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Sympathies for A Woman Scorned

Nathan Fletcher, the Gift that Keeps on Giving ("Key Todd Gloria backer Gil Cabrera gets hand slapped: Big stores, big money", News Under the Radar, April 5). Actually our sympathies are with his devoted wife, Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher. She has stood by him, she has medical issues of her own, an important leadership job in Sacramento, and a respected career as a lawmaker. She deserves better. I often disagree with her (she invites dissent) but support her now.

> Mike Schaefer California Board of Equalization

Suspicious of The Other Woman

American mobs at it again. Just how long can you beat a dead horse before even a judge or jury convenes? ("Key Todd Gloria backer Gil Cabrera gets hand slapped: Big stores, big money", News Under the Radar, April 5). Public opinion has run amok with disgraceful American hypocrisy.

For the untold millions of men and women in this so-called nation of high morals who have cheated on their spouses seek solace in Christ. Or better yet, see a shrink. But please stop beating a man on his knees. It is unbecoming and certainly a sign of weakness. Does anyone in their right mind honestly believe that there exists one side to this story?

Let us hear the Peruvian firecracker speak beginning with her very first encounter with Mr. Fletcher. When she first set eyes on him. Was she a true-blue American tease? I smell a rat. Sexual assault and harassment can be construed

by twelve different people in twelve different ways. And by the way, I was Ron Burkle's personal driver in the day.

> Daniel "Fast Danny Diego" Smiechowskiowski Bay Ho

Praise for Peterson's prose

I really enjoyed Jake Peterson's article ("Medicine on the Mountain, Cover Story, April 5). The way he writes, it makes one feel they are there. Double Bonus is that he is able to slip in lines that makes one laugh out loud. Very enjoyable read!

Dble T Escondido

Leave Balboa Park space open

I regularly walk up Park Blvd. to Balboa Park from downtown. 2 Sundays ago there were 2 scooters. this past Thurs., there were no bikes or scooters. This Sunday there were 1 bike and 2 scooters. One two way bike/scooter lane on the east side would be more than ample for this small traffic. Leave the west side open for parking and park access. And please - do not give up a parking lot for the homeless. There is not enough parking spots as it is!

Dan Hall East Village

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Springsteen adds San Diego tour date in response to homeless crisis

SD on the QT, Mar. 31, 2023

"People freezing to death in the park. That's the kind of hard-luck living I sing about, that's the kind of pain that moves product. So I knew it would do me some good to stop by and soak up the scene." Tickets for the Springsteen concert start at \$120 and range up to \$2300."

-LOL'ing April 1, 2023

It's all about Springsteen and his image, nothing more. His own words

-Not a Fan continued on page 4

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

RANCHO SANTA FE

Dam old

Condition downgraded, levels lowered at Lake Hodges

Last month, California's Division of Safety of Dams downgraded the condition of the Lake Hodges dam from poor to unsatisfactory due to seismic issues, rating the dam's hazard as "extremely high." (An "extremely high" hazard rating is given when the population at risk is 1000 persons or more.) The 105-year-old dam is at the end of its lifespan — over 10 percent of dam failures occur when dams are 100 years or older — and the discovery of new defects are outpacing the city's ability to make repairs.



This sounds a lot like that critical infrastructure they're always talking about repairing.

cracks and concrete defects that extended the timeline, and required both lowering of water levels and the closure of the lake for recreational purposes. The latter nia Division of Safety of Dams show that Lake Hodges currently does not pose an immediate threat, because the reduced water level and consequent lower volume relieves pressure on the dam. Because of recent heavy rains, the city has been releasing water and monitoring the levels daily.

MISSION BAY

Kendall-Frost's lab rehab But what will become of marsh mural?

Work has begun on a new field station and learning center at the Kendall-Frost Marsh Reserve that by year's end will provide a more spacious and modern facility for academic researchers, K-12 students, and community groups on a northern corner of Mission Bay. The 1400-square

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Hodges reservoir impounds drinking water to serve the city of San Diego, the San Dieguito Water District, Santa Fe Irrigation District, and San Diego County Water Authority. But in the years since Hodges Dam was built on the San Dieguito River in 1918, homes, roads and businesses have arrived below it, and its decay keeps upping the threat to communities like Solana Beach and Rancho Santa Fe.

Other San Diego water supply dams that have been downgraded since 2019 — when the Hodges dam's condition was changed from Fair to Poor — include the high-hazard dams at the El Capitan and Morena reservoirs, now restricted to holding less than half their capacities, and the dam at Lower Otay Reservoir, which has not been restricted.

The city has been working on repairs since last May, in hopes that the efforts would prevent the downgrading. Those efforts included addressing defects in the upstream face of the dam wall that needed sealing. To make repairs, the water level of the reservoir had to be lowered about 18 feet, which in August revealed a new problem: a hole. Then workers found more

development has angered customers in the Santa Fe Irrigation district, who faced a rate hike on April 1.

According to the city, their own assessments and consultation with the Califor-



Art may perfect nature, but we're talking about science here!

foot modular building will replace a decrepit trailer that has served the same purpose for more than half a century.

The reserve is located within the last 40 acres of what once was a vast expanse of marshland in the area. The land was donated to UC San Diego in the 1950s and later incorporated into the UC Natural Reserve System, a statewide network of 41 ecological reserves managed by the University of California for the purpose of education, research and public service. In 2019, UCSD began a \$1.7 million fundraising campaign to pay for the trailer's replacement, in part because it provided limited laboratory space, not only for UCSD scientists but also researchers from as far away as Idaho and Wisconsin. It has also long served as an indooroutdoor classroom for Mission Bay High School students.

The new building will feature a laboratory, storage space, and basic overnight accommodations for a couple of researchers on its north side. The south end will feature a multipurpose room that can be used for community meetings, events, and classes. It will open out onto an observation deck. Each side of the building will have its own entrance. "The two parts of the building can be used independently, which is very different than how it is now, where everybody is falling over each other," said Heather Henter, executive director of the UCSD Natural Reserve System. "We have researchers staying there [currently] while we're having a big public outreach event. It's really been kind of awkward." (While the community room and deck might sound like an appealing venue for the public to party, their use will be restricted to groups engaged in marshland-related activities — a gathering of nature photographers or artists, or an environmental group meeting, or the like.)

Salt marshes such as Kendall-Frost are prime habitat for carbon sequestration, which helps mitigate the impacts of climate change. Ongoing research there is measuring that sequestration, and the results may be useful in managing the anticipated expansion of wetlands to the immediate east. UCSD researchers also are "putting a dollar value on ecosystem services at Kendall-Frost Marsh," Henter said, whether it be through mitigating the future costs from sea level rise and storm surge or increasing nearby home values and property tax revenues.

During construction, the "Wander the Wetlands" activities, normally conducted from 9-11 am on the second and fourth Saturday of every month, will be relocated

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NEIGHBORHOOD

from the trailer to the dirt parking lot at the north end of Crown Point Park.

While nobody will miss the ramshackle trailer, the mural that adorns it is loved by many. That's why photo recreations of some of the fauna and flora and significant Kendall-Frost figures the mural depicts will be included on the exterior of the new building. The fate of the mural's 4-by-8-foot metal panels is uncertain. "We're hoping to find a new home for them," Henter said.

LARRY KELLER

UCSD researchers also are "putting a dollar value on ecosystem services at Kendall-Frost Marsh."



Poster showing how Kendall-Frost improvements will look

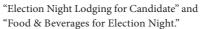


UNDER THE RADAR

Sempra's choice Now that Democrat Nathan Fletcher is resigning as a San Diego County supervisor due to the region's latest elected official sex scandal, what will become of the million dollars or so amassed from special interest contributors to advance his now-defunct political career? That's the question making the rounds of politicos keen to tap into Fletcher's impressive stash.

The report of the Nathan Fletcher for Democratic Central Committee 2024, filed

on January 30 and covering the second half of 2022, shows a balance of \$34,038. Big givers included Teamsters Local 856 PAC of Sacramento, with \$1000 on November 3. The committee took in a total \$51,300 through the end of December. Fletcher dipped into the fund to celebrate his reelection as county supervisor on November 8, using it to pay a \$3019 tab at downtown's Westin Hotel and Resort for



A second fund, Fletcher's committee for his now-abandoned 2024 state senate bid, closed out 2022 with \$933,168.67 raised and \$43,061.76 spent, per his January 30 disclosure filing. Donors included the California Life Sciences Association PAC (\$9800, December 7) and Linda Katz, wife of wealthy county water district chairman Mel Katz (\$4900, December 6). Katz himself kicked in \$8000 on December 12, and his Manpower partner Phil Blair gave \$4900 on December 19, bringing Blair's 2022 pro-Fletcher total to \$8000.

The same day, the political action committee of megapublic contractor HNTB Holdings of Kansas City, with local projects including the giant airport makeover, gave \$9400. "HNTB was responsible for final civil and structural design services for the world's first fully dynamic variable pricing on 20 miles of I-15," notes a post on the firm's website.

"The San Diego Association of Governments' project constructed the express lanes in the median, widened the current two-lane facility to four lanes, and added a moveable barrier." HNTB was also a key backer of a failed initiative qualification effort to raise taxes for more trolley and road construction.

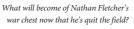
Further, \$5000 came in on December 21 from PPR Solutions of Poway, the lobbying shop run by Republican insider and ex-San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer's close advisor

Phil Rath. And Sempra Energy contributed \$4900 on December 27.

George Pla, founder and CEO of Los Angeles-based Cordoba Corporation, another big public infrastructure contractor, gave \$9800 the same day. Mutual fund wheeler dealer Jon Sundt of La Jolla, who founded Natural High, a non-profit foundation favoring anti-substance addiction rehabs of the type to which Fletcher reportedly has decamped, came up with \$4900 on Decem-

> ber 16, bringing Sundt's yearly total for Fletcher to \$9800...

Expected later this month: an audit of the way San Diego police handle "security of the City's Body Worn Camera Usage." But the public won't be able to look. "The findings and recommendations will be published confidentially in accordance with Government Auditing Standard 6.63.," says a recent report to the city council by City



Auditor Andy Hanau.

Lt. Governor 2026 committee continues to collect major cash for the Democrat Senate Pro Tem's three-years-hence electoral effort, raking in \$5500 from Oregonbased athletic shoemaker Nike on April 4. The company is the target of a lawsuit filed in Portland Federal court, "alleging widespread sex discrimination, harassment, and an \$11,000-per-year gender pay gap," per a January 18 account by The Oregonian. A group of Oregon newspapers battled for years to unseal records in the case. Documents

Just raise it The Toni Atkins for

filed by plaintiffs "provide a vivid portrait of women frustrated by pay disparities, harassment, and what some described as a 'bro' culture, where advancement hinged on who you knew rather than your skills," says the story. 'The feeling that badly behaving men were protected was common, the records suggest. Certain employees (mostly male) are protected because of who they are and who their



goddess of victory.

friends are regardless of the fact they are severe underperformers," one woman said.

"A frequent complaint was about a boy's club culture and lewd and offensive behavior by male managers." Responded defense lawyers: "Nike expressly denies such allegations and states that any such alleged conduct, if any: (1) was outside the course and scope of those employees' employment; (2) was not condoned by Nike; and/or (3) continued on page 4

LETTERS

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April 1, 2023

I know that every Springsteen show in every city, a needy organization garners a donation from The Boss. Years ago it was \$10k. What it is now ???? I do know that whatever organization he chooses is allowed to solicit donations at the venues. Any other performer do that?

-Bruce Backer April 1, 2023

No one has that Bruce Springsteen stylized look down more the Boss man himself. Even at a homeless encampment he feels a need to "Bruce" up the look.

-Style Stalker April 1, 2023

Well his concerts are for the rich and famous now. A big change from the last time I saw Bruce when he made sure his tickets were affordable to working class people. This concert made his commitment to his roots. I'm sure he doesn't need the money.

-Bruce from way back April 1, 2023

Maybe he should donate the proceeds of his concert to help the homeless. He's worth 650 million he could probably use a tax write off

-Financial Advisor April 1, 2023

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I'm not rich or famous but got tickets for him that are still cheaper than seeing Beyonce, Adele, Madonna or Taylor Swift in the lower deck area. Even cheaper than what i would have pay to see a band that my husband loves that is not famous. i.e., most people never heard of them.

Unfortunately tickets for everything including going to a movie or a sporting event is expensive now a days. So we save up and my husband and I just say its our combined birthday Christmas presents since we enjoy concerts so much. By the way, if u live close to a city he is playing out go back to stub hub or even Ticketmaster a week before the concert. Here the prices are lower.

-Not rich or famous April 2, 2023

His tickets don't cost any more than a sporting event either.

> -Sports Fan April 2, 2023

Springsteen donated to a local food bank at every community he plays and has reps from that organization in the arena - I've donated cash to them myself.

-Bruce Backer #2 April 2, 2023

Yeah, I'm not rich or famous either and I just saw him three times. You work hard, you save your money.

-Ramen fan April 2, 2023

Low, Low Car Rental Rates

Yes they do. Tickets were 500 on Ticketmaster for his Boston concert. Those were the cheap ones. Bruce used to make a point of keeping his tickets affordable.

-Chowdah fan April 2, 2023

Boston 590 for one ticket and those were the cheap seats and it was more expensive if you wanted one ticket.

> -Cheap sitter April 2, 2023

San Diego prelate directs diocese to file for moral bankruptcy

SD on the QT, Mar. 17, 2023 Most of the molestation accusations are false or cannot be proven.

-Anonymous March 19, 2023

The CBPOne Kid gets across the border

Neighborhood News, Mar. 28,

His above shown value of himself as a person: if all other 'Migrants' would also been working in such a way*. Add that the employers of 'migrants' deducting further from costs to customers of who be 'employer aka business of where customer made payment/endorsement.

*That would further benefit the current immigration controversy.

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Sara Jacobs aide reaches out to conservative World Vision

News Under the Radar, Mar. 29, 2023

Didn't they learn from the MidEastern war, of decades ago? Politics & Religion don't mix. Typically, when those 2 elements get mixed together, that being what causes war.

-Lesson Learner April 2, 2023

Bay Park zoning change could lead to 90-foot tall buildings east of Morena Blvd.

Neighborhood News, May 2, 2017

The city is growing. It's not what it was in the 50s. Time for the neighborhoods to change too. 90 feet near the trolley.

-Skyscraper aficionado January 4, 2023

City Heights needs a mural, not a wrecking ball

City Heights, July 8, 2016 The building cracked with the earthquake of April

> -City Heights Quaker April 9, 2023

Too hip, gotta go!

Ask a Hipster!, July 30, 2014

Crazy Fraze was using this quip as early as 1977. You could get free parking to KROQ-sponsored concerts at the Forum if you had a Too Hip card or bumper sticker.

