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### Parched position

Thank you for your interest in Loveland Reservoir, as indicated by the San Diego Reader's March 29 article "Anglers say promises broken at Loveland Reservoir." Sweetwater Authority was not contacted for comment on this article. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to correct several factual inaccuracies and provide additional context for points made within the article, as outlined below.

Loveland Reservoir provides storage for potable drinking water for Authority customers in National City, Bonita and portions of Chula Vista. The Author-

ity's Board is supportive of recreational activities at Loveland Reservoir, provided they do not interfere with the Authority's mission. Loveland Reservoir is not drought resistant.

The water source for Loveland Reservoir is rainfall and subsequent runoff. Water levels are directly affected by yearly rainfall, as well as the rate of evaporation. The statewide drought and hot conditions have had a significant impact on the water level at Loveland Reservoir.

The average yearly rainfall (from July 1 — June 30) at Loveland Reservoir, historically, is 15.17 inches. Last year's rainfall was 8.5 inches and this year's to date (since July 1, 2021) is 8.01 inches. Though additional emergency water storage is available regionally, including at San Vicente Reservoir, the most cost-effective source of water for our customers comes from Authority-owned reservoirs. The Authority conducts water

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

KEARNY MESA

## Echoes of Echo Park Local Tesla test flight follows L.A. launch

Shortly before 10 am on March 30, the unidentified driver of a white Tesla Model 3 reportedly stepped on the accelerator rather than the brake. As a result, the driver hopped a curb, then crashed through a fence behind the San Diego County Public Health Center parking lot by Ruffin Road and Greencraig Lane. The 480-horsepower electric vehicle then rolled down a slope, jumped a cement wall, and landed on top of a ambulance parked outside the Falck Ambulance Service headquarters. The front bumper rested on the roofline of the ambulance; the 18-inch front wheels spun freely seven feet above



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This is one small jump for Tesla...

optional SpaceX rocket thruster package to make it fly. Now, local wags have suggested that the Kearny Mesa Tesla was a kind of prototype, after it cleared what appeared to be a four-foot gap between the wall and the ambulance. But the fire department wasn't laughing. "There's an opportunity for the vehicle to fall down onto a wall behind the ambulance, and that would damage the bat-

tery tray," said Battalion Chief Mike McBride in an *OnScene.TV* clip. "These lithium batteries cause a whole different problem once they're opened and released, and if any kind of water gets in there, it could be a serious fire hazard."

Ali, the owner of Guardian Towing Inc. by Miramar Road, was one of the first people on the scene with his tow truck. "Initially, we tried pulling the vehicle back, but they told us to halt," Ali told me on April 5. "Then they decided to deadlift the vehicle with a crane." (In the *OnScene.TV* video footage, Ali is shown at the rear of the Tesla, assisting in the rescue.) The fire department strapped harnesses through the Tesla's four opened windows and pulled the vehicle up above the fence it had mowed over earlier that morning.

Ali knows about Teslas. Since the start of 2022, he has towed three of the electric vehicles that had gone out of range. "That means the battery goes

dead," Ali said. "The driver didn't get to a charging station quick enough." (Depending on the version, a Model 3 Tesla can go anywhere from 270-350 miles on a charge, which costs about nine dollars and takes about 30 minutes at a Tesla Supercharger station.) Other Teslas he has towed have suffered flat tires. "They don't have spare tires. And this year, I also towed four Teslas that wrecked. But no one died. They are safe vehicles; the batteries are on the bottom, and they are bottom-heavy vehicles, so they do not roll over." In this case, the San Diego Fire Department tweeted, "The driver and the two passengers were transported to a local hospital for unknown injuries."

The Kearny Mesa flying Tesla story gained online traction thanks to another launch just days earlier. On March 20, an unidentified person rented a 2018 Tesla Model S and drove it to the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. In the video posted on YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok that Sunday morning, the rogue driver of that Tesla motored at a reported "50 miles per hour" up a street that led to a hilltop. As the vehicle reached the crest, its wheels left the pavement, and the it flew for a second or so before landing on its front bumper and wheels an estimated 50 feet from the launch point and careening into two parked vehicles and some trash bins. The four people inside, one allegedly holding a cat, disembarked from the car, jumped into another Tesla, and sped off. The driver is wanted by the L.A. Police. The YouTube video of the flight was viewed over two million times in a short period, and when news outlets uploaded the San Diego Tesla story onto

"The batteries are on the bottom, and they are bottom-heavy vehicles, so they do not roll over."

ground. After arriving at the scene, the fire department grew concerned regarding the "stacked stone wall" supporting the 4000-pound vehicle's midsection and rear end, noting, "it's not a masonry wall, so the integrity is at risk."

From certain vantage points, the vehicle appeared as if it were hovering — sort of like the flying DeLorean image Tesla founder Elon Musk has been Tweeting for the last couple of years. Musk, who is known as the richest man in the world, has claimed the company will launch a roadster later this year with an



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The fire department noted the "stacked stone wall" was "not a masonry wall, so the integrity is at risk."

their YouTube pages, the story got algorithmically linked with the Los Angeles Tesla video.

Ron Villarin, a Paradise Hills Tesla customizer, saw the trending Teslas on the internet. "I didn't like that this guy in Los Angeles was doing it for clout," he said on April 4. "He's making us look bad." Villarin is part of Ruined Tesla, a group that adjusts the suspensions of Teslas and to make them lowriders. While a few Tesla owners like to post about their nine-second quarter-mile runs, Villarin assured me that most Tesla owners are humble and lie low. Personally, he says, "My idea is to open people's eyes so they can fix up Teslas just as nice as other cars, not destroy them."

MIKE MADRIAGA

TIJUANA

## Women see red at the Green Witch

No help offered after they were poked, pushed, and stabbed

During the early hours of March 27, inside the Green Witch bar within Tijuana's Zona Rio, two twenty-year-old students from Baja California's Autonomous University were stabbed



PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS GUTIERREZ

Signs of the times (and place)- "Feminist resistance." "This is not an isolated case."

for refusing to dance with a man. One of the injured, Daniela, said that she was dancing with her friend when a man approached her, grabbing her around the waist and shoving his member against her body. "When I felt it, I turned around, and he laughed," she recalled. "We didn't know him; he just appeared there and touched my body. Jennifer (Daniela's girlfriend) and I asked him what was wrong with

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"The choice is not between Republican red and Democratic blue, but moderate periwinkle and progressive navy."

## Different blues, but still lots of green

Which flavor of Democrat will replace Lorena Gonzalez?

Much of San Diego media has been quiet on the costly Democrat-on-Democrat battle to fill the Assembly seat of departed Democrat Lorena Gonzalez, but the Sacramento-based *CalMatters* online nonprofit is speaking up about it. Last Tuesday's election leaves two ex-San Diego city council Democrats for the Assembly spot: Georgette Gomez, who lost her 2020 Congressional race to Qualcomm heiress Sara Jacobs; and David Alvarez, who lost a high-profile bid for mayor against Republican Kevin Faulconer in 2014.

As the April 4 *CalMatters* item notes, judging from big money pouring into the race, Alvarez is the choice of big business, with Gomez the favorite of big labor. "So far, the two Democrats have amassed six-digit totals in direct donations to their campaign coffers. Gómez has raised nearly \$470,000, much of which has come from her organized labor allies," reports *CalMatters*. "Alvarez has raised more than \$300,000, with sizable contributions from medical providers, real estate firms, oil companies and titans of the 'gig economy.' Marty Wilson, who directs the campaign operation of the California Chamber of Commerce, called the Assembly race in San Diego an 'attractive opportunity' for business interests who would love to see Gonzalez replaced with a friendlier kind of Democrat." (For longtime San Diego politics watchers, Wilson is best remembered for his years of rough-and-tumble political service on behalf

of GOP ex-mayor, senator, and California governor Pete Wilson, to whom he is not related.)

The item continues, "Even more has been spent by independent expenditure groups that are not bound by state campaign contribution limits (for a legislative campaign, that's \$4,900 from individuals and \$9,700 from committees). More than \$670,000 has been spent to help Gómez or hurt Alvarez, while about \$535,000 has been spent to do the opposite." The spending is in keeping with California's political trend: "For at least two decades, as the state's Republican party has descended into near political irrelevance, labor and business have poured money into Democratic-leaning districts where the choice is not between Republican red and Democratic blue, but moderate periwinkle and progressive navy. Often these are the most expensive races in the state." Adds the story: "The fourth biggest spending committee in the race, and certainly the most mysterious one, is called San Diego Families Opposing Georgette Gomez. Major funders to the committee are neither families nor from San Diego. They include JobsPAC, one of the chamber-affiliated committees; Californians for Jobs and a Strong Economy, another business-funded committee and a regular funder of the campaigns of moderate Democrats; a self-described real estate developer in southeast Los Angeles County who has been fined twice by the state's campaign finance watchdog agency while managing the funds of committees in other southern California races; and the former mayor of West Covina."

Matt Potter



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# UNDER THE RADAR

**Anti-cop ice cream** What's for dessert? San Diego politics, judging by a March 30 \$1800 contribution by ice cream kingpin **Ben Cohen** of Williston, Vermont, co-founder of Ben & Jerry's. The out-of-town cash went to the Sheriff's campaign of Deputy Sheriff **Dave Myers**. Widely known for liberal messaging, the ice cream purveyor called for defunding police in a June 19, 2020, tweet, saying, "This #Juneteenth, it's more important than ever that we dismantle the racist and ineffective model of American policing."

Then last September, Ben & Jerry's took to Twitter to announce their latest ice cream variety, called Change Is Brewing, "the flavor helping to transform the nation's approach to public safety to one that prioritizes community needs." Added the company website: "It's time to divest from systems that criminalize Black communities & invest in a vision of public safety that allows everyone to breathe free." In November of last year, Cohen and his partner Jerry Greenfield co-authored an op-ed piece in *USA Today* calling out cops for their treatment of African-Americans. "When we were growing up, our mothers taught us the policeman was our friend. Black mothers have no choice but to teach their children to fear the police," says the piece. "If we choose to use it, we white people have the power to hold rogue cops accountable and create a society where Black mothers can also teach their children that the policeman is their friend." Ben and Jerry also co-chair the Campaign to End Qualified Immunity. According to Cornell Law, "Qualified immunity protects a government official from lawsuits alleging that the official violated a plaintiff's rights, only allowing suits where officials violated a 'clearly established' statutory or constitutional right." Meanwhile, resigned Sheriff **Bill Gore**'s pick to succeed him, Undersheriff **Kelly Martinez**, got \$1800 from Qualcomm Senior Vice President **Asma Javaid** of Rancho Santa Fe on April 3, according to the Martinez campaign disclosure filing. (Other public records show **Omar Javaid** has the Qualcomm role.)



Ben & Jerry's Ben admires Dave Myers

which has served the greater San Diego, California area for over 17 years," says his website. "Hard work and Habib's willingness to fight have fueled his rise," noted a November 10, 2015, *Voice of San Diego* expose. "So has the inattention of local governments, which have responded to his repeated misstatements, evasions, and overdue bills by awarding him lucrative contracts." Other donors to the Marks cause include developer **Jeremy Dentt**, with \$1500. "With over 85 years of cumulative experience in the real estate

industry, our team symbolizes performance and hard work in every aspect of the commercial real estate market," says Dentt's company website. **Kathy Bongiovanni**, secretary at Seal Electric, and **Frank Bongiovanni**, retired, also gave \$1500. UCSD student **Cybill Hellerud** of Rancho Santa Fe is down for \$1800. **Michelle Hellerud** runs San Diego Realty Gals, a real estate brokerage. "I am very active at the Real Estate Board and I am

currently serving the San Diego Association of Realtors on their Board of Directors. I also serve on several committees including the Housing Opportunities Committee, the Government Affairs Committee, the Realtor Political Action Committee, and several others," the elder Hellerud says on her firm's website.

**Good hair day** The 2022 reelection fund of San Diego Democrat **Lorena Gonzalez**, who quit her Assembly seat at the beginning of the year, came up with \$1400 for the **Cindy Chavez** for Mayor committee on April 4, filings show. Santa Clara County Supervisor Chavez is running for mayor of San Jose. She's facing off against



Towing titan Nash Habib is pulling for Jordan Marks (above)

San Jose Councilmember **Raul Peralez**, another longtime labor union favorite who claimed last week that Chavez had told him to stay out of the race, per what Peralez told *San Jose Spotlight* as related in an April 1 online dispatch. "She told me she was being encouraged to run by labor advocates who felt as though she was a stronger ally and candidate for them than I was. She said, 'You have a couple things going for you: you're handsome, and you

have a nice head of hair.'" Adds the account: "Many insiders are watching this matchup closely because it could be the local labor lobby's first opportunity in 16 years to send a candidate to the mayor's office. The last labor-friendly mayor in San Jose was **Ron Gonzales**, who termed out in 2006."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

**Real estate and towing** **Nash Habib**, listed on a disclosure report as the owner of Alexandria Investments, has given \$1800 to the Assessor/Recorder campaign of assistant assessor **Jordan Marks**, who is running against ex-San Diego city council Democrat **Barbara Bry**. Habib, who made his contribution on March 31, per the county filing, has faced past controversy regarding his towing operation Angelo's. "Nashwan Habib, or as his friends call him, Nash, is the proud founder and owner of Angelo's Towing,

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## LETTERS

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transfers from Loveland Reservoir to Sweetwater Reservoir when appropriate to secure water supply for our customers. The last water transfer occurred in January 2021. There have been no subsequent water transfers.

Carlos Quintero  
General Manager

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

**“When the Tesla jumped the wall in Kearny Mesa last week”**  
Neighborhood News  
April 6

Am I to take from this article that since the Tesla is a self-driving car, the

owner doesn't need to pass a driver's test to show they actually know the difference between the brake pedal and gas pedal?

—Jamie Piper

When I first read “Flying Tesla” in Citizen App, I thought I'm finally getting the future I was promised! Imagine my disappointment.

—Scott W. Nickerson

**“Humans will be kept away from La Jolla sea lions May-October”**  
Neighborhood News  
April 5

I go there almost every year on vacation. It's never ceases to amaze me how stupid people can be. They ignore the signs and even put their children in danger.

—Barbara Marquis

I went snorkeling there. They are on the left side of

the beach. I stayed way to the right away from them but was blown away that so many people were swimming around them and scaring them into the water and walking right up on them. It was terrible.

—Mark Sawyer

Each year, the stink is going to get worse and worse. Not to mention, the sea lions are sure to bring in, more and more, Great White Sharks (I once saw a full-grown sea lion, with its head bitten completely off, on the beach).

—James Foley

**“Two 20-year-old women stabbed at Green Witch in TJ's Zona Rio”**  
Neighborhood News  
April 4

Omg there was an act of violence in Tijuana!! Because here in the United States

of Hysteria we never, ever, ever have things like that happen...

—Stephen John Wade

The government is an enabler of violence. This particular government has amassed more violent deaths in three years than any other 6-year term administration. Fact.

—Mario A. Verber

**“Elote puts corn front and center”**  
Feast! Restaurant Reviews  
April 1

Oh hell yeah. Glad you are showcasing them! I absolutely love e'lote. I've been to probably 50 taco shops around San Diego and e'lote is the best! The corn is great. The cups are great. The quesadillas are great. You pick your ingredients. Super fresh. Abodaba is amazing. Asada is great too. My fiance gets no meat and she loves it (bring back the tofu please)!

—Jonathan Gerbracht

**“Will San Diego cancel SeaWorld lease?”**

News Under the Radar  
April 6

\$10 million in back rent is absurd. SeaWorld needs to come up with the money or lose their lease. Stay on them San Diego.

—Socks3742

If anything they should work to improve the park and how it operates, it's gotten some bad light shown on it but nothing says that it can't be improved. Last time I went the only thing I wish was that it had a face lift and was improved not only for the sake of the visitors but the animals. I grew up here and legit this place has barely changed. Sometimes it feels almost gross being their just with how outdated it's become.

—Zack Greene

Turn it into an actual animal sanctuary. There should be more room for the animals.

—Robert De La Pena

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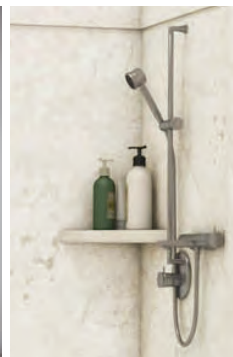
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him, and we managed to make him leave and went towards the bathroom.”

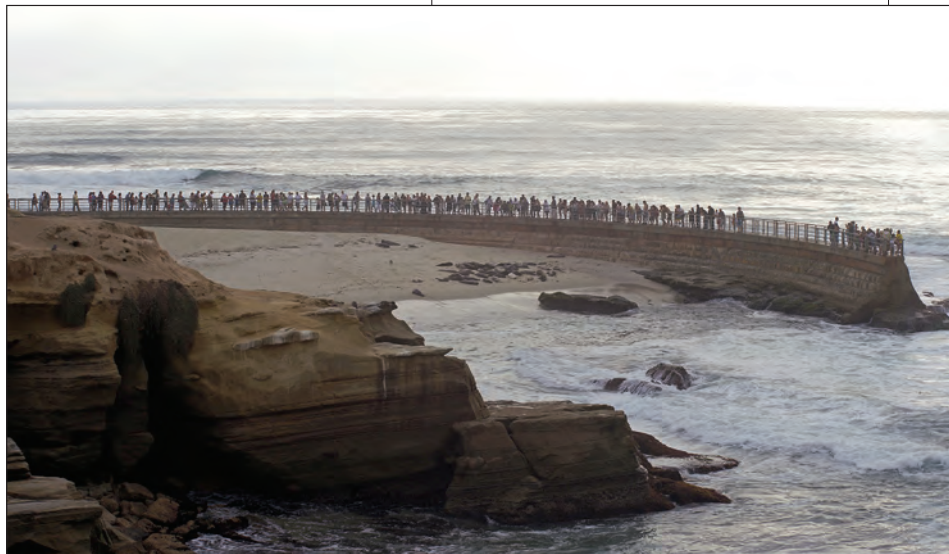
But when they were about to walk out of the bar, the man came out of the bathroom with another man. That other man was initiated the physical aggression. “He came right towards me and pushed me,” said Daniela, “then the other guy pushed me back from behind. My friend reacted and punched him. Then both men started to threaten us: ‘We’ll kill you.’ The man got into a fighting position and dared us to fight back. My reaction was to hug my friend, trying to separate her from this man. That moment is when I got stabbed, but I didn’t feel it right away. If I hadn’t done that, she would be probably dead.” Both women ended up with wounds 1.5 inches deep and 3 inches long — Daniela on her backside and waist and Jennifer in the stomach.

According to Daniela, people began to pay attention to the fight, so the man fled from the bar with his partner. She followed them to the exit to memorize their faces, and when she came back, she saw her friend was bleeding. Workers at the bar who had not intervened in the affair to calm things down now took Daniela and Jennifer out of the bar. “When we were outside, my view blurred up. I felt like fainting and I fell on my face. People who watched me screamed; they probably thought me dead since I was soaked with blood. The workers saw us on the ground and closed all entrances so no one could see us. None of the staff helped us out.”

Daniela didn’t lose consciousness and made her way back to the bar to get their belongings back. Daniela called the emergency services, but no one responded; it wasn’t until people around them called an ambulance that they received medical attention. The next day, the bar’s management called a press conference, which was then canceled, and instead a press release was issued. In it, the management stated: “We offer all our support, even economically to take care of the victims’ medical expenses (...) That day, the Green Witch Bar staff acted with strict adherence to the established internal regulations, providing assistance to the injured women.” But according to Daniela, they never provided real assistance. “After I came out with our belongings, a waiter came to us, but it was to keep us away from the bar so no one could see us.” Both injured women stated that they haven’t received even a phone call from the management.

The Baja California Prosecutor’s Office has opened an investigation, and the case has gotten support of the state’s governor Maria del Pilar. For now, Daniela and Jennifer are dealing with the injuries even as they raise their voices in support of women who have had to go through something similar.

IVAN MOLINA



Last spring and summer, the commission received more complaints than ever about people bothering the animals.

## LA JOLLA

### Pinniped protection plan passes

#### No more dog days, but a long sea lion season

It’s illegal to harass sea lions, but posted warning signs haven’t stopped La Jolla beach-goers from petting and feeding them. And the troubles ramp up during pupping season, when the animals spend more time on the beaches and bluffs. Now, after a long fight that has pitted beach-users and business interests against sea

commission that there were fewer incidents during the emergency shutdown. That led to the city’s application with the commission for an annual closure of Point La Jolla from May 25 to September 15.

The city’s proposal had its critics, even among the advocates who brought the problem to their attention. Sierra Club San Diego Chapter and the Sierra Club Seal Society consider the closure dates too short and the boundaries too small. For its part, The La Jolla Community Planning Association asked the commission to

### Over 300 visitors were observed... illegally touching, petting, and picking up pups — and taking selfies.

lion advocates, plans to close Point La Jolla each year during pupping season — which typically lasts from May through October — are nearing completion. On Friday, April 8, the California Coastal Commission held a hearing and approved an application by San Diego Parks and Recreation to close beach access to Point La Jolla — an area between Boomer Beach and La Jolla Cove — for part of each year.

While the sea lion population has been steadily growing throughout California, no area has seen as many human-animal conflicts as La Jolla. Last spring and summer, the commission received more complaints than ever about people bothering the animals. Reports included the death of one sea lion pup and several reports of injury to sea lions from visitor harassment, both accidental and malicious. In August, the volume of complaints, which had begun in 2014, prompted the city to issue a five-week emergency closure of Point La Jolla. Signs were posted, a wooden stairway to the beach was closed, and park rangers kept watch. According to San Diego Coastkeeper, despite the temporary closure of the rookery, over 300 visitors were observed by volunteer docents last summer illegally touching, petting, and picking up pups — and taking selfies. However, the docents also informed the

exclude Boomer Beach, where sea lion advocates say over 40 percent of pups were born in 2021. And La Jolla Parks and Beaches wanted a lengthy environmental review to get the city beyond decisions “based on reactions to those groups that make the most noise.”

Under the city’s proposal, signs will be posted as they were during the emergency closure, and a chain will block the wooden stairs at the border of Point La Jolla and La Jolla Cove. According to the application, water recreation will be provided at Boomer Beach, marked by a “Water Access Only” sign. K-rails

will be used to create a path from the top of the bluff to Boomer Beach to allow for ocean use such as swimming and spearfishing. Outside the boundary, wildlife and water views can still be had from the sidewalk and grassy areas. As sea lion advocates have requested, one to two city park rangers will monitor the area year-round during peak hours. And for the first time ever, dogs will be prohibited at Point La Jolla year-round.

The commission made several recommendations for revisions in order to approve the project. For one, the closure period needed to be longer at both ends, starting May 1 and lasting through October 31st “to capture the full extent of the sea lion mating and pupping season.” According to

the commission’s ecologist, this will give the pups needed time to bond with their mothers and learn to swim, and help shield the public from aggressive animals during mating season. Another condition required the city to submit a final signage plan that included posting signs even outside the closure period. The city must also submit a monitoring plan that measures the level of use by sea lions of the haul-out site, and assesses the effect on halting harassment. And worries about what happens when the restrictions are lifted each year led the commission to require the city to submit a long-term management plan for Point La Jolla by November 1, 2022. It must contain strategies to reduce harassment outside of pupping season, and at the same time maximize public access.

It’s possible that the sea lions could naturally migrate to another site, making the ongoing closure unnecessary, the commission said. But it’s also possible that allowing ocean access at Boomer Beach will undermine the whole plan. So the commission wants to limit the permit to seven years, which coincides with the end of their approvals for a similar seasonal closure to protect harbor seals at nearby Children’s Pool. That will let the city and the commission “holistically review the issue of marine mammal management in La Jolla.”

SHEILA PELL



“We’re just gonna chill here for the next seven years or so; check back then.”





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**Class of '22: Teresa (3rd from left), plus one baby**

## Kid rock

"I'm really just a rock and roll girl," says Teresa Gunn. "But this has made me a poet of the streets."

"This" is Gunn's program of arts for young mothers at the margins of San Diego's education system.

"These are girls with dreams. I'll read you something. This girl: listen to what she wrote: 'My name is Destiny Wright. My dream is to be a writer. I love to write, because life is really hard, and I have lost people, and lost myself. When I have a pen, I can feel, I can cry, I can be happy, I can be sad, I can feel, I can tell you I am broken, I can tell you life is sad. But I will be OK. You will be OK. And we will be OK.'"

"This is what I get to be involved with," Gunn says. "These girls are among the first high school graduates in their families, and they are the first college attendees in their family. Most — all? — are children and have children, but they have a daycare at the school, and there's early childhood education, so their children are learning right along with their mommies. The school they go to, Lindsay Community School, was specifically developed for these young mothers. It's an all-girl school."

Gunn, a singer-songwriter who is famous for her monologue rock and roll drama, "Trailer Park Queen," found herself suddenly on her own as a performer when her label, Lobe Candy, went out of business. "But then I got a call from a woman. She said 'Would you donate twelve weeks of your time at this homeless school? Because we have students who are just shy of three credits to get their high school diploma. And if you would donate

a semester [to teaching singer-songwriting], we could count it as a fine arts course, and they could receive their high school diplomas."

"I said 'Look, I'm just a rock and roll queen. But what I'll do is I will guide the students to research, write, produce and perform an original spoken-word concert, because spoken word is the simplest form of songwriting.' And I said, 'It would be based on their experience, as children who have been homeless, but still gotten themselves into school, and now are graduating from high school. And whoever among them shows up for the concert [to perform their piece onstage], they get their final grade.' And she goes, 'Done.'"

Gunn says, "I'm not a professor. I'm a recovering alcoholic. I have been 28 years sober. So I constructed a curriculum on the basis of the AA 12-step program, because I was familiar with that. Instead of twelve-step recovery, I made it, 'Twelve steps to succeed in life through the arts.'"

The result? At the end of the course, "every single student shows up, reads her monologue, and the audience goes crazy! They rushed the stage, they were hugging and kissing the students. It's just been an amazing success. And the then-President of City College Terry Bridges heard our story and said, 'Yes, we want you here at City, and we're going to put you in the Alcohol and Other Drugs Studies Department, and we're going to call you Arts Education As Primary Prevention.' And it has become a college course!"

Gunn's theme for this year's Spoken Word Concert: "I will save the world." Date: May 15, 2pm, Education Cultural Complex Theatre, 4343 Oceanview Blvd. Donation at the door. Contact: 619-282-3355.



**Participant reading her poem, 2019**

## Carving Coronado

My buddy Kevin and I see her just about every time we head for what until recently we called our polar bear ocean swims. Because every day, she'd come swooping around the wide curves of Coronado's Isabella Avenue on her swivel skateboard, doing slaloms among the special event pole holes, weaving, snaking around nonplussed oceanfront drivers, so graceful and sylphlike and ephemeral we just called her "The Spirit."

Then finally, one day we spotted her resting on the curbside with her skateboard. We screwed up courage to actually approach her.

"Uh, just wondering if you're a ballet dancer?" I stuttered.

"No, I'm a sushi chef," she said, "and I used to work at a bike repair shop. I do this when I can't get surfing."

Oh, right. So, not a Lorelei, tempting men to their doom by taking their eyes off the road. The name's Leah. She's 21, and her rea-

when I get to work."

Why Isabella? "Isabella Avenue is my favorite place to skate! The street's so wide, and it's not always super busy. They have holes for poles. I just weave between the holes like a slalom. I haven't fallen off at the poles yet. But I actually enjoy falling, because then I didn't die. You're always so afraid to fall. And then when you finally fall, you get up and you're like 'Hell yeah! Here I am. Just got to keep moving so I don't get all tense.'" She said what she's doing is called surf skating. "Flat days on the ocean, a lot of surfers will come ashore and ride their Carver skateboards, for training. Carvers have a front truck that swivels. It's a whole different thing than regular skateboarding."

But is she worried about cars? "I'm not super concerned about cars. I have gotten cut off pretty good a few times and I've had to throw my skateboard to save myself, but I've never gotten hit yet. I also like to scare people while they're driving, keep them alive. I get

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sons for haunting Coronado are more, well, pedestrian. "In the summer it's really hard to park in Coronado, so since I had to walk 15 minutes every day to work and back to my car, I got a skateboard to make my life a little easier. And then I started using the skateboard in the morning for exercise, just to get some of my extra energy out. If I don't get exercise in the morning, then I'm extremely clumsy, and I drop things all day, and I don't want to cut myself with my super-sharp sushi knife. Instead, I skateboard, and make sure I'm tired

real close to them and then I make a really loud noise, with my wheels, carving. People honk at me, ask me what the hell I'm doing. I just throw them a peace sign, because it's not that deep."

Why Coronado? "I do spend my time in really beautiful areas. I like to be visually stimulated while I'm skating, because the whole experience for me is that it's a dopamine thing. It just makes me super happy and excited to be out skating. Specially when the sun is shining. I'm photosynthesizing while I'm skating." ■



**Leah surfs the concrete ocean!**



# UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

Two hundred years ago, California, along with the bulk of what would become the American Southwest, was claimed by Mexico. The newly-minted country, having just gained independence from Spain, found itself with a problem: much of its land mass was a sprawling wilderness, populated and controlled not by descendants of European blood, but by natives not much interested in the Old World ideals of conquest and empire.

In order to establish con-



Not one, but two fireplaces, because it's cold in them thar hills.

trol over its territory, Mexico began granting ranchos, or parcels about 14 miles square, to its citizens and other Europeans willing to be naturalized. Unlike the lifetime land grants the Spanish had gifted to

soldiers to encourage them to remain behind after their fighting in the wars for territory, these ranchos remained the property of the grantees' families in perpetuity, even after the death of the original recipi-

ent. Between 1833 and 1846, Mexico created about 270 ranchos in California alone. The boundaries of these original land grants were largely honored when the U.S. claimed the territory, and in some instances

they helped shape development in ways that can still be recognized today. The suburbs of Rancho San Diego and Rancho Bernardo largely hew to the boundaries established over a century ago.

Rancho San Felipe was another such parcel in San Diego, one of the last to be assigned by then-governor Pio Pico in 1846. Originally composed of just under 10,000 acres in the Laguna Mountains somewhat north and east of where the mining town of Julian would eventually spring up, it was an important stop in the 1850s for emigrants arriving from the east, a place where they could rest and recover from the arduous trek across the desert before continuing on to San Diego or Los Angeles. Later, it was a major station along the Butterfield Overland Mail

stage route, where coach drivers delivering mail and packages cross-country in the days before railroads could make repairs or swap horses in order to continue their journeys. It also held a major storehouse for grain and hay to supply the remote desert outposts along the route.

Today, nearly 1150 acres of the rancho remains intact, making it one of the largest privately-held pieces of land in the county. And since this is a column about expensive real estate, you would not be wrong in assuming we're going to end our history lesson here and go look at some houses.

There are actually two listings for the property, variously described as 25550 San Felipe Road or 26068 San Felipe. Listing agents Angela Acosta

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## Growing fields

### Ground Cover

One of the Brazilian peppers, a 20-foot umbrella of lacy foliage, blocks an exit sign for Genesee Avenue. "Look at that sign. Kind of hard to see what it says, isn't it? You've got to put yourself in the shoes of a tourist. You need to see that sign. That's why I carry a set of loppers. I was on 94 about three months ago, and there were two 'School Bus Stop Ahead' signs totally blocked." – *Ernie Grimm* **SEP. 11, 1997**

### Trees of Life

A few days passed, and Frank Salazar went back to the same grove and found Allan hooking more avocados out of trees. By this time, Salazar had been advised that if he saw a trespasser, he should hide and call the office. Salazar took down the license plate of a truck with a bed nearly full of avocados and called the number in to Kathryn Wolk, who owns Bejoca with her husband, Charley. – *Laura McNeal* **NOV. 26, 1997**

### Trees Hung with Nickels

They emphasize a major difference between Hawaiian and San Diego County macadamias: "The industry standard for macadamias [in jars from Hawaii] is a nut that has been deep-fried in coconut oil, just like you make french fries, then they use

gum arabic to glue the salt on. Those taste super to most people, but here in Southern California, with the large segment of the population that is health conscious, they want raw or unadulterated products." – *Linda Nevin* **FEB. 18, 1999**

### Diary of an Orange Grove

About 45 percent of the water in Fallbrook flows into groves, nurseries, and fields. In Rainbow 95 percent of the water is agricultural; in Valley Center, 85 percent. But when lumped with the rest of the county, these percentages have no significance at all. "The San Diego County Water Authority is an urban-water-user agency, and they don't care if all the trees are gone. It's like you're political partners with a 600-pound gorilla." – *Laura McNeal* **JAN. 4, 1996**



Jack Gottwig: "They had geraniums, they had poppies, they had narcissus, they had daffodils, you name it. But that's when the crew had 20 people, and all they took care of was 163 from Interstate 8 to Interstate 5."

### The Good Seed

At some point, Mr. Ledgerwood came to accept the fact that his seed business would never turn out exactly the way he'd planned it nearly 60 years ago. But it didn't matter because he'd spent his life doing what he wanted to do. "Oh, I suppose we don't earn half as much as most people do," he says. "But then we don't have to.... The seed business always does well during hard times," he points out. – *Steve Sorensen* **NOV. 8, 1990**

### Where Roses Never Rest

At 8:45 a.m., the pink roses are in the crowded upstairs workroom of Nanelle's Flowers and Orchids in Rancho Bernardo. Stems are stripped of thorns and lower leaves, and the outer layer of guard petals are removed from the still barely opened buds. With newly trimmed stems, the roses are plunged into a bath of Floralife for an hour to freshen the blooms, then into a bucket of clean water and deposited in the cooler. – *Linda Nevin* **SEP. 4, 1997**



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# 2022 Music

## Well worth the price of admission

*It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a music writer isn't going to get rich plying his trade, but at least he'll get free stuff: albums, concert tickets, swag, perhaps even the occasional backstage pass. For this year's music issue, we asked our writers what they'd be willing to pay for, their exalted status as scribblers notwithstanding.*



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**Jose Sinatra waxes loud, rude, crude, crass, insistent, and persuasive, embodying the worst in that too-friendly devil in your ear, the one well-met down the local pub, or out on a lawn for a neighborhood rager.**

#### It's not a fashion statement

When I'm going to a show and there's a band I'm not familiar with, I don't ever look them up or listen to them in advance, because there's no better introduction than a live set. And while my first encounter with Some Kind Of Nightmare didn't make me forget about headliners T.S.O.L., they had enough of an impact that I not only stopped checking the clock to see when Jack Grisham and the boys would be hitting the stage, I was also one of the first to line up at the Nightmare merch booth to buy their then-current CD *Driven Red* and a T-shirt. The CD did not leave my disc player for six months, and the T-shirt immediately lost its sleeves so I could wear it without arm prisons.

That was pre-pandemic. During the shutdown Some Kind Of Nightmare, became one of those bands that haunted me when it felt like live

shows might become a thing of the past — or at least not part of the foreseeable future. I started to remonstrate with myself: how many times had I had the opportunity to see them and decided, for whatever reason, to let it pass? Would I ever have the chance again? Between people dropping from covid, venues closing, and the passage of time that often results in bands just stopping, our future was uncertain.

I'm beyond happy to report that they continued doing what they were doing, albeit sometimes virtually. So when they next play San Diego in May, I'll be there, and I will be paying.

Yeah, I know, music writers get floated a lot of freebies. But I would never ask, never mind assume. I don't do it with major label bands, and I sure as hell won't do it with local bands that are living hand-to-mouth on self-financed tours. And when I go to

shows, I don't mention that I'm a writer. It's not really pertinent to the experience or the conversations that happen there, and I don't want it to be. Maybe it's because I've been on the receiving end of those expectations when people have asked me to write something for free. Maybe it's because nothing shows support like cold hard cash or the digital equivalent. Maybe it's because of my punk rock disdain for entitled dickheads who start feeling powerful just because they can string a few words together or are "in" with someone. I say it throws the balance off; the relationship between band and journalist goes from symbiotic to parasitic.

I think of paying my own way as putting my money where my mouth is. The music industry has figured out ways to screw bands even harder via streaming platforms than it did with physical album sales. So I buy the digital album or CD directly from the band whenever possible. And when I buy a T-shirt at a show, that's my ultimate endorsement. It's not a fashion statement. Anyone who meets me knows I don't have the ability or the desire to make one. It means that I dig the band on my shirt, and will happily talk your ear off about them.

— Spike Steffenhagen

#### He takes down easy targets

Why do I cheerfully fork over to Jose Sinatra (occasionally known as Bill Richardson) the whole of my expendable shekels/moola/mad scril-la/penny jar scrapings, when he rises like a creature of the night to host "OB-oke" every Sunday at Winstons? Let me count

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the ways. Because you pay only two bucks up front, and two bucks (plus the same again for each drink special) proves a cheap token to any given rodeo. Because I believe in karaoke like Bonasera in *The Godfather* believed in America: it's a landscape, a space where the host and guests join throats to create freedom in the form of a communal vortex. Because I once knew a "real" fake Frank Sinatra during my merry karaoke roamings in the '90s, a man with a monk's cap haircut and a cheap suit hanging one size too big off his skinny shoulders. His Frank flights lacked fancy, didn't follow that bouncing ball at all. But you gave him space. After all, he was Frank, or some sample size of Frank.

Getting back to Jose, though: this guy eschews suits in favor of

some '70s finery, eye-gouging ice cream hues you could've caught on Up With People were you white, or the Fifth Dimension (don't laugh, they got down with the authentic Sinatra) if you owned a TV. He waxes loud, rude, crude, crass, insistent, and persuasive, embodying the worst in that too-friendly devil in your ear, the one well-met down the local pub, or out on a lawn for a neighborhood rager. Such fetid roots gave us Tony Clifton and Andrew Dice Clay. (Excepting, of course, that you're supposed to dig how Andy Kaufman eventually took off the Tony Clifton persona and hung him up in the closet, whereas the Dice-man keeps up the stink 24/7.)

Who is Jose/Richardson in his off hours? We know he used to run

midnight movies out of the old Guild Theatre; insomniac mindbending no doubt multicolored his mind. We know he saves his own shekels so that OB-oke hits hard in the hood, employing and enjoying stage fog, a full array of stage lights, and that mighty signifier, the disco ball. We know he lovingly tends his private obsession with Wayne Newton, pondering how such a freaky creature can be born, mature, and grow finally to dominance in the murky I-can't-believe-it's-not-camp culture of lounge music, which begat karaoke culture — in America, anyway. Because of the lounge, even before you could grab the mic and take matters into your own mouth, you could hide away in the dark and behold your dreams, or what were supposed to be your

dreams, coming alive. Our man here comes out of that same dark.

And this Sinatra — like Newton, like Clay, like that guy in the cheap suit — proves a creature adapted perfectly to this environment. Bill Richardson the man has ideas about music and creative stuff and life in the light. But that's all gone the moment the fog machine foams into life and Jose takes the stage. He puffs himself up. He takes down easy targets. He mock-bows to the regulars and he marshals the newbies, at least the ones not shit-scared to death of his whole essence.

And, of course, there's the crux of the mission: throwing in dirty lyrics every chance he gets. And if he doesn't get a chance, he'll make one. And he'll make you do the same. Any given

song is only a series of cartoon word balloons waiting for you to make with eraser, then pen. You have the chance to crack people up, including yourself. And maybe, just maybe, you're good enough to subvert, so that somebody pays deep attention. That's freedom. Or some sample size of freedom.

— Andrew Hamlin

#### Unlikely to land a product endorsement deal

Jordan Krimston recorded his debut LP, *Bushwhacking*, on the eve of the covid-19 pandemic: February 2020. It was released on digital platforms one year later. Songs such as the relentlessly catchy "Betty" showcase pop smarts delivered with just enough experimentalism to make a lasting impression. But it might be the little flourishes of math-rock sprin-

kled all over *Bushwhacking* that give it a truly unique feel. The nine songs breeze by the first time you hear the record, but repeated listens reveal the little audio oddities that make it so special. The album is a nominee for Best Local Recording at this year's San Diego Music Awards, so it's comforting to know that others are taking notice.

If streaming or owning a digital copy of *Bushwhacking* just doesn't feel like enough, and the need for a physical artifact containing these nine songs tugs at the frayed edges of your soul on a daily basis, well then, the good folks at Portland, Oregon's Oranj Discs have come to your rescue. They recently released a CD version of the album in the long-revered "digipack" format, a packaging concept that eliminated the unsightly



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cracked plastic jewel cases from the massive CD collections found in the coolest dorm rooms of the '90s. The *Bushwhacking* CD is only seven bucks on Bandcamp, so snag one quick, because only 100 were produced.

Speaking of CDs: I think I was transitioning from buying tapes to discs around the time I first heard Rocket from the Crypt. I'm quite certain it was the video for "Sturdy Wrists" on MTV's *120 Minutes* that provided my first exposure to the band. I was instantly sold on the group and purchased the full-length LP *Circa: Now!* circa quick. I was a high school senior in suburban Philadelphia, and RFTC was the first San Diego band onto which I properly latched. I continued to follow them through college, and finally got to see



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

Jordan Krimston's debut LP, *Bushwhacking*, is a nominee for Best Local Recording at this year's San Diego Music Awards.

them live when I moved to their home turf in the late '90s.

For many, RFTC served as an entry-point into the wild world of bandleader John Reis's numerous musical projects, projects such as Hot Snakes, The Night Marchers, and

Drive Like Jehu. Fun-nily enough, he never released a solo album until this year's *Ride the Wild Night*. I guess good things come to those who wait, because it's a joyous, straight-up assault of THE ROCK. The album seems anchored by the energy of a tight

garage band firing on all cylinders, but it's the rampant hooks all over the place that make it such a fun listen. The guitar riffs in "Rip From the Bone" and "Vape in the Dark Alone," the Eurythmics-esque synthesizer that opens "I Hate My Neighbors in



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The Yellow House," the well-placed acoustic rhythm guitar in "Ride The Wild Night" — it's just expert construction across the board. Be sure to check out the single "Do You Still Wannna Make Out?" for a hilar-

ious Cheetos reference unlikely to land Reis a product endorsement deal with the snack company, or anybody else.

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still purchase the digital album. Also unfortunately, but in a different way, the album may get overshadowed a bit this year by the release of the debut from PLO-SIVS, Reis's new band with Rob Crow, RFTC's Atom Willard, and Jordan Clark. But be sure to seek it out if you tend to gravitate towards quality, timeless rock and roll.

— Dryw Keltz

**Three to look forward to**  
There are some fantastic singers in the world, but there are very few with the stylistic range of Ms. Rebecca Jade, by whom I've been knocked out ever since I discovered her about ten years back. She's toured the world with Sheila E., done smooth jazz cruises with Dave Koz, lit up the mainstream jazz world with Peter Sprague, and tackled the R&B land-



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scape with Rebecca Jade & The Cold Fact. Along the way, she has collected multiple honors from the San Diego Music Awards (she's nominated for another three this year.)

Jade has been working on her latest album for quite some time, and now almost done (she's

looking for a June or July release date). It's going to be called *A Shade of Jade*, and she's putting it out herself. The album will represent her take on the R&B Urban Contemporary genre, with ten originals. Of all the wonderful singers we've got in town, Rebecca's

gift is singular. In addition, I've seen her playing percussion and electric bass, so she's got that whole "real musician" vibe happening at every level. But above all, she's got that beautiful voice. I can't wait to hear the new album.

Trumpet master and



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**Trumpet master and educator Gilbert Castellanos, playing a jam session with 18-year-old bassist John Murray.**

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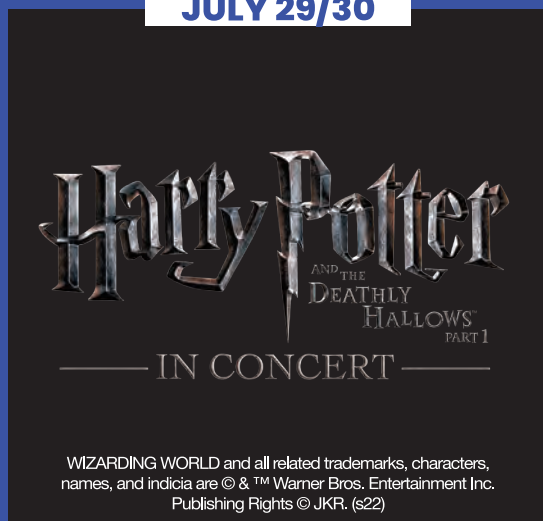
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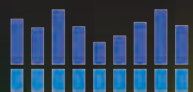
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Young Lions Jazz Conservatory since 2013. That year, coincidentally, was the last time he released an album as a leader: *Federal Jazz Project*. Now Castellanos has a new record in the loop, with the working title *La Puerta*. For anyone who loves jazz, this is extremely exciting news. Castellanos is so effective as an educator that his monumental skills as an improvising instrumentalist can be overlooked. But anyone who has ever heard him play live knows the score. The new disc features the Castellanos quintet everyone knows from his Wednesday night jam session at Panama 66 in Balboa Park: Christopher Hollyday on saxophone, Joshua White on piano, Tyler Kreutel on drums, and the recording debut of 18-year-old bassist John Murray. The



Joshua White has secured a grant from the Shifting Foundation, which will allow him to produce three new albums for Orenda Records.

sessions were recorded in North Park at Rarefied Recording by Chris Hobson. (This album comes at a pivotal stage in Gilbert's career: he's just undergone yet another

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Castellanos' *La Puerta* guest Joshua White has been my favorite pianist, bar none. And in my opinion, he's been the biggest music story in our town by a long shot. This year, the groundbreaking performer and composer has secured an important milestone in the form of a grant from the Shifting Foundation (reportedly in the mid five-figures) which will allow him to produce three new albums for Orenda Records, run by Los Angeles trumpeter Dan Rosenberg.

That's joyous news, even if, for San Diego jazz fans, it comes with a bittersweet caveat: Mr. White is now officially an ex-San Diegan, hav-


ing moved recently to set up shop 94 miles north in Long Beach. The first of White's three documents will feature the pianist with UC San Diego professor and trumpet virtuoso Stephanie Richards alongside L.A. associates drummer Mark Ferber, bassist Karl McComas-Reichl, and saxophonist Josh Johnson. I will remember fondly the times when it was possible to catch Mr. White three or four times a week here in San Diego. I recently heard him on a new Mark Dresser album, recorded live at the Angel City Jazz Festival, and I was blown away by the exponential progress he has made artistically

since the pandemic. I can't wait to hear what he does next.

— Robert Bush

### An unlikely transformation

The sixth studio album from costumed rockers Steam Powered Giraffe, *1896*, should have been their *Sgt. Pepper*, or at least their *Rubber Soul*. Its title references the supposed year of their characters' robotic creation by the fictional Colonel P. A. Walter I. The first single "Hot On the Trail" came with a theatrical mimed video, while "Bad Days on the Horizon" is a sincere cowboy crooner (SPG member "The Spine" often breaks into cow-poke mode). The video



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for “Olly & the Equinox Band” features a Saturday morning cartoon-style alter-ego version of the group.

Of particular note: their acoustic rendition of “Hot On the Trail” received a jaw-dropping video treatment of its own. Already one of the strongest gospel-tinged tunes they’ve ever recorded, the acoustic arrangement showcases David Michael Bennett’s vocal chops right from the plaintive opening line, commanding attention and demanding an instant replay as soon as the final note fades. It’s that good. I’m not even sure THEY know just how good it is. It’s the kind of evergreen that could both make and define this band, possibly introducing and endearing them to the same supportive audience that favors likeminded



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theatrical rockers such as Lana Del Rey (who they recently covered with a video version of “Summertime Sadness”), Queen, Gogol Bordello, and Evanescence.

There’s essentially a whole separate album

of acoustic 1896 arrangements, all of them individualized so the strength of the songwriting, paired with the shimmering vocal harmonies, shines forth. It isn’t so much unplugging as it is upgrading.

Steam Powered Giraffe basically started out as performance artists portraying musical steampunk robots who almost accidentally evolved into a real band, *a la* Oingo Boingo, the Monkees, and Spinal Tap. But as

unlikely as that transformation has been, they’re currently at their songwriting and performing peak. They’ve been posting their elaborate new videos online, as well as sharing footage of themselves rehearsing with no costumes or makeup. Seeing the robots truly “unplugged” makes it even more clear that the trio really is ready for prime time. It may even be time to go Kiss *Unmasked*, and maybe put out an album and some videos sans the robot gear; some people will never be able to take a band seriously when its members insist on melding their act with an old episode of the Shields and Yarnell variety show.

It’s not like Steam Powered Giraffe’s already established fan base (which is huge enough to earn them millions

of YouTube views) would drop them if they put away the robotics. Change is part and parcel of SPG fandom. Bunny/Rabbit shared her gender transition from Chris to Isabella online with fans, and with anyone else who might have been interested, through every step of the process. If their fans can roll with changes like that, they’re not gonna bail over a costume change. It is simply too good a band to keep hiding behind masks that could dissuade people from taking the time to discover what lies beneath. Besides, they could always adopt another makeup maneuver from the Kiss playbook, and wait to don the costumes again when the demand is great enough for a big full-costume “reunion” (and later “farewell”) tour.

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# the inside track blurt

## Ta-ta to tuning's tribulations

Composer Joe Garrison hit a milestone birthday last year, right in the midst of the pandemic, and decided, at long last, that he was sick of music. Or at least, with the piano tuning aspect of it. Garrison has made his living tuning and servicing the anachronistic behemoth for decades, but he isn't looking back on it fondly. "I hate pianos," says Garrison. "I never want to see one again. I was trying to remember the sequence the other day, and I couldn't do it. And I was glad I couldn't do it." Garrison does remember his last instrument, however: "It was the piano in Mark Dresser's office at UCSD, on June 30th, 2021."

Garrison has had a steady gig at the University for years. "When you are young, you think you're gonna live forever, but when I turned 70, it got real all of a sudden. The pressure of tuning an instrument for a famous artist is incredible. I did a lot of concerts, man, and the piano has got to stay in tune. That's terrifying. That's what the public doesn't understand. If Ahmad Jamal hits a unison that's out of tune, that's a crisis, that's a disaster. You could lose your job over one string, and there's over 200 strings!"

That kind of stress was bound to take a toll. "It really matters. That was like my religion. But I got about 19 years into it, and all of a sudden I started to have real pain in my back and shoulder. I started going to this real heavyweight massage guy, just to keep me going. It was degrading to the point where I was in constant pain all the time."

Over the years, Garrison has tuned thousands of instruments. "I was kind of on autopilot. I would tune two to four instruments a day, five to seven days a week." He worked with

some of the best musicians on the planet. "I tuned for Wynton Marsalis three times, I tuned for John Legend and Ahmad Jamal, but [UCSD professor] Aleck Karis could actually make me cry."



Joe Garrison, happy to no longer be The Piano Man.

Garrison kept odd hours at the university. "Holy shit. I was out there at three in the morning, all the time. I had five pounds of keys on me. One time, I misplaced my keys and I couldn't find them for about a week. They were going to kill me, because it was going to cost them like \$20,000 to replace them. Luckily, the stage manager found them, but they were not happy."

Now that he's retired from the physically taxing job of piano tuning, Garrison ostensibly has plenty of time to work on his composing. He's been writing charts for many years that defy easy categorization; there are heavy jazz elements, but there are also intricate, soaring modern classical components. He feels he's at a crossroads, and he's leaving it to his muse to decide what comes next. "Maybe the muse has cut me off, or maybe it's just leading me to the next step. Maybe I'm not qualified to take it, so I have to be quiet. It's like I've turned my back on everything I've done so far. I gotta up my game, man. I might not write music in this life or the next. I do

have a ton of music that never got recorded and a ton that hasn't been performed, or even rehearsed. As of now, the plan is to put the recordings up on Bandcamp under the umbrella title 'Svaha.'"

In closing, Garrison offers a typically Zen-like observation. "I finally got off smoking cigars after 35-40 years. Since I have no pressing ambition to be a human being in the near future, I think it might be cool to be a tobacco weevil for the next 500 years. Any of those forms will serve the purpose. However, as always, we defer to the muse."

— Robert Bush

## Generations in collaboration

"I've been seriously, with all heart and soul, committed to my local community for over 30 years," says drummer Wade Youman (Unwritten Law, Demasiado, North Korea), whose new band Spray Allen is an alternative rock

group with a "new psychedelic" blend of '70s to '90s influences. Founded by Youman and bassist Eric Wilson (Sublime, Long Beach Dub Allstars), the group includes two much younger singer-guitarists formerly with Late Night Episode: Daniel Lonner and Eric Sherman.

Youman credits skateboard icon Danny Way with bringing them together. "I had just finished writing and recording songs for the new Unwritten Law album, but my relationship with the band had been deteriorating, and I was living in a small rehearsal room without a band in it to practice with. So, instead of sinking further into the swamp of sadness, I said *fuck this shit* and went to Danny's and met Lonner and Sherman and recorded a song with them. We connected spiritually and creatively, and became fast friends." Youman brought them all to his friend Eric Wilson's house in Bonsall to work on a song, eventually titled "Left For Dead." "The next day, we packed up our band equipment and we drove out to the Mojave Desert, where we cast a circle of fire on the ground and spent the



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next three days on hallucinogenic drugs, disappearing and reappearing into the sun and attending meetings with the all-encompassing *neteru* [gods of divine energy]. At the end of those three days, our new band was born."

The group spent pandemic shutdown time recording their self-titled debut at Sonic Ranch studio in El Paso, Texas with Paul Leary of the Butthole Surfers ("He came out of retirement to do it"), keyboardist and horn player Gabriel McNair (No Doubt), and bassist Stu Brooks (Dub Trio). Due July 15, the record is described as a "psyche-punk opera" with over two dozen songs.

Spray Allen's recent Escondido video shoot for their track "Stay Clean" included reality

fire gel, then put my fire suit on over that, then finally my Satan costume. The director said 'action' and my bro from the fire department lit my ass on fire, and I took off running. I was supposed to drop to the ground after 20 feet or so but when you're on fire, you start to hallucinate. It's hard to explain, but you lose sense of time, so I accidentally ran much further than I was supposed to. Eventually, I hit the ground and was extinguished."

For now, Youman lives in a trailer on Eric Wilson's avocado farm in Bonsall, which has become Spray Allen's headquarters. "There's place down at the bottom [of the property] with huge ice-age rocks and what looks like a sacred Indian burial ground next to it. This is the

festival stages to gigging at small venues such as Ebullition brewery. "We've just been playing as many places as possible locally that want us to play. Eric Wilson and I have been touring and playing shows as long as Lonner and Sherman have been alive."

Youman also still drums for Unwritten Law, a group he co-founded in Poway in 1990 and has been in and out of since the early 2000s. "We just had our first band practice in four years the other day. We went through, like, 30 songs." Unwritten Law plays April 29 at Soma, a venue once located in a downtown dungeon but now operating in the Midway District. "We'll be performing a few new songs, and we'll also be playing songs off the older records too. There are a few songs that haven't been



Wade Youman: out of the swamp of sadness and melting into the sun with Spray Allen

show personality Bam Margera, another contact formed via Danny Way. "I got to pie the face of a Mormon on a bike, get my ass kicked by Bam Margera's wife, pull off a breakdancing move I haven't done in 35 years, and then run down Escondido Boulevard on fire as Satan! I covered my entire body with

place Eric calls the Oasis. We have full-blown shows down there, when we aren't having concerts in the living room." As a multi-generational band about to release an ambitious double-album debut, Youman acknowledges that he and Wilson need to adjust their expectations from booking large

played since the '90s. Unwritten Law was the first band to play at this Soma, which was around 20 years ago, I believe."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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## WILD WILD WETS

A new single and video were produced for the new Wild Wild Wets track “Say So,” from their upcoming first album in four years, *Love Always*. The video was created using vintage 1980s video switchers to emulate videotape feedback, and old CRT monitors to create the banding and scan-lines. According to co-frontman Mike Turi, “Our good friend and producer JeanCarlo Mendez not only made the album happen, he has gone out of his mind putting together this wild visual video for ‘Say So’ using old-school analog video techniques from the ‘80s. His style and sensibility is obviously very much our vibe, and he and his teammate Brandon Mosquera nailed the edit on this project.” The album will be available on 180 gram “Heart

String Pink” vinyl, with a limited edition of hand-numbered copies pressed on 180 gram iridescent “Starberry Jelly” vinyl. Due May 27, *Love Always* was recorded at local Singing Serpent Studios by Grammy-nominated engineer Matt Van Allen (Anoushka Shankar) with Emmy-winning video director JeanCarlo Mendez, and mastered by Howie Weinberg (Nirvana, Gorillaz, Pixies), with guest vocalist Shelbi Bennett (Baby Bushka, Midnight Pine, Havenaunts). Turi’s first self-animated video will debut shortly for “The Seer.” The album release party happens May 21 at the Casbah; Turi says “We cannot wait to get lost in the liquid lights with our wild-wildlings.”

## SURE FIRE SOUL ENSEMBLE

Formed in 2012 by bandleader Tim Felten, The Sure Fire Soul Ensemble specializes in what they call “heavy cinematic soul, spiritual jazz-funk, upbeat Afro-funk, and deeply introspective rare-groove cuts.” Featuring anywhere from five to eight or more players for concert performances, the group won Best Blues Album at the 2015 San Diego Music Awards and Best Recording at the 2017 SDMAs. A video is streaming online for the title track of their fourth full-length, *Step Down*, which dropped April 1. According

to the band, “*Step Down* is a direct reflection of the heavy times they were written and recorded in: Covid-19, two Presidential impeachment trials, the George Floyd murder, and resulting social unrest, along with a seditious attempt to subvert the democratic process at the Capitol.” The album includes post-millennial pandemic-inspired song titles such as “Time To Rebuild,” “High Times,” “Love Age,” and “In Common.”

## GREYBOY ALLSTARS

Funky soul rockers Greyboy Allstars debuted in 1993 at the Green Circle Bar, where DJ Greyboy was spinning records and contemplating forming a band. The current lineup features Rolling Stones tour saxophonist Karl Denson (who also plays flute), Elgin Park (guitars), Aaron Redfield (drums), Chris Stillwell (bass), and Robert Walter (keys). Their sixth studio album, *Get a Job: Music from the Original Broadcast Series Soul Dream*, dropped on April 1 via the band’s own Knowledge Room Recordings label. A video is streaming online for the album’s second

single “Got To Get Me A Job,” a reinvention of Ann Alford’s 1971 soul-funk hit taken from the initial 2021 *Greyboy Allstars Soul Dream* livestream series that led to the collection. The album was recorded live in the studio during the broadcasts, spotlighting ten never-released covers that they’ve been honing over three decades of live performances without ever having recorded, including songs by Gil Scott-Heron, Gene Ammons, The Beatles, Gary Bartz, and Burt Bacharach.

## TAMAR BERK

The new release from rising singer-songwriter Tamar Berk, “Tragic Endings,” is the second single off her upcoming sophomore album *Start at the End*, due April 22. The accompanying video features Berk performing the song outdoors on a rooftop, along with footage of her riding an oceanfront rollercoaster. Her earlier single “Your Permission” comes with two different videos, one a full production with her playing the song on piano as ghostly figures of herself display various personality types, while the lyric video unfolds a similar morphing presentation, confined to a closeup of her multitude of character faces. Tamar Berk

appears at Humphreys on Tuesday, April 19, at the San Diego Music Awards (her debut *The Restless Dreams of Youth* is nominated for Best Pop Album and Album of the Year). The bill includes fellow nominees Mrs. Henry (also competing for Album of the Year, along with Best Rock Album and Best Video), Thee Sacred Souls and the Sully Band (both up for Best R&B, Funk or Soul Song), Slack Key Ohana (ying for Best New Artist and Best World Music Album), Riston Diggs (Best Hip-Hop/Rap Album, Best Hip-Hop/Rap Artist, and Album of the Year), and the Ira Liss Big Band Jazz Machine (Best Jazz or Blues Album).

## WANTED NOISE

The surf-skate punks of Wanted Noise have a new video for their track “Get After It.” The tune comes from their recent 13-song full-length, *Next Generation*, produced and recorded by Defiant Robot Records owner Wade Morris. According to singer-guitarist Suri Sherman, “‘Get After It’ is a hype song about persistence and chasing your passions. To express that sentiment, the lyrics going into the bridge exclaim ‘We know, we don’t know our chances, and we’re still gettin’ after it.’ We shot the video around Sunset Cliffs

and Pacific Beach. Our homie Jacob Frazer filmed, directed, and edited the video. Frazer filmed with various older media including Super 8 and VHS, and used experimental editing techniques to create a spontaneous MTV-style vibe for our video.” Similarly old-school music videos were also recently produced for the album track “More Sunrises,” featuring the band skateboarding around San Diego in search of beer, and for “Clench.”





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Thursday, 7:30pm — The Veer Union and 2 Shadows. \$14-\$18.  
Friday, 8:30pm — Haunt and Screamer. \$12-\$16.  
Saturday, 8pm — Succumb and Diabolic Oath. \$12-\$15.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Archspire and Entheos. \$18-\$22.

**Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar:**  
Thursday, 5pm — GIO and RUMBA KETUMBA.  
Friday, 4pm — KENNA, VICTOR SANTANA, KIMBA LIGHT.  
Saturday, 4pm — RICHY and Sissy Davis & Los GUAPOS.  
Sunday, 2pm — RICHY, KENNA and FIESTA LUNA.  
Monday, 5pm — RICHY and SERGIO ESTRADA.  
Tuesday, 5pm — RICHY and VICTOR SANTANA.  
Wednesday, 5pm — JOHN TIDWELL and SANTANA PA' TI.

**Cannonball:**  
Tuesday, 5pm — Andrew Peña.

**Casbah:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Drug Church and One Step Closer. \$16.  
Friday, 8pm — Yard Act. \$13.  
Saturday, 8pm — Baby Bushka. \$20.  
Sunday & Monday, 8pm — Pup.  
Tuesday, 8pm — TWRP. \$25-\$85.  
Wednesday, 8pm — C. Gibbs and Beech City. \$7.

**Che Café:**  
Wednesday, 7pm — Militarie Gun and Mil-Spec. \$15.

**Dirk's Niteclub:**  
Saturday, 9pm — Warpath.

**Duck Foot Brewing Company:**  
Saturday, 12pm — Dub Foot Free Outdoor Music Festival.

**Duke's La Jolla:**  
Friday, 3pm — Kekoa.  
Tuesday, 4pm — Johnny Martin.

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:**  
Friday, 6pm — David Shyde.  
Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

**Farmer & the Seahorse:**  
Thursday, 4pm — David Shyde.

**Fast Times:**  
Friday, 7pm — West of 5. Free.

**Garage Kitchen + Bar:**  
Friday, 7pm — Mike Myrdal.

**House of Blues:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Ministry. \$39-\$85.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Jacob Collier.  
Monday, 7pm — The Warning. \$20-\$50.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Girl Talk. \$27.  
Wednesday, 7pm — Tai Verdes and Renforshort. \$27.

**Humphreys by the Bay:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — The HU and the Haunt.  
Tuesday, 6pm — San Diego Music Awards.

**Jacked Up Brewery:**  
Wednesday, 6pm — Roger!

**L'Auberge Del Mar:**  
Friday, 7pm — Helena Holleran.

**La Valencia Hotel:**  
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.  
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**Mission Bay Resort:**  
Thursday, 5pm — Kai Kalama.  
Monday, 5pm — Justin Froese.  
Tuesday, 5pm — Ellis Bryant.  
Wednesday, 5pm — Sarah Ingraham.

**Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:**  
Friday, 9pm — Cheap Date. Free.

**Moonshine Beach:**  
Friday, 8pm — Houston Bernard.

**Moonshine Flats:**  
Saturday, 8pm — Houston Bernard.

**Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:**  
Friday, 9pm — Tower 7.  
Saturday, 9pm — LP Classics.

**Museum of Making Music:**  
Saturday, 7pm — San Diego Sound Project: Alex Arango. Free.

**Music Box:**  
Friday, 7pm — Sprung Monkey and Urethane.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Iya Terra. \$25.  
Wednesday, 8pm — Molchat Doma.

**Nick & G's:**  
Saturday, 5pm — Whitney Shay.  
Wednesday, 6pm — Justin Froese.

**Open Air Theatre:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Billy Strings. \$39-\$50.

**Pala Events Center:**  
Friday, 8pm — Yesterday. \$15.

**Seabird:**  
Sunday, 4pm — DevvLov.

**Smith Recital Hall at SDSU:**  
Thursday, 5pm — SDSU Jazz Ensemble with Chris Potter. \$10-\$15.

**Soda Bar:**  
Thursday, 8pm — Napalm Death and Deaf Club. \$22.  
Friday, 8pm — Kate Clover. \$15.  
Saturday, 8pm — The Stone Foxes and Brand New Trash. \$25.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Wednesday. \$16.  
Monday, 7:30pm — Scott H. Biram and J.D. Pinkus. \$18.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Pound and Tardigrade. \$15.  
Wednesday, 7pm — Value Select and Jazz Emu. \$25.

**Soma:**  
Thursday, 7pm — IDLES. \$35.  
Friday, 7pm — Tech N9ne. \$27-\$35.  
Saturday, 7pm — The Aquadolls and Sitting On Stacy. \$20.

**Southwestern College:**  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Minor Variations. Free.

**Thornton Winery:**  
Friday, 6pm — Remix.

**Westfield University Towne Centre:**  
Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente.  
Friday, 12pm — Mikael Pederson.  
Saturday, 5pm — Jesse Johnson.

**Winstons Beach Club:**  
Thursday, 9pm — Banshee Tree and Shakedown String Band.  
Friday, 9:30pm — Nattali Rize. \$20-\$25.  
Saturday, 9pm — Cappo Kelley. \$8.  
Sunday, 3pm — Tongue & Groove. Free.  
Wednesday, 9pm — Little Stranger and Big Yen. \$15.

**Wong's Dragon Room:**  
Saturday, 8pm — The 8 East Band. Free.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

**Balboa Theatre:**  
Wednesday, May 4 — La Jolla Music Society: Lila Downs.

**Barefoot Bar and Grill:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Christian Taylor.

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**Beach House Grill:**  
*Sunday, May 15* — Claude VonStroke.

**Beaumont's:**  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — The Rolling Heartbreakers. \$5-\$10.

**Bellamy's Restaurant:**  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — Jemille Vialet.  
*Thursday, Apr. 28* — Dalton Gazette.

**Belly Up Tavern:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — The Music of Cream ft. Kofi Baker.  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Queen Nation.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — Grateful Shred.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters.  
*Monday, Apr. 25* — Hoodoo Gurus.  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — Keb' Mo'. \$68-\$119.  
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*Friday, Apr. 29* — The PettyBreakers.  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — Hayes Carll.  
*Sunday, May 1* — Dave Mason.  
*Monday, May 2* — The Mountain Goats and Cardiod.  
*Tuesday, May 3* — Dave Mason.  
*Wednesday, May 4* — Thao and Black Belt Eagle Scout.  
*Thursday, May 5* — Mariachi El Bronx.  
*Friday, May 6* — Red Not Chili Peppers.  
*Sunday, May 8* — Infinite Floyd.  
*Monday, May 9* — Wishbone Ash.  
*Tuesday, May 10* — The Bouncing Souls.  
*Wednesday, May 11* — Penny & Sparrow and Lera Lynn.  
*Thursday, May 12* — Dennis Quaid & the Sharks.  
*Friday, May 13* — Saved By The 90s.

**Bird Rock Coffee Roasters:**  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Tinkersmith. **Free.**

**Brick by Brick:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Cold, University Dr., Black Satellite. \$22-\$25.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — Night Club: Die In The Disco Tour. \$15-\$20.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — The Haxans.  
*Wednesday, Apr. 27* — Noroth and Insineratehymn. \$10-\$12.  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Born of Osiris and Veil of Maya. \$25.  
*Monday, May 2* — Powerglove and Immortal Guardian. \$15-\$20.  
*Thursday, May 5* — Wednesday 13 and Squirrelly Arts. \$18-\$100.  
*Friday, May 6* — Dance with the Dead and Magic Sword. \$25.

## IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

### San Diego Opera: that shrinking feeling

With the final performances of Charles Gounod's *Romeo et Juliette* in the books, the San Diego Opera mainstage season is at an end. The season consisted of Mozart's *Cosi fan Tutte* and the aforementioned *Romeo*.

Next year's season has been announced. It will be an all Puccini affair, with *Gianni Schicchi*/Suor Angelica and *Tosca*. There is also a world premiere of an opera about Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera. It's unclear if this is a part of the mainstage season or part of the Detour Series.

Also unclear is the future of opera in San Diego. It will be difficult to grow an opera community with only two opera productions per year. I do not count productions of the Detour Series, such as the upcoming production of *The Aging Magician* at The Balboa Theatre. The proof is in the name. If we're try-

ing to get to opera, these productions are a detour. I don't know about you, but when I'm going somewhere, the last thing I'm looking for is a detour.

To reiterate the main point, two operas per year simply aren't enough to develop an audience. Looking back at the history of the San Diego Opera, we can see that the last time there were only two productions was the 1970-1971 season. In the 1980s, when Tito Capobianco ran the company from a tiny office in Balboa Park, San Diego Opera produced six operas per year. In the 1990s, Ian Campbell reduced the number to five productions per year, plus a recital or a special concert such as *The Great Richard Wagner Concert* in the 1998-1999 season.

The 2009-2010 season saw the number reduced to four productions after the finan-

cial disaster of 2008. The number stayed at four productions until Ian Campbell tried to shutter the company in 2014, claiming that there was no way to continue the company at its current level. Campbell's approach was to "wind down the company with dignity."

San Diego Opera survived, but the number of productions went down to three. The 2019-2020 season was reduced to two productions. With the 2022-2023 announcement, that makes four years of two-production seasons.

I'm not a statistician, but it would appear that the trend since 2008 has



Can SD opera get things moving without having to make a Detour?

been one of reduction. In 2014, Ian Campbell was correctly villainized for how he handled the proposed shuttering of the company, but perhaps he had a crystal ball that actually revealed something.

Can opera make a comeback in San Diego? I think

it can. In the 1990s the San Diego Opera was growing while the San Diego Symphony went through two bankruptcies. Now the San Diego Symphony is thriving — and undertaking \$200 million worth of venue expansion and renovation.

### Classical Music this week

**SD Master Chorale** San Diego Master Chorale will host its Sixth Annual High School Honor Choir. The theme for this year's event is "Hitting the High Notes." The Honor Choir is a full-day choral workshop given by SD Master Chorale Music Director John K. Russell for talented high school singers nominated by music teachers

from San Diego, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. Approximately 100 students will rehearse and perform alongside 55 singers from the SD Master Chorale. Free performance, but registration required. Saturday, April 16, 6pm; **free.** First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South.

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*Friday, May 13* — The Convalescence and Necronomicon. \$12-\$15.

**Bridges:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Ultra Q and Benches.

**Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — GIO and RUMBA KETUMBA.  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — KENNA, GIO & LILIANA, KIMBA LIGHT.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — RICHY and Sissy Davis & Los Guapos.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — RICHY, KENNA and FIESTA LUNA.

**Cannonball:**  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — Kai Kalama.

**Carruth Cellars:**  
*Sunday, May 1* — Folklorick. **Free.**

**Casbah:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — WILLIS.  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Spelling.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — Electric Six.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Pink Mountaintops.  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — Hip-Hop Battle Bot. \$10.  
*Wednesday, Apr. 27* — Lords of the Satellite and Flames of Durga.  
*Thursday, Apr. 28* — Jon Spencer & the HITmakers.  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Blitzen Trapper and Dead Lee.  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — Sleaford Mods.  
*Sunday, May 1* — Josh Rouse.  
*Thursday, May 5* — ADULT. and Kontravoid.  
*Friday, May 6* — Yumi Zouma.  
*Saturday, May 7* — quickly, quickly.  
*Monday, May 9* — Blackwater Holylight and Bleakheart.

*Tuesday, May 10* — Black Marble.  
*Wednesday, May 11* — Combo Chimbata.  
*Thursday, May 12* — CNG and Trouble Kidd.

**Casino Inn Bar and Grill:**  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — The 8 East Band. **Free.**

**Civita Park:**  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Arbor Day Concert: Rumba Y Soul. **Free.**  
**Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — La Jolla Music Society: Dakhla Brakha.  
*Saturday, May 7* — La Jolla Music Society: Okee Dokee Brothers.

**Deano's Pub:**  
*Friday, May 13* — West of 5. **Free.**

**Dirk's Niteclub:**  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — Nitrous Rockside. **Free.**

**Duck Foot Brewing Company:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — Deadheads Night.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Bluegrass Jam.  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — San Diego Jazz Collective Jam Session.  
*Thursday, May 5* — Deadheads Night.  
*Tuesday, May 10* — San Diego Jazz Collective Jam Session.

**Duke's La Jolla:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Ke'Ahi.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Keni Yarbro.  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — Helena Holleran.

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Tim Rose.

**Fairmont Grand Del Mar:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Johnny Martin.  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — David Shyde.

**Farmer & the Seahorse:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 28* — Jackie Foster.

*Friday, Apr. 29* — Justin Froese.

**Frankie's:**  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Jazz Jam. **Free.**

**Galley at the Marina:**  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — West of 5. **Free.**

**Garage Kitchen + Bar:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Jason Graham.  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Christian Taylor.  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — Blaise Guld.

**Grand Escondido:**  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — Triple Threat: Women Who Rock. \$15-\$30.

**House of Blues:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — The Maine and the Happy Fits.  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Ville Valo.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — The Chats and Thicks.  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Car Seat Headrest.  
*Tuesday, May 3* — Mehro.  
*Friday, May 6* — Lil Tecca.  
*Friday, May 6* — Bktherula.  
*Sunday, May 8* — Jerry Cantrell.  
*Wednesday, May 11* — Animal Sun and Kelsy Karter.

**Humphreys by the Bay:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — Wallows and The Regrettes.

*Friday, Apr. 22* — Hot Chip.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — #IMOMSOHARD:.  
*Tuesday, Apr. 26* — beabadobee.  
*Wednesday, Apr. 27* — Marcus King.  
*Tuesday, May 3* — Kansas.  
*Saturday, May 7* — St. Paul & The Broken Bones.  
*Tuesday, May 10* — The Cult.  
*Wednesday, May 11* — The Cult.

**Jazz Lounge:**  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Carlos Olmeda. \$40-\$60.

**Jazzy Wishbone:**  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — The Soto Six. **Free.**

**Kona Kai Resort & Marina:**  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Rebecca Jade. **Free.**

**L'Auberge Del Mar:**  
*Thursday, Apr. 21* — David Shyde.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — Jay L. Henry.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Tyler F. Simmons.  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Jonny Tarr.  
*Saturday, Apr. 30* — Keni Yarbro.

**La Jolla Community Center:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Fourth Friday Jazz Series. \$22-\$30.

**La Valencia Hotel:**  
*Friday, Apr. 22* — Keni Yarbro.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — Jemille Vialet.  
*Saturday, Apr. 23* — David Shyde.  
*Sunday, Apr. 24* — Jesse Johnson.  
*Thursday, Apr. 28* — Whitney Shay.  
*Friday, Apr. 29* — Keni Yarbro.

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Saturday, Apr. 30 — Jemille Violet.

**Liberty Public Market:**  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Iota Trio.

**Loews Coronado Bay Resort:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Orion Song.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Farrah Camu.

**Magnolia Performing Arts Center:**  
Friday, May 6 — Ray LaMontagne and Sierra Ferrell.

**Mary Murphy's Champion Ballroom Academy:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Ballroom Lovers Dance Party. \$15.

**Mellano Farm Stand:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Cowboy Jack. Free.

**Merrow:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Club Ascension.

**Mission Bay Resort:**  
Thursday, Apr. 21 — Orion Song.  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Jesse Ray Smith.  
Wednesday, Apr. 27 — Tori Roze.  
Friday, Apr. 29 — David Shyde.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Christian Taylor.

**Mission Hills United Church of Christ:**  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Minor Variations. \$5-\$15.

**Moonlight Amphitheatre in Brengle Terrace Park:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — The Music of Carole King & James Taylor. \$22-\$42.  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Stayin' Alive Bee Gees Tribute. \$22-\$42.

**Moonshine Beach:**  
Tuesday, May 3 — Easton Corbin.

**Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Resurrection Radio.

**Museum of Making Music:**  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Missy Raines. \$25-\$30.

**Music Box:**  
Thursday, Apr. 21 — The Fall Of Troy and SeeYouSpaceCowboy.  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Skeggs.  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Haliene.  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Enjoy.  
Thursday, Apr. 28 — Shane Hall and Thee Sinseers.  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Fleetmac Wood.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Moonchild.  
Sunday, May 1 — Sunsets and The Morning Room.  
Thursday, May 5 — Manic Hispanic and Swingin' Utters.  
Friday, May 6 — Angelshade.  
Saturday, May 7 — Biffy Clyro.  
Sunday, May 8 — The Far Side.  
Tuesday, May 10 — Curtis Harding.  
Wednesday, May 11 — Bruce Cockburn.  
Thursday, May 12 — Fruit Bats and Scott Hirsch.  
Friday, May 13 — Th1rt3en feat. Pharoahe Monch.

**Nick & G's:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — David Shyde.

**Observatory North Park:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Boy Harsher.  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Brian Jonestown Massacre.  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Mogwai.  
Monday, Apr. 25 — Nina Nesbitt and James Arthur.  
Thursday, Apr. 28 — Snail Mail.  
Friday, Apr. 29 — The Airborne Toxic Event.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Parquet Courts.  
Friday, May 6 — Homeshake.  
Sunday, May 8 — Royal Blood.  
Tuesday, May 10 — Kurt Vile and Chastity Belt.  
Friday, May 13 — Big Thief.  
Saturday, May 14 — Mastodon.

**Old Town Temecula Community Theater:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Paul Galbraith. \$15-\$35.  
Thursday, May 5 — The Amor Prohibido Band. \$37.  
Friday, May 6 — 24K Magic Bruno Mars Tribute. \$25-\$37.  
Saturday, May 7 — Dennis Jones Band. \$20-\$25.

**Open Air Theatre:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Pancho Barraza.  
Tuesday, Apr. 26 — The Offspring.  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Interpol.  
Tuesday, May 3 — Russ.

**Pala Events Center:**  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Mi Banda el Mexicano de Casimiro Zamudio.  
Friday, May 6 — The Clairvoyants.  
Saturday, May 7 — Ann Wilson and the Amazing Dawgs.  
Saturday, May 14 — The Grass Roots and The Buckinghams.

**Panama 66:**  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

**Park & Rec:**  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Rock of Ages.

**Pechanga Arena San Diego:**  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — J Balvin.  
Friday, May 6 — Eric Church.

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Mark Jackson & Friends: David R. Morgan Tribute. \$15-\$18.

**Pour House:**  
Friday, May 13 — Parade of Horribles and Generator.

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Roger McGuinn.

**Quartyard:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Allison Adams Tucker's Women in Jazz. \$20.  
Saturday, May 7 — Sure Fire Soul Ensemble and Mitchum Yacoub.

**Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center:**  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Heshfest.

**Rabbit Hole:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Blame Betty. Free.

**Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:**  
Sunday, May 1 — A Celebration of Cuban Music.

**Ritz Theater:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Triple Threat: Women Who Rock. \$15-\$30.  
Friday, May 13 — Mike Keneally & Beer for Dolphins. \$20-\$150.

**Rosie O'Grady's:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Blame Betty. Free.

**Rustic Root:**  
Tuesday, Apr. 26 — Mike Myrdal.

**Selfie Social:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — DJ Red & Ted. Free.

**Side Yard:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Christian Taylor.  
Wednesday, Apr. 27 — Andrew Peña.

**Soda Bar:**  
Thursday, Apr. 21 — Dan Andriano & The Bygones.  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Mike & Na-Kel Smith.  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Dent May.  
Monday, Apr. 25 — Supercrush and Mo Troper.  
Tuesday, Apr. 26 — Stygian Bough and Vouna.  
Thursday, Apr. 28 — Slow Crush.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Widowspeak.  
Tuesday, May 3 — King Pari.  
Wednesday, May 4 — The Slaps.  
Thursday, May 5 — Nebula and Year of the Cobra.  
Friday, May 6 — Sondre Lerche and mmeadows.  
Saturday, May 7 — The Body.  
Sunday, May 8 — Kevin Devine and Kississippi.  
Wednesday, May 11 — Sea Wolf and Matt Costa.  
Thursday, May 12 — The Halluci

Nation. \$25.  
Friday, May 13 — Temporex and Diamond Cafe.

**Soma:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Knocked Loose.  
Tuesday, Apr. 26 — Together Pangea.  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Unwritten Law and MouthGuard.

**Spanish Landing Park:**  
Thursday, May 5 — Gator By The Bay Festival. \$20-\$350.  
Friday, May 6 — Gator By The Bay Festival. \$20-\$350.  
Saturday, May 7 — Gator By The Bay Festival. \$20-\$350.  
Sunday, May 8 — Gator By The Bay Festival. \$20-\$350.

**Spin Nightclub:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — SD Union: LTJ Bukem & Submorphics. \$20-\$30.

**St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church:**  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Chanticleer: Awakenings. \$20-\$45.

**Template:**  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — DharmaDen: TunedUp Live. \$10.

**Thornton Winery:**  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Chicago Tribute Experience.  
Friday, May 6 — Erin Stevenson.  
Friday, May 13 — Jason Weber.

**Til-Two Club:**  
Wednesday, Apr. 27 — Bewitcher and Nite.

**Viejas Arena:**  
Tuesday, May 3 — Pearl Jam and Pluralone.

**Water Conservation Garden:**  
Tuesday, Apr. 26 — Ryan Cabrera.

**Waterbar:**  
Thursday, Apr. 21 — Jemille Violet.

**Westfield University Towne Centre:**  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Jesse Johnson.  
Thursday, Apr. 28 — Ben Benavente.

**Whistle Stop Bar:**  
Thursday, Apr. 21 — Tempers.

**Winstons Beach Club:**  
Friday, Apr. 22 — Mike Pinto and Burritos Band.  
Saturday, Apr. 23 — Diggin' Dirt and Lost Monarchs.  
Sunday, Apr. 24 — Beach Punx Sunday. Free.  
Wednesday, Apr. 27 — The Tones and Sammy Ramone. Free.

Thursday, Apr. 28 — Ginger Roots & The Protectors. \$20.  
Friday, Apr. 29 — Universe Peoples. \$12-\$15.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Metal Showcase. Free.  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Headphone, The Volclays, Jonny Tarr. \$12.  
Sunday, May 1 — Javier Bätiz & Sol Sacrifice. \$20.  
Tuesday, May 3 — Bluesday Tuesday Open Blues Jam. Free.  
Thursday, May 5 — Puente and Jason Jenkins.  
Saturday, May 7 — Lords of the Satellite and The Gravities. Free.  
Saturday, May 7 — Dubbest and Eureka Sound. \$12-\$15.  
Sunday, May 8 — Hang Zeros, Revolt Chix, Strangely Strange. Free.

**Yiddishland California:**  
Saturday, Apr. 30 — Jewish Musical Cabaret with Lisa Fishman. \$10-\$36.



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## Kitchen Spanish

A clatter against the window of my second-story room in Golden Hill awoke me. Then, shouts. *What the hell?*

*"Eh, Miguel."*

*"Miguelito."*

*"Barba de Chivo, levántate, cabrón."*

Only Rodolfo called me *Barba del Chivo*, followed by a mischievous laugh. He thought he was clever. My beard in no way resembled a goat's. The other voice, I guessed, was Mariano's. I pulled myself up from the bed, walked



**Mariano directed me to the border-crossing lanes, and as usual, it was bumper to bumper. We edged forward while the vendors on foot tried to sell us junk.**

to the window and peered outside. They were down there, arms cocked to hurl another onslaught of pebbles. I lifted the window.

*"Stop it, guys. Un momentito, por favor,"* I shouted.

Throwing debris at my window was

their only way of getting my attention from the ground. Only residents of the rooming house at 23rd and B Streets had keys to the first-floor door and stairwell that led upstairs. There was no doorbell. I couldn't af-



**Author Michael J. Williams**

ford a phone. *What could they possibly want at 9:30 am on Saturday?* I did not expect to get up so early. I had closed out the night at the Turf Club on 25th, drinking beer and digging Tiny on the piano. I threw on a T-shirt and jeans and took a leak in the dingy bathroom that all the second-story residents shared.

Rodolfo and Mariano were dishwashers at the Firehouse Beach Cafe in Pacific Beach where I worked as night cleanup. They roomed together with Rodolfo's sister a few blocks up on B, past Jaroco Market and the Golden Hill coffee shop. Most nights, Rodolfo drove us and some other colleagues home from work in his 10-year-old, mid-'70s, faded red Bonneville. It beat taking the bus from PB and walking the rest of the way up the hill on Broadway or B from Downtown.

Once I made it downstairs, Rodolfo said he needed my help. Since Mariano spoke some English, he filled in the gaps when I didn't understand Rodolfo's Spanish. With two days off

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from work, Rodolfo had driven Mariano and another dishwasher, Danilo, down to Ensenada. Mariano and Danilo were from Ensenada, and had legal documents to cross back into the U.S., but Rodolfo did not. *Why would he go down to Mexico? Not smart*, I thought. Then again, the Guadalajara native was only 20. He was tired of being left behind when the other guys went to bars on this side of the border, where you were supposed to be 21 to enter.

“¿Porqué te fuiste atrás *La Linea sin documentos?*” I asked to the best of my limited Spanish ability. “Why would you cross the border without papers? ¿Estás loco?”

“*Por supuesto, a bailer con las chiquitas. Y pistear*,” he said, with the characteristic Mexican flourish of the hand to indicate getting pissed — middle fingers clenched with the pinkie pointing up and the thumb down, similar to the Hawaiian gesture for “everything’s cool.” The night before, they had started back from Ensenada. Rodolfo dropped his

companions off near the border. Mariano and Danilo crossed and took the trolley to downtown San Diego. Neither one of them had driver’s licenses. There was no sense in hanging with Rodolfo as he attempted to sneak across the border on foot, and if he tried to drive through the border checkpoint without a green card or work permit, he would be detained and deported and have the car confiscated. So Rodolfo left the Bonnie in a Tijuana neighborhood where he thought it would be safe. He proceeded on foot to a point along the border fence separating Baja California from the San Diego enclave of San Ysidro. I surmised he followed the same route as the year before, when he had first slipped into the U.S. At the chain-link border fence, he crawled through a hole and evaded the roving border patrolmen. Then he hid out in the chaparral — “*como los conejos*,” he said, grinning with pride. “Rabbits” was slang for border crossers who scrambled surreptitiously through the brush to reach *El Otro Lado*.

Once he got to the streets of San Ysidro and the trolley, he was fairly safe from being stopped by *La Migra*. He didn’t fit the description of the typical immigrant farmworker. Like a lot of people from the state of Jalisco, he had a fair complexion and reddish brown hair, and he was casually well-dressed. Still, it was a huge risk to cross the border, and he was lucky. Now, having just gotten back home a few hours earlier, he was asking me to go down to Tijuana and retrieve his car.

“*Eso es muy loco*,” I protested. “*No puedo hacerlo. Muy difícil. Demasiados problemas a mi. Muy peligroso. I can’t do it.*”

Rodolfo begged with exasperation, “*Por favor, mi amigo.*”

Mariano jumped in. “*Oye, Miguel. No difícil. Easy. I go with you. I help you take car to La Linea. You are gringo. No problema con La Migra.*”

He said we would take the trolley from downtown San Diego to the border. We would cross together. He would get a cab to take us to Rodolfo’s car. He would

accompany me back to the border in the Bonnevill, then he would hop out to go back to Ensenada. He had another couple of days off and wanted to spend it with his girlfriend.

I deliberated. I was reluctant. But it seemed straightforward enough. I had driven back and forth across the border many times when I used to have a car. There had never been a problem. Usually, the guards simply asked what you were bringing back from Mexico. If they were satisfied you weren’t hiding something to get around import restrictions, they waved you through. And Rodolfo had given me many rides home. He as well as Mariano and several of the other Mexican men who worked the kitchen at night had become *amigos*.

“Okay,” I said, with a

sigh. “Tomorrow morning. *Vámonos mañana por la mañana.*”

Mariano shook his head. “We go now, Miguel. *Ya*, I no have time. *Necesito regresar a Ensenada. I gotta go back. Ándale pues. Let’s go.*”

“I have to work tonight,” I said. He assured me I would be back that afternoon. I went back upstairs to grab a jacket and some cash.

Mariano and I cut over to Broadway to head Downtown, avoiding B Street’s sharp decline. We walked by the outdoor phone booth at 21st and Broadway that I used when I had to make a call. Though it was late fall, it was a typically pleasant day in San Diego: sunny with some scattered clouds and cool, but not uncomfortable in a jacket. I had to walk fast to keep up with lanky Maria-

no’s strides. He had the build of a shortstop. If Rodolfo was like a little brother, Mariano was his cool older brother. He was in his late 20s, and he had an attitude of self-assurance. Nothing ruffled him. With his charcoal-brown Afro and *café con leche* complexion, he could have been mistaken for Cuban, or perhaps Veracruzano. *Muy suave*.

Before I started at the Firehouse, I had been basically homeless, sleeping on friends’ couches. I had been studying at San Diego State, but when the semester ended, my roommates graduated and moved out of our apartment on University Avenue, east of 56th Street. I couldn’t afford the rent on my own. Out of desperation to generate some cash, I took the job at the Firehouse

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doing cleanup and chopping vegetables if needed. Within two weeks, I had enough to afford the \$48 weekly rent in an aging two-story Victorian in Golden Hill. The owners lived downstairs and rented out the eight rooms upstairs. The half-dozen guys I worked with at night — dishwashers and food preppers — were Mexican and spoke little English. Whether documented or not, they worked hard and sent what they could afford back home. The night workers accepted me as one of their own and helped me learn the ropes. Pablo, a cheerful man in his thirties from Sinaloa, was particularly helpful. He would teach me the Spanish words for tools, utensils and food.

Working in the kitchen, I got used to everyone calling each other “cabrón.” When they started calling me “cabrón,” I took it as a sign of acceptance rather than an insult. And when Pablo found out I lived in Golden Hill not far from his place, he offered to drive me home along with the other guys

who roomed along his route. He, his wife and baby daughter lived in an apartment near 25th and Broadway. But one night, Pablo did not show up for work. We never saw Pablo again. He had gone to Roberto’s down at the corner for a late night snack when *La Migra* showed up and took him away. Shortly thereafter, Rodolfo acquired the Bonneville and assumed the role of late-night chauffeur. Often, us single guys would party after work, hitting Mexican joints like the Lucky Lady on 16th Street, La Fe on Market Street a couple blocks up from 16th, and La Posada on University in City Heights. Sometimes, Rodolfo could get past the door, sometimes not. Once, I lent him an expired driver’s license to serve as a fake ID, but the bouncers were wise to it. Despite my misgivings about this expedition to rescue Rodolfo’s car, I agreed to do it. It felt like I owed him something like a debt of gratitude.

Mariano and I reached Park Avenue and got on the trolley. As we bumped along through Barrio Logan, National

City and Chula Vista en route to San Ysidro, I learned more about Mariano. Growing up, he had worked as a fisherman with his dad in Ensenada Bay.

“*Mariano el marinero*,” I said to see how it sounded.

“*Yo no soy marinero*,” he responded.

“No?”

“*Soy capitán, soy capitán*,” he said, quoting a lyric from “La Bamba.”

His mother still lived in Ensenada, but his father was dead. Speaking in a low voice, head bowed, he told me his *padre* had been gunned down at the border while Mariano was a teenager. His dad was trying to transport gold across *La Linea* and was ambushed. Mariano was vague about who did it and why. I did not pursue the subject.

We hopped off the trolley at the last stop in San Ysidro and joined the throng heading across the border. We crossed through the turnstile that separates the two countries. Uniformed Mexican sentries watched through reflective sunglasses, seemingly uninterested as we

walked by the customs house. No one stopped us. We reached the taxi stand just beyond the border, where many cabbies lined up to take fares to the tourist strip along Avenida Revolución. Mariano surveyed the fleet and walked over to one he had picked out. He recited some instructions to the driver that I did not understand. The driver took off, heading south on the boulevard that ran along the city’s concrete river channel. At a huge traffic circle with a towering statue of Cuauhtémoc at the center, the driver swung right onto an avenue heading west and crossed over Agua Caliente Boulevard. He proceeded up the long ridge that extends south from downtown Tijuana, skillfully eluding slower vehicles and potholes. Then, abruptly, he skidded right onto a wide dirt road, leaving a trail of dust.

I said, “Mariano, *por favor*, where are we going? *¿Dónde está el carro?*”

“*No sé, Miguel*,” Rodolfo no have name or number, *solamente una descripción*,” he said with a shrug. He put his hand over his brow to indicate he was searching. “*Está-*

*mos buscando.*”

Okay, I thought. *We are driving around a sprawling, poorly organized city of at least a million people looking for a car among hundreds of thousands of cars without an address or even a street name.*

Mariano was swinging his head this way and that like a periscope.

“*No problema, Miguel. Rodolfo me dijo que es en una avenida grande en Colonia Independencia.*”

So, we were looking for a big street in a neighborhood we knew nothing about.

“*¿Dónde?*” The driver said. “*Estamos en Independencia.*”

“Keep going,” Mariano urged.

It seemed like we had been driving around for an hour, going in circles. We drove up and down several paved streets and arrived at a four-lane boulevard divided by a median. We turned left. After a few blocks, Mariano shouted, “*Esto! Esto! A la derecha.*” There was the red Bonneville, covered in dust, parked on the north side of the road.

Mariano paid the driver in pesos and handed me the change, saying, “*Si necesitas pagar una*

*mordida.*” Bribe money in case I got pulled over. He dropped the keys into my hand. I slid into the driver’s seat.

“Goddam. What the fuck is this?” I yelled. The standard Bonneville steering wheel was gone. In its place was this tiny ring, about the diameter of a cantaloupe, forged out of steel chains fused together. In his zeal to fit in, Rodolfo had changed out the steering wheel for the classic low-rider chain model. Because its circumference was so constricted, you could make turns much more sharply, potentially cutting corners too short, running over curbs, and scraping parked cars or roadside barriers.

“*Es ridículo*. I can’t drive with this thing. *No puedo a conducir con esto ruedo*,” I complained to Mariano.

“*Oh. El timón*,” he corrected me, pointing to the steering apparatus with a snort. “*Oye, puedes hacerlo, Miguel*. You can do, no problema. We go. *Ándale, cabrón.*”

I drove up the road and carefully made a U-turn at the next signal. Whenever I slowed and came to a stop sign or made a turn with Mariano guiding the way, he

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shouted, "Dale, dale. Ándale cabrón."

In Mexico, I had often observed that drivers preferred to make adjustments more with their gas pedals than their brakes, usually accompanied by well-timed honks. Now, I was getting a tutorial.

Mariano directed me to the border-crossing lanes, and as usual, it was bumper to bumper. We edged forward while the vendors on foot tried to sell us junk. The *chicos* offered chiclets, *señoras* waved knit tablecloths and shawls, men donning *vaquero* hats flashed gauche Elvis Presley paintings as they draped leather belts over their forearms.

Mariano lightly punched me on the shoulder. "Ya me voy, amigo. Adiós, Miguel. See you Tuesday."

I watched him as he

threaded through the lanes of the exhaust-belching vehicles. He was heading back to downtown Tijuana, where he would catch a third-class bus to Ensenada for the equivalent of a few bucks. I relaxed in the driver's seat, pondering my future moves. Get across the border, drop off the car with Rodolfo, head home, rest a bit, walk downtown, catch the bus to PB by the start of my 9 pm shift. I got the green light to pull forward to the border guard's kiosk. He was a big white guy with dark bushy eyebrows. He furrowed his brow as he looked at me, then turned his gaze to the funky steering wheel.

"This your car?"

The question caught me by surprise.

"Uhh, no. It's a friend of mine's."

He reached inside the

kiosk, grabbed a yellow plastic cone with a number on it, slapped it on the hood, and directed me to pull forward into one of the parking spaces next to a long office building for Secondary Inspection. An official came out and asked me where I had been, where I was going, and what I was doing with this car. Trying to stay calm, I explained I was doing a friend a favor by picking up his car in Tijuana and driving it home for him.

"Why?" he asked.

"He got too drunk last night and couldn't drive," I improvised. "He had to work today, so he asked me to come down here and pick it up."

The official rolled his eyes. "Can I see your driver's license?"

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the front right slot along with other important cards. It was not there. I flipped through the other cards in vain.

"I've misplaced it," I said, not knowing where I could have possibly left it.

"Come with me," he replied.

He led me into the waiting room of an office. There was a window with an opening at the bottom to slide papers through. Behind the window was an attendant. A locked metal door separated the waiting room from the inside of the office. I was scared. As far as they knew, I was a thief smuggling a car across the border. I was likely minutes away from being hauled behind bars. I had no license, I had no proof of ownership, I had no proof I even knew the vehicle's owner. I looked through my wallet again. Maybe I had left the license at a bar, since I was always getting carded. I couldn't figure out where I had left it. Without hope, I shuffled through the cards on the left side of the wallet, where I kept the nonessential ones. There, I stumbled on the expired license I had lent to Rodolfo.

*Maybe it will help, I thought.* It was worth a shot. I went up to the window and showed the attendant my old license. She took it and entered the interior of the office. After a few minutes, a uniformed dude came out. He had a badge and revolver belted to his waist.

"Mr. Williams, Can we go over this with you? Whose car are you driving?"

"It is the car of a friend and colleague," I said. "His name is Rodolfo. I think his last name is

Castro. He lives on B Street in San Diego. I work with him at a restaurant in Pacific Beach."

He wanted to know what I was doing driving across the border with this vehicle. I repeated the made-up story.

He handed me the keys. "You're free to go. But a word of advice. Don't do this again."

I drove back to Golden Hill and parked the Bonneville on B Street a few cars down from Rodolfo's pad. I knocked on the door, keys in hand. His sister answered. She was an attractive woman, late twenties or early thirties.

"*Buenas tardes,*" I said. "*¿Está Rodolfo en casa?*"

"You are Michael, yes?" she answered in accented but clear English, as I dropped the keys in her hand. "We were expecting you. Rodolfo is taking a *siesta* before he goes to work. I will tell him you came by. Thank you for being so kind to my brother."

That night, Rodolfo was there by the chrome dishwasher, his white apron splashed with dishwater and food stains. "*Eh, barba de chivo, ¿Qué onda?*"

I wanted to spit out every English and Spanish epithet I knew. But it dawned on me that if I did, I would be crossing a line. Not only with Rodolfo, but with all the *hombres* in the kitchen.

"*Tenemos suerte que tienes tu carro y yo no estoy en la cárcel,*" I said. "We're lucky you've got your car and I'm not in jail."

"Ok," he smiled. "*Lo siento, Miguel. Sorry. Muchísimas gracias. Pues, quieres un ride esta noche?*"

"Well," I tilted my head like I was weighing his offer. "*Si, por supuesto, cabrón.*"

— Michael J. Williams

## UNREAL ESTATE

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(who took us along on a deep dive into backcountry real estate a few years ago) and Tyler Stamets clarified that the rancho is available with or without a "retreat center" — a "converted barn with large event space and 7 guest rooms and two kitchens." The price difference is \$1.5 million, but let's assume we're going for the whole enchilada here.

"A hidden backcountry gem like no other," the Zillow ad copy opens, "Rancho San Felipe consists of over 1000 acres at the San Felipe Creek headwaters, at the base of Volcan Mountain in Warner Springs."

There is a hodgepodge of buildings on the property, including a three-bedroom main residence with somewhere between 3500 and 4000 square feet of living area. Adding the guest residences and other facilities, we're going to get a total of 12 bedrooms and 17 baths spread across 8200 square feet of total space. (I'm quoting from the listing for 25550 here, because even though it's the less expensive of the two, it has more and better photos. Also, Zillow doesn't seem to have the 26068 listing, but you can find it on Redfin.)

We start with an exterior shot of what I assume is the main residence and its full stone exterior — a refreshing change from the drab beige stucco that blankets houses across the suburbs of California. Around back, there are some lounge chairs on a stone patio that overlooks a small pond — is this fed by our creek? Tyler says yes. Can we swim in it? I



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feel like it would be very cold and muddy, but I still want to try. From there, we wander around the property and take in a handful of smaller cabins, also built out of stone. The two closest to the main residence have two and one bedrooms respectively, I'm told.

Finally, we're inside the main house. There's a massive living room with not one but two stone fireplaces (we also see these outside the house, and it looks like there are cubbyholes that might serve as ovens and separate fireboxes, all served by a common chimney), vaulted open-beam ceilings, and what looks like a chandelier made of deer antlers. Immediately, we feel the old-time-mountain-cabin vibe appropriate for a construction date estimated as being between 1930 and 1935, but everything seems well-maintained, and Tyler assures me the property has been "heavily updated and lovingly restored over the years." I'll buy that.

The kitchen is spacious if not ostentatious, with a large center island that houses the range, and more wood paneling,

this time painted white to offer some contrast from the polished wood of the ceiling and cabinetry. A closer look at the living room fireplaces shows that they've got iron stove inserts, though the fireplaces in the bedrooms seem to be wood-burning.

Moving on, we see some interior and exterior shots of some of the other houses on the property. These are a bit more pedestrian, though certainly functional. The most impressive feature is a smaller living room in a house that appears to have a vaulted, irregular octagonal ceiling with a skylight.

Via email, Tyler promised me a treehouse so AMAZING that he felt the need to shout it in all caps, and I'm three-quarters of the way through the photo gallery before I get to it. Okay, he's right — this thing looks incredible. The base level seems like it's carved out of a massive tree trunk, with a wraparound deck on the second level, and above that, a bunch of windowed walls jutting out at weird angles. I want to see this place from the inside.

Okay, the inside is also good: the stain used on

the floor-to-ceiling wood is a bit lighter than in the main house, and it couples with the windows to create a bright but still cozy living space. A small desk looks out of those odd windows onto the forest from canopy level; this would make for a much more conducive writing space than my dining-room-slash-office that looks out into the side yard where I keep my trash cans. We can see that the wraparound deck has holes carved into it for the tree this house is built against to grow up through it. Tyler guesses there's about 800 square feet of living area here, but given all of the angles inside, I understand how he'd have a hard time measuring it.

We finish up with some more pictures of the grounds and aerial shots of vast, green hills with a dirt road winding through them, which I'm guessing is how we'd access the compound. There's also a well with a large storage tank and a solar array, because I'm guessing that public utilities are hard to come by when you're the only prospective customer on an 1150-acre plot.

Public records list the current owner of Rancho San Felipe as Michael Pinto, a real estate investor based out of Laguna Beach. Judging from the tax rolls, this rancho has been owned by his family for quite a long time. The property was listed for sale for the first time in late February; it carries an asking price of either \$10 million or \$11.5 million, depending on whether the aforementioned events center is included in the deal. But if you're in for a penny, why not go in for a pound and take the whole dang thing? You'll probably be glad for the company. ■





## Friday | 15

### STARS AT MISSION TRAILS

Join members of the San Diego Astronomy Association to view the nighttime sky through telescopes they provide, or bring your own. We are near to a full moon, so it's best to concentrate on double stars and clusters. Check out Mizar in Ursa Major, Castor in Gemini, and the Pleiades cluster. Rain or cloudy skies will cancel the event.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 15, 7 pm to 10 pm

**WHERE:** West Sycamore, Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway, Scripps Ranch. [sdaa.org](http://sdaa.org)

### SPRUNG MONKEY AND URETHANE

Originally active from 1991 to 2002, beach rockers Sprung Monkey scored radio hits with "Get 'Em Outta Here," "Naked," and "What's That You Say," which cracked the Top 20 on *Billboard's* Modern Rock chart and earned plenty of MTV play.



SPRUNG MONKEY

Urethane, formed during the 2020 pandemic shutdown by professional skateboarder and guitarist Steve Caballero (The Faction, Odd Man Out), will play with War Fever singer-guitarist Tim Fennelly, Skipjack bassist Chad Ruiz, and BombPops drummer Dylan Wade.

**WHEN:** Friday, April 15, 7 pm

**WHERE:** Music Box, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. [musicboxsd.com](http://musicboxsd.com)

## Saturday | 16



BABY BUSHKA

### BABY BUSHKA

Tribute bands tend to pay homage to long-gone acts, rather than still-extant groups who might compete for ticket sales, but British singer-songwriter Kate Bush performs so rarely that few are likely to have caught her in concert. Local all-star ensemble Baby Bushka re-creates Bush's operatic brand of theatrical prog-pop, dance, and colorful,

costumed stage presentations.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 16, 8 pm

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

### WILDLIFE KAYAKING ECO TOUR

San Diego provides foraging habitat for about 60 Eastern Pacific green sea turtles. You'll want to be on the look out for these and other creatures while paddling through the Wildlife Reserve. A marine biologist guide will point out marine and bird life and teach you about local ecology and conservation efforts.

Kayak, life vest,

binoculars, and field guides provided.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 16, 9 am to 12 pm

**WHERE:** Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway, Chula Vista. [oceanconnectors.org](http://oceanconnectors.org)



SATURDAY, APRIL 16: WILDLIFE KAYAKING ECO TOUR

## Tuesday | 19

### HEART OF THE ZOO

Warwick's will host Kathi Diamant as she discusses her new book, *Heart of the Zoo: How San Diego Zoo Director Chuck Bieler Earned His Stripes*, in conversation with Chuck Bieler. In the 1970s, zoos had to evolve from their role as living museums to centers of conservation. As executive director emeritus of San Diego Zoo Wildlife Alliance, Bieler guided the zoo through

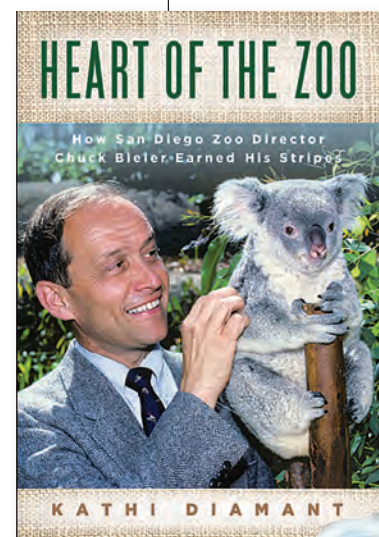
these challenges.

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:**

Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. [warwicks.com](http://warwicks.com)



KATHI DIAMANT



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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

**The Easter Bunny Visits** Celebrate Easter with the animals and participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. 5,000 eggs will be filled with mini plushes, toys, and candy, spread out across the 20-acre retreat. The Easter Bunny will also be available to meet and take photos. The Retreat's sweet bunnies will be there too. Thursday, April 14, 12pm; Friday, April 15, 12pm; Saturday, April 16, 12pm; Sunday, April 17, 12pm; \$12-\$38. Children's Nature Retreat, 5178 Japatul Spur. (ALPINE)

## ART

**Art Alive: Betty Paterson-del-Sol** "How to Appreciate the Fusion of Art and Flowers through the Principles and Elements of Floral Design." The San Diego Floral Association welcomes floral designer and instructor Betty Paterson-del-Sol speaking at the April General Meeting. Wednesday, April 20, 1:30pm; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1650 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Live Painting with Edna Pines** Painting live using palette knives, brushes with acrylic and oil paints to demonstrate a large painting. Edna Pines is a contemporary and abstract mixed media artist, alternating between acrylic, oil, and resin in many of her works. Thursday, April 14, 2pm; **free**. BFree Studio, 7857 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Ocean Photography Exhibit & Photo Swap** 4th annual ocean fine art photography exhibit and photo swap. All photographers bring an 8x10 original print to swap with another photographer. \$15 will get you a shirt and 2 drinks. Thursday, April 14, 5pm; **free**-\$15. Krista Schumacher Art Gallery 1113 Wall st. La Jolla CA 92037

## BEER

**Dub Foot Free Outdoor Music Festival** Celebrate the release of 420 IPA @ Dub Foot - Reggae & Ska Music Fest, a free outdoor show with three bands, a DJ, ample shade, food trucks, a hop joint rolling competition and more. Music by: @amalgamatedska @dubgrammer @beechcitymusic DJ Dirty Tones Saturday, April 16, 12pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Mario Kart Tournament** Host Alex Petit: Contests include Mario Kart 8 Eight Player Matches Rac-

# OUTDOORS

## The grunion are running – but don't catch 'em yet

**Grunion Runs** are predicted to occur during the late evening hours (generally after 10 pm and before 1 am), following the nocturnal high tide, on April 17 and 18. The small, silvery grunion tend to spawn on wide, gently sloping beaches such as Silver Strand, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla Shores, and Del Mar. During the months of April and May, grunion are protected and may not be taken by fishers through any means. Open season for grunion starts in June, and from then until the end of summer the fish can be collected in reasonable numbers using the hands only (fishing license needed for persons 16 years of age and older). For more information, visit [dfg.ca.gov/marine/grunion/schedule.asp](http://dfg.ca.gov/marine/grunion/schedule.asp).

**Fremont Cottonwoods** along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge will show off their best iridescent green foliage later this month. The Old Mission Dam parking area on Father Junipero Serra



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GRUNION TEND TO SPAWN ON WIDE, GENTLY SLOPING BEACHES SUCH AS SILVER STRAND, MISSION BEACH, PACIFIC BEACH, LA JOLLA SHORES, AND DEL MAR.

Trail, off Mission Gorge Road (west of Santee), is a good place to begin a stroll on trails near the riverbed. But be careful — rattlesnakes may be out and about this time of year.

**Desert Agaves**, or century plants, are sending up their asparagus-like flower stalks on rocky hillsides throughout much of the Anza-Borrego Desert. On warm, sunny days the stalks may grow almost one foot per day (fast enough for you to notice the sharp leaf tips at the bud actually separating from one another). After the stalk reaches a height of 10-20 feet, clusters of waxy, yellow flowers appear, ready for pollination by bees and other insects. After blooming, the fleshy, dagger-like leaves at the base of the plant die (after a life of 10 or 20 years, not a century) and the stalk, bearing a crop of seeds, dries up as well.

**April's Full Moon** (exactly full at 11:55 am) is called a Pink Moon. In North America, April's Pink Moon takes its name from a type of pink flower known as *Phlox subulata*—also called moss pink or moss phlox—that blooms in Spring. According to *TimeandDate.com*, other names for the April full moon include Sprouting Grass Moon, Fish Moon, Hare Moon, and Egg Moon. It is also known as the Paschal Moon because it is used to calculate the date for Easter.

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).

ing Tournament Classic SNES and N64 Races Blindfolded Races and more. Thursday, April 14, 7pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Booked for Lunch with Grant Ginder** Warwick's will host Grant Ginder as he discusses and signs his new book, *Let's Not Do That Again*. Join Warwick's and Grant for lunch at 11:30. Contact Mary Lee at [marylee@warwicks.com](mailto:marylee@warwicks.com) for reservations. Wednesday, April 20, 11:30am and 7:30pm; **free**-\$27. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Kathi Diamant: Heart of the Zoo** Warwick's will host Kathi Diamant as she discusses her new book, *Heart of the Zoo: How San Diego Zoo Director Chuck Bieler Earned His Stripes*, in conversation with Chuck Bieler. Tuesday, April 19, 7:30pm; **free**-\$32. Warwick's

Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Susan Meissner: The Nature of Fragile Things** Warwick's will host Susan Meissner as she discusses and signs the new paperback edition of her book, *The Nature of Fragile Things*. Monday, April 18, 7:30pm; \$17. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**All About Mushrooms Cooking Class** Chef Aureny will share recipes highlighting mushrooms. Saturday, April 16, 3:30pm; \$25-\$75. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Junior Science Club: Robotics** This month's topic is Robotics. PicoCrickets combine science, art and technology to build gadgets that light up, spin, make music and even purr! Junior Science Club is held the third Saturday of the month from 9am to 10:30am

or 11am to 12:30pm for students in grades 1 to 4. Price: Members \$13; Nonmembers \$15. Saturday, April 16, 9am and 11am; \$13-\$15. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**Young Ink Writers Meet Up** Young Ink – Writers Meet Up / Write In with Jennifer Pun and other instructors. Saturdays, 9:30am; through Saturday, April 23, \$15-\$50. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Young Scientists: Tinkering Lab** 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. Participants must register for all four classes in each session. All the tools needed will be provided. Members \$60; Non-members \$70. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, April 30, \$60-\$70. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

## COMEDY

**Jon Dore AS SEEN ON:** Comedy Central, The Stand-Up Show with Jon Dore, Conan & more! Friday, April 15, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, April 16, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10-\$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Stand-up Comedy: Laura Peek** Laura Peek from Comedy Central is headlining the Acid Vault with Dallas McLaughlin, Tom Goss, and Alex Peregrina. Thursday, April 14, 8pm; \$15. 21 and up. Amplified Aleworks, 1429 Island Avenue. (EAST VILLAGE)

**The Sofa King Funny Show: Benji Garcia-Reyes** JenX presents Benji Garcia-Reyes, Regina Bellows, Yalda Zadah, Mimi, Karla Amador, and Cassidy Stains. Friday, April 15, 7pm; \$10. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Trixie Mattel & Katya** Drag legends and powerhouse comedy duo Trixie Mattel & Katya will pay

parody homage to the classic female road trip comedies from the 90s to today. Saturday, April 16, 7:30pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**WWC Comedy: Patrick Keane** Headliner Patrick Keane. Hosted by Guy Murray with Rachel Dee, Alberto Mercado, Ruth Brandt and Nic Flair. Friday, April 15, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Koi Zen Cellars, 12225 World Trade Drive. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

## DANCE

**The Art of Flamenco Dinner Show** Enjoy a three-course dinner menu combined with a two-part Flamenco Dance performance. Saturdays, 6:30pm; through Saturday, September 3, \$89. Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar, 353 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**The Bella Lux presents Le Cirque du Lux** Sunday, April 17, 7:30pm; \$20-\$35. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)



## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**The Cafeteria: Golden Darling to Dreary Dining** The cafeteria was invented in Los Angeles in 1905 and was quickly accepted as the epitome of modern, sophisticated dining. Many cafeterias had fine architecture and featured live music. Now, the words “cafeteria food” strike fear. Saturday, April 16, 10:30am; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**The Chollas Lake Book Club** Join fellow book enthusiasts to discuss spring and summer reading ideas. Meet outside the main office near the parking lot. Email Park Ranger Allison Palmer at [apalmer@sandiego.gov](mailto:apalmer@sandiego.gov) for more information. Saturday, April 16, 11am; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

## EASTER

**Eggstravaganza** At Birch Aquarium, Spring is all about eggs — shark eggs, seahorse eggs, even penguin eggs! During the aquarium’s annual Eggstravaganza celebration, guests explore the diversity of eggs in the ocean, create an egg-themed craft, and go on an underwater egg hunt. Saturday, April 16, 9am; Sunday, April 17, 9am; \$19-\$24. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

## FOR KIDS

**Dance Pants Party** Recommended for toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary-school age kids. Families, it’s time to get your groove on! This program will be held outdoors. For outside programs, masks are recommended but not required. Wednesdays, 10:30am; through Wednesday, April 27, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Toddler & Preschool Storytime** Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games and early literacy fun. Please note: this program will be held outdoors. For outdoor events, masks are recommended but not required. Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, April 28, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

## MUSIC

**Como La Flor: A Celebration of Selena** Walk The Block SD Presents Como La Flor: A Celebration of Selena in Barrio Logan. Small businesses and artists along Logan Avenue will be coming together to celebrate with photos booths, DJ sets, look-a-like contests, cover bands, and more. Saturday, April 16, 12pm; **free**. Barrio Logan along Logan Avenue

## NATURE

**April Full Moon Hike** Full Moon Hikes are pet approved, glow sticks provided. Every registered hiker is automatically added into a raffle. Saturday, April 16, 6pm; **free**-\$10. Iron Mountain Trail, 14847-14909 CA-67. (POWAY)

**Public Tour & Open Garden** Guests are free to enjoy the gardens and invited to learn more about programs. No pre-registration required. Saturday, April 16, 10am; **free**. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

**Stars at Mission Trails** Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. Telescopes provided or bring your own if you have one. Meet in the parking lot at the far east end of Stonebridge Parkway 17160 Stonebridge Parkway, Sunset at 7:25 pm. Rain or cloudy skies cancel event. Friday, April 15, 7pm; **free**. West Sycamore – Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**'90s Night** presented by Southwest Airlines, featuring a pregame happy hour in Petco Park’s Gallagher Square with \$5 drink specials

and live music. Fans can enjoy the festivities before cheering on the Padres as they take on the Atlanta Braves at 6:40pm Friday, April 15, 4:30pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Mass Appeal** An evening of family friendly live pro wrestling. 8 matches including 2 championship bouts. Saturday, April 16, 5pm; \$15. Level Up Wrestling School, 7323 El Cajon Boulevard Suite B. (LA MESA)

**Mindful Mondays** Join yogi Aimee O’Gara for a 60-minute Power Flow Yoga series. Monday, April 18, 6pm; \$20. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Padres Giveaway: Opening Series Hat** Available to the first 35,000 fans in attendance at Petco Park (no rainchecks). Fans are also encouraged to arrive early to attend the first KidsFest of the 2022 season presented by Super Mouth and the Military Opening Day pregame ceremony presented by USAA before the Padres face the Atlanta Braves at 4:08pm Sunday, April 17, 4:08pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Sound Bath** Led by Jeny Dawson Friday, April 15, 6:30pm; \$55. Buddhist Yoga, 7843 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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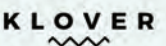


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# ON STAGE IN SAN DIEGO

## THEATER LISTINGS

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

### Boarded: A New Pirate Adventure

This hilarious 90-minute interactive show puts visitors right in the middle of the pirate action on San Diego Bay! Staged aboard the Maritime Museum of San Diego's 16th century galleon replica, this pirate playground experience will be an experience like no other! Participants will be sworn in as part of the ship crew, trained how to navigate, sword fight, bail water from a sinking ship, escape from the King's Jail, swab the deck and other pirate skills. Choose from two show times. Ship boarding times are 10:30am or 12:45pm (please check-in 15-30 minutes before). Plan your downtown parking ahead of time. Public transportation or ride share recommended. Metered parking limit 3-hours.

SAN DIEGO MARITIME MUSEUM, 1492 N. HARBOR DR., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-234-9153. 10:30AM & 12:45PM SATURDAY.

### Dinner Detective Murder Mystery Show

Tackle a challenging crime while you feast on dinner. Just beware. The criminal is lurking somewhere in the room, and you may find yourself as a Prime Suspect before you know it. Each admission includes full dinner, murder mystery entertainment, wait-staff gratuity, prize package for Top Sleuth, and more. A cash bar and ATM are available.

COURTYARD SAN DIEGO DOWNTOWN, 530 BROADWAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-446-3000. 6PM SATURDAY.

### Into the Woods

Musical theater legend Stephen Sondheim died last November, and director Kristianne Kurner writes that "his passing has influenced every aspect of the production" of this, one of his most famous creations (with collaborator James Lapine). The musical's first act cleverly weaves together the storylines of a number of fairy tales — Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, Jack and the Beanstalk — by sending their characters...well, you know where. All sorts of things happen in the woods; it is, after all, the undomesticated place where desire meets experience and complications arise and adventures ensue. But these are fairy tales; part of the pleasure is knowing how they end. That's the privilege of living in an ordered world with established boundaries. Except when you go into the woods, the woods go into you. Kurner writes, "To me, the first act feels like the beginning of 2020...we all had an idea of what our lives would be like. Then COVID hit..." And so Act Two sets about hauling Act One's stories



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for children into the very grown-up world of unintended consequences, moral confusion, and rampant death. It's not much fun, but the music is dazzling enough to make it entertaining all the same. You start by smiling over a husband's wayward eye, then nodding over a wife's wayward kiss, then downright enjoying a cavalcade of acrid recriminations before things get really serious. The magic of theater! Kurner: "We come out the other side still searching for hope, but it's now a bruised and battered hope." Sondheim, whose 11 o'clock number "No One is Alone" serves as both comfort and caution, might approve. The show itself is a lot, but the production works hard to keep it simple. Criss-crossing green boards overhead represent the woods; a trio of arches serve as homes for everyone but Jack and Rapunzel, who get a hovel stage right and a tower stage left. The songs do a lot to convey their own drama, but Tanner Vydos' wolf and prince and Sydney Joyner's baker's wife do a particularly fine job of acting through the lyrics. The trickiest bit is Rae Henderson-Gray's all-important witch: she's a complicated character, but her performance is complicated by the presentation, and there are times when the emotions get lost in the costuming. She comes into her own when things come apart.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-433-8900. 8PM FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, & SUNDAYS.

### Murder on the Orient Express

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### The Other Place

Just as Juliana Smithton's research leads to a potential breakthrough, her life takes a disorienting turn. During a lecture to colleagues at an exclusive beach resort, she glimpses an enigmatic young woman in a yellow bikini amidst the crowd of business suits. One step at a time, a mystery unravels as contradictory evidence, blurred truth and fragmented memories collide in a cottage on the windswept shores of Cape Cod. RSVP info@onstageplayhouse.org ONSTAGE PLAYHOUSE, 291 THIRD AVE., CHULA VISTA. 619-422-7787. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### The Taming by Lauren Gunderson

In this hilarious, raucous, all-female "power-play," contestant Katherine has political aspirations to match her beauty pageant ambitions. All she needs to revolutionize the American government is the help of one ultra-conservative senator's aide on the cusp of a career breakthrough, and one bleeding-heart liberal blogger who will do anything for her cause. Well, that and a semi-historically-accurate ether trip. This madcap romp tackles modern American political extremism, feminism, James Madison, Shakespeare, and beauty queens. The three slightly insane women at its core just might be political geniuses. Here's lookin' at you, America. Initially inspired by Shakespeare's *The Taming of The Shrew*, *THE TAMING* grew

out of Gunderson's desire to wrestle with potent elements inside the Bard's playful and problematic battle of the sexes. Inside the heightened, cheerfully absurd world of *THE TAMING* the play spans America's insidious, sound bite politics with the switch of actual history and proves Shakespeare's point that true debate is hot. *THE TAMING* is the third in Lauren Gunderson's *The Shakespeare Cycle* and takes the sass, sex, and banter from Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* and tags in modern American politics. Directed by Marti Gobel, the cast includes talented San Diego performers Katee Drysdale, Suthesha Mani and Kylie Young. Adult Situations and Language SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### "Lach Mal Wieder! (Let's Laugh Again!)" Cabaret

The German Theater Group San Diego presents *Lach mal wieder!* (Let's laugh again!) — A German Cabaret. Enjoy an evening of funny and thought-provoking skits and musical numbers about men and women, food, and a German in America. Act I is performed in German; Act II is mostly in English with a "heavy dose" of German accent!! A summary of acts and announcements will be provided in English. The German Theater Group San Diego is a group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers whose mission is to bring quality German Theater to San Diego and neighboring areas. If you enjoy

German theater and have been looking for performances in San Diego, you don't want to miss "Lach mal wieder!" ("Let's laugh again!") GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETIES, 1017 S. MOLLISON AVE., EL CAJON. 619-442-6637. APR. 23 THROUGH APR. 24.

### A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

Pseudolus, a crafty Roman slave, struggles to win the hand of Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for his freedom. The plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors and a showgirl or two. This Mel Brooks style, nonstop laugh fest takes comedy back to its roots, combining situations from time-tested, 2000-year-old comedies of Roman playwright, Plautus, with the infectious energy of classic vaudeville. Book by Burt Shevelove and Larry Gelbart. Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International. OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER, 42051 MAIN ST., TEMECULA. 866-653-8696. JUNE 3 THROUGH JUNE 19.

### False North

This show is titled "False North", and centers around relationships and the trauma often caused in early childhood development. It expresses this core concept through three storylines relating to manipulation, control, communication and letting go. Healing comes in many different forms and we believe there is always healing to be had. Join an artistic endeavor to play with these ideas and their potential outcomes. With a cast of seven dancers and four choreographers collaborating, the show features the beauty and well roundedness of varying perspectives and real life experiences. SCRIPPS PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY, 9920 SCRIPPS LAKE DRIVE #105,

SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-586-7834. APR. 30 THROUGH MAY 7.

### In The Heights

*In the Heights* tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood — a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind. SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE, 4652 MERCURY ST., CLAIREMONT. 858-560-5740. MAY 6 THROUGH JUNE 5.

### The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical

Normal is a myth when you're a demigod. The Greek gods are real and they're ruining Percy Jackson's life. As a son of Poseidon, Percy has newly discovered powers he can't control. With monsters on his trail, he is on an epic quest to find Zeus's lightning bolt to prevent a war between the gods. Based on the best-selling novel by Rick Riordan, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is an action-packed theatrical adventure that will rock your world. ASL-Interpreted performance 2pm, Saturday, May 14, 2022. CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, 1600 VILLAGE PL., BALBOA PARK. APR. 29 THROUGH MAY 15.

### Mother of the Maid

Think it was hard being Joan of Arc? Try being her mother. Isabelle is a mother and a sensible, hard-working, God-fearing peasant woman whose faith is upended as she deals with the baffling journey of her odd and extraordinary daughter. This riveting play is an epic tale told through an unexpected and remarkable perspective. ASL Interpreted Show May 15. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. APR. 24 THROUGH MAY 22.

### Urinetown

In a dystopian future, a water shortage has led to a government-led ban on private toilets. Everyone is forced to use public restrooms, which are regulated by a single, evil company (Urine Good Company) that charges outrageous fees for people to take care of their most basic need. Heroic Bobby Strong leads a revolution to overthrow this evil empire, so that everyone—rich or poor—can pee freely. *Urinetown* is a musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, bureaucracy, and musical theatre itself. SAVILLE THEATRE AT SAN DIEGO CITY COLLEGE, 14TH AND C ST., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-388-3676. APR. 22 THROUGH MAY 1.

### Without Walls (WOW) Festival

The 2022 Without Walls (WOW) Festival will feature four action-packed days of theatre, dance and music, with multiple performances by local, national, and international artists occurring simultaneously throughout the weekend. Blindspot Collective, San Diego Opera, Polyglot Theatre, and Corpus Dance Projects are among those who will be performing immersive, interactive and site-based work. ARTS DISTRICT LIBERTY STATION, 2640 HISTORIC DECATUR RD., LIBERTY STATION. 619-756-7992. APR. 21 THROUGH APR. 24.



# 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).

**Aline** — A pre-credit disclaimer brings us up to speed: what follows is a fictionalized biopic inspired by the life of Céline Dion that's "been modified in keeping with the filmmaker's vision." Regrettably, writer-director-star Valérie Lemercier never makes good on her promise of a triple threat. When drained, the script contains enough obeisant sap to fill an oil tanker. (I learned more about the singer's humanness from her annual exchanges with Jerry Lewis on the MDA Telethon than anything here.) Lemercier plays Aline from girlhood — the de-aging remodel suggests a shrunken apple head carving — to the present day with but a single refreshing spin put on her subject. The Las Vegas fixture never once sets foot outside the hotel and when she does, rather than pouncing on the speciality of the moment, Lemercier briefly documents it before moving on to the next round of prefabricated adulation. In the end, the show must go on. But rather than close on a personal note, her selflessness takes to song and once again hammers home the virtues of truth, justice, and the American way (by way of Canada). It's not a movie,



**Love Letter:** Kinuyo Tanaka's frank post-war Japanese melodrama holds its San Diego premier.

so much as it is television with subtitles. 2020. — S.M. ● (ANGELIKA FILM CENTER AND CAFE; ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)

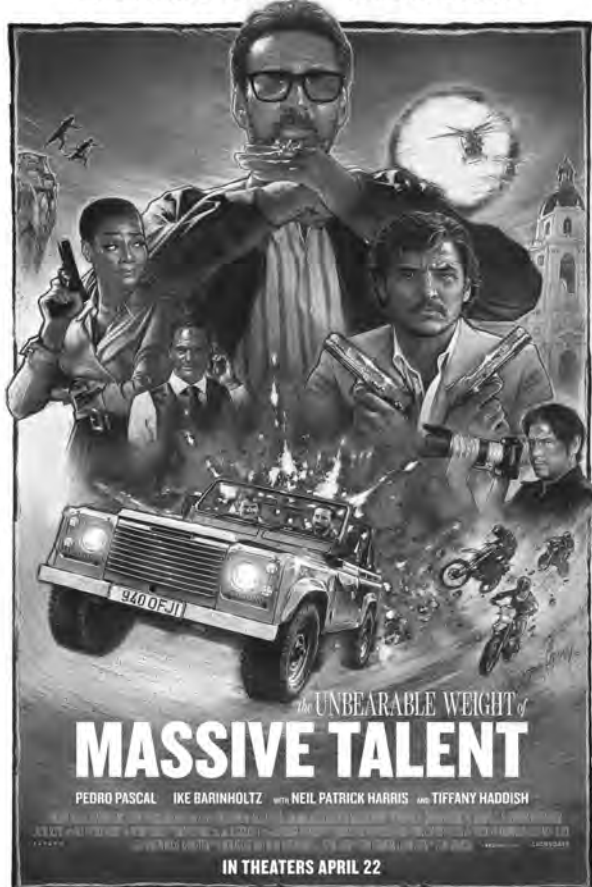
**All the Old Knives** — Not a sequel to *Knives Out*, thank you God, but a bracing espionage adventure that flies in direct opposition to the strains of comic book calamities and celebrity impersonations

currently curdling multiplex arteries. We open in a roomful of heavyweights — Laurence Fishburne, Jonathan Pryce, Thandiwe Newton, and Chris Pine — cast as CIA agents looking to at last put an Amen on

the events that led to a 2012 hijacking that claimed the lives of all on board. The hijackers who blamed the government were initially ignored, but signs now indicate that it was an inside job, with one of our stars playing the part of a mole. Making things even stickier, Pine and Newton were once an item: she half hoped his call was that of a peacemaker looking to see if their old spark could be rekindled, not to close a decade-old case. But what can be expected of a spy who shows up in wine country looking for a vodka martini, particularly one who fills out the secret agent turtleneck like Pine? Directed by Janus Metz (*Armaddillo, Borg vs. McEnroe*) from a screenplay by the novel's author Olen Steinhauer, you are encouraged to abandon guessing where it ends (you won't) and concentrate on the thrilling ride. 2022. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**Ambulance** — The latest overinflated stretch of chase scenes stitched together to fabricate a feature from Michael Bay runs almost an hour longer than the 80 minute Danish thriller of the same name upon which it was based. Unable to get satisfaction from the VA, war hero Will Sharp (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II) lies to his wife about receiving a much needed insurance check before joining with his detestable (and criminally handsome) adoptive brother Steve (Jake Gyllenhaal) to clear a bank of \$32 million. The robbery goes wrong, forcing the boys to kidnap a hospital wagon staffed by EMT/one-woman trauma unit, Cam Thompson (Eiza González). (Her motto is: find 'em, fix 'em, and forget 'em.) Corkscrewing sport drones distract from the action, jiggling

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## FILM FESTIVALS

PacArts Movement's 11th Annual Spring Showcase

### **Love Letter (1953)**

When Andrew Sarris classified a chapter of his Pantheon-defining *The American Cinema* as "Subjects for Further Research," he had filmmakers like Kinuyo Tanaka in mind. The celebrated actress, known for her collaborations with Kenji Mizoguchi (*Sansho the Bailiff*, *Ugetsu*, *The Life of Oharu*), was also the second woman in Japanese cinema to direct a feature. PacArts will screen 4 of the 6 features Tanaka signed, starting with this, her debut feature. In a performance worthy of Robert Ryan, Masayuki Mori stars as Reikichi Mayumi, a deeply disturbed veteran five years out from the war who, were it not for his brother, could not scrape by on the money he makes as a translator. A navy buddy hooks him up with a job writing mash notes on behalf of prostitutes looking to win back the sailors that abandoned them. (His letters are so poignant, his customers cry when he reads them aloud.) Mayumi holds his vendees in contempt until that day when yesterday's love (Yoshiko Kuga) becomes today's clientele. Were it not for America's puritanical code, complex emotional melodramas such as this would have cracked American screens long before the studio

system crumbled. Nothing you see this year will come close to matching the emotional force of this mid-century melodrama. Order your tickets yesterday! ★★★★★

### **On the Line (2021)**

Korea's answer to *The Wolf of Wall Street* (*The Phish of Seoul?*) is this gatling-gun paced action derby that puts its current Hollywood counterparts to shame. The real villain in the piece is not ex-cop Han (Yo-Han Byun) or even his snakey superior VP Jeon (Kim Mu-yeol in a performance you're gonna love to hate) — a scam artist who delights in Electroluxing the bank accounts of unsuspecting pigeons — but Mrs. Seo-Joon. In the time it took for Han to save a co-worker's life, his better half panicked and transferred their life savings. Ditto Han's equally flummoxed boss who flushed the company's payroll. Being both victim and enforcer gives revenge-seeking Han a tremendous advantage when it comes to working both sides of the law. Being in the right place at the right time lands him a job at the mob's call center. In less than a reel, he impresses the boss enough to earn a promotion and begin weakening the system from within. Why did it take so long for the police officers to recognize one of their own?

Brothers Gok and Sun Kim work so quickly that when questions like that arise there's no time to think about answers until you're on the drive home. ★★★

### **After the Rain (2022)**

It wasn't a random act of violence like the ones that hit classrooms with greater frequency, but rather a broken spring of nature. More than 6000 parents whose children perished in the 2008 Sichuan Earthquake were inspired by the government to cut their losses and have another one. (Those who couldn't conceive naturally were treated to *in vitro* fertilization.) Jian Fan spent over a decade following two families, their "replacement children," and the chronic distress that accompanies non-healing wounds. Sheng couldn't save his daughter Rain from the rubble, and resents her substitute for not being born a girl. Ranran began life under her grandparents' roof; a couple could be fined for having more than one child, and the death of her sister, also named Rain, freed up a bed in her parent's house. A calculated moment or two — the camera follows Sheng's hand out of frame to obscure from family view the cocktail out of view of the family — are not enough to distract from Fan's insight when objects, randomly placed in the peripherals, grow to

have great significance. ★★★

### **Big Night (2021)**

The drive-by shooting that opened the picture felt out of place, particularly in light of the campy irreverence that quickly followed. Relax. It was just director Jun Lana's successful attempt to throw the audience off guard before taking us on a wild ride through the life of Dharna (Christian Bables), a flamboyant stylist who lives up to his passive resistant handle, The opening murder he witnessed was a mistake, but Dharna fears lightning will strike twice. The only aspect of his life that comes close to "straight" is his aversion to narcotics. How his name made the titular blacklist of suspected drug dealers and/or users established by the Philippine government in 2016 is a wrong he spends the better part of the running time trying to right. His quest to clear his semi-good name begins with a local politician who offers him a crash course in corpse cosmetology before moving on to a cowboy legend who may or may not be able to clear his name. Not taking its violent promise too seriously is what gives the film its fresh spin on the old war on drugs. ★★★

*Festival runs April 21-28. For times and tickets, visit [sdaff.org/spring2022/](http://sdaff.org/spring2022/).*

sun flares prevail, and idiotic bits of comic relief further broaden the duration. (A Christopher Cross sing-along in mid-pursuit?! The mind boggles.) From saving an impaled child to performing emergency surgery in the back of the van with the help of a couple of doctors phoning it in from the ninth hole, González is the entire show. 2022. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Batman** — With but one The Batman (Robert Pattinson, his costume overacting) to keep tabs on dozens of criminals, the signal that brands the night sky takes on the dual-function of bat-summoner and criminal-beware alarm. As sure as the sun never shines anywhere in Gotham City — given their accumulated wisdom, the dumdummy detectives can't figure out how to flip on a light switch at a murder scene — all characters, good and bad, speak in the same voice. Even when they yell, they do so in whispers, as though someone other than the audience might be listening. Holy convenience-plotting, Batman! Having just met Selina Kyle (Zoë Kravitz, an icky girl in the DC boy's club), how does Batman know where she lives and what apartment opposite hers offers a stalker the best view? For that matter, how did Riddler (Paul Dano, picking up the easiest paycheck of his career) anticipate the shootout with Carmine Falcone (John Turturro) unfolding on the street below his apartment window? I could go on, but that appears to have been director and co-writer Matt Reeves' job. Anyone who is bat shit lazy enough to require three hours to tell this story deserves to have their Guild membership revoked. 2022. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**CODA** — Where do they get off calling it an "Apple Original" when part of CODA's (as in: Children of Deaf Adults) premise (and a good handful of its scenes) are lifted from the French/Belgian film from 2014, *The Bélier Family*? Normally, I'd concede the rationale behind American-language remakes of foreign films based on a cultural prejudice against subtitles. But this is a film about deaf people; large

passages of conversation are subtitled as it is. Nor is it a true story, which leads one to question why the casting is so xerographic in nature: bald and grizzly Troy Kotsur is a dead-ringer for Papa Bélier, while Marlee Matlin — America's most acclaimed deaf actress — dyes her hair blonde to match the fictional Mama. Of the two main subplots put forth in the original, writer/director Sian Heder casts aside the one that concerns dad's run for political office in favor of propping up a more familiar trope: daughter Ruby (Emilia Jones), the only one in the family of four who is not deaf, flaps the wings of her inner-songbird to participate in a competition. If only the plotting were as compelling as the ensemble performances. As much as I'd love to encourage a visit to your local cinema, you'd be better off staying home and downloading the original. 2021. — S.M. ★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**The Contractor** — Sgt. James Harper (Chris Pine, also producing) is a Special Forces agent honorably discharged without benefits because his blood work came back "filthy" with pain-killing drugs. Back home, his wife (Gillian Armstrong) and son barely recognize the man seated at the kitchen table while his actions — who repairs a roof in the middle of the night? — give cause for alarm. The only time Harper comes alive is around fellow veterans, the men with whom killing was a way of life. The same mundanity that had me looking at my watch during the opening family reunion ended up being essential to the character's progression from family man, to friend grateful for Mike's (Ben Foster) offer to get him work in the private sector where a clearer picture of his mercenary past comes into focus. Foster and Kiefer Sutherland offer strong support, but Pine's portrait of a family man possessed with such little regard for the family of man is nothing short of chilling. But it's not enough to carry a picture fraught with overfamiliarity. What began with the promise of putting a different spin on a disillusioned military ends in thundering predictability. 2022. — S.M. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

### **Everything Everywhere All At Once**

**Once** — Dan Kwan and Daniel Scheinert's follow up to their nothing if not unique *Swiss Army Man* is being touted as a visually stimulating intergalactic thrillride piloted by an "aging Chinese immigrant" played by Michele Yeoh. It's being released by A24, not Marvel or DC, so there's hope. 2022. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

### **Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore**

— A threequel to the prequel of a sequel that each will never equal. You heard it here first. 2022. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Father Stu** — Will Smith gets (rightfully) bounced from the Academy, while this pair of repentant Hollywood slugs (Mark Wahlberg and Mel "What Rymes with Stu?" Gibson further their careers by joining forces on a true-life tale of a boxer who goes from ex-con to the clergy. 2022. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Morbius** — Marvel is cranking out product at such an alarming rate it was only a matter of time before corner-cutting began chipping away at "Sony's Spider-Man Universe." Jared Leto stars as a doctor who looks to be in worse health than his patients. So frail is Dr. Michael Morbius that he relies on a bottle of White-Out to part his hair. In their youth, surrogate brothers Michael and Milo (Matt Smith) shared both a hospital ward and a rare blood disease. Michael grew to be a great doctor, whose invention of artificial blood saved more lives than penicillin. But there's a caveat attached to the cure that turned Morbius into a vampire. Since it's synthetic blood, shouldn't Morbius only be allowed to exist in artificial sunlight? Seriously, what kind of vampire operates in daylight? The only thing cheaper-looking than the Bizarro Universe makeup are the (not so) special effects: dozens of winged-rats flap inside Morbius's batquarium like dollar bills in a cash grab booth. The "love me daddy" competitiveness ends predictably in a climactic fight between brothers staged in such a manner that one can't see

the battle for the bats. Rather than putting an audience through the paces, director Daniel Mendoza deposits us in the arms of Morpheus. 2022. — S.M. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

### **The Worst Person in the World**

— Julie (Renate Reinsve) is a twenty-four-hour dilettante who, in the time it takes for the prologue to wrap, skips from surgeon

to psychologist to photographer. Julie and boyfriend/comic artist Aksel (Anders Danielsen Lie) live under one roof, but in two different worlds. Everything must be done according to his terms; after all, he's the older, more established of the two. He wants kids and by her own admission, Julie has no maternal instincts. We spend four years with Julie, watching a journey to self-discovery as seen through her life's choices, many of which revolve around men. It's being billed as a subversive romcom — "If men had periods, there'd be more movies about periods" — but it is much darker than that. What starts with the ease and breeze of a finger right swiping across Tinder ends with a roundhouse kick to the emotions. This follows Reprise and Oslo, 31 as the caper to Joachim Trier's so-called "Oslo Trilogy," the first two installments of which, I'm ashamed to admit, have yet to cross my radar. Luckily, it works fine as a stand-alone. 2021. — S.M. ★★★★★ (LANDMARK HILLCREST)

**X** — Mia Goth once again lives up to her name, this time as a young Texas churl in the late 70's whose willingness to make a porno gives new and terrifying meaning to the term "getting screwed." Co-stars Jenna Ortega, Brittany Snow, and Kid Cudi follow the lead of low-voltage shock-meister Ti West (*Cabin Fever 2*, *The Sacrament*). 2022. (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**You Won't Be Alone** — Making his debut as writer-director, Goran Stolevski whisks us back to 19th Century Macedonia where Noomi Rapace, known for her taste in quality independent projects (*Lamb*, *The Secrets We Keep*), stars as a kidnap victim under the spell of an evil spirit that turns her into a witch. It's getting an art house release, so there's hope. 2022. (ARCLIGHT LA JOLLA; LANDMARK HILLCREST)



It's unclear at what point it became my sacred duty to collect the complete works of Robert De Niro on DVD, but the alignment of these three less-than-stellar middle period offerings — shelved side-by-side in achronological order at the Deseret Thrift Store in Chula Vista — furthered the quest, while at the same time retarding cinematic enrichment.

— Scott Marks

### **DE NIRO TRIO**

One can understand Dakota



De Niro x 3: *Hide and Seek*, *Righteous Kill*, and *Little Fockers*.

Fanning, one of the finest child actors of any generation, wanting to work with the greatest actor of *his* generation, but what drew De Niro to participate in such a tepid round of *Hide and Seek*? What's truly amazing about *Righteous Kill*? How few sparks fly when De Niro and Al Pacino finally get to spend quality time together in the same film. Lastly there's *Little Fockers*. Ten years, one sequel, and a worldwide

box office take of \$800 million later found tyrannical patriarch De Niro once again squaring off with his milquetoast son-in-law Ben Stiller in a threequel produced to the financial satisfaction of all parties involved. In-depth reviews of all three features await your perusal online, if you dare.

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# When pigs fly

*Rib tips: another six-dollar find!*

Somehow, I seem to be stuck on a BBQ kick. Just can't get enough of it. Take tonight: it's dusk, and I'm looking across the street to the long, low Kansas City Barbecue, the last single-story building on Harbor Drive, I swear. And definitely, the Drive's brightest lights. I mean, how can you resist? There are probably classier joints around these grand old ladies, the Marriott and the Hyatt. But none has the life that's pumping out of KCBBQ right now. Its patio is lit up, it's crowded, TVs flash a hoops game. You wanna be there.

I cross over. Game's UNC Vs. Kansas. Have always liked KC BBQ, specially after its gutsy response to the fire that gutted it in



Chris, the lightning barman



from the ceiling, surrounded by tossed-off bras that cavort around, attached to spinning overhead fans.

The reason I really wanna be here? I caught the sign at the patio entrance that said "Special: St. Louis-style rib tips, and Buffalo chicken thighs." The incredible thing: they each cost \$6. (Six bucks! This is the second time in two weeks. Remember BBQ House, OB?)

I pass the cutouts of Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis where you fill the head-holes with your mugs for a photo, and walk into the inner sanctums of the main bar. Place is rockin'! Barman Chris is pouring, mixing, slapping Lincoln tips into the jar, and you'd better not keep him waiting when he comes for your order. "Bud Light," I say. It's \$5.

"To eat?" Oh man. The guy's going to be gone and around the other side if I don't speak up.

I know, the \$6 deal, but I can't resist a peek at the menu in front of me. Pork baby back ribs, \$19.95 (that's with two sides like mac'n cheese and slaw), or a sandwich version with one side for \$12.95. Then a sliced beef brisket plate that goes for \$22.95, or a pulled pork sandwich plate for \$11.95. They have an absolute ton of other things, but I want to capture Chris while I've got

him. And who but a fool would ignore those \$6 rib tips? I don't. In no time at all, considering the crowd, he's laid a plate full of them in front of me, plus a beer beside me. Aah. I'm looking at maybe a dozen chopped up hot rib tips drowned in a St. Louis sauce. Folks back there in the Midwest take this stuff seriously. Turns out that this

place's owners, Martin and Cindy Blair, have roots there.

I mean, I'm not expecting high-end perfection. The Marina district is total tourist-trap territory, after all. But I have to say, this St. Louis-style 'cue has a sexiness you can't get enough of. And a real cultural background. They don't just cook on hickory wood; they do extras, like providing white bread for you to soak up your sauce.

They say St. Louis and Kansas City are sisters under the skin, at least BBQ sauce-wise. In the late 1800s, they both boomed in America's heartland as important river ports. KC was also "the crossroads of two of the busiest railways, and the terminus of numerous cattle

drives," says the menu. (Think *Lonesome Dove*.) "Many 'joints' like ours made Kansas City barbecue famous. Burnt Ends are a Kansas City delicacy." Huh? Burnt Ends? Hadn't heard of those before. They're "pieces of brisket taken from the point and cooked a little longer." I see that a plateful "when available" costs \$21.95 (that's with two sides; \$13.95 with one side).

Got to try that sometime, but not now. It's hard enough getting chews in between chats as it is. So much bar conversation going on: Shane from North Carolina to my left, Mike from Kansas to my right. Shane's at a seating conference. Yeah, seating. Mike's here at a technology and education conference. "Teachers won't disrupt themselves!" he complains.

If I let my mind drift, I can see this place as a setting for a movie. Oh, hey, it *was* the setting for a movie. But I'm thinking a spy movie. A John le Carré-type meeting place, where shadowy figures pass notes at the bar, covered by the raucous convo that always seems to burst out this time of night.

"This is great!" yells Shane. "It's the nearest thing to a North Carolina bar outside Greensboro!" He's shouting over the game between Kansas and UNC. (And yes, his Mom and Dad did name him "Shane" after the movie.) "Go Jayhawks!" yells Stephanie. She's this gal dressed in a blue and gray Jayhawks suit and wearing huge red Jayhawk gloves.



The beef brisket plate, \$22.95



Fan Stephanie drives Jayhawks support for the UNC-Kansas game

I'll definitely come back, if only for the good company. But also for those Burnt Ends, and even more, for my rib tips. At \$6, here downtown in tourist central, these delicious, moist, tender, almost boneless little babies can't be beat.

It's hard to leave. But now I'm behind the rear side of Kansas City Barbecue, waiting for the Green Line trolley. Suddenly I feel surrounded: on their back wall, someone has painted a whole herd of pigs. Flying pigs. ■

**The Place:** Kansas City Barbecue, 600 West Harbor Drive, Marina District, downtown, 619-231-9680  
**Prices:** Rib tips, \$6; pork baby back ribs, \$19.95 (with two sides such as mac'n cheese and slaw); sandwich version, one side, \$12.95; beef brisket plate, \$22.95; pulled pork sandwich plate for \$11.95; smoked hot dog, \$6.95; half chicken, \$9.95; chillie Mac, \$8.95; burnt ends, when available, \$13.95  
**Trolley:** Green Line  
**Nearest Trolley Stop:** Seaport Village

2008. Everybody said this place was like, history, done for. "It'll come back when pigs fly!" someone said. But come back it did. Tonight, 40 years after it was originally built, it looks exactly as it must have in 1983.

The location is great, because the Seaport Village trolley station sits right behind it. I can get home from straight out the door. And right now, out front, where its terrace faces Harbor Drive, you have the bonus of a sunset-luminous lawn, in Downtown! So right now, folks fill the terrace. Others line up for the chance. Me, I head straight for the inside, where, yes, *Top Gun*'s piano scene with Maverick and Goose happened. Also the bar, the one where countless navy sailors' hats dangle

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# Puffs with fluff

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## Beard Papa's, a cream puff boutique

7874 Girard Ave., La Jolla. For as long as I've known the Village of La Jolla, I've associated its Girard Avenue with exactly three types of businesses: high-end cosmetics, designer clothing, and Warwick's bookstore. So it's fair to say I was surprised to find myself at a plum location, barely a block off Prospect Street, ordering cream puffs.

Like, nothing but cream puffs. Because nestled among the boutiques is the newest location of the international cream puff chain Beard Papa's.

Named for Yuji Hirota, the bearded founder who first launched his small bakery in Osaka, Japan in 1999, Beard Papa's now boasts some 400 locations in 15 countries. I don't know about the other 399-plus shops, but the walls of this La Jolla location are covered with the brand's logo: the cartoonish face of Hirota, and his namesake flowing white beard.

While these details answered most of the obvi-

ous questions, they didn't adequately explain the most confounding: how can a franchise go



An ube cream puff filled with green tea custard and a green tea cream puff filled with ube custard.

international behind cream puffs? As I would soon learn, it has a lot to do with the cream.

That's not to dismiss the puff part of the equation. Apparently, the secret to the pastry has to do with a pie crust exterior and a puff pastry interior. Every cream puff on the menu — including a *crème brûlée* version — starts with this pastry shell as a base. You can see dozen of them behind the counter, some plain, some glazed with flavored frosting.

The idea is to build a custom cream puff to order. I found a menu offering pastry shells coated



The bearded founder is pictured in cartoon form on the walls of the shop.

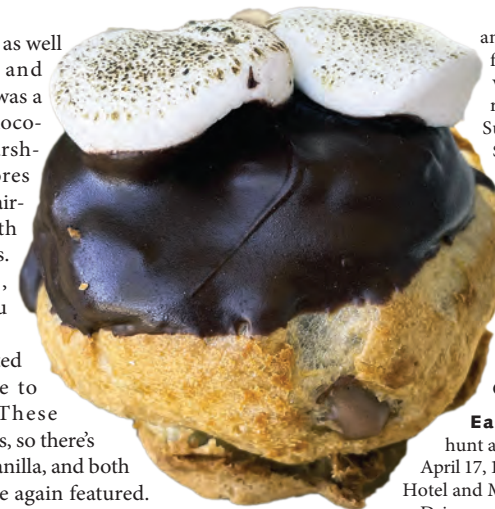
with chocolate glaze, as well as ube, green tea, and honey butter. There was a shell topped with chocolate and toasted marshmallows, for a s'mores effect, and another pairing vanilla glaze with oreo cookie crumbles. It's \$3.60 to \$3.90, depending which you settle on.

Once you've selected your shell, it's time to choose a filling. These mostly echo the glazes, so there's chocolate as well as vanilla, and both green tea and ube are again featured. These options sit in big steel vats behind the counter, with pumps at the bottom to inject each shell, to order.

Buy five cream puffs and you get a sixth for free, so I had fun playing with the pairings. Plain with a chocolate filling, chocolate glazed with vanilla filling. Most fun was putting ube cream inside a green tea shell, and vice versa. The contrasting purple and green proved amusing enough that it almost didn't matter how well the flavors paired together.

And it almost doesn't. Because all the flavors and colors are added to the same, absurdly creamy vanilla custard. Fill the pastry shells with anything less than this ultra-decadent cream, and Beard Papa's would have one or two-hundred locations, max. Without doubt, it's the silky custard that makes the brand an international sensation. One that can share a block with the likes of Brooks Brothers and Ralph Lauren.

by Ian Anderson



The s'mores cream puff, topped with toasted marshmallows.

an optional addition of free-flowing mimosas. Panoramic views overlooking the Torrey Pines Golf Course. Sunday, April 17, 10:30am; \$45-\$125. A.R. Valentien, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Easter Brunch** Prix fixe menu, live music, and free parking. Enjoy live music from Freddie Walton from 10:30 am-1:30 pm. Sunday, April 17, 10am; \$24-\$79. ARLO, 500 Hotel Cir North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Easter Brunch** Easter egg hunt at 12:30 and at 2pm Sunday, April 17, 11:30am; Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina, 1380 Harbor Island Drive. (HARBOR ISLAND)

**Easter Day Dining** Indulge in a "Brunch from the Other South" menu and bottomless mimosas while listening to live Spanish music. Dinner menu is also available all day with additional live music performances in the evening. Sunday, April 17, 10am; Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar, 353 Fifth Avenue. (ONLINE)

**Easter Dinner** Enjoy a variety of sweet and savory selections from our weekend brunch à la carte menu. Guests can also choose to order the Easter three-course option to celebrate this spring holiday. Sunday, April 17, 11am; \$30-\$90. Grill at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Easter Live Jazz & Brunch Buffet** Enjoy a grand buffet-style Easter Jazz Brunch. Brunch will be served from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday April 17, and is priced at \$175 per person, \$225 with free-flowing Champagne, and \$60 for children aged six to 12 years. Sunday, April 17, 10am; \$175-\$225. Marine Room, 2000 Spindrift Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Easter Sunday** Enjoy a festive Sunday brunch service at Piper from 11am to 5pm; an Easter egg hunt on the coastal terrace at 10am and 11am; an Easter egg roll at 12pm; craft tables including build a bunny and cookie and magnet decorating activities; photos with the Easter Bunny; and more. Sunday, April 17, 9am; \$10-\$75. Seabird, 101 Ocean Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

**Easter Sunday Brunch** The Shores Restaurant invites you to celebrate Easter Sunday with a special à la carte Easter Brunch menu served from 10 am to 4 pm. Sunday, April 17, 10am; **free**. Shores Restaurant, 8110 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

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# Drinks All Around

BY AMANDA  
TASCHER

**LAZ JIMINEZ**  
Herb & Sea  
131 W D Street  
Encinitas



The cool, crisp air inside Herb & Sea restaurant rescues me from a warm afternoon in downtown Encinitas. Behind the bar, Laz Jimenez greets me with a spirited smile before recommending the Mezcal & Spice cocktail. "It's a play on a Lion's Tail; we just subbed out the bourbon for mezcal."

He starts describing components of the cocktail as he mixes. "I use Verde Momento mezcal, so it's not going to be so smoky, and not so forward. It's a little smoother, has a lot more vegetal notes. It's not so aggressive like other mezcals, where you get this smoke bomb. You still get it, you still taste the mezcal, it's not hiding or anything... but there's supporting actors that are in there, and they make a beautiful drink." He continues, "And with Drambuie being Scotch that has a little honey, and herbs and spices in it. They dance very well together, because they're along the same lines — they both have the spiciness, the smokiness of the spirits."

Then he sets before me a pinky-orangey drink served in a chilled coupe glass, garnished with a single dehydrated blood orange round. "The blood orange is nice and refreshing, and comes out with this beautiful color. We make a syrup with it, with a little bit more sugar so it's gummier." A splash of lime juice and dash of angostura bitters makes everything nice. "It's very approachable, but it still has a punch

to it."

The citrus inspiration came from the chef's special scallop crudo with blood orange. "So I said, 'Hey can I steal some?' And we started playing around with the mezcal." When asked if his drink paired well, he confidently replies, "Yes it did!" and then gently breaks the news that I've missed my chance to test his claim. "They're constantly switching [the food menu]. Most of the time we try to [match our cocktails to it], but this one was too delicious to take off."

Jimenez believes it's that ephemeral quality that sets Herb & Sea's cocktails apart. "It's nice because everything for [the kitchen] is seasonal, and so it's fresh. You get so many different ingredients, you get to try a lot of things," he explains. "This one will probably be on the menu another couple weeks, and then it's on to the next!"

What's does next look like? Jimenez is just now finalizing his newest cocktail, which will use an infused vodka. "I want to try to feature the snap pea that's in season. It'll be a pretty green color, too. I'm excited!"

## HERB & SEA'S MEZCAL & SPICE



- 2 oz mezcal
- ½ oz Drambuie
- ½ oz lime juice
- ¼ oz blood orange syrup
- 2 dashes of Angostura bitters

Combine ingredients in a shaker with ice, strain into coupe glass and garnish with a dehydrated blood orange round.

## HAPPY HOUR

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

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

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**Asti Ristorante:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 beers, \$7 house wine and cocktails, bites from \$5.

**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).

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**Bootlegger:** Tuesday, \$10 build-your-own-nachos and beer all day. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-1pm: \$25 per person bottomless mimosas.

**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.

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

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

### HILLCREST

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

### KENSINGTON

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

### LA JOLLA

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

### LA MESA

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

### LAKESIDE

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

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### LITTLE ITALY

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**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.

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**DAD** God took you too soon. Need more time, it hurts so much without you. Come back and get me. Love Connie.

**JOHN S. OF LA MESA** You can do it! Peace love Leslie.

**KIESOWS AND THEIR OFFSPRING** Spring is in the air, Happy Easter! Peace love Leslie.

**OMG POPS** I miss you so so much! You were the best father and my best friend. I am truly grateful. I feel your spirit daily. KK

**ADAM** I'll be blowing into town like the hot Santa Ana winds -Allison

**CARPOT SOCIETY** Thank you for the pot plants hanging over the fence into my yard. My cats have been chowing down on them and have been singing the most beautiful gospel tunes around for all the neighbors.

**DRIVEWAY SOCIETY** and another thing....Please don't allow your pets to access my backyard and sing Broadway show tunes under my bedroom window. I told them enough times that I only like gospel music to soothe my nerves and soul. Thank you, Frank.

**ENGAGEMENT** Congratulations to my dear friends, Jon Wolin and Farah Yoko Bodaghi on your engagement. May your futures have many blessings- Ernesto Garcia

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**TO THE KING** To the man, the myth, the legend. When we met I fell for you, it was hard to believe that you liked me too. The idea was so hard to conceive. We've come such a far way. Happy birthday, Btran, my King.

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**4/21-4/24 SD COMIC FEST SHOW** San Diego Comic Fest - The friendly, intimate comic convention experience. It will take place April 21-24 at the Sheraton Four Points, 8110 Aero Dr. [facebook.com/SDcomicfest](http://facebook.com/SDcomicfest) info@sdcomicfest.org

**BAD BUNNY CONCERT IN SAN DIEGO** Bad Bunny will have a concert in San Diego on September 17. Tickets/info are available at [facebook.com/BadBunnyOfficial](http://facebook.com/BadBunnyOfficial)

**INVITATION TO BIDDERS:** Workshops for Warriors is soliciting proposals for manufacturing firms for experience provider(s) in the fields of CNC Machining & CAD/CAM Programming. For full RFP details, email [mallory@thebarriecompany.com](mailto:mallory@thebarriecompany.com) with subject line ATTN: MACHINING OUT.

**BUY. SELL. DONATE?** Www.adsbyJESUS.com Can help.

**READER BURGERS AND BEER 2022** Join us in our continued search to find the best burger at the 5th Annual Reader Burgers and Beer at Golden Hill Park on Saturday, September 10th. Try unlimited gourmet burgers from more than 20 of the best restaurants as they compete to win the "Best Burger" award. No burger is complete without some great beer! Enjoy unlimited beer tastings from 40+ local breweries.

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

**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

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

**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.

**OVERCOMING BETRAYAL IN THE NEW MILLENNIUM** written by Free Spirit Unique....Available Now @.....iTunes Amazon Xlibris & Barnesandnoble.com

## CLASSES / LESSONS

**FOOTVOLLEY CLASSES** Learn footvolley, a fusion of futbol (soccer) and volleyball, right here in San Diego. [www.instagram.com/footvolleyclub/](http://www.instagram.com/footvolleyclub/) [footvolleyclubusa@gmail.com](mailto:footvolleyclubusa@gmail.com)

**ARGENTINE TANGO** Katia Diamond is teaching Monday

night group classes!!! Argentine Tango \$15/class (858) 922-2121

**FREE MEDITATION INSTRUCTION AND COMMUNITY** Study in the Zen Buddhist Tradition in the South Bay. (619) 856-4329 SWZC.org



**JEWELRY CLASSES** Make your own beautiful silver ring or pendant in one day! Taught by an experienced silversmith in North Park. Materials and instruction included. Contact Aaron @ [acsilver.com](http://acsilver.com) or call (619) 387-6916. (619) 340-6748 / [geneenmorr@hotmail.com](mailto:geneenmorr@hotmail.com)



**BEANIE BABIES MEMBERSHIP PACK** Ty Beanie Baby official club platinum 1999 membership pack -. The kit contains Clubby II, the Platinum Membership Card, Platinum Limited Edition Beanie Baby Trading Cards, an Original Nine coin, a checklist, a certificate and a newsletter. (619) 836-5310

**NORTH COUNTY SPANISH TUTOR** Native Spanish speaker with 30 years teaching experience offering online/ in person classes. \$35 hr. Call (858) 880-9789 for more info. / [jackiebhagat@gmail.com](mailto:jackiebhagat@gmail.com)

**SUCCESS MANIFESTO** Do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today. —Ostaro, author. [ostaro@msn.com](http://ostaro@msn.com)

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

**AMERICAN RUMBA CLASSES** 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)



**IDYLLWILD ARTS-ADULT WORKSHOPS** 2022 workshop will include ceramics, jewelry (metals week), native American arts, painting, mixed media, writing, and piano. Workshops include one-week sessions and weekend workshops for adults (ages 19+). Residential options are available. [idyllwildarts.org/adult-arts-center/](http://idyllwildarts.org/adult-arts-center/) [adultprograms@idyllwildarts.org](mailto:adultprograms@idyllwildarts.org)

**HEBREW CLASSES** YAAANA now offers affordable Hebrew classes! For more info please visit [www.yaaana.org](http://www.yaaana.org) or contact us at [info@yaaana.com](mailto:info@yaaana.com) and (619) 719-1776.

**POLISH CLASSES** YAAANA now offers affordable Polish classes! For more info please visit [www.yaaana.org](http://www.yaaana.org) or contact us at [info@yaaana.com](mailto:info@yaaana.com) and (619) 719-1776.



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be the Jackbox online game  
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MarkAndChristann@gmail.com

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

**ROOMMATES**

**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

**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 on FB.

**PLACE BY OB/MB/PB** I'm  
Nick, 31, from LA & moving to  
San Diego. I work remotely as  
a freelance documentary  
television producer. My budget  
is \$1K-\$1.5K. IG: ncrookshank.  
FB: crookshank1 nrcrookshank@  
gmail.com

**PRIVATE ROOM/SPACE  
NEEDED NOW!** IF you have a  
legit offer & are serious/sincere,  
do. contact me! Please be a  
peaceful/safe household. w/no  
addiction/anger issues. I need to  
do a trade. (domestic chores  
only)in lieu of rent Prefer long.  
term in walkable area. I'm female,  
love animals!!! sandiegolady13@  
gmail.com

**COUPLE LOOKING FOR ROOM  
2 RENT** Hi there, we are a  
friendly couple without pets and  
bad habits. We are looking for a  
room with a private bath or studio  
in San Diego. The budget 1000-  
1300\$. We will consider different  
options and locations. facebook.  
com/dashks.ttt/

**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

**ROOM FOR RENT** Call (619)  
869-5814 / rtgood2016@yahoo.  
com

**I'M MOVING TO SAN DIEGO**  
and looking for a chill bunch  
to move in with. I work in  
advertising; I'm a supervisor. I do  
music stuff: a singer, lyricist, and  
guitarist. I'm cool with guy or girl  
roomies DM @ facebook.com/  
shannon.doyle1693

**LA MESA-MIRA MESA-CHULA  
VISTA** I'm looking to rent a room,  
or team up to rent an apartment.  
I have some furniture from my old  
place. My budget is \$800-\$1100.  
If you're interested, my DMs are  
open @ facebook.com/zane.  
duke.92

**MIRA MESA, SCRIPPS,  
KEARNY, SD** Hello, my name  
is Jane. I'm seeking a roommate  
to share a 2BD/2BTH apt. or  
condo. I am 45 and a clean,  
reliable, respectful & drama-  
free roommate. I have a 5 LBS  
small service dog who adores  
everyone. Budget:\$1100-\$1500  
DM @ facebook.com/jane.ma.140

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

**VET ASSISTANT ISO  
ROOMMATES** I'm a 25 year old  
who just recently relocated to  
SoCal from Portland to be closer  
to family. I'm a vet assistant but  
I'll be leaving this Sept. to vet  
school. bit.ly/rollo-roommate

**LOOKING FOR ROOM** I'm  
looking for a room that is close to  
downtown San Diego or within a  
distance of public transport. I'm  
24, I graduated from a university.  
My budget is \$1000 per month. If  
you have a room, please contact  
me facebook.com/miray.emir.90

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

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

**ROOM OR APARTMENT  
NEEDED** Retired male teacher,  
70 yrs old, needs room, studio  
or 1 BR non-smoking place. Can  
pay up to \$500 per month. leo@  
greenskypress.com

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

**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

**LA MESA, MISSION VALLEY  
AND SD** I'm looking to rent out  
a private small room in a house  
or apt. I'm 21 years old, I work  
full time for Eaze dispensary, I  
love to hike/do yoga. I'm very  
considerate, responsible, and  
clean. DM @ facebook.com/  
timothy.gtz

**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

**PRIVATE BEDROOM FOR  
RENT** furnished including TV  
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bathroom, \$775 monthly. Utilities  
included, appointment (619) 287-  
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**ROOM FOR RENT** four bedroom  
house. Located in South Bay.  
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neighborhood near all. Text me at  
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**ARE YOU MOVING TO SAN  
DIEGO?** Are you moving in  
or out of San Diego County?  
Do you need a room to rent or  
are you selling stuff before you  
move away? We can help you!  
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sandiegoreader.com/classifieds/  
www.sandiegoreader.com/  
classifieds/ (619) 235-3000 /  
post@sandiegoreader.com

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

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

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

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

**LOOKING A 1BR OR STUDIO**  
Hi all! My budget is about \$1400.  
My ideal locations are OB,  
PB, Normal Heights, and Point  
Loma. I am open to other areas!  
Facebook: cameron.fenley.9

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

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

**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!

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

**MOVING TO SAN DIEGO**  
Moving to San Diego in May and  
am looking for a roommate/s to  
live with. I'm pretty laid back and  
would generally consider myself  
a courteous and clean roommate.  
I also have a wiener dog named  
Georgie. DM: facebook.com/  
mikaela.wild.75

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

**STUDENT MOVING TO SAN  
DIEGO** I'm looking for a  
roommate/private room in an  
apt./house. Hoping to move in  
February but I can be flexible.  
looking for 420 friendly, I can  
do without pets but it'd be

nice. budget is around \$1000.  
facebook.com/tenoah.tatum

**LOOKING FOR A ROOM FOR A  
MONTH** Hi! Me and my girlfriend  
are looking for a room for a  
month (maybe longer depending!)  
Able to move in ASAP. Feel free  
to shoot a message if you know  
any rooms available;. facebook.  
com/jesse.hodsman

**MOVING FROM MINNESOTA**  
I'm planning to move to San  
Diego in May and am looking  
for a roommate/s to live with! I'm  
from Minnesota and I'm 25! I work  
remote for a nonprofit. Budget:  
\$1300-\$1700/roommate. DM @  
facebook.com/mikaela.wild.75

**SANTEE, \$750** 2/2 home w/  
homeowner, dog. Same price  
furnished/unfurnished. No kids  
under 18. Pools, spas, clubhouse,  
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**TINY ROOM TO LIVE PLEASE**  
63 year young, healthy,  
vaccinated, single, no family,  
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\$850. Perfect for college students  
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STUDENTS** Furnished rental.  
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**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

**LOOKING FOR STUDENT  
ROOMMATES** Looking for  
student roommates to rent this  
room to. DM for more info on  
room size/location. facebook.

com/mercedes.gomez.908347  
(949) 482-7540

**MESA COLLEGE ROOMMATE**  
Hi, my name is Michelle, I'm  
@ 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

**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

**MIRAMAR COLLEGE  
STUDENTS** Studocu buys your  
Miramar notes. Earn money  
while you help other students! Be  
quick, the offer stands only for a  
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facebook.com/StuDocu

**NORTH COUNTY COLLEGE  
STUDENTS** Hi, fellow college  
students! I found this place on  
FB! The person wants \$800 for a  
room! bit.ly/escso-college-07

**OCEAN BEACH ROOMMATE  
\$1995** This is a ground floor  
o1-bedroom located in a corner  
end-unit of a 12-unit complex  
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unit has a fenced private yard.  
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**LOOKING FOR ROOMMATES**  
Heyyyy. I'm moving to San Diego.  
looking for a chill bunch to move  
in with. Got a room? I'm fun but  
laid back. I'm cool with a guy  
or girl roomies. DM if you got a  
spot. facebook.com/shannon.  
doyle1693

**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

**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

**OMG, CHECK THIS PLACE  
OUT!** A couple of rooms are  
opening at The Vibe House!  
Looking for Nature lovers and  
artistic and inspired souls who  
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

**SDSU AND GROSSMONT  
STUDENTS** Saw this on FB:  
1 bed 1 bath by SDSU \$2,195.  
The studio is a corner apartment  
with lot of windows and breeze.  
It is on the second floor with a  
charming cathedral pine nut wood  
ceiling. facebook.com/commerce/  
listing/534319911224309/

**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



**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

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to earn your undergraduate  
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**APARTMENT BY SDSU** Fellow  
college students: I found a  
place for rent in La Mesa, which  
is kinda close to the campus.  
Click the link and message the  
original poster for deets! It's  
an upstairs 2 bed apartment

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Smog Test or  STAR Certified		All Cars 2000 and Up Same Price. Good through June 15, 2022.	
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for. \$1,650. facebook.com/groups/183987095132528/permalink/1865482000316354/?sale\_post\_id=1865482000316354

**CSUSM STUDENTS' ROOM**  
RP: 15 mins from campus. \$783/ Month "plus" \$70.00 monthly utilities. Deposit: 783 deposit. Room size: 10'x12' bit.ly/37wbub4

**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

**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

**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

**ADULTS RETURNING TO COLLEGE?** If you are returning to college — check some of the resources out there to help you navigate through 2022 college life. @ facebook.com/cappex facebook.com/cappex support@cappex.com



**FOR SDSU/GROSSMONT STUDENTS** Found an adorable duplex with its own private yard in sought after neighborhood. 2 beds 1 bath house. \$2,350. Awesome for students bit.ly/lamesa-students

**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 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

**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

**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

**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

**COLLEGE STUDENTS GETAWAY** 2BD/1BTH and 300 steps to the lake! Hiking, fishing, WiFi, and a fully stocked kitchen and our personal home are unlike company-owned cabins. Email for price/night - www.getlostinn.com/ facebook.com/GetLostInn contact@getlostinn.com

**2022 CSUSM STUDENTS** Charming and bright, 3-bedroom townhouse in Vista with attached 2-car garage. Conveniently located in Vista near downtown, grocery, schools, parks, freeway, Camp Pendleton, and the beach. \$2,800 facebook.com/kerikevin.macbeth

**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

**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



**\$850 FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS** 22" fully furnished RV. Parked in my secured private yard. All utilities included except Propane, plus wifi & cable. Ideal for one responsible clean & quiet adult. It's in a carport bit.ly/5th-college

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

**NEED HELP IN SPANISH CLASS?** Are you in college and need help in Spanish class? We can help! facebook.com/EspEnTusManos/?view\_public\_for=101163108502004 (619) 414-7736

**SAN DIEGO STUDENT HOUSING** Welcome to San Diego Student Housing, the leader in furnished, affordable, and comfortable housing for students in San Diego. facebook.com/SDStudentHousing/ (619) 788-1782

**SDSU EXCHANGE STUDENTS** We are two 21-year-old girls, looking to rent a place/room for 5 months. We are both Swedish and we'll be studying at SDSU as exchange students. facebook.com/ida.hertin.5/

**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 Summer session begins. facebook.com/Prominence-Apartments-757607067695671 (760) 798-2794 / prominence@willmarkcommunities.com

**SWC COLLEGE ROOMMATES?** Found this 1 bedroom apartment in Chula Vista, close to campus, for \$1,750. -Completely private unit, -Swimming pool. -Laundry. -Parking! www.apartments.com/540-c-st-chula-vista-ca/v2rxtee/

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

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

**BASKETBALLER 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/

**CA STATE UNIVERSITY SAN MARCOS** I found this place that's close to the Cal State University-San Marcos campus. It is a place in Escondido called Citrus Court Condos. I saw on FB that they are taking applications for our 2022 school year. Just an FYI. www.citruscourt.com/ (760) 489-1349

**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

**ISO OF PLACE IN OB/MB/ PB** I'm looking for a place semi-close to the beach in OB/MB/PB. The budget is \$1,000-\$1,500 (could go higher for the right place). Please let me know if you're interested and we can FaceTime www.instagram.com/ncrookshank/ ncrookshank@gmail.com

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

**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

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

**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 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

**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

**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

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

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

**LITTLE ITALY ROOM** Little Italy room available for rent in 2B /2Ba apt for. \$1525 + utilities (electric & internet only) - you have your own private bathroom with a ton of space. DM the OP for more details. facebook.com/dan.rosin.9

**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

**NORTH COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS** Reposting: I'm looking for housemates at Tylee St, Vista, CA 92083. NOT a party house. The room is for one person, however friends are welcome as long as it does not become a permanent thing. Rent is \$800 a month, plus a quarter of the utilities. facebook.com/dane.waraftig

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

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

**COLLEGE STUDENTS** \$1300 for a room in National City and comes with own fridge/freezer. Utilities and everything included. No drug, no smoking, no pets. bit.ly/nc-room-college

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

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

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

**UCSD ROOMMATE** Hi y'all! I'm a German grad engineering student visiting UCSD from mid-March to mid-June. I'm currently looking for accommodation and/or some quality roommates. My budget is around 1300 monthly. facebook.com/benedikt.vomlehn/

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

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

**FOR CSUSM STUDENTS** Escondido tiny home for rent, \$1,650, 2 people max, application fee \$28 per adult, security deposit \$750, no refrigerator. DM for more info. facebook.com/marisa.ramos.180

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

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

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

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

**NORTH COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS** Delete if not allowed. I found this room in Escondido, which will be available on March 1. Looking for a female renter. No couples, and no pets-no exceptions. Rent: \$800. Deposit: \$800 facebook.com/commerce/ listing/688087828894599/

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

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

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

**2022 #APTSNEARSDSU** Check out our virtual tour and reserve today! Live with the comfort of choosing your roommates! \$99 Deposit \*OAC #aptsnearsdsu #nowrenting #askaboutourspecials #lovewhereyoulive. Dorchester Apartments youtu.be/yE1E24a64Q (619) 583-8084 / dorchester@hcares.com

**AWESOME FOR UCSD STUDENTS** Found this \$1940/ month place on Facebook. Cute and cozy 1-bedroom apartment on the first floor (Verano) in the heart of UTC and just a mile away from UCSD. DM OP for lease deets. bit.ly/ucsd-2022

**CLOSE TO SDSU** This Encanto room is close to SDSU. The renter is asking \$1300. DM the OP for more details. bit.ly/encanto-place

**COLLEGE STUDENT ISO ROOM** Looking for a room! Max price of \$900 all utilities included. About me: currently working as a sports performance coach, we

## DOWNTOWN \$650-\$750



Classic building in downtown San Diego. Nice sized private rooms share common bathrooms. Property is well maintained with friendly staff. Peaceful and comfortable building with cable TV hookups and on-site laundry. Close to work. MTS trolley stop very close with easy access to the downtown free shuttle.

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train collegiate and pro athletes. Also in my final semester of school. facebook.com/basheer. qatan/

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

**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

**OCEANSIDE ROOM FOR STUDENTS** One bigger private BEDROOM is available; shared 2 full bathrooms with another two singles bit.ly/inside-college

RENTALS



**ROSARITO BEACH RENTAL \$1650** A brand new 3 bedroom and 2.5 bath house in a gated community - It has 24/7 security and a swimming pool; is close to major freeways off Popotla Blvd. in Rosarito. Eddie Alpuche: Profesional Inmobiliario Certificado y con Licencia @ (52) (661) 119-3325 eddiealpuche@gmail.com

**APPLE SEASON 2022** Julian cabins for rent. Book now for holidays and apple season (fall) Prices vary depending on dates, days of weed, and which location. www.julianlodging.com

**SUMMER CABIN W ROWBOAT**  
The bunkhouse cabin is a cute mid-century cabin in Green Valley Lake! The bunks are a hit with the kids, and in the summer the cabin comes with a rowboat to borrow for free! It's also one of the only cabins in the area with an AC for the summer. getlostinn@gmail.com

**HORSE BARN+ARENA FOR RENT** Reposting from FB. Please note: this is not a house. Barn with 6 horse stalls and arena for \$800/month. Also, 3 outdoor pens are available for \$300.00/month please call Leo @ (760) 259-3109

**STUDIO APARTMENT IN BAY PARK** walking distance to Mission Bay, new paint, rug, refrigerator, nice kitchen, lots of parking, \$1,500. Include electric, water, gas, Cobain (619) 301-6616 one person only please.

**4 BED 3 BATH HOUSE \$3,750**  
This new construction home is 1892 sq/ft of living space with a backyard, 2 attached car garage + 1 outdoor spot, a beautiful quartz kitchen counter, and a kitchen island. It's in Imperial Beach. (858) 722-8883

**INDEPENDENT LIVING ILF** in La Mesa seeking Senior and Veteran Males. Shared rooms, fantastic views, \$800 per month. Call Kim: (619) 750-4447

**LA MESA, \$1999-2449.**  
3BD+2BA (\$2449) and 2BD+1BA (\$1999) apartments. Welcome to Mt. Helix Gated Community! New kitchen. Stainless steel appliances. Spacious. Clubhouse. WiFi. Air conditioning. Laundry. Garages. Balconies. Pool. Hablo Espanol. (619) 646-8670.

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3BD+2BA (\$2449) and 2BD+1BA (\$1999) apartments. Bienvenido a la privada Mt. Helix! Espaciosos. Cocina nueva. Electrodomesticos de acero inoxidable, Casa club. WiFi. Aire acondicionado.

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**BEAUTIFUL 2 BEDROOM 2 BATHROOM ON OCEAN** Full-size Jacuzzi directly in front of the ocean and river. 13 month lease. \$1100 per month. Property in Rosarito & Ensenada, Mexico. (619) 233-8300.

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**OTAY MESA NEW STUDIO**  
Own laundry, one working person only. No pets or smoking. Transportation close at (619) 808-1068. \$1275 monthly.

**DOWNTOWN, \$250-495.** Artist work spaces: Office or work spaces and retail available. 636 C Street, 92101. Inquire inside (C Street Inn front desk) or call (619) 234-4165 or (619) 269-9076. www.jspropertymanagement.com.

**NEED AN APARTMENT SHORT TERM?** Make your reservations now and Get \$200 OFF every month. Studio+1BA available. Call for Monthly, Weekly and daily specials, up to 15% OFF. Includes: weekly cleaning service, daily continental breakfast, all utilities, cable (HBO), heated pool/ spa, on-site laundry. High-speed Internet available for additional charge. (\*Rates subject to change/ tax.) California Suites Hotel, 5415 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (858) 799-0219. www.californiasuiteshotel.com.

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**ACOUSTIC ELECTRIC GUITAR**  
Fender for sale. \$50, (619) 276-5508.

**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

**MY FATHER'S COLLECTION OF VINYL** also marantz turntable. Would like to sell all to one person or record store. Call (760) 224-3467 or email diannetilley52@gmail.com

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

**VIOLIN BY PAN-AMERICAN**  
We're selling a 1940's/1950's American-made 4/4 violin by Pan-American. This is a symphony model with very nice dark tonewoods. Asking \$300 e32cc@yahoo.com

**YCM RELEASES "2K22" SINGLE** SD native Ycm releases his debut single "2K22" on OLHO Entertainment Friday, April 22, 2022 on ALL PLATFORMS. The single has garnered over 300 spins at radio in one week and is rising. An accompanying video how been released. www.ycmymcym.com (323) 678-6921 / olhoent@gmail.com

**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

**SAVE BRITNEY SPEARS** We have a Britney Spears best of CD which we are asking \$10 for. It has all of her hits from the 1990s-2000s. oldschooldstuff@gmail.com

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Selling a Lil Wayne 'Tha Carter' IV' CD for \$10 oldschooldstuff@gmail.com

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**HOME MIDI STUDIO** Selling keyboards, synth modules, effects, patchbay, mixer, amp, studio monitors, cables, pedals, stand, etc. Call (858) 472-0132 or email to johns9764@yahoo.com for full list and prices.

**BAND PRACTICE STUDIO**  
lockout available now! La Jolla, Miramar area 10:00am-12:00am. Sound-proofed rehearsal studio. Fits 5 to 6 piece band. Central AC. \$475 per month. (858) 401-2973

**I BUY OLD GUITARS** and amplifiers, call me (619) 279-7833.

**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

**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

**MISSING CAT! PLEASE HELP!**  
Missing cat! Please spread the word and help us find Tigger! He has an orange coat with stripes. (619) 602-4875

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

**LOST JACK RUSSELL TERRIER** Please spread the word on Shayna, she's a lost Jack Russell terrier. \$500 reward at lost.petcolove.org/

**\$1000 REWARD FOR LOST DOG** The poor dog was last seen in Imperial Beach on 8th Street. Please call the owner if you have any info on her whereabouts. (562) 443-2099

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

**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

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

**SIBERIAN HUSKY IN SAN MARCOS** RP: My Siberian Husky escaped from my house around 6 pm today (1/16/2022). He doesn't wear a collar, but he has microchip. Location : W Mission Rd. + Las Posas Rd, San Marcos 92069. If anyone found

him please call (858) 380-6983 (Jackie) (760) 750-2299



**SHIH TZU PUPPIES** Litter of 6 shih tzu puppies. 3 males 3 females. Ready for their forever home on 04/30 will be vet checked, vaccinated and dewormed. Have been tested for life altering genetic diseases. (619) 694-0379 / a.genisis@icloud.com

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**SELLING FRENCH BULLDOG PUPPIES** AKC lilac blue puppies. \$6,500-\$8,000 per puppy, two females, one male. (858) 276-8947.

**DOG NAIL TRIM AT YOUR HOUSE!** Dog-nail trim at your house (cut and grind). for \$18 from a professional dog groomer (760) 481-4185

**I WANT TO BUY OR ADOPT** a small dog or puppy. Prefer chihuahua. Text only (619) 872-8250

SPORTS

**4/23 BOXING IN ROSARITO BEACH** 4/23 boxing in Rosarito Beach. Info: facebook.com/lavozdelboxeotijuana

**4-30 BOXING AT PAPAS & BEER** Boxing at Papas & Beer on 4/30 community@papasandbeer.com

**EZ-GO GOLF CART 2005**  
EZ-GO ST Sport 2+2 electric golf cart. rear seats fold down for cargo storage. Comes with a windscreen, roof, headlights, tail lights, rain gear, 1-year-old batteries, and battery charger. Original owner \$4000 OBO (760) 310-2479

**MOREY MACH 7-7 BODYBOARD** This is in very good condition for its age. It does show some small cosmetic marks. Measures 42"x22"x2.5. Comes with leash. bit.ly/mach-77

**RAPPELLING IN ROSARITO BEACH** Join us for a rappelling adventure at the Popotla Arch in Playas de Rosarito @ facebook.com/Aventurasenlabaja (661) 850-1614

**SOCCER EUROPA CUP GAME**  
Bob Cummings is selling a 1960's Europa Cup soccer boardgame for \$39 (619) 291-3000

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

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

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# Small craft and big water, a new trend

**Dock Totals 4/3 – 4/9:** 1924 anglers aboard 95 half-day to 1.5-day trips out of San Diego landings this past week caught 1202 bluefin tuna (to 100 pounds), 4 bocaccio, 11 bonito, 74 calico bass, 2 halibut, 76 lingcod, 3,661 rockfish, 35 sand bass, 14 sanddab, 265 sculpin, 66 sheephead, 2 triggerfish, 844 whitefish, and 933 yellowtail.

**Saltwater:** The fleet has been mostly chasing the epic bluefin bite, with nearly all boats running full-day to 2-day trips getting limits early enough to target yellowtail by early morning. Still, the best bet for bluefin will be on 1.5-day and longer runs, though yellowtail are showing well just off the Coronado Islands. Closer to home, there have been private boater reports of yellowtail off La Jolla, but that bite has yet to develop for the local half-day sportboats.

This time of year can be sketchy day to day, given the often fast-changing spring weather bringing offshore winds with heat and flat conditions one day, and blustery onshore fronts another. With good planning, folks can get out in smaller craft and find great fishing for their effort. Local angler and deckhand Fernando Vallejo picked a calm day and motored his 14' Bris inflatable out of San Diego Bay south to the Coronado Islands. With just an 8 horsepower Mercury outboard motor, he still made the Islands, fished all the way around them, and returned with a decent yellowtail in the bag – all on just 4 gallons of fuel.

Though not advisable for folks not acquainted with the ocean and changing conditions, those with experience, skill, and good planning can take advantage of the nearshore banks from smaller vessels. Kayak fishing blew up into a huge industry from a small group of dedicated anglers on Sit on Top (SOT) kayaks catching large gamefish within a few miles of the coast. When I got into the sport in the late-1990s, there were no fishing-specific kayaks on the market.

In the San Diego area, La Jolla Shores was the best launch spot for getting to big gamefish in a relatively short paddle. Considering the catches reported and careers spawned from that small stretch of sand, one could also argue that La Jolla Shores launched the modern day sport of kayak-fishing. Jim Sammons began guiding anglers aboard SOT kayaks in the 1990s, and during one outing with a group of clients he hooked and fought an estimated 200-pound striped marlin and got it to leader after being towed by the big fish miles out to sea.

Using mostly modified Ocean Kayak Scupper Pro SOT kayaks originally designed for divers, anglers began posting pictures of their large fish caught within paddling distance of shore, and with the advent of social media and fishing chat rooms, the word got out. We would customize our kayaks,



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## Sportfishing deckhand and small craft angler Fernando Vallejo fishing big water aboard his Bris inflatable boat.

just one year between 2013-2014, kayak fishing grew one percent (when comparing all types of recreational fishing from shore or vessels) from 3.3% to 4.3%. That may not seem like much, but it represents 38,872,000 kayak fishing outings in just that one year.

With the cost of a larger boat, storage concerns, fuel, and maintaining a vessel out of reach of many, the small vessel industry grew along with kayak fishing. Today, anglers have a wide range of options for vessels that can get them to fisheries once available only to larger craft. Smaller molded boats, like Solo Skiff, and versatile inflatables such as Scout and Bris, hit the market. With the ease of hauling and more available launch spots with no ramp or trailer needed, fishing kayaks and small vessels have made big game fishing accessible to just about anyone.

Though some of the new pedal-drive model kayaks can run you thousands of dollars, you can still purchase and fit a vessel suitable for fresh or saltwater fishing on a small budget. I still fish my Scupper Pro some 24 years after my first paddle out of La Jolla, and considering the original purchase and fitting cost of about \$600 and the tons, literally, of fish caught from it, I think it was a wise investment. In fact, looking back at the fish, the nautical miles of exercise, and the adventures while fishing San Diego and Baja waters, I'd have to say that \$600 dollars was by far the best recreational investment I have ever made. To add to the fish caught and minor expense of small craft fishing, there is the beauty and solitude one can rarely find in today's bustling world. As Fernando Vallejo put it in a recent post: *"Hours spent in solitude, surrounded by billions of tiny droplets of water that have formed the greatest wonder of the world. Life is put into perspective and true happiness shines through the gloom. For a few minutes, time stands still and it's just you and the water"*

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**DESPERATELY SEEKING LEGIT WORK** I'm a mature freelance female in serious need of any type of domestic type jobs such as cleaning, cooking, house sitting, pet sitting, dog walking, organizing, etc.... Nothing illegal or inappropriate please. Short or long term, cash only! Thank you!! sandiegolady13@gmail.com

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**NEED A GARAGE FOR A DAY!!!** This is a long shot but thought I'd give it a try. I'm a mature female who doesn't have a way to have a garage/yard sale nor do I personally know anyone who does either. I have a bunch of stuff that I need to sell as it's going unused + I NEED CASH! sandiegolady13@gmail.com

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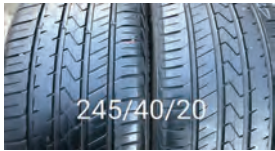
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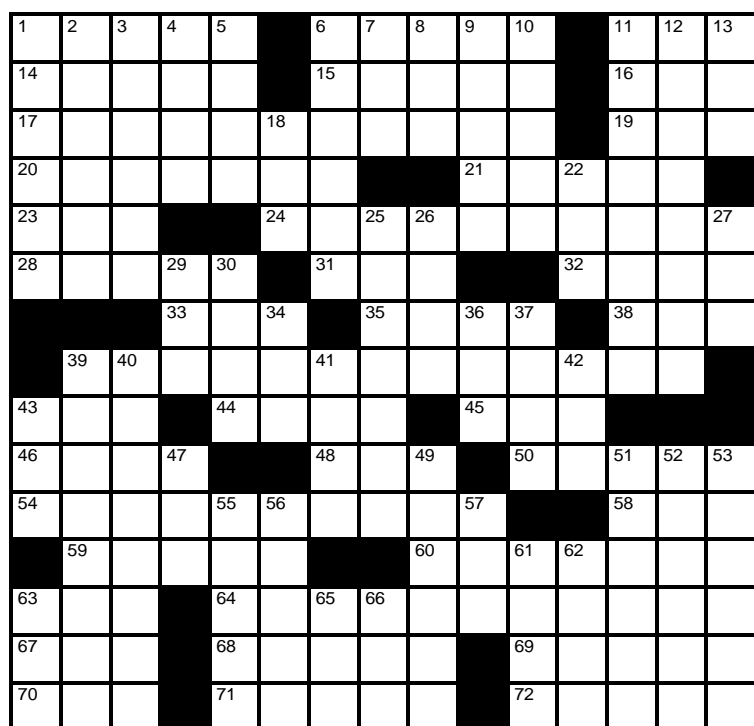
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## Across

1. "The Jeffersons" actress Marla
6. Salesperson's exhortation
11. Home of L.A. and La.
14. Plant source for tequila
15. Stratospheric layer
16. Habit wearer
17. Her 62-Down lists her income from fighting evildoers
19. Sanjay Gupta's network
20. Start of an Ella Fitzgerald standard
21. New York paper that published the very first crossword (1913)
23. Part of FWIW
24. His 62-Down lists his income from filmmaking
28. Pre-Columbian Mexican
31. "Old Macdonald" closer
32. Deployed, as a sailor
33. E-signature holder, maybe
35. Yuletide tune
38. Shakespeare's "poor venomous fool"
39. Her 62-Down lists her income from hosting a talk show
43. Actress Tyler
44. Actor Schreiber
45. Steaming
46. 1930s migrant to California
48. Neon or xenon
50. Dressed like a Supreme Court justice
54. His 62-Down lists his income from being a

chocolatier

58. Give \_\_\_\_ whirl
59. Black tea variety
60. Far-too-memorable song
63. Path
64. His 62-Down lists his income from writing poetry
67. Grow long in the tooth
68. Woman's name that sounds like two letters
69. Greta Thunberg, by nationality
70. The \_\_\_\_ Moines Register
71. One sought for advice
72. Administered, as meds

## Down

1. Dev Patel's role in the 2021 film "The Green Knight"
2. "You must let me!"
3. Exile
4. Some men's underwear
5. Car radio button
6. Pasta shape
7. Aduba of "Orange Is the New Black"
8. \_\_\_\_ Kippur
9. Flabbergasted
10. Mortise's partner
11. One known for finger-pointing
12. Hot weather wear
13. "Bel Canto" author

Patchett

18. Counterpart of "FF"
22. 60 mg of Vitamin C, e.g.
25. Odyssey, e.g.
26. Pea jacket material
27. Maple syrup source
29. "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" network
30. Extra: Abbr.
34. "Just a heads-up..."
36. Furniture wood
37. "You're full of it!"
39. User-edited reference entry
40. Wicked looks
41. "And away \_\_\_\_!"
42. \_\_\_\_ Annie of "Oklahoma!"
43. Burner setting
47. Caribou relative
49. Spit in one's food?
51. Wetlands and tundra, e.g.
52. Brokerage giant founded in 1991
53. Cursed
55. Shout of pain
56. Start of the chorus to "Yellow Submarine"
57. Reaction to shiatsu
61. New England art inst.
62. Tax info form ... or this puzzle's theme
63. Gum, after use
65. Trippy '60s drug
66. 20-20, e.g.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

C	L	A	R	A		S	T	A	R	T		B	P	S
O	A	R	E	D		T	O	N	Y	A		A	O	C
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B	A	A		S	A	V	E	A	S		S	E	E	M
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👉 Annie Rossi, San Diego, 2.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SUDOKU

## EVIL:

	4	7	3			6		
	3			1			4	
		1						
9			1		6		8	
				7				
	2		9		8			5
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	9			8			7	
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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

## EVIL:

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



## This Couch Has a Lump

— Alex Trejo, a reptile expert and owner of So-Cal Rattlesnake Removal, got more than he'd bargained for in a recent house call. While most folks never find anything more interesting than spare change in their couch cushions, one Chula Vista resident found a snake: a 7-foot-long Vietnamese blue beauty rat snake, to be precise. "This guy calls me, is pretty frantic and he's like, 'There's a snake in my couch,'" Trejo told ABC 10 News in San Diego. Trejo said he was shocked to find such a beast in a sofa, calling it a "once in a lifetime snake rescue" in a Facebook post. The species is nonvenomous, is not native to the United States, and was apparently not interested in being captured: "He didn't (bite) my skin, but he actually got the lining of my shirt," Trejo said. The snake is in the care of a specialist, receiving treatment for a respiratory infection. The animal's owner has not yet been located.

## Crime Report

— It may not be Easter yet, but Mr. Bunny is already making it into the headlines. In Brandon, Manitoba, Canada, a 27-year-old man was in the process of robbing a business on March 31 when an employee tried to thwart him, the CBC reported. But the thief was armed with a Mr. Solid brand chocolate Easter bunny, which he used to hit the employee. The shoplifter escaped but was found nearby and arrested; the employee suffered only minor injuries. The stolen merch was returned to the store; no word on how Mr. Solid fared.

## Dangerous Work

— The night shift workers at the Mr. Chips french fry factory in East Tamaki, New Zealand, received a bit of a shock as 28 tons of russet potatoes from a farm in nearby Matamata worked their way through the factory's conveyor belts. What appeared to be just another muddy potato was discovered to be a World War II-era hand grenade. "The guys were really calm and collected and they reacted in an extremely professional manner," Roland Spitaels, the factory's operations manager, told *Stuff.co.nz*. Police responded to the scene and subsequently called upon the New Zealand Defence Force's explosive ordnance disposal team, who removed the grenade from the facility; x-rays revealed it was a training version of a hand grenade, containing no explosives. Spitaels hopes the police will return the grenade to the company when their investigation is complete so it can be put on display in the factory's trophy room.

## Update

— The Glitter Twins, Sarah Franks, 29, and Kaitlin O'Donovan, 27, have had their charges dropped in Clearwater, Florida, after a January incident in which they "glitter bombed" one Jacob Colon at 3 am at his home, *The Smoking Gun* reported on April 5. Franks and O'Donovan, who are married, allegedly threw glitter containers at Colon as he stood on the balcony of his apartment, then entered his home and further assaulted him with glitter, police said, but prosecutors concluded that "the

facts and circumstances revealed do not warrant prosecution at this time." The "twins" had been free on bond since their arrest for felony burglary. Colon had at one time been involved in a "three-way type of thing" with them, but it had ended before the incident took place.

## Least Mature Criminal

— In Warren, Ohio, police responded to robbery call with a twist straight out of elementary school. As a 22-year-old man walked along a road late on March 27, a man wearing a ski mask approached him and asked if he was a drug dealer. When the victim said he was not, the robber allegedly pulled out a knife and demanded money, WKBN-TV reported. After the thief got about \$80 from him, he made the victim "pinkie promise" that he wouldn't call the cops, then rode off on a bicycle. The police have not located the pinkie promise perp.

## Compelling Explanation

— Kitty Deering of Edmond, Oklahoma, was surprised to learn that students at her daughter's high school were selling "white privilege" cards for \$10 around Valentine's Day, KFOR-TV reported on March 31. The white cards read "Trumps Everything" on the front and, on the back, "This card grants its bearers happiness because it's the color of your skin and not the choices that you make that determines your ability to be successful." But Joel Patrick, the creator of the cards (who is Black), said the cards were "created as a joke. If they're saying this in seriousness, that's a personal problem with them."

You don't go around telling someone you're better than them." Deering isn't buying it. "There's been years of ongoing issues of segregation here ... between staff, between students, between the community," she said. "We have to change it. That's not how I raise my children."

## Oops!

— What do you get when you cross spring picture day, a green screen background and St. Patrick's Day? Completely memorable elementary school photos, of course! At Sugar Grove Elementary School in Center Grove, Indiana, picture day happened to fall on St. Patrick's Day, United Press International reported. And no kid wants to get pinched on the saint's special day, so many kids were dressed in green. One problem: Inter-State Photography used green screens, like those used on TV weather broadcasts, behind the kids, so many of them "disappeared" in the initial proofs. Amanda Snow said her son's green hoodie turned into a fence, and "he had a green mohawk, but that is completely gone. ... It ended up being just a hilarious fiasco," she said. The photo company said the issues will be fixed on the final photos, but Snow hopes not: "I might reach out to the company and see if I can get the unedited ones, because honestly, they've brought me so much joy and laughter over the last day," she said.

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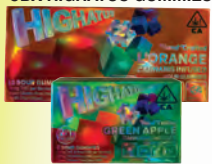
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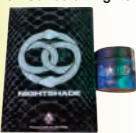
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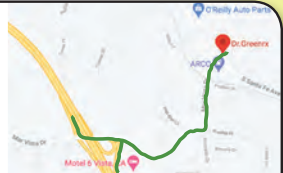
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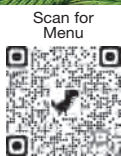
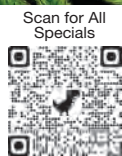
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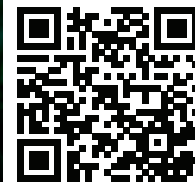
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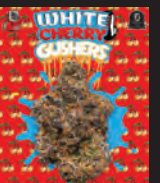


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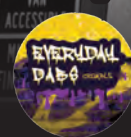
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