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Past article, future concern

I'm writing in response to an article ("More marinelife protection from people like you", Neighborhood News, Sept. 1 2015) which discusses marine protected areas. This letter may seem odd given the article's publication in 2015 but what it discusses has become important again given, in July, California agencies decide the course of marine protection for the next 10 years.

The article claims the unnecessity of enforcing protection in the front channel of San Elijo Lagoon's mouth since people who dwell there are no threat to our waters, but that's not the point. Politicians are rarely scientists and gauging the importance of a specific area's protection will never be accurate on a dot.

What matters is the existence of these marine protected areas in the first place because they're the only guarantees of marine recovery without interference. Oil drilling and overfishing have already hurt marine life significantly. It's time for our California community, including both us, the ordinary public, and our politicians to push for such initiatives. It's not a slight against us as Californians to have marine life protected from us, but instead, it's an opportunity to preserve, for our children, these wonderful organisms and the resources they provide. Parnian Sartip

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Key Todd Gloria backer Gil **Cabrera gets hand slapped** News Under the Radar, Apr. 5, 2023

Hasn't this happened several times already? How many warnings is Cabrera going to get before the FPPC gets serious? He seems to spend a lot of time skating very near the edge of the law. -20/20 Vision April 5, 2023

I noted how Matt Potter, who unfailingly strings a series of usually nasty modifiers before the name of any politician he mentions, somehow missed identifying as conspiracyaddled and uber-rightwing the five GOP house members who smeared American banker Dominic Ng in their grandstanding letter to the FBI. Undoubtedly an oversight in the part of Matt. -Cult Member April 7, 2023

Oh so everything the so-called right wing says or does it a conspiracy? Why is it that these "conspiracies" are always true? Big lies like climate change, systemic racism, xenophobia due to an open border, Trump's persecution on so many meritless accusations..... You are obviously one of the Democrat Party's useful idiots; gullible, fully indoctrinated and ignorant. Have you ever objectively analyzed conservative news vs Democrat/Marxist propaganda? Or are you now incapable of such an undertaking? -Not a Cult Member

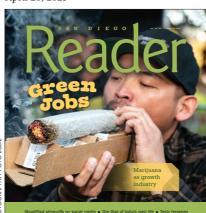
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THE INVISIBLE WORLD **Antenna-gonist** Penthouse peril from excessive emissions will persist

A rooftop battle over radio-frequency (RF) emissions has been won by telecom giant Verizon - for now. But it's not over, say attorneys for Carole Sachs, who owns and lives in an uptown penthouse condo that sits 20 feet below a growing field of antennas. "The only mitigation Verizon has offered are hot zone signs, to be posted all along her outdoor space," said Judd Gray, representing Sachs in her appeal to the city.

The project, called Verizon San Diego Zoo, is meant to improve wireless services for the community. It was approved by the



Hot tub in a hot zone: signs warn that "radio frequency may exceed exposure limits."

or that elevated site is the perfect place to put antennas.

"She's homebound, she can't escape," Gray said of the elderly Sachs, who is in her 80s and suffers dementia. According to the appeal, the homeowner association has been approving upgrades and agreements with cellular providers for the last 20 years, adding ever more high-frequency transmitters next to her condo. "Very disconcertingly, in 2017 and

"She's homebound, she can't escape," Gray said of the elderly Sachs, who is in her 80s and suffers dementia.

Planning Commission on December 15, 2022, and the Uptown Community Planning Group voted in favor of it. Sachs may be the only one not benefiting. Her 4427-square-foot unit and its terrace occupy the entire upper floor of 666 Upas Street, just off Sixth Avenue. Her lost appeal over the project shows how little say residents of high rise buildings have when wireless companies decide that this



"The only mitigation Verizon has offered are hot zone signs, to be posted all along her outdoor space.'

then again 2019, a metal plaque was installed on Ms. Sachs' balcony, warning her to 'Stay back!' because 'radio-frequency energy may exceed exposure limits."

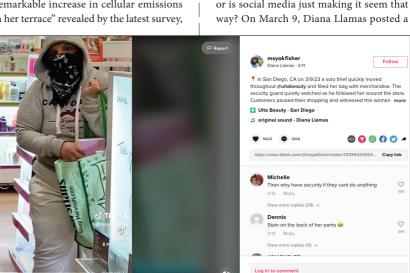
At about the same time, Sachs' employees, who had spent hours gardening and sitting on the terrace, began complaining of headaches and other symptoms they attributed to the cellular emissions. An environmental testing firm hired by Sachs found that between 2017 and 2020, the power density levels had shot up anywhere from 476 to 3933 percent. Certain spots on the east side of the terrace exceeded most international and regulatory threshold limits. And it was about to get worse.

Last August, she was given notice that the HOA had sought a conditional use permit to install still more antennas above or around her home. She was told there were two active projects: a Sprint/T-Mobile upgrade and Verizon San Diego Zoo. The most recent survey from the testing firm she hired reports that "total cellular RF levels on average significantly increased since our previous survey conducted on October 11, 2022." Further, the measurements reflected only the current antennas and traffic during the visit. "It is likely that with increased smart phone use and additional antenna configurations, the RF levels may increase." Indoors, the highest radio frequency levels were in the living room, which the testing firm attributed

to antennas on the building. The levels in other indoor areas were far lower, "due to the location and directionality of the antennas and attenuating effect of building materials."

Kevin Sullivan with Verizon suggested that T-Mobile, which has been operating there for 20 years, is the bigger problem. Some of their equipment is closer to the condo, he said. The appeal focused "exclusively on Verizon, not T-Mobile...but it appears it should be T-Mobile." He said that all of Verizon's work will be on the roof, that access will be through the interior, and that there will be no construction on her property. And he asked the council to approve Verizon's "relatively minor update."