Monthly

-Crazy Hip February 23, 2023

Ouartzsite: Arizona's rock city

Travel, Jan. 10, 2016

A human ab·er·ra·tion. -Classic Rock Fan March 12, 2023

The Wiggle Is Back

Crasher, May. 25, 2011

That was my Symphonytron they burned. I asked them to store it for me, I did not give them permission to destroy it!

-Nick

Under the radar

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was undertaken without the knowledge or consent of Nike."

The same day Nike's money rolled in, Republican Matthew R. Swanson, owner of Prospector LLC of Turlock, gave the Atkins fund \$8100. Back in May 2016, ex-GOP state senator Tony Strickland paid \$40,000 to the California Fair Political Practices Commission to settle campaign money laundering charges stemming from his failed 2010 state controller bid.

Strickland fat cats cited in the case included "Andrew Barth, a San Marino investment manager; Matthew Swanson, president of Associated Feed & Supply Co. in Turlock; and William Templeton, a Texas businessman in the oil and gas industry," the V.C. Star reported. Evidence showed "that Strickland received a total of \$65,000 in contributions from three donors through the Ventura County Republican Party and the Stanislaus County Republican Party," according to the paper's May 19, 2016, account. "Galena West, the commission's chief of enforcement, said the commission is 'pleased Mr. Strickland accepted responsibility for the violations. The maximum fine imposed sends a message that this type of activity will be aggressively prosecuted and will not be tolerated."

> - Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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UNREAL **E**STATE

by Dave Rice

Hello, friends. Before we get going, a quick programming note: this column you're holding in your hands (or staring at on a screen, whatever) marks the 260th installment of Unreal Estate. That's a solid 10 years of coming back to the well (almost) every other week and saying, "Hey, look at this rich guy's house!" It's a simple premise, but one I've tried to mix up a bit over the years — I hope you're still having as much fun with it as I am.

Okay, so this week



Why go to a resort when you can just call one home?

we're headed to Santaluz, a kind of younger alternative to Rancho Santa Fe in terms of upscale inland living, built around what aims to be "the most desirable country club in San Diego County." The neighborhood's webpage boasts that being a club member gets you access to "many fabulous socials, wine festivals, holiday celebrations, wine dinners, musical performances, and receptions throughout the year," so if you like wine with your golf,

maybe this is the place to be

Residences within the neighborhood range from "Posadas" spanning as much as 5500 square feet down to the comparatively low-rent "Casitas," which are as small as 2100 square feet and still cost well over a million dollars. Today, we're going to skip past the cookie-cutter jobs churned out by the builder and visit one of the "Customs," homes built under an owner's direction on some of the choicest lots in the development. These tend to be a bit larger.

Case in point: 8060 Run of the Knolls, a 1.5-acre estate with a home boasting 14,633 square feet of living space and a total of 17,316 square feet under roof, which I guess includes garages and covered patios and the like. "WOW!" is the

simple Zillow opening for the listing, which goes on to tell us that both country club membership and "90-95% of furnishings" are included in the \$10.78 million asking price. All we need to move in are our clothes and some dishes, so let's take a look at what we're getting.

The first photo is an aerial shot that makes the house look more like a cluster of resort buildings than a single family residence, along with a very fancy looking pool that I'm sure we'll hear more about in a minute. "The impossible to list and indescribably stunning features include a detached (att. thru garage) 1637 sq ft casita," the listing continues, before spending a significant amount of text listing all of those unlistable features.

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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news



Trigger-Warning: "When Gilbert Baker designed the original Pride flag, he probably thought he was defending something good against evil and oppressive forces. But then, so did the people behind the KKK flag, the Confederate flag, and the Nazi flag. If we cannot face our past with open eyes, can we really say we're better than those hateful monsters?"

Pride's Shameful Past Rich's Nightclub donates exclusionary flag to Museum of Tolerance

"I was horrified," says Rich's Nightclub Director of Rectitude Natasha Trigger-Warning, recalling the moment that staff discovered a Pride flag featuring Harvey Milk's friend Gilbert Baker's original eightcolor design. "On the one hand, seeing a relic of the LGBTOIA+ community in a landmark location like Rich's makes sense, so it's silly to be shocked. It's just historical fact: there was a time when our community was dominated by a white cis homo patriarchy that was all too comfortable denying the existence and humanity of trans and intersex people, and with relegating people of color to secondclass status. But in another way, it was a shocking reminder of how easy it is for well-meaning people to perpetuate and even create structures of injustice. Thank goodness



Much better, And who knows? Someday, it may be better still!

for our beautiful Progress flag, and bravo to Rich's for their brave donation. People need to see these things, as painful as they are, if we as a society are going to Do Better."

Miniland's Major Mess

Legoland town council to hold emergency meeting on homeless encampments in newly opened San Diego exhibit

Last Monday, Legoland California proudly celebrated the long-awaited opening of its San Diego miniland, which joins famous urban landscapes like New York, Los Angeles, and New Orleans at the world-renowned theme park. And last Tuesday, complaints began to come in about the homeless encampments along the city's sidewalks

and other heavily-trafficked areas. "It's disgraceful," said Legoland town councilman Greg Urban. "New Orleans is famously impoverished and crime-ridden, but they still know how to keep the streets clean for the paying public. New York has the Freedom Tower, we have the Free Public Campground. I know a lot of these people feel powerless to go anywhere else. That's why it's up to us to help find them a better place to be and move them there."



Urban: "Tourists come to The Gaslamp Quarter (pictured above) for a good time: a little food, a little drink, a little history and culture. They don't come to fight their way past tent cities blocking the sidewalk. And miniland San Diego needs its tourists. You think the locals are hitting Chew & Bricky's? You ever tried parking

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UConn students' proposed Championship parade route.

To the Victors Go the Spoiled?

UConn inexplicably forced to return to Connecticut after vanquishing San Diego State

"I don't get it," says guard Trenton Newton, who led the University of Connecticut Huskies to victory over the San Diego State Aztecs in the 2023 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship on April 3. "We beat our opponent. We came, we saw, we conquered. And now we're just supposed to go back to Hartford? And the Aztecs get to go back to paradise? Make that make sense. Did Alexander the Great just pull back to Alexandria after taking Egypt? They won't pay us to play; you'd think they'd at least let us switch campuses and hit the beach."

Craig T. Nelson voices a character who secretly and illegally uses his skills from a past life.

Former SDPD Vice Detective **Peter** Griffin used his experience to help get away with running illegal sex massage parlors



In Ma. Octavia **Spencer** plays a woman who is cruelly sexually exploited by a man whose cop friend lets people break the



Kristen Clarke noted that Griffin "took an oath to uphold our laws. and knew that sex massage parlors "cruelly profit by exploiting women.'



In Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon, **Chow Yun Fat** plays a warrior who must battle a criminal seeking knowledge of

powerful secrets



FBI Special Agent in Charge John Kim noted that Griffin committed "egregious misuse of power and knowledge.



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Esperanto — no irregular verbs

Most people are perfectly happy with their own language, and those very few who have the luxury to learn another prefer one that allows them to read Italo Calvino, Thomas Mann, or Li Po untranslated. To be blunt, no good literature has been written in Esperanto, and as Fernando de Diego, a Venezuelan who writes in Esperanto, admitted, "Fifty percent of Esperanto translations are lousy translations of useless works." - Justin Wolff JUN 14, 2001

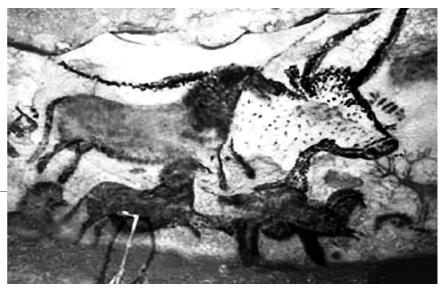
The beauty of urinals

Urinal.net attempts to recover some of the enchantment once associated with urinals. Ever since Marcel Duchamp "recovered" a

urinal (on view at the site) from the street and displayed it at a Dadaist exhibition, the porcelain receptacles have been the butt of jokes. But Duchamp's "ready-mades" or "brain facts" were serious testaments to banality, to the futility of defining art as anything other than a philosophical decision. - Justin Wolff JULY 19, 2001

Hunter Thompson just copied Annie Leibowitz

But just because Thompson is up to date technologically doesn't mean that he's in step. He may be a sports buff (he began his career as a sportswriter in Florida), but in his inaugural "Hey, Rube!" column, he proposed



Lescaux site. Paintings in the cave are about 15,000 to 17,000 years old.

several ways to shorten baseball games, a sport he abhors. "Not even the New Rules would drag me back to the Ballpark," he wrote. - Justin Wolff AUG. 9, 2001

Anarchy on the web

Emma Goldman grew up in a "petitbourgeois" Jewish family in the Baltic region of Russia. After emigrating to the

United States when she was 16, she worked in a Rochester, New York, garment factory before settling in New York City in 1889. Already influenced in her youth by the radical culture of St. Petersburg, she soon joined the anarchist movement and advocated violence; she helped Alexander Berkman plot to assassinate Henry Clay Frick. - Justin Wolff **OCT. 1, 2001**

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my friend Kelly joked.

"I can write romantic emails!" my pal Cori added. Nicole wanted to know, "What kind of vacations?"

Amber asked, "Does he need five sugar babies?"

Ha ha — but seriously, \$700 a week would be pretty sweet. With gas prices hovering near \$5 a gallon, a dozen eggs going for \$7, and my SDG&E bill exceeding \$500, the idea of a fake sugar daddy was, well, not exactly tempting, but intriguing. In recent months, I have needed to pick-up less glamorous side-hustles to pay the bills. I nanny, I write, I resell thrifted clothing bought from the Goodwill bins.

I am not unique in my industriousness. Outside of San Francisco, the San Diego housing market is the most expensive in the nation. As of January 2023, the median home listing price in San Diego was \$924,900. The average rent for a one-bedroom apartment has soared to \$2320, with studios reaching \$1895. And according to a WalletHub study, San Diego has seen the fourthhighest rise in inflation in the country. I spoke with locals to find out what they are doing to help pay the bills — and more importantly, if they still think the sunshine tax is worth it.

Feet Pics or Plasma? JULIA ANDREWS

AGE: 24

OCCUPATION: respite worker/ full-time student

"I think about selling feet pics all the time!" Julia Andrews says with a laugh. We are sitting in a East County Starbucks. A gentleman one table over swivels his head, glancing down at Julia's tennis-shoe-cov-



Julia Andrews on selling feet pics: "When stuff sucks [and I am running low on money], I wonder, should I do that? How much do I charge? I asked my boyfriend, 'Babe, do I have pretty feet?' He was like, 'I don't like feet like that."

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'I don't like feet like that.' What do feet people like? Do I need to paint my toenails? Do I [post] on OnlyFans? Is there a feet section on there?"

I shrug, because I am also not a foot person. In

response, Julia shakes her head, causing the curls framing her face to bounce, "But, I just can't do it. I don't like the idea of some random Joe having pictures of my feet. It's icky."

Instead, to make ends meet, Julia sells plasma. "The [center] by my house has a first-time deal. New donors get \$100 each donation for their first five donations. You can donate twice a week. After that, depending on your weight, you make around \$65 for your first donation in the week, and like \$55 for the next one. It ends up being around \$100 a week. It's hard for me to do. I have school and work. I can only donate on my days off. But, if you do it consistently, you can make around \$400 a month."

There are many months when Andrews struggles to keep up with her bills. She currently rents a bedroom in a Spring Valley home shared by six people. "I have been trying to get my own place for years, but it has always been too expensive. I pay \$700 for my room. That's low, because I am renting from a friend. Anywhere else, I would be paying much more."

Despite the overwhelming cost of rent, Julia doesn't want to leave San Diego. "I grew up in San Diego. I love it here. I can't imagine living anywhere else. But I can't really enjoy it. I can't just go to the beach on my days off, because I do side hustles. And I can't just focus on school because I have a job. Thankfully, I don't have student loans. I was able to get FASFA and a few other scholarships from being a native from my tribe in Oklahoma. I am so thankful for that. It's

tinues: "When stuff sucks [and I am running low on money], I wonder, should I do that? How much do I charge? I asked my boyfriend, 'Babe, do I have pretty feet?' He was like,



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helpful because I feel like eventually, I have an out. I mean, I don't think that four years from now, rent will be at a place where I will necessarily be able to afford [living here], but I think it will be a lot easier for me. I can envision a better opportunity in my future. But here's the thing: a million-dollar house isn't even on the beach anymore, it's on the border of South El Cajon."

If we did not have this, we'd be hosed. JOLIE BRENT

AGE: 49

Occupation: Heart Academy campus lead

"Between my husband Ted and I, we have eight jobs!" Jolie Brent declares, her voice rising an octave — as if she's realizing for the first time how hard they have to hustle to maintain a roof over their heads in San Diego. "I tell my kids, 'If you don't learn a work ethic from Daddy and me, you're crazy, because all we do is work!"

She rattles off their combined jobs: pastoring, teaching, serving as a college department chair, online editing, working as a campus lead, multi-



Jolie Brent's side-hustle cash comes from their home staging business. "It's been a funny little business that has helped us so much with the extra money we need here in San Diego. If we did not have this right now, we'd be hosed."

level marketing gigs. But the bulk of the Brent's side-hustle cash comes from their home staging business. "It's been a funny little business that has helped us so much with the extra money we need here in San Diego. If we did not have this right now, we'd be hosed."

Brent fell into the work serendipitously, after lunching with a realtor friend of hers. "I said to [my friend], 'I need a side hustle. We live in San Diego, and we have a mortgage. But, I don't want to drive for Uber!" Luckily for her, her realtor friend needed a home stager. Hers was retiring, and she knew Jolie

had a talent for decorating. It was the perfect fit. Introductions were made, and Brent began shadowing the soon-to-be retired home stager. Before long, she and her husband began working with other realtors, staging empty homes on their own.

"You would laugh, because originally, we charged \$350 for a stage. And at that time, we were still having to buy stuff, like art and plants."

The Brents raised their price to \$700. Then to \$1000. Now, they charge \$2000 for an empty stage. "That is still a great deal. Professional stagers charge \$5000-\$7000.

We take those lower paying jobs because \$2000 to us is a lot! We've gotten two [listings] in the same week; \$4000 is good income for two little side hustle people!"

This particular side hustle came with some hefty expenses: they had to purchase furniture and home décor. They also bought a \$7000 8x28 container in which to store it all. "We did not take out any loans. We were profitable within the first couple of months. We bought our furniture from HomeGoods and anywhere that had nice stuff discounted. I didn't want to get crappy furniture. If we want realtors to pick up our cards and use us, we need to have a really nice stage. We use our own furniture, too. Sometimes we won't have a coffee table or I'll have to drag my girls' bean bags downstairs because we have to use our things for a staging."

