** — A tale of "love conquers all" set during the California Gold Rush of 1850. D.J. Caruso's (*The Salton Sea*, *Disturbia*) adaptation of Francine Turner's best-seller stars Abigail Cowan as Angel, a woman robbed of her childhood who looks to the titular power to see her through the worst life has to offer. 2021. (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)

**The Tragedy of Macbeth** — A standing joke/disclaimer: I probably would have liked Shakespeare more had his plays been written by someone else. If the film's the thing, my appreciation of his work doesn't extend beyond the films of Welles and Kurosawa. To hold Joel Coen to those unattainable standards would be unfair.

So it's been a bad holiday season for the Bard, what with Spielberg's pointless restaging of *West Side Story* and now this equally quizzical endeavor. It follows *The Man Who Wasn't There* as Joel Coen's second solo director's credit and the first without the collaboration of his younger brother Ethan. This Christmas, the elder Coen gifted his quirky bride with the role of a lifetime. (Rumor has it that Frances McDormand insisted that she wear her own clothes.) So as not to distract from the performances, Coen resorts to suffocating closeups that entombs his cast betwixt monolithic slabs. Denzel Washington and Ms. McDormand are superb, but would one expect anything less from these titans of talent? Three words: rent the Welles. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Unsilenced** — What happens when Falun Gong, a life-energy practice that advocates meditation, spirituality, and coordinated movement as a means of self-betterment, amasses more followers than the Chinese Communist Party? The punishments range from academic expulsion to having one's shirt cleaned and pressed while you're still in it. Director Leon Lee chronicles the fight for freedom in this earnest, truth-be-told eye-opener that brings shame to those of us who are first learning of this dark period in contemporary history by watching a movie. When painted in a corner, Lee and his co-screenwriters will occasionally resort to narrative trickery for the sake of dramatization. The day-saving American reporter (Sam Trammell) is ever in the right place at the right time, the sinister Secretary Yang (Tzu-Chiang Wang) could have stood more shading (a constant scowl and the patience to repair time-pieces is not enough), and a seemingly incidental character who returns with a bang to point a finger of guilt at our hero (Ting Wu) makes for a clumsy, day-foiling coincidence. Poetic license be damned! This pointed history lesson will not only keep and hold your interest, you'll leave feeling thankful to be an American. 2021. —S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

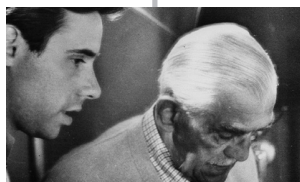
**West Side Story** — Why? Steven Spielberg can make any movie he wants. Why trace a legend if all that's to come of it is a blemished face-lift? Some of the more problematic moments from Robert Wise's 1962 original — Anglo-stars darkened by Max Factor, Marni Nixon's ghost-singing, Vaselined lenses — 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 nice to say? It was bound to be woke woke, so imagine one's chagrin to find Baby John in the arms of a woman. Tony Kushner's script grants Tony (Ansel Elgort) and Maria (Rachel Zegler) more time to fall in love and the repositioning of *America* from rooftop to sidewalk was a musical highpoint. And a man with Spielberg's clout couldn't have secured the rights from the estate of Ned "Doc" Glass to Photoshop on a wedding picture next to his widow, Valentina (Rita Moreno, topping her turn as Anita). *In the Heights* blows the doors off this remarkably unnecessary remake. 2021. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

## MOVIES@HOME

It was a marriage made in single-screen heaven the night Peter Bogdanovich made the acquaintance of Roger Corman in a Los Angeles movie theater. Bogdanovich was quick to pick the low-budget producer-director out of the crowd, and in no time, the alchemist of schlock was waxing admiratively over the young critic's essays on film for *Esquire*.

— Scott Marks

**TARGETS (1968)**  
An internship on *The Wild Angels* led to Bogdanovich's directorial debut *Targets*, a



Targets: Peter Bogdanovich's first film was also one of Boris Karloff's last.

Boris Karloff thriller in need of a little creative Frankenstein stitchwork. Looking for a finished product that clocked in at around 90 minutes, Corman assigned Bogdanovich free artistic reign so long as the following three requirements were met: 20 minutes of new footage featuring Karloff — he owed

Corman two days of work — mixed with 40 minutes of fresh material, plus a 20-minute hunk from an earlier Corman/Karloff collaboration, *The Terror*. The result: one

of the most audacious directorial debuts since Bogdanovich's friend and mentor Orson Welles reclaimed cinema the day he introduced the world to Charles Foster Kane. And it couldn't have been done without the help of Jerry Lewis and Sam Fuller. Find out more by visiting our online movie page.

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# ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### The Cocktail Hour

The writer Philip Roth (remember him?) once told *Fresh Air*'s Terry Gross, "When a writer is born into the family, the family is finished." And John Lithgow's character in *Orange County*, upon hearing that his son wants to be a writer, responds, baffled, "Why would you want to be a writer? You're not oppressed. You're not gay." Two fun facts to keep in mind when checking out this play, set in mid-'70s New York, about a playwright named John, who returns to his family's home, bringing with him his new work, which is 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. (Perhaps if they had been poor and improper, they might have simply put the kibosh on the matter and cut the story short, so thank heaven for money and manners.) And naturally, John's sister Nina must be contended with. As the martinis start to flow, so do the recriminations and revelations, both funny and poignant.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Desert Rock Garden

Desert Rock Garden, a memory play about belonging, family, and creating something beautiful out of nothing. This fictionalized historical story about a young orphan and a Japanese immigrant who forge a friendship in



**Hedwig and the Angry Inch: Art begins in a wound.**

the Topaz Relocation Center in 1943 reveals the inherent human ability to transform nothing — loneliness and barren desert — into something long-lasting and precious. February 19, 2022, marks the 80th Anniversary of Executive Order 9066 resulting in the forced removal of 120,000 men, women and children of Japanese ancestry to incarceration camps across America. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Hedwig and the Angry Inch

This musical, the glampunk cabaret Story of My Life as told by a gender-queer hard-luck case in a platinum

blond wig that looks like it's ready to take flight, first played in 1998, which means it's old enough now to have a generational legacy. That's made clear by the program, in which Patio Playhouse artistic manager Matt Fitzgerald calls *Hedwig* "a vital part of queer history" and says that it "teaches us that we are enough, that we are whole, and that we are worthy. That message is as important today as it was in 1998 or any other year." Director Justine Tuazon-Martin writes that it "speaks to anyone who's ever been excluded from a binary when saying, 'You know, you're doing all right.'" The first-time viewer will recognize that quote from

the big number "Midnight Radio," the title of which alludes to Hedwig's impoverished youth in Communist East Germany, listening to American radio with his "girly-boy" head in the oven. That same viewer may wonder at the veracity of the claim: here is a kid who was sexually abused and abandoned by his G.I. Father, neglected by his mother, subjected to a botched sex-reassignment by his first lover, and utterly betrayed by his Aristophenean Other. (There is a *lot* going on here in the religion department, mostly but not entirely as it relates to power.) Doing all right? Hedwig writhes in obscurity, drinks

throughout the show, and is generally abusive to onstage/life partner Yitzhak (Kailey Appaoa). And the show's grand moment of triumph seems to hinge on an out-of-character whim from Ye Olde Antagonist. It feels like a story, not of winning, but of losing with style, of suffering magnificently, of telling terrible off-color jokes to keep from crying ("When it comes to a huge opening, a lot of people think of me," "When Luther proposed, I was on my knees," etc.) But while it's a sad story, it's anything but a sad show, thanks to that style and magnificence, and thanks also to the way Amanda Blair responds to the character's invitation

to go no-balls to the wall. The accent is tough, the songs hit every emotional key, and the spotlight never lets up, but Blair is game, and that carries her through as she stomps, struts, and slumps about. The production shares that same spirit, and makes virtues of its limitations — overhead projectors, childlike illustrations, fan-blown confetti — rather like its subject. [Note: Patio Playhouse is using two sets of actors for the show.]

PATIO PLAYHOUSE THEATRE, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Sapience

MOXIE Theatre & TuYo Theatre in partnership with the Autism Society San Diego present the World Premiere of a play by Diana Burbano. Elsa is a primatologist with a secret that's easier to bear when she's at work with Wookie, the orangutan she's training to speak. Her worlds collide when her nephew AJ, a teenager who is nonverbal and on the autism spectrum, forms a relationship with Wookie. *Sapience* is a ground-breaking and imaginative new play about how we communicate and seek to be understood.

MOXIE THEATRE, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### The Soap Myth

Local notable and celebrated actor Richard Dreyfuss visits North Coast Rep to perform as part a benefit reading of Jeff Cohen's play about a reporter who befriends a Holocaust survivor (Dreyfuss) with a story to tell about Nazis making soap from the corpses of murdered Jews. But it seems that his is not the only version of the story, and there's the question of physical proof to back up his testimony. The big question: who gets to tell history? The scholars or the survivors? There will be a talkback after each performance; the Monday talkback will feature Holocaust expert Dr. Michael Berenbaum. NORTH COAST REP, JANUARY 24 & 25 AT 7:30 PM.

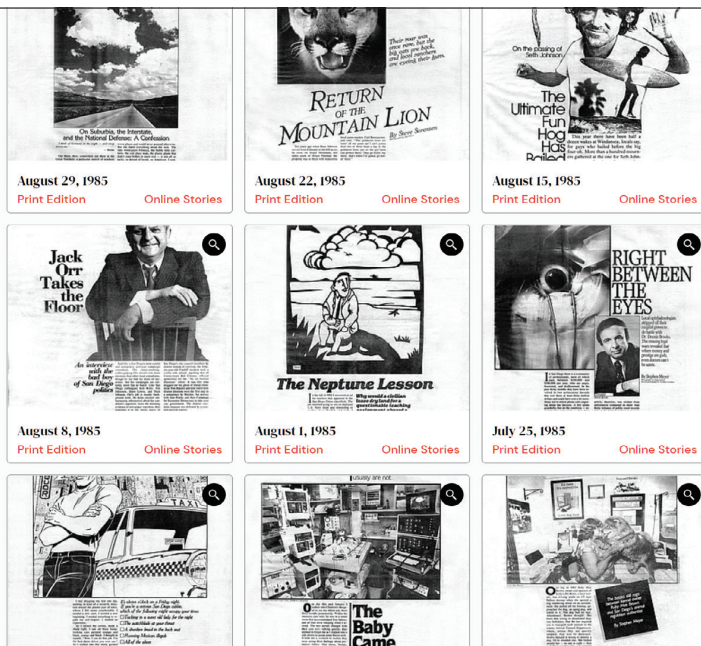
### Turnback Tuesdays

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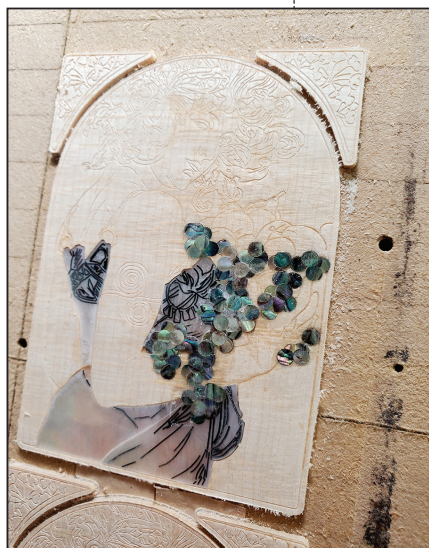
# the inside track blurt

**Baker the builder** Victor Baker knows guitars. For one thing, he's been playing them professionally for years. For another, back in the late '90s, he decided to start building

time, and doing two of them at a time is pretty intense. I forget what day of the week it is sometimes. I'm doing a whole video series on the project, to document each step

If this were just a hobby for me, I might do otherwise."