Despite what Sachs' attorneys called a "remarkable increase in cellular emissions on her terrace" revealed by the latest survey,



Ugly behavior at Ulta Beauty: stuffing a Mashall's bag full of goods and just walking out.

those emissions still fall just within FCC guidelines in most areas, crippling any effort to oppose the upgrade on health and safety grounds. However, those guidelines haven't been updated since 1996. Their allowed levels are also significantly higher than those of many other countries, the appeal noted. And they don't consider potential "non-thermal" impacts, such as cancer, neurological impacts, and immune system deficiencies.

Up on the roof, and in areas around Sachs's terrace, emissions will exceed FCC limits, but according to Verizon, with mitigation measures, they will still be compliant. Sullivan said the measures will include signs posted at access doors and barriers placed around the antennas, "to provide full clarity of where you should and shouldn't go." Anyone working on the roof, he said, "must be aware these are hot zones. They must have proper training, information from the owner about RF — in this instance, the HOA."

Councilman Joe LaCava, who seconded Whitburn's motion to deny the appeal, said the unresolved issues of unwanted radio-frequency

near homes didn't make him happy, but it's not a topic local governments can debate. "This council body — their hands are tied." One thing the city can do, he urged, is put naming rules in place, as they discussed 15 years ago, so that projects like this one can't be named after a place like the Zoo. "It can have an undue influence."

SHELLA PELL

SHOPLAND

Social (media) contagion "Shoplift 'n show" pits attention economy against regular economy

Are thefts of designer items from stores - perfume, sunglasses, T-shirts, and even underwear — more common of late, or is social media just making it seem that

video on TikTok of a person allegedly stealing from the Ulta Beauty store at The Plaza at the Border mall in San Ysidro. The alleged thief was wearing a black bandana over her face and a gray hoodie, white sweat pants, and gray sneakers. On the video, she can be seen stuffing an aqua and Marshall's bag full of goods. Llamas, who posted the incriminating continued on page 3



video on TikTok, wrote that the "solo thief quickly moved throughout @UltaBeauty and filled her bag with merchandise. The security guard quietly watched as he followed her around the store. Customers paused their shopping and witnessed this woman in action." She noted that the "thief fled" and that SDPD arrived "approximately seven minutes later." The video pulled nearly 300,000 views and garnered 1200 comments, many of which condemned the security guard for not doing anything.

Eventually, the video made the rounds on Instagram, where one viewer noticed, "She took my favorite perfume, too - Chance Chanel Eau Tendre. I would recognize that box anywhere." Ulta Beauty sells Chanel perfume for \$100; the store also sells highend makeup from the Kylie Cosmetics, MAC Cosmetics, and ColourPop. Another viewer, who went by the handle Poetry1995, wrote, "This happens daily now because people see how easy it is on social media."

Bill Smith also saw the video; he's a used designer fashion and perfume vendor at Kobey's Swap Meet. "People try to steal my shit all the time," he told me. "So I mark my stuff [with a Sharpie], and if I saw it on Facebook Marketplace or eBay, I would call the police and make a TikTok out of them, too,"

Smith also saw a March 21 Instagram post showing two men caught at Fashion Valley Mall after stealing Versace underwear. On Instagram and TikTok, young men and women often let their pants sag so that their designer underwear is visible. "That style was popular in the 1990s when Aliya rocked Tommy Hilfiger underwear and Marky Mark wore Calvin Kleins," commented Smith. "These thieves who get caught on TikTok or IG would have posted shots of themselves with their stolen goods on social anyways."

In February, two men were indicted for a slew of thefts at higher-end stores across the county; the thefts totaled more than \$200,000 of goods, many of which were designer sunglasses from Sunglass Huts, taken during a three-month binge, according to the Patch news outlet. The duo was sentenced to a little more than three and a half years at a state prison. San Diego County District Attorney Summer Stephan added in a statement that robberies of this type have been "on the increase in the past five years."

In January, brazen burglars at two HypeBeast-type stores stole trendy clothing and sneakers but were caught on surveillance cameras. Jubie Drip in Fletcher Parkway Mall was hit for some high-end T-shirts, and Bepul Kicks was "hit by a few people wearing hoodies where they grabbed a bunch of clothes, then dipped," continued Smith. "I feel for the businesses; like I was saying, they get me all the time when I set up at events. But I blame this blatant thievery on social media. Kids see how easy it is to steal from us older dudes or at the mall, especially when they come in big-ass groups. The funny thing is — well, not so funny — is they are stealing to 'flex' the shit on the Gram or TikTok."

MIKE MADRIAGA

UNDER THE RADAR

Pradeep's rise A shadowy network of unidentified fat cats has come up with \$13 million to fund the \$500,000-a-year raise awarded to UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep Khosla by the University of California's regents on April 6, bringing his base salary to \$1.14 million, which makes him the nation's fifth highest-paid university chief, per an April 11 dispatch by the Union-Tribune. Regent Richard Leib of Solana Beach "would not identify who donated the \$13 million, but said the money was raised quickly out of concern

that UCSD would lose Khosla, who oversaw a record \$3.05 billion campus fund-raising campaign that ended last year," per the account.

"There was a very, very strong commitment from the community to get this done because of what Pradeep has meant to San Diego, including helping to bring the Blue Line trolley to campus and building lots of housing." The only donor identified was Qualcomm co-

founder and La Jolla billionaire Irwin Jacobs, who leveraged the intellectual property developed at UCSD and UCLA into a personal cell phone fortune and is widely recognized to have enjoyed an outsized say on UCSD policy. "He has done a wonderful job for the campus, for the city, for the region, and internationally," said the octogenarian billionaire, who declined to tell the paper the amount of his contribution.

Nor did the paper report the specifics of other perks approved by the regents for Khosla, including "continuation of an administrative fund established for official entertainment and other purposes permitted by University policy. Adjustments may occur annually as allowed by policy." Official partying has long been part of Khosla's job.