Homebuyers frequently ask to purchase the home with the Brents' furnishings. Sadly, inflation has made that possibility out of the question. "We need to keep all the furniture that we have. We can't replace it, because everything is so much more expensive now." But they do provide

links to similar items. "We only charge \$100 for that. I think we need to raise that. I don't think we realized in the beginning all the different ways we could monetize."

Brent acknowledges their side gig is physically taxing. "Between the two of us, we load stuff up like the Beverly Hillbillies. We need a box truck. We need another storage container. But those are big business expenses. Still, driving 20 miles down the freeway behind my husband's truck, hoping nothing falls out, can be a lot. And then we unload everything. I am turning 50 and Ted is turning 53. We are still active, but in ten years, we are going to be tired. We are trying to enjoy it now while we are able, and sort of just shell away as much money as we can."

While the Brents' four children are well versed in the work ethic needed to survive in San Diego, she still worries that her children will struggle with the inordinate expenses of Southern California living. "Our oldest wants to move out on his own. We have been talking about getting him a tiny house on our property. He is looking at all these rentals. A

bedroom in a house goes for like \$2800. He can't afford that! A tiny house costs about \$100,000. We are working on trying to get [one]."

For one person to make San Diego money is a big task LINNEA HARRINGTON

AGE: 40

OCCUPATION: nanny/student "It is so expensive to live here," Linnea Harrington tells me. "I don't know how people do it without a side hustle. I have needed to up my hustle in the last couple of years to survive." She is sitting in the parking lot of a thrift store that is having a 50 percent off sale. Harrington popped in before our interview to see if she could score deals to add to her vintage booth at Sea Hive Liberty Station. Her main gig is five days a week, 9-3, caring for two toddlers in Point Loma. But on the side, she collects and sells vintage items, and does professional photography and photo editing. She scored her current day job while side hustling: "I got my job when I did their labor and delivery photos. They were looking for a nanny. They asked if I would do it until they found someone else. That was four years ago. It brings in decent money, but not San Diego money. For one person to make comfortable San Diego money is a big task."

During covid, Harrington's nanny hours were cut, due to both parents working from home. As a single mom, she struggled making her mortgage payment, so she started buying cheap vintage items and reselling them on Facebook Marketplace. "I started doing garage sales too, when everything was shut down. I didn't really

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Linnea Harrington: "One of the benefits of having my side hustles is that I have always been able to figure things out. I can sell something quickly online or I can contact someone and see if they need photo editing done. I can pull something out of my bag of talents if I am short that month."

put out a ton of vintage stuff because I didn't think people would buy it for what I was asking. It was mostly my kid's old shit and crap from around my house.

"Then this weird guy came to one of my sales. He was one of those people where you aren't sure if they are homeless or like a super wealthy hipster. He had a beat up BMW. He started putting all this crappy stuff into a pile that he wanted to buy. He asked if I had any vintage men's shoes. I went inside and took a box out with some shoes in it and other vintage items. At the bottom of the box were scarves that I had held onto for years. I looked them up online, and they were worth \$200. When he saw them, he wanted to know how much. I was a little hesitant to say. I wasn't sure he could afford them." Turns out the man was not homeless; he bought \$900 worth of Harrington's scarves. "I bought those scarves for a couple of bucks each. In total, he ended up spending like

\$1500 at my garage sale!" Once covid was over, she began selling at flea markets. "Recently, I opened a spot at Sea Hive in Liberty Station. I also sell at the second Sunday vintage market in their parking lot. Sea Hive is open seven days a week. It's a collective. Included in my booth rental are employees. They help customers. They spruce up and keep my booth nice and run the register. They take care of my taxes, credit card fees, and all of that. It's basically passive income, because once my stuff is

in there, they take care of it." Her biggest month of sales at Sea Hive was December 2022. She made \$1800 after fees.

Even with money coming in from her side hustles, Harrington has lean months. She sometimes worries she won't have enough to cover bills. "One of the benefits of having my side hustles is that I have always been able to figure things out. I can sell something quickly online or I can contact someone and see if they need photo editing done. I can pull something out of my bag of talents if I am short that month." Still, she is taking precautions. "I am in school right now for medical coding. After covid, things got kind of scary. I just thought, 'Well shit, if my legs break or something, and I can no longer do physical things, I need [a back-

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Harrington is thankful she bought her La Mesa home when the market was low. "One of the benefits of being an old person is that my house was \$279,000 when we bought it 16 years ago. I don't know how young people afford it here. My kids are probably going to have to live with me forever. If I had to rent a place in San Diego now, I would have to live in Santee with a roommate and still need to do side hustles."

My side hustle became my main hustle

JAMES SCHWARTZ

AGE: 28

OCCUPATION: concert merchandise vendor

During the summer of 2022, James Schwartz found himself struggling to survive financially in San Diego. "I was cleaning pools, making \$18 hour. I wasn't making enough money. All I could afford to do was drive to work and come home." He was, and still is, renting an apartment in Santee. "In 2020, I paid



James Schwartz kept his pool job until he started getting offers to work weekday shows with Happy Belly. "My side hustle became my real job because I was making more money."

\$1100 for rent. Because of inflation, it increased to \$1650 after everything. I live with a roommate in a two bedroom. We pay \$3000 in Santee before [utilities]. Rent has gone up exponentially. It's insane! I mean, we live in Santee because this is where we could afford in San Diego."

Last summer, Schwartz decided he needed to take on a side gig. His friend Ryan was making good money working as

a vendor with the event company Happy Belly. When they found themselves short staffed one weekend, Ryan invited Schwartz to work a couple of shows with him. "I worked a show in Nor-Cal, and two shows in Irvine, Friday-Sunday. I called out sick [from work] and made more money in those three days then I did working 3 ½ weeks with overtime." He kept his pool job until he started getting offers

to work weekday shows with Happy Belly. "My side hustle became my real job because I was making more money," he says.

On average, Schwartz makes around \$400-500 selling stuff at stadium shows. It is not uncommon for him to make \$1000 in a weekend. It beats cleaning pools. "It is most fun I have ever had in a job. I am not college educated, but I can do stuff, if you just tell me how to do it. To be hands on, make decent money, see free concerts, and hang out with my friends — I couldn't ask for a better job!"

Schwartz looks down at his watch. "I am meeting with a friend to play disc golf," he says. "At my old job I couldn't meet up with someone in the middle of the week like this!"

Golf balls and free margaritas

Trina Anderson Jenna Lingol

AGES: 32, 34

OCCUPATIONS: Physical therapists

[Note: Names, locations, and a few other minor details have been altered to protect the interviewees' identities out of fear that others at their place of business will either prohibit or steal their side hustle.]

Trina Anderson, Jenna Lingol, and their coworkers have a monthly afterwork happy hour tradition. Recently, with the price of menu items increasing, colleagues started bowing out. Happily, the group came up with a solution to combat the rising cost of getting together.

During their lunch hours, the ladies take to the trails surrounding their building to search for wayward golf balls from the nearby course. They load their pockets and purses, dumping their daily findings into a bucket in the break room. When the bucket reaches 200, they take it to the golf course next door and re-sell the balls for 60 cents apiece. The money is pooled to cover their happy hour bills.

"We've gotten competitive with it. We have a leader board," Anderson says, shaking her head.

Adds Lingol, "It has gotten to the point where if one of us sees the other one outside walking during lunch, we run to get to the golf balls quicker. We are digging them out of the ground. We are fishing them out of trees."

Anderson clarifies, "No, not we, just you! Sometimes I wonder if Jenna brings a shovel out there with her. She comes back with balls that look like they have been buried in the dirt for years."

Lingol laughs. "We go across the street in the median or down the hill to find them. Once, I picked up a snake egg by mistake. That was not cool."

Anderson's face twists into a concerned look. "There is a median in the middle of the road nearby. To get to it, you need to Frogger across traffic and hop a guardrail with cars whizzing past. Someone is going to get run over."

Lingol agrees that it can be dangerous, "I trespassed onto a construction zone behind our building one day. There were dozens of golf balls back there. A man working there yelled at me saying that what I was doing was a safety hazard. I didn't want to explain that I trespassed because I was competing against my co-workers in a golf ball challenge, or that we used the money

we made selling them for happy hour. Instead, I told him that we were collecting the balls for a good cause. It was partially true. We did adopt a family over Christmas to buy gifts for. [The construction worker] gave me a \$100 bill and the golf balls. We used that money, along with our own donations, and our golf ball sales that month, for our adopted family. That motivated us to step up our game. Presently, most of our golf ball money goes to charity. People really need it right now. We do still put some aside for happy hour. The risk is worth it, mostly. Though I did run across a snake the other day, curled up next to a golf ball."

Anderson says that snake was actually a condom, but she knows that Lingol's fear makes sense. "When my coworkers got intense about the golf balls, I went on Amazon and bought a pack of fake snakes. I plant them on top of golf balls. Everyone in the office has conspiracy theories surrounding said snakes. Sometimes they think they are real, other times they think people who work in our building are trying to deter us so they can take over our side hustle. They have no clue it's me." She lets out a maniacal laugh, thoroughly pleased with her prank.

Rent my ratty beach towels for \$25 Amy Conrad

AGE: 45

OCCUPATION: public relations

In August of 2022, Amy Conrad and her husband Randy began renting out their backyard through Swimply to turn a quick profit. Swimply is similar to Airbnb, but instead

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"I was relaxing in my backyard," recalls Conrad, "and [my friend] turned to me and said, 'My ex-husband rented somebody's backyard to have a pool party for our kids. He spent \$500! You should do that! You could make bank!' At the time, we could really use extra money." Before she knew it, Conrad was filling out an application and uploading photos of her El Cajon backyard to the Swimply website. "Swimply has you list how many patio sets you have, lounge chairs, and tables. They ask if you want to rent out amenities: floaties, towels, your barbecue, and your spa. It's hilarious! I straight up charged \$25 for people to use my ratty old towels."

Conrad raided the clearance section and her local Albertsons, purchasing floaties at 75% off. "I was like, 'If you want to use our floaties, you need to pay 25 bucks.' You can even charge for Wi-Fi. I didn't go that far though. At my house, you get free Wi-Fi."

In total, the Conrads hosted four parties to get over their financial hump. "It did not take a lot of effort. We would blow off the patio, wipe down our chairs, and put up our umbrellas. I washed our towels if they were rented. And my husband Randy would blow up the floaties. That was it. Initially the pair charged \$45 an hour, with additional charges for amenities, plus a \$35 cleaning fee. They later raised their hourly rate to \$50. Randy Conrad was not in love with the idea of renting out the family's yard, but he came around during their first rental experience, when a chubby 6-year-old ran up to him and announced, "This is the best day of my life." After that, says Conrad, "Randy was all smiles."

Alas, that feeling was short lived. The Conrads listed their yard as an alcohol-free zone, but that didn't stop people from bringing booze in. "The second time we rented our pool was for another kids' party. I am not exaggerating when I say these people must've brought five coolers of Dos Equis to our house — for a kids' party." At first, the guests tried to hide their imbibing, but as they began to get drunk, well — "[Guests] came inside our house to use the bathroom,

and they kept offering us beer!" Still, they stuck with

the Swimply hustle, until "this chick rented our pool for her 30th birthday. I came outside to check on things and our entire ping pong table was filled with shot glasses. They got totally drunk. They blared their music. They started singing and chanting so loud! Next thing we knew, they were holding the birthday girl up in the air on one of our patio chairs, passing her around like it was a Bat Mitzvah. It was embarrassing. Cars parked up and down our street. Drunk people loitering out front. I thought our neighbors would hate us, and it wasn't even our party!"

Ten minutes before the event was set to end, no one was leaving. "I went outside and said, 'Hey guys, this party is

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about over.' [The renter] asked, 'Can we rent it for another hour?' I said, 'Nope! Absolutely not!' That was the last one we had. We made close to \$400 on that party, though."

I am never going to be able to afford a house here GUS GRIMM

AGE: 25

OCCUPATION: grocery store worker

"I get paid \$16.50 an hour," says Gus Grimm. "It does not pay the best. So I have been working on side hustles"— scouring thrift shops to resell clothing on the popular website Depop. And more uniquely, selling custom handmade rugs. But Grimm admits that "it's hard to turn a profit doing that. It costs roughly \$50-60 for materials, and it takes around 10-15 hours to complete them.

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I charge around \$120-\$150. It's a lot of work. But it's nice to have a creative outlet become a side hustle. I am not turning a huge profit, but I really enjoy it. I got started doing punch needle [rugs] using an embroidery hoop. I saw people on YouTube use tufting guns and it's way faster. I wanted to give it a shot, so I invested in one. That cost me around \$300. They are not cheap."

Right now, Grimm mostly sells his custom rugs to friends and family. "People who stumble upon my Instagram reach out to me too. I have done a few commissions that way" - though recently, he sold a rug to a new customer, and the post office lost it in transit. Fifteen hours of work for nothing. It's tough, because unless the rug gig takes off, he doesn't see how he's ever going to be able to get his own place. "I feel like I've hit a pay ceiling. I have considered going back to school or doing a Google certification. And as much as I want the rug thing to happen, I would need to commit full time to doing that, because it

is so labor intensive."

Because of this, Grimm is thinking about leaving San Diego. "I want to get out on my own. March of last year, I moved up to LA. I had five housemates and paid \$700 a month. I was working a couple of different jobs. After a few months, my car started breaking down and my jobs started falling through. I had to

retreat back home. Getting that taste of freedom and [losing it] was kind of rough."

The experience left him with the impression that "San Diego is becoming a secondary LA. Successful people from other places are flocking here. The natives are getting [priced] out. I feel like there isn't a future for me here. If I want to raise a

family down the line, I am never going to be able to afford a house here. I am strongly considering trailblazing to some city in the Midwest. It's gonna suck - nothing will compare to San Diego. But at least its affordable and I can live comfortably and not have roommates. It's a stark reality, but it is what it is."

— Siobhan Braun

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But for the moment, I'm stuck on the casita: it's detached, but attached through a garage? As in, it's attached to the main residence, but you can't get to the guest quarters unless you walk through the garage? Also, it allegedly has a 400-square-foot walk-in closet, which is both a quarter of the whole unit and bigger than my living room.

Our next stop on the photo tour is indeed the pool, with what looks like a water slide coming out of the turret-shaped corner of the building closest to it. We don't stay here long, and our next stop is a barnlike space with polished concrete floors and half of a basketball court. The pair of recliners pushed against one wall and the home gym equipment in the corner help give us a sense of just how huge this space is — they're just tiny specks in the background! Maybe this is the "70x47 indoor gymnasium/car showroom" the listing mentions, but I don't see any cars yet.