Does Baker have a favorite part of the guitar building process? "Probably playing them when they're done. That's kind of why I'm doing it. But I enjoy the whole process. I look forward to every step. There is a certain charm and a challenge as well. I enjoy it all, from top to bottom. I enjoy picking out the wood, roughing it out, doing all the basic



PHOTOGRAPH BY VICTOR BAKER



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The instrument in progress

them as well. "I was teaching a ton of guitar students and playing a lot of gigs, and I just needed a hobby," Baker explains. "I've always done my own modifications and setups, so I decided to take it one step further and build one myself. So I bought a bunch of books and did some research and made my first guitar. Things just grew from there, and I realized I had an aptitude. Before long, I was making guitars more than I was teaching students."

Baker creates one-of-a-kind custom instruments, and he doesn't seem to have any problem attracting customers. He's currently building his 600th in his Poway home, having moved to San Diego from New York City four years ago. "It's a special edition: it's going to have a lot of inlays and artwork, plus super fancy aged woods. I'm making number 600 and 601 at the same time, so this month is going to require a lot of heavy lifting, because this is the pinnacle of what I do. This is my most difficult project in terms of

of the way."

For these particular guitars, Baker has drawn inspiration from the Czech Art Nouveau painter Alphonse Mucha for many of the details. "This one has piles and piles of embellishment, with all kinds of artwork and inlays on the fingerboard. I'm using really aged cello wood from Italy, and the soundboard is coming from some very rare spruce from Alaska. This wood has been submerged for decades, and the grain patterns are amazing."

Baker makes his guitars with a blend of old-world skills and modern Computer Numerical Control (CNC for short) woodworking machines. "I'm fully modern. I wouldn't be able to do this kind of work without them. I would never be able to make a living without the CNC. Plus, I have a playing career, so I have to be careful with my hands. I can't grip tools for too long; I have problems with the impact of repetitive motion on my hands. So, I depend on making use of modern technology.

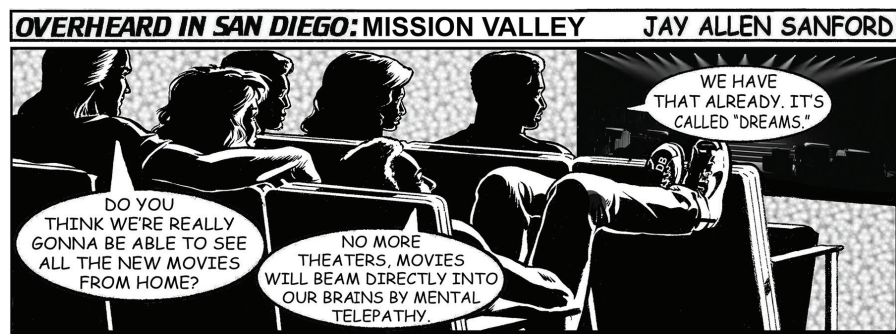
dimensioning, and working with the machines. I don't have a favorite part, because there are so many guitars going on at the same time. I usually have between 8 and 12 guitars in the shop at once."

Because of covid, Baker has been working by himself for the last few years, but that is about to change. "I do have a part-time guy. He's worked at Taylor Guitars for the last 15 years. He's going to switch over to full-time early next year. That's a huge deal. His skill set is pretty solid, and I'm excited to have the help finally after covid."

— Robert Bush

## Berk's works and perks

While still living in Chicago, singer-songwriter Tamar Berk played in power pop group Starball, known for their 2001 track "New Year's Day" ("I wanted to write a holiday song"). She moved on to an electro-punk duo with her husband, then a Small Faces cover band called Deep Joy, then Sweet Heat, then The Pynnacles, and



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her group Paradise recorded three albums, including a rock opera. After relocating to San Diego by way of Portland, her solo album *The Restless Dreams of Youth* was released last year.

A new single and video for "Your Permission" drops February 24. "It's the first single, of two, off of my upcoming LP that's slated to be released in April or May. I had written this song as a one-minute vignette, as sort of a little experiment a few years ago. There are days, or even periods of my life, when I just want to stop having to be me, and step outside of myself and be someone else — to not have to deal with my usual anxieties, issues, and the obsessive thoughts in my head. Just the thought of not being in my head, even for just a day, seems so incredibly liberating. My thoughts can be quite intrusive and annoying, and I suppose it would be nice to experience not having to deal with being myself for a day, or with making any decisions. The title of the song 'Your Permission' came to me as I thought about moments when I find myself apologizing for stating my opinion, needing something, or simply standing up for myself. My first instinct is always to apologize, which I find myself doing sometimes. I see other women do this, too. The title is ironic. I guess I should say that, because, well, you never know."

Berk wrote and produced the song, as well as playing piano, guitar, Wurlitzer, and strings. "The other local musician on the track is lead guitar virtuoso Chris Davies" of Chloe Lou and The Liddells, and The Penetrators. "My drummer, Matt Walker (Morrisey, Smashing Pumpkins,

Garbage) recorded his parts in his studio in Chicago, and Matt Thomson (Maita) played bass on the track while in his studio in Portland. I'm lucky enough to have Sean O'Keefe (Plain White T's, Fall Out Boy) who mixed and mastered the single, and who, incidentally, mixed the track in his Chicago studio." The album's other local guests include Ron Silva (Crawdaddys, Nashville Ramblers), who she first met when the touring Pynnacles played San Diego, and Danny Cress (Coyote Problem, True Stories).

Since the album's release, Berk has been awash in recognition. Her world-class single "Shadow Clues" earned positive reviews in *Northern Transmissions* and *Stereo Embers Magazine*. The track

wearing a favorite old dress. "It was the year 2001, and I went to the Grammys in this gold dress. I stayed with a friend who lived in the Hollywood Hills, and we took a limousine and I felt very important. I sat way up in the nosebleed seats, but I was in heaven. That particular year, Eminem was performing 'Stan' with Elton John, who was accompanying on piano and singing Dido's part. I was literally dying: crying, shaking, and losing my mind. Madonna opened the show with 'Music' and NSYNC performed some really boring song, and Faith Hill was the queen of country with her song 'Breathe.' Afterwards, we party-hopped and I drank and ate at every party and then, somehow, I lost the folks I was with, so I



Tamar Berk

also appeared on the 2021 edition of the local music compilation series *Staring at the Sun*, and video versions include a *Tiny Desk Concert* duo rendition and a live-in-studio performance on Episode 12 of the local music internet program *MusicSceneSD* TV. Recently, the *Woody Radio* (*Cult of Woody*) blog feature Mike Lidskin's Artist of the Year named her as this year's Top Performer. She spent New Year's Eve

just wandered around alone going from room to room, which was filled with lots of music industry people. I kept drinking and schmoozing and soaking it all in. I will never, ever give this dress away, because of that night and those memories."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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## ANDRA DAY

Academy Award-nominated Andra Day began singing at Chula Vista's First United Methodist Church, then studied music at the School of Creative and Performing Arts. Her 2012 cover of Jessie J's "Mamma Knows Best" peaked at number two on the YouTube Music Charts, resulting in her signing to Warner Bros. Records. Her debut album *Cheers to the Fall* earned a Best R&B Album nomination at the 2016 Grammy Awards, where she was also up for Best R&B Performance for the song "Rise Up." As a follow-up to her covid-19 benefit single "Make Your Troubles Go Away," Day released a cover of Billie Holiday's "All of Me," in advance of her Oscar-nom-

inated starring role in *The United States vs. Billie Holiday*, a 2021 Hulu biopic about the late singer. This month, Day appears in *Eggs Over Easy*, a new Discovery+ streaming special that "investigates the often taboo subject of infertility in the black community and brings black women together for an enlightening and empowering dialogue about the sometimes unpredictable path to motherhood." Keshia Knight Pulliam narrates the program, which also features black women, doctors, and fertility advocates who share their personal experiences including miscarriage, IVF, ovarian cysts, uterine fibroids, and other reproductive issues.



## PRICE OF DOPE

"We're putting the band back together with all original members," says acid-jazz group Price of Dope. The band came up in the 1990s, playing beach venues like Winstons and the Catamaran. Songs from their debut CD were used for Rob Machado's MTV surf videos and frequently featured on local TV and radio. The group split in 1999 when saxophonist Cochemea Gastelum *aka* Cheme Gastelum (Creedle) and Dave Carano joined Robert Walter (Creedle, Greyboy Allstars) in Robert Walter's 20th Congress. Soon after, Jeff Kelley, Andy Holmes, Christian Schinelli, and Ben Moore came together to form Pocket. Moore left Pocket in late 2008 and

was replaced by another Price of Dope vet, organist James Cummings, though he left in early 2012, along with Price of Dope bassist Christian Schinelli (who joined Crash & the Burns, alongside former Dirty Sweet members). Saxophonist Gastelum, who grew up in Spring Valley, has delved into the jazz world. The 1990 graduate of Monte Vista High School relocated to New York City, where he records and performs. The last Price of Dope reunions were in January 2011 at Bar Pink and September 2011 at Gallagher's in Ocean Beach. The upcoming performance takes place March 26 at Wintons.



## SULLY BAND

Fronted by Sully Sullivan, the Sully Band has a funky new single covering Albert Collins' 1980 track "If You Love Me Like You Say," from the band's upcoming *Let's Straighten It Out!* album. According to Sullivan, "I've been a fan of the blues forever, artists like Muddy Waters, Buddy Guy, and John Lee Hooker, but Albert wasn't really on my radar. Then, during the making of this album, we were looking for certain songs about love and found this Albert Collins gem and it was love at first listen. Since then, I've become a huge fan of The Iceman, and even though we put a bit of a New

Orleans spice on our version, I still wanted to bring in a player really steeped in blues to handle the guitar lead, out of respect for Albert. Fortunately, I knew a young San Diego-based blues guitar phenom, Anthony Cullins, and he came into the studio and cut the track live with us, and absolutely killed it." Due March 11, the album features ten '60s and '70s soul, blues, and R&B tunes, curated by Grammy-winning producer Chris Goldsmith (Blind Boys of Alabama, Ben Harper) and tracked at Henson Recording Studio in Hollywood (formerly A&M Studios).



## ADAM GNADE

Asked to describe his music, native San Diegan Adam Gnade says "The louder songs are like a midnight head-on collision on the 70 West — the sounds of cars hitting cars, metal crunching, glass shattering and spraying across the highway - then silence, followed by God and the devil trying to figure out which one gets you. The quieter ones are like [Led Zeppelin's] 'Going to California' played by big-rig drivers or sad waitresses. Music writers sometimes call it 'spoken word,' but I hate spoken word. I'm just into nontraditional vocals." Gnade collects his books and audio recordings into a series titled *We Live Nowhere and Know No One*, which unfolds over novels, novellas, and writing

released on vinyl and cassette. His new book, *After Tonight, Everything Will Be Different*, takes place in San Diego and features "taco shops and rundown beach apartments, on the amusement park boardwalk at 3 am, and in cars bound for Tijuana and drunken glory...this is a book of deli sub sandwiches, endless burritos, eggplant parmesan, the magnificence of good sourdough bread, of box brownies and Nacho Cheese Doritos, rolled tacos and the perfect tortilla. *After Tonight, Everything Will Be Different* is a raging, ecstatic, troubled book that shows a world of food and a world of life, each inextricable from the other."



## AUGUSTANA

After only playing a handful of shows, Augustana were signed by major label Epic Records, who released their debut *All the Stars and Boulevards* in 2005. Produced by Brendan O'Brien (STP, Pearl Jam), the album's title single was for a while the sixth most requested track on L.A.'s KROQ 106.7 FM. Their hit song "Boston" reached platinum sales status. The band's 2008 full-length *Can't Love Can't Hurt* debuted on the Billboard Top 200 chart at number 21. Their self-titled third album, released by Epic Records in early 2011, was recorded in L.A. with Grammy Award-winning producer/engineer Jacquire King (Kings of Leon,

Norah Jones, etc.) It only sold around 29,000 copies in the U.S. By comparison, *All the Stars and Boulevards* sold over 345,000 U.S. copies, while *Can't Love Can't Hurt* sold 121,000 U.S. copies. Their fourth studio album *Life Imitating Life* dropped in 2014, recorded in Rhinebeck, NY and Nashville, TN with producer John O'Mahony (Coldplay, Metric, Kashmir). After several band members departed Augustana, frontman Dan Layus released his debut solo album, *Dangerous Things*, in 2016. He returns to San Diego as Augustana to play the Casbah on Tuesday, January 25.



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- Beaumont's:**  
Friday, 9pm — Tribe. \$5-\$10.
- Belly Up Tavern:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Sammy Rae & The Friends. \$20.  
Friday & Saturday, 8pm — The English Beat.  
Monday, 8pm — Joan Osborne and The Weepies.  
Wednesday, 8pm — Anais Mitchell & Bonny Light Horseman.
- Bird Rock Coffee Roasters:**  
Sunday, 10am — Tinkersmith. Free.
- Brick by Brick:**  
Thursday, 6pm — Fit For An Autopsy and Enterprise Earth. \$22-\$25.  
Saturday, 8pm — I The Breather and Sleep Waker. \$20-\$25.  
Sunday, 8pm — Smith/Kotzen.
- Casbah:**  
Thursday, 8pm — BAYNK and Two Lanes.  
Friday, 8pm — Emo Nite. \$16.  
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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Against a different sort of cancel culture

“Due to the recent surge of COVID-19 cases in San Diego County and after consulting with local health experts, the San Diego Symphony has made the difficult decision to cancel this concert.” Thus read the San Diego Symphony website and app regarding two concerts scheduled for January 15 and 16 at the San Diego Civic Theatre. These would have been the first proper concerts since covid closed everything down in early 2020.

Let’s take a look at that statement from The Symphony. First of all, covid has officially ruined the word “surge.” If I never hear the word again, it will be too soon. Secondly, I can’t imagine any public health official recommending any concerts anytime this year.

But it’s worth noting that at this point, The Symphony has not canceled the concerts scheduled for

January 28 and 29. Is covid going away in the next two weeks? No, it is not. If local health experts are consulted again, I can’t imagine them recommending that those concerts go on. So if the 15th and 16th are canceled, then the 28th and 29th should be canceled as well.

It has almost been two years. It is time for The San Diego Symphony to stand up to covid and perform despite whatever “surge” might currently be occurring. The only reason to cancel a concert would be an outbreak among the orchestra members. I went to indoor performances in both Los Angeles and New York during the fall while The San Diego Symphony was still playing outdoors at The Shell. The Shell was already in the plan, so I can understand why The Symphony remained outdoors while others were performing in the appropriate —

read: indoor — space for classical music.

But as I write this, The L.A. Philharmonic has concerts scheduled for January 15 and 16. They have not been canceled. The Orange County Philharmonic Society has indoor concerts scheduled for January 15 and 16. They have not been canceled. The San Francisco Symphony has concerts on January 15 and 16. They have not been canceled.

According to the latest numbers on the state covid website, Los Angeles County had a seven-day average of 286 cases per 100,000 people. San Diego’s number was 265 per 100,000. San Diego has a lower number, and yet The San Diego Symphony is canceling while the L.A. Philharmonic is not. Both organizations have the same attendance policies, requiring audience members to be fully vaccinated and wear

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# A lesson in spices

*“It’s about heat, but also taste.”*

Night has clanged down on City Heights like an emergency curtain at a movie theater. It’s easy to get lost in this gloom once you’re out of the #7 bus, but, just past Happy Bubbles Car Wash, I spot the place my friend Kim says “hasn’t ‘a-Lao’d’ itself to become watered down and westernized. Only thing,” he warns, “watch out when you choose your spice strength there. A 10 means a 10.”

“Sit anywhere,” says Paula, this self-assured gal wearing a black “Nu-Nouveau Supply-Paris” teeshirt. The furniture is dark and smart. I’m getting a feeling of prosperity here. Chandeliers. Expensive framed



about heat, but also taste. This first pot is fish sauce; it’s a substitute for salt. It gives flavor to plain rice. Then this is vinegar with serrano pepper slices, good for flavoring noodles or fried rice. This third pot is crushed dry chili. We use it on everything except papaya.” She fills up an entire deep scoop and scatters it over the *tom yum* soup. “Start off with one scoop and move up. After the fourth scoop, you are on your own.” Then she reaches to the last bowl of hot stuff. “And this is the chili oil. Spicy with a smoky flavor. Good with pork belly or soup, but not with fresh salad or larb or papaya salad. Too strong. It will erase their light flavors.”

Ten minutes later, I have made up my mind, with Paula’s input, natch. “How about larb?” she suggested. “I am Lao. It is our national dish.”

I mention *tom yum*. On this cold night, I have the hots for that hot, spicy soup with shrimp bobbing about in it. “Not a problem,” says Paula. “Even though *tom yum* is, well, not Lao.” Turns out it’s Thai. Not the same. Result is, I get one of each: the steaming *tom yum* soup, and this fresh cool dish of larb, a kind of salad mixed with ground pork and wicked red peppers. It costs \$12.95. The *tom yum* (“boiled mix”) soup is \$13.95. “So you want it a little spicy?” Paula says. I sure do. With *tom yum* you’ve got to, to get the thrill. Most times, Thai restaurants under-supply the spiciness because they worry customers aren’t used to hot peppers. I’m not saying I’ve got the toughest taste buds in the world, but I do like a bit of kick.

Time to chow. I start off with the larb pork salad, because, hey, it is Laos’s National Dish, and, Paula says, this gives you a good vibe.

“Larb salad is special to us. I am Lao. We are very sentimental about it. If you go back in history, the reason it is called ‘larb’ is this: it is more like

a beautiful wedding ceremony or a birthday when you eat it. It means ‘luck,’ or ‘fortune’ in the ancient Lanna language. We eat it to say ‘Thank you,’ and when we want to give our blessing. So when you eat that together, it’s like ‘OK. Nothing’s going to stop us now.’”

And it is delicious. It’s ground marinated pork (or you could have chicken or beef, or duck, or faux meat), with a little bit of citrus, *nam pla* (fish sauce), herbs, mint, lemon grass. It is supposed to be light-flavored and refreshing. Paula: “Our food is not westernized here at Ban Lao (‘Laotian House’). Larb is more of a country people’s dish.” One famous larb version uses the eggs of red ants to zip up the colors and the flavor. But mostly, Paula says, Laotian cuisine is simple. “Our basics are papaya salad, fish sauce, larb, and sticky rice.



Larb, the Lao national dish: salad, marinated pork, searing hot peppers

Kids want a lot of deep-fried everything, but the rest of us like most things fresh.”

And *tom yum* soup? “It’s a Thai dish. Same with curries. They are Thai. From the south. They got them from India. The main difference between Lao and Thai food? Our countries are neighbors, but Laos is landlocked. Laos is about vegetables and pork and chicken and maybe freshwater shrimp and fish, and sticky rice. The Thais have the coasts. They get all the seafood.”

It works well. Light and spicy larb pork salad, then the shining hotpot with its cargo of shrimp and veggies — mainly mushrooms — and sticky rice. It gets richer the further down you go. A scoop of crushed dry chilis onto both, and I’ve got me a kick-ass hot soup and salad. It sure warms up the night.



Paula, my spice guide

PS. Okay. Discover I’ve spent, like, a lot. But I check the menu again. Next time, I can fill up on a bowl of *tom kha* soup (\$6.95) and a woven basket of sticky rice for \$2. That should stop the wallet leak. ■



Hot pots: Lao spices await scooping



Crispy-creamy crab rangoon to start

mirrors. Shiny polished ebony tabletops. Paula leaves a menu. It’s a relief to find that the prices aren’t as fancy as the furniture.

Place advertises “Lao-Thai food.” Is there a difference? I hold that thought as I spot crab rangoon — crispy pastries squished around crab meat. Costs \$7.95 for half a dozen. Nice starter. But I’m also hankering for some *tom yum kung* (spicy shrimp soup) to spark the cockles of my heart with heat. The question Paula puts to me is, how much spiciness to go for? “We have a scale of 0-50 here,” she says. “We can go all the way, but not many do and live.” She laughs. So do I, nervously. While I’m umming and aaahing about it, she hauls over this four-pot spice collection. And for the first time, I get a lesson in spices.

“You have to know what spices to use. It’s

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# Evolutionary throwback

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## Evolution Fast Food does just fine with old-fashioned fake meat

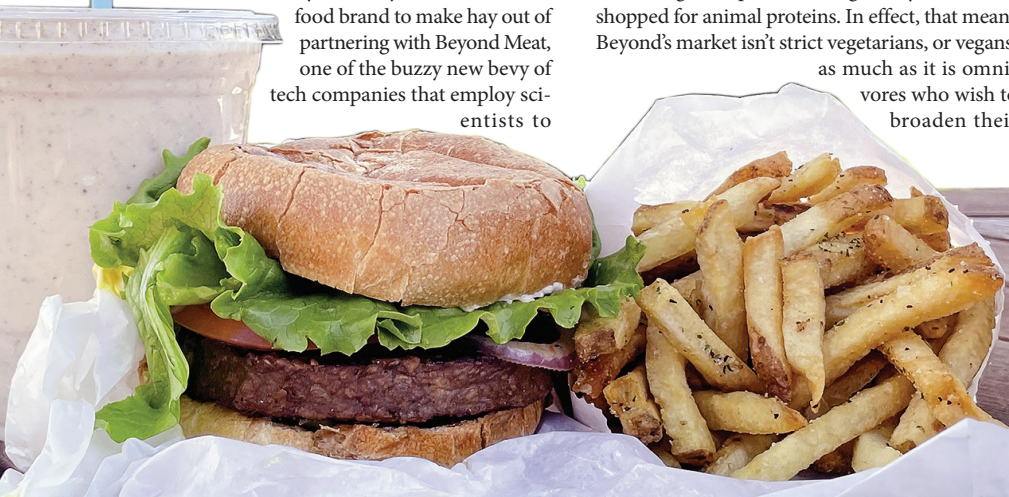
Evolution Fast Food; 2965 Fifth Avenue, Bankers Hill. A certain fried poultry chain garnered buckets of free press last week by announcing that it will be serving vegan chicken options at its restaurants. Really, KFC is just the latest fast-food brand to make hay out of partnering with Beyond Meat, one of the buzzy new bevy of tech companies that employ scientists to

create plant-based meat substitutes.

You see, the announcement roughly coincides with the launch of a new Beyond Chicken line. The company has been steadily looking beyond its burger success, and has now fashioned an approximation of white meat from pea and fava bean proteins (plus a variety of starches and glutens).

I can't lie: I will be eager to try it. But will vegetarians?

Two years ago, the founder of Beyond Meat made the claim that 93 percent of the people who bought its products in grocery stores also shopped for animal proteins. In effect, that means Beyond's market isn't strict vegetarians, or vegans, as much as it is omnivores who wish to broaden their



Vegan food doesn't have to equal health food: non-dairy milkshake, meatless burger, and



Banker's Hill's usually busy vegan drive-thru.

dietary diversity.

I could pretend to be shocked by this, but it's almost like Beyond is reading my diary. I've been the one who wants it both ways: to eat less beef while eating the same number of burgers. Meanwhile, for all the tens of millions of companies like Beyond have invested in developing veggie patties "that bleed," it just might be that people committed to plant-based diets were pretty happy with the meat substitutes they'd already been eating for decades.

So, instead of rushing out to a Kentucky-fried drive-thru to try the new, sci-fi-styled chicken tenders, I steered toward Bankers Hill, to pay a visit to San Diego's own, original vegan drive-thru: Evolution Fast Food.

Since 2006, Evolution has been making plant-based beef and chicken alternatives cooked up in a kitchen, not in Silicon Valley. Along the way, it's debunked the misconception that vegans are only interested in health food — one of its most popular menu items is a Buffalo chicken sandwich!

I've found it to be one of the city's most consistently busy drive-thrus that isn't named Starbucks. Though its burgers-and-fries-led menu is modeled after fast food (down to the non-dairy milkshakes), a wait upwards of fifteen minutes is common, even when cars aren't backed up into the street. I've had occasion to joke that my biggest challenge to giving up meat is the drive-thru line at Evolution.

For those determined to go, it's quicker and easier these days to place an order online for pick-up. But my point is, people are determined to eat here, despite all the well-documented advances in food tech. Many remain attracted by a choice of tempeh, black bean, or "beefy" soy-based burgers

(\$8-10) — fare that never generates headlines.

Or, like me, they go for the faux-chicken sandwich (\$10). Even without the Buffalo sauce, ranch dressing, or other house-made adornments, it's tasty and filling. Even without the tempeh bacon add-on — which looks more like a limp sock than actual pork, but



The plant-based "fried chicken" and "bacon" sandwich from Evolution Fast Food.

lends a fatty sensation that allows you to feel like your breaking all kinds of New Year's resolutions. The alt-meat's chew hardly resembles chicken, but honestly, I've had bigger qualms with the texture of a few fast-food chicken sandwiches in the past.

As for the future: when I do get around to trying the new-tech-marvel phony chicken, Evolution is what I'll be comparing it to.

by Ian Anderson

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# Drinks All Around

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It's a Saturday night in University Heights, and groups of friends are pouring into Park & Rec. Busy bartender Alex Rodriguez is slinging cocktails left and right, keeping pace with the crowd as they order rounds of craft cocktails. After studying a menu full of enticing

options, I decide to get down with Get Ur Freak On.

Rodriguez gives me the rundown. "We infuse the Mezcal with Anaheim chili peppers and mango for three to five days. Then from there, we have our house-made curaçao made with amber agave, Cointreau and a little bit of sugar. And then we have a sweet white vermouth in there from Lo-Fi Aperitifs. It's really lovely, and it brings out a little bitterness and also a sweetness at the end — but not too much," she specifies, calling it "a drier sweet. Then, we have rhubarb and lime juice."

"All fun stuff!" she says with a giggle. "It all sounds funky, but it all comes together so beautifully with the flavors. It's not spicy, either. I really wanted to go with a cocktail that had the flavor of a chili but doesn't throw you off with the spice. Because I can't handle spice!" She says the Anaheim chilis offer a mild compromise — "refreshing, with the bold flavors and just a hint of spice in the cocktail."

The cocktail uses El Silencio mezcal cut with Real del Valle tequila. "It's a pretty standard mezcal, it's got a bold flavor.

It's pretty smoky, so we do blend it with tequila. Because I've noticed that unless people are coming up and saying 'Where's your mezcal cocktail?' they're not ready for mezcal," observes the seasoned bartender. "So we try to soften the blow... but you can still taste all of that in there."

Giffard rhubarb syrup adds a tart, fruity flavor. "It's thinner in viscosity, so that's where our agave comes into play. I'd never thought to put rhubarb in a cocktail, but it works well with tequila and mezcal." Sweet white vermouth, she feels, is the most notable component because it's an ingredient not often seen. "It has kind of a wormwood finish, which can be overpowering but because of the small amount that we use in it, and because of the small amount that's in the actual vermouth, it's really nice."

Besides borrowing names from famous songs for their winter menu, "we did all these cocktails that were all about love and cuddling up. There are a few dirty ones in there, and this is one of them," she says with a smirk. "It also gets people in a good mood. Nobody can order a Get Ur Freak On without smiling or laughing."

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In a rocks glass, half rim with Tajín, fill with ice. Add all ingredients to shaker tin and shake for 10 seconds, then strain over fresh ice. Garnish with dehydrated lime and mango slices.

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**ANY PAYPAL ACCT. HOLDERS??** Hi, I'm looking for somebody, anybody who has a pay pal account or bank account(if that would work) who will meet up & allow me to transfer my PP balance into your account & in turn you hand me the equivalent in cash. It's a simple fast task. Thanks! sandiegolady13@gmail.com

**BARCELONA** Antwerp Berlin Chula Vista....

**HOSTESS:** Christmas eve bet you didn't laugh shame. From: Not Weichert.

**THE BIBLE SAYS** whoever believes in Jesus shall be saved. John 3:16. Want to know how to get to heaven? Please call Travis at (619) 706-7529. Let today be a day of salvation, amen

**TWO-HANDED HOLD'EM TEXAS STYLE** I shuffled the cards Opponent: 2 diamonds 2clubs Us:4and5clubs. Bet, call, fold?

**WHAT'S THE MATTER BAD DEEDS** watch your back didn't want any part of your ad? You don't know who are.

**KATHERINE Z.** Dearest K., while you are on a comfortable star cruiser, I am laden with a spoiled brat princess who whines all day and doesn't even know how to feed herself. Since I pledged myself to the chore, I will stay focused and remember our good times Frank.

**THE DRIVEWAY SOCIETY** I realize having your car towed was a bit harsh, but you started this and if you retaliate further, I will use whatever means it takes to prove to you that I am right and the better neighbor have a great day!

**I AM BACK FROM TATOONIE** apparently you weren't there. I am brushing off my mountain climbing skills! See you at the top of the Matterhorn! Katherine

**DEBORAH WHITFIELD MEMORIAL** Friday February 4: balloon lantern release bonfire @3pm. Saturday February 5 @ Mt Hope cemetery: the burial ceremony will start @12 then we will celebrate my moms life with a reception after. diamondnicole11@aol.com

**I LOVE YOU FOREVER PAPA BEAR** Deniel Burleson you truly are my workd! Thank you Jesus for blessing me with my soulmate. Your wify Bianca.

**BAD DEEDS** won't go unpunished. Payback is coming. You know who you are.

**GOOD LUCK TO SAN DIEGO REP** in fixing the flood damaged theatre. Hope to see a live show soon, Brian B.

**HOPE ALL OUR USHERS** from LJ Playhouse have a good & healthy year to come. Brian, Mernie & James.

**LIFE IS GOOD** if your biggest concerns include where you are going to park your car. Driveway Society.

**LOOKING WITH ANTICIPATION** to Lamplighters the cocktail hour. Brian B.

**MERNIE** looking forward to your Chicano Park presentation, Brian B.

**RICHARD & JOANNA** thank you for the Domaine Pichot (& Gatorade). Have a great year, Brian B.

**SENATOR HARRY REID** gone before your time.

**SHIELA M** of Emerald Hills, good luck on the masters, Brian B.

**UCLA LATE WITHDRAW** from the Holiday Bowl shows a lack of class.

**WEICHERT: IF THIS IS YOUR LAST NAME** and you wrote "laugh" on the tip line when you had dinner Christas Eve, shame on you.

**YALE STROM** looking forward to January 29th benefit concert, Brian B.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Booh - You mean the world to me. Our one-year relationship has been rocky at times, but know this, I love you today, tomorrow, & forever. I want

the world to know that!!! Happy Birthday, my Friday the 13th love!!!

**MICHAEL CHARLES** a lifelong San Diego resident, died this month. He was a very well known activist in the homeless community. He will be greatly remembered and missed.

**75 YEAR OLD CHRISTIAN MALE** seeks Christian lady for karaoke singing, laughter, dancing, sense of humor a plus for friendship, San Marcos, Oceanside, Carlsbad. Tony (760) 916-6107.

**HOW DO YOU FAKE BEING SEEN** by 500 after being crucified? First Corinthians 15:3-6

**LOOKING FOR ARTIST NEAL** Pacific Beach, house on alley, between Thomas and Reed, 1977. And, Jackie Feitler. (619) 917-6975

**FRIENDS OF JAMES HARPER (JIM)** Please call Jim's family- Ann, Jennifer, Jamie. (619) 917-6975

**THE FIRST THING THAT EXISTED** had no beginning or created itself from nothing or Jesus said "I am the beginning".

## NOTICES

**BUNKO ANYONE?** starting a casual Bunko group, need 11 gals to join me 1x month to play. No experience needed, it's easy and fun!! Call Tonya for details (619) 219-9876.

**FREE DRIVE-THRU FOOD BOXES** Free drive-thru food boxes every Monday and Thursday, with one stipulation: you need to be in a car to receive food; no walk-ups. 485 Imperial Beach Blvd. Imperial Beach, CA 91932 (619) 271-0717

**SPRING BREAK LINEUP @ ohgeesy, @quavohuncho, @jhayco, @liljon, @djdiesel (Shaq), @djpope, & more - Spring Break 2022 lineup is HERE & packages in Tier 1 are moving fast! Papas & Beer is all about offering a next-level party experience. FB: papasandbeer.rosarito community@papasandbeer.com**

**FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE** Friday night karaoke with KJ ACE D! Our bar @ 817 W Washington St is a bit of a

superhero. By day it's a mild-mannered neighborhood dive bar and by night it's a karaoke extravaganza! (619) 298-3624 / thelamplightersd@gmail.com

**SANDWICH SPOT @ ROSARITO BEACH** Are you hungry and need a spot to grab a bite and do some work on the internet? Here's a great spot in downtown Rosarito. — Baja Sandwich. diegoknight69@gmail.com

**BAJA'S JOHNNY CASH** Baja's Johnny Cash - Christopher Spanos performs every Friday at Colectivo Surf Tasting Room at K41 in Rosarito. facebook.com/colectivosurf noel@colectivosurf.com

**JAZZ AND ITALIAN CUISINE** Giuseppis Restaurant on Revolución presents. Jueves de Jazz (Jazz Thursdays) at 6 pm. bit.ly/tj-jazz Diegoknight69@gmail.com

**WEDDING IN FRONT OF AN OCEAN** Have your event in front of the Pacific Ocean - weddings, parties and XVs. Tel. (664) 480-1140 / norma@jardincasabella.com

**SNEAKER SHOW ON 3/12** Kobey's Sneaker & Vintage Clothing Swap Meet is back on. Saturday, March 12, 2022 (619) 226-0650

**UMBRELLA WEEKEND IS HERE** umbrellaweekend.com/ (925) 997-6370 / hello@theafternoonumbrellafriends.com

**CLASSIC CARS WTD IN A TV SHOW** Imagine your classic car appearing in a TV show or movie? It's a possibility — info on flyer. Email for details. minx.bkg.casting@gmail.com

**FREE DISHWASHER** Pickup in Jamul. Call (619) 669-1342.

**ROSARITO EATERIES IN 1 SPOT** FB: ZotoFoodPark has 5 restaurants: Chef Burger Rosarito, a Thai restaurant, a cafe the was lattes/ crepes, Itacate restaurant has fajitas/ pasta, salads/omelets, and Rosarito en Boca which provides tuna/shrimp/ octopus tacos.

**RUBY ROSE CARIG** Ruby is awesome! Happy 13th birthday, Ruby Rose! We love you, Butt Butt!

**CAJON CLASSIC CRUISE IS BACK** If your vehicle fits a theme and you would like to be featured on the Promenade please DM Charger Steve for 2022 details. (619) 201-8207

**ROSARITO BEACH BREWERY** Come by on Sundays and enjoy! @delliottscervceria Tu cervceria de Rosarito. delliottscervceria@gmail.com

**CALI VIBES CONCERT** Long Beach, CA • Marina Green Park • Feb 4-6, 2022. facebook.com/CaliVibrationsFest/

**DEMON SLAYER COSPLAY PARTY** We're having a Demon Slayer cosplay party on August 6 from 1-5 PM @ Balboa Park. For more info, follow us at bit.ly/demon-slayer-sd

**2/19-2/20 ROCKET CON** Join us for the Annual San Diego Rocket Con. Enjoy a wide variety in our showcase for comics, collectibles, and more. sdrocketcon.com (619) 713-0078 / info@sdrocketcon.com

**A SIMPLE TWIST OF FATE** A simple twist of fate has taken you to iTreasureSanDiego.Com. Original. Unique. Challenging. Educational. Fun.

**PADRES HOF PITCHER RANDY JONES** needs help to support his foundation by volunteering at popular golf tournament Jan 10-14, 17-21. Lack of golf knowledge ok. (858) 945-4256

**KORN AT THE VIEJAS ARENA** On Feb. 1, Korn will perform at the Viejas Arena. Tickets: bit.ly/korn-viejass

**TRAVEL AND EXERCISE COMPANIONS** Friends for walking and other exercise at Balboa Park, dining out, travel,

etc. Mike (619) 209-0961 / marnoch\_m@yahoo.com

**UFO DISCUSSIONS** Before Covid we used to meet in person to discuss one of the greatest mysteries of the world. Now that we meet online we decided to create the YouTube channel where we feature our recorded Zoom meetings. www.meetup.com/Vancouver-UFO/

**COLECTIVO SURF TASTING ROOM** If you head south of the border to surf or skate - stop by the Colectivo Surf Tasting Room at K41 and try our 15 Baja beers on tap/20+ more bottled, & ocean/farm-to-table restaurant + sushi pub. www.colectivosurf.com / FB: colectivosurf noel@colectivosurf.com

**READER TACOTOPIA 2022** Join the San Diego Reader in our continued search to find the best taco at the 6th Annual Reader Tacotopia in Golden Hill Park on Saturday, May 7th, 2022. Try signature tacos from local restaurants and vendors in San Diego, TJ and LA as they compete to win the "Best Taco" award. Curated exclusively by our food writers, this event brings together the very best taco vendors and you decide who will ultimately win. ReaderTacotopia.com

**YOUR OPINION** as a Mexican descendant now living in the United States, are you in favor of returning California to Mexico? Center For Applied Critical Thinking. (619) 428-1274.

**RESEARCH STUDIES** Research that is available in Ocean California. PTSD, schizophrenia, ADHD. Qualified participants will be paid. Transportation will also be provided. Call Travis at (619) 706-7529. Referral number only.

**WORLD CLASS SPORTS BETTER** can help you have a winning season at march madness, UFC, fighting and NBA hoops. (858) 599-1641 or Elliott Joseph elliotjoseph962@gmail.com.

**IF YOU HAVE A PSYCHIATRIC DIAGNOSIS** and want to do a paid research study, call (760) 468-2855 if you are interested. Ask for Donald

**SAN DIEGO PILOTS AND AIRPLANES** are broadcast 24 hours a day on aviation theater on youtube. All are San Diego County pilot heroes.

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## CLASSES / LESSONS

**FREE MUSIC LESSONS** Two free lessons without obligation. Easy setup for all devices. Referral benefits. Drumset purchase not required. Questions? Send me a message! omnilessons@gmail.com

**ALOHA! HULA LESSONS** Aloha! Have you ever wanted to learn how to dance like the beautiful Hawaiians? well now's your chance! We offer hula lessons for all ages, skill levels, and genders! dancinghula.com (760) 267-7565.

**PUPPET CAMP** Hand puppet camp classes - please email for updated times and dates! sdgpuppetry@gmail.com

**PRO WRESTLING CLASSES** Are you willing to make the commitment? Make an appointment. levelupschool.sd@gmail.com (619) 825-7668

**VIOLIN AND CELLO CLASSES** Take advantage of the home office, homeschool, and lockdowns to learn music. I offer online classes for guitar, cello, music theory or composition. facebook.com/Yitzhak.Morales. Cello/ yitzhak.morales@outlook.com

**URBAN SELF DEFENSE** Offering urban self-defense

online training classes. Learn Krav Maga and Jeet Kune Do. My background is in direct lineage to Bruce Lee himself thru some of his original 1st generation students under whom I'm certified to teach. www.ijkdc.com (714) 818-6681

**ARGENTINE TANGO** Katia Diamond is teaching Monday night group classes!!! Argentine Tango \$15/class (858) 922-2121

**ELECTRIC VEHICLE CLASSES** Calling all electric vehicles (EV) enthusiasts. All are welcome (no need to own an EV). Some of us are newbies and some of us have deep technical skills. All of us are interested in driving electric. Instagram @ evaosd. KeithMikas@gmail.com

**BACHATA DANCING VIA ZOOM** Learn this beautiful Latin dance style with origins from the Dominican Republic and a newer style that evolved in Spain, "Bachata Sensual." www.hookedondance.com.au/ hookedondancemelb@gmail.com

**BREAKIN' LESSONS/ WORKSHOPS** Open floor for breakers! Must sign up first and then pay \$8 Venmo or cash at the door (class packages not applicable). FB: facilitydancealumni for updated info (619) 647-6726 / facilitydancealumni@gmail.com

**DRUMMING LESSONS** Learn hand drumming from Frank Lazzaro, 25+ years experience. Middle-Eastern, African, Latin, drum circles. Private or group lessons. Extra drums available. (760) 703-1487

**SELF LOVE CHALLENGE** Join elevated aura for a free self love challenge this February! Sign up at elevatedaura.com. You'll receive a daily positive affirmation, meditation, self love exercise, journal prompt or activity via a Love Note in your digital inbox.

**BALLET FOLKLORICO DANCE** Join us for our Ballet Folklórico dance classes. Information in the flyer. To register, please visit the link: bit.ly/nc-folklorico (619) 336-4290

**LEARN SPANISH IN 2022** Hola! Don't lose the chance to learn one of the most spoken languages in the world. Español en Tus Manos is an online school (619) 414-7736

**HEBREW CLASSES** YAAANA now offers affordable Hebrew classes, both in person and online! For more info please visit www.yaaana.org or contact us at info@yaaana.com and (619) 719-1776.

**LADINO CLASSES** YAAANA now offers affordable Ladino classes, both in person and online! For more info please visit www.yaaana.org or contact us at info@yaaana.com and (619) 719-1776.

**POLISH CLASSES** YAAANA now offers affordable Polish classes, both in person and online! For more info please visit www.yaaana.org or contact us at info@yaaana.com and (619) 719-1776.

**WEST COAST SWING** MoodSwing with Mark & Christann. every Tuesday night!! facebook.com/DanceHQ/ MarkAndChristann@gmail.com

**YIDDISH CLASSES & EVENTS** YAAANA offers affordable Yiddish classes and events, both in person and online! For more info please visit www.yaaana.org or contact us at info@yaaana.com and (619) 719-1776.

**TAI CHI AND QI GONG CLASSES**, Meditation In Movement. First class is free. Taoist Sanctuary of San Diego, (619) 692-1155 or www.taoistsanctuary.org.

## ROOMMATES

**\$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

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for me, feel free to ask! DM me at facebook.com/cameron.fenley.9/. Thanks for looking.

**FRIENDSHIP HOTEL** Friendship Hotel is an option if you haven't found a roommate or housemate (619) 298-9832

**GASLAMP QUARTER & LITTLE ITALY** My friends and I are looking for a 2-bd place with a year lease and can afford up to \$2800/month, and prefer downtown SD, Gaslamp Quarter, Little Italy, & Bankers Hill. DM at facebook.com/NathanAsher01

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

**ROOM NEEDED FOR TRADE, ASAP!** Hi, I'm a SWF in need of a private room right away. I'm respectful, Kind, quiet, polite, clean, tidy. Looking to trade domestic tasks, like cleaning, cooking, organizing, laundry, pet care, etc. for a. private room in San Diego, in lieu of rent. Thanks sandiegolady13@gmail.com

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

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

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

**I AM SEEKING ROOM** \$500-\$700 monthly, with bathroom preferred, Chula Vista, National City, or Downtown area near trolley, 12 years same employer, 100% solid references. Please call Joe (619) 408-9317, calls preferred.

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

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

**ROOMS FOR RENT** Rent weekly or monthly. (619) 869-5814 / rtgood2016@yahoo.com

**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

**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

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

6001 / kyus.bailey2016@gmail.com

**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

**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/bilkybydesign/

**SENIOR MALE LOOKING FOR ROOM** I'm an active senior looking to rent a room with private entry and private bathroom. I'm a male, I have no dogs, lifetime San Diego resident. Please call Mark (858) 263-6295

**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: christinav419 leahgordon43@gmail.com

**ANY PB ROOMMATES OUT THERE?** Hi my name is Sophie! I am 23 years old. I am looking for roommates to move to a place near the PB area. I am moving from Nebraska. My budget is 1,000 every month. FB message me if we are a fit! facebook.com/sophie.tokheim

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

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

**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

**ROOM FOR RENT** 92154 \$700 month, \$700 deposit, male only, 1/3 utilities, (619) 572-5598.

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

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

## COLLEGE ROOMMATES

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

**NORTH PARK, HILLCREST, DT** Looking for a roommate, room, or studio. My budget is \$1400 max for the North Park, Hillcrest, Downtown, Mission/Fashion Valley areas. I work full time and

I have an ESA dog I might bring with me so pet-friendly would be a plus! www.instagram.com/jacysteves/

**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

**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) 489-1349

**MIRAMAR OR USD STUDENTS** I have a 5 bedroom home in Mira Mesa with one unfurnished bedroom for rent. Has a shared bathroom and it measures 20x14. Price: \$850/month w/ \$850 deposit. Click Facebook link and DM for more info. bit.ly/miramar-college-room

**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

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

**2022 SDSU/GROSSMONT STUDENTS** Hey female-identifying persons! I have two rooms for rent. 1 is a regular room with shared bathroom, 11ft X 13ft. That room is \$1000/month with all utilities included. Other is 22ft by 15ft. -\$1450/month. facebook.com/sarin.parris/

**2022 SDSU STUDENTS** Saw this on Facebook and resharing here. DM the original poster for info. facebook.com/victor.rivera.520900

**FRIENDSHIP HOTEL** Friendship Hotel on 8th is an option if you haven't found a place in San Diego yet. www.friendshiphotel.net/ (619) 298-9832

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

**HUSBAND/WIFE STUDENTS** 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. Thanks! facebook.com/amanda.lucila/

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

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

**'22 PALOMAR AND CSUSM STUDENTS** I found a place on FB for rent in San Marcos. He's renting it for \$2200. DM the poster for more info. bit.ly/san-mar-condo

**\$7500 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS** The San Diego Reader is giving away \$7500 cash to writers next month; this includes all college students. For just under 50 years, The Reader has been chronicling life in San Diego. So here's your chance to contribute. Click the link for more info. www.sandiegoreader.com/contests/san-diego-reader-writing-contest/ (619) 235-3000 / writingcontest@sandiegoreader.com

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

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

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

**COLLEGE VIEW APARTMENTS @ SDSU** College View Apartments @ SDSU, a safe, welcoming & conveniently located apartment community near the university at 5420-5422 55th Street facebook.com/CollegeViewApartments.SDSU (619) 287-6456



**CSUSM STUDENTS - LOOK!** Saw this on Facebook. DM OP for more info. Master bedroom and private bathroom for rent for \$1,140. It is at 570 E Barham Dr, San Marcos, CA 92078 bit.ly/san-mar-place

**ISO HOUSEMATES** I'm a 24-year-old male and will be moving to San Diego to start a job in Mission Valley. As far as being a roommate, I'm pretty easygoing. Let me know what ya got! My budget is \$1500 bit.ly/housemate-chris

**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

**2022 SDSU STUDENTS** We are searching for a roommate for our house at PB. He or she should be a student cause we are currently studying at SDSU.

It's a 2BR/1BATH House with two shared rooms. We are 3 students. facebook.com/bilal.naous.9

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

**COLLEGE STUDENT ISO ROOM** Looking for a room! Max price of \$900 all utilities included. About me: currently working as a sports performance coach, we train collegiate and pro athletes. Also in my final semester of school. facebook.com/basheer.qatan/

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

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

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

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

**NURSING STUDENT ISO ROOMIE** I'm Jordan, 29, and a full-time nursing student. I work from home and have 2 dogs. I'm looking for another female to rent a house within San Diego County. PLMK, thanks! Budget: \$1500 DM on Facebook, thanks! facebook.com/jordan.mcguire.3

**OB ROOMMATES?** My name is Cam and I'm looking for a room. 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/

**ROOM 4 '22 SDSU STUDENT** I am located in La Mesa. Rent/ utilities is \$900/month. Room fits a queen size bed. Bathroom is shared with my 12 y/o son and another roommate. Access to main areas of house. FB for more info - thx! facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12

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

**HOUSEMATES** I'm Rafael, 30 years old, looking for a room with private bathroom. My budget is \$1,100. I'm open to a 3 bedroom

house and I would like to be friends with my housemates. Send me a DM or contact me on IG. www.instagram.com/rafyjuan/

**LOOKING FOR 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

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**2022 SDSU STUDENT HERE** Hey everyone, I'm doing my semester abroad at SDSU and still need a spot in a shared bedroom or private bedroom as I'm living in a hostel in downtown at the moment. Budget \$1000 per month. facebook.com/leonardo.cofone.3

**2022 SDSU STUDENT ROOMMATE** I'm Robert, I'm transferring from the Bay Area to San Diego for SDSU. I'm looking for 2-3 roommates who already have a place and are just looking for 1 more. FB: robert.baghdasaryan.7 IG: \_baghdasar www.instagram.com/\_baghdasar/

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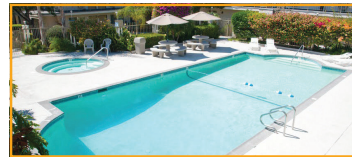
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**MOVING TO SAN DIEGO COLLEGE** I'm looking for a roommate / private room in an apartment or house. hoping to move in around early February. I'm Te'noah. I'm from the Chicago area. I'm currently active duty army in Kansas but I'm getting out to go back to college. facebook.com/tenoah.tatum

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#### SDSU EXCHANGE 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 from the beginning of January. facebook.com/ida.hertin.5/

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#### LAST SEMESTER IN COLLEGE

Hello all, 22 year old looking for a private room. I'm in my last semester of college, take part in an internship and also have a job. Price range up to 850 (all utilities included). Move-in ASAP facebook.com/basheer.qatan

#### PLACE FOR '22 SDSU STUDENTS

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

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#### 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

#### SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIST JOB

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#### STUDENT FROM GERMANY

Hello folks, my name is Bilal, I'm a 24 years old student from Germany and searching for a room in PB, MB, or areas that are close to. I'm a sporty, clean, and respectful guy, so feel free to dm me your offers. Appreciate it. facebook.com/bilal.naous.9

#### USD, UCSD, MESA COLLEGE

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

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#### 2022 SDSU STUDENTS

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#### 2022 USD AND MESA STUDENTS

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#### '22 MESA COLLEGE STUDENTS

I found this room on Facebook a couple of months ago. The OP is looking for a roommate and the house is close

# White pelicans not plunge diving at Dixon

## Dock Totals 1/9 – 1/15: 578

anglers aboard 31 half-day to 1.5-day trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 8 blacksmith perch, 36 bluefin tuna (up to 100 pounds), 2 blue perch, 71 calico bass (50 released), 43 halfmoon, 1 halibut, 52 lingcod, 125 lobster (86 released), 975 rockfish, 275 sand bass, 596 sculpin, 4 triggerfish, and 119 yellowtail.

**Saltwater:** While a bit of bluefin tuna action outside of Cedros Island is keeping the attention of a few boats still operating 1.5- to 3-day runs south, the coastal Baja yellowtail action has been warming back up. After a bit of a lull, the bruiser jacks returned in force to nearshore waters outside of San Quintin, and continue their seasonal bite from Santa Rosalillita, around Punta Eugenia, and on down to the southern end of the Vizcaino Peninsula. There have been a lot of good-sized fish caught by friends off Quintin and down south, some fish coming in near the 50-pound mark. While the Pacifica had a rough day on bluefin with only 4 landed for their 22 anglers aboard a 1.5-day trip, the Polaris Supreme reported 36 fish landed up to 100 pounds during their 3-day run with 24 anglers. Meanwhile, 13 anglers aboard the Pacific Voyager 2.5-day trip concentrated on the rockfish and yellowtail bite nearer the Baja coast and scored well, with 119 yellowtail, 60 rockfish, and 52 lingcod coming over the rail.

Further down the line, yellowfin tuna to over 200 pounds are showing for the long-range fleet fishing the Ridge and out at Alijos Rocks, with all signs being good for that excellent fishing to continue. In our nearshore waters, it's all about the bass — as in sand bass. Though the calico bite has been hit and miss depending on current, the sand bass bite, especially off the Point Loma flats down to the Imperial Beach 'pipe', has been consistently good, with most of the fish caught measuring over 14 inches. Rockfish are biting well for the boats venturing south of the border to the lower 9-Mile Bank and other high spots within half to full-day reach in Mexican waters.

In the surf, halibut are biting on occasion, and along with surf, perch are providing another winter off-season outlet for anglers targeting them. Forget sand crabs for bait; they've moved deep as is their wintertime normal. Try crank baits like Lucky Crafts or Gulp sandworms, grubs, and even their imitation sand crab baits for action. The best times are when tides are moderate and surf is low to medium. Use the bottom of the tide to hit holes hard to reach and fish to the top as the tide rises.

**Freshwater:** It's all about the trout this past week, even though winter bass fishing has been decent. Taste is subjective, but some would say those stocked trout are preferred table-fare over green bass. I have been a few times in recent weeks, and I am zoning in on the most productive methods for trout. Although it does make a difference how many days before fishing, the lakes were stocked, there are the common go-to baits when targeting trout. Topping that list is chartreuse Power



Another day at Dixon Lake, another fat three-pound rainbow trout for the smoker.

In the time I caught one three-pound trout soaking Power Bait, one angler fishing the same cove caught six fish using mini jigs. Alas, I had none in the box, so I just enjoyed watching him catch. This also brings me to line size. I was fishing 6-pound test, which is on the heavy side of what is working. The guy with the mini jigs was using 2-pound line. Though he was the 'catchinist' angler in the cove, he released 4 of them unintentionally as they broke the line when the fish fought hard at the bank. My advice is center around 4-pound test, fish power bait or mini jigs (in white, seconded by yellow), and, to secure the frantic hooked fish, take a long-handled net. Some of these stocked trout are up to and over 8 pounds and require a bit of finesse to not only hook, but to land.

Trout fight very hard once at the shoreline. They sense their end, however deep their senses run. I do know that migrating white pelicans are hunting them along shore and have seen a few get scooped up. Two ospreys were also working Whisker Cove at Dixon while I was there. Birds beat the fish up in the shallows, where the trout tend to cruise for days after being planted, which is apparently what they do in tanks where they are raised. Every fish caught would draw two or three pelicans that would fly over and watch the action. White pelicans, however, do not 'plunge dive' from high up the way our native brown pelicans do. White pelicans swim in groups of three or more and try to herd fish to a point where they can plunge their heads and scoop up fish in quick thrusts. Were they the diving type we see at our local bays and beaches, the trout would not stand a chance. So far, it seems our diving brown pelicans haven't figured out the freshwater action in San Diego County lakes during the wintertime. Raptors, on the other hand, find the trout stocks quite appetizing and golden eagles, bald eagles, and ospreys all take part in feeding on them. Go get some!

**Fish Plants:** January 24 – Lake Jennings, trout (1500), January 25 – Dixon Lake, trout (1500), January 27 – Lake Poway, trout (1500)

Bait, especially with glitter. I like to present it on a long 24-inch to 30-inch leader with a weight just heavy enough to get a decent cast. As the stocked fish tend to circle the lakes and coves near to the shore, one doesn't have to cast much more than a couple dozen yards, and usually less.

I have dangled worms, specifically nightcrawlers, directly in front of trout by sight, and so far, no takers. Meal worms might get them to go, but I haven't yet tried those, though I do know trout favor them. Other popular trout baits, like corn, may be restricted at area lakes, so be sure to check bait limitations before heading out to fill your creel.

For lures, my go-to Kastmatters, small spoons like Thomas Buoyant, tiny Krokodiles, and spinners like Roostser Tails and Mepps have all done little to encourage tank-raised trout to bite. I have noticed that guys working a 1/32nd ounce mini jig, mostly white or yellow, where trout are congregating have done very well.

is one spot in that bedroom that is available NOW until then. Females only, please DM if interested facebook.com/chris.olory

#### 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

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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

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#### 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

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

#### SWC COLLEGE

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#### UCSD ROOMMATE WANTED

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**SDSU STUDENT HERE** I'm an SDSU senior exchange student from Georgia (Europe). I'm looking for a shared or a single room for 4 months, preferably near SDSU. Please message me @ FB facebook.com/lukicha

#### SDSU STUDENTS

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#### AMERICAN PIT BULL PUPPIES

FOR American Pit bull puppies for sale. If interested in getting a puppy from us, contact us through our website or phone number. (706) 751-3769. www.prettypitbullpuppies.com/available-puppies/ / prettypitbullpuppies@aol.com



#### BUNNIES IN NEED OF A NEW

Bunnies in need of a new home. I have a few Holland Lop & Lionhead. Male and female One is indoor the rest are yard bunnies. You need a secure fence with no holes, hutch to keep warm, able to give hay and veggies. They come to you at dinner time. (858) 413-6046 / Happycarrots@aol.com



#### BUNNY RABBIT IN NEED OF

**HOME** Male Holland Lop. Super sweet, loving, likes to snuggle up to you, playful, beyond soft, indoor, good with kids. I'm moving cant take him. Must find home asap. Rehoming fee \$45 comes with hay and hideaways. (858) 413-6046 please text. / Happycarrots@aol.com



#### POMERANIAN PUPPY NAME:

Gracie, female. Born: Oct. 13th 21 Up to date on shots & Papers if requested Very healthy and smart. She needs her forever home @ \$1500. Giving us room to work with you. Please text anytime (858) 413-6046 / Happycarrots@aol.com



#### SMALL ANIMAL RABBIT

**HUTCH** 3 levels and build like a house. Weatherproof roof and comes with fun handmade ramps, hideaway houses, and tile tables for them to rest on. Must go ASAP You could close bottom off from the top two if needed. I have clear lights around it \$125. (858) 413-6046 / Happycarrots@aol.com

#### \$1000 REWARD FOR LOST

**DOG** The poor dog was last seen in Imperial Beach on 8th Street. Please call the owner if you have any info on her whereabouts. (562) 443-2099

#### CAT TREES

Selling cat trees for \$75 lisapines@yahoo.com

#### LOOKING TO BUY A YOUNG

**MALE** blue nose brindle pitbull, I don't have a lot of money but have a lot of love to give, looking for a friend. Tony (619) 586-0131.

#### SPAY AND NEUTER IN

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#### DOGGIE NAIL TRIM AND

**GRIND** Hi everyone, I'm a professional dog groomer and I provide mobile nail trim service for dogs. I can go to your house to trim your dog's nails for \$18. If you are interested please contact me. (760) 481-4185

#### 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.com

#### DOG NAIL TRIM AT YOUR

**HOUSE!** Dog-nail trim at your house (cut and grind), for \$18 from a professional dog groomer (760) 481-4185

#### 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.

#### HEALTHY F1 CAVAPOO

**PUPPIES** Fantastic litter of F1 Cavapoo babies available from the 10th of Oct. These beauties will be 10 week old and had both vaccinations. Mum is a miniature poodle and Dad is a CKC both are AKC registered. Contact for more details. (206) 629-2478 / cavapoo8@tortoiseparadise.com

#### BUNNIES FREE-\$20

Holland Lop, Lionhead teenager bunnies available I am relocating and can not take all of my bunnies and I need to find a home fast for these amazing little bunnies. All sweet and kid friendly. Comes with Hay and hideaway house. (858) 391-0142 / acandjflooring@gmail.com

#### MISSING YORKIE!

Mila is still missing! There's a \$\$\$ reward. Please share! She went missing by San Ysidro high school. Please email ivetsita\_gg@hotmail.com

#### POMERANIAN PUPPIES

**AVAILABLE** Pure Pomeranian puppies available Born October 13, 2021. First shots. Puppies are super sweet and love to cuddle. They are pet only and looking to meet their new forever family. Price is \$2000 with some room with work with you if interested. (858) 413-6046 / Happycarrots@aol.com

#### REHOMING DUCKS FREE

Free ducks male & female Small homemade pond included. Both sweet & beautiful need to rehome ASAP. (858) 413-6046 / Happycarrots@aol.com

#### ONLY FRENCHIES DOG

**SHOW** Will have dog shows with some of the most sought after frenchies Experienced and reputable breeders there with premium studs and pups. DM @ brockfambulldogs @corinamacinc for details

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a small dog or puppy. Text only (442) 297-2161

## SPORTS

#### MOREY AND BODY GLOVE

**BODYBOARDS** The Morey Mach 7 or Mach 9 is in great shape and has a nice leash; asking \$40. I can probably find a leash for the Body Glove but asking \$20, the bottom is perfect but there is a bubble on the top side on the right as pictured. bit.ly/morey-mach-9 bit.ly/morey-mach-9

#### 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.com

#### TENNIS BALL MACHINE W/

**REMOTE** Silent Partner Smart tennis ball machine with a remote. \$1,195. Text (602) 989-9893 for info.

#### 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 / amagdalenao@sandiego.gov

#### BEACH BASKETBALL

**TRYOUTS** Did you ever consider playing professional basketball in Mexico? It starts here. In ten days we have our tryouts. Email for details on the 2022 season and tryouts! (619) 994-1944 / beachbasketball@yahoo.com



#### REBOUNDER

Jump Sport 220 in Home Cardio Fitness Rebounder, 39-inch I Mini Trampoline with 30 Premium Bungees. www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0030E6030/ref=ppx\_yo\_dt\_b\_search\_asin\_title?ie=UTF8&th=1

#### CAPOEIRA VIA ZOOM

Capoeira is a Brazilian art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics, martial arts, and music. Signups are here: capoeira.tokyo/

#### SPORTS CARD SHOW IN

**LA MESA** Show's at the St. Dunstan's Church 6556 Park Ridge Blvd. in San Diego on 1/22/2022. There's a great selection of sports cards, Pokémon, YuGiOh, Magic the Gathering, loads of packs, hangers, blasters, and Megas! sdcollectibles.com/

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**BASKETBALL IN SAN DIEGO** Play in a 5-on-5 adult basketball league @ www.meetup.com/mensbasketball/ info@flightactionsports.com

**NEW SKATE PARK IN ESCONDIDO** New skate park opening in Escondido at Washington Park

**RAIDER NATION IN ROSARITO** If you ever head south of the border and want to hang out w/ some Las Vegas Raiders fans — come by El Patio Cantina in Rosarito. #RaiderNation is here! facebook.com/El-Patio-Cantina-998349437016657 elpatio@hotelfestivalplaza.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

**DEMOLITION DERBIES IN TIJUANA** Check the 2022 "The Return of Tijuana Clashes" demolition derby events @ facebook.com/Gladiadores YDemoladoresDelVolante yonke. los.angeles@gmail.com

**KUNG FU ONLINE** Ving Tsun Choei was made famous by the Ip Man movie franchise as well as by my granduncle Bruce Lee. Moy Yat Ving Tsun is the denomination we give to the way we teach our style. www.meetup.com/vingsunexperience/

**RUNNING COMPETITION IN TIJUANA** The January-February 2022 running events in Tijuana are set. Follow for more info -> facebook.com/IMDET. TIJUANAGOB diegoknight69@tijuana.com

**TRICK OR TREAT SUP PADDLEBOARD** Asking \$575 at Redline Rentals and Sales. on 3780 Hancock San Diego CA 92110. (619) 352-0061

**VINTAGE MOREY WOODEN BOARD** Very cool vintage 40" skimboard by MOREY. It has really cool orange, yellow, red, and black tribal flames and a sunset theme. Asking \$68 More info here @ bit.ly/morey-skim bit.ly/morey-skim

**1/8 MILE DRAG RACES** Located on the Barona Indian Reservation, just 5 miles north of the Barona Casino, @ facebook.com/baronadrags/ - this 1/8 mile dragstrip is an NHRA sanctioned track. racing@baronadrags.com

**THE BEACH BASKETBALL LEAGUE** It begins @ Rosarito Beach this Jan. 11 and ends on March 31. There are 12 teams, 2 categories, 2 champions. Games are Tuesday/Thursday, 7, 8 and 9 pm. FB: TheBeachBasketball thebeachbasketball@gmail.com

**AIKIDO OF SAN DIEGO** Evolutionary martial arts: the warrior way of unifying with life energy. We're training in the park Wednesdays & Thursdays at 6:30 pm, and Saturday mornings at 9:30! Visitors are always welcome to stop by, watch, and ask questions. www.AikidoSD.com info@aikidosd.com

**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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**ROSARITO BEACH SURFERS** A local Rosarito Beach surf shop & school; we have surfboards of all sizes for rent or sale. facebook.com/escueladesurf.locales loscarluna@hotmail.com

**ROSARITO PADDLEBOARDS/ KAYAKS** Paddleboards and ride kayaks in Rosarito on

## “Meet every moment as a friend, and don’t try to change things.”



47-year-old Jilian Skog learned at La Jolla Shores

### How long have you been surfing?

About three years. I have always loved snowboarding, and it is kind of the same mentality. The body mechanics are very similar; it was an easy transition for me. The challenge was that in snowboarding, the ground is not moving. In surfing, the water is moving as well as your board, so it's a bit more difficult. Luckily, when you fall, it doesn't hurt like in snowboarding.

### Do prefer surfing over snowboarding?

I love both sports equally. I love the mountains and I love the water. I am pretty much in the mountains in the winter and in the water in the summer. Now that I am surfing more frequently, I have found myself in the water all year 'round.

### When did surfing click for you?

It took me a couple of years. I

started [going to a] surf meetup.

That helped. It was free lessons, free boards, free wetsuits, and all that. It was a beginner's group—all ages, all backgrounds, anyone who wanted to come out. When I got a little confident, I bought this board and my wetsuit.

### Favorite surf moment?

Surfing in Hawaii. It was awesome. The waves are so long. It's warm weather and warm water. There is something different about the water there. It's very airy. I got a little intimidated surfing there just because of the reputation, but I started out at a beginner's beach. I had an instructor with me, so I always felt protected.

### Has it taken you a while to work up to surfing certain beaches?

Yes. I learned at La Jolla Shores. As I

became more confident, I ventured out to [Tourmaline]. I did a surf clinic at Black's Beach a few weeks ago. That was a little bit more challenging. I need more practice at Black's Beach.

### How often do you go surfing?

I usually go once a week.

### Advice to new surfers?

Have fun. Have a good attitude. Don't give up. Don't let that first wave intimidate you. Go with the flow and enjoy yourself. Let the wave be your friend. Don't try to control it. If it wants to take you a certain way, just go with it. That is my analogy for life. Meet every moment as a friend, and don't try to change things. That is what the ocean has taught me. I actually have that tattooed on my body.

Jan 29 at 10 AM– Jan 30 at 4 PM. www.bajaexcursions.info/ bajaexcursions1@gmail.com

## BICYCLES

**MOTOBECANE & SCHWINN CLASSICS** We're selling Motobecane and Schwinn classic bikes. Grand Jubilee Motobecane French Classic. Beautiful and in good condition. \$250. Schwinn beachcomber. Not light but very cool. \$100. Message for more details. Thank you for looking. lrssecond@gmail.com

**WOMEN'S PINK BICYCLE** Women's Townie Pink Bicycle. Great condition!! Rare Three speed, contact me for more details. located in Rancho Santa Fe. Asking \$495 - thank you for looking classifiedsbysreader@gmail.com

**HELP FIND A STOLEN TREK BIKE** Stolen bike in North Park. My bike was stolen last night from our gated complex. We're new to the area and I was wondering if anyone knows what sites or places stolen bikes are sold around here?? TIA noahpsag@gmail.com

**LANGSTER SPECIALIZED ROAD BIKE** We're selling a gently used Langster Specialized road bicycle. Bike has new pedals and handlebar wraps, and it's in very good condition. I'm including a helmet that I've only worn once. \$300 classifiedsbysreader@gmail.com

**SCHWINN LEGACY CRUISER** Light blue cruiser with red and white trim, excellent condition, wide seat. 26" wheels. \$90 classifiedsbysreader@gmail.com

**VINTAGE ROBIN HOOD BIKE \$110** I'm selling a vintage Robin Hood bike with nice tires and a basket. It's in Granite Hills and I'm asking \$110 John.Schmidt@gcccd.edu

**PEDEGO INTERCEPTOR III** We're selling an electric Pedego Interceptor 111 platinum edition step thru 26" for \$4,200 - obo. The bike only has 113 miles and has just been serviced and inspected. pnissan1@me.com

**BIANCHI VELOCE ROAD BICYCLE:** carbon fork, light green color, made in Italy,

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**50S SCHWINN EXCELSIOR CRUISER** It looks like it has been restored. All original except spokes and fenders. Still has the original copper head badge. \$325. Call if interested. (760) 224-0512

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**UNISEX SCHWINN'S MT BIKE** \$35, girls 5speed white \$30, Diamondback hybrid \$65. (619) 586-7736

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**SCHWINN MOUNTAIN BIKE** We're selling a Schwinn mountain bike for adults for \$175. Message for more details. Thank you for looking. gab\_y.venegas@yahoo.com

**MARTYFROGZ BIKE RIDE** MartyFroGz Bike once again extends a cordial invitation to our first ride of the 2022 year. Let's stretch our legs after these holidays with a small 45km cycle

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**1968-1973 SCHWINN KRATE/ STINGRAY** parts, have chain guards, shifters, etc. call for info, prices, pictures (619) 909-1211.

**BIKE COVER** 75in long, new, \$20. Helmet, new, bicycle, \$10; bicycle padded seat cover good condition, \$10. Contact (619) 380-4861.

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## AUTOMOTIVE

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\$12k or trades welcome? (951) 445-1770

**1998 TOYOTA CAMRY STOLEN** from Scripps La Jolla, tan in color. Significant damage to drivers side rear. Plate no 3XUZ519. Reward, (858) 353-9489.

**2000 TOYOTA TACOMA PICKUP** Selling a 2000 Toyota Tacoma Pickup truck for \$7,995 (760) 532-4855

**2007 CHEVROLET COLORADO** Selling a 2007 Chevrolet Colorado LS Pickup 2D 6 ft. bed for \$8,995 (760) 532-4855

**2015 AUDI A6 3.0T** We're selling a 2015 Audi A6 3.0T for \$19,488. Its paint color is. Phantom black pearl and it has a Nougat Brown interior. The car has 99,360 miles. (858) 571-2991

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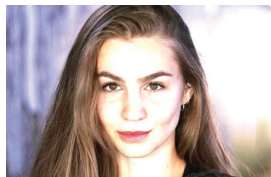
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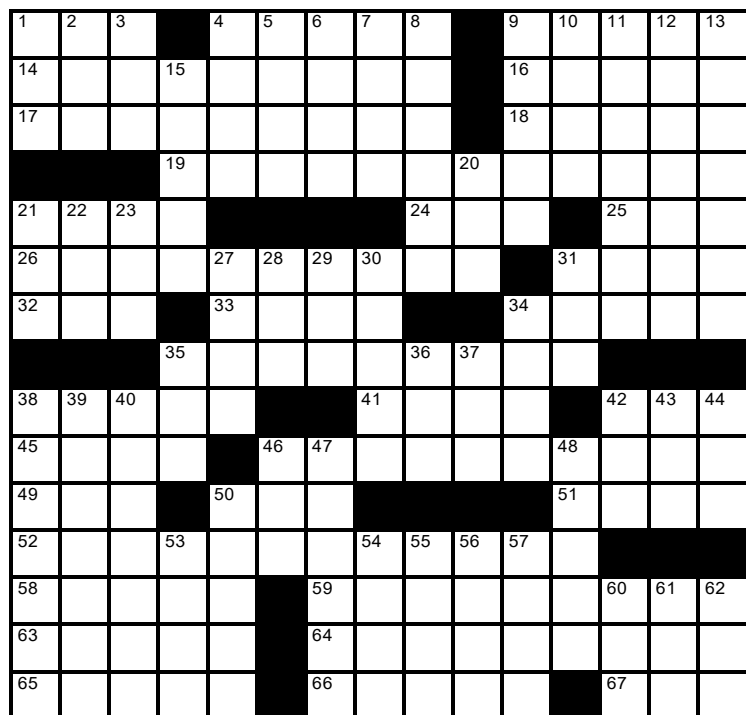






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58. H.S. class for science whizzes
59. Wind player's purchases
63. "For \_\_\_\_!" ("Seriously!")
64. Place to display goods
65. Malden and Marx
66. Diciembre follower
67. Utmost degree

## Down

1. "What was \_\_\_\_ was saying?"
2. Stumblebum
3. Beehive State native
4. #carpediem
5. Sea of Serenity setting
6. Big order for a wedding reception
7. "Quicker than \_\_\_\_ of light" (Madonna song lyric)
8. Get in the way of
9. Yoga pose
10. Tiber tributary whose name means "black"
11. Manny's last name on "Modern Family"
12. It often involves a Snellen chart
13. City on the Italian Riviera
15. Arizona State city
20. 0% \_\_\_\_ financing
21. Many withdraw from it

22. "\_\_\_\_ Duke" (1976 Stevie Wonder hit)
23. Bushel or barrel: Abbr.
27. Was sure of
28. "Let's \_\_\_\_!"
29. Uranians, e.g.
30. Amanda Gorman works
31. Fumble
34. "Narcos: Mexico" actor Michael
35. \_\_\_\_ Psaki, Biden press secretary
36. Tit for \_\_\_\_
37. Cook with Apple
38. Facility for small planes
39. Popeye's "boy-kid"
40. Metric pressure unit
42. "Fourth periods" in hockey, for short
43. Infinitesimal
44. Prohibition, e.g.
46. "The Tell-Tale Heart" author
47. Go against
48. More together mentally
50. Lip application
53. Bitter \_\_\_\_
54. Israeli statesman Abba
55. Part
56. Crystal ball gazer
57. "... ish"
60. Years and years
61. Period
62. Texter's "I can't believe this"

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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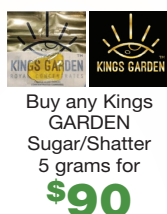
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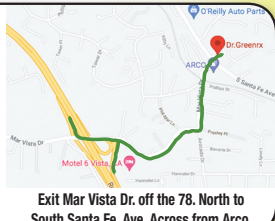


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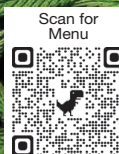
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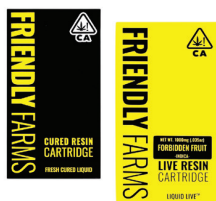
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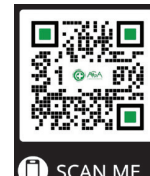
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