Last month, the university's website advertised

sign-ups for a free March 21 bash in LA. "We're taking the celebration to Los Angeles! Join Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, influential local alumni, and esteemed campus leaders for a celebration like none other at the Grammy Museum Los Angeles. Enjoy an evening of interactive surprises, heavy hors d'oeuvres, refreshing beverages, and plenty of stimulating conversation. Suggested attire: business casual/formal." Other Khosla benefits approved

during this month's regents meeting included "continuation of an annual automobile allowance of \$8,916."

Khosla is pushing big housing developments for the La Jolla campus, a field in which Leib has some experience lobbying. The current chairman of the UC regents. Leib got a paycheck protection loan of \$20,800 for his Dunleer Strategies to retain one job during the Covid-19 pandemic, according to the website federalpay.org.

The company was listed as being in the business of providing Environmental Consulting Services. But Leib is reported as a local influence peddler on a list of those registered to lobby the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. Another county filing shows he gave fallen Democrat Nathan Fletcher's now-abandoned state senate campaign \$2500 during the final quarter of 2022. As of this April 6, according to a county filing, Leib was lobbying county supervisors on

behalf of America First Multifamily Investors, L.P., also known as Greystone Housing Impact Investors, which has been out drumming up low-income housing business.

Last year, for instance, the firm "provided \$153,637,000 in tax-exempt and taxable construction loans for a new 387unit affordable housing community in Elk Grove, California," *millions* — *simple as.* according to November 22, 2022 news release. Wrote Khosla last

July 13 in the U-T: "UC San Diego is also investing in off-campus housing for staff and faculty, expanding our inventory of at- or below-market rentals. Our Hillcrest campus redevelopment plan includes 1000 new apartments, and plans are underway to build staff and faculty housing on the east side of our La Jolla campus." On March 22, Leib told the U-T: "We're very committed to expanding student housing. Studies have shown that students do better when they live close together. And the housing we're talking about generally has rents that are 20 to 30 percent below market prices."

Cop shops chopped A newly unveiled policy at San Diego State University's KPBS public broadcasting operation has run

> afoul of an unnamed local police department, according to an April 7 account by the station's news director Terence W. Shepherd on the website Current.org. The San Diego area police department "feared that our reporting would be biased because we would seek outside perspectives besides the police reports and narratives," the item quotes KPBS deputy investigations editor Claire Trageser as saying. "That department said

that if we enacted the policy, they would be less likely to grant us interviews in the future. But we decided to publish the policy anyway." The backstage clash between KPBS and cops over crime and reporting centers around an online declaration by KPBS that "historically, media coverage of these topics has tilted too much toward the perspectives of public safety agencies." To remedy continued on page 18

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Terence W. Shepherd, guarding the news

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She saves the animosity for Biden

Letters, Mar. 15, 2023 Tim Taylor spoke for many of us in relating what's wrong with Trump.

The Teflon Don has a long history of getting away with things by bullying and suing. Those of us with longer memories than his current slavish followers, remember how he stiffed workers on construction projects in NJ. and about his business failures galore.

Al Capone is turning over in his grave with envy. -TDS backer April 6, 2023



Barber-slash-slasher gets ten years in jail

Neighborhood News, Jun. 11, 2015 I know this guy Danny F. from high school and he always seem to me like a loose cannon, I remember we would sometime stare at me with this hate stare. The only reason I never confronted him and put him in his place was because I'm good at reading people and I knew he wouldn't stand a chance with me, therefore he would probably come back with a knife or something to get some get back. This was back in 2007-2008. -Southwest High April 5, 2023

Panhandler turf battle at freeway exit

Neighborhood News, Jan. 10, 2014 Why is it necessary to identify his friend as a black man? That has nothing to do with the story. You didn't identify the race of yourself or the other person. -Color Blind April 2, 2023

Life plus 25 years for 20-year-old News Ticker, Nov. 9, 2014

The judge is right. We need to show this to the younger generation. I wonder if they can reach Sergio to get his perspective on things in prison; that would be amazing if he changed. -Merciless optimist January 17, 2023

Pickleball pickle

2014

Neighborhood News, Dec. 14,

Build pickleball courts someplace else and leave tennis courts and players without fear of finding no court someday! Tennis happens to be a super exercise for body parts in sunshine and at own pace. Pickleball is too competitive to win and too close for safe fun.

-Pickled in San Diego March 20, 2023

Final competition of Chula Vista robotics league

Neighborhood News, Jan. 24, 2014 Mrs. Salazar was always one of the very best. I'm sure

glad that she's still teaching at the highest level and supporting student growth. -Jenny Bruseaux February 14, 2023

Did Chris Kyle deck Jesse Ventura at McP's in Coronado?

City Lights, Aug. 7, 2013 People are people. We all at one time or another can get full of ourselves. We all need Christ for personal redemption and change of our human condition. Some will submit, some will not. Give Jesus a shot; read John 3:16

> -Not that John March 25, 2023

No sex offenders in homeless shelters

Straight from the Hip, Jan. 2, 2013 In Redding, CA I have been denied access to all Homeless Shelters available because of the new law. I am a PC 290 criminal from 25 years ago with no more contact by police for any crimes. However, I am homeless; I am physically ill diabetes, heart trouble, blood pressure, Had a stroke so I am in a wheelchair with no right arm or leg. I need to take Insulin also but because I have no where to live I cannot keep it cold so it goes bad. I will die because of this law, hopefully no one else will have to. -Brian62 April 14, 2023

How much chicken is actually

in chicken noodle soup Matthew Alice, Apr. 10, 2013 We've always picked out those little chicken squares because they taste terrible. Just my opinion. -Not a chicken

January 13, 2023

Blood flows in La Jolla Cove: the mysterious tale of Robert Pamperin

Cover Story, June 15, 1989 I am convinced. No entering the ocean for me. I will sit in the kid's plastic wading pool in the back yard and settle for that. -Captiain Bligh February 7, 2023

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2023 promising to be another excellent year for bluefin tuna

Dock Totals 4/2- 4/15: 2560 anglers aboard 106 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past two weeks caught 230 bluefin tuna, 4 bonito, 4 calico bass, 1 halibut, 28 lingcod, 8622 rockfish, 59 sand bass, 487 sanddab, 368 sculpin, 66 sheephead, 574 whitefish, and 29 yellowtail.