Some front shots show us that the driveway and sidewalks around the house are constructed from herringbone



A closet with more square footage than many houses.

pavers, which both look nicer than and cost a lot more to install than more pedestrian concrete. From there, we make our way to the entry, which has a raised ceiling and a pleasant chandelier spiraling down from the rooftop. But we're also assaulted by an overdose of "gentrification gray." The arched doorway is gray, and so is the floor. The furniture is gray. Even the built-in bookcases and exposed beams in the ceiling of the next room are gray. This is too much for me already; I hope we see some color soon.

Okay, moving on, we see that the room beyond the entry is a kind of reception hall with a lot of seating and a bar looking into the kitchen. Those ceiling beams, on closer inspection, are a more natural brown, but I notice this only because they're the only things aside from some pendant lights over the bar that aren't black,

white, or gray. The marble walls surrounding the fireplace and dividing the kitchen between "dirty" (actual kitchen where food gets made) and "chef's" (don't use this one, it's only there to look at and show people how fancy you are) are nice, but this space is too bland. Not that I wouldn't take it in a heartbeat, but I'd paint the cabinets or something — anything to make this place look less sterile. Also, I would use the heck out of that (blue, hooray!) retrolooking double range, appearances be damned. The dirty kitchen looks too cramped anyway, from the one shot we get of it.

One of those big disappearing walls of glass leads us out to a poolside patio that looks pleasant enough, even if the one ceiling fan mounted way up at the peak of the vaulted ceiling is unlikely to do anything useful. Hopefully, we get at least a hint of an ocean breeze to help keep things cool, even though we're fully seven miles inland from Solana Beach.

Now we're headed back in through a formal dining room into a bar/ lounge area. I normally don't gold fixtures like the faucet and drawer pulls in here, but in this instance, I'll take them over silver, given the gray cabinets. There's a small home theater off of this room, with a Captain America shield sitting in front of the screen. All it does is remind me that I'm still desperate to see some hints of color.

Oh, here's some: a game room has pool and shuffleboard tables, along with a few old arcade consoles. There's even a skeeball machine, which I'm surprised to report marks the first time I've seen one in any of the rich-guy playgrounds we've covered over the years.

Next, we're off to what looks like a miniature version of a gym locker room. I have no idea why this is here — it's your house, you probably have plenty of closets and bathrooms, so why do you need a locker? Then we're back in the basketball barn, except now there's a giant toy train parked in the key. Behind the gym, it turns out, is a singlelane bowling alley that I would use a lot more than I would a toy train.

Back in the main house, we're presented with a bedroom large enough to make a king bed look like doll furniture and a bathroom with a freestanding tub inexplicably placed between a pair of vanities, and a walk-in shower the size of a small bedroom. A door from the bath leads out to a private walledin patio with a spa tub in the center. We finish our tour of what I presume is the main suite, with a couple of closet shots the listing claims the total closet space in here measures 43x41, making for a 1763-square-foot closet. That by itself is bigger than a lot of houses.

Some more normallooking bedrooms and baths follow. Then we see a sauna in which the benches are all covered in pillows. I don't think this is how saunas work; they're hot and humid and sweaty, and if this one actually gets used, I don't want to know how those pillows smell.

Now we're headed outside again, watching some fountains spray into the "breathtaking 126x43 sq ft sparkling pool and lazy river, swim up bar, covered island, waterfalls, waterslide, dive platform, covered jacuzzi, full outdoor kitchen, full pool bath, and fire features throughout." Yes,

the pool has all of those things, including a bar island accessed by bridge for those not swimming up. Most of the rest of the shots, aside from a few of the guest casita, are of the backyard. And really, this pool is impressive enough that it deserves to be seen from a bunch of different angles. Finally, we get a few closing aerial shots before we say goodbye.

Maybe the listing was right about there being too much to list, as I haven't even gotten into the hidden TVs, the temperature-controlled wine room, or a few other things. But we're running long, and looking at this much stuff in one house has me kind of exhausted, anvwav.

The Run of the Knolls estate was built in 2018 and last sold as bare land in 2015 for \$1.5 million to the Barajas Trust of Highland, California. It was listed in late January for \$12 million and quickly went into escrow, but that deal fell through in mid-March, and the property went back online with a reduced asking price of \$10,780,000. If you buy it, keep an extra \$1489/ month in your budget for homeowners' and country club dues. Also, please invite me over for some bowling or let me crash your train into the pool.■

Calendar

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 13

GRAZE AT THE FIELDS

The San Diego County Farm Bureau is partnering with local farmers, chefs, beverage purveyors, and agricultural organizations to offer a taste of locally grown and curated bites and beverages while interacting with local farmers and purveyors. The Carlsbad flower fields are fifty acres of ranunculus, with wagon rides, artist gardens, a twoacre U-Pick blueberry patch, sweet pea maze, butterfly garden, and bird aviaries.

WHEN: Thursday, April 13, 5 pm to 8 pm

WHERE: The Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad. sdfarmbureau.org/graze-at-the-fields

Friday | 14

TURN! TURN! TURN! ART **OPENING**

This multimedia art exhibit, featuring Mark Siprut and Larry Caveney, explores the expression of dance and celebrates the end of coronavirus isolation. Opening festivities includes a community dance jam facilitated by Michele Lyons.



WHEN: Friday, April 14, 6 pm to

WHERE: Dorothea Laub Dance Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road, Liberty Station. libertystation.com/do/turnturn-turn-art-exhibit

Saturday | 15



THE BOUNTIFUL **BAG EARTH MONTH FUNDRAISER**

Event featuring art and local entertainment, raising funds for San Diego Brewcycling Collaborative and Sustainability Is Sexy. There will be a spring collection release, beer, upcycled art, a sustainable fashion show, fairtrade & organic chocolate samples, and a photo

> booth. Enter a raffle to win A one-year President's Associates Membership to the San Diego Zoo (valued at \$1,00), a Hurley electric bike, or a Wellington end table by Room & Board.

WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 2 pm to 7 pm WHERE: WestBrew Brewing Company, 1061 La Mirada Court, Vista. thebountifulbag.com

CORONADO FLOWER SHOW

The flower show is divided into five divisions: horticulture, design, special exhibits, youth, and botanical arts. This year's event theme is Hollywood in Bloom. Enjoy landscape displays, floral competitions, educational lectures



and demonstrations, live bandstand

entertainment, food, a beer & wine garden with locally crafted beers, and shopping.

WHEN: Saturday, April 15, 1 pm to 5 pm and Sunday, April 16, 10 am to 4 pm

WHERE: Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue, Coronado. coronadoflowershow.com

Sunday | 16

BRATTY

A native of Culiacán, Sinaloa, Mexico, guitarist and singer-songwriter Jenny Juárez was 16 years-old when she launched her bedroom pop-surf project

> Bratty in 2017. Her selfproduced debut EP was followed by a collaborative single with Ed Maverick, "Ropa de Bazar," which scored over ten million streams. She's touring in support of her Es Mi Fiesta Y Si Quiero Hago Un EP.

WHEN: Sunday, April 16, 7:30 pm

WHERE: The Casbah. 2501 Kettner Boulevard, Little

Italy. casbahmusic.com



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ART

Art Journal Class This is beginner friendly step by step mixed media art journal class. Saturday, April 15, 10am; 18 and up. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Free Open House for Educators Free professional development program that will strengthen your knowledge of art history and provide you with creative ideas to integrate visual art into classroom teaching. Network with other educators over wine and light appetizers and receive free bus transportation to the Timken for their classrooms For more information email education@timkenmuseum.org Wednesday, April 19, 5pm; free. Timken Museum of Art, 1500 El Prado, (BALBOA PARK)

Handled Pottery: Dog Bowl Workshop Create a pair of personalized food bowls for a pet. Texture mats, tools, stamps, and underglaze provided, along with easy follow along steps. Saturday, April 15, 2pm; Handled Pottery Studio, 2680 State Street Suite D. (CARI SBAD)

Japanese Craft, Stationery & Clothing Pop-Up Venders include Entoten. Saturday, April 15, 11am; Sunday, April 16, 11am; free. Den on Laurel, 205 Laurel Street #104. (LITILE ITALY)

Mosaic Picture Frame Class Using buttons, beads, letters, broken ceramic or glass tiles, embellish a simple wooden picture frame to display your treasured photos. No previous experience required. Supplies included, ages 7 to adult. Saturday, April 15, 3pm; \$40-\$46. Bravo School of Art South Park, 2963 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Rhyme & Verse

Allies: According to Herodotus

A poem by C.K. Williams

"Just how much are you worth?" Xerxes asks Pythius, reputedly the richest man in Lydia,

at the entertainment Pythius was holding in his palace for Xerxes and his chiefs of staff.

"Exactly three million nine hundred and ninety-three thousand golden darics," Pythius answers,

"and all of it yours, my humble contribution towards your glorious war against the Greeks."

Xerxes is pleased: since he's left Persia with his troops, only Pythius along their route

has offered hospitality without being compelled to; all this might indicate a welcome drift.
"Consider yourself my personal friend," he says to Pythius: "Keep

your fortune, you've earned it, and furthermore I'm awarding you another seven thousand darics of my own to round it off."

Later, as Xerxes is preparing to go on, an eclipse is sighted, which

irrationally alarms Pythius, but also encourages him to ask Xerxes for a favor. "Anything you want, just ask." says Xerxes.

"I have five sons," Pythius replies, "and all of them are leaving to take part in your campaign.

I'm getting on: let me keep my eldest here, to help take care of me

I'm getting on: let me keep my eldest here, to help take care of me and see to my estates." Xerxes is incensed. "You ungrateful scum," he snarls, "you have the gall to talk about your

when I myself, Xerxes himself, is going off to fight with all my sons and friends and relatives?

It would have pleased my ears if you'd offered me your wife, and thrown in your old carcass. You saved yourself by your generosity the other night, but now you'll know a real king's rage."

Some ancients doubt Herodotus, but not in this; Xerxes, after all, angry at the Hellespont, had it lashed and branded; we can trust therefore that near the moment when history begins, Xerxes commanded that the beloved eldest son of Pythius be brought to him and cut in half, and that the halves be placed along the roadside

for his army to march out towards Greece between.



C.K. Williams (1936-2015) was an American poet who won a raft of awards throughout his lifetime, including the National Book Critics Award (1987), the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry (2000), the National Book Award (2003) and the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize (2005). He was also a critic and translator, providing fresh English render-

ings of ancient Greek plays by Sophocles and Euripides. With a nod to Walt Whitman, Williams rejuvenated the long line in modern poetry and defined his style in the process—conversational, prose-like with an emphasis on characterization and dramatic development.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

The Possibility of Something Happening Closing The Possibility of Something Happening explores the phenomenological nature of chance across art practices and human encounters. Show runs March 3 through April 15. Saturday, April 15, 5pm; free. Art

Produce Gallery, 3139 University

Avenue, (NORTH PARK)

(LIBERTY STATION)

Turn! Turn! Turn! Art Opening This art exhibit explores dance as an expression of life and return to joy following the seasons of change and uncertainty endured during our times of isolation during the last three years. Friday, April 14, 6pm; free. Dorothea Laub Dance Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road.

UCSD Visual Arts MFA Thesis Shows Amir Saadiq & Maria Mathioudakis Saturday, April 15, 5pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (IA JOLLA)

BEER

Pure Project: Booty Bootcamp

+ Beer Grab your yoga/workout mat for a 50 minute glute-focused workout led by personal trainer and F45 coach, Jerome Villar, followed by a glass of Pure beer. Sunday, April 16, 10am; \$25. Pure Project at the Park, 2865 5th Avenue.

The Bountiful Bag Earth Month Fundraiser 5th Annual fundraiser focused around art, upcycling, slow fashion and local entertainment. The goal is to inspire environmental awareness and action, as well as raise funds for San Diego Brewcycling Collaborative and Sustainability Is Sexy. Saturday, April 15, 2pm; free. WestBrew Brewing Company, 1061 La Mirada Court. (VISTA)

Yoga & Beer with YogaSix Enjoy an hour-long stretchy yoga class led by Amanda G. of YogaSix followed by a glass of Pure beer. Sunday, April 16, 10:30am; \$25. 21 and up. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

A Conversation with Author Kim Stanley Robinson Sally T. WongAvery Library, 2nd Floor. Monday, April 17, 6pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Don Winslow: City of Dreams

Warwick's will host Don Winslow as he discusses and signs his new book, *City of Dreams*. This event is free and open to the public; free admittance is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat. Tuesday, April 18, 7:30pm; **free**-\$30. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (IA 10(1A)

Kim Fay: Love & Saffron Warwick's will host Kim Fay as she discusses and signs the new paperback edition of her book, Love & Saffron. This event is free and open to the public. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/fay-2023. Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm; free-\$17. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Laura McKowen: Push Off from Here Warwick's will host Laura McKowen as she discusses and signs her new book, Push Off from Here: Nine Essential Truths to Get You Through Sobriety (and Everything Else). This event is free and open to the public. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/ mckowen-2023. Wednesday, April 19, 7:30pm; free-\$27. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA) CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Molly Ruttan: Something Wild

Warwick's presents Molly Ruttan

as she reads, discusses and signs

her new book, Something Wild.

Saturday, April 15, 3pm; free-\$18.

La Jolla Riford Library, 7555 Draper

Weekends with Locals: Jen

Michalski Weekends with Locals

will be hosting Jen Michalski,

author of The Company of

Strangers. Sunday, April 16, 12pm;

free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812

Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Join us to learn how to recognize common signs of the disease; how to approach someone about memory concerns; the importance of early detection and benefits of a diagnosis; possible tests and assessments for the diagnostic process, and Alzheimer's Association resources. Wednesday, April 19, 9am; free. Alzheimer's Association, 5075 Shoreham Pl., #240. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Alzheimer's SD: Manteniendo saludable su cerebro Aprenda sobre los cambios en el estilo de vida y las estrategias que todos pueden usar para mantener la salud de su cerebro. Monday, April 17, 11am; free. 18 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 E. Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

Alzheimer's San Diego: How to Talk About Memory Loss Learn how to plan for successful, lower-stress family discussions about difficult topics like changes in memory, driving, and living alone. Pre-registration is recommended. Register @ https://bit.ly/41bg9Wk. Friday, April 14, 10am; free. 18 and up. Scripps Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Body Boot Camp Includes Instagram Live "Lunch & Learn" session with Melanie Palm, M.D., discounted offers on noninvasive procedures including CoolSculpting, EMsculpt, EMsculpt NEO, EMface, EMtone, Radiesse, Sculptra, Ultherapy, 15% off all non-prescription skincare and more. Friday, April 14, 9am; free. 18 and up. Art of Skin MD, 437 Highway 101 Suite 217. (SOLANA BEACH)

Cooking Class Make Your Own Ramen Sunday, April 16, 5pm; \$50-\$60. 21 and up. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Craftivism Class: Paper Bead Necklaces Learn about Slow Fashion, the idea of reusing and remaking old clothing or materials into something new. Instead of adding to the landfills. All classes are bilingual and taught in English and Spanish. Wednesday, April 19, 6pm; \$10-\$20. Joe and Vi Jacobs Center, 404 Euclid Avenue.

Cyanotype Workshop Cyanotype Workshop & California Kelp Forest Sustainability: Learn the art of cyanotype, a 170 year old photographic printing process that uses sunlight to produce prints in a distinctive dark greenish-blue, and enjoy sustainable seafood dishes all while supporting ocean conservation. Saturday, April 15, 2pm; \$95. Garibaldi, 901 Bayfront Court Suite J., (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Italian for Beginners: 8-Week Course This course gives students the basic tools needed to successfully understand and communicate in Italian. Reguster at link. Tuesday, April 18, 12:30pm; \$160-\$190. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Macrame Moon Craft Workshop Create a macrame moon wall hanging with all the supplies ready, including hoops, rope, beads, feathers, and other embellishments. No previous experience required, beginners to experts welcome. Wednesday, April 19, 6:30pm; \$45. Mike Hess Brewing Ocean Beach, 4893 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Master Composter Course Become a Master Composter. Minimize your carbon footprint. Keep food and yard waste out of the landfill to reduce harmful methane gas emissions. Saturday, April 15, 10am; \$25. Surprise Farm Retreat Center, 18892 Old Julian Trail. (RAMONA)

Memoir II: Character, Dialogue & Scene Though this class is offered as part of the Certificate in Memoir Writing, there is no pre-requisite to join this class. Saturdays, 12pm; through Saturday, April 22, \$216-\$252. 18 and up. writeyourstorynow.org. (ONLINE)

Mindfulness for Creatives 3-part series with mindfulness teacher Wilda Wong. Monday, April 17, 6pm; \$25-\$60. writeyourstorynow.org. (ONLINE)

SoulCollage Workshop All levels invited to explore the depths of your soul through imagery. Sunday, April 16, 11am; \$75. 18 and up. Revision, 8691 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Strawberry Fermentation Workshop Celebrate strawberry season by learning about many different ways to ferment them, in Sauerkraut, chutney, pickles and kombucha! Includes a takehome jar of sauerkraut. Sunday, April 16, 11am; \$69. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

Trauma Healing Series A CIHS Enlighten special 6-week series exploring effective healing techniques In this live trauma healing series over 6 weeks, you will learn the three different types of trauma, the biology of these trauma types, and simple and effective healing techniques for healing each of these three different types of trauma. Tuesdays, 5pm; through Tuesday, April 25, \$399-\$499. California Institute for Human Science, 701 Garden View Court. (ENCINITAS)

Virtual Knife Skills Class Handling your knife properly is a lifelong and essential skill



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for all cooks, from beginner to experienced home cook. Monday, April 17, 3pm; \$30. creativecookco. com/classes/. (ONLINE)

Yiddish Art Classes for Children This class is aimed for ages 5-10. The class will involve art making and interpretation, based on the rich cultural heritage represented at Yiddishland. No electronic devices are allowed in the classroom. Class materials are included. Wednesdays, 12:45pm; through Wednesday, May 24, \$25-\$30. Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

COMEDY

Carlos Mencia AS SEEN ON: Comedy Central's "Mind of Mencia", Conan O'Brian, Jimmy Kimmel Live & more! Thursday, April 13, 8pm; Friday, April 14, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, April 15, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$22.21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chula Vista Comedy Club Tuesday, April 18, 7:45pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. El Cruce+241, 241 3rd Avenue Suite C. (CHULA VISTA)

Comedy Inside Candys Wednesdays, 9pm; through Wednesday, June 7, free. 21 and up. El Prez, 4190 Mission Boulevard.

Friday Night Comedy Friday, April 14, 8pm; free-\$10. 18 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour Tuesday, April 18; free. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIFFO)

Queer Stand Up: Pride & Seek Headliner Aidan Park, feature Jillie Reil, host Asher Mac; with Cassidy Stains, Sergio Novoa, and Amanda Michelle Saturday, April 15, 9:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Shindig Show Stand-up comedy show with Gary Robinson, Jeff Zaret, Carol Johnson, Ruth Brandt, Andrew Dean Pearson, Pamela Wardrip, Guy Reuven, Sapna Iyer, Adam Verdon and headliner Jimmy Shin. Wednesday, April 19, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Comedy Store. 916 Pearl Street. (JA JOLLA)

DANCE

Malashock Dance: Perpetual (E) motion A performance of world premieres by guest choreographers, Christopher K. Morgan and Tristian Griffin. Saturday, April 15, 7:30pm; \$15-\$100. Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6611 University Avenue. (ROLANDO)

Rhythm & Motion Dance Exercise Class A dance-based workout classes for everyone. Your first class is free. Sundays, 9:30am; through Sunday, June 25, free-\$15. Dorothea Laub Dance

OUTDOORS

Bracken Ferns begin to open, Black Oaks sprout new leaves

Bracken Ferns Are Rising on the Higher Mountains of San Diego County, their bright green, unfolding fronds (called "fiddleheads") pushing up through the russet remains of last year's growth. By late April or May, fully opened ferns will line the creeks and hollows of the Palomar, Cuyamaca, and Laguna mountains. While many plants reproduce through seeds, ferns reproduce through rhizomes. A rhizome is an underground branched stem that runs sideways and sends out roots and shoots. Propagation through rhizomes is one of the most effective reproduction methods in plants and many invasive plants spread this way. The rhizomes survive even when cut from



CALIFORNIA BLACK OAK (*QUERCUS KELLOGGII*) IS ALSO KNOWN AS KELLOGG OAK.

Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show A reinvention of this Grammy award-winning score. Twenty-five years on, composer Bill Whelan has rerecorded his soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have completely reimagined the lighting, projection, stage and costume designs. Thursday, April 13, 7:30pm; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Hemlock Society of San Dlego Hemlock Society's Right-to-Die Film Series presents MOON MANOR, a truish comedy-drama about an Alzheimer's patient's decision to end his life. On his last day alive, he shows guests at his FUNeral that perhaps the art of living is actually the art of dying. A discussion will follow. Saturday, April 15, 1:30pm; free. University Community Library, 4155 Governor Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Marine Science Day San Diego State University's Marine Ecology and Biology Student Association is a student-run organization that strives to raise awareness about current research and conservation issues in marine science. This opportunity to explore the marine lab, learn about current research at SDSU, and engage with local marine scientists only comes around once a year. Sunday, April 16, 11am; free. Coastal and Marine Institute Laboratory, 4165 Spruance Road. (POINT LOMA)

Not Your Grandpa's Toastmasters Meet via Zoom every Thursday. Thursdays, 7am; through Thursday, April 13, free. 18 and up. facebook.com/ voyagerstoastmasters/. (ONLINE)

Soul Level Fashion With Theresa aka HomeGirl, Skylar Sustin, & Positive Phee. Monday, April 17, 7pm; \$22. 18 and up. Maya Moon Collective, 3349 Adams Ave. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

USD's Copley Library Digital Initiatives Symposium Join friends and colleagues for the ninth annual event featuring workshops, presentations, and keynote addresses from leaders in libraries' digital ecosystems, including open access, institutional repositories, data management, digital exhibits, digital projects, scholarly communications, copyright, and

more. Monday, April 17, 1pm; Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

FOR KIDS

Baby Storytime Enjoy songs, fingerplays, books, and more with your baby. All children are welcome. Geared toward prewalkers. Tuesdays, 1pm; through Tuesday, December 19, free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Crafternoon Come and make crafts every Thursday after school. These crafts are geared toward children ages 6-10. Thursdays, Ipm; through Thursday, May 25, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Dance Pants Party Recommended for toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementaryschool age kids, this simple dance program will feature "The Wheels on the Bus," "Baby Shark," and more. Recommended for ages 1+. Wednesdays, 10:30am; through Wednesday, April 26, free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Dance Party Storytime All children are welcome. Geared

toward toddlers - 3. Saturdays, 10:30am; through Saturday, December 30, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Disney On Ice: Let's Celebrate
The legacy of Disney is displayed
through 14 classic and modern
stories in a production that
features an international team of
figure skaters and choreography,
with over 30 songs. Thursday,
April 13, 7pm; Friday, April 14,
7pm; Saturday, April 15, 11am,
3pm and 7pm; Sunday, April 15,
1pm and 5pm; \$20-\$95. Pechanga
Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports
Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Jurassic World: The Exhibition a family-friendly immersive 20,000-square-foot experience. Visitors walk through the world-famous "Jurassic World" gates, explore richly themed environments and encounter life-sized Velociraptors, a Brachiosaurus, and the most fearsome dinosaur of all, the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex. Monday-Sunday, 11am; through Sunday, April 16, Westfield Mission Valley Center, 1640 Camino del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

Lil' Sprouts Storytime with Ms. Smarty-Plants Enjoy a
San Diego Tree Week bilingual
storytime with nature tree craft

celebrating the super powers of trees with Ms. Smarty-Plants. Wednesday, April 19, 9:30am; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

Love on a Leash Enjoy dogs with Love on a Leash. This program is geared toward children ages 6-10. Fridays, 3:30pm; through Friday, May 26, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Miracle Babies Diaper Distribution Miracle Babies will be hosting its next diaper distribution for registered participants. Register @ miraclebabies.org/programs/. Saturday, April 15, 9am; free. Heart Revolution Church, 1920 Sweetwater Road. (NATIONAL CITY)

The Wizard of Oz Junior Company members (ages 7-13) present a one-hour version of the classic musical The Wizard of Oz. Follow Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion and all of their famous friends down the Yellow Brick Road and straight to Emerald City. Friday, April 14, 7pm; Saturday, April 15, 2pm; Sunday, April 16, 2pm; \$15. Theatre for Young Professionals, 7960 University Avenue Suite 240. (LA MESA)



FERNS ARE SOME OF THE OLDEST KNOWN PLANTS ON EARTH.

their mother plant and continue to give birth to new plants. Bamboo and Bermuda grass are other types of rhizomes we see locally.

The Black Oak, San Diego County's Most Handsome Native deciduous tree, is sending out new leaves this week, painting the mountain slopes with shades of red, brown, and bright green. The newly emergent leaves are reddish brown in color, giving a pseudo-autumn tinge to the forest. After a week or two, the unfolding leaves acquire a light green tint; after a month, they're dark green. Black oaks are common throughout the upper elevations of the Palomar and Laguna Mountains. Enjoy the best of the show by exploring either the Fry Creek or Observatory Trails on Palomar Mountain. Both begin at the national-forest campground area two miles below Palomar Observatory.

Star Jasmine's Sweet Perfume, Exuded from Clusters of small, white flowers, will continue to scent San Diego's spring breezes until sometime in June. Not a true jasmine, or *Jasminum*, star jasmine belongs to the genus *Trachelospermum*. In both public and private spaces, it has been widely planted as an ornamental ground cover and as a trellised vine.

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2023 SUMMER SEASON MUSICALS

SUPERSTAR

MAY 10 - 27 | 8:00 PM

Starring America's Got Talent's Brian Justin Crum, Moonlight opens it's 42nd Season with Jesus Christ Superstar, an iconic rock opera that reinvented musical theater for the modern age. With music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice, this global blockbuster tells the story of the final weeks in the life of Jesus Christ, from the perspective of Judas Iscariot. Filled with an exciting mix of musical styles that draw upon 1970s rock, gospel, folk and funk themes, this contemporary imagining of the biblical tale features high-energy dance and powerful storytelling.



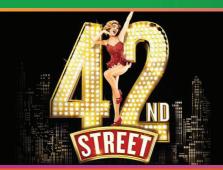
JUNE 7 - 24 | 8:00 PM

It's 1985, and rock star wannabe, Robbie Hart, is New Jersey's favorite wedding singer. He's the life of the party until his own fiancée leaves him at the altar. Shot through the heart, Robbie makes every wedding as disastrous as his own until a winsome waitress wins his affection. Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, The Wedding Singer takes us back to a time when hair was big, greed was good, collars were up, and a wedding singer might just be the coolest guy in the room.



JULY 19 - AUGUST 5 | 8:00 PM

With a heart-pumping score by rock legend Phil Collins and an electric book by the Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang, Disney's Tarzan is an epic theatrical experience for all ages. Based on Disney's animated musical adventure and Edgar Rice Burrough's 'Tarzan of the Apes,' this musical features high-flying excitement and hits including the Academy Award winning "You'll Be in My Heart" as well as "Son of Man" and "Two Worlds."



AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2 | 8:00 PM

The iconic tap extravaganza 42nd Street celebrates Broadway, Times Square and the magic of show biz with wit, humor and pizzazz. The score is chock-full of Broadway standards, including "You're Getting To Be A Habit With Me," "Dames," "We're In the Money," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" and "Forty-Second Street."

SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER THE MUSICAL

SEPTEMBER 13 – 30 | 7:30 PM

Based on the beloved 70's throwback film and featuring the timeless hits of the Bee Gees, classic disco tracks, and new original songs, this reimagined version of Saturday Night Fever transports you back to the era of disco balls, platform boots, and white suits. Featuring songs from the bestselling movie soundtrack of all time, including "Stayin' Alive," "How Deep Is Your Love," "Night Fever," "Tragedy" and "More Than a Woman," as well as 70s favorites "Boogie Shoes," "Disco Inferno" and many more.

Andrew Coe: Foie Gras, The Divisive Delicacy Culinary Historians of San Diego will present James Beard Award winner Andrew Coe. Saturday, April 15, 10:30am; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Bird Migration: Marvels, Myths & Mysteries Oasis Presents: Enjoy an exploration into bird behavior, and be entertained by the marvels of bird migration. Free, no registration required. Tuesday, April 18, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Try To Remember Never Forget Join the Women's Museum of California and the San Diego History Center for a presentation to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom Hashoah) and honor the survivors by keeping their stories alive. Thursday, April 13, 6pm; free. San Diego History Center, 1649 El Prado, Suite 3. (BALBOA PARK)

NATURE

Coronado Flower Show This year's event theme is Hollywood in Bloom. The Show is divided into five divisions – Horticulture, Design, Special Exhibits, Youth and Botanical Arts. Enjoy landscape displays, a variety of floral competitions, educational lectures and demonstrations, live bandstand entertainment, food, a beer & wine garden with locally crafted beers, and shopping. Saturday, April 15, 1pm; Sunday, April 16, 10am; \$10-\$20. Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Explorations with a Ranger Join Ranger Najja for an exploration of Chollas Lake Park. The walk will be approximately 2 miles in length. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Monday, April 17, 2pm; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Family Discovery Walk: Birds & Nests Join MTRP Trail Guides for a family-oriented adventure learning about some of the many birds that inhabit Mission Trails and the nests they make. Have fun completing a nature journal while on the walk. Meet in the day-use parking lot. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, April 15, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Free Day Friday Enjoy a free day on the 2nd Friday of every month. Friday, April 14, 9am; **free.** Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

Guided Bird Walk A guided bird walk at historic Old Mission Dam. The mating/nesting season is in progress and many birds will be in full song. In addition to the riparian areas along the river, we will look for birds at the edge of the grasslands. Bring binoculars if you have them. Walks are canceled if raining. Meet in the Old Mission Dam parking lot. Friday, April 14, 8am; free. Old Mission Dam, 2 Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Springtime Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. With warmer weather the wild flowers are bursting with color, birds are nesting, and the whole park is green! Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, April 15, Sunday, April 16 & Wednesday, April 19, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Mindful Walk The Torrey Pines Docent Society offers a free guided walk. Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, December 31, free. 18 and up. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (IA JOLLA)

Wildlife Kayaking Eco Tour A marine biologist guide will point out marine and bird life and teach you about local ecology and conservation efforts. All equipment is provided: Kayak, life vest, binoculars, and field guides. A portion of your ticket goes to nonprofit environmental education programs. Saturday, April 15, 9am; \$35-\$55. Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

iNaturalist Oak Identification Workshop In this iNaturalist workshop, learn about the important role Oaks play in our ecosystems, and how to identify them based upon defining characteristics. Simultaneously be contributing to community science as you record sightings. All ages welcome. Saturday, April 15, 9am; free. Crestridge Ecological Reserve, 1171 Horsemill Road. (EL CAJON)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friendship Pop Up Shop Market Vendors with candles, crystals, soaps, pet attire, handmade

crystals, soaps, pet attire, handmade items, home decor and more. Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, December 31, free. Chula Vista Friendship Park, Fourth Avenue & F Street. (CHULA VISTA)



Renfield: Hilarious horror, psychological and otherwise.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Breathe & Bliss Certified yoga instructor Jaruska Solyova. Wednesday, April 19, 4:40pm; \$15-\$20. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Legion VS Chicago Hounds Sunday, April 16, 4pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Wave FC vs. Portland Thorns Wednesday, April 19, 7pm; \$15-\$682. Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

Secrets of South San Diego Bay Bike Tour CA State Park interpreter, Laura Dulin, will be leading a small group of people on a bike tour of the South San Diego Bay. You will learn a little bit about the "secret" history of the area, as well as learning about different little-known animals that live in the bay. Registration required, sign up at link of via laura.dulin@parks. ca.gov Saturdays, 10am; through Thursday, June 1, free. 18 and up. Silver Strand State Beach, 5000 Highway 75. (CORONADO)

Spring Sound Healing Join Jeny Dawson for a sound bath experience. Saturday, April 15, 5pm; \$50. YogaSix, 765 West Ash Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

Tai Chi Tai Chi fitness class with gentle physical exercise and stretching. In the case of inclement weather, the class will be canceled. Fridays, 10am; through Friday, June 30, **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Zumba Inclusive Zumba fitness class adapted for adults of all abilities. In the case of inclement weather, the class will be canceled. Mondays, 10am; through Monday, June 26, free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

THEATER

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.

Exotic Deadly: Or the MSG Play

It's 1999, and Ami is an awkward Asian American high schooler whose world comes crashing down with a terrible discovery: her family is responsible for manufacturing MSG, the mysterious ingredient getting all the kids hooked. Meanwhile, a cool new girl arrives from Japan, and she's not playing by the rules. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

Godspell 2022

Godspell was the first major musical theatre offering from three-time Grammy and Academy Award winner, Stephen Schwartz (Wicked, Pippin, Children of Eden); and it took the world by storm. Led by the international hit, "Day by Day," Godspell features a parade of beloved songs, including "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord," "Learn Your Lessons Well," "All for the Best," "All Good Gifts," "Turn Back, O Man" and "By My Side." This musical is a retelling of the Gospel of Matthew set in modernday times with the disciples of Jesus spreading his message of love. OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER, 42051 MAIN ST., TEMECULA, 866-653-8696, 7:30PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, APR. 16.

Neat by Charlayne Woodard

Kandace Crystal's performance in Charlayne Woodard's memoir play feels a little bit like your favorite middle school English teacher reading you one of those spiky, frank Young Adult classics that is also somehow suffused with a deep sweetness and regard for youthful innocence —

except, of course, she doesn't just read it, or even just do the voices of four generations of black women hailing from Georgia and settling in upstate New York. She also moves - all over the bare stage, occasionally backed by a primitive projection and often joined by her silent, sinuous storytelling aide Nicole Diaz-Pellot, confident that her movements through the world she is describing will make the audience see. The image of the favorite teacher comes to mind because throughout, Crystal seems to be enjoying herself, delighting in her task, even as she relates a story that is tinged with tragedy and sometimes bluntly awful. The title character is her aunt, brain damaged as a baby, in part because the nearest hospital in 1943 Georgia would not treat a colored child. When Woodard is young, Neat is a charmingly overgrown playmate who sometimes has fits and believes that one day, she will fly. When Woodard is a teen, Neat is an embarrassing relation whose hair and manners strike too close to home. But she is also possessed of the wisdom of the simple: when Woodard tells her about her Jewish friends' history, she asks, "Who my people is?" and that starts the girl on a quest for knowledge that ultimately ends in an ugly political battle. So it goes: Neat's adventures and misadventures serving as a touchstone for Woodard's own. There is a definite ending, but this is the story of a beginning, a good old-fashioned coming-of-age, full of gritty particularity. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 8PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, APR. 16.

Present Laughter

Some comedies thrive on leanness, every scene, every line, every interaction working to bring the laughs and serve the story. You come away both chuckling and marveling at the grim effort that it must have taken to achieve such merry precision. Noel Coward's Present Laughter is not such a comedy, and if anything, Cygnet's crowd-pleasing production expands on in its generous runtime, luxuriating even in a butler's scenesetting distribution of discarded party hats and half-drunk cocktails about the swanky set. You get the sense that everyone on stage is enjoying themselves immensely, and the

audience is kindly invited along for the ride. (Annie Hinton's housekeeper seems to exist chiefly to tempt the rest of the cast to break.) Mostly, it works, though there are a few second-act lulls that may make you aware of time passing. Coward's indulgence is perhaps forgivable, as he was writing both for and about himself: the lead here is a celebrated actor who's been at it so long that his on- and off-stage personas are difficult to distinguish not that anybody in his inner circle seems eager to try. (A grand example: his outsized outrage when he is accused of sometimes overacting.) Cygnet co-founder Sean Murray has the bearing and stuffing for the part, which demands both plausible intimations of greatness and explicit displays of goofiness. He wouldn't be funny if he were simply a clown. (Unlike, say, the psychological firework Roland, just one of the many Fools who attempts to have their way with the Great Man.) In true screwball fashion, the action begins after the marriage has ended — long after, though the missus is still around for professional purposes. The Great Man is also a Great Lover, and while his ex and others insist they have long since given up on any sort of moral opinion on the matter, there is nevertheless a necessary morality that arises when people form a community — like the one that both supports and is supported by our hero. And when that community is threatened, things get serious — though no less amusing. CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525, 7:30PM WEDNESDAYS

Riverdance 25th Anniversary Show

A reinvention of this Grammy awardwinning score. Twenty-five years on, composer Bill Whelan has rerecorded his soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have completely reimagined the lighting, projection, stage and costume designs.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-570-1100. 7:30PM THURSDAY.

The Roommate

The Odd Couple meets Breaking Bad in this wickedly funny comedy. With a recent divorce and her son living across the country, Sharon posts a listing for a roommate to fill the empty space of her Iowa home. Enter Robyn, a fascinating woman who needs a place to hide and the chance to start over. When Sharon begins to uncover Robyn's secrets, she taps into a deep-seated desire to abandon her comfort zone and live a life of danger and adventure. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

San Diego Opera: Ghosts (Eden, Dormir, & House)

Ghosts is an evening of three one-act, horror-inspired operas by San Diego composer Nicolas Reveles. Comprised of the works Eden, Dormir and House, San Diego Opera is excited to present the world premiere of these operas. Eden, which features a libretto by director John De Los Santos, explores the boundaries of madness and obsession and is a tribute to Edgar Allan Poe. Dormir is an imaginative exploration of what might happen when Old World spiritual practices meet the Christian belief system, when portals open and unknown, powerful entities

appear. House explores the idea that trauma haunts many of us, and that trauma remains in our bodies like ghosts. Ghosts welcomes the return of mezzo-soprano Emily Fons, Directed by John de los Santos and conducted by Bruce Stasyna.

BALBOA THEATRE 868 FOLIRTH AVE DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO 619-570-1100. 7:30PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 1PM SUNDAY, APR. 16.

The Savannah Sipping Society

Four Southern women are drawn together by Fate — and an impromptu happy hour - and discover they all need to create some excitement in their lives.

POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY, 858-679-8085, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS

The XIXth (The Nineteenth)

If you do a Google image search for "Black Power Olympics," one of the first results is a CNN story with the word "forgotten" in the headline. Astonishing, when you learn how much attention Tommie Smith and John Carlos' defiant fistraising gesture on the 200-meter winner's podium received in the already newsy and turbulent year of 1968. And even if you haven't forgotten, it's likely the photo that sticks in memory, as opposed to The Olympic Project for Human Rights it supported or any of that project's specific demands — perhaps most notably, the removal of IOC President "Slavery" Avery Brundage. Playwright Kemp Powers' The XIXth's work is to trace the story of the events that led up to and followed from that much photographed moment: the lives of two athletes who found they could not disentangle sports and politics, before

or after. It's to the play's credit that it lets Brundage make a compelling case in opposition, arguing that sports are precisely the place where politics can be set aside and people can be as vicariously tribal and warlike as they please - the safety valve of civilization. And also that it avoids any sort of speech-y rebuke of that argument, instead letting the action make the case. But its real achievement lies in its exploration of the struggle between those who were ostensibly on the same side: Smith, who had been running all his life to escape the cotton fields of California; Carlos, who ran both to avoid the authorities and to keep up with his childhood hero Malcolm X: and Jesse Owens, who ran to show Hitler that blacks were as human as anyone, and maybe even superior. There are no weak spots in the production - save perhaps a gentle elision of the gesture's connection to the Black Panthers — and there are several standouts, most notably the leads and Riw Rakkulchon's track-

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, 619-234 5623. 7PM TUESDAYS.

STREAMING

Succession — I feel like the only one who's not current on this show. inspired by the life/business of the Murdochs. For some reason, I've never made it past the first season. I can see why people like it but it's such a slow burn. Funny, sure. Acting: fantastic. Plot... well, how interested are you in media conglomerates and

business dealings? I'd also rather watch a story about David than Goliath, but call me a bleeding heart for the underdog. The final season is underway and I feel left out of the hype, so I'm giving it another shot I guess. (2018-2023) - A.T. (HBOMAX)

Dave - This show is not for everyone. Sometimes I don't even know why I like it. Starting its 3rd season, Dave is based around the antics of comedy rapper Lil Dicky and his quest for fame. In some episodes, things get so bizarre and obnoxious. Yet he usually finds a way to wrap things up in a charming and thoughtprovoking way. His side characters add a lot, and the themes are more complex than you'd expect from such a preposterous show. Baseline, you'll probably need to have some amount of appreciation for rap music to really get into it. (2020-23) - A.T. (HULU/FX)

MOVIES

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.

Air — "Nostalgia" is, famously, taken from a Greek word that refers to the pain from an old wound - the pang of the past. The good old days that are gone for good. The simpler time. The happy childhood. The days when a kid could still sing along with the "Be Like Mike" Gatorade commercial - Sometimes I dream/ That he is me... and thrill to the image of the basketball GOAT playing ball with a little kid on an outdoor court in some neighborhood park. You know, before things got...complicated. (You don't have to have seen The Last Dance to know that Jordan is no longer the universally beloved figure he once was.) And nostalgia is the only reason I can think of to explain why old friends Ben Affleck and Matt Damon have reteamed for a movie that so artlessly sets out to make us love shoe company Nike for managing to butter up a college hoops star better than Adidas or Converse. (And it is artless, particularly in its brute-force "remember the '80s?' pop-culture montages and deeply on-the-nose soundtrack selections, but also in its stock camerawork from Robert Richardson, its muted energy, and its glib elisions - divorced dad Jason Bateman's speech about how he doesn't mind where Nike makes their shoes is nothing short of craven.) The paunchy Damon at least looks fully committed to the part of a smart sports guy whose job is on the line, and his sparring with Affleck's Big Boss Phil Knight is enjoyable. And there's some good talk about branding — about the athlete giving meaning to the shoe instead of the other way 'round. But Ma Jordan's (Viola Davis) speech about why her boy must be the first player to get a cut of every sale is savvy dressed up as profundity, just as Damon's big pitch is flattery dressed up as wisdom - and a pre-emptive defense against criticism. 2023 - M.L. • (IN

WIDE RELEASE)

Renfield - There's just enough of a movie here to sustain the working out of its splendid central dynamic: the sick relationship between a bad man and devoted enabler. The bad man in question is very bad indeed. the self-described "Lord of Death' Dracula (Nicolas Cage, deadpanning Bela Lugosi to great effect). And the enabler, of course, is trusty servant Renfield, here embodied with curious sweetness by Nicholas Hoult. It seems that several centuries of obtaining victims for his bloodsucker of a boss haven't quite drained his humanity - even now, hiding out in present-day New Orleans, he makes a point of only going after bad guys, the sort that drive people to attend support groups for co-dependents. But it seems that bad men have bad blood, and an impatient, recuperating Dracula demands something purer and sweeter: "happy couples, nuns, a busful of cheerleaders." That sets up Renfield's meeting with frustrated cop Rebecca (Awkwafina, doing what she can with an overwritten part),

a woman willing to stand up to a bully, even if it kills her. She is our hero's inspiration, but their fledgling relationship cannot compare, dramatically or comedically, with the one he's already got going on. Roberk Kirkman's story takes its pop psychology seriously, which is what makes its application here so much fun. When Cage bellows, "I'm the real victim here!" anyone who's ever known a narcissist may find themselves wincing through the grin. Alas, the scaffold built around the central conflict - having to do with a nasty gang that Dracula decides to recruit to aid in his plan for world domination - is much less engaging. Director Chris McKay seems to know it, and opts to cover his dramatic sins with gloopy, graphic (but still comic) action-movie violence. But where action movies often leave the viewer waiting through the dialogue for the next dustup, Renfield is just the opposite. (2023) — M.L. $\star\star$ (IN WIDE RELEASE)





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Trained on Coltrane

"I've been playing sax for seven and half years," says Nick Caldwell, a 17-yearold high school senior who attends the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts in Paradise Hills, and who is also a charter pupil of Gilbert Castellanos' Young McPherson." His efforts to become a serious jazz musician might be due in part to the influence of his parents. "As a youngster, they had always put jazz music on to get me to fall asleep. But when I first heard live jazz, which was more exciting than what they played, I dove in headfirst."



Nick Caldwell: from gigging with Greggio to jamming at Juilliard?

Lions Jazz Conservatory on the weekends. He's talking to me over the phone from NYC, where he's spending a week to audition for several top drawer music schools, including the Manhattan School of Music and the world famous Juilliard School. He completed his first audition the day before, and is prepping for his second at the Juilliard School tomorrow. "There was a lot of material to prepare," he says." It's a very specific audition, very different than other auditions, and every adjudicator knows the material you bring in very well."

Caldwell has actually been involved in music for quite some time: "I started in fourth grade at my elementary school concert band," he recalls "But really," he says, "I started even earlier, when I was six years old, studying piano with Lynn

A variety of other factors led Caldwell to SCPA. "I love the program there. I was recruited by the [former] director, John Reynolds, and his main [selling point] was some of the kids who were already there, people like John and Carmen Murray and Brenda Greggio. Unfortunately, covid cut our high school days short, but it has been a significant growth period." Caldwell has advanced to the point where he's playing gigs with some of his teachers from the Conservatory. "That has been pretty surreal. Gilbert [Castellanos] has introduced me to the highest caliber musicians in the world, so I feel very fortunate."

Practicing, rehearsing, and performing isn't always easy to fit in with mundane matters like schoolwork. "Well, that can be tough sometimes, but I have to put school first, because without that, I wouldn't have

these other opportunities. Otherwise, music would be too much fun. My parents have been really good about staying on top of me about getting my schoolwork done and getting good grades." And he keeps up a rigorous rehearsal routine. "I try to devote one or two hours every day to practicing. It might not be with the whole horn. especially on a trip like this. I end up just pulling out the part of the horn that I can run my fingers over. Same thing with the flute. At this point, I'm really trying to learn every song I know in all 12 keys, to solidify my basics. I'm not really working on anything too crazy right now, just trying to get all of my musicianship at a level that I'm comfortable with. I guess the trick is to think of it as one step at a time. I think my development has been in a straight line. I haven't really slowed down or sped up too much. I just try to keep moving towards the next thing."

Caldwell is keeping his long-term goals realistic. "Well, I'd like to get an apartment in NYC before I finish college, and I'd like to have an album out of my own music by the time I'm done as well. I think that keeping it simple is the main key to achieving my goals. I see myself living in New York and keeping up my practice. I'd also like to tour Europe; a lot of my friends have done that, and it looks so amazing."

For a young player, he cites interesting prime musical influences. "Playing-wise, I think my top two would be Sonny Rollins and Joe Henderson. I love Joe's tone and the energy in his playing, and I can say the same about Sonny's influence. I try to keep both of their sound concepts in mind. But I cannot escape or deny the fact that I've studied the music of John Coltrane for 90 percent of my career as a saxophonist. John Coltrane is the bread and butter of my language. I mean, most of my early compositions were amalgamations of different Coltrane tunes."

— Robert Bush

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A.J. CROCE

When A.J. Croce was a week past his second birthday, his father, singer-songwriter Jim Croce, died in a September 1973 plane crash. Croce will celebrate two of his father's albums, 1973's *Life and Times* and his final release, *I Got A Name*, in addition to songs from *You Don't Mess Around With Jim*. The Croce Plays Croce 50th Anniversary Tour includes venues like New York City's Town Hall and Detroit's Royal Oak Music Theatre.



SISTER SPEAK

Led by singer/songwriter Sherri Anne, Sister Speak has collaborated with San Diego musicians Lisa Viegas (drums), Tolan Shaw, The Brothers Burns, Stephen Gentillalli, Swift Pony, and others. "The idea was a collaboration of musicians supporting the expression of the woman's voice through music," says Anne. Sister Speak's 2022 album *Love For All* is being pressed on 140g deluxe 12-inch lead-free vinyl and printed with non-toxic ink. An even more deluxe version comes with a signed lyric book.



SLUKA

Progressive alt-rock singer-songwriter Christopher Sluka is an FAA gold-seal-certified flight instructor, with a commercial pilot's license and over 3000 hours of flight time. An accordion is featured prominently in his new video for "Medley - Misery, Rage or Restrain, Coincidence," from his Ready To Connect full-length. The album was produced by Grammy-winner Alan Sanderson (Fleetwood Mac, Elton John, Rolling Stones) at local Pacific Beat Recording Studio.



PATRICK YANDALL

Fusion jazz guitarist Patrick Yandall has been featured in magazines like *Guitar Player, Jazz Times, Smooth & Soul, Smooth Vibes*, and *Smooth Jazz News*. Yandall's new album *Dance In the Rain* drops July 11, preceded so far by a title single featuring Gene-O-Cole. "This gospel R&B-influenced selection has a beautiful mesage of dealing with any type of pain you might be going through," says Yandall.



LORI BELL

From her 1980s work with Peter Sprague and Dave Mackay through her early 2000s solo releases and beyond, flute-playing jazz composer Lori Bell has been nominated for several Grammy Awards, including Best Contemporary Jazz Album, Best New Artist, Best Instrumental Composition, Best Instrumental Arrangement, and Best Jazz Instrumental Solo. Her song "Ingenuity" was recently chosen to appear on volume two of the album series New Standards by Women Composers. She'll appear on Sunday, April 16, at the Scripos Miramar Ranch Library.

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Thursday, 7pm — Knoll and God is War. \$12-\$15. Friday, 7:30pm — Pyrexia, Embryonic Autopsy, Yotuma. \$15-\$18.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Saving Vice. \$12-\$14.

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Thursday, 8pm — Xeno & Oaklander and Martial Canterel



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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

San Diego Opera triumphs with Tosca

Giacomo Puccini's Tosca was the best thing San Diego Opera has produced in years. This production had it all, especially where it counted the most: competent, seasoned opera singers, all of whom knew their business, performed the three leading roles

The set and costumes were from the correct time period, according to what Puccini composed and intended as a consummate man of the theater. The direction of the singers supported the story that was being told as opposed to pointing the audience away from the story and toward some ill-conceived social commentary that had no place in the opera.

Tosca itself is the social commentary. It is a story about the abuse of power by the police. We don't

need to have it suddenly set in Ferguson, Missouri during the summer of 2014 and have Scarpia sing "Va Tosca" from the window of his police cruiser. If audience members want to have that conversation amongst themselves at intermission or after the show, well, that's one of the rich traditions of attending an opera. Audiences don't need to be directed to such conversations by the production, and this Tosca behaved itself.

Speaking of Scarpia, Greer Grimsley was about as good as it gets in this role. Vocally, Scarpia is difficult for a baritone on the bottom end and almost impossible for a bass on the top. It takes a very special singer to be heard in the role because of how it sits in the voice. Being heard

has never been a problem for Grimsley. At the end of the first act, the chorus sang its heart out, the orchestra blasted away with what sounded like a scorchedearth take-no-prisoners policy, and yet Grimsley prevailed — his voice smashing through the Te Deum as befits Scarpia. The voice and the role go together. Scarpia is a menacing, blackhearted force of throbbing nature. Grimsley has a voice to match.

Michelle Bradley, in the title role, was vocally more than capable of standing up to Grimsley's vocal onslaught. Her chest register hails from a bygone golden age of opera singing, when sopranos dug into the blood and guts of the role on the lower end. There was a sternness to Bradley's lower register



Greer Grimsley as Scarpia: about as good as it gets in this role.

that filled the role out in a way I didn't ever expect to hear. Of course, all the top notes were there too. Any soprano can cut through an orchestra with a high note. The real opera singers do it from top to bottom.

The role of Cavaradossi forces the tenor to make a choice immediately. The first set of repeated Fs in the first act aria "Recodita armonia" usually determines how the rest of the role is going to go. Tenor

Marcelo Puente decided to just leave them alone. He knew that the audience would not remember Act I if he crushed "Vittoria!" in Act II and "E lucevan" in Act III. Crush them he did.

Valerio Galli conducted this production. He is a singer's conductor. When the conductor understands the singers, which Galli does, it holds the entire structure of the opera together in a way that is hard to describe but I know it when I hear it.

Classical Music this week

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Strange Sky Classical music concert featuring four composers and 13 musicians performing nine compositions that spotlight historically overshadowed instruments, with the bassoon on electric guitar pedals, the English horn in a forceful new role and the viola usurping the place of dominance typically occupied by the violin. The program features the concert debut of three film scores, the first performance in over 20 years of Ribbons of

Thought. Saturday, April 15, 6pm; \$15-\$55. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South.

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scaled violins of the violin octet

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Le Salon De Musiques: Mozart, Haendel, & Onslow

Le Salon De Musiques — a concert experience while savoring a high tea buffet catered by The French Gourmet. Sunday, April 16, 4pm; \$45-\$95. La Jolla Woman's Club, 7791 Draper Avenue.

SD Symphony Jacobs Masterworks: Dinur & Montgomery San Diego Opera: Ghosts (Eden, Dormir, & House) An evening of three one-act, horror-inspired

operas by San Diego composer Nicolas Reveles. Comprised of the works Eden, Dormir and House. Directed by John de los Santos, conducted by Bruce Stasvna and the return of Emily Fons. Friday, April 14, 7:30pm; Saturday, April 15, 7:30pm; Sunday, April 16, 1pm; \$13-\$162. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue.

Yaniv Dinur: Montgomery & the Classical Symphony:

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Duck Foot Brewing Company:

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House of Blues:

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L'Auberge Del Mar:

Friday, 7pm — Marelle.

Saturday, 7pm — Jarred Matthew Sunday, 11am — Jesse Johnson.

La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm - Brian Pierini. Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin. Sunday, 11am - Tolan Shaw.

Landings at Carlsbad: Saturday, 6pm — West of 5.

Legacy International Center: Sunday, 7:30pm - Shawn Raiford and Chuckii Booker.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort: Saturday, 7pm — Kekoa.

Madam Bonnie's:

Free.

Thursday, 7pm — DJ & Saxophone Collaboration. \$1-\$100. Friday, 7pm — Liquid Bricks Classic Jazz Trio. \$1-\$100. Saturday, 7pm — Mar Picao Latin Jazz Fusion. \$1-\$100.

Mesa College:

Monday, 1pm - Jazz in the Courtyard. Free.

Wednesday, 3pm — Dr. Todd Rewoldt, Free

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 6pm — Blaise Guld. Friday, 6pm — Mike Myrdal. Sunday, 6pm — Michael LeClerc. Monday, 6pm — Ben Powell. Tuesday, 6pm — Helena Holleran. Wednesday, 6pm — Jemille

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Friday, 7:30pm — Constantine Maroulis. \$17-\$42. Saturday, 7:30pm — The Garth Guy. \$17-\$42.

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Friday, 5pm — Christian Taylor.

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Friday, 9pm — Band of Wolves. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Imagery

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Thursday, 7:30pm — Bumpin

Uglies and Kyle Smith. \$20. Friday, 7:30pm — Lies N Roses, Anesthesia (tribute to Metallica). \$12

Saturday, 7pm — Health and Author & Punisher. \$35-\$200. Sunday, 7:30pm — Drew Zingg & Tom Scott: Music of Steely Dan. \$39-\$66.

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Friday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.

Observatory North Park:

Saturday, 8pm — Spiritbox. \$85-Sunday, 7:30pm — Murder City Devils. \$27.

Monday, 7:30pm — Jxdn and Beauty School Dropout. \$29.

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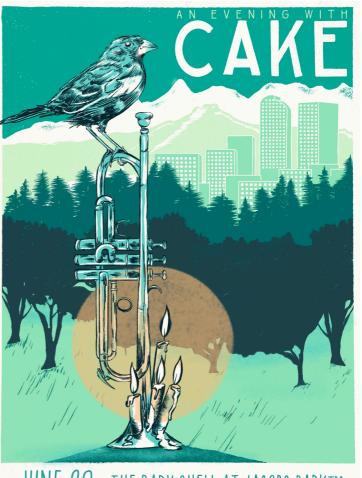




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Wednesday, 7:30pm -Yungblud. \$39-\$59.

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Wednesday, 5:30pm — Mad Busker. Free. **Sunshine Brooks Theatre:**

Saturday, 8pm — Mad Strange Presents.

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Thursday, 6pm — Puro Feeling.

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Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente. Friday, 12pm — Olivia Rohde. Sunday, 12pm — Blu Gruv.

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Saturday, Apr. 22 - Rich

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GONZO REPORT

Scream-along

Punk and karaoke share space in National City

I belly up to the bar inside the dimly lit barroom of the Fraternal Order of Eagles community center in National City and order a five-buck bottle of Pacifico. Only three other souls share the space with me, all sweet ladies well into their senior citizenship. It seems I'm about an hour early for the hardcore/punk show that's going to be taking place on the other side of the double doors leading into the dance hall. The TV is playing *Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman*, dubbed in Spanish. One of the ladies notices me sipping my beer, and asks "Do you even know any Spanish?" I tell her I have just the basics to get around, but not really. She laughs, then tilts her head back up at the screen.

A quiet 30 minutes or so pass before the bands start showing up. You have to pass through the

bar to get to the dance hall, and I smile as I watch as punks carrying heavy amps, crash symbols, a Flying V guitar, and other equipment past an elderly woman. She's unphased by all the commotion; this is just how things are around here. On Saturday nights, the Eagles headquarters transforms: a fusion of hardcore/punk occupies one side of the F.O.E. aerie, and on the other...karaoke? It turns out the punks and the retired F.O.E. members get along just fine under the same roof, finding a far-fetched fondness for each other's company. I hear one punk say to his friends in the parking lot, "If they start singing 'Achy Breaky Heart' in Spanish, I'm in there!" Slow Death promoter Elton Bernache tells me that most nights after shows, a lot of the punks will go to the bar and scream a karaoke song or two.

I enter the dance hall for the punk show, where I'm greeted by a seven foot-tall grim reaper prop and punched in the face by the muggy air. Elton's wife Jeanie is at the door, taking the \$10 cover charge and stamping ink spiders on the inside of show-goers' arms. Meanwhile, Elton is setting up the PA and dialing in the soundboard for the opening act. Check one two one two check check.

The first band is a group called Out of Chances; they're just out of the womb of their parents' garage. It's their first show. They activate the crowd and the moshers start swinging,



Slow Death gives new life to the South County punk scene.

kicking, and two-stepping across an open floor. "Everyone move the fuck up," orders the baby-faced singer as beach balls fly across the room. Watching them in action, I find it hard to believe this is their first show. They kill it, and set the earsplitting tone of the evening. Then I see a familiar face in the crowd. Is that Tim Gonzalez? Sure as shit, it is. Tim's one of the local godfathers of the punk scene here in San Diego. He tells me his band Adult Crash has just released a new album, pressing 200 vinyl records before they release it

on any streaming platforms.

Between sets, I slip over to one of the merch tables in the back, where the NYC hardcore band Court Order is stationed. As I eye their vinyl, they give me a couple of their bowling ball bomb posters and some stickers. "We were supposed to play a show in San Bernardino tonight, but it was canceled," says Court Order's drummer Ace. "Then we were connected with Slow Death through another band on the bill. The power of the internet." I tell them San Diego's Mexican food is better anyway.

Local act Spiritual Warfare headlines the show. "I usually put the out-of-town bands up right before the local headliner; that way, more people will stick around," Elton says. Spiritual Warfare thanks everyone for coming. "Tim Gonzalez is even here. If you don't know who that is, you should," the singer says before screaming the first song of their set.

When the lights go on after all the bands have had their time on the floor, the punks begin carrying their gear back through the bar. The karaoke is still going strong. Once they load their gear, some of the moshers head back inside for drinks, mingling with the older bar crowd as Elvis's "Can't Help Falling in Love" serenades an unlikely mix of generations. Curious, I wait in anticipation of one more mosh pit.

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A highlight: matchstick-thin hash browns

breakfast. You won't find any rubbery three-egg combos or dry, heavy stacks of pancakes here. Only original dishes, carefully crafted, with a depth of flavor and fresh, organic ingredients.

The quaint little house at the end of the road invites you in with its simple décor and cozy, dogfriendly outdoor seating area. I'd expected a wait, but, lucky for us, a table was available. Heavenly aromas drifting from the kitchen gave us our first hint that we were onto something extraordinary.

To start, I chose the Ibarra Mocha (\$4.95), a steaming bowl of cinnamon-spiked coffee and chocolate topped with a latte-like foam and drizzled with a streak of chocolate. Insanely rich, and not too sweet. My friend ordered a frothy cappuccino (\$4.75). Claire's offers all the standard coffees and espressos, as well as unique drinks like a Lavender Honey Cortado and a house-made Dulce de Leche Chai Latte

Although the menu runs the gamut from omelets to waffles, three items immediately caught our attention. We couldn't resist first digging into the Blackberry Stuffed French Toast (\$18), two pieces of buttery brioche toast sandwiched around creamy, lemoninfused ricotta cheese and lounging in enough warm blackberry-blueberry-strawberry syrup to give every morsel something to mop up. We were delighted by the interplay of the toast's silken texture and the melting sweetness of the cheese. Indulge, I say, and be decadent!

From the range of Benedict options, we chose



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the Organic Quinoa (\$17.95): finely chopped zucchini, corn, onion, jalapeño, and poblano chiles comingled with quinoa to create delicate patties, which were nestled in a pool of spicy negra salsa. A great option for those who are gluten-free, as the quinoa patty replaces the traditional English muffin. Two eggs, poached to perfection, perched on top, glazed with a layer of velvety hollandaise sauce. The heat of the negra salsa woke up the nubby quinoa patties and complemented the soft, jammy eggs. We chose the side of hash browns, which turned out to be the highlight of the egg dishes. Matchstick thin potatoes mounded the plate, cooked to a golden crispness, barely salted, and non-greasy.

One of the restaurant's specialties is their Brioche Breakfast Grilled Cheese Sandwich (\$16.50). A savory combination of baby spinach, sharp white cheddar, and your choice of honey bacon, sausage, or tomato is crowned with a creamy scrambled egg and then grilled between slices of fluffy brioche. Hearty, crunchy, and soul-satisfying, it is also served with a side. (Hash browns, of course.)

The bill arrived with two heart-shaped shortbread cookies - we took it as a thank you for dining with them. The prices are medium to high, but you definitely get what you pay for in quality, and the service was excellent. The place can get busy, but the website let's you add your name to the waiting list — a plus if you have a busy day planned. If you don't, you can enjoy a leisurely stroll down Cedros while you wait, and admire the artsy shops and boutiques. This friendly, local hangout won me over, and the next time, I'll bring my dog — perhaps for lunch.

by Mary Knight

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

20th Annual Celebrate the Craft Set on an outdoor terrace overlooking the Torrey Pines Golf Course, the culinary festival showcases Southern California chefs, food artisans, produce, wine, and craft beer. Event to benefit Ecology Center. Sunday, April 16, 11:30am; \$250-\$350. 21 and up. Lodge at Torrey Pines, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Game Night Happy Hour Game Night Happy Hour for Chess/Backgammon & Cards. If you have a board, please bring it. RSVP @ meetup.com/a-greatsandiego-chess-meetup/. Wednesdays, 5:30pm; through Wednesday, December 20, \$20. Sammy's Woodfired Pizza Del Mar, 12925 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Gospel Brunch Hosted by Sister Nun-of-the-Above (Tootie) with the Sisters of Sequin. Each entree includes unlimited Mimosas, Champagne, or Bloody Marys. Sundays, 12pm; through Saturday, December 30, Lips Restaurant, 3036 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Graze at the Fields The San Diego County Farm Bureau is partnering with local farmers, chefs, beverage purveyors, and ag organizations. Grazers can taste locally grown and curated bites and beverages while interacting with local farmers and purveyors. Thursday, April 13, 5pm; \$60. 21 and up. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)

Live Music & Wine Wednesday Enjoy half off select bottles of wine at Graze by Sam. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, December 27, free. Little Italy Food Hall, 550 West Date St., Suite B. (LITTLE ITALY)

San Diego Dim Sum Tour Enjoy a walking tour through the heart of Asia-town and end at a popular Asian supermarket. Trip length 1.5-2 miles. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, December 31, \$69. Jasmine Seafood Restaurant, 4609 Convoy St., Suite A. (KEARNY MESA)

San Diego Vegan Festival Free vegan party, celebrating the vegan lifestyle through food, drinks, goods, information and more. Saturday, April 15, 11am; free. Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN

> Taste of the Middle East: Iraqiinspired Dishes Learn to create simple, authentic Iraqi recipes. Saturday, April 15, 3:30pm; \$50-\$75. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

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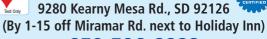
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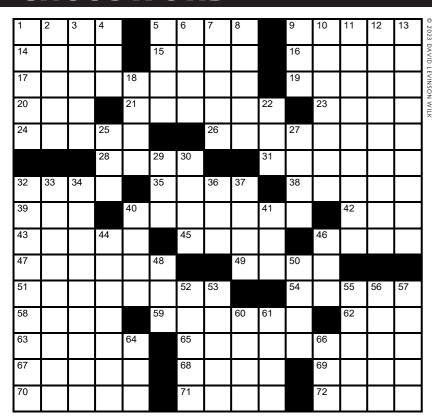


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Across

- 1. Crafty website
- **5.** Lip
- 9. Face-planted
- **14.** Half of seis
- **15.** Trade show
- **16.** Gas-X rival
- 17. Los Angeles dispensary with a penchant for marijuana and wordplay (and, yes, it really exists)
- **19.**" !""Polo!"
- **20.** Prefix with center
- 21. Largest island in the Bahamas
- **23.** What aspirin can prevent **45.** Actress Polo
- 24. Permissible

commissioner Bud

4. DKNY rival

5. In stitches?

7. ____ whale

9. SDI weapon

10. "I want to learn!"

11. Closer to the start

13. Like the widest grin

12. How some agents travel

8. "Me too!"

6. Fired

26. Denver dispensary with a penchant for marijuana and wordplay (and, yes, it really exists)

- 28. The "N" of the celeb whose Twitter handle is @ ActuallyNPH
- **31.** Neighbor of an Omani
- **32.** Somali-born supermodel
- 35. Oscar-winning 2020 Pixar film
- 38. Spooky
- 39. Gumshoe
- **40.** Washington State dispensary with a penchant for marijuana and wordplay (and, yes, it really exists)
- **42.** Extra WNBA periods
- **43.** "Good thinking!"
- 46. Obnoxious sort
- 47. Lose one's hearing
- **49.** "My Way" memoirist Paul
- **51.** With locations in Portland and Bend.

- dispensary chain with a penchant for marijuana and wordplay (and, yes, it really exists)
- **54.** John who sings "Cold Heart" with Dua Lipa
- **58.** Docile
- **59.** Most festive
- **62.** Regret
- **63.** How checks are written
- **65.** Alaska dispensary with a penchant for marijuana and wordplay (and, yes, it really exists)
- **67.** 1701, on cornerstones
- **68.** "Night" author Wiesel
- **69.** Adderall target, briefly
- **70.** Grade-boosting class
- **71.** Florida's Miami-____ County
- **72.** Boeing 747s, e.g.

Down 18. Harvard rival

- **22.** Crafty **1.** Tony winner Merman
- **25.** _____Taylor Loft **2.** Familiar theme 27. Very wide shoe size 3. Former MLB
 - **29.** Marx follower?
 - **30.** Heist haul
 - 32. "Let's do this!"
 - 33. Office notes
 - **34.** Campus figures
 - **36.** It's strummed by Elvis in "Blue Hawaii," for short
 - **37.** Actress _____ Flynn Boyle
 - **40.** Headliner
 - **41.** Diarist Anais
 - **44.** Hyatt hotel line

- **46.** Vulcano of "Impractical Jokers"
- **48.** Skyline concealer
- **50.** Low-carb diet
- **52.** Tested the waters, say
- **53.** Spiral-horned antelope
- **55.** Line of work
- **56.** "This _____ to do the trick"
- **57.** Requirements
- **60.** Oklahoma city
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- **64.** Sportage automaker
- **66.** Sheldon's pal on "The Big Bang Theory"

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Can't Possibly Be True

— A newly released report from the U.K.'s Air Accidents Investigation Branch has determined that an inflight incident on June 29, 2022, could have turned out "very different," CNN reported. On that day, a flying instructor slumped over on a pilot's shoulder as they flew a small plane above Lancashire, England. The pilot, who had asked the instructor to accompany him because of wind conditions that day, thought his cohort was "just pretending to take a nap" as a joke, but after landing the plane, he realized the instructor had died. The report noted that the instructor likely "suffered a cardiac arrest as the aircraft took off"

Unclear on the Concept

- Neurosurgeon Charlie Teo, 65, appeared before Australia's Health Care Complaints Commission in February to defend himself against charges relating to a brain tumor surgery he performed on a woman, ABC News reported. "I took out too much. I took out the wrong bit of the frontal lobe," Teo said. "I actually didn't know at the time. I'm learning from this case. It wasn't negligence. Maybe some ignorance on my behalf." The woman was left in a vegetative state and died several weeks later. Teo said one of the complainants against him had been "hoodwinked" and "coerced" into filing the charge by Teo's "enemies." "I did the wrong thing. Was that my intention? Absolutely not," he said.

Least Competent Criminal

 Quanisha Manago, 28, of Kershaw, South Carolina, got a special delivery on Feb. 13, but it wasn't from Amazon. WHNS-TV reported that Lancaster County Sheriff's officers were tipped off about a package coming Manago's way with valuable contents: two large bricks of cocaine, weighing over 6 pounds. Working with other agencies, an undercover agent delivered the box to Manago's home, then watched as she stored it in her car and started to drive away. That's when she was arrested. Sheriff Barry Faile said the cocaine had a street value of more than \$180,000. "Thanks to all who participated, it will never hit the street," he said, adding the packaged was shipped from outside the United States.

Government in Action

- On Jan. 19 in Austin, Texas, Chris Newby was sleeping when "the whole house shook," he said. "It sounds like a plane hit the house." Instead, according to KXAN-TV, it was a car -- an impaired driver barreled through Newby's spare bedroom wall. "The entire room was just crunched," he said. Ten days later, Newby received a letter from the city informing him that he was in violation of two codes: "One for having a hole in my house and one for having no window," Newby said. The letter was dated the day of the crash and stipulated that he had 30 days to get repairs completed or face fines of up to \$4,000 per day. "It felt tone-deaf to me," he said. "I'm in violation for being a victim." But Matthew Noriega, a division manager at the code department, said Newby has time: "If an extension is needed, we will give them that extension," he clarified. Still, Newby said Austin "feels a little less like home every day." Sad emoji.

Weird Science

- Just looking for a few minutes of peace and quiet? You might be tempted to step inside the anechoic chamber at Microsoft headquarters in Redmond, Washington, Oddity Central reported. However, even if you were allowed to try it, you might find it unbearable - it is the world's quietest place, at -20.3 decibels. (Calm breathing clocks in at 10 decibels.) "As soon as one enters the room, one immediately feels a strange and unique sensation which is hard to describe," said Hundraj Gopal, a speech and hearing scientist who helped design the chamber. "When you turn your head, you can hear that motion. The longest continuous time anyone has spent inside the chamber is 55 minutes," Gopal said. Microsoft uses the room to test microphones, receivers, headphones and speakers.

Awesome!

■ When friends presented tattoo artist Karen Green with a brand-new iPhone in 2007, she never even opened the box, CNN reported. She had recently upgraded her unsmart phone and didn't want to switch carriers, "and I figured it's an iPhone, so it'll never go out of date," Green said. On Feb. 19, Green's still-shrink-wrapped first-edition iPhone sold for more than \$63,000 through an online auction with Louisiana-

based LCG Auctions. Featuring a 2-megapixel camera and "sharp corners front and back," the phone sold originally for \$599. Green will use the funds to support her tattoo business.

(Not a) Fetish

Don't call Aakash Majumdar's attraction to balloons a fetish. The 28-year-old resident of Mumbai, India, identifies as "objectum sexual," meaning he's attracted to inanimate objects – but not just sexually. News. com.au reported on Feb. 16 that Majumdar wakes up every morning and "makes out" with his balloons, which he sleeps beside. "I like their presence and warmth, and share intimate feelings with my balloons and vice versa," he said. "When you're in love, you spend a lot of time together and accept all kinds of flaws." Of course, being balloons, they're vulnerable: "One day while inflating a few balloons with a pump, a balloon got popped," he said. "I cried for the loss and after that, I became more careful."

Bright Idea

- Post-COVID, Carnival parades have resumed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and one unnamed man was ready to PAR-TAY! *The Daily Mail* reported that on Feb. 19, military police arrested a man wearing a 7-foot-tall penis costume and flip-flops; he had allegedly been chasing women in the city center and "acting suspiciously."

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