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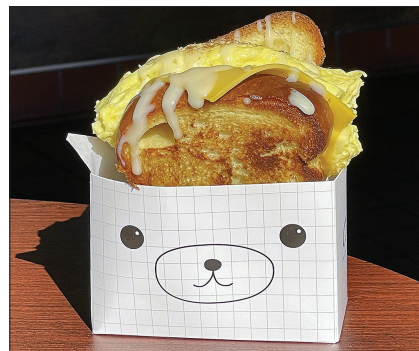
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

OVER TROUBLED WATERS

## Max mission almost accomplished Ivy ante, span planning, fraternal forgiveness

On January 29, 2021, Max Lenail was finishing a long run around Mission Trails Regional Park when he attempted to cross the San Diego River near the Visitor Center Loop trail. There's no official bridge or crossing over the river in that section of the park, but most visitors who want to cross use a concrete-encased sewer main

later, their efforts seem to be paying off. "We really are kind of running the show," said Lenail. "We're working with the Park and the Park Foundation, but we, the family, are really the ones that are driving the project. We had an open bid for the job. We hired KPFF to be the project manager, and they have started the work. In 2022, it's all going to be about surveys and permits. The new target dates that everybody gave me are opening of the bridge around February 2024 — in time for Max's 25th birthday, which is March 26th, 2024."

He continued, "It's a two-year project. Construction will probably be end of 2022 and shouldn't take more than six months, because a lot of the components of the bridge are prefab. But that said, it's a hundred-foot-long bridge. It has to be elevated. It can't touch the water. And it's in an environment that has all kinds of complexities, so it's a



Artist's rendition of the planned bridge. Lenail: "It's gonna have a sort-of pretty outer shell that's shaped like an 'M,' as in 'Max.'"

"It's a two-year project. Construction will probably be end of 2022 and shouldn't take more than six months."

that acts as a sort of man-made dam. It had turned into quite a stormy day, so the usually tranquil river was swollen and running strong.

The sewer enclosure usually has visible rocks on top of it that hikers can use as stepping-stones. On that day, they were likely completely submerged. Max's car was nearby in the Visitor Center parking lot. He had to choose between a treacherous river crossing and retracing the route of



"He said, basically, 'I'm channeling Max, and I forgive him.'"

his hour-long run. After speaking with a hiker who had just made it across, Max decided to make the attempt. But something went wrong, and he drowned in the San Diego River.

Since his death, Max's parents, Laurie Yoler and Ben Lenail, have been leading a charge to get an official bridge built at the river crossing where he drowned. One year

big project."

The family has raised \$900K for the project so far and has secured a state grant for an additional \$1.5M. Lenail noted that one donation came from an surprising source — the college where Max was enrolled at the time of his death. "We got a completely surprise donation, \$25K, from Brown University, which is very unusual because typically, universities don't give money to non-profits. They want to raise money for themselves. So, that was beautiful," Lenail said.

Lenail is confident that the combined \$2.4M they have raised so far will be enough to fund the entire project. If they have surplus funds, he thinks that money could go towards ADA infrastructure — "a combination of usefulness and beautification" — at the Jackson Drive parking lot and the trail leading down to the river. The bridge itself will be a bit upstream from where the current trail crossing is located, and will be about six to eight feet in width. "It's gonna have a sort-of pretty outer shell that's shaped like an 'M,' as in 'Max,'" Lenail added. "That not only adds an aesthetic element, but it also protects the structure against the elements."

It's a bridge that Lenail's older son Alex,

27, could have utilized when he retraced Max's final run during a late-December downpour. "He video-called me from the river," Lenail explained. "I could follow him on Strava, and I was very worried. He said, 'I'm at the river. I'm frozen. I haven't seen a single person in an hour and a half. I've seen coyotes, I've seen eagles, but I'm at the river and it's incredibly gloomy and wintry. I'm frozen and I can feel Max. I can feel how Max felt.' And he said, 'By the way, the river is crossable. There is a lot of water,

sadness,' but that connecting with Max's friends has provided him and his wife with solace and joy. "Those kids love us," Lenail said. "We are way past the point of them doing it for charity. They absolutely love to hang out with us. We feed them a wonderful meal — the kind of meal that Max would have cooked. Those kids, they want us to mentor them, to care for them, and that's the way we are keeping Max's spirit alive."

DRYW KELTZ



Undergrounding: coming eventually to a street near you!

but I think I can cross it safely.' So, he did cross. But he said, 'For the first time, I can forgive Max because I can feel how he felt, and he wanted to get back to the car and it seemed like a small risk to take — to go for it.'" Lenail continued, "I was really like, 'What is Alex doing? Is he going to kill himself? Does he want to re-enact what happened to Max? Is that the plan?' I was really worried, but then he called me from the river, and he said, basically, 'I'm channeling Max, and I forgive him.'"

Lenail is expecting about a hundred people to be present at the same river crossing at noon on January 29 to celebrate the one-year anniversary of his son's passing. He says the family is still "crushed with

WIREWORLD

## Undergrounding underway Just a hundred years or so to go

San Diego wants to underground the wires that line all of its streets. While it's a lofty goal, residents have been asking for decades when the project is coming to their address. The state estimates that undergrounding costs about \$1 million per mile, and individual projects typically take three years to complete.

Two weeks ago, the environmental committee gave unanimous approval to a new memorandum of understanding between the city and San Diego Gas & Electric concerning the undergrounding of powerlines,

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## Carpe Diem

Local bank gets Meta crypto project after company pivots

Meta, formerly known as Facebook, is ditching its once-vaunted entry into the wild world of cyber currency, unloading the mystically named Diem Association to a subsidiary of a small La Jolla bank. The heavily touted project was revealed back in June 2019: The Libra Association, as it was first called, was supposed to form the heart of an alternative financial system to compete with conventional cash-based money. “It feels like it is time for a better system,” Facebook’s blockchain technology research chief David Marcus told the *New York Times*. “This is something that could be a profound change for the entire world.”

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook’s chief executive, picked the iconic San Francisco Mint to unveil the project. A subsequent white paper intoned, “the Libra Association’s mission is to enable a simple global payment system and financial infrastructure that empowers billions of people. We have worked with regulators, central bankers, elected officials, and various stakeholders around the world to determine the best way to marry blockchain technology with accepted regulatory frameworks.”

But repeated blasts of techno-verbiage never convinced skeptical regulators, and Meta has finally thrown in the towel, per a January 26 account by the *Wall Street Journal*, “selling its technology to a small California bank that serves bitcoin and blockchain companies for about \$200 million.”

According to the story, the buyer is Silvergate Capital Corporation. “We leverage our technology platform and management team’s expertise to develop solutions for many of the largest fintech and digital currency companies



Facebook may have changed to Meta, but Silvergate head honcho Alan is staying in his Lane.

and investors around the world,” reads the website of the firm, founded in 1988. Alan Lane, the bank’s chief executive officer, has been at the helm since 2008. “The grandfather of 21 and devout Catholic said he became interested in cryptocurrency in 2013,” per a May 31, 2018, CNBC profile. “At the time, he had been reading about bitcoin and how it might disrupt banking, an industry he had grown to love and started working in when he was a student at San Diego State University. Because of what’s known as ‘distributed ledger’ technology, people could theoretically become their own banks, without the need for third parties, he found out.”

In addition to Silvergate’s early involvement, Libra and the subsequent Diem venture boasted the participation of Visa, MasterCard, Uber, Lyft, eBay, and Spotify, according to a June 18, 2019 *ArtsTechnica* account. But the big corporate guns started dropping out as regulators began questioning Facebook’s plans to get into the cryptocurrency business. For its part, Silvergate “had earlier reached a deal with Diem to issue some of the stablecoins — which are backed by

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# UNDER THE RADAR

## UCSD’s uncontrolled substances

An audit completed last fall but just recently released to the public following a request to the university under the California Public Records Act calls out UCSD Health for being out of compliance with controlled substances policies. “A gap in oversight was identified for human subject research,” says the document, signed September 16 by the university’s Director of Audit and Management Services **Christa Perkins**. In a particularly egregious case involving a study conducted outside of UCSD Health clinics, the report says, “The [Principal Investigator] held the [U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency] registration for the controlled substance.” University officials, on the other hand, looked the other way. “The [UCSD Controlled Substances Program] has indicated that it does not provide oversight of controlled substances utilized for human subject research,” says the audit. In the case of the unnamed



Jim Madaffer, looking into spying cops so you don’t have to!

project, “No controlled substances oversight was provided other than that provided by the DEA registrant and the study sponsor.” According to the audit, the unidentified drug, which was “provided directly by a study sponsor” to the similarly unnamed university researcher, fell into the category of Class IV. That group includes anxiety drugs diazepam, known as Valium; alprazolam, commercially known as Xanax; insomnia treatment triazolam, marketed as Halcion; and the muscle relaxant carisoprodol, known as Soma. Illegal use of Class IV drugs has lately burgeoned. A January 20 DEA news release says Balboa Pharmacy recently paid \$105,000 to settle charges related to the category. “According to the settlement agreement, Balboa Pharmacy filled prescriptions without resolving the following commonly known red flags.” They included “dangerous combinations of drugs, including duplicative therapy; opioids and benzodiazepines (e.g., Valium, Xanax); and opioids, benzodiazepines, and muscle relaxants (e.g., Soma), a combination that is colloquially referred to by drug abusers as the ‘trinity’ because of the rapid euphoric effects of this combination of drugs.”

## Chula Vista’s spycam spinner

Facing festering questions about police high-tech spying, including the use of drones and automated license plate readers, Chula Vista has tapped not an online privacy expert but a well-known lobbyist, PR man, and ex-San Diego council Republican to conduct a probe. **Jim Madaffer’s** company Madaffer Enterprises peddles influence to a host of clients, including online rent-a-scooter pur-

veyor Uber and San Diego’s Deckard Technologies. The latter is a high-tech start-up backed by La Jolla’s **Neil Senturia**, spouse of ex-San Diego city council Democrat and failed mayoral candidate **Barbara Bry**. (That outfit attempts to bust illegal single-family rentals using esoteric data mining tools.) Now Madaffer has cut a \$165,000 deal with Chula Vista’s city council to staff a panel of hand-picked citizens that will look into cop spycams and related hardware used to collect data subsequently forwarded to federal

immigration authorities, per the *Union-Tribune*. One skeptical observer is retired UCSD library safety and security chief **Nancy Relaford**. She speculated that Madaffer’s role would be to “educate the community about what the police are doing, rather than possibly making any changes or recommendations to the city,” the paper reported January 23. “Public opinion research” began last month, with panel meetings expected to start in March, the

account says.

**Nurse Toni Toni Atkins**, the San Diego state senate Pro Tem who has been collecting campaign cash for a 2026 lieutenant governor run from a raft of special interests, picked up \$5000 contributions on January 25 from both GC Operating Company LLC of Sparks, Maryland and Providence Administrative Consulting Services LLC of Farmington, Utah. Both outfits are big nursing home players. In November of last year, Providence’s parent company announced it was buying Plum Healthcare Group, California’s second-biggest skilled nursing facility operation, according to the website *Skilled Nursing News*.



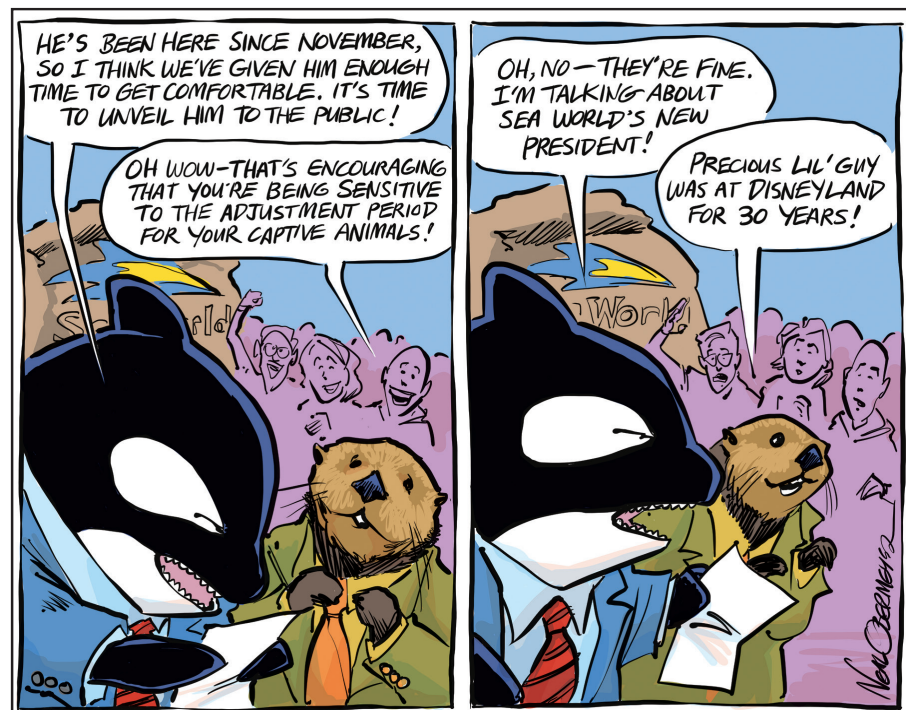
Toni Atkins, big fan of old-folks money.

“Fifty-four of the facilities are located in California, and four facilities are in Nevada. Capital Funding Group provided financing for the deal.” GC is manager or owner of six nursing operations in California, per *Nursing Home Database*. The website gives five stars to the company’s Santa Cruz facility, but awards just two stars to each of two facilities in San Jose and La Crescenta. According to her year-end campaign accounting

disclosure, filed January 21, Atkins raised a total of \$632,040 in 2021. After spending \$96,485, mostly on fundraising, the campaign had a cash balance of \$557,500 on December 31. Meanwhile, ex-Assembly Democrat **Lorena Gonzalez**, who resigned her seat last month to become Chief Officer of the California Labor Federation, ended 2021 with a cash balance of \$348,047 in her state Secretary of State campaign committee. But Democratic Gov. **Gavin Newsom’s**

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### Digging concurrence

Unfortunately have to concur with most of the digs ("The internet writers gang up on San Diego," Cover Stories, January 19). Born in MA, grew up in NC, have lived in LA (total 12 years), SD (total 15 years; in PB, San Marcos, El Cajon, Clairemont Mesa, North Park-before and then after the "rise"-and now University Heights), Vegas (3) and TX (1).

Older, former professional working musician and then massage therapist, with now over 2 years/4,000 Rideshare rides experience (you learn a lot about a town this way) in both LA and SD. Used

to pick up in LA hotspots like WeHo and Downtown at 2 AM, never any vomit. In half the time, 3 pukers in SD, one a "native." Don't drive at night here anymore from that and people here get worse and worse re masks and 'tudes as night progresses.

The worst are the 20/30-something "Princesses." Generally in LA only about 2% riders don't wear the required mask overall, in SD it's more like 20%, (worse in East and North County), in Orange county it's more like 50-60%, (and close to 100% in Newport).

They say "simple" folks talk about others, more intelligent about events, most enlightened talk ideas. That formula proves true along same lines as above. It's not a completely apple-to-apples scenario; you could tuck SD into West LA alone. Still, I have run in to way more friendly, conscientious, easygoing, enlightened folks in LA in all comparable situations (gigs, clubs, beach, grocery store, rides, etc), or if they are in my car they are more often from another big city like Chicago or NY.

Only in SD can I be walking down street (Nice, uptown neighborhoods), middle of day, but have a single or couple stare at me as we approach each other, I smile and nod and/or say hello, and not only do they not smile and/or say hi, they usually scowl and/or look away?! (I look pretty "normal" these days, so wtf?!). Neighbors park on the street like they are the only MF-er that may need a spot.

People who have 'tude about being a "native" of anyplace crack me up; so you plopped out and never left to make your own way and/or experience any other culture, okay, good for you. I feel no sympathy for people who don't like the weather; you could have figured that out looking at an almanac, but a "big small town's" culture has to be lived to be experienced.

Fair observation is that tourists are not residents,

but that is still a significant influence on the vibe. And now it's getting even more crowded and gentrified...and douchey. Time to move back to LA; a more friendly, "International City," (and like NYC, yes, has the best and worst of anything America has to offer-with better weather), asap. Stay Safe, Be well. Love and Peace. Out.

Andre  
University Heights

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### "Nora Vargas attackers under sex harassment shadows"

#### Under the Radar

January 26

David Alvarez lobbies for Bird scooters and Kilroy developers? What happened to his goody-two-shoes work as a community "activist" and representative for working-class barrio Latinos?

Alvarez has an equally "flexible" opponent in Georgette Gomez who is also running for Assembly, so either one will fit right in with the San Diego County posse up in Sac. I hope Lorena Gonzalez refrains from endorsing in this race to the bottom.

—monaghan

### "Where is San Diego's local news going now?"

#### Cover Stories

January 27

Still waiting for someone to expose Ciara Estrada's murder (and coverup by the SDPD)...

—Seth Derek Aronson

### "Talk of undergrounding San Diego' powerlines is grandiose"

#### Neighborhood News

January 25

They just charge the property owners from what I've experienced. I think our measure took 20 years to pay for. It got completed last year. crazy mess. ATT was late so they just left their wire on the ground lol

—Chris Tucker

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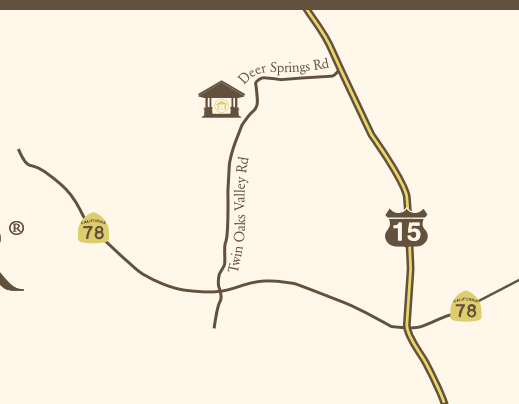


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which they say will speed things up. “We’re on the right track,” said councilmember Joe LaCava. “You hear of the mayor’s ‘sexy streets.’” He describes the vision the city has been working on as involving “no ugly boxes,” following a rash of poorly-placed utility equipment in older neighborhoods along narrow streets and sidewalks. Then



“Our program was able to complete 8.7 miles of undergrounding in 2021.”

again, Linda Vista is one such neighborhood, and councilmember Raul Campillo said that it appears to have been left out of the undergrounding plans altogether. “One thing that was shocking and disheartening to me is that Linda Vista had no projects in development, design or construction,” said Campillo.

Since 2002, San Diegans have been

Linda Vista’s community plan, there are high voltage transmission and distribution lines running through Tecolote Canyon and along Friars Road. The community’s highest priorities for undergrounding are listed as Ulric Street, Comstock Street, Genesee Avenue, Morena Boulevard, and West Morena Boulevard. They also want help from SDG&E to attain “visual relief” from the Gaines Street Substation.

Typically, all overhead distribution lines on a given street are undergrounded

together, the effort funded by utility companies and/or by the assessment district, in which property owners pay. Campillo said the state’s fire threat district tool misses many residential areas that have been impacted by fires. In District 7, “the tool encompasses all of Mission Trails Regional Park, but practically none of the adjacent homes where the under-

grounding is going to take place,” he said. “Fundamentally, the communities themselves seem to be left out,” if decision-makers simply rely on the high fire threat district tool alone. People want to know when the undergrounding is going to happen, he said, because they know it’s going to help with safety and weather-related outages. He asked that the committee tuck changes into

a new one is beginning,” said Gene Matter, the city’s assistant director of transportation and storm water. But despite the slowdown, “our program was able to complete 8.7 miles of undergrounding in 2021,” he added. The new agreement gives the city more oversight, allows joint projects, and includes a citizen’s advisory group for the franchise that includes undergrounding.

Every neighborhood with overhead lines is included in a master plan that was overhauled in 2018. Criteria for selecting sites was included, and the council must approve each project, at which point it is allocated. Design and construction don’t start until it comes back to council for approval by a public hearing to create the underground district. “We only receive enough funds to support about 10 miles of construction per year,” Matter said.

In addition to local surcharge funding, the city taps funds through the state’s rule 20A, which applies to utility providers across California. San Diego’s surcharge was established so entire neighborhoods

is adopted.

Councilmember Campbell praised the work of the public-private partnership, saying that “it should serve as model for everything we do. For 50 years, SDG&E and the city have been working block by block, street by street, to underground our powerlines.” But her District 2 has waited decades, and like others, she was hoping for a timeline to finish the work. “Those blocks lucky enough to have the money allocated already — many are still years away from the next phase. So from Pacific Beach to Clairemont, Pt. Loma to Linda Vista, many of my constituents are beyond frustrated with this seemingly endless process.”

According to the report, 999 miles remain. Matter explained the math. “If we’re funded to do 10 miles per year and there’s about 1000 miles — if we can stay on that current pace of receiving \$60-80 million per year, and the pace is still \$6-8 million per mile — there’s still quite a bit of work,” he said. “It could take a hundred years.”

SHEILA PELL



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“SDG&E and the city have been working block by block, street by street, to underground our powerlines.”

paying a 3.53 percent rate surcharge on their electric bill to help expedite the undergrounding. In 2021, it appears only \$172,000 was expended in his District 7, Campillo said — about one percent of the \$16.8 million dollars spent. In addition to aging infrastructure, the neighborhood is “situated right above Tecolote Canyon,” adding to wildfire risks. And according to

the memorandum related to high-risk fire areas, and also outreach that would include council district offices, in order to assist the city’s older, poorer communities.

One reason given for the program’s delay was the transition to a new franchise agreement with SDG&E, approved last summer. “We are in a unique historic place, where a 50-year franchise agreement has ended and

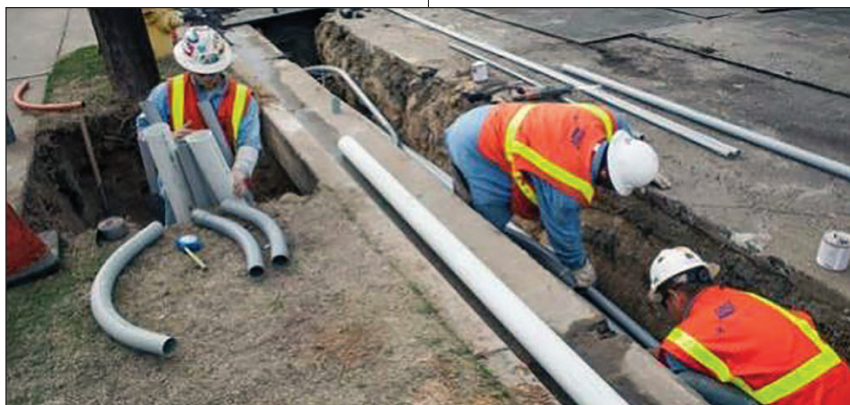
outside rule 20A boundaries could also be undergrounded. Matter said the fund balance was \$171 million at the start of 2021. The city receives the money from SDG&E as franchise revenue, and can use it only for undergrounding. San Diego has 93 miles of planned projects left that meet the state’s criteria for using rule 20A funds, such as being on a major street or scenic area. (Poles down side streets don’t qualify.) SDG&E manages the money, and allocates a budget, known as work credits, for each city. San Diego has been receiving \$15-20 million dollars in work credits annually. “Our work credit balance at the start of 2021 was about \$105 million dollars,” said Matter. Currently, he said, the state is revising rule 20A, and has tentatively stopped issuing work credits, which has put several projects on hold. There are 28 projects mid-construction, all expected to have enough work credits to finish. Nineteen other projects are ready to take to district councils to create new undergrounding districts once the MOU

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I had exhausted just about all my leads on *Ancestry.com* in my search for information about my home’s first owners, and I felt as though my quest was coming to the end. Then, for the heck of it, and not expecting to find anything helpful, I Googled Glikeria Rogers. I figured her name was unusual enough that if I got a hit, it would definitely be her and not some other Glikeria Rogers. Paydirt! I was amazed to get several hits. One was a 1959 permit application to have a garage built at her Georgia Street property, and the address on that paperwork matched that of her 1959 directory listing. Maybe the answer to the mystery of her three different Georgia Street addresses was in the application: “...that agreement be filed that 2 parcels will remain in one ownership & never sold sep.” It seemed that Glikeria might have been moving from one living space to another, most likely within the

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The state estimates that undergrounding costs about \$1 million per mile,



An aerial photograph of San Diego, California, showing the city's urban landscape, the San Diego Bay, and the San Diego-Coronado Bridge. The text "What's happening in *your* neighborhood?" is overlaid in a large, white, serif font.

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# UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

San Diego certainly boasts more than its fair share of wealthy enclaves. Horse-players assemble every summer where the turf meets the surf in Olde Del Mar, the city's old money power brokers cut deals in mansions overlooking the bluffs in La Jolla. And just getting west of I-5 in Cardiff, Carlsbad, or Encinitas will cost you a few million. All of these locales share one common feature: breathtaking ocean views and fresh sea air blowing in off the Pacific. All save for one,



Please direct any catty comments about the gentrification-gray wood to the big cat above.

that is.

Ever since Lilian Rice was tasked by master architect Richard Requa with development of the Rancho Santa Fe covenant

several miles east of the coast, the neighborhood has been a magnet for the affluent and powerful. With its large homesites spanning several acres,

the resulting community affords residents both space and privacy, precious rarities in Southern California. To this day, the neighborhood attracts

Hollywood stars (Bill Murray, Arnold Schwarzenegger), famous athletes (Phil Mickelson, Kawhi Leonard, Troy Polamalu), and others with considerable means and fame (Richard Simmons, Bill Gates, Jenny Craig).

Knowing we're going to be among impressive company, let us now consider what a Zillow listing bills as a "one-of-a-kind Santa Barbara-style custom Spanish Adobe with stunning panoramic views" at 4560 Via Gaviota.

"Elegantly situated on 5.61 private, peaceful acres" and "tucked behind a gated long winding driveway, this 5916-square-foot Weir Brothers estate home is surrounded by lush, mature botanic gardens where microclimates abound to accommodate citrus groves, food forests, kitchen gardens and color-

ful flower beds." Looking at the aerial photos that open the visual part of the listing, we're definitely able to observe what appears to be quite a long driveway, along with some native landscaping interspersed with some grassy lawn area, plus a seating area with fire pit interestingly located adjacent to the front driveway. I suppose no one you're not expecting is coming up that gated drive, so if that's where the views are, then why not? What I don't see is the kitchen garden, let alone citrus grove or food forest. And how "micro" does a microclimate have to be to fit an "abounding" number of them onto a five-acre lot, anyhow? Maybe we'll get to that later. For now, let's head inside.

Just past the entry, we find a curving grand stair-

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### I Didn't Chew My Rice Enough

As I sat down to write this review, a woman I know told me not to lie: "I've never read an honest restaurant review in San Diego (she said). If you have experience, you should be able to tell 'The place means well, but the food stinks'; the Kitchen is the King of a restaurant, you know. I would write reviews, but I hate food, and that wouldn't do, would it? I like to drink though." **MAR. 29, 1973**

### Taken for Granted

The main course: beef stroganoff (rich, smooth, generous) and totuava Sea Bass, beurre noire (the fish itself was adequate — thick, fresh, moist, and attractively served — but the beurre noire was unaccountably beurre blanc, plain melted butter which had never reached the browning stage). As we finished we watched a couple near us being served Chateaubriand for two — a huge plank mounded with an enormous piece of beautiful beef — and realized we had made a mistake. **SEPT. 13, 1973**

### What to Say about a Tijuana Restaurant

Also, the people who come in to play guitar for 'couples' are sometimes good, certainly better than the drunken clientele who sing along.

The whole place feels comfortable; it's small, a really pleasant room in which to sit and talk and eat. Sometimes the hawkers who wander through get on my nerves, but that's my problem. The murals on the wall — Mediterranean pastels — have multiple vanishing points. What more could you want? **FEB. 15, 1973**

### Honkies in Hoakydom

There's a juke box stacked with the real soul 45s. James Brown, Al Green. The Impressions, Luther Ingram. We put on Al Green and a couple of slow, whispering Spinners tunes. There was this trio of black Marines when we came in, jumping and dipping around the room to the tinny funky stereo. The thin, short black with lively snappin' fingers was the cafe's Smokey Robinson, singing falsetto smooth right in there with Luther. **MAR. 1, 1973**



The Prophet lasted until 1985.

### Beauty Is Only Shell Deep

A two-egg omelet made with a wonderfully stringy blend of Monterey Jack and cheddar, crumbly hoop cheese sprinkled on top. a slice of avocado here, a tomato slice there, and slightly crispy around the edges, mmm. Plus your choice of two corn or flour tortillas, these last coming folded in floppy quarters like hot napkins. Service is sometimes patience-thinning slow, but reflect, you can order this 95¢ bargain all day and all night long. **NOV. 8, 1973**

### Perfect Parody of SD Beer Bar

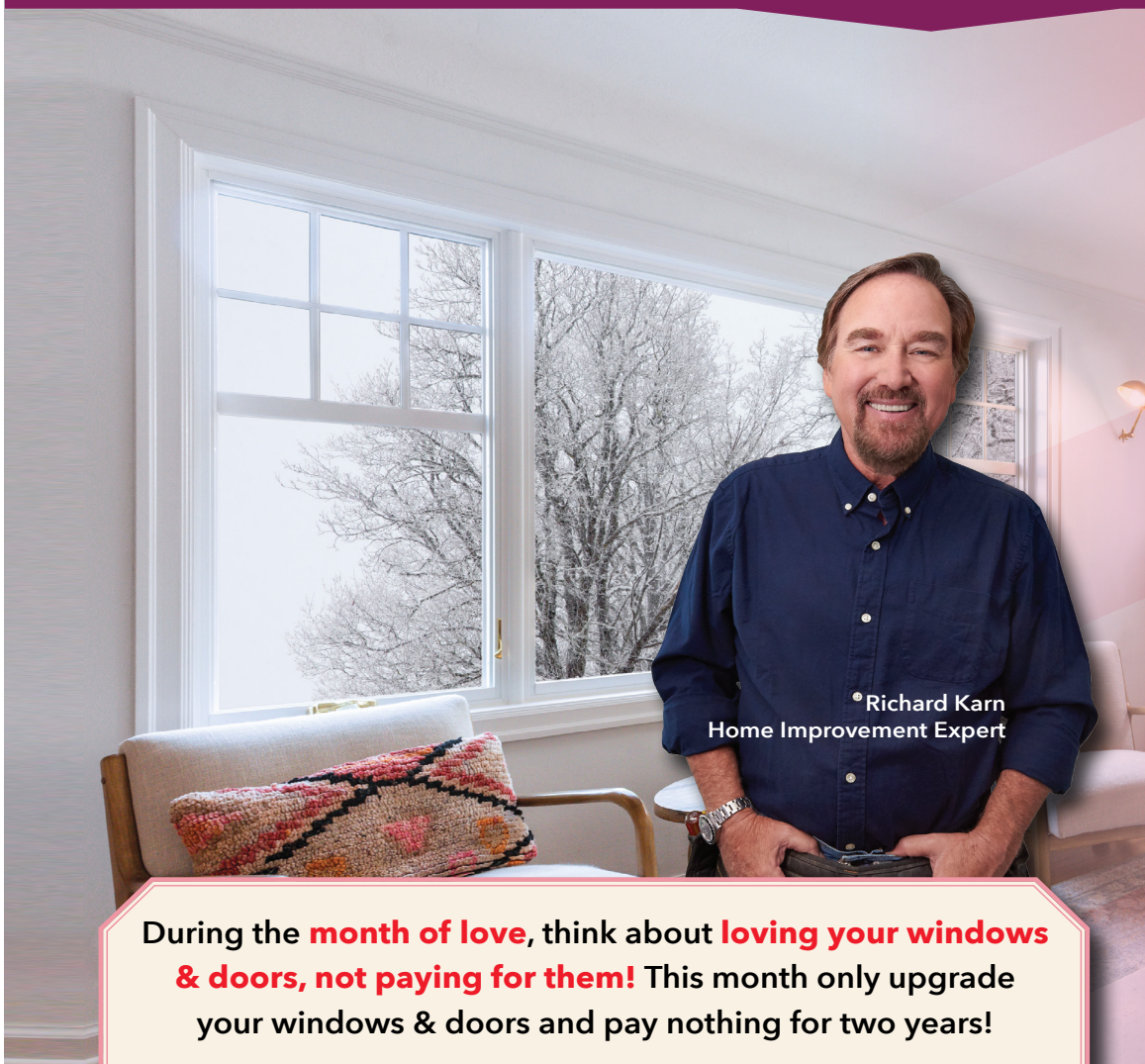
Bool Ko Kee was served with rice and shredded lettuce, and was tolerably good. The wonton soup was fine, and so were the fried wontons (Jang Kuk Bob): similar to the Chinese, but spicier. There was also a rice soup, spicy peppered beef, and Sasyme, which the waiting person described as "roughage." All this was served on clean melamine, in an area lit by a colored lantern and marked off by a green rubber sheets. **NOV. 23, 1972**





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1911, rebel army marching to the Battle of Tia Juana, June 22, 1911

### Magonista memories

"The Red Flag Now Flies Gallantly Over Tijuana!" reads the headline in *Hellraisers Journal*, Saturday, May 27. Of course, that's Saturday, May 27 of 1911. Things were happening, right outside where I'm at in TJ, at the bottom of Avenida Revolucion, where I'm sitting, at Hotel Nelson's bar (Appropriate: it is the oldest bar in Tijuana). I guess I'm looking for history. And right here, where TJ began, there's a ton, from the sublime to the ridiculous. Like, it seems Marilyn Monroe stayed here. And here's a signed, time-stained, black-and-white photograph of The Beatles in TJ, with Paul caught ducking behind Ringo Star.

But what I'm looking for is a pic showing *bona fide* rebels gathering to launch an actual revolution. Back in 1911, they wanted to create a separate republic of Baja California. And I finally do get to see the picture: armed men lining up on Avenida Revolucion to march south and challenge Mexican dictator Porfirio Diaz's government forces. The recruits were photographed — God bless those early photographers! — outside Sr. Savin's Bazaar Mexicano curio shop. The flag declaring *Tierra y Libertad* ("Land and Freedom") flies over the store.

What's known as the *Magonista* Rebellion, named after Ricardo Flores Magon, was planned up in LA by the Organizing Board of the Mexican Liberal Party. The problem was that no-



Ruben the donkey at the bottom of Revolucion. Is this where the rebels gathered to go to war in 1911?



Celebrated yet ignored, famous pic of The Beatles with Paul hiding, plus signatures

one, not the many Americans who joined up, nor the Mexicans, nor the supporting Native Americans, could agree on what they were actually fighting for: to abolish property and create an anarchist workers' commune? Or to create a basic bourgeois democracy? Or just to get Porfirio Diaz out of his dictator's seat? The whole movement apparently foundered thanks to the collision of these different views, and to the backgrounds of the Mexican, Native American and North American rebels. Only the idea of giving Baja back to its original inhabitants was agreed upon.

The remarkable thing amid all this ferment is the numbers. The tiny town of Tijuana had maybe 100 inhabitants in 1911. The organizers collected perhaps 220 men to actually step up and go fight in the rebellion.

The actual campaign? It was a mess, but the *Magonistas* fought real, lethal battles with Mexican government forces between January and June 1911 in what were called the First and Second Battles of Tijuana. And at the start, the rebels prevailed. "[This] was by far the biggest battle that has been fought since the Mexican Liberal Party placed their army in Lower California," wrote the pro-rebel, pro-Libertarian *Hellraisers Journal*. "Many brave acts were recorded. At 8:30 am on Tuesday May 9th, the Liberal Army was in full possession of Tijuana, Mexico. Thus ended a memorable struggle, between slaves of the capitalist class on one side, and Liberty-

Loving Workers, who are fighting for freedom, on the other side. At last the victory of social revolutionists in lower California is assured."

Well, not quite. By the end of June, all of Baja was back in Mexican federal hands. But the two Battles of Tijuana did fuel the fires of what was to become the full-fledged, decade-long

place and settles in, like nothing ever happened. Did she have a set of babies? Is this the next? Is it her? What should I do? I get back online.

First of all, she's no dummy. 'Hummingbirds are the among the smallest warm-blooded animals in the world,' says this article in the *Washington Post*, but "they have the largest brains

"People don't realize this is where Tijuana was born.

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Mexican Revolution. Stirring stuff, and it happened right here, probably where I'm looking across at Ruben the striped donkey, outside the bar. "People don't realize, this is where Tijuana was born," says my bar buddy Pedro. "You want forgotten history? It's all here."

### Egg-centric adventure

It's a miracle! She's back! Heather the hummingbird is back!

I'm talking about the little hummingbird who whirled into town one day and started threading together a perfect egg cup nest on a dangling branch right outside my bedroom window. I tried to be discreet as she wove away and finally wiggled her little butt into place and settled in. All was well until the night (OK, 3 am) when I tried to take a dozen collected Foster's Lager cans to the garbage. They slipped out of my arms and went CLANGITY CLANG CLANGING on the path. Naturally, come daylight, she was gone.

I've been mourning her ever since, looking every day at the abandoned nest. She even came

for their body size of all birds." Like Monarch butterflies, many hummingbirds migrate from the Pacific Northwest all the way to Mexico. They can fly 500 miles in a single flight. They need the nectar of 2000 flowers per day, or the equivalent, to sustain them.

Yeah yeah. But I'm looking for baby info. I find answers on *morebirds.com*. How often do they have babies? One to three broods each year. Usually two eggs each time. How big are the eggs? The size of a coffee bean. How long to hatch? Fifteen to eighteen days. A bit longer if the weather is cold. They're born naked and blind, and stay that way for their first nine days. Mom has to keep them at 96 degrees, so she can leave only for a few minutes to find nectar and insects. (Good news for humans: hummers eat mosquitoes, spiders, caterpillars, aphids, flies' eggs — lots of things we don't like.) But the chicks need to eat every 20 minutes. So we're talking a busy mom. Babies stay in the nest three weeks.

Now all I can do is wait, and keep my cans



Heather the Hummingbird lookalike settles into her walnut shell-size nest

back and pulled out a few grass blades to take to some other nest. Finally, I accepted it. Like losing a lover who's over you. I stopped looking. I got on with my life.

Until last week. This was months later, but I heard that *whirrr, whirrr*, and *dzik, dzik, dzik*.

I swear it's her. She's back, and repairing. She weaves and weaves then wiggles her butt into

quiet. Man, I hope she has them. I'm like a first-time father being given a second chance. I'm instructing all neighbors not to yell, toot, laugh, slam the gate. And no looky-loo looking. I can't wait.

PS: Why "Heather?" "Heather the Hummingbird" just seems to roll off the tongue. And rhymes with "Heather, light as a feather." ■



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Lew Cox (left) became interested in freediving when he spotted Volker Hoehne (right) exiting the water on a bright sunny morning in La Jolla with a massive Yellowtail slung over his shoulder. To Cox, it seemed like a moment out of a movie.



# My happy place tried to eat me!

## Freedivers find calm and chaos under the surface

**THE HISTORY OF FREEDIVING IS SO RICH IN LA JOLLA** that diving in its cove is akin to a Catholic visiting Rome: maybe it didn't all start there, but that's where it really hit big. The biggest innovations in the sport were created by local divers, sea cowboys who went by the classy moniker of The Bottom Scratchers. The Scratchers formed a freediving club in 1933, before the existence of diving aids. Back then, it wasn't even called freediving. It was known as skin diving. Their friendships and underwater antics led to the invention of the first

swim goggles used for sport diving, swim fins, the two-piece trigger mechanism for spear guns, and the first underwater cameras.

The Bottom Scratchers were an exclusive crew of thrill-seekers. The only way to gain membership in their club, which never counted more than 20 souls among its members, was by capturing a horn shark with your bare hands and removing its horns, bringing up three abalone in a single dive, and capturing a lobster measuring over three feet long. During its first 15 years, the group had

only nine members, because no one else could meet all three challenges. Every one of its 19 members is now deceased; two of them died doing what they loved, diving. One perished in an underwater cave in France, and another's body was found in the water at Torrey Pines.

The San Diego Freedivers Club is sometimes considered the heir to The Bottom Scratchers' spirit. Certainly, former president and current member Volker Hoehne continues their tradition of pushing the envelope while diving.





PHOTOGRAPH BY NIKO BOLDUC, SPEARFISHING BAJA

Reitenbach caught this Wahoo while on a two day trip with Spearfishing Baja: "Not gonna lie, my ego goes nutso when I land a big fish or a new species!"

"My guardian angels are working overtime," he says with a chuckle. "I came up from a dive once and the whole world turned into a pin-hole" — his bodily functions were shutting down from lack of oxygen. "I was on the surface, but I couldn't see anything. Then the pin hole slowly started opening again. I thought, 'Well, I did not die that time!'" Noting the horror in my face, Volker adds, "It was fine! I went diving the next day! I have known a few people that have died [freediving]. There are depressing aspects to

the sport, but overall, it's worth it. The mortality of it makes it more real. HR hasn't gotten ahold of it to make it sanitary."

Why is it worth it? In La Jolla, the kelp reach 30-80 feet in length, creating an underwater forest filled with Garibaldi, dolphins, and sea lions. The kelp sway along with the current, and when the sun peeks through their stalks, it's magical. According to Volker, "It is a place where I can get away from everything and just imagine. We live in a big city with all kinds of rules. But below the water, there are

no rules. You are a split second away from death. Here in my office, there is nothing scary here, but underwater, all sorts of stuff can happen."

Volker is clean cut; he wears round spectacles and has graying blond hair. Despite his 56 years, he has a distinctly boyish and goofball quality in his demeanor and tone. A financial analyst by trade, he has been a freediver since childhood. "I have always had a fixation with nature," he recounts. "When I was little, I thought Native Americans were the coolest people on the planet. I was this white kid who came from Germany to the states when I was three. We lived in Solana Beach. I got into [fishing] through a childhood friend. But one day, I was in front of the Chart House watching a Corbina swim around. I thought, 'I'm just waiting around for a fish to be in the mood to die! I want to go shoot that little SOB.'"

With that inclination in mind, Volker headed home to borrow his dad's mask and fins and walked back to the beach. He swam out, looked around at all the fish, and had one thought: "I want to shoot them!" On the way home, he stopped into a diving store and saw a spear gun hang-



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ing on the wall. The clerk told Volker that he would not sell it to him.

Frustrated, Volker went home and convinced his mom to go to the shop with him. “My mom is a pacifist. She grew up under the Nazis and saw all the atrocities of war. I was not allowed to have toy guns or to watch war movies. But somehow, I talked her into it by saying, ‘Look, it’s not really a gun. It’s for food.’” He returned to the store, mother in tow — or rather, in front. “I stood behind her. She said, ‘I’ll have that spear up there.’ The guy looked at her, and then at me, and said, ‘This isn’t for him, is it?’ With a smile, she responded, ‘No, it’s for me.’ He sold it to her!” Volker was eight years old. He spent that summer swimming from Solana Beach’s restaurant row to Tabletop Reef,



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

**Coming from a scuba diving background, Addrianna Reitenbach says, “It was engrained in me that freediving was dangerous and unhealthy. But I wanted it, and I am an all-in type of person. It took me five hours to pass my freediving class in the ocean. It took me forever! But I did it! I passed!”**

blasting everything in his path.

“I was determined,” he recalls. “I had a strong desire to eat off the land. I shot everything — bat rays, Warren sharks, and Corbina. If it did not taste good, I did not shoot it

again. But one time, I was walking back from the beach, and there was an old guy camped out in an RV. We were talking, and I said, ‘I don’t get it. I haven’t been able to catch many fish lately.’ The old guy explained that I had made an impact on the ocean. I was only two years into spearfishing, and I realized I had blasted everything. As a little kid, you think you are insignificant. But I realized, *Holy smokes, every fish I take isn’t in the ocean anymore.* That conversation changed my life. I started

being very selective.”

Now, Volker mentors new divers, and tries to instill the lesson he learned as a kid. “I always say, ‘Every fish you take has an impact.’ They usually stare at me blankly; they’re thinking, ‘All I want to do is shoot a big fish.’ I tell them, ‘We dive in one spot a lot. Pick a notable fish. Don’t shoot any fish that looks like that. Take notice anytime you see it. You’ll realize you see it quite a bit. At the end of the season, if you feel like it, shoot him. Then keep diving

that spot, and you’ll feel it’s absence.’ It helps them understand. You can’t learn that in a book. It works.”

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Seven years ago, Lew Cox became of those newbies after spotting Volker exiting the water on a bright sunny morning in La Jolla with a massive Yellowtail slung over his shoulder. To Cox, it seemed like a moment out of a movie. “I couldn’t comprehend what I was seeing. I asked Volker what he was doing. He said he was a freediver. That’s what got me into the sport.”

Now, Cox is accomplished: on a static dive, he can hold his breath for 4½-5 minutes. On a dynamic dive, he can pull off 2 minutes. “It has taken me 7 years to build up to that. Anyone who can calm themselves down can do it. But it’s hard to get your heart rate to 40. It’s hard to do that just sitting on the couch, let alone in the ocean with predators.” When a diver is at depth, every 30 feet is an atmosphere. On the surface, we are under one atmosphere of pressure. At 30 feet, two. At 60, three, and at 90, four at

mospheres of pressure. By the time a diver gets to the fifth atmosphere, the capacity of air in their lungs is one-fifth the size it is on the surface. “At that point,” Cox explains, “it is very tough. You start violently contracting. Your body is trying to force you to breathe. Your brain is saying, ‘Take a breath!’ But you have to ignore that sensation. Turn it off! That is the hardest thing to do. It’s a wild sport!”

A former maritime enforcement specialist in the Coast Guard, Cox is athletic: tall and lean, with a swimmer’s shoulders. His hair is buzzed short, and his rectangular glasses give him a bookish look. He can still recall his first spearfishing outing off the Coronado Islands with a group of other new divers. “I think everyone is a mess when they first start freediving. You step off the boat, and you’re in the ocean, on your own, with no tanks. It is shocking! I shot my first fish on that trip; I have been addicted ever since. I spend 50% of my weekends diving. I travel to a lot of countries. I have been to Panama, Costa Rica, Central and South America, and I spend a lot of time lobster diving in San Diego as well.”

It occurs to me that after you shoot a fish, there is the matter of hauling its bleeding body around in the water. Cox shrugs at the thought. “I am not that concerned about getting eaten,” he says. “Sharks come. We call it taxes when they take our fish. One time, I was swimming through the kelp in La Jolla with a 15-pound yellowtail attached to my waist. A sevengill shark swam right up when I wasn’t looking and pulled me back-

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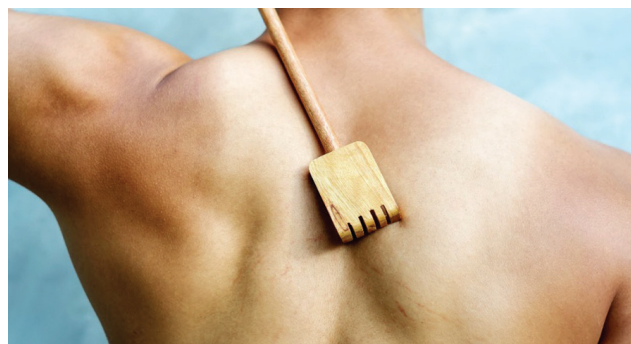
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wards. I turned around and there was a massive shark trying to get the yellowtail off my waist. It absolutely freaked me out. But you just tap them and say, 'Hey! Let it go!' Normally, they'll swim away. You have fight for your fish. Never give the sharks the fish, because then they think you're a food source. There are very few of us divers, and we have a responsibility to train these animals that we are not food."

Unfortunately, says Cox, that familiarity with sharks extends to Great Whites. "There are so many in Del Mar that it would blow your mind!" he says with a laugh, "I usually get out when I see a White. I have only seen the 10-12-foot juveniles. They can mistake you for food. They will give you a test bite. A test bite can cost you a limb."

But according to him, sharks aren't the real problem. Sea lions are. "I've gotten bitten by sea lions. The cove is a protected area for them, and their populations are way out of control. NOAA did a study recently that showed the sea lion population is about 20 percent over sustainable. It is devastating the local fish population, and they are harassing divers. It's a real problem."

Like Volker, Cox has mentored many new divers since joining the San Diego Freedivers Club. Addrianna Reitenbach, founder of the SoCal Dive Babes, is one of them. When I meet Reitenbach at a local brewery in Carlsbad, she is wearing a shiny '70s-inspired satin jacket with a whimsical sunset embroidered on the back, royal blue velvet pants, and pink high heels.

Her hair is meticulously curled, her teeth Colgate-commercial white, and her make-up, expert. Her 200-member, all-women dive club's slogan is: "Have fun, shoot fish, look cute."

Reitenbach started freediving in 2020. "At the time, I had no idea about the strong history of the sport, or that it was mostly male dominated," she says, pushing a curl behind her ear and taking a bite of a buffalo wing. "When I first moved to Southern California, I had this vegan roommate. She went on a vacation to Florida and saw girls pole fishing. She came back from that trip and was like, 'I think I want to spearfish.' She had been a vegetarian her whole life, but figured if she actually killed a fish, she would be okay with eating it." Together, the roommates

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binged spearfishing tutorials on YouTube. Reitenbach stayed up most of the night watching adrenaline-spiking videos of freediving adventures. A flip switched in her brain. “I woke up the next day and thought, ‘This is it! This is my next thing! I am going to learn how to freedive!’ I even went out and bought all new gear.” Her vegan roommate never did get into it, and the fish Reitenbach killed and brought home to gut in their shared kitchen became such a point of contention that she had to move out.

Coming from a scuba diving background, she says, “It was engrained in me that freediving was dangerous and unhealthy. But I wanted it, and I am an all-in type of person. It took me five hours to pass my freediving class in the ocean. It took me



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forever! But I did it! I passed!” Afterward, she began searching for area spearfishers who could take her along on dives. She scrolled through Instagram, searching for local divers, and DM’d dozens of them. “I would

say, ‘Hey, I’m new. I just got certified. Will you take me out?’ It didn’t work,” she says with an embarrassed laugh, “No one said yes. Most people didn’t even respond. I get it. It’s super dangerous to take new people out. For most of them, this is the only outlet they have. They have kids and a job. The last thing they want to do is spend their one Sunday in the water with some new person.”

And then there was her status as a woman to consider. “I think women are seen as a commodity in

this sport,” laments Reitenbach. “Clubs want to say they have the most women to get better sponsorships and donation dollars. Its bullshit. I think most women that go to the clubs and their meetings are immediately turned off. It’s very rare that they stick around. It’s just men wanting to hit on you and not really teach you anything. It was a crash course to figure out the culture of the sport. I experienced sexism all the time, and I still do. It’s bad.” Instead, she learned the basics

via a boat captain she met at a scuba shop. She paid him charter prices, and he took her out two or three times a week. When she made mistakes in the water, he guided her through them.

Then both beach access and boat ramps were shut down due to covid. But Reitenbach was not deterred. “I had a dive buddy who took me out even after the beaches closed. We got chased by lifeguards. One time, the lifeguard truck was screeching down the beach after us. We ran in the water and dove for five hours. When we got out, that lifeguard truck was still there, waiting for us. We had to scale a cliff to get out. I was overloaded in gear in a 7 mil wetsuit with 20-pound weights. We had to walk two miles to the car. It was a nightmare. There were a lot of moments like that during covid.”

It wasn’t just covid; in those first days, everything was a struggle. She had a hard time diving past 30 feet. She could barely handle her gun, and she felt that every fish she got was just a lucky shot. Starting the SoCal Dive Babes helped

build confidence. The camaraderie she shared with the other women pushed her to learn how to handle her gun, how to brain a fish under water, how to prepare the fish she caught, and how to be a more efficient hunter and diver. “I began targeting one species at a time. I told myself not to just shoot whatever I saw. I focused on one fish and shot placement. I started with calicos, because they are very hard to shoot. Once I started to stone them repetitively, I moved on to other fish. I went species by species, learning how to hunt them before graduating on to the next.”

Then, in July of 2021, Reitenbach had a life-changing experience during a bluefin tuna hunting trip. “I will always remember my first bluefin. I spent two days trying to catch one. I tried everything, but it just wasn’t lining up for me. I gave up on shooting one. Instead, I got in the moment. I dove down and held my position. There was a school of bluefin tornadoing around me. One fish broke out of the school and moved towards me. I was looking right at it. They say never to make eye contact because you’ll look like a predator and the fish will swim away. But we made eye contact, and I felt a connection. It felt like this fish chose me. Time slowed down. It was almost like an *Avatar* moment, of merging consciousness. I felt that the fish was giving me permission to take its life. I shot it, and it changed me forever.”

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ed her its heart. "He said, 'If you want to be taken seriously as a freediver, you have to eat the heart of the first bluefin you catch.' You eat it raw while it's still beating. Everyone was crowded around, and I remember thinking that I wanted to be alone with the fish. While holding its heart, I knelt and touched it and said my own little thank you. Then I ate the heart. It changed my idea of spearfishing. I started seeing it as connecting as opposed to hunting."

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The original Bottom Scratchers—1939 La Jolla Caves area: Glen Orr, Jack Corbaly, Ben Stone, Bill Batzloff, Jack Prodanovich.

pened that changed the way he dives. On a perfect 70-degree sunny San Diego day, Volker headed to Solana Beach to catch a fish for dinner. The conditions were clear. The water was tranquil. Volker was zenned out underwater. He took note that were not a lot of fish in

sight. The water was eerily still. Finally, he spotted a sheep head and shot it. "My mind was so relaxed," he recalls. "Normally, I would make sure the fish was on the stringer before taking him off the shaft, but this time, I didn't. He was bleeding, and a thought came into

my head: *there is a lot of blood*. Why was I so concerned about the blood? I never cared about the blood. The fish struggled, and it got out of my hands. I lost it."

A little frustrated, Volker floated to the surface before heading back down. The he

saw something from the corner of his eye: a large dark object approaching from above him and to the right. When it got closer, he realized that he was in the company of a Great White. It swam past. Volker wondered, "Is that it? Is he leaving? Am I safe now?" But the shark came back around. This time, it was underneath him. "I thought, 'Okay, I've rehearsed this.' But my brain was blank. The only thing that mattered was being alive. The shark came back by me again and I thought, 'If he comes back a third time, it will be a bump or bite moment.'"

Convinced that his life or at least his limbs were on the line, Volker decided that he would stab the shark with the tip of his spear gun if it circled around again. "He comes back again, this time within two feet. I

have 15 feet visibility and it's right under me. I can not see its tail. It is a big shark! I see its giant eyeball and suddenly, I feel nothing. No fear! I stab it! It takes off. I think, 'Maybe I can stay out and continue spearfishing?' My next thought is, 'That is a really bad idea. Go in!'"

Volker swam past the nearby line-up of the surfers and told them that he had just stabbed a Great White. "A third of them kept surfing. The rest caught the next wave in." Once on shore, Volker broke down. The fear hit hard; it took him two hours to compose himself enough to walk to his car and drive home. Guardian angel or no guardian angel, "it took me a long time to get out there again. I haven't been the same since. I bought a shark shield. It's an electronic

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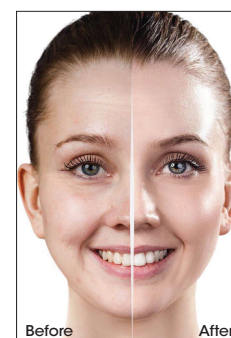
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thing to keep the sharks away. I have not been out in North County since. You don't want to see a Great White in the water. Everyone says, 'Oh what a special moment you had! You are so blessed!' No! I was diving by myself, and my happy place tried to eat me!"

Lew Cox sees the ocean itself, with its fierce currents and tides, as more of an obstacle than the wildlife it contains. But while he has never had to stab a Great White with his spear gun, he knows whereof Volker speaks. "I have had a couple of near-death experi-

ences out there, one in particular with a Great White shark. We use the phrase 'poop your wetsuit' — that was one of those moments, for sure! We were offshore Del Mar at the 9-mile bank. The water was crystal clear. I jumped in a kelp paddy and there was a 12-13-foot Great White sitting underneath it. I was like, 'Oh!' I started to turn away and swim backwards. He thought that I was a fish. It was an invitation to come check me out. He swam right up and bumped my leg and swam off. I was like, 'Oh my god!'

I got back on the boat. I said, 'Guys we should go somewhere else! Let's find another spot!'"

For her part, Reitenbach has not had any close encounters with Great Whites; however, she did witness something just as dangerous: a shallow-water black-out akin to Volker's pinpoint-vision experience. It happened in Louisiana while diving among the oil rigs. Her companion was a local who agreed to take her out. The water was murky; it resembled frothy Chocolate milk. The first fifteen feet of water had almost

Lew Cox can still recall his first spearfishing outing off the Coronado Islands with a group of other new divers. "I think everyone is a mess when they first start freediving. You step off the boat, and you're in the ocean, on your own, with no tanks. It is shocking!"

zero visibility. "It's called the murk layer. The rig has intersecting pipes underwater, making it extremely dangerous for divers, due to the possibility of running into one your way back up to the surface. The legs of the rig are covered in barnacles and mollusks that feel like glass when rubbed against. They tear up wet suits and skin, and break lines." Most spearfishers use cables for the lines when diving the area, because they won't tear.

"When we got in the water, he started being a little micro-managey and mansplainey. I thought, 'What is this guy's problem?' I think he was worried about things going wrong. But when I stoned a fish, he finally backed off a little. After a while, he said, 'I am not feeling well. I am going to swim my gun back to the boat.' I am thinking, 'Well, I am not done! I just flew all the way out here for the weekend.' I asked if he would mind just staying with me and watching from the surface while I dove. He agreed to do that for another hour."

After dropping off his

gun, her companion decided he would keep diving after all. Alarm bells went off in Reitenbach's mind, but she pushed them aside. She wanted to explore more. The man asked to borrow her gun, dove down, and shot a three-pound snapper. "The fish took off and the reel got wrapped around the rig underwater. I was really frustrated. He wanted to cut the line. I did not. We argued about it." Finally, he said that if she let him cut the line, he would buy her a new gun. She agreed.

The man swam done to cut the line. After a while, Reitenbach realized he had been down for a long time — it was his longest dive of the day. When 56 seconds had passed, she got nervous. Then she felt the line go slack and figured he must be on his way back up. "Because the water was so murky, I didn't see him black out. By the time I made him out, I saw the top of his head and shoulders. He was shaking. I couldn't understand what was happening. The water was really volatile, and I was in this little pie slice between the pipes in the

rig." She dove down and lifted him out by the armpits, then hoisted him up over her shoulders like she was burping a baby. He had blacked out.

"On the surface, I ripped his mask off. I was just kicking, kicking, and all the while thinking, 'I don't know how to get him on the jet ski! I don't know how to drive a jet ski! I don't know what to do with a dead body! I don't even know where I am. I don't have a compass or one of those call things!'"

He came to while she was still clutching him. She somehow managed to swim him back to the jet ski. "His lips were not purple or blue, they were black, and his skin was so white! It was traumatizing! It turned out he had covid. That explains why he blacked out." It's just one of the reasons she never dives alone. "I have had people tell me that to get better, I should. I will never do that. You never know when you will need someone."

Volker might disagree, or at least demur. "People get caught up in the whole 'dive with someone else' idea, but here

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is the thing: If I am in the water and my buddy is in the water, maybe I'll check on him every ten minutes. If he blacks out, he's dead. I can't do a thing about it. I won't be close enough to save him. Besides, if I wait for a buddy, I'm not going to get to dive a whole lot."

Part of the freedom of freediving is the freedom to die while freediving. Lew Cox admits this is a thought with which his wife struggles. "It is tough for her. Especially when I go on a trip. I am leaving next week to go to Mag Bay. and I will have no cell service for five days. After I say goodbye to her, she has no idea if I'll return, when I'll return, or whether or not I'll be injured. It happens. We lose freedivers every year. But we are all very cautious about how we do this. We never dive alone.

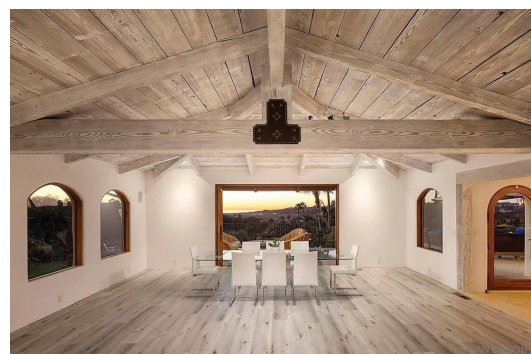
We pick good buddies, and we train for safety." When Cox dives, there is always a first aid kit with bandages, gauze, and a tourniquet on the boat, in case someone gets bitten by a shark or hit by a boat in the water.

But again, it's the water that poses the greatest danger. "Shallow water blackout is the scariest thing we can experience as freedivers. It happens all the time. Last year, it took two divers in California. These were very good and talented divers who could dive 120 feet. But it happens. You finish your dive and you're pumping too hard, or you're too excited about a fish that you shot that is pulled up in a cave. By the time you hit the surface to grab that breath, you run out of oxygen and black out. If no one is around you immediately when that happens, that

is the end of it."

Even so, Cox does not get hung up on the fear. "You can only control what you can control. Nothing is hundred percent safe. You can get killed on the highway. Certain hobbies are fulfilling on another level. My identity is a spearfisherman and freediver. The risks associated with it are what make it fun." It's evident that he has had this conversation countless times. He leans in, taking a sip of his coffee before continuing, "If there was a way for me to do this more safely, I would. I do everything I can. But if I get to the end of my life and I have any regrets, it will be that I did not take this further. That I did not go more places. That I did not see more reef, and try more fish, and meet more people."

—Siobhan Braun



The very roomy dining room.

## UNREAL ESTATE

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case with a wrought iron chandelier and bannisters to each side. There's also a random tree branch jutting out of a wall, with what appears to be a stuffed snow leopard perched upon it. Other than a potted plant, our big cat is the only adornment in this otherwise very white, sterile space. Maybe it's enough.

Off to one side is a sitting area, where adjoining "walls of windows and doors" open to the pool deck, and reclaimed wood lines the ceilings in various shades of white and gray. Some would call this "gentrification gray," after the tone that's dominated middle class fix-and-flip housing for the better part of a decade now — even moreso when we get to the eerily-empty seeming dining room with its gray faux-wood flooring — but I kind of like it. (Confession: the first floor of my own house has gray tile styled to look like fake wood. I liked it there as well — at least enough to not spend a week chipping it up and replacing it before I moved in.) From the dining room, we can see that the retractable doors disappear to connect the space with an outdoor ocean-view terrace, and there's an added

shot of the sea off in the distance to remind us that even though we're inland compared to nearby Solana Beach or Encinitas, it's not as if we're in East County.

Next, we're back inside for a look at the "spacious domed ceiling gourmet kitchen." The skylight above the central chandelier is a nice touch, as is the center island with bar seating and an extra prep sink. The shot of just a double-wide range with two ovens reminds me how frustrating it is to try and keep more than two pots going at once on my starkly inferior "normal person" stove.

From there, it's off to the "panoramic view [main] ensuite bedroom upstairs," with walls and windows covered in drapery that leaves me unable to decide whether it reminds me of a circus tent or an old-time theater. at least the fireplace we glimpse in the corner is clad with an interesting choice of stone.

The listing reminds us that there are three more ensuite bedrooms downstairs, part of the "flowing open floor plan" that "lends to privacy and serenity." We're not going to look at any of those, however. Instead, we're going back outside to look at the "private pool with spa, pool bath with sauna, pizza oven and fire pit." The pool is nice, and

it also looks like there's a room with a massage table and a device that I think is a rowing machine styled in the fashion of a medieval torture device, but I'm going to focus on the pizza oven for a second. I've been repeatedly impressed by the presence of pizza ovens, which seem to be an extravagantly unique appliance for a home to possess. I'm guessing I've seen them in at least five of the last seven homes we've looked at for this column, so perhaps I'm underestimating just how common it is for a rich person to have a cooksite dedicated to a single foodstuff that's probably best left to pros anyhow.

We wrap up our tour with a few more interior and exterior photos that are fine for conveying just how much maintenance is going into keeping up the opulent appearance of the manor and grounds. But we don't get to see any of the "bespoke walking trails [that] naturally surround the estate allowing one to enjoy the outdoors on one's own land and connect with nature," or the space where one could plant a "vanity vineyard." Nor do we get an explanation of how a walking trail can be bespoke, or "made for a particular customer or user." If there's a walking trail, anyone should be able to walk on it! There is, however, a picture of an old VW bus parked in the terminus of the very large driveway.

The Via Gaviota estate has been owned by a Colorado-based holding company since it last sold for a reported \$5 million in 2008. After a decade and a half off market, it was listed in late January with an asking price of \$8,750,000 that remains unchanged to date. ■



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# Calendar

# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Friday | 4



COOLIO

### COOLIO

Rapper, record producer, and actor Coolio is best known for his 1990s albums such as *It Takes a Thief*, *My*

*Soul*, and *Gangsta's Paradise*. The title track from the latter record, prominently featured in the film *Dangerous Liaisons*, would spend three weeks topping the U.S. *Billboard* Hot 100 charts. The 58-year-old's most recent album, *Nobody's Foolio*, dropped in 2019.

**WHEN:** Friday, February 4, 7 pm

**WHERE:** The Holding Company, 5046 Newport Avenue, Ocean Beach. [theholdingcompanyob.com](http://theholdingcompanyob.com)

## Saturday | 5

### LOVE YOUR WETLANDS DAY

Learn about the importance of wetlands (like the Kendall-Frost Marsh) the challenges that they face, how we can make a difference to protect the

habitat, and the plants and animals that are found there and nowhere else. Enjoy guided walks through the marsh, trash clean up, opportunities to plant native plants and repair nesting platforms for endangered birds, a children's area, live animal presentations, and speeches by elected officials.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 5, 10 am to 4 pm

**WHERE:** Kendall-Frost Mission Bay Marsh Reserve, Fortuna Avenue and Crown Point Drive, Pacific Beach. [sandiegoaudubon.org](http://sandiegoaudubon.org)

### KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE



Saxophonist Karl Denson fuses fusion jazz and R&B soul with progressive rock. He and DJ Greyboy came to local prominence with the Greyboy All Stars, and he's been a player with

Lenny Kravitz's band, as well as a touring member of the Rolling Stones since summer 2015, when he was chosen

to replace their late sax player Bobby Keys. The bill includes twin brothers Jared and Jonathan Mattson, *aka* The Mattson 2.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 5, 8 pm

**WHERE:** Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach.

[bellyup.com](http://bellyup.com)

## Sunday | 6

### DESERT ROCK GARDEN

A memory play about belonging and family during World War II. This fictionalized historical story about a young orphan and a Japanese immigrant who forge a friendship in the Topaz Relocation Center in 1943 reveals the ability to transform nothing — loneliness and barren desert — into something long-lasting.

**WHEN:** Sundays at 2 pm. Through Sunday, February 20.

**WHERE:** New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 B State Street, Carlsbad. [newvillagearts.org](http://newvillagearts.org)

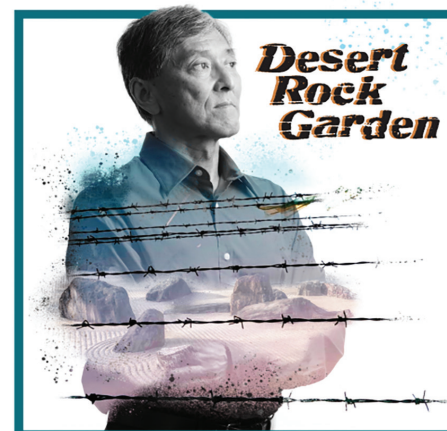
## Wednesday | 9

### SAN DIEGO INTERNATIONAL JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Twenty-five contemporary feature films, eight short films, and three TV series will be screened. View the screenings in-person at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre and/or watch from the comfort of your home. February 9 brings *The Conductor*: Spend time with Marin Alsop, first woman to serve as music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, the São Paulo Symphony Orchestra, and the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 9, 1:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Through Sunday, February 20.

**WHERE:** Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive, La Jolla. [2022sdijff.eventive.org](http://2022sdijff.eventive.org)





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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

**Animal Care Camp** Kids in San Diego will get to experience what it's like to have an awesome career with animals! This one-day camp involves unique hands-on activities from our professional animal care staff to give campers experiences with the different aspects of animal husbandry. Spots are extremely limited, so register today! Saturday, February 5, 9am; \$205. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**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! Sunday, February 6, 9am; \$160. 9 and up. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

## ART

**MTRP Art Exhibit** "Nature's Abundance", featuring: Ken Roberts, Ray Khalife, Amy Schindler, Tara Sood, and Wendy Kwasny. Each artist shows a unique interpretation of the beauty of San Diego and Southern CA. Don't miss it. Closes on February 11 Sundays, 9am; through Friday, February 11, free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Miniatures Show & Sale** 47th Annual Miniatures Show & Sale: Exhibits and Sales for the artist, collector and mini-maker of dollhouse sized miniatures Enjoy being inspired by the wide array of miniature displays created by local artists. Saturday, February 5, 10am; Sunday, February 6, 11am; \$5-\$10. San Diego Marriott Del Mar, 11966 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

**"Hello" Name Badge Labels Workshop** Workshop For Families: Artist, Luciano Pimentia will guide you and your family through a discussion about his exhibition Ways of Knowing and will invite you to create your own artwork by learning the process of transferring handmade labels onto clay as a form of self-expression. Saturday, February 5, 10am; free-\$30. Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

# OUTDOORS

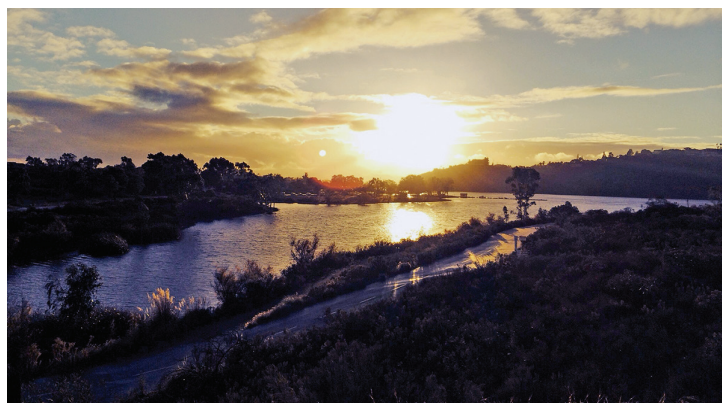
## San Diego sunsets a minute later a day, tides peak this week

The Sun Strides North in February, swinging higher across the sky each successive day. Already quite noticeable is the change in the time of sunset, currently almost a minute later per day, and sunrise, currently almost a minute earlier per day.

**Groundhog Day** comes Wednesday, February 2. If the sleepy woodchuck sees his shadow, so the story goes, he'll hole up for another six weeks of winter cold. None of this means much in San Diego, where a February warm spell can easily push the thermometer into the 80s.

**Ornamental Pear Trees** are bursting into bloom all over town. The thousands of white blossoms appear in sheets and clusters, rather like snow when viewed from a distance. Nice specimens can be seen along Lake Murray Boulevard, along Clairemont Mesa Boulevard between Highway 163 and Interstate 15, in and around Balboa Park, and in parts of downtown San Diego.

**Exceptionally High and Low Tides** are set to occur on a couple



A JANUARY SUNSET OVER LAKE MURRAY IN LA MESA

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Forbidden Beat: Perspectives on Punk Drumming** Book launch party for *Forbidden Beat: Perspectives on Punk Drumming*, including an in-conversation between the book's co-editor S.W. Lauden and Jim Rutland (author of the new book about SST, *My Damage, Do What You Want*). Sunday, February 6, 2pm; Vinyl Junkies Record Shack, 2235 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Jillian Cantor** Warwick's will host Jillian Cantor as she discusses her new book, *Beautiful Little Fools*, in conversation with Meredith Jaeger. Thursday, February 3, 4pm; free-\$16. [warwicks.com/event/cantor-2022](http://warwicks.com/event/cantor-2022). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Joe Ide** Warwick's will host Joe Ide as he discusses his new book, *The Goodbye Coast*, in conversation with Jennifer Thompson. Tuesday, February 8, 6pm; free-\$28. [warwicks.com/event/ide-2022](http://warwicks.com/event/ide-2022). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Rebecca Sacks** Warwick's will host Rebecca Sacks as she discusses her debut novel, *City of a Thousand Gates*, in conversation with Vu Tran. Wednesday, February 9, 4pm; free-\$16.99. [warwicks.com/event/sacks-2022](http://warwicks.com/event/sacks-2022). (ONLINE)

**Weekends with Locals: Wayne Rafflesberger** As part of our ongoing Weekends with Locals Program we will be hosting Wayne Rafflesberger, author of *Thank God I Got Polio: A Life of Adventure and the Adventure of Life*. Sunday, February 6, 2pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Alzheimer's SD Communication Skills** Develop new skills and strategies for connecting and communicating more effectively with a person experiencing memory loss, and responding when interactions are challenging. Pre-registration is required. Register online or via 858.492.4400 [info@alzsd.org](mailto:info@alzsd.org) Tuesday, February 8, 10am; free. <https://bit.ly/3KQHK1r>. (ONLINE)

**Bath Bomb Class** Learn the Chemistry and Techniques to Make No Fail Bath Bombs without Oil. Sunday, February 6, 12pm; \$93. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

**Dino & Animal Planters Workshop** Make a playful, plant predator with Amber's Artistry. Wild snacks and story provided. Makes 1 planter. Good for an adult/child pair. Sunday, February 6, 11am;

\$15-\$18. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

**Hands On Kimchi Workshop** Kimchi is an ancient Korean pickle (usually spicy) and there are hundreds of ways to make it. Learn more with a kimchi and beer pairing that Includes your own take-home mason jar of kimchi. Sunday, February 6, 11am; \$49.

Mujeres Brew House, 1983 Julian Avenue. (JULIAN)

**Hands-on Fermented Vegetables Workshop** This class will teach you to make sauerkraut and other brined fermented vegetables such as beet kvass deliciously and safely at home. Includes your own take-home jar of sauerkraut. Saturday, February 5, 12pm; \$49. Bear Roots Brewing Co., 1213 S. Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)



PEAR BLOSSOM IN FULL BLOOM

days during the first week of February. A peak high tide of +7.2 feet occurs on Tuesday, February 1, at 8:46am. Wednesday's high tide of +6.86 feet occurs at 9:30am. If any strong winter storm happens to arrive from the west during these extreme high-tide episodes, then flooding of low-lying coastal areas around San Diego is likely. Several exceptionally low tides will also occur within the same time period. On Tuesday, February 1, the tide falls to -1.87 feet at 3:47pm. Wednesday's low tide of -1.49 feet bottoms out at 4:25pm. These days are great for exploring marine life in the tidepool areas along San Diego County's coastline.

**Tuesday is Imbolc or Saint Brigid's Day**, one of the four traditional "cross-quarter" days midway between the solstices and the equinoxes. More or less. In the many centuries after this tradition took hold in the British Isles, the calendar drifted with respect to Earth's position in its orbit, until our current Gregorian calendar system was instituted a few centuries ago to put an end to such problems. So this winter, the midpoint between the December solstice and the March equinox actually falls on February 3rd at 7:42 pm PST.

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](http://SkyandTelescope.org).



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**Young Scientists: Astronomy Adventures** Enjoy hands-on science with your young scientist. Each four-week session provides developmentally appropriate, informal learning experiences that support and enhance exploration, create excitement and facilitate scientific discoveries. The program is designed for children ages 3–5 years old with an accompanying adult. Participants must register for all four classes in each session. Our in-person sessions include access to the exhibit galleries after the program. This month, explore the mysteries of space. Learn about the planets and replicate some of the tools used by scientists to understand our solar system. Price: Members \$60; Nonmembers \$70. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, February 26, \$60–\$70. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

### COMEDY

**Chad Daniels** 750 million streams of his 5 albums & audio plays in the 99th percentile in comedy and music on Pandora alone. Friday, February 4, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, February 5, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$30. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Comedy Night** Headliner: Dave Callans. Friday, February 4, 6:30pm; **free**. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Comedy Night: Alan Henderson** Standup comedy show hosted by Brendan Praniewicz. With Headliner Alan Henderson, Carol Johnson, Tim Hites and Veronica Burgess. 1 item minimum purchase. Saturday, February 5, 7:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. La Fleur's Winery, 215 South Pacific St., Suite 106. (SAN MARCOS)

**Comedy Night: Dino Archie** Dino Archie made his late-night debut on Jimmy Kimmel Live! and was featured on Adam Devine's House Party. He was a New Face at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal and was the winner of the 36th Annual Seattle International Comedy Competition. He has released four comedy albums including his first one-hour special. Thursday, February 3, 8pm; \$10–\$25. 21 and up. Backyard Kitchen & Tap, 832 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Doug Loves Movies** Comedian Doug Benson ("Super High Me" and Comedy Central's "The High Court") hosts a podcast where he talks to his hilarious special surprise guests about his first love, movies. Saturday, February 5, 4:20pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Hannah Berner** As seen on Instagram, "Giggly Squad", "Berning In Hell", Bravo's Chat Room, Bravo's Summer House, and more. Thursday, February 3, 8pm; \$25–\$50. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**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)

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

**The Chollas Lake Book Club** Discuss Deep by James Nestor. Book Club members are sure to enjoy this account of ocean freediving. Meet at the main office near the parking area. Please contact Ranger Palmer for more information: apalmer@sandiego.gov Saturday, February 5, 11am; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

### FUNDRAISERS

**Peace in the Family 5K Run & Walk** Hannah's Family Center's Peace in the Family 5K Run & Walk will benefit mental health counseling and needed services for families including child and teen victims of domestic violence in the family. The Peace in the Family 5K Run & Walk is a family-friendly racecourse through San Diego's lovely Liberty Station NTC Park and is open to parents, kids, friends, and colleagues for a fun morning that will help bring peaceful resolutions to families in need. Saturday, February 5, 9am; \$35–\$55. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

### LECTURES

**Sierra Talks: Anza-Borrego Photographic Journey** Ernie Cowan has been an Outdoor/Nature writer for more than three decades, documenting his observations and travels from the Arctic Circle to the Eastern Sierra. But his true love is the vast expanse of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Cowan spent eight years under contract with the State of California to explore, map, and document in photographs the 28,000-acre Carrizo Impact Area. This remote area of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has been closed to the public since 1942 when it was designated a military bombing range. It is a unique area of geological, archeological, and historical significance. Friday, February 4, 7pm; **free**. facebook.com/sierraclubs/. (ONLINE)

**Wearable Sensors on the Body** La Jolla Community Center: Wearable Sensors on the Body Presented by Dr. Joseph Wang via Zoom. Tuesday, February 8, 10am; **free**. ljcommunitycenter.org/dss. (ONLINE)

### NATURE

**Discovery Tour** Discover the beauty of San Elijo Lagoon: where fresh water and saltwater meet and mix, where migratory and resident birds share a sanctuary, where many animals find a home. Your Nature Collective guided tour, led by volunteer Emmy Garnica, will inspire all to watch and listen for a variety of birds that rest in – and fly across – the salt marsh and mudflats. Saturday, February 5, 10am; **free**. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

**Guided Nature Walk** Join an MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Sunday, February 6, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park Catalina trailhead, 6200 Corte Playa Catalina. (TIERRASANTA)

**Hawk Talk** Stop by the Visitor Center Lobby on the first Sunday of each month between 9am and 12 noon to meet local falconer, Bob Gordon, and his feathered friend, "Huxley" the Harris's Hawk. Get up close and personal with this majestic bird of prey, while learning all about what makes it so special. Sunday, February 6, 9am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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**Stars at Mission Trails** Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association at the Kumeyaay Campground Parking lot of MTRP to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. Telescopes provided or bring your own if you have one. Cancellations due to weather may occur. Call MTRP Visitor Center on the day of event to confirm status 619-668-3281. Location: Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail San Diego, CA 92119 located at the north end of the park. Friday, February 4, 5:15pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)





# 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).

The 32nd Annual San Diego International Jewish Film Festival comes to town February 9-20, both on a big screen or in the comfort of your living room. All screenings will take place at the Lawrence Family JCC. Patrons over 16 must be fully vaccinated in order to attend. For tickets and more information visit: <https://2022sdijff.eventive.org>.

**Ask Dr. Ruth** — Before Dr. Phil, Dr. Drew, and Dr. Laura began their careers as radio and TV advice dispensers, Ruth Westheimer was the pioneering therapist with whom Americans were on a strictly first-name basis. Who better to broach the subject of sex in graphic yet straightforward and wholly non-threatening terms than someone resembling your grandmother? Therein lies the key to Dr. Ruth's success. Orphaned by the Holocaust as age 10, the 90-year-old, thrice-wed, inexhaustibly upbeat media sensation put her celebrity to good use, first by advising her audience on how to overcome personal feelings of sexual inadequacy, and later by dispelling myths about the AIDS virus. She laughs off being labeled a feminist, but when pressed by her granddaughters, the only objection to the



**Four Mothers: Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be soldiers.**

characterization she can come up with is an aversion to the arcane habit of bra-burning. But as much as I desire to laud the subject, there is one major flaw in director Ryan

White's portrait of her. The decision to rely on animated passages to take us through the Nazi occupation was one big sentimentalizing mistake. (Screens: February 9, 1:30 pm.)

**Four Mothers** — How does the military honor a soldier shot down on the field of battle? By firing rifles into the sky. Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be soldiers.

Zohara Antebi left her son's circumcision in mid-celebration after overhearing one of the women standing cradleside remark, "What a cute baby for the Army." Miri Sela's baby was born in a time of peace, but it didn't last long. A pregnant Rachel Ben-Dor would sit and watch the tracer bullets flying outside her window. And the irony wasn't lost on Ronit Nahmias when she observed the impossibility of raising a child of peace while living in a country that's forever engaged in a war that neither side can win. An article written by Eran Shahar and an accompanying cartoon of a mother pushing a baby carriage with tank treads instead of wheels was what it eventually took to bring the quartet together. Shahar had the audacity to ask the question that most people dare not think: what kind of a mother would encourage their son to play Russian Roulette for the satisfaction of the Israeli army? Their work was initially greeted with cries of, "Get back in the kitchen where you belong!" but these four women, firmly determined to get their children out of Lebanon, took it upon themselves to expose the lie that Israel's presence in Lebanon was there to protect their northern border. (Watch what happens when one of the sons puts his mother's philosophy to the test by refusing to engage in a conflict.) And for all the times *Bohemian Rhapsody* has been included in a soundtrack to act as a period reminder, few have reverberated more than the "music video" that closes the picture. Make this as a festival must-see. (Screens: February 18th, 10:30 am)

**Greener Pastures** — It's the smart pusher who doesn't use. At least not knowingly, as in the case of Dov (Shlomo Bar-Aba), a 75-year-old widower who, after less than a

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week in a posh retirement center, is already scraping a tin cup against the bars of his gated community. Dov blames the eviction from his family home on a government-predicated loss of pension, and he will not rest until he has the funds needed to repurchase the property. He learns of a program that provides seniors with free medicinal herb, and is so put off by the stigma surrounding cannabis that he can't bring himself to say the word. But he *can* come up with a way to make cash off it. He encourages the locals, even those who don't partake, to take advantage of the offer and sell him their flower, which he in turn will peddle to a local dispensary. Dov doesn't smoke, but after one bite of an edible cookie, he's zig-zagging a golf cart through the sprinkler system. (Note to the writing-directing team of Assaf Abiri and Matan Guggenheim: it's pot, not windowpane.) Odelia Mora-Matalon is the house doc who captures Dov's heart and Alon Neuman plays the cop looking to bust the geriatric dope ring in this generally agreeable comedy. (Screens: February 10th, 7:30 pm)

**Kenny Scharf: When Worlds Collide** — "All great art has some element of humor to it." These words to live by come from art collector and publisher Peter Brandt after he's asked to boil down Kenny Scharf's appeal. Scharf was a child of television cartoon culture, equal parts Bob Clampett's Wackyland and what he liked to call "Hanna-Barbarism" mainlined through a pinball machine, never tilting under the force of its own illogicality. Scharf came of age in '60s suburbia, the San Fernando Valley to be



Ask Dr. Ruth: Speaking of sex...

specific, and the ever-present pop plasticity surrounding his upbringing ropes the viewer in like a neon lasso. A student of Andy Warhol's propensity for making fun of art, Scharf was grouped with two other Factory wunderkinds: Jean Michel Basquiat and Keith Haring. A firm believer that art exists outside museum walls, his top priority has

always been making art accessible. He's been labeled a "street artist" and a "graffiti artist," but Scharf's unwavering ability to stick to his own set of ground rules rockets his work beyond the realm of classification. Once a major force in the New York Arts scene, he has since migrated West, which is where filmmakers Max Basch and Malia Scharf find him. A fountain of productivity, he finds inspiration while vacationing in Brazil, combing the beaches for what he deemed the best garbage in the world. If life means living for the moment, Scharf wants every moment to be fun. Perhaps it's his devout adherence to Peter Pan Syndrome that keeps the smile on his face. (Screens: February 13th, 1:30 pm.)

**Soros** — What is it about George Soros that brings out the hate in people? Could it be jealousy over the amount of wealth he's amassed? (People are still stinging from that fateful black Wednesday "The Man Who Broke the Bank of England" bet the farm and took home a billion dollars overnight.) His family survived Germany's occupation of Budapest — living under fake Christian identities, they didn't have to wear the gold stars — but not before his mother was raped by two Nazis. Is it his anti-authoritarian fight for an open society that sparks his opponents rage? (Surely even the most dimwitted among us can't possibly believe that Soros' deep pockets finance white supremacist groups.) Supporters of the twice-impeached former president demonize Soros for funding Hillary Clinton's war chest. And when all else fails, nothing bolsters a conspiracy theory quite like the crutch of antisemitism. George Soros is the Irwin Jacobs of Warren Buffetts, a magnificent force bent on making the world a better place to live, a firm believer that individual voices can band together and shout down totalitarianism. In that sense, Jesse Dylan's documentary would make a great double-feature with *Four Mothers*. (Screens February 16th at 4:30 pm)

**Tiger Within** — Did you hear the one about Samuel (Ed Asner), the Holocaust survivor who gave shelter to straight-off-the-farm Holocaust denier Casey (Margot Josephson)? She's the homeless teen he found dozing in a Jewish cemetery, a black leather jacket with a swastika painted across the back acting as her blanket. The jacket is the white power elephant in the room. We're asked to believe that Casey spent four months, half the film's running time, walking the streets of Los

Angeles with a swastika on display and no one on either side called her out for it, least of all her farther or her boss at the massage parlor where the teenager finds a flourishing career in wanker management. (Better providing happy endings than a life in prostitution and the loss of her virginity it would necessitate.) The script by Gina Wendkos (*The Princess Diaries*, *Coyote Ugly*) is preached by any choir's standards, an R-rated after school special steeped in naivete. There's even a "Harold and Maudlin" moment when Wendkos equates the serial number on Samuel's chest with the "F\*\*\* You" freshly inked across Casey's belly. No one could have played the part of Samuel any better than Ed Asner. And one can understand why, after seeing hundreds of actresses, the producers chose newcomer Josefsohn to star. With its heart firmly planted in the right place, the film still never finds the gritty tone needed to balance the discourse. Rafal Zielinski directs. (Screens: February 20th, 7:30 pm)

indicator. You know you're in good hands when along the way, every question that arose — and there are many to be found within the labyrinthian narrative — was answered the moment after it came to mind. Penelope Cruz reciprocates by gifting her frequent directorial collaborator with a performance that's equal parts warmth, depth, and nervous breakdown required in these parts. A white Shinola bob adds elfin charm to Milena Smit. She 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)

**Rifkin's Festival** — The first obvious point of reference would be *Stardust Memories*, Woody Allen's career-derailing capper to a financially successful run that saw such hits as *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex* and *Annie Hall*. Set in large part at a Felliniesque film festival, it was the first time Allen argued against autobiography, claiming the director in the film — an arrogant auteur who placed his audience beneath contempt — was based on schtick and in no way a reflection of his true feelings. Rifkin (Wallace Shawn) is accompanying his wife Sue (Gina Gershon) to the San Sebastian Film Festival, where she's to represent her client, this year's Best Director-winner — and potential cuckold — Philippe (Louis Garrel). Rifkin attends not so much for the art, but to see if his suspicions about his "fraying marriage" are true. Storaro tells all by miraculously composing a dinner conversation between the three as if Rifkin wasn't at the table. Former film professor Rifkin does his best work on his back sound asleep, dreaming in black-and-white and in the context of the European Masters (and Claude Lelouch), about whom he has based his class. Both director and cinematographer feast on affectionate recreations of the genius of Godard, Buñuel, Renoir, Truffaut (and Claude Lelouch). When it comes to Bergman, I'm not sure whether Woody is spoofing *Persona* or his own *Interiors*. It's been a lot of movies ago since Allen's level of wit has connected to produce this many laughs. (When choosing between testaments, he argues, "In the New Testament, at least the Messiah shows up.") Rifkin's numerous runs for the doctor's office and the zipless romance that follows help to make this Allen's finest and funniest since *Midnight in Paris*. 2020. — S.M. ★★★ (LAND-MARK HILLCREST)

## MOVIES@HOME

Of special note from this year's Jewish film festival: a trio of uniquely personal bio-docs. This one stood out as especially worthy of your attention.

— Scott Marks



Eddy's World: Designer Eddy Goldfarb with one of his 800 creations.

### EDDY'S WORLD (2020)

What a joy! We open in Eddie Goldfarb's kitchen, the 98-year-old toy inventor at play with one of his 800 creations, that childhood perennial the bubble gun. The frenetic energy displayed by the solar-powered toys that line the window looks pretty low-wattage when compared to our industriously prolific Geppetto. His first three toys were conceived aboard a

Navy sub. Back home, he found work designing cereal box premiums. (The Roy Rogers quick shooter hat must be seen to be believed.) Starting with Ker-Plunk, Goldfarb found great success in mechanical games that came with built-in gimmicks. He frequently teamed with well known toy manufacturers, but

among all the inventions on display, there's nary an established character in the bunch. Why give Bugs or Mickey a cut of the royalties when patentable Chattering

Teeth and Stomper Cars foot the bill? (That particular four-wheeler holds the record for his most successful toy.) He still drives, still invents, and remains the talk of his retirement community. And don't forget his loving daughter, Lyn Goldfarb. She directed. Streams as part of the Joyce Forum Short Film Festival.

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# ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

## THEATER LISTINGS

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### The Cocktail Hour

A.R. Gurney's play about a playwright (William Parker Shore) who writes a play about his family and goes home to get their blessing on it is pleasantly (as opposed to mind-bendingly or self-admiringly) meta, what with its talk of how such a work ought to have a big confrontation to end the first act just before the big confrontation that ends the first act, etc. Scribbler John's parents Bradley and Ann are big enough fans of the theater that they know what they're most likely to find in these anything goes days of the mid-'70s: all their skeletons yanked from their closets and sent skittering across the stage for the world's amusement and/or mockery. Dad is particularly worried, in part because he's an actor himself, playing the role of Pillar of Society and Preserver of Civilization when the facts are that he doesn't come from money, his own father killed himself, and his beloved titular time period, the one that is meant to glue society together with convivial conversation, is instead dissolving it under splash after splash of gin, Scotch, and various other tipples. So naturally, that's when the play we see here takes place. It's a delicate piece of work: we're in Buffalo, New York, not hothouse South, meaning that rage and hate must give way to their more reserved cousins, annoyance and frustrated love. Director Dennis Floyd seems to understand this, maybe a little too well: the pain of certain exchanges didn't register with me until I considered them apart from



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their presentation. When their time comes to skitter, the skeletons are a mite too polite. And while it's son John who's on the quest to find out What Went Wrong, it's Dad who owns the show. That's not a bad thing, though: David Janisch lends heart and humor (and a rich trombone of a voice) to a sad man who would never want to do the damage he does, if only he could see it.

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

### Heisenberg

A middle-aged woman and an old man

meet in a London railway station and get to talking. Eventually, that leads them to New Jersey, as these things so often do.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATER, THROUGH FEBRUARY 13

### 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 Juztine 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 Agpaoa). 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 lead 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 rest of 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, 116 S. KALMIA ST., ESCONDIDO. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### The Main Line

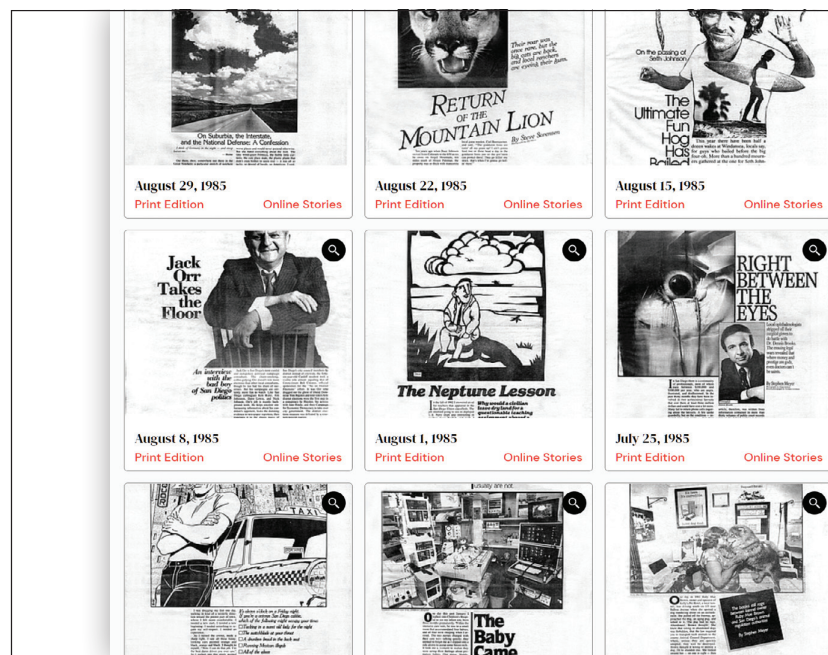
Play chronicling the life of the late Mahalia Jackson, the self-taught "Queen of Gospel." Jackson inspired some of the most popular music genres in the United States. She was the first gospel singer to perform at Carnegie Hall and was very active in the civil rights movement with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the late Dr. Ralph Abernathy, and the late Representative John Lewis.

COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 3PM SUNDAYS.

### Trouble in Mind

New York, 1955. A leading Black actress and a multiracial cast rehearse a challenging new Broadway play set in the South. Backstage rivalries and showbiz egos cause excitement of their own, but artistic differences between the cast and the White director soon bubble to the surface, revealing the truths that American drama covers over and the ways in which even well-meaning people can harm others under the guise of helping.

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# Drinks All Around

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**BEN MARQUART**  
Wormwood  
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New to the neighborhood, Wormwood introduces itself as an absinthe-focused bar. After greeting me, Ben Marquart busts out a beginner's lesson on absinthe. He decides Le Frappe is a good place to start. "It's an absinthe-based cocktail and it also has a little bit of crème de menthe," he says, noting that these are what give the cock-

tail its luminous green color. Plus, there's "a little bit of elderflower, which smooths things out; annisette, which is an anise liqueur; lime juice, which will create acidity; a bit of sugar for balance; and some soda for a tiny bit of effervescence."

He says that while "it's not all absinthe, this is the most absinthe-forward cocktail we have. A lot of times, absinthe will be used as a modifier in a cocktail," he explains as he grabs a pink begonia for garnish. "These guys are super cool! It's an edible flower, literally tastes like sour apple."

*Et voilà*, Le Frappe is served! The cocktail is Wormwood's "variation of the traditional absinthe frappe, which was created in New Orleans in the late 1800s. When absinthe was just becoming a big thing, with absinthe bars popping up all over New Orleans, this was one of the more refreshing-style cocktails that they were serving at that time. So, it's an adaptation of that."

Marquart dispels lingering myths about absinthe. "And then the ban... it was essentially that spirit companies and the wine companies were creating propa-

ganda with absinthe, saying 'Ah, it makes you go crazy! Hallucinations!' Things like that. Which is total farce. It is so minute," he says of the compound found in wormwood. "There's absolutely no way you could hallucinate from absinthe."

But it does make for a stiff cocktail. "The alcohol is so high in this spirit; it ranges from 45% to up to 72%. So you want to drip the ice water with a little bit of sugar cube just to dilute, make it a little smoother, make it more palatable."

Once absinthe became legal in the states, different styles developed. "Some are going to be really dry," says Marquart. "Some will be very robust... or have almost like bark characteristics, almost like bitters. So the main ingredients will be of the black licorice theme, but there's the little idiosyncrasies that you can taste with each one by adding water, just to diffuse the harshness and the alcohol of the spirit." Le Frappe offers a welcome approach to the stuff. "I know absinthe can be somewhat of an acquired taste. This would be a really good starting cocktail for people who want to gain a little more knowledge."

## WORMWOOD'S LE FRAPPE



- .75 oz absinthe
- .5 oz elderflower liqueur
- .5 oz anisette
- .25 oz crème de menthe
- .75 oz lime juice
- .25 oz simple syrup

Pour all ingredients in a shaker tin, add a small scoop of crushed ice, and shake. Pour frappe right into your glass, add a splash of soda water, top with more crushed ice. Garnish with edible pink begonia flowers and enjoy!

## HAPPY HOUR

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### BAY PARK

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

### DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

**Gaslamp Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, wine, specialty cocktails, \$5 wells. \$2 off appetizers.

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

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

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

### EAST VILLAGE

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

### ENCINITAS

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

### ESCONDIDO

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

### LITTLE ITALY

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

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

### MISSION HILLS

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

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

### NORMAL HEIGHTS

**Sycamore Den:** Daily, 5-6pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$1 off wine, \$2 off specialty cocktails

### NORTH PARK

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

### OCEAN BEACH

**The Holding Company:** Tuesday-Friday, 4-6pm: Half off draft beer, half off most whiskeys & tequila, \$2 pint beer of the day, \$4 well drinks, \$10 pitchers of beer, \$15 off all towers

### OCEANSIDE

**Rockin' Baja Lobster — Oceanside:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot, \$5.50 Jameson shot, house margaritas, \$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels, Grey Goose.

### OLD TOWN

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

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

### PACIFIC BEACH

**710 Beach Club:** Tuesday, 6pm-close: 2 for 1 tequila shots, \$5 Margs, \$4 Dos XX & Pacifico's, 2 tacos for \$7.10 Wednesday, 7pm-close: 2 for 1 whiskey shots, \$5 chicken tenders Thursday, 7:30pm-close: \$5 beers Sunday, 7:30pm-close: \$7.10 slushies

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

### RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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

### SAN CARLOS

**Navajo Live:** Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-7 pm: \$3 well drinks, \$3 domestic beer, \$1 off all other alcoholic beverages

### SAN MARCOS

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

### UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Et Voilà French Bistro:** Tuesday-Sunday, 4:30-7pm: \$7 cocktails, glass of house made sangria (\$14 pitcher), draft Iron Fist Counter Strike IPA, and draft 1664, \$5-\$9 wines by the glass. Discounted food menu.

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## Peering into Pearson

“To be honest, when asked to describe my music, I won’t describe it,” says Justin Pearson. “I think words, specifically genres, are limiting and misleading. However,

Kids. Shortly after that group split in 1998, Allen committed suicide. “That was the other big heavy-hitter for me, as far as someone dying,” he says. A documentary about Pearson is in production, *Don’t*

Hoyston (Erase Errataof), Alap Momin (Dälek), and Greg Saunier (Deerhoof). His podcast *Cult and Culture*, produced in collaboration with Luke Henshaw (Sonida de la Frontera, Planet B), is recorded locally at Penguin Studios, and has hosted guests such as cult filmmaker John Waters. “The focus is not intended to be solely on people in any one realm, and because guests are friends and family, the conversations are



Justin Pearson doesn’t want to mislead anyone by describing his music.

when I get asked what kind of music I play, I generally just say ‘annoying.’” Pearson is a vet of over a dozen local bands, including Dead Cross (with Slayer drummer Dave Lombardo), All Leather, The Locust, Holy Molar, Head Wound City, Some Girls, and ReTox.

In addition, Pearson heads up a record label called Three One G, founded in 1994, which also publishes books. His own travels around the world (“I met Jaleel White at the Eiffel Tower”) provided the inspiration for his book *How to Lose Friends and Irritate People*, which chronicles a miserable overseas tour with the Bloody Beetroots. *The Race to Zero* is a collection of lyrics he has written throughout his career up until 2018, as well as short creative vignettes and prose. And *From the Graveyard to the Arousal Industry* deals in part with how he was 12 when his father was assaulted, robbed, and died during a 1987 altercation with patrons in a restaurant bar.

The year after his father’s death, Pearson was living in Clairemont, where he met Eric Allen, with whom he later formed the 1990s hardcore/screamo band Swing

*Fall in Love With Yourself*, which explores his life as it progressed from those two tragedies through his appearance on Jerry Springer’s show and his role in the local music scene, as well as its role in his life. “My favorite concerts were all in San Diego, like The Cramps at the California Theatre 1987 or Downcast at the Che Café [in] 1991. As far as why: those two shows changed me, how I am, and how I perceive music and art.”

Documentary interviewees include bandmates Dave Lombardo, Gabe Serbian, and Bobby Bray, as well as Travis Ryan of Cattle Decapitation and others. Additional material is sourced from dozens of VHS and mini-DV tapes Pearson recorded over three decades. It’s a story of living life with no regrets. “If it sucked, I learned from it.”

Pearson is also one of 12 American musicians featured in a 2020 documentary about independence and music, *Parallel Planes*, along with interviewees Michael Gira (Swans), Mick Barr (Orthrelm), Ian MacKaye (Minor Threat, Fugazi), Valentine Falcon (Get Hustle), Jamie Stewart (Xiu Xiu), Anna Barie (These Are Powers), Weasel Walter (Flying Luttenbachers), Jenny

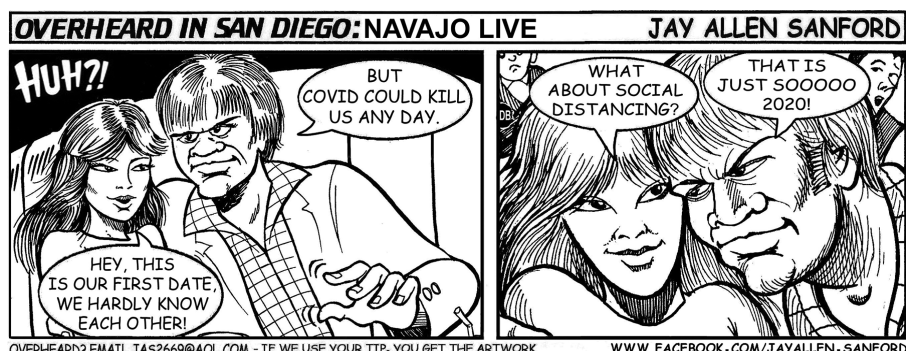
frank, informal, well-informed, and genuine.” The newest episode features Deaf Club guitarists Tommy Meehan (The Manx, Squid Pisser) and Brian Amalfitano (ACxDC). “They discuss their methods when it comes

to collaborating in the band, and the shared goal of creating organized chaos in order to push the listener and themselves. They share some of their early influences, including Gwar and Nirvana, and the ways in which these possibly unexpected foundations influenced their playing and theatricality in order to later form something newer, weirder, and nastier. They also question the purpose of defining terms like ‘punk’ and ‘power-violence,’ and have conversations about the uselessness of gatekeeping, how to confuse neo-Nazis, and the importance of the cultural shifts and relevance that music can bring about beyond the music itself.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

## Covid causes impresario improvisation

Jazz concert impresario Daniel Atkinson has experimented with all types of presentation ideas in the 32 years he’s been bringing music to San Diego. It’s been a while, however, since he focused a show on music from one instrument, as he’s about to do with the guitar for the upcoming Winter series at the Athenaeum Music and Arts Library. “I found that concept to be



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too limiting, when it came to putting a series together,” he says. “If someone really good became available that didn’t match whatever theme I had, I would have to pass on them. It was a series of happy coincidences that led to these four concerts that all feature guitarists.”

The series began this week with a rare appearance from Austrian guitarist Wolfgang Muthspiel, leading a trio with American bassist Scott Colley and drummer Brian Blade, both favorites of Atkinson’s. “You could say that they both walk on water, musically, so all three are just amazing, top-level musicians.”

On Sunday, February 6, the series continues with a Brazilian guitar duo featuring Romero Lubambo (Dianne Reeves, Michael Brecker), and Chico Pinheiro, who Athenaeum fans will recognize from his past appearances with Anthony Wilson and as the leader of his own quartet. Jazz guitar superstar Pat Metheny is a big fan of Pinheiro. “There are many incredible guitarists out there,” says Metheny. “On the top of that list, I’d include Chico Pinheiro.”

Next up, on February 23, is the San Francisco String Trio, featuring former San Diegan Jeff Denson on bass, Mimi Fox on guitar, and Mads Tolling on violin. Atkinson remembers being impressed with the group after catching them three years ago as a featured act at the San Francisco Jazz Festival.

Rounding out the series on March 2 is the Oscar Peñas Quartet, with Peñas on guitar, Sara Caswell on violin, Motohito Fukushima on electric bass, and Richie Barshay on drums. “This one represents a

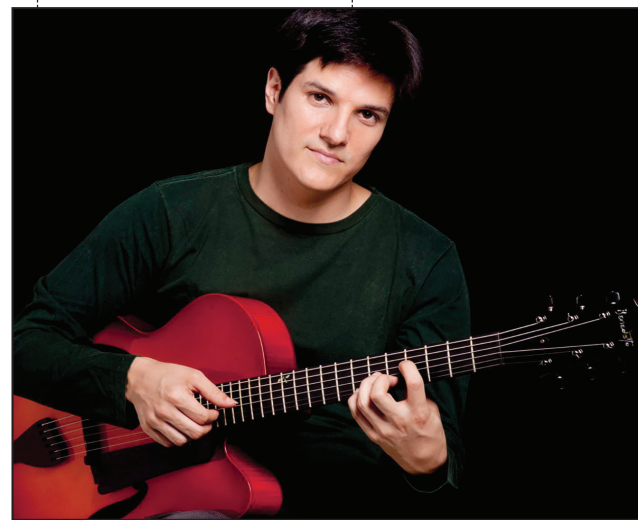
rescheduled event due to the pandemic. We’ve had a few of those. At this point, we’ve had to reschedule it twice. I feel honor-bound to present artists who got canceled as soon as the conditions allow.”

Atkinson has returned to the concert presenting business with strict post-covid requirements. The Athenaeum Music and Arts Library is a small venue (it seats about 150), and is limiting these events to 70 percent of capacity (just over 100) to allow for social distancing. Mask wearing is a requirement, as is proof of vaccination, or a negative test within 48 hours of the performance, with no exceptions.

Atkinson is keeping a wary eye on a myriad of circumstances that might require a change of plans. “I just sent an

business, he says, protocols must evolve. “The parameters keep changing. I think the biggest thing has been to remain really flexible, and to understand that there are some inherent unknowns that may affect what we think is going to happen, or how it’s going to happen. This has created a level of uncertainty that is a little daunting at times. I’ve become more thoughtful about booking to the current reality of the situation right now. Booking larger bands with more challenging requirements in terms of transportation and general logistics might be too ambitious in that regard.

“On the other hand, it seems like there’s a great feeling of readiness for everyone to get back out there. I think



Chico Pinheiro, topping the list of incredible guitarists?

email to Wolfgang’s management in Switzerland yesterday, just to double check. He’s doing a two-night run at the Jazz Gallery in New York City, and I checked their website. It’s still on. So far, everything looks solid.”

As the pandemic continues to impact the concert

that the artists and the audiences are all pulling together to try and make things work. So, in a sense, it’s been a community building experience.”

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## LEXINGTON FIELD

Americana fiddle rockers Lexington Field specialize in punked up versions of classic traditional Celtic tunes like “The Wild Rover,” “The Old Black Rum,” “Pretty Irish Girl,” and “Molly Malone,” as well as original songs such as “My Dream” and “City That We Love.” Co-founder Beau Gray (rhythm guitar and lead vocals) cites fellow locals Flogging Molly as inspirations, as well as Dropkick Murphys, Great Big Sea, Young Dubliners, and The Pogues. Among their local collaborators are Jeff Berkley (of Berkley Hart), Steve Poltz (The Rugburns), Veronica May (The Lovebords), and banjo-picker Dennis Caplinger. Although little new material has appeared in recent years, according to the band,

“*The Lumberjack* has arrived. In 2021, Beau, along with illustrator Morgan Wagner, decided to turn our song ‘The Lumberjack,’ from our 2018 full-length *Dreamers*, into a children’s book. To go along with the book, over the summer we headed back into Clarity Recordings with Sean Tolley to rerecord the song and do a new acoustic version. We wanted to give something fresh to go with the book. While the 24-page book is set to be released next month, the songs are here now.” Anna Lee Fleming of local folk band Finnegan Blue provided harmonies on both versions of the song.

## JT MORING

The new solo project from JT Moring, of folk-Americana-blues band Gemini Junction, will feature songs he describes as “Woody Guthrie meets Warren Zevon. Remember last year when I wouldn’t stop talking about that album I made? We’ve rescheduled the album release backyard concert party on February 27, 1pm, in Encinitas. Ramona Ault and I and Barry Brown will put on a show and we’ll have us a time. Covid will have waned; we’ll share some food and catch up with each other. I’ve still got almost half a case of CDs. You can get one from me or behind the

counter at Folk Arts Rare Records.” See Moring’s Facebook page for event locale and details. “The next part is some of the most fun, where I get to add all the bells and whistles — and bouzouki and banjo! — to make the arrangements sparkle.” Instruments used so far include “lots of acoustic strings, but also the pennywhistle and harmonicas, plus an electric keyboard that has nice organ sounds. I really enjoy playing bass, which I only get to do in the studio.”



## SWITCHFOOT

A new video produced for “beloved,” from Switchfoot’s recent 12th studio album *interrobang*, was directed by frequent collaborator Erick Frost. According to frontman Jon Foreman, “I wanted to set the tone for the album with this song: addressing the listener as you and seeing myself in the face staring back at me. Could it be that maybe we need each other? Maybe we need our differences? ‘beloved’ is a song that attempts to see ‘you’ as you are, rather than as an ‘it’ that can be commoditized or used. Love is only possible in this exchange. In this surrender,

this humility, this intentionality.” The track was co-written by Tim and Jon Foreman and the album’s producer Tony Berg. Other videos from the new album include “if I were you”, “i need you (to be wrong)”, “lost ‘cause”, “fluorescent,” and “the bones of us.” Last November, the band teamed up with NEEDTOBREATHE and Judah for a new track called “Hometown Christmas” released exclusively through Amazon Music. They performed the song as part of *The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration*, which aired that month via ABC.



## MIKE PINTO

“My shows have a big energy, with the organ and horns blaring at all times,” says Mike Pinto, who grew up in a suburb of Philadelphia. His music blends reggae, ska, dub, and Latin rhythms, while keeping true to his roots with the acoustic guitar. Based in Ocean Beach, Pinto has played in over thirty states, including live acoustic performances for various college and reggae on-air radio stations. His album *Hotel Rendezvous* debuted at number four on iTunes Singer-Songwriter charts, and was nominated Best World Music Album at the 2018 San Diego Music Awards. Guest players include members of Orgone, The Aggrolites, The

Expanders, and Through the Roots. A new single dropped last November, “Danny Loves A Fight,” produced by Pete Steinkopf from The Bouncing Souls. “I’m on tour again, risking life and limb just to be with you and play my sometimes-catchy, quite nostalgic, one-of-a-damn-kind songs,” says Pinto of his “Everything I Got” Tour, which just kicked off. The trip includes dates in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Florida, New Jersey, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, wrapping up March 20 in Virginia. “We’ll be offering meet and greets on the bus for some of these dates. Still deciding, but definitely for Texas and the Southwest.”



## BLINK 182

Florida metalcore pop-punk band A Day To Remember recruited Blink 182’s Mark Hoppus to sing on a new version of the song “Re-Entry,” from their 2021 studio album *You’re Welcome*, which they just released as a single. “When this song originally took shape, it was without a doubt massively influenced by Blink-182,” says A Day To Remember frontman Jeremy McKinnon. “So when the idea came up to do a remix of sorts for it, Mark was immediately who we pictured. We sent him the track with no second

verse and said to do whatever he was inspired to do, and what he sent back genuinely makes the song for me. My younger self still can’t believe it exists.” Hoppus also guests on the recent debut album from Arrested Youth (a project led by Ian Johnson), Nonfiction, appearing on the single “Find My Own Way.” Blink 182, whose most recent single is called “Quarantine,” are reportedly working on a new full-length.



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# I'm full, not the gull

*"Back in the day, this was where everybody came."*

O h no!

"Rosy! Rápido, por favor!"

Rosy whips around. She makes a wild grab at the gull as he's about fly over the cliff with my Bistro Burger. The wooden rail keeps her from launching herself over the cliff. The gull drops the burger neatly on the plate.

Man! This is the second time a bird has swooped in on my burger. First was when a dozen squawking gulls got away with my en-tire burger outside the Walking On Water Cafe out on the OB pier. Just now, for the sequel, we're 22 miles south of the border in Baja. I finally made it here by way of pick-up taxis to this ancient clifftop hotel, the Calafia, named after Queen Calafia, the mythical Moorish Queen who ruled the all-woman domain of California. The place is faded but famous, a destination where movie stars would come and dance Sunday afternoons (like today) on dance floors above the crashing waves. It's



**Juan Carlos: 34 years keeping Calafia going. Was here in the glory days**



**My Bistro Burger and fries, before the gull strike**

also the spot where the Franciscan and Dominican and Jesuit missionaries duked it out for dominance of both Californias 300 years ago. Back then, the Franciscans won. But I've been worrying that this time, the pandemic may have won. Also that I might not get any food, this far out from Rosarito.

But it looks like I needn't have worried. In this most unlikely spot, among a bunch of replica California Mission churches, and overlooking the mighty Pacific Ocean, 35 clicks south of Tijuana, I spot an unlikely sign: "Craft Brewery

and Kitchen." Arrows point you into a building's passage. It feels more like a museum, with ancient photos and historic declarations of independence (from Spain!) and pottery and actual giant fossil shells from, uh, 91 million years ago. Found right here.

Then you turn right and find yourself in a *whack!* modern bistro that looks out over this incredible panorama of the Pacific Ocean. "Welcome. *Bienvenidos*," says a guy behind the bar. Juan Carlos. I plop onto a stool. It's a bit

disorienting. There's this long counter, a small balcony, and then...*woah!* Nothingness, till your eyes climb down to the wild blue yonder of the ocean below.

Meanwhile, beer's up and on draft right here. Tecate. 90 pesos (about \$4.50) for a pint. Rosy, Juan Carlos's offsider, insists on bringing it out to the balcony for me. She sets it on the wooden railing. Man. The ocean reflects golden through it. I take a slurp. Aah. One of my most delicious slurps ever. Through the glass, I notice a gull sitting on the roof tiles. I think of OB pier. "Be careful," I tell myself.

A couple sits drinking wine, Sergio and Liz. "We just happened upon this place on our way back from Ensenada. We'd never heard of it," Sergio says. Hmm. Check the menu. It only does lunch. And my biggest surprise (and slight disappointment): it's 100 percent gringo fare. Or, more exactly, craft

beer-type pub food. Pizzas, burgers, wings, shrimp.

"We're limited since Covid," says Kevin the manager. "We opened two weeks ago. We will be doing more." Which is fine. I know this used to be the go-to place for the in-crowd of its day. Me, I'm just thrilled to see it's open for business. Pizzas look like they're a good price. The pepperoni is \$10, the five-cheese is \$12, the Margherita, \$10. But I'm looking at two sliders ("served with cheddar cheese and caramelized onions and fries"), which go for \$8. Battered shrimp in buffalo sauce is \$12. Wings (bone-in or boneless), are \$8 for a half-pound, \$14 per lb. Different burgers are each \$12. "All-American," "Bistro," "Black and Blue," "Smoke House," and the "Baja," which has sliced jalapenos and a chipotle cream sauce.

"I think the best one is the Bistro," says Rosy. "It has goat cheese, as well as bacon, sautéed mushrooms, caramelized onions." I do end up going for that. Place is starting to fill with families and couples on a Sunday outing. I follow Rosy outside. Have to say, my burger is a towering wonder. It has the onion rings on top, a ton of sauce, and then a generous patty.

So I am just about to stretch my hands to grasp



**Pint of beer on bar's balustrade, above the Pacific.**



**Rosy, hero of the day. She saved my burger from a gull attack**

it when, out of the corner of my eye, I see the blur of a lone gull swooping in like a falcon, beak stretched. This is when I yell to Rosy. She grabs. The burger drops, miraculously, back on the plate, and not over the edge to the rocks below.

We kinda pick it up, dust it off, squeeze the ooze back in. "Not a problem," I say. "He didn't

his eyes. And I can see why. Truth to tell, a lot of the cliffside levels are closed off. The rest looks a little crumbly when you're close up, like it could do with some angel to pour a few million into it, like, now.

But I come away full, and full of wonder. Also, with one eye on the gulls. ■

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# Katsu sandos #1

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## Ichiban Sando has a way of making fried meats feel special

573 H St, Chula Vista. You can slap just about anything between two slices of bread and call it a sandwich, but that doesn't mean all sandwich making arts are equal. I pointed the car south toward Chula Vista this week to find a delightful



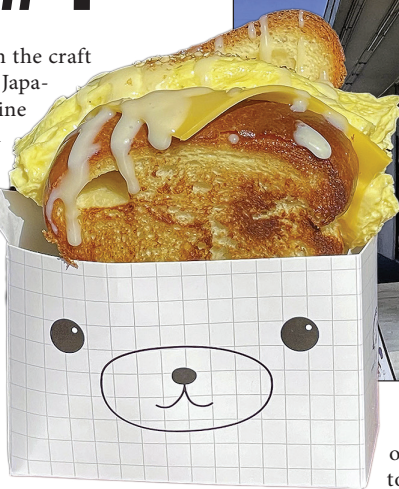
Panko-encrusted tilapia with coleslaw on milk bread.

example how of much fun the craft becomes in the hands of a Japanese culture driven to refine and elevate every meal with which it comes in contact.

Ichiban Sando is tucked into a small storefront adjacent to the shopping mall at Broadway and H Street, easy to miss among the crowd of fast-food franchises populating the area. In this little counter shop, at least, the hot sandwiches are made from scratch ingredients, cooked and assembled to order. And they're well worth a short wait.

When Ichiban opened last spring, it did so behind the simple pairing of boba milk teas and *katsu* sandwiches. The bobas and smoothies are fine, but it's the latter that first caught my attention. *Katsu*, of course, are pork or chicken cutlets, fried with a seasoned panko crust and commonly served with Japanese curry, or with egg and onions over rice.

It's not the *katsu* that make these sandwiches noteworthy, however. Rather, it's the house-baked milk bread they're built upon. Milk bread gets its name from being mixed with a slurry of milk and flour called *tangzhong*. Some portion



A fluffy rolled omelet and spam breakfast sandwich, in a teddy bear package.



A small sandwich shop across from the mall.

of milk and flour are heated together to make *tangzhong* before being added to the dough. Thanks to some process involving, ahem,

science, this simple addition helps the dough rise higher, and allows its starches to absorb more liquid, yielding bread that is at once fluffier and more moist.

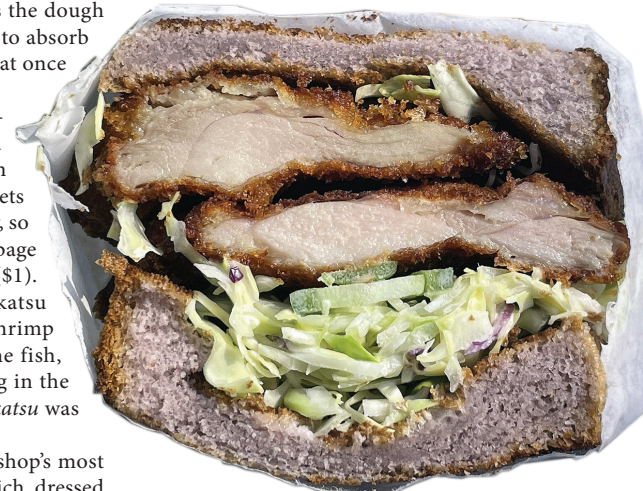
Thick slices of this bread take especially well to toasting or grilling, and that's how they're treated at Ichiban Sando. You get a couple of *katsu* cutlets stacked together with crisp coleslaw, so lightly dressed as to be almost cabbage (\$8.95). Adding cheese is optional (\$1).

Ichiban has quickly grown its katsu sandwich menu to include fried shrimp and fish (tilapia). When I tried the fish, at least, I detected curry seasoning in the panko crust, whereas the chicken *katsu* was more traditionally salty and savory.

Another option — perhaps the shop's most popular — is the spicy *katsu* sandwich, dressed with a slice of jalapeño and a sweetly spicy red chili sauce. I ordered this one with sauce on the side, as I also experimented with an alternative milk bread the shop recently introduced: a purple tinted bread sweetened with the Filipino sweet potato *ube* (\$1). This added a bit of a breakfast pastry vibe to the bread, but I'd say it impacted the look of the sandwich more than the overall flavor.

Perhaps the most intriguing sandwich here was another recent add: an egg and spam breakfast sandwich (\$6.95). You may opt to replace the thinly sliced "luncheon meat" with avocado (\$1)

or bacon (\$1.50), but most important to the sandwich's construction is the egg: *tamagoyaki*, the impossibly fluffy Japanese style of rolled omelet. So beautifully cooked is this egg, it seems to overstuff even the thick slices of milk bread. The



Panko-encrusted chicken cutlets on purple-tinted ube milk bread.

whole thing is finished with American cheese, and drizzled with another distinctly Japanese staple: the mildly sweet, almost custardy Kewpie mayo (made with yolks only).

Most importantly, for photo purposes, the breakfast sandwich is served upright, presented in a printed cardboard container. Mine featured a teddy bear face, lending an aura of cuteness unmatched by most sandwich genres.

by Ian Anderson

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## PERSONALS

**ALOHA** my name is Eddy Murphy, I want to go back to school, please help me get my education so I can learn how to use a computer and become a writer. (774) 204-1996, or donate directly to University of Denver.

**ART- THIS IS CARTER** you responded to my Reader ad regarding Steve Collins, please contact me again through the Reader. (619) 578-4088

**CONGRATULATIONS WILLIE O'REE!** You are the coolest guy to ever be!

**FAST FOOD LITTER ON THE PARKWAY** is unacceptable. If you must park and eat be sure to dispose of your refuse appropriately. The Driveway Society.

**LADY LOOKING FOR COMPANION** male or female, live in Vista or oceanside area, please call me at (760) 524-4343.

**LOOKING FOR JEFFREY PHILLIPSON** AKA road Miss Betty was an ax and was friend, probably the best pool player he ever met. Call me (619) 578-4088 I live in my white van with a brown top down at mission Bay, find me man I want you to go with me.

**MERNIE** Hope the trip comes off well & you enjoy it, Brian.

**MY DARLING FRANK** was that you steering the Columbia? I called to you but you didn't hear. You looked so handsome! I continue to be so in love with you! Yours, Katherine I will meet you at the dock!

**TOMMY M** Hello I am still thinking about you. Happy new year. Text me anytime. Patti D

**USHERS FROM** Brian's, Mernie's, and James team at LJ Playhouse. Hope you have a good year. Don't forget about the matinee before tax time.

**DRIVEWAY SOCIETY** I agree whole heartedly with your analysis of speeding drivers. what we need is a concerted effort by responsible persons to meditate and send transcendental messages to speeders to slow down and smell the roses.

**KATHERINE Z.** glad to see that you are happy and among good happy pirates and enjoying life. As soon as I can deal with these flying monkeys and get the spoiled princess back to her evil stepmother, I will join you and your pirate companions. cheers, Frank

**WHAT'S NEXT FOR BOB REDFORD?** I'm Robert Redford, after the last scene of the movie Three Days of the Condor. He is a CIA employee, CIA thinks he has gone rogue. Life as he knew it is gone, blamed for killong his CIA Chinese girl and his CIA friends. Let's write the next scene.

**ASTONISHED** I do love you anyway.

**BALBOA PARK WALKING PARTNERS** For daily walks and other exercises at Balboa Park, possible other activities like travel, dining together, etc. Mike (619) 209-0961 / marmoch\_m@yahoo.com

**FRIENDS WHOM HAVE SEEN** Ms. Tammy Wilson in Julian,

CA. Please contact Mr. Keith at williamkeith848@gmail.com.

**I THINK THAT** people who are speeding in their cars are late to work and probably slackers. The Driveway Society.

**RIGHT NOW ON SOME OTHER PLANET** the news is on. Today we approached a planet and found people everywhere on it. Astounding.

**KATHERINE Z.** the princess has flown the coop with the flying monkeys from OZ. not sure where they are headed, but I am duty bound to tear her from the claws of her captors. enjoy the fresh clean air on the Materhorn. Frank

**THE DRIVEWAY SOCIETY** it seems you are hell-bent on causing mayhem on our neighborhood for some reason. I am organizing my friends and hopefully we can convince you that what you are doing is not cool. Look for the meeting notice that I will glue to your windshield. Cheers

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to my four girls, Patti, Pris, Pam and Becky Lynn....I love you all so much.... Let's party. Gman

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Happy birthday Terry P....Marvin says happy birthday....Party time... Gman.

**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** and John, Pacific Beach, house on alley, between Thomas and Reed, 1977. Also, Jackie Feitler. (619) 917-6975

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

**SEEKING WEALTHY MENTOR** I am a senior gentleman looking for wealthy mentor. If interested call Gary (858) 262-1171, leave message and phone number.

## NOTICES

**JHAY CORTEZ IN CONCERT** Jhay Cortez will perf at Papas & Beer on April 2nd! facebook.com/papasandbeer.rosarito community@papasandbeer.com



**"THE MAIN LINE"** Community Actor's Theatre proudly presents, "The Main Line", a play about the life of the late gospel singer, Mahalia Jackson, who was known as the Queen of Gospel. This play will run every weekend in Feb.

www.communityactorstheatre.com (619) 581-2634

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY** Interested in social justice? Interested in news / community matters / music? Non-profit, all volunteer KNSJ 89.1 FM is seeking volunteers for on air talent and support. Newbies welcome. See KNSJ.org for info. Contact Tim. Taylor@KNSJ.org

**2/5 KENDALL-FROST MARSH** Join the UC Natural Reserve System and the San Diego Audubon Society for Love Your Wetlands Day at the Kendall Frost Marsh! This is a once-a-year opportunity to explore the normally off-limits reserve in Mission Bay. sdaudubon@sandiegoaudubon.org

**MURDER MYSTERY SCAVENGER HUNT** An incredibly fun and unique event where you'll find out if your detective skills are sharp enough to solve a murder. Each team is given a list of suspects along with a packet of tricky clues, twisted riddles. www.MurderMysteryScavengerHunt.com (949) 369-0329 / Admin@MurderMysteryScavengerHunt.com

**PRODUCE SWAP/EXCHANGE** Monthly Bounty Swap at City Heights-Azalea Park. 2596 Violet St. San Diego, CA 92105. Sat, Feb 12, 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

**QUAVO FROM THE MIGOS** It's Spring Break! QUAVO from the Migos will perform at Papas & Beer in Rosarito on March 25. Ticket info @ facebook.com/papasandbeer.rosarito community@papasandbeer.com

**QUINCEAÑERA+SWEET 16 EXPO** Quinceañera/Sweet 16 Fiesta Expo. on Sunday Feb. 6, 2022 at Trinity Hall at 845 Chestnut St, Escondido CA, 92025 (760) 743-1629

**SPRING BREAK HIP-HOP CONCERTS** 3/11-4/3 - hosting massive parties at our beach club in Rosarito! FB: PapasAndBeer. Rosarito - Quavo, OhGeesy, Lil Jon, Jhay Cortez, Diesel (aka SHAQ), Madds, & more will be joining the fun community@papasandbeer.com

**ANIME FEST IN TIJUANA** Would you like to sell at Anime Fest in Tijuana on Sat. April 16, 2022. Send us your info via email @ facebook.com/ANIIMEFEST animefest@gmail.com

**ATTN: SAN DIEGO TATTOO ARTISTS** Attention San Diego tattoo artists, mark your calendars for the Sept. 16-18 Golden State Tattoo Expo in Pasadena — book your booth now @ goldenstatetattoosexpo@gmail.com

**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

**CRUNK SPRING BREAK W/ LIL JON** Come celebrate Spring Break with Lil Jon at Papas & Beer in Rosarito Beach on March 19. Tix @ facebook.com/papasandbeer.rosarito community@papasandbeer.com

**STOLEN BIBLE IN NORTH PARK** About a month or so ago,

a couple broke in my car by Illinois St. and took all my stuff, including the black Bible I had for 21 years. It's in a black case. If someone has it, please return it, no questions asked. It's the same type in the photo. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**SDSOULSWAPMEET.COM** Join us at Mission Valley Mall! Vendors, food, DJ, hookah lounge and more!

**SALON BOOTH SPACE** I have a beautiful station available for rent in Oceanside. Located at the corner of Oceanside blvd & College! Huge floor-to-ceiling windows, prime location! (512) 266-1025



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**HUNGRY HUNGRY HOBO** down on my luck praying for a delivery truck. Please text Lucky (619) 352-8153.

**TINTA NEGRA BREWERY** Come try our burgers and beers at. facebook.com/ CerveceriaTintaNegra/, on your next visit to Rosarito Beach. We are located in the Hotel Festival Plaza. tinta.negra@hotelfestivalplaza.com

**85-KM HIKE AND WINE TASTING** March 19-20 at Ruta Del Vino in Ensenada. www.achacosossenderismo.org/ achacosos.senderismo@gmail.com

**FREE ZEN** the state of California has locked up Master Zen. Help us free Zen and we'll help you find it. Text (916) 880-2252.

**INTERESTED IN ESSENTIAL OILS** Classes are available! To get started or schedule a call to learn more by visiting: www.calendly.com/raindropsession

**SPRING BREAK W/ DADDY YANKEE** Daddy Yankee is finally coming to Baja! We can't wait to show you guys all the surprises & the badass experience in store for this August @ facebook.com/ BajaBeachFest/ community@bajabeachfest.com

**VALENTINE'S HIKE IN ENSENADA** February 13 Valentine's hike in Ensenada

— book here @ www.achacosossenderismo.org/ achacosos.senderismo@gmail.com

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**PLEASE HELP ME FINISH COLLEGE** Please see my picture for the full details. If you would feel better donating directly to the school, please email me so that you can get my info to give to Arizona State University under my name so that the credit is available with them to use. kristinalhamilton@gmail.com

**LUIS MIGUEL TRIBUTE ROSARITO** Do you like Luis Miguel? If you ever come to Rosarito Beach, check out Cuarta Pared, a Luis Mi-tribute band, at the G&G Cervecería brewery. Message for updated schedule. facebook.com/CervceriaGG/

**NO PARKING?** We're an online community that allows homeowners to rent out their unused space to neighbors who need storage or long-term parking. Renters save money while hosts make passive income. www.neighbor.com support@neighbor.com

**AQUARIUS** Explore San Diego County. Find Hidden Treasures. ITreasureSanDiego.Com

**HIKE W/SAN DIEGO CANYONLANDS** -through the award-winning City Heights Canyon Loop Trail! The trail meanders through the 4 urban canyons connected by dirt paths & city streets—w/native plants, street art, critical habitat for wildlife, etc. sdcanyonlands.org volunteer@sdcanyonlands.org

**YOGA AT CITY HEIGHTS** Community yoga outdoors! Every Sunday at 10 am; it's donation-based and all are welcome @ 4425 Home Avenue, San Diego, CA

**NORTH PARK BURGERS** Craze Burger in North Park is giving away burgers with the purchase of a burger at equal or lesser value when you download the free Savorite app from the App Store or Play Store.

**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.

**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.

**PEN PALS WANTED** Older man, currently hospitalized desires pen pals. Write to Dave DiMino 3102 East Highland Ave #21 Patton, CA 92369.

## CLASSES / LESSONS

**ACTING WORKSHOP CLASSES AT CAT** Acting workshop classes at Community Actors Theatre in 2957 54th Street - San Diego, CA 92105. Log on to www.communityactorstheatre.com for more info. jlou2@cox.net



**SEED PLANTING CLASS** Planting kits with 72 cell trays, holding flats, soil, a variety of seeds, 7-inch domes, 12 name tags, and instructions will be provided. 12 varieties of plants w/6 plants per variety can be planted. Email Del Mar Mesa Garden Club for info info@delmarmesa.org



**ALL AGES CHESS EVERY WED NIGHT** Wed Nights please join us 6pm-8:30pm at Bushfire Kitchen Del Mar. Outside by bar. Ages 8-88 welcome. One table of kids, 3-4 tables of new, med & good chess players, one table cards (canasta & more) www.meetup.com/A-Great-SanDiego-Chess-Meetup mm@chefmarian.com

**TAI CHI AND QI GONG CLASSES**, Meditation in Movement. First class is free. Taoist Sanctuary of San

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Diego, (619) 692-1155 or [www.taistsanctuary.org](http://www.taistsanctuary.org).

**PIANO LESSONS** Hi, my name is Corby Stutzman and I offer piano lessons in Normal Heights. Learn the language of music playing what you love! Please see my website for more info. [www.corbypiano.com](http://www.corbypiano.com) corbypiano@gmail.com

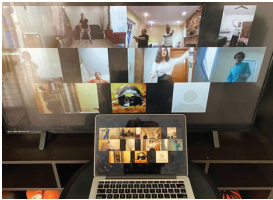


**BEGINNING WEAVING CLASSES** Registration is now open for the upcoming beginning weaving class presented by the San Diego Creative Weaver's Guild on February 12th and 19th (two Saturdays) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. [sdcwg.org](http://sdcwg.org) [ginnyruth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ginnyruth@sbcglobal.net)



**YOUTH DANCE CLASSES AGES 2-13** Our goal at Dynasty Dance Co. is to shine light and bring joy! We offer classes for ages 2-13 in ballet, hip-hop, jazz and tumbling! We also offer dance privates, camps and parent night out events! Register online: [dynastydanceco.com/classes/](http://dynastydanceco.com/classes/) [info@dynastydanceco.com](mailto:info@dynastydanceco.com)

**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



**BOLLYWOOD DANCE LESSONS** We are planning to go to Zoom for a virtual Bollywood dance party (for all age groups) every Sunday @ [bit.ly/bollywood-dance-class](http://bit.ly/bollywood-dance-class) WhatsApp 1-587-338-3133 for details



**SALSA/BACHATA LESSONS** Schedule update and more instructors added - February Social featuring world champions Sergio Jasso & Mar'a Inés from México @ [facebook.com/LatinRhythmSociety](http://facebook.com/LatinRhythmSociety) (619) 431-0330 / [latin.rhythm.society@gmail.com](http://latin.rhythm.society@gmail.com)

**SQUARE DANCE CLASSES** The Whirlaways Square Dance Club is sponsoring classes beginning Sunday, Feb. 20 - the weekend after Super Bowl. Classes are held in the Seven Oaks Community Center @ 16789 Bernardo Oaks Dr. (858) 774-5965

**AMERICAN RUMBA** Join Vanessa at the coolest studio in town every Tuesday! (We have great AC). Email/call for schedule! [dancewithvanessa@gmail.com](mailto:dancewithvanessa@gmail.com)

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

## ROOMMATES

**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](https://www.facebook.com/dezertdippin250)

**ROOMMATE NEEDED** I have an extra bedroom for rent in an apartment right on Harbor Dr. with beautiful views of the ocean. \$1200 month plus split the cost of utilities. LGBTQ+ and 420 friendly. Call (949) 289-0877 for inquiries. / [davekaplan1962@gmail.com](mailto:davekaplan1962@gmail.com)

**MOVED IN FROM BRAZIL** Hey everyone! I'm 26, Brazilian looking for a roommate or possibly 2. Also looking for a 420 friendly roommate and someone that won't mind my 6-year-old pitbull she's well trained and loves to cuddle. [bit.ly/guilherme-sd](http://bit.ly/guilherme-sd)

**2 MILES FROM SDSU** I'm going to be living in a 2-room place in Dorado Plaza and I need someone to fill the other room. It's located about 2 miles from SDSU, rent is 1200. I'm going to Mesa, I'm 420 friendly and I like to do art! FB: [jackson.sutter.315](https://www.facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315)

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

**LA MESA ROOM AVAILABLE** 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: [kristine.leigh.12](https://www.facebook.com/kristine.leigh.12)

**MOVING TO SAN DIEGO** I'm moving to San Diego and 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](https://www.facebook.com/savana.bjorklund.5) on FB.

**STUDENTS MOVING TO SAN DIEGO** Myself and my friend Nina are relocating from Germany to San Diego to study at UCSD. We are interested in a shared apartment/house with 2 private bedrooms, preferably in Pacific Beach or La Jolla. FB us @ [LinhVuKieu69](https://www.facebook.com/LinhVuKieu69). Thank you.

**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](https://www.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](https://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/sdsu-anna)

**DRIVING IN FROM FLORIDA** I'm currently driving from Florida to San Diego! Looking for a private room/bath relatively close to Mission Valley! Under \$1000 is ideal but can be flexible for the right place! FB: [michael.nash.7509836](https://www.facebook.com/michael.nash.7509836)

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

**NEAR SDSU HOUSEMATE** I recently signed a lease on a 2 bedroom place near SDSU. The complex is called Dorado Plaza,

rent would be around 1100 per month. FB: [facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315](https://www.facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315)

**OTAY RANCH, \$1,200** Room for rent, furnished, AC, tv, internet, non smoker, no drugs, no pets. \$1,200/month, \$300 deposit. Call Carlos (858) 999-7980.

**ROOMMATE FOR SHARED ROOM** Female roommate wanted for shared room in 55+ gated mobilehome park. \$550/mo+utilities+\$250sec (Average \$620-\$650/mo). 2 women live in unit. No pets/drugs/alcoholics. Smoking outside only. Call/Text (619) 504-1590. / [navicm2@cox.net](https://www.facebook.com/navicm2@cox.net)

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

**NEED ROOM W/PRIVATE BATH ASAP** Single mature Black Male w/good gov job. Works nights. Needs unfurnished room in quiet No. San Diego/No. County area. No pets or drama. Can pay up to \$1200 month. Serious replies only. (858) 243-6462

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

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

**MOVED TO SAN DIEGO** I'm Meesh, 27, a freelance graphic designer, who just moved here from Philadelphia with my mini Aussie, Peep. I'm looking for a studio, 1 Bedroom or even an open room in an apt/ house. Facebook @ [michelle.scannapieco](https://www.facebook.com/michelle.scannapieco)

**\$1200 / MONTH** Hey! My name is Cam. I'm looking for a room. My max price is \$1200 including utilities. If you have any questions for me, feel free to ask! DM me at [facebook.com/cameron.fenley.9/](https://www.facebook.com/cameron.fenley.9/). Thanks for looking.

**2022 SDSU ROOMMATE** I'm a Senior at SDSU and I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/month for rent. Please DM me on FB: @ Jalen Dumphord — Thank You!

**PENASQUITOS APARTMENT** I'm looking for a couple that would want to do a 2 bedroom/ 2 bathroom in Penasquitos Point Apartments. You would have to be pet-friendly because I'd like to adopt a cat down the line at some point. Facebook @ [danielle.clarke.9638](https://www.facebook.com/danielle.clarke.9638)

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

**MOVING TO SAN DIEGO** Hi my name is Sophie, I am 23 years old. I am looking for a room/roommates. I am moving from Nebraska. I work remote but will be done by 3pm everyday! I love to workout, go to the beach. DM me @ FB: [sophie.tokheim](https://www.facebook.com/sophie.tokheim) I hope we can be a good fit.

**ROOM FOR RENT** Rent weekly or monthly. (619) 869-5814 / [rtgood2016@yahoo.com](mailto:rtgood2016@yahoo.com)

**I AM LOOKING TO RENT A ROOM** \$500-\$700 monthly, with bathroom preferred, Chula Vista, National City, or Downtown area near trolley, 11 years same employer, 100% solid references. Please call Joe (619) 408-9317, calls preferred or email [jag63.musicclef@gmail.com](mailto:jag63.musicclef@gmail.com). No drugs, no smoke.

**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

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

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

## COLLEGE ROOMMATES

**2022 SDSU STUDENTS** Gravity Apartments at 4560 Mission Gorge Pl, San Diego, CA 92120 is renting a studio for \$2,440 — wanna split rent here? It's like close to campus! [facebook.com/GravityApts](https://www.facebook.com/GravityApts) (619) 880-8340 / [leasing@livegravityapartments.com](mailto:leasing@livegravityapartments.com)

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

**SDSU STUDENTS** I am looking for a female roommate to rent out the other room in my 2 bed 2 bath apartment. It is located in: Dorchester Apartments. 6595 Montezuma Rd, San Diego, CA 92115. [facebook.com/TheDorchesterApartments](https://www.facebook.com/TheDorchesterApartments)

**SOCIAL MEDIA STRATEGIST JOB** We're hiring! The Reader is looking for a full-time Social Media Strategist. Click the link for the full job description. \$24 - \$26 an hour [buff.ly/3HJHw01](https://www.facebook.com/buff.ly/3HJHw01)

**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](https://www.facebook.com/bilal.naous.9)

**'22 PALOMAR/CSUSM STUDENTS** Perfect for college student: Oceanside room, 875/ 500 deposit, 1/4 utilities and cable, shared bathroom, no couples, no animals, not furnished, must-see [facebook.com/dinadolbee/](https://www.facebook.com/dinadolbee/)

**27-Y/O MOVING TO SAN DIEGO** I'm looking for a studio, 1 Bedroom or even an open room in an apt/ house. I'm Meesh, 27, a freelance graphic designer, who just moved here from Philadelphia with my mini Aussie, Peep. DM on Facebook for any info/openings - thank you! [facebook.com/michelle.scannapieco](https://www.facebook.com/michelle.scannapieco)

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

**PALOMAR OR CSUSM COLLEGES** Saw this room rental in Oceanside: \$950 a month/\$500 deposit, the room is for 1 person only, overnight guests allowed twice a week, male preference, and no couples - DM the OP [facebook.com/SellingNorthCounty](https://www.facebook.com/SellingNorthCounty)

**PERF FOR SDSU STUDENT** Apartment for rent at the Suites on Paseo by SDSU. Fully furnished room, ready to move in. The apartment includes a TV with cable, air conditioning, a spa, and a gym. Shared place - \$745 1.alpaca. [casa/HsC1RB5](https://www.facebook.com/casa/HsC1RB5)

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**MOVING INTO 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](https://www.facebook.com/payton.renner)

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

**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](https://www.facebook.com/maren.appert)

**UCSD OR PALOMAR STUDENTS** Resharing: an \$800 private room in a house in North County of San Diego, zip code is 92127. It has a shared bathroom, 18 miles away from UCSD. [bit.ly/room-ucsd-92127](https://www.facebook.com/bit.ly/room-ucsd-92127)

**2022 SDSU MARKETING STUDENT** I'm a Senior at SDSU and I am looking to rent a 1 Bedroom apartment in the San Diego area. My budget is around \$800-1250/month for rent. Please DM me on FB: @ Jalen Dumphord — Thank You! [facebook.com/profile.php?id=10007142185](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10007142185)

**'22 UCSD STUDENTS** Private room with private bath, pool, parking in 2-bed apt., furnished w/ queen bed in Carmel Valley - \$ 1250 / month [www.sublet.com/](https://www.facebook.com/sublet.com/) [property/4540058](https://www.facebook.com/property/4540058)

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

**UCSD STUDENT ISO ROOM/ HOUSE** My husband and I are looking to rent a 1bd or 2bd apartment/house/condo. We just moved from Argentina, as my husband is studying at UCSD. We own a beautiful dog. Our budget is around \$1500-2000. [facebook.com/constanza.llapuri/](https://www.facebook.com/constanza.llapuri/)

**2022 SDSU STUDENTS** We are two 21-year-old girls, looking to rent a place/room for 5 months. We are both Swedish and we'll be studying at SDSU during spring 2022 as exchange students. So we need a place to stay. Direct message if you have anything. Thanks! [facebook.com/ida.hertin.5](https://www.facebook.com/ida.hertin.5)

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**NORTH COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS** College students — feel free to message the OP today to schedule your tour of Citrus Court Condos. Upstairs units apt



64 and apt 14 are available. bit.ly/north-county-college bit.ly/north-county-college

**ROOM AVAILABLE BY CSUSM** Reposting here - available now: furnished room for rent in a house. \$1000 + utilities per month for 1 person only no pets. We have a fun friendly safe atmosphere. bit.ly/room-csusm-04

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

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

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

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

**LOOKING FOR HOUSEMATES** 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. facebook.com/eunjeong.heo.374

**MESA COLLEGE STUDENT ISO ROOM** Ayo, I need a place to stay, preferably near SDSU, in a place where I have my own room. I'm chill with people from all walks of life. My budget is around 1600. Please DM me on Facebook. facebook.com/jackson.sutter.315

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

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

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

**ARE YOU A 2022 COLLEGE STUDENT?** Are you a student in San Diego County looking for a roommate, a job, cheap furniture, a spot to sell your books, free movie tickets, happy hour locales, or a club to rage at? Check SDReader.com or our free magazine on campus for more deets :-). facebook.com/ClassifiedsBySDReader (619) 235-3000 / post@sandiegoreader.com

**SDSU STUDENTS LOOK HERE** Repost from FB: Hello! I am looking for a female to take over my lease of a single room with private bathroom in a 4 rooms dorm asap. It is in BLVD63 near SDSU. Possibility of living there by this week. No pets. bit.ly/room-blvd63

**2022 MESA COLLEGE STUDENTS** Private bedroom 10x10 (furnished). Kearny Mesa (92123). 3 bedrooms, 1/2 bathrooms townhouse... 2 people

in the house. 900\$ month to month lease, 450 \$deposit (refundable). facebook.com/anderson.assis.3110

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

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

**MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATE** Hi, my name is Michelle, I'm looking for a rental until 5/22. school next month at Mesa College for the Medical Assistant program. I'm 30, I do not smoke or nor do I have an interest in partying. facebook.com/michelle.ramirez.39545

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

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

**OMG CHECK THIS PLACE OUT!** A couple rooms opening at The Vibe House! Looking for nature lovers and artistic and inspired souls want a place to live while creating effortlessly. If you resonate with open space, with lots of light, & fresh produce from the garden. facebook.com/TheVibeHouseSD

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

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

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

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

**2022 SDSU STUDENTS** Less than a mile from SDSU, Aztec Pacific apartment homes have a hip, retro design with spacious floor plans. Located at 6663 Montezuma Rd. facebook.com/AztecPacificApartments (833) 659-5779

**BLVD63 BY SDSU** Asking for a friend: "Anyone looking for a 1 bed and one bath at Blvd63 by SDSU?" DM for info. facebook.com/ramandeep.jagdev

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

**CAL STATE UNI. SAN MARCOS** One room with a separate bathroom is available to rent.

Located at Vista. In-unit laundry was also available. Rent 1150 with all utilities and wifi included. Looking for just a single person with no pets. bit.ly/csusm-room

**MOVING IN FROM NEW YORK** Would love the Mission Bay area. 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. facebook.com/alex.orteig

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

**2022 MESA COLLEGE STUDENTS** Private bedroom 10x10 (furnished). Kearny Mesa (92123). 3 bedrooms, 1/2 bathrooms townhouse... 2 people in the house. 900\$ month to month lease, 450 \$deposit (refundable). www.instagram.com/andersoon\_assis

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

**FOR MIRAMAR AND UCSD STUDENTS** Mira Mesa housemate wanted. \$1,325/month all basic utilities included (water, trash, electricity, gas, internet) and \$800/security deposit. PM a brief introduction of yourself and your work/school schedule. facebook.com/kathrynily

**MIRAMAR AND UCSD STUDENTS** REPOSTING: Urgently looking for someone to fill a single room in a 4bd/2ba house in Mira Mesa! Rent would be \$825 a month + utilities. The house is about a 15 min drive away from UCSD and less than 5 min away from Target, Sprouts, etc. bit.ly/sav-roommate

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**PACIFIC BEACH ROOMMATES?** Hey! I'm looking for a private room/ roommate in Mission Bay or the Pacific Beach area. My budget is 1300. I am a wonderful roommate. Contact me on FB if you are interested. Thanks! facebook.com/savana.bjorklund.5

**PALOMAR COLLEGE / CSUSM** For \$1100, we have 1 extra bedroom with a private bathroom and a large size closet available for rent. Under ten minutes away from Palomar College, California State University of San Marcos. facebook.com/ledinhlong1015

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

**'22 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/

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

**2022 UCSD ROOMIE** Posting again. My friend needs a roommate in the San Diego area one mile

from UCSD. The rent is 1400. Master bedroom, with balcony and in-unit laundry, pre-furnished. There are also 3 pools in the complex. Pls message if interested. facebook.com/darrell.hale.395

**'22 MESA AND USD STUDENTS** Saw this on FB. Need to fill a room in my townhouse in Linda Vista ASAP! I'm super clean and work a ton! The room is \$900 and comes with a parking spot and comes furnished with the basics! Please no pets or couples. bit.ly/USD-mesa-rooms

**AWESOME COLLEGE STUDENT JOB** Delete if not allowed. To my fellow college students: Fleet Science Center is hiring. Check the photo I posted to see what they are paying -> facebook.com/FleetScienceCenter (619) 238-1233

**FOR '22 SDSU STUDENTS** Found this on FB - 4540 60th St, San Diego, CA 92115-5416, United States. Looking for a roommate to stay in one of the bedrooms inside a nice 2 bed 2 bath condo nearby SDSU! facebook.com/joshua.baldwin.18

**HILLCREST, DT OR NORTH PARK** 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/

**LOOKING 4 ROOMMATES/ HOUSEMATES** My budget is \$1,000. I would prefer to live in one of the following locations but can be a little bit flexible: PB, Clairemont, LA Jolla, Sorrento Valley, Mission Valley, Kearny Mesa. DM me if you have a room available or wanna be roommates. facebook.com/Fischer.christina7

**REACH COLLEGE STUDENT READERS** Do you need to rent out an extra room, sell old furniture, or hire good help? Reach our thousands of readers, many of who are college students, in two clicks @ www.sandiegoreader.com/classifieds/ www.sandiegoreader.com/classifieds/ (619) 235-3000 / post@sandiegoreader.com

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

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

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**GREAT FOR 2022 SDSU STUDENTS** Furnished rental. 1 bedroom available. Rent: \$1226/month www.sublet.com/property/3844762

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

**2022 SDSU ROOMMATES** Apartment for rent at the Suites on Paseo by SDSU. Fully furnished room, ready to move in. The apartment includes TV with cable, air conditioning, spa, and a gym. www.sublet.com/property/4626547

**2022 STUDENT FROM SDSU ROOMMATE** Budget: Max of \$1100/month. I hope you'll consider me as your future 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. facebook.com/maren.appert

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

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**UCSD STUDENTS MOVING IN** Myself and my friend Nina are relocating from Germany to San Diego to study at UCSD next Spring term. Therefore we are looking for a place to stay. Feel free to dm me or Nina if you have any questions or have rooms available! facebook.com/LinhVuKieu69

## RENTALS

**NORMAL HEIGHTS, \$1375.** Cozy studio near Adams, upstairs and downstairs units, wood-like flooring, on-site laundry, water, trash and gas included. Great location with easy freeway access. No pets. 3351 Madison Avenue. Agent, (619) 298-7724.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING** Senior and Veteran males wanted for ILF in La Mesa, shared rooms \$750 per month great views: Call Kim (619) 750-4447. / itwlb1936@gmail.com

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**VACATION RENTAL FOR LGBTQ** www.theoradogetaway.com. Pr'vate home located within The Cove Community. The development is situated on 60 acres on the Sea of Cortez, yet only 10 minutes from Santa Rosal'a, the most gay friendly Town in México. youtube.be/7QioEZR\_Mxw (949) 200-6324 / coveproject1@cs.com

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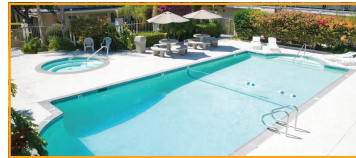
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**FIREFLY ELECTRIC GUITAR** We're selling a Firefly electric guitar [Les Paul Copy] for \$180. Plays well, looks fantastic and sounds great. A great starter guitar, with a Mahogany guitar body and neck, rosewood fretboard, maple top, bone nut Thanks for looking. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**OPPO UDP-205 4K BLU-RAY PLAYER** What's in the box: wwnr's manual, Blu-ray player, 63" AC power cord, remote control, 2 "AA" batteries, 69" HDMI cable. Text me or call on + 1 (929) 788-2444 email: paullarry86@yahoo.com.

**LIVE MUSIC @ BAR AZTECA** Live music @ Bar Azteca in the Rosarito Beach Hotel — join us! Diegoknight69@gmail.com

**SOCIAL JUSTICE & MUSIC RADIO** Interested in social justice? Interested in news / community matters / music? Non-

profit, all volunteer KNSJ 89.1 FM is seeking volunteers for on air talent and support. Newbies welcome. See KNSJ.org for info. Contact Tim.Taylor@KNSJ.org

**FREE UPRIGHT SPINET PIANO....** Full size wooden piano with wooden bench....In tune and ready to go to a new home. No stairs involved. kittymama47@yahoo.com

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**RARE IBANEZ RG370 \$499** We're selling a rare Ibanez RG370 for \$499. It's in beautiful Moon Shadow (metallic gray) finish. This particular series was built in their Korean facility only from 2003-2004. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**4/4 VIOLIN BY PAN-AMERICAN** Selling a 1940s/50s American made 4/4 Violin by Pan-American. It's a symphony model with very nice dark tone woods. Nicely flamed maple back and very nice fingerboard, nearly unmarked. Asking \$300 e32cc@yahoo.com

**ROSARITO ACOUSTIC GUITARIST** Acoustic covers by Christopher Spanos in Rosarito — email us for updated scheduling theshackbaja@gmail.com

**MUSSA PERFORMS ON SUN IN TJ** Mussa is performing at Tia Juana Tilly's in Tijuana. Come and spend a pleasant afternoon/evening with versatile music, good food, and a variety of drinks. 52 (661) 527-2219. facebook.com/MUSSATJ

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**MUSIC REHEARSAL STUDIO** Upscale facility, Kearny Mesa. All rooms have individual air conditioning, high ceilings and 24- hour access. Monthly rooms available. Adder Studios, (858) 522-9505. www.adderstudios.com.

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## PETS

**4/9 UGLY DOG CONTEST** Show off your dog in one of the ten categories. Prizes awarded to the 1st - 3rd place. Visit vendors, great silent auction, and giveaways! For tickets and or vendor information visit bit.ly/ugly-dog-contest

**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

**LOOKING FOR MILA** Please help me find Mila! She ran away on September 16 around 10 am near Caliente Ave/ San Ysidro High School. She gets scared pretty easily, we are very worried. Any information is helpful. (619) 305-5478

**FIVE YEAR OLD 7.5 FT BOA CONSTRUCTOR** female, getting ready to breed, best offer. (619) 382-4443

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



**FRENCH BULLDOG MALE** Up to date with shots, great with other dogs and kids, house trained, great temper. Please call or text (619) 897-0852. / jengon4331@gmail.com

**LOST DOG BY SWAN CANYON** Lost Dog!!! Missing since Christmas eve evening in City Heights/ Swan Canyon area. Please contact (619) 806-1092 or (805) 342-8174

**MISSING AFRICAN GRAY** Usually makes a chirping noise or "doot-doot-doot" noise. If you see or hear of her, please call me at (760) 310-0953 or (760) 936-6073.

**GERMAN SHEPHERDS QUALITY** www.SHERMAN-RANCH.us German Shepherds AKC OFA quality German bloodlines. Confident upbeat prospects for the many venues o training they excel in and always loyal companions for lifelong homes (541) 281-6829 www.SHERMAN-RANCH.us

## SPORTS

**ADULT KICKBALL GAMES** Our kickball group is for you. We are a seasoned group with over 200 Meetups under our belt. Want to play? Message us at www.instagram.com/socalkickball/

**MARK MCGWIRE AND JOSE CANSECO** Selling a rare Mother's Cookies MLB display sign. It's from the 1990's and has a photo of Mark McGwire and Jose Canseco on the front. \$35. Call for details (619) 836-5310.

**SOFTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED** to enhance the chance to be able to provide recreation, motivation, stimulation with softball. irisheddymurphy.live@gmail.com

**TWO FULL SETS OF GOLF CLUBS** bags included, one Cobra driver and one Cougar golfball retriever, all for \$150. (619) 818-9049

**2/5 SPORTS CARD SHOW IN POWAY** Sports cards, Pokémon, YuGiOH, Funkos, Magic the Gathering, Comics, Supplies! Saturday, Feb. 5 4p-9p Poway Elks Lodge 13219 Poway Rd Poway 92064. Great variety for all your collecting needs with great deals! Buy-sell-trade (619) 900-6961 / info@sdcollectibles.com

**OLD BAS-KET BALL GAME** Bob Cummings is selling an old 1960's basketball game for \$19 (619) 291-3000

**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

**LUCHA LIBRE IN ROSARITO!** Watch lucha libre wrestling in Rosarito on Feb. 22 — info on the attached fliers

**REAL ROAD RACING** This is some real road racing! The 2nd Baja International Tourist Cup will be in Tecate, Mexico, on September 29-30. Info: bit.ly/baja-itr hrtranspe@gmail.com

**FITNESS RE-IMAGINED** Come experience fitness re-imagined. This is not a bootcamp. I create ways to push you mentally and physically without you even knowing it. IG: asynergyaiffair Asynergyaiffair@yahoo.com

**TY COBB SPORTS MIRROR** Selling a Seagram's TY COBB sports mirror from the 1990's for \$80 (619) 836-5310

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

**DIFFERENT MOREY BOOGIEBOARDS** Selling multiple Morey boogie boards bodyboards in different sizes message for info and prices @ bit.ly/morey-multiple



**GREEN MOREY BOOGIE BOARD** Selling a green/yellow Morey boogie board for \$45 @. bit.ly/morey-green

**SKATE CLUB IN OB** Know somebody 6-16 who loves to skate or wants to learn? Tag them below to let them know about our after school skate club starting Feb 1 and running through the end of May! Sign up online at obsurfandskate.com. (619) 225-0674 / office@obsurfandskate.com

**WATCH SUPERBOWL IN ROSARITO** Passed Rosarito Beach at K59 behind La Mision Hotel, drive through the La Mision Hotel arch and you will see La Palapa restaurant straight ahead. FB: bit.ly/La-Palapa-Beach

**OLD SAN DIEGO BOXING POSTER** Selling an old San Diego boxing poster that's framed at the OTR booth for \$100 (619) 291-3000

**PING-PONG SOCCER MIX** We are excited and looking to introduce the sport of Teqball to your state! Message us at: info@lateqers.com or call us at (773) 766-6485 for further information. lateqers.com/

**FITNESS BOOTCAMP** Every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 pm I coach an outdoor fitness boot camp suitable for all fitness levels. Located at Kit Carson Park, Escondido. Call or text me at (951) 602-8008 for details.

**RUN WITH US ON OUR BAJA TRAILS** Do you have your sneakers ready? This will be a great year for trail events in the region. Attached are races scheduled for Jan.-April 2022. Some new races are yet to be confirmed; dates will be added @ facebook.com/rundirtybyLV/

**SHAQ AKA DJ DIESEL IN ROSARITO** This spring we're back to hosting massive parties at our beach club in Rosarito @ facebook.com/papasandbeer. rosarito. Quavo, OhGeesy, Lil Jon, Jhay Cortez, Diesel (aka SHAQ), Madds, & more will be joining the fun community@papasandbeer.com

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE** Do you want to play in a basketball league south of the border? Email for 2022 schedule. Diegoknight69@gmail.com

**MUHAMMAD ALI ON ROLLING STONE** Muhammad Ali on the cover of a 1978 Rolling Stone magazine. Asking \$25 (858) 229-9820

**RUSSIAN MARTIAL ARTS** Ever heard of Systema? No problem. Here's what you need to know. Systema - Russian Martial Art - is a phenomenal full-spectrum martial system, and is rooted in ancient warrior traditions of Eastern Europe. www.meetup.com/Systema-San-Diego/

**BOXING CLASSES WITH GRADY** Grady Boxing Lessons teaches both basic and advanced boxing skills. Classes are offered at various gyms in the San Diego area. Please check our Facebook for more info @ facebook.com/frank.grady2 (760) 804-9511 / gradyboxinglessons@gmail.com

**COME PLAY FOOTVOLLEY WITH US** It's similar to volleyball but you are not allowed to use your hands. It's eye-catching addictive and all about sun, beach, and fun. We offer classes, events, and tournaments. facebook.com/footvolleyclubusa footvolleyclubusa@gmail.com

**HEADING TO BIG BEAR?** If you are heading to Big Bear to ski or snowboard this weekend — check out Abbey Rose for a selection of used equipment and clothing! abbeyrose.net/ (909) 878-2239 / abbeyrose@abbeyrose.net

**LUCHA LIBRE/WRESTLING** Lucha libre/wrestling @ bit.ly/dkc-wrestling. (619) 250-3720

**FOR SNEAKERHEADS** Buy and sell your sneakers, locally, on March 12 at Kobey's Swap Meet. (619) 226-0650 / apretto@kobey.s.com

**ROSARITO 1/2 MARATHON**

The 6th Rosarito International Half Marathon is coming soon on June 19, 2022. More info at www.rosarito.gob.mx/IX/ imderrosaritovii@gmail.com

**UTV RACERS WELCOME** This inaugural edition of the SQR San QuintiAA Rally will be a non-competitive/friendly ride event; Mexico and the U.S. coming together on 2/4/2022. facebook.com/sqr-sanquintirally (616) 134-7500 / info@sqbc.mx

**2022 DEMOLITION DERBY IN TJ** Check the 2022 demolition derby schedule in Tijuana @ facebook.com/GladiadoresY-DemoledoresDelVolante yonke.las.angeles@gmail.com

**MANY WETSUITS** O'Neil, Xcel, Ripcurl \$25-50 3-4-5 mil med n Lg sz (619) 586-7736.

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

**PLAY SOFTBALL IN SAN DIEGO** 619 softball is every Saturday. It's a co-ed pick-up softball group. Signup here: www.meetup.com/sandiegosoftball/ (619) 985-2713

**POWAY SPORTS CARDS SHOW** Shows at the Poway Elks Club at 13219 Poway Rd. on 2/5/2022. There's a great selection of sports cards, Pokémon, YuGiOH, Magic the Gathering, loads of packs, hangers, blasters, and Megas! sdcollectibles.com/ (619) 900-6961

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

## BICYCLES

**FUJI OUTLAND ROAD BIKE** Sport series- 29 speed, Judy Rock shox fork, Shimano- deore derailed alex rims x 2100, 3.0 aluminum frame, very good condition, new was \$942. \$250 (619) 988-0932.

**BICYCLE SIGN \$100** Have you ever wanted a 16 foot, hand-painted, solid wood, bicycle sign?!?!? Well, today is your lucky day! This vintage sign hung over a bike shop in Carlsbad for years before being bought and displayed in my friend's shop in PB. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**GIANT ESCAPE 3 BIKE \$295** We're selling a Giant Escape 3 bike for \$295. Ride to work or ride for your health; this is a bike that does all of the above. It's very comfortable positioning and smooth ride quality. Contact Francesca at Mission Hills for more info — thank you Fralife@hotmail.com

**MAGNUM CRUISER C16 \$1,700** Magnum Cruiser Pedal assist & throttle; the total weight of the bike with battery 59 lbs.; Aluminum Alloy frame; front-fork adjustable oil suspension with lock-out; motor 500W 48V 13 amp; hydraulic brakes; the bike is almost brand new. \$1,700 OBO Jemorris4429@gmail.com

**SCHWINN MEN'S BIKE \$100** Selling a Schwinn men's bike for \$100. It's a High Ten-Trail tuned model in good condition. Please message Therese via email for any additional information. Thank you for looking. iamhappy2bteri@yahoo.com

**LOST A BLUE BIKE?** Our son found a blue bike today in our canyon off Canterbury Dr. Please contact us if it's yours. Has 2 distinctive items on the seat pole. Please verify to claim. (619) 534-1963 / Mlofts@edcodisposal.com

**FUJI RAKAN MOUNTAIN BIKE \$1900** Originally purchased New October 2020, minimally used and in excellent condition, silver, size XL (180cm-188cm). A6-SL super-butted alloy frame is 120mm of MLink (R) rear suspension, RockShox Recon Silver RL 29 with 140mm of travel, and much more. emilypetty@gmail.com

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

**CANNONDALE F1000SL MOUNTAIN** Bike: ultra aluminum steering fork, orange-yellow color, purchased new, very little use, \$450., in Escondido, call (760) 746-7209

**CYCLE ROSARITO TO ENSENADA** Cycle from Rosarito Beach to Ensenada on May 7 and Sept. 24. www.rosaritoensenada.com/ rosaritoensenadabikeride@gmail.com

**BISCAYNE TANDEM BICYCLE** We have an ultra-rare Biscayne tandem bicycle for sale for \$350. It's red in color and looks pretty clean. Message for more details! Thank you for looking. amie2000@att.net

**DAVE SCOTT IRONMAN** Selling a beautifully maintained Dave Scott Ironman road bike for \$325. It has a 47 cm. (18.5 inch) frame; a Shimano 600, in excellent condition. Has new leather-wrapped handlebars and a leather racing seat. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**BREEZER DOWNTOWN BIKES** We have eight different Breezer Downtown bikes with waterproof transit panniers for \$450 each or two for \$800. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**LUNA E-BIKE \$1,375** Luna: A trusted name in E-bikes. Rides great; looks Good; No hill too steep. All the goodies. Thank you for looking, Jim classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**BIANCHI VELOCE ROAD BICYCLE:** carbon fork, light green color, made in Italy, purchased new, only ridden a few times, \$650., in Escondido, call (760) 746-7209

**MAGNUM CRUISER C16 \$1,700** Magnum Cruiser Pedal assist & throttle; the total weight of the bike with battery 59 lbs.; Aluminum Alloy frame; front-fork adjustable oil suspension with lock-out; motor

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**RUSTY OLD SCHWINN \$20**  
This is an old Schwinn that I have had around for a long time. It has a springer front end and is old school and rideable as is. There is a sticker on it that says it was manufactured in Taiwan???? It's over 60 years old. classifiedsbysdreader@gmail.com

**MOUNTAIN BIKE TIRE** New mountain bike Tire (I got wrong type) 27.5x1.95-2.10 wide type never used only \$20 or nearest offer. Mission Valley area. (619) 230-5496

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

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**YAMAHA MOTORCYCLE** Dual terrain saddle and billet, rear tender accent. Never used, still in box. For Road Star or Royal Star or V Star 1100 Classic. Call (619) 886-2715

**BAJA INTERNATIONAL TOURIST CUP** The 2nd Baja International Tourist Cup will be in Tecate, Mexico, on September 29-30. INFO: bit.ly/baja-lic rhtranspe@gmail.com

**SUZUKI GSX-R600** Check out this 2007 Suzuki GSX-R600 with 33,513 miles @ San Diego Auto Sales Inc. on 6760 University Ave. (619) 886-1500

**SCOOTER REPAIR/TUNE UPS** Mobile scooter repair services at cyclesquads.com

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## AUTOMOTIVE

**1974 PONTIAC TRANS AM** red Buccaneer with a 455 engine, black interior, good body, power windows, back defroster, project price, \$15,000. (619) 417-5030

**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



**1962 JAGUAR MARK 2** 1962 Jaguar Mark 2. Price: \$8,950. www.affordableclassicsandiego.com (619) 561-3182

**1971 DATSUN 240Z** 1971 Datsun 240Z. Price: \$15,950. www.affordableclassicsandiego.com (619) 561-3182

**2005 VOLVO GROcery GETTER** 2005 Volvo V70 for sale, \$3500 firm, 153k miles, registered

and smogged 2 weeks ago. (619) 674-0102

**1942 FORD 1/2-TON TRUCK** 1942 Ford 1/2-ton truck. Price: \$4,950. www.affordableclassicsandiego.com (619) 561-3182

**2007 WINNEBAGO VIEW \$29,000** Runs and drives great. Over 300,000 miles. Don't be scared because of the miles, very good maintenance. The ONAN generator works great. Current registration. No mechanical issues. (619) 782-1682

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**2017 FORD F-150 PICKUP** 2017 Ford F-150 Raptor Pickup 4D 5 1/2 ft. \$59,940. (760) 775-3000



**PORSCHE CONVERTIBLE - \$5700** We are a towing company, selling this car witch was involved in an accident. Engine starts and sound 1999 Porsche Boxster Cabriolet RD. \$5,700 (949) 631-8698



**1969 MERCURY COUGAR** 1969 Mercury Cougar. This Cougar comes with a 351 V8 with an automatic transmission. Has headers and Flowmaster mufflers. Been upgraded with aluminum cylinder heads. Runs and drives. (619) 561-3182

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**2007 TOYOTA CAMRY** Selling a 2007 Toyota Camry LE sedan with 4 doors for \$6,400. It has 90,943 miles, a white exterior, and a gray interior. (619) 504-9959



**OLD SCHOOL DATSUN 240Z** This 1971 Datsun 240Z has just come out of long-term ownership. The engine is matching numbers. We got the engine to turn over and nearly start but will require more work to run. Has a four-speed manual transmission. Price: \$15,950 (619) 561-3182

**1967 JAGUAR 420 - \$4,500** 1967 Jaguar 420. Price: \$4,500. 1967 Jaguar 420. Has a 4.2 engine

with an automatic transmission. The engine is matching numbers. www.affordableclassicsandiego.com/ (619) 561-3182

**1970 AVANTI II** Price: \$16,950. 1970 Avanti II. Just came out of long-term ownership. This Avanti has a 350 engine with a three-speed automatic transmission. As far as we know the drivetrain is original to the vehicle. www.affordableclassicsandiego.com/ (619) 561-3182



**2017 TOYOTA PRIUS** 2017 Toyota Prius Plus Hatchback 4D. \$14,450 facebook.com/william. prevost.758 (858) 699-1611

**1938 BUICK STREET ROD** 4 Door Sedan. Suicide Doors. Oldsmobile V8 Auto. Disc Brakes. Disc Brakes, Many Extras. Contact Bob for More info. (760) 943-7326. \$11K / skutter@pacbell.net

**2003 FORD FOCUS** Call Terry (619) 264-2596. Selling for \$3000.

**2007 MITSUBISHI SUV \$6000** 2007 Mitsubishi Endeavor LS Sport Utility 4D. 133,128 miles and tan paint — \$6000 (619) 504-9959

**2016 CORVETTE \$46,900** Selling a black '16 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray 1LT coupe powered by a massive 6.2 liter V8 that has 460 hp. The car has a 0-60 time in under 4 seconds and boasts stopping power with Brembo brakes. It has 51K miles and a 7-speed transmission. (619) 633-4598

**2 ODYSSEY MIDDLE SEATS** 2 Middle Seats from my 2007 Honda Odyssey. very clean and in good condition. not used in vehicle for 5 years. \$199. call Fred (619) 223-9236

**DRAG RACES** Barona 1/8 Mile Drags is a 1/8 mile dragstrip, an NHRA sanctioned track, and home to some of the best racers on the West Coast. www.baronadrags.com/ (619) 607-5449 / racing@baronadrags.com

**2016 HONDA CIVIC** Selling a Honda Civic 2016-EX-T with 37,161 miles for \$19,990 (760) 208-4557

**2007 HONDA ACCORD 4D SEDAN VP** 2007 Honda Accord 4D sedan VP. Good condition. Clean interior. 1st owner of the car. Clean title. No accidents, car still functions perfectly. Current registration. jovanavuletic@YAHOO.COM

**FORD TAURUS STATION WAGON** Selling a 2002 Ford Taurus SE Wagon 4D for \$1,670. It has a crack in the windshield and the gas cap light is on. (619) 492-8954

**1967 OLDSMOBILE 442** 1967 Oldsmobile 442. Price: \$8,950. www.affordableclassicsandiego.com (619) 561-3182

**HONDA ODYSSEY \$7200** Selling a 2007 Honda Odyssey EX Minivan with 4 doors for \$7,200. It has a blue exterior and a grey interior and has 149,927 miles. (619) 504-9959

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**LOOKING FOR 1990 OR OLDER** Ford cargo van, fgross0421@gmail.com.

**1995 GMC BANDURA 2500** high top conversion van. TV, stereo. Needs oil pump, sell as is. Has rust, new \$500 tires, gold, \$1,500 OBO. (619) 408-9517

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**CAREGIVER WANTED** Disabled lady seeks caregiver for 24 hours per day care several days weekly, pays cash. Send info & number to auntiecindylulu@gmail.com

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**HANDYMAN NEEDED** Part time for house repairs and yard work on north San Diego City home. Flexible hours cash paid daily. Auntiecindylulu@gmail.com a

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**Dock Totals 1/23 – 1/29:** 654 anglers aboard 38 half-day to 1.5-day trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 37 barracuda, 56 bocaccio, 235 calico bass (124 released), 3 halibut, 117 lingcod, 97 lobster (75 released), 1 opaleye, 44 perch, 4 rock crab, 1,589 rockfish, 437 sand bass, 684 sculpin, 36 sheephead, 2 triggerfish, 220 whitefish, and 1 yellowtail.

**Saltwater:** January and February, typically, are not the best months for fishing in Southern California nearshore waters. This is the slow season, when cool waters force pelagic species south and endemic species mostly seem to lock their jaws. Rockfish, the usual winter target for table fare in northern Baja, is closed in Southern California waters until March, and our early spring targets — white seabass, barracuda, and bonito — have yet to show. Though yellowtail might be caught on occasion off the kelp beds for those fishing off La Jolla to Del Mar, they are what we call “homeguards,” or fish presumed to be among a rare few that do not migrate when the water drops below 62 degrees.

Surf fishing can be hit-and-miss as the normal bait in the swash, sand crabs and sand worms, dig deeper and are harder to find for the anglers who use them to catch the surf perch and corbina that feed on those critters when they are displaced by the roiling water on the beach-side of breaking waves. It might be sad, if it weren't for the plethora of options afforded anglers living in the most populous state in the nation. Let's explore those options.

First, we have to back up a bit and acknowledge that, though the bait is tougher to find, the surf can still be productive.

Surf perch and corbina are around all year, even if in fewer numbers than during their high season during summer and fall. Using scented artificial baits such as Berkley Gulp imitation sand crabs and sand worms can be productive, and mussels can be gathered on low tide that will also entice a bite. Guitar fish, or shovel-nosed sand sharks, are always around, though like other predators in the shallows, they will be fewer in number. Most caught here are released, but the long loins from behind the head and running the length of the tail are prized table fare in many cultures. Taste is subjective, and preparation ranges widely, but I happen to like the firm scallop-like texture of ‘guitaras’. Maybe you haven't eaten it, maybe you have; many taco stands south of the border will use sand shark chunks fried in batter to fill fish tacos.

California halibut are also in our waters year-round. During the winter months, they tend to slide out deeper to the flats along channel edges and shelves in 30 to 100 feet of water, but can be caught from the beaches, piers, or jetties in the shallows behind the surf or in the bay. As batch spawners that usually become active around May, they can spawn any time of the year. Their spawns run for about two weeks at a time; when found in the shallows with egg roe, there will generally be more in the same area where one is caught.

When looking for halibut in deeper water, bounce-balling a large live bait, say, a 6” to 9” mackerel or fat sardine, is a popular method. A bounce-ball setup is basically a three-way swivel with a one-foot leader to a weight heavy enough to keep the bait on the bottom, and another 2’ to 3’ leader going to the hook. A slow drift is best, and the angler simply raises the tip every so often to ‘bounce’

# Local fish lock jaws



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**A fat Baja yellowfin tuna caught by angler Barry Martinez while fishing from his kayak near Los Frailes on the East Cape.**

the bait along the bottom. In the shallows, live bait becomes less productive than plastics and crank baits, as one can cover a lot more area casting and retrieving, whereas bait is usually moved slowly, if at all, when targeting halibut in less than fix feet of water or so.

There have been some good catches so far this winter, with the majority coming from the flats along the channels in San Diego Bay, and a few good ones from the surf as well. As bay fishing can be done from a small boat, kayak, or even float tubes, targeting halibut in deeper water is something most can try. If no boat, the Dolphin out of Fisherman's Landing is running a halibut-specific half-day trip on Wednesdays through February.

Other than halibut and surf species, calico and sand bass generally bite well during winter months. Though tough from shore, our basses are a good option for anglers with access to any legal vessel that will safely get to kelp beds or sand flats in 40 to 80 feet of water. Again, a half-day run on a sport-boat is a good option, as they will be targeting bass until rockfish opens on March 1st.

Of course, we are in the high season for long-range trips, but they can be pricey for the average

angler. A Baja adventure to either side of the peninsula, from Ensenada or San Felipe to the tip, is also an option for San Diego anglers on a budget seeking warmer waters. Yellowtail are biting well from Ensenada south, but especially off the fishing towns mid-peninsula on the Pacific side. Medium grade yellowfin tuna are biting very well off the southern Baja inshore waters, and further out and south, the big cow yellowfin are testing the gear and backs of anglers targeting them. One report coming out of that area, especially, caught my eye this past week:

While fishing in the Sea of Cortez north of Cabo San Lucas from his kayak, angler Barry Martinez hooked and fought to the gaff an impressive yellowfin tuna. The fish was caught on 200-gram silver and green flat fall in 250 feet of water off Los Frailes. That may sound like a long paddle, but the 100-fathom curve runs well within a mile of the coast there. One can reach 250 feet depth in about the same distance as paddling from La Jolla Shores beach at the Marine Room to the Children's Pool. But it wasn't an 'easy' outing or catch by any means. From Martinez: the fish “broke my Trevala jigging rod with a Daiwa Saltist reel with 60-pound leader on 80-pound braid.”

Either way, a fish caught is a fish caught, and a yellowfin tuna in the 60-pound class from a kayak is quite a catch. Whether fishing bays, lakes, the beach, or offshore, San Diego “off-season” ocean fishing can be pretty darn good, and with our sportfishing fleet and the Baja Peninsula as our southern neighbor, our area is one of the top fishing destinations in the world for good reason.

**Freshwater notes:** In preparation for the Youth Fishing Derby on February 5th. Lake Poway will be closed for fishing from January 31st to February 5th at noon. Lake Hodges is reopened for fishing Wednesday February 2nd following their annual seasonal closure from October through February.

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## NEWS TICKER

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**hard dollars and designed to be less volatile than bitcoin and other digital currencies — that were at the heart of the effort,” said the Wall Street Journal report. But the arrangement failed to ease regulator fears, says a May 12, 2021, Wall Street Journal story. “Switzerland’s former president declared in late 2019 that plans to back Libra with a basket of currencies were unacceptable, and that the project, ‘in this form, has thus failed.’”**

**“Diem was effectively doomed from the start, the people familiar with the effort said,” according to a Washington Post January 28 account. “Foreign governments, members of Congress and regulators expressed fears about the project immediately, saying Facebook wasn’t prepared to address concerns about money laundering, consumer protection and other potential financial risks. Two years later, after a re-branding to Diem and an overhaul of the project’s design so that it would be pegged to the U.S. dollar to create more stability, it faced even greater resistance from regulators, who said the company acted arrogantly, according to one of the people.”**

**Tech site The Register reported January 27 that**

**La Jolla’s Lane wasn’t talking about the latest turn of events, “possibly because negotiations were still under-way – but affirmed that the company still sees a business opportunity to provide Stablecoins – digital tokens tied to the US dollar – which was why the firm hooked up with Diem last year.”**

**“We intend to be the issuer of a US dollar-backed Stablecoin, and we would expect that the distribution for that Stablecoin would largely happen through our existing customers, as well as new potential customers that have retail distribution,” Lane was reported to have said.**

*Matt Potter*

## Under the radar

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elevation of **Shirley Weber** from the Assembly to the Secretary of State gig, along with Gonzalez’s breast cancer surgery, has dashed those hopes. Spending was light, with Gonzalez’s ex-Assembly staffer **Evan McLaughlin** making consulting fees of \$5100 from the fund during the last six months of 2021.

— *Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)*

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## Across

1. Have a sneaking suspicion  
6. Sound of a lightning bolt  
9. [Do not delete]  
13. "... partridge in \_\_\_\_ tree"  
14. Rowlands of "A Woman Under the Influence"  
15. Edson Arantes do Nascimento, to fans  
16. Sloppy joes and barbecued ribs, for instance?  
19. NBA star Curry  
20. One of the pioneers of the internet  
21. Puts money on the table, say  
22. \_\_\_\_ jazz  
24. Round Table figures  
26. 21-time Oscar nominee performs a welder's task?  
33. Absinthe flavorer  
34. De-squeak  
35. Going over something again and again and again  
36. Rehab woe, for short  
37. "I agree with both of you!" (or this puzzle's theme)  
41. LAX approximation  
42. God depicted in a helmet  
44. "Back to the Future" actress Thompson  
45. Kind of poem  
47. Be brainy enough to earn tote bags and t-shirts that show your high IQ?  
51. Young lady

52. Singer Tori  
53. Suddenly stop, as an engine  
56. "We're number \_\_\_\_!"  
57. Physician who guest hosted "Jeopardy!" in 2021  
61. Battlefield figure takes care of a wounded Gettysburg general?  
65. Michael \_\_\_\_ of "Ugly Betty"  
66. Pretentious  
67. Was spitting nails  
68. Beefeater and Bombay Sapphire  
69. Principle of Confucianism  
70. Bridge support

## Down

1. Costco rival, informally  
2. Largest fencing sword  
3. Structure put together by a crane  
4. Glides nonchalantly  
5. Suffix with "mock" or "trick"  
6. Fervency  
7. Creature in a formicary  
8. Use Venmo, perhaps  
9. "\_\_\_\_: For Hire" (1980s TV series)  
10. Suckling site  
11. Vogue competitor  
12. Thomas Hardy title heroine  
14. Crystal-filled rock  
17. Seriously hurt  
18. Schoolteacher of old

23. Two-time All Star Brooklyn Dodger \_\_\_\_ Labine  
24. Recipe verb  
25. "Cast Away" setting  
26. Palindromic term of address  
27. \_\_\_\_ nous  
28. Platform for a choir  
29. "Mean Girls" actress Lindsay  
30. "\_\_\_\_ is human ..."  
31. Top story  
32. "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" host Robin  
38. Trees planted in rows on the National Mall  
39. Driving aids  
40. Muppet who testified before Congress  
43. Overly giggly people are told to "get them out"  
46. "As you wish, darling"  
48. Powder in the powder room  
49. Like many beaches  
50. Iowa college town  
53. Cocksure  
54. Garr of "Tootsie"  
55. Tennis score after deuce  
56. "Hold \_\_\_\_ your hat!"  
58. Prego competitor  
59. Some homages  
60. Pair of British puzzles?  
62. Yoga surface  
63. The Renaissance, for one  
64. "The A-Team" actor

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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📧 Rick Wonder, San Diego, 1.

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# SUDOKU

## EVIL:

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## EVIL:

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same building.

Maybe she had decided that with Harry dead and her senior years approaching, she would fix up apartments and flip those instead of houses? Was she still at it near the time of her death in 1965? Was it possible that someone in her Georgia Street neighborhood might even remember her?

As I kept rolling the early-flipper notion over and over in my mind, I moved on to my next Google discovery: an article about Glikeria's will from the *L.A. Times*. The 1967 news story focused on a judge's decision to allow Glikeria to leave \$3000 apiece to Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gagarin and Gherman Titov. To quote the article, "Probate Judge William Sommer ruled that reciprocal rights of inheritance exist between the Soviet Union and the United States in the case of individuals." The article also mentioned that Glikeria had left \$80,000 split between a few Russian and Chinese orphanages, but the judge hadn't yet ruled on "reciprocity rights regarding institutions," so that decision was still to come. The legal questions involving a U.S. citizen trying to will money to Russian or Chinese entities obviously emanated from the Cold War, but \$80,000? That was an impressive contribution in the mid-'60s. From the article: "The money is from the estate of Mrs. Glikeria Rogers, who made \$200,000 in real estate and died in San Diego two years ago at the age of 75."

And there it was. Real estate wheeling and dealing — yes, flipping! — had evidently become Glikeria's (and probably Harry's) passion. But it wasn't until I went to look at the "Newspapers and Periodicals" link on *Ancestry* that I found several more articles from the same period about Glikeria's will. The most revealing one was from the *Winnipeg Free Press*, even though I never found a Canadian connection to Harry and Glikeria.

The article finally and wholeheartedly confirmed my house-flipping hunch. Referring to the pair, it reported: "They bought run-down properties, rebuilt them and sold them at handsome profits." I think the term "rebuilt" may have been an exaggeration, and "handsome profits" has to be considered in context. Another article referred to the \$200,000 Glikeria willed to various charities, organizations, and individuals as a "fortune", but, adjusted for inflation, that amount would be a little more than \$1,500,000 today. Yes, Harry and Glikeria obviously did nicely for themselves as San Diego's (possibly) first house flippers, but they didn't exactly own an empire. Glikeria's posthumous intentions obviously showed that she felt very tied to her native Russia, and also made me wonder if she had been an orphan herself. *Next week – Part 6: Did Harry and Glikeria build our mudroom?*

BILL FISH

## SAN MARCOS

### Dyer straits

**Judge hopes nine-year sentence will be the start of a new, better chapter**

Last week, Isaiah Michael Dyer, 23, was sentenced to nine years in prison. Dyer was first arrested by the San Diego County Sheriff the year he turned 18; that was on New Year's Eve in 2016. He was accused of public intoxication. Dyer was arrested again in April of 2019, in San Marcos. In that case, he was charged with battery and false imprisonment of his girlfriend and resisting arrest. He was 20 years old. Dyer made bail, and appeared for one court hearing the following week.

But then Dyer did not appear for his following court hearings. Instead, he committed multiple felonies using the same semi-automatic pistol. On August 12, 2019 there was a shooting in Carlsbad, in which Dyer and two others (who pleaded guilty separately) set up a drug deal "ripoff." Dyer reportedly shot the victim in his leg as the victim was getting out of his car, with bystanders and witnesses nearby. Dyer admitted to the shooting in a plea deal later. "He might claim that was an accident, but he brought the gun, he had it out, and he pointed

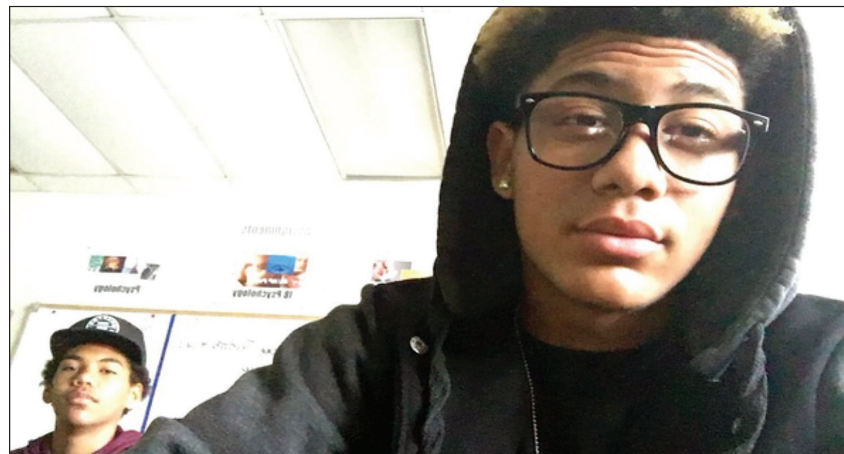
"This is a chapter in your story, it is not the end of your story. I hope you will be the author of the rest of your story."

it, or had it in a position where it could go off," a prosecutor told a judge. One week before the shooting, Dyer turned 21.

Two days later, on August 14, 2019, Dyer was involved in another armed robbery, this time in San Diego, using the same gun. In that crime, "The victim was just trying to sell his Rolex," the prosecutor said, "During that incident, Mister Dyer pointed the gun at him, but thankfully didn't shoot him." One week after that armed robbery, on August 21, 2019, Dyer was arrested by federal officers; he and another man were accused of smuggling illegal aliens or immigrants. The same pistol used by Dyer in earlier crimes was found in the car at



"He went on quite a crime spree during 2019."



The girlfriend that Dyer previously imprisoned eventually became his wife and bore his child. He asked to hug her before heading to prison.

the time. "He was picked up near the border, by Border Patrol, for smuggling undocumented individuals," the prosecutor said. "He went on quite a crime spree during 2019."

Dyer acquired three different state criminal cases while he was in custody; the San Diego County DA filed the cases separately, as information came in, according to prosecutor Joshua Brisbane. Dyer was taken from federal into

The judge told Dyer: "You will come out of prison with two strike priors; it will be hard for you to find a job. It's not going to be easy for you. Ten or fifteen years from now, we hope to be hearing good things about you. This is a chapter in your story, it is not the end of your story. I hope you will be the author of the rest of your story. Don't let anybody else dictate how the rest of your story will go." Dyer was given a total term of nine years, with 970 days of custody credits so far. The judge used his discretion and did not apply an additional 10 years for intentional use of firearm. The federal immigrant-smuggling case will be adjudicated separately.

The defense attorney told the judge that Dyer wanted "to give his mom and his wife a hug goodbye." But Judge Simmons explained that would be a security problem for the bailiff, and then revealed that someone "recently" tried to run out of the courtroom during a "hug," and so the hug request was denied.

EVA KNOTT

## OLD TOWN

### Track attack tracks

**Man's murder fits with fellow passengers' fears**

"On New Year's morning, UFCW Local 135 union member Martin Andara was senselessly killed after being pushed into an oncoming train at the trolley station in Old Town San Diego," read the union's January 7 online post. "Martin worked at Ralphs 207 in Pacific Beach and was a member of our union for six years."

That Friday, local union members rendezvoused with Andara's family and friends for a vigil, a few feet away from where Andara died from his injuries. "Goodbye, our friend, until we meet again," read one of the posters hung on a wrought iron fence by a photo depicting Andara and an inflatable snowman. Lit candles and flowers in vases sat on the pavement below.

On January 1 at about 6:15 am, Andara, 68, and a suspect, Ryan Michael Rukstelis, 26, disembarked from a southbound trolley that had pulled into the Old Town Transit Center on Taylor Street. Andara was walking along the

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platform heading to work when Rukstelis allegedly shoved him off the platform without provocation, said SDPD Lieutenant Andra Brown. Andara fell into the side of a passing train, and Rukstelis fled. Andara died at the scene.

At 8:05 am, MTS tweeted an alert stating that the Old Town Transit Center was closed due to police activity. Services were anticipated to resume within 30 minutes. Tina L., a 31-year-old Ocean Beach resident, was a passenger in one of the trolleys that pulled into the terminal afterward. "I was just there that day, and to me, it was kind of strange to hear that he [Andara] had gone into the tracks; it was saddening to hear about. I see a lot of elderly get verbally abused by malevolent individuals, and elderly people are often alone in these parts." Tina noticed more security along the trolley terminals days after the tragedy, but said that when she last rode the trolley on January 21, "I did not see as much, and I was on the trolley four times that day. I have my pepper spray in hand, and I don't respond, and I definitely don't engage with anyone. It's scary, because there are a lot of mentally ill and drugged-out homeless using the train for housing purposes. People are urinating and using the train to use drugs."



Memorial near the spot where the assailant reportedly pushed Andara into the path of an oncoming train without provocation.

For almost two years, Barb. L., a 62-year-old El Cajon resident, rode the trolley to Downtown for work. "Sometimes, when I had a car, I'd drive to Old Town and park, then only would have to take the trolley to Santa Fe Depot; that was a nice option. Although the Orange Line was way more sketchy, it dropped me off right in front of my job while working at Superior Court. Also, Old Town is unique in that the trolley doors open on both sides, so you have the added rush of people getting on and off and even walking through the trolley to get to the other side of the platform. I could very easily envision [Andara's death] happening. I'm surprised it's not more common, to

be honest. I saw so much yelling at people for no reason, and there's always loud yelling, loud cursing, trash, and opportunistic-type people who will steal in a heartbeat. There were many moments I didn't feel safe. One guy was yelling he wanted to murder people, one guy was shooting up, one guy smoking crack, and two guys almost came to blows while I was stuck in the middle seat and they were arguing above me. I texted the trolley police multiple times. But it's a huge percentage of homeless who ride and hope they won't be caught without a ticket. I always debated if I had time to change cars at a stop."

On the Reddit pages 'Bad trolley experi-

ences?' and 'Best ways to stay safe in the trolley/bus?' members go back and forth about bullying and yelling within the red, light-rail trolley cars and at some of the 60-plus trolley terminals throughout the county. Rick D., who rides the trolley almost every day, agrees with many of the Reddit trolley riders, but adds, "I don't mind the crazy people on the trolley, I ignore them. I'm on the first car that the driver's on, not on the second or third car where there have been crazy people." Rick says he's "a big fan of the trolley. I even own a U2 light rail model of the San Diego trolley and a hat with trolley pins. I have ridden the trolley since I was born." On January 1, Rick trekked into the Old Town Trolley station via an MTS bus. "I was there a few hours after it happened, and the police and the security guards closed the trolley and coaster part of the station." Even so, he said he still feels safe on the trolley, "and if I were ever to feel unsafe, I'd push the emergency button and tell the driver." (MTS security is available 24/7 by text or phone, says the trolley's website. If you see something suspicious, contact security or notify a bus or trolley operator, call 619-595-4960 or text 619-318-1338.)

On January 4, Rukstelis, a transient, was reportedly arrested on the 2200 block of Park Boulevard in Balboa Park. He remains in custody without bail.

MIKE MADRAGA

## news of the WeIRD

### Government at Work

— In the United Kingdom, as of Jan. 29, flouting a new highway code rule will cost you up to 1000 pounds, the *Mirror* reported. The rule requires someone inside a car to open the door with the hand farthest from the door, employing a technique known as the Dutch Reach. In other words, if you're driving (on the right side of the car), you would use your left hand to reach around and open the car door. (The technique is borrowed from the Netherlands, thus the name.) Rule 239 reads: "This will make you turn your head to look over your shoulder. You are then more likely to avoid causing injury to cyclists or motorcyclists passing you on the road, or to people on the pavement." If a person in a car injures someone by opening with the wrong hand, a fine will be levied. Cycling UK estimates that more than 500 people are injured every year by car doors.

### Wait, What?

— Cameron Newsom, 42, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was treated for stage 4 squamous cell carcinoma on her tongue in 2013, the *New York Post* reported. Removing the tumor meant also removing part of her tongue, which doctors replaced with skin and muscle taken from her thigh. Through all of her experiences in treating the cancer, she said, "The weirdest part ... was when I felt a rough texture on the 'thigh' part of my tongue -- and when I looked in the mirror, it had started growing leg hair!" Newsom had to learn to speak again and still finds

eating a challenge, but she's back to being a gymnastics coach, even with her fuzzy tongue.

### When Pigs Swim

— Veteran surfer Ingrid Seiple was catching a wave on Dec. 18 off Oahu, Hawaii, when she saw something floating like a log in the water, KITV reported. She at first thought it was a Hawaiian monk seal, but, she said, "That's when I realized it was a pig, and it saw me. It started swimming toward me as fast as it could! It was very close and getting closer. I pushed the board between the pig and I and it bit my board." Seiple thinks the wild boar was chased into the ocean by hunting dogs. "It looked like it had an injury on its face," she said. Seiple escaped the boar without harm, but no word on the pig's condition.

### Family Values

— Teacher Kerry Lyn Caviasca, 36, of Watertown, Connecticut, was arrested on Jan. 15 and charged with two counts of risk of injury to a child and second-degree reckless endangerment, WFSB-TV reported, stemming from an incident in November. According to the arrest warrant, Caviasca's ex-husband informed police that she had left their two children, both under age 12, home alone for two days while she went on vacation to Florida with her boyfriend. When the father checked one of the children's phones, he saw texts between the child and Caviasca, including exchanges about what they should eat, to which she replied, "Just eat candy." She also instructed them to

stay in the basement so they wouldn't be seen. The children told police they were alone in the house, except for their dog.

### Just Rewards

— Mayor Chen Qimai of Kaohsiung City, Taiwan, has ordered a clever punishment for people convicted of drunk driving in his community. *Oddity Central* reported that offenders will have to clean funeral parlors to give them the experience of being close to death. In January, 11 drunk drivers spent hours cleaning a mortuary, refrigeration unit and crematorium. "I had never been close to death, and it felt disturbing," one offender said. When they were finished, they reportedly expressed their deep remorse and said they wouldn't drive drunk again.

### When in Doubt, Use the Pork

— A Jack Russell terrier named Millie, who slipped out of her leash and became stranded on mudflats near Hampshire, England, was lured to safety with the most reliable of baits: a sausage. Officials began a rescue mission when it seemed Millie might be swept out to sea, but their efforts failed for four days, the *Guardian* reported on Jan. 20. But one of the rescuers thought of dangling a sausage from a drone and flying it over her. "It was a crazy idea," said Chris Taylor, chair of the Denmead Drone Search and Rescue team. "If we hadn't got her away from that area the tide would have come in and she would have been at risk of drowning. The sausages were the last resort." Millie's

owner, Emma Oakes, confirmed that Millie "really likes food and she'll eat anything you give her... but she much prefers sausages."

### Mistaken Identity

— Police were called to investigate on Jan. 15 after a motorist on the M11 in Ely, Cambridgeshire, England, spotted what they believed were the sneakered feet of a dead person rolled up in a carpet in another car. A law enforcement spokesperson explained, however, that the feet belonged to "a mannequin dressed as Prince Charming who was on his way to a themed birthday! Thankfully, this was a false alarm." *Metro News* reported that the driver was advised to "avoid such circumstances occurring again."

### Lovin' It

— McDonald's locations in Guangdong and Shanghai, China, are testing new in-store seating: exercise bikes. A spokesperson said the bikes are part of McDonald's Upcycle for Good initiative, which promotes sustainability, United Press International reported. They generate electricity, which customers can use to charge their devices. Oh, and they help customers stay healthier while gobbling a Big Mac and fries.

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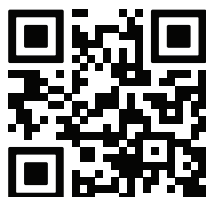
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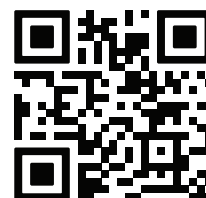
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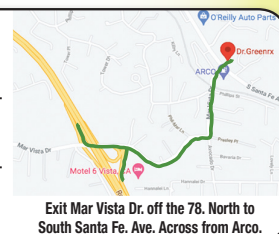
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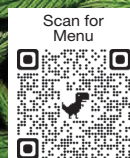
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