Saltwater: The local fleet managed to take out over a thousand anglers per week over the first two weeks of April, a sign that the off-season is winding down as fishing warms up. With fishing and trade shows mostly behind us and more boats coming online after winter maintenance, anglers have been chomping at the bit to get out after an unusually wet and wild San Diego winter. Local offshore action is all about rockfish right now, especially as depths beyond 300-feet are now open to recreational fishing.

Yellowtail have been showing off the Coronado Islands, but that bite is still a hit and miss gamble. The San Diego did manage 15 quality fish after a full day of hard yo-yo iron work, and though there were good signs on the meter, it was tough work to get them to go. Soon, as water temps edge up and bait moves in, the yellowtail at the islands and banks just south of the border should turn on.

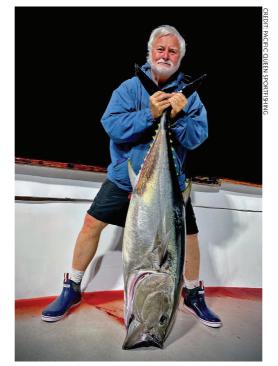
Bluefin tuna in the 25-50-pound range have been showing off the banks outside of Ensenada, and as well in the "Bluefin Triangle," the area from San Clemente Island and out to Cortez and Tanner Banks. There are some larger units around at well over 100 pounds — the *Pacific Queen* got into some at the end of March that went to 120 pounds — but so far this early in the season, the fish have been mostly in that solid school-size at around 30 pounds. As the weather lays down and seas calm through the spring, we will surely know if this will be another great year for bluefin tuna out of San Diego. So far, all signs are good.

The *Pegasus*, *Legend*, and *Pacific Queen* have been finding the bluefin willing, but if you're planning to go out and get them during this early-season bite, it's best to factor in a night of fishing in

the proposed trip. Even though the fish are within full-day range, a 1.5-day or longer trip will greatly increase the odds of success. Most of the fish caught have been between sunset and sunrise, as the day bite has been, so far, non-existent. Basic sinker rigs in the 12-16 ounce range and knife or butterfly jigs in the 250-300 gram sizes have been working best.

Quality rockfish have been showing up at the dock, with anglers looking in areas beyond the 300-foot line that have been off-limits since 2012. As cow cod tend to be more prevalent in the deeper water, be sure to have your fish ID chart and a descender rig when targeting rockfish. The 2012 closure of the seaward side of 300-feet was to protect the dwindling cow cod populations. Now that those waters are open again, anglers need be aware that cow cod are still protected from the take.

When a rockfish is brought up from deep water, the swim bladder will often protrude out of the fish's mouth like a balloon, making release nearly impossible. You can pierce the protruding bladder to release the air so that the fish will be able to swim back down, but



A nice quality early-season bluefin tuna caught during the night bite aboard the *Pacific Queen*. the survival rate associated with this method is unknown. A descender rig will allow the angler to release the fish back into the depths through a simple release mechanism and weight to get the fish back to the bottom where the swim bladder will self-deflate in the deeper atmosphere.

Surf fishing has been very good on most beaches, with barred surf perch being the main catch. If sand crabs are around, they will work fine, but much of the fish caught has been on grubs or plastics on a simple Carolina rig. Gulp! sand worms are a favorite, but really, any grub or curly-tailed worm with action will work. I've been going through old freshwater bits used more for largemouth bass and using the tail half with some success. Obviously, the scented baits work better in most cases, but I have found that some plastics made more for freshwater panfish trigger the perch.

One such lure a friend showed me is the Z-Man CrusteaZ[™], a small sand-crab looking bait made with that amazing Z-Man stretchy plastic that is so tough their formula is a patented secret. At nearly \$5 per half-dozen, they seem a bit on the pricey side for a small plastic, but give them a try and I am sure you will be impressed. I presented it on a Carolina rig with a #4 bait hook on an 18" leader. I was using a slow-twitchy retrieve through the inner break and the perch would not leave it alone.

If rock or dock-pounding the bays, spotted bay bass and halibut are still the main targets. No word yet of any shortfin corvina in San Diego bay, though I do expect we should see them start showing up by May or June. Fishing in the surf or channel edges for halibut has been productive, especially for anglers targeting them during periods with grunion runs. Spotted bay bass are biting well on the eelgrass edges and around any structure, 3-inch to 4-inch plastics seem to be working best.

As I am sitting here buttoning up this report, calls are coming in of bluefin biting well and yellowtail on the meter... so, all in all, it's shaping up to be just another great fishing year in San Diego!

They're out there, so go get 'em!

Hot Trips:

 $\mbox{4/2}$ – The Daily Double morning half-day run returned to the docks with 1 lingcod and 140 rockfish for the 15 anglers aboard.

4/12 – The *Polaris Supreme* called in with limits of 88 bluefin tuna for 22 anglers aboard their 2-day run.

4/13 – 7 anglers aboard the San Diego full-day trip caught a nice mix of 6 yellowtail, 1 lingcod, 1 sheephead, 35 whitefish, and 10 rockfish.

4/14 – 22 anglers aboard the *Pacific Queen* 3-day run returned to the dock with limits of 132 bluefin tuna.

Fish Plants: 4/20, Lake Poway, trout (1500), 4/21 - Santee Lakes, catfish (2500)



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Judy Van der Veer, 1936

PENNY AND I HAD A GOOD TRIP

over the brown hills. We traveled straight down the road to the Padres' dam; we crossed the river there and took the trail to Oak free Canvon. Some of the brush had feathery white blossoms, scented so delicately I had to put my face right into them before I could smell the faint sweetness....

Right and left of the trail are deep canyons and hills steep and rocky. I can look straight down on the trees of Oak Tree Canyon and see the gray glimmer of the narrow creek.

To the right I look into a cut of brown canyon, with cattle trails scarring its sides. These hills and canyons are part of the old Fortuna ranch. Under the canyon trees the white-faced cattle drowse during the heat of the day.

"Port of Navy Wives," Collier's

February 20, 1943

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GOLDEN DREAMS



Al Park (singing) and his band at the Cellar Bar, Wednesday nights.

silent town".

frozen continent.

But my life, my love and my lady, is the sea.

I've always loved the line "At night, when

the bars close down/Brandy walks through a

this cellar bar of The British Hotel, a watering

hole that somehow survived the devastating

earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. The hotel looks

out over this last port before Antarctica, where

the U.S. anchors its South Pole operation,

Operation Deep Freeze. Its red icebreaker

ship shelters here between trips down to the

But tonight, Al's singing of sunnier climes:

In the city of the angels, all the people came

And then he launches into his singalong

Ensenada, Tijuana...Latin ladies across the

Margaritas and tequilas and Latin señoritas

Soon, the whole cellar's joining in on those

last two lines; they repeat and repeat, and it

becomes a sort of anthem. Yes, it's the tourist

take on Baja; it shows how people over here

view California and Mexico: a place that sets

a twinge of lost youth and wilder love tugging

Next day, standing on the steep surrounding

hills, looking up the long blue harbor, I can

just imagine the Euterpe/Star of India bowling

in past the cliffs on a south polar wind, with

passengers crowding her decks, feasting their

eyes on their first view of green land after four

I came to LA, I was looking for my future

California, where he lived for a while.

But I only found my past

So I headed down south ...

to haunt me

chorus:

border

In the Baja

In the Baja

at their memories.

months at sea.

I had to get out fast

"Commit No Nuisance," says the sign above

California dreaming in Lyttelton

It's an odd feeling, meeting in a five-millionyear-old crater halfway down the South Island of New Zealand, and then hearing a San Diego song blast in your ears.

I'm in Lyttelton, a harbor in New Zealand created by an ancient volcanic blow-out that let the seas rush in and form one of the country's quirkier seaports, a harbor that has strange connections to San Diego, even though it's 7000 miles away. First, there's the sailing ship Euterpe, which voyaged halfway around the world from Britain in the 1870s, loaded to the gunwales with immigrants. It would pull in here at Lyttelton to debouch them. And the incredible thing? Judging by photos taken back in those pioneering days, Lyttelton doesn't look all that different today than it did then — and neither does Euterpe. The square rigger is still afloat and shipshape, the oldest operational ship of its type in the world. These days, it sails out of San Diego, and has been renamed - you guessed it - Star of India.

But there's more to this Lyttelton-Diego connection: Al Park gets me thinking about it. He's the cool gent at the microphone, singing one of his own compositions, a song set in — where else? — San Diego and TJ.

I'm sinking sunset six-packs by the pool I'm getting lazy

A Santa Ana blows off the desert The future and the freeway's looking hazy...

Al is singing to this clubby crowd with the confidence of a much-loved local. Like an extraordinary number of musicians, he finds a kind of refuge in this sailor town, and so helps keep its 19th-century traditions alive and well — like a little country, locked inside the crater and inside its own time zone. I find myself thinking of Looking Glass's 1972 ode to a port town, "Brandy."

Brandy, You're a fine girl What a good wife you would be Moko man in a Maori world

"I live in the Maori world," says Te Mairiki Williams. He says this because I have asked him about his *moko*, the tattoo that covers his face. I asked because this is not a usual thing you see these days on the streets of Christchurch, the largest — and most English — South Island city of New Zealand. Or should I say, of as a decision or a choice," he says. "You don't decide. They'll take you when the ancestors judge you are ready. One of the elders, when I was helping him one time, finished what he was doing, and then he said, 'Just give me five minutes, I'll get these [moko instruments] cleaned up, and you're on next.' That was it. It was an acknowledgement. It's a compliment to be considered worthy of a moko. Worthy for

"I didn't decide my *moko*. But the *moko* tells my story. The elders are like professors. They know."

Aotearoa — the Maori name for the country. "Land of the Long White Cloud."

I'm interested because, as with the Kumeyaay people in California, a great resurgence is happening — not just in terms of demands for rights, but also the original culture reasserting itself. And finally, people are buying the idea that a knowledge of Maori can serve as a key to the languages and cultures of the entire Asia-Pacific region. I notice it as soon as I get off the plane:

everything is written and spoken in both English and Maori, te reo. On radio and TV, every greeting is spoken in the two languages. Disk jockeys are trained to not mangle Maori names. It is amazing how this changes the atmosphere in the country: it's not as if everyone is suddenly bilingual, but it matters that they know the essentials of greeting, of etiquette. Suddenly - well, it has taken a couple of decades — New Zealand is out of denial. It recognizes where it lives: on the fringes of Asia and the Pacific, not the edges of Europe. Getting by in Maori is becoming

your ancestors to pass it on. I didn't decide my *moko*. But the *moko* tells my story. The elders are like professors. They know."

Mr. Williams says he doesn't go outside the Maori world. "I do traditional artwork, traditional weaponry, physical activities. I teach. That is my main connection. I'm thoroughly connected to who I am, to my ancestors, I acknowledge them first and foremost. The protocol, the well-being. The



Te Mairiki Williams has chosen the Maori way.

the cool thing to do. People feel this is their culture. The mix.

Te Mairiki Williams and I happened to meet in the aisles of a supermarket named Fresh Choice, and got talking. Mr. Williams clearly has much *mana*, the unspoken energy, prestige, power and influence that is valued more than money here. It's not just the elaborate character of his *moko*. It's his bearing. It's the fact that he works in prisons, giving Maori youth a sense of who they are, being a role-model.

"Did you just suddenly decide to get them?" I ask, referring to his *moko*.

"In the Maori world, there's no such thing

pathways are established."

Much of his time, he's motivating Maori youth. "I tell them: 'When our ancestors left Havaiki, their homeland, to come to New Zealand, they were all alcohol-, tobacco-, drug-, and violence-free, and, they were healthy! Able to live into their 90s.' I say to the kids: 'What brand of smokes did our ancestors bring when they came from Havaiki?' None, of course, none."

So yeah. A lot has happened since I've been away in California. This is the new New Zealand. Guess I'd better find out how people say "G'day" these days.

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Marijuana as growth industry

"I'm repping my shirt today: San Diego State, baby!" exclaimed Kyle Turley to me on April 1. The Aztecs' men's basketball team had just come back from 14 points down in the second half against Florida Atlantic in the NCAA championship tournament to win 72-71, and Turley was thrilled. "Aztecs are gonna get it, hopefully, the championship, bro! Hopefully, this follows up with SDSU getting into the Pac-12. Then it's gonna be over." Turley lives in Tennessee now with his family, but he still has plenty of love for his alma mater, for whom he played football from 1993-97. The standout offensive tackle was named an All-American in his senior year, and was a first-round draft pick and two-time All-Pro in the NFL.

by multiple injuries, and he retired in 2007. Football takes its toll on the body. During his second year in the NFL, he started smoking marijuana to help with sleep and body aches. He also took whatever the league's doctors prescribed. "I was on Zoloft, Defeco, and heavy psych drugs to deal with vertigo and light sensitivity. I didn't need any of those; why'd [the NFL doctors] put me on those? All they made me do is think of killing myself and other people." Eventually, Turley stopped popping the pills and stuck with the CBD and THC he got from weed. "I woke up like I was out of a trance. The meds make you have all of those [suicidal] thoughts, and I haven't had one since I got off of them."

vo-time All-Pro in the NFL. The pain pill regime was much but his pro career was shortened the same in college, he says. "They

> Joshua Caruso founded The Farmer's Cup in 2015. The event allows industry people and local weed enthusiasts to try out various products.

get away with it more than anybody; there's no oversight - it's college." Turley recalls he and his teammates being prescribed anti-inflammatory pills to address their post-game pains. But back then, he steered clear of weed. Had he tested positive for THC in random urinalysis tests, he could have gotten the boot and forfeited his college scholarship. "Man, I was scared to take it; I wanted to go to the NFL." So instead, Turley popped the prescribed pills.

Even after he went pro, there was risk associated with weed use. He says that even the league's newer, more lenient policy allows only for a "THC level to 150 nanograms, "the [International Olympic Committee] level. And if you test positive for over 150 nanograms of THC in

the NFL now, they have agreed and made a new law: it is an automatic at least one game you have to play without pay, and up to three games of playing and practicing. Going to work — without pay. Some guys, potentially now, with the contracts that they have, that's a million a game."

But as risks go, he says, it was and is manageable. Players "can take hybrid CBDs and full spectrums in the hemp world. And if they are good at monitoring their [weed] content and using it every day — not all day, maybe a nighttime thing — and they get a heads up on the drug test, then by the time they take it, they won't be over the limit." An NBC.com news report last year said that blood THC levels usually hit a high point shortly after smoking weed and can reach upward of 100

nanograms per milliliter of blood after about 15 minutes of smoking. Then THC levels quickly drop — to less than two nanograms per milliliter of blood after about four hours.

Turley's real objection to the 150 nanogram limit, however, is not that it's ineffective as a deterrent; it's that there's a limit at all. "If you are going to put a cap on it, which is the dumbest thing in the world, you are saying that the number one regulatory system in the human body isn't the thing we should be accessing to cure our athletes." Here, he is referring to the endocannabinoid system

Kyle Turley (center) with fans at the Gridiron Greats Celebrity Golf Classic.

(ECS), which, according to Healthline.com, "plays a role in regulating a range of functions and processes, including sleep, mood, appetite, memory reproduction, and fertility. The ECS exists and is active in your body even if you don't use cannabis." Turley doesn't just want weed allowed; he wants

it promoted. "Our biggest push is to have them, college, pros, everybody, stop testing for cannabis. To normalize cannabis and get this into the streets."

To that end, Turley partnered in 2020 with former NFL quarterback Jim McMahon, former NFL offensive tackle Ebon Britton, and former NFL running back (and San Diego native) Ricky Williams to form the brand Revenant, which sells cannabis products in packaged flower, pre-roll, distillate, and edible forms throughout San Diego County and beyond, even reaching Arizona. (Patrick Henry High star Williams has since parted amicably with Revenant to pursue his own cannabis line called Highsman — the name is a play on the Heisman Trophy he won in 1998.) Britton



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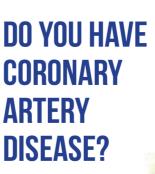
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says that "Kyle, Jim, and [I] have been speaking about cannabis as medicine for the football players for a while now. The number one issue facing NFL football players is CTE, chronic traumatic encephalopathy." CTE is a progressive degenerative brain disorder that can happen in people with a history of repeated blows to the head, often received while playing contact sports such as football or boxing. Britton says cannabis is "the only remedy on the planet that helps to heal the physical tissue in the brain. The federal government has a patent on cannabinoids, which have neuroprotectants and antioxidants."

Adds McMahon, "I think the NFL is starting to change their rules, I'm not positive, but I've heard they are more lax. I don't know if they are going to keep testing or if their penalties are going to be less severe. Because it's a ridiculous rule when they can shove all of these opioids down your throat, and that doesn't matter even though the opioids have been proven to be addictive and kill people. I know that



Ebon Johnson Jr., manager of Dr. Greenthumb's in La Mesa, and B-Real.

Kyle's been speaking to Congress about [allowing the NFL players to smoke cannabis]."

Higher Learning

Congress isn't the only authoritative body Turley's been telling. San Diego State University inducted him into its Hall of Fame in 2011. It listened to him pitch a cannabis curriculum. "We had a meeting years ago on the SDSU campus, and I was in front of an entire room of administrators. We were supposed to have an entire cannabis curriculum in San Diego State. I said, 'It can be applied here, here, here — in every degree. But they got cold feet and opted out of participating in the cannabis curriculum opportunity that the state of California has. These people keep talking about, 'Oh, we don't have any money for kids.' Well, apply

some cannabis curriculums: there are billions of dollars waiting to go to colleges to let people come to college for jobs that are going to be in the future. Cannabis is number one, and these people continue to deny that opportunity to those students. It's supposed to be an institution of higher learning!"

The University of San Diego, on the other hand, notes on its website that there were 428,000 full-

time employees in the cannabis industry in the U.S. in 2021. Furthermore, California was the world's largest legal cannabis market in 2019, and "was on track to record \$3.1 billion in sales, a 23 percent growth rate from 2018." Today at USD, students can study to receive a Cannabis Compliance and Risk Management Certificate. Courses include Cannabis 101: History and Practice Across Industries, Cannabis

Medicine and Healthcare I: Essentials of Cannabis Medicine, and Cannabis Medicine and Cannabis Medicine and Healthcare II: Integrated Clinical Practice. And on the website Salary.com, there is a Cannabis Compliance Administrator position in California starting at \$25-\$30 an hour. Zip Recruiter, another job site, states that in California, they see salaries as high as \$130,727 in the cannabis industry. And even at the sales level, some budtenders in San Diego rake in hundreds of dollars in weekly tips on top of their \$16-\$20 hourly wage.

Out of the green closet

Joshua Caruso, the founder of The Farmer's Cup, looks up to Turley — and not because of his 6-foot-5inch, nearly 300-pound frame. Caruso admires the way Turley is utilizing his sports celebrity, which provides him a "broader platform to advocate for these changes. The NFL, NBA, NCAA, and other pro leagues should draft a fair cannabis policy that makes sense for everyone — all athletes deserve safe ac-



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Lida Thompson has been judging the Farmer's Cup entries since 2016.

cess to cannabis." Caruso is a 42-year-old San Diegan who has been smoking weed since he was 16. His approach to the industry differs slightly from Turley's. "My occupation is also in the cannabis space, but most recently, cannabis event organization," he says, "as well as separate cannabis consulting and cultivation."

When he launched it in 2015, Caruso's event was called the San Diego Cannabis Farmers Market. It was a grassroots competition that was kept on the low, and allowed industry people and local weed enthusiasts to try out various products. Participants would then rendezvous at an agreed-upon location to award the winners and consume cannabis openly. "It eventually grew an identity of its own," he says, "and during 2020, we began working with licensed brands and dispensaries. With that, we came out of the green closet and gained notoriety amongst cannabis enthusiasts from all over California and beyond."

Caruso's Instagram fliers indicate that his recent event on February 25 was held at an undisclosed location in San Diego. "It's not really a secret, but we must have a private event. So we disclose the venue location only to those that participate or buy tickets." Hundreds - maybe more than a thousand — of cannabis heads pulled up to Caruso's event to celebrate the plant, smoke out, network, and hand out trophies. Winning an award at Caruso's event gets the brands street cred, in part because many of the judges are regular users from outside the industry. Competitors, on the other hand, must be licensed products from legitimate Californiabased cannabis companies. "They deliver the entries to our dispensary partners, who work with the grassroots team," says Caruso. Farmer's Cup then works with San Diego's Infinite Chemical Analysis, "a state-regulated and licensed cannabis laboratory. They run tests on our entries for highest combined cannabinoids, highest combined terpenes, and other lab results." Then Caruso's volunteers prepare the boxed judge kits for pick-up day.

Passing judgment

In a 2021 video clip, rapper B-Real from the cannabis-friendly group Cypress Hill is shown opening up a sealed Farmer's Cup Virtual Edition VIP Box. "What up, salute to Farmer's Cup," he says. "I'm gonna unbox this real quick to see what sort of flavors we are looking at in here." The box is about the same size as a sneaker box. It's sealed with a pull tab, such that the package cannot be resealed once opened, and is packed with sealed baggies of weed and other goodies. "We got some shit right here, homegrown rosin," says B-Real. "There's a lot of

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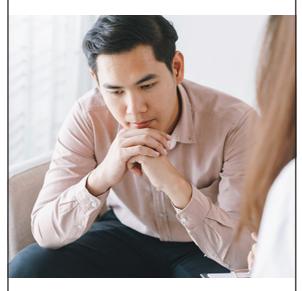
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live rosins up in here." Rosin is a THC-packed concentrate that's sticky and super potent when smoked. "We also have the Mr. Hilltop GMO cookies." He then playfully throws about six weed packets at the camera. "We're gonna smoke all that shit, man, on salute, to my bros. We're gonna enjoy these flavors." Another perk of winning a Farmer's Cup award is placement on the dispensaries' shelves. So if B-Real likes your flower, concentrate, or cookies, the product might wind up in his five Dr. Greenthumb's dispensaries throughout California — including La Mesa. Caruso notes, "Weedwoodz, one of the winners in our competition, made it onto Dr. Greenthumb's shelves."

Celebrity judges like B-Real get comped; regular judges pay \$99 for their boxes. Explains Caruso, "The judges have the option to purchase different types of judge experiences, which have different categories, from Flower, Edibles, Pre-rolls, Concentrates, and more." A recent competition drew nearly 400 judges from San Diego County; one of them was Lida Thompson, who has been judging the Farmer's Cup entries since 2016. "We pick up our judge kits on the pick-up days at the dispensary; then we have about two weeks to get to know the entries," she explains. The competition sends an electronic ballot to every judge, with questions to help guide them.

Caruso highly encourages group testing and smoke sessions with notepads, as the experience of smoking or eating through a buffet of THC goodies can be daunting if your tolerance is not



Jim McMahon eating a THC-infused hamburger from Mint Cannabis.

up to speed, and keeping track of things is important. Thompson agrees. She and her husband have judged live events in the past, "and they're a whole lot of fun, and you get totally ripped. But when you're trying to judge 20 flower entries, 20 concentrate entries, and a dozen edible entries in the span of three hours, it gets really hard to discern what the best entries truly are. And while it is a blast, I don't think it's very fair to the entries, and I honestly couldn't tell you the next day most of what I voted. That's why we massively prefer judging the Farmer's Cup's way — at home. Not only did it give us something positive to focus on during the tough years of the pandemic, but it also kept us engaged with the local cannabis community and stocked up on really po-

tent, trustworthy meds."

Thompson and her husband do two to three judging seshes per day. "We take photos and a video of each entry just before we try them," she says. "It's a great way to keep track. We also take notes, describing each entry's appearance, aroma, taste, smokeability, effect, and packaging." Then, once the couple narrows things down to their two favorites, they do a smoke-off. "I feel that judging in this way, we get to intimately know and experience each entry, appreciating the subtleties and nuances each has to offer," she continues. "We also communicate and share our opinions with other judges we know. We've learned a heck of a lot about terpenes, cannabinoids, and what different things work for us."

Terpenes make the difference in tastes and smells, differentiating the weed strains from one another. The most common terpenes are limonene, which is citrusy; pinene, like pine trees; myrcene, which is herbal; caryophyllene, peppery; and terpinolene, which is fruity. As for cannabinoids, the U.S. government says they are "a type of chemical in marijuana that causes druglike effects all through the body, including the central nervous system and the immune system. The main active canna-

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Thompson's hubby, who she didn't want to have identified in the article for privacy reasons, is a brain tumor survivor, "and they think cannabis helped keep his aggressive type of cancerous tumor from growing back," says Thompson. "After surgery and radiation, they gave him five months to live before they expected it to grow back. That was over 26 years ago."

Thompson herself was a competitive international ballroom dance champion, but she blew out her knee, "and the surgery triggered one of the most painful central nervous system diseases, RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy). I also was in two high-impact, hitand-run car accidents and have had neck surgery. I have PTSD and have had problems with depression, OCD, and anxiety." To endure the pain brought by RSD, she was on what she calls "fentanyl lollipops" and timed-release morphine, on top of Norco, Soma, Xanax, and Ambien for sleep. "I was literally on enough stuff to drop an elephant, yet I was still in excruciating pain."

After she had endured

years of suffering, her doctors began talking about surgically installing a fentanyl pain pump. By then, she says, she "was on the brink of suicide." Happily, she says, "after doing some research on the internet, I found out that RSD responds well to high levels of THC." In two months, she was able to stop all of the pharmaceutical drugs she was prescribed and swap them out for cannabis in different forms. That was 13 years ago. Today, the couple smokes joints and concentrates - her husband smokes to alleviate nausea "that came with the radiation and stayed because of Hemochromatosis," Thompson explains. "That's a hereditary disease. And he also uses cannabis for pain and depression." So we're both big believers in the medicinal benefits of ganja." Thanks to the Farmer's Cup, the couple has tried many products and brands they never would've thought of trying or had the opportunity to test out. "We're very fortunate and thrilled to have participated in judging every Farmer's Cup so far."

After the judges smoke out and taste the THCinfused edibles, they cast their ballots online, Caruso's team crunches the numbers, and the results are posted on Instagram. Finally, an awards ceremony ensues, where people and companies collect plaudits and trophies. Asked about consistent winners, Thompson replies, "Some of the first that jump to mind are Session Supply Co, Weedwoodz, Errl Hill, URSA, Paradox, and Originals."

Social media subterfuge

In 2021, Weedwoodz posted a photo of their winning trophy on Instagram, captioned, "#weedwoodz. Another one in the books. Adding one more trophy to our bragging rights collection." Weedwoodz, like many other cannabis brands, keeps its Instagram accounts on private. Many brands have backup accounts. The reason is that cannabis brands and dispensaries are constantly getting restricted or banned for showing weed or concentrate. Depicting cannabis and its derivatives is against parent company Meta's rules and regulations.

Kyle Turley has lost both his Instagram and Facebook accounts in the past, and not just for his cannabis and dispensary brands. (Besides Revenant, he is a part owner of Ramona Can-

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Dr. Torres, Dr. Lutz, Dr. Mora, Dr. Lujan & Staff 1866-804-1877 and 619-489-7022 • pacificimplantcenters.com nabis Company.) "I've been dealing with that for a long time, even in the CBD game," he says. "Our online platforms were shut down, and they did all of these stupid things where they restrict you." CBD doesn't contain THC, the psychoactive ingredient found in weed that produces the high, and is legally sold over the counter in many places in town. Even so, 'you have to know the game and how to play it. You create other opportunities to be a brand. They say, 'We can't discuss your brand because of cannabis.' However, we are not just cannabis; we have a lot of other things. We do philanthropy, service, entertainment, producing events, all these other things that we can use to get big stories."

Case in point: while in Phoenix for Super Bowl week last February, I

connected with Turley and Jim McMahon at the Anthem Golf and Country Club. The two NFL players were hosting the Gridiron Greats Celebrity Golf Classic, where former NFL greats and other sports celebrities played golf and smoked weed. Revenant's brand was emblazoned all over the golf course, and brand ambassadors passed out samples of their products. Another company, Mint Cannabis, was hooking up golfers with complimentary dab hits from their rigs. [Full disclosure: I currently manage Mint's social media campaigns.] A dab, also called wax or concentrate, is concentrated THC smoked through a bong-like apparatus called a rig; the dab is heated up with a blowtorch, and the wax emits the smoke to be inhaled. "We love working

with Kyle Turley and Jim McMahon because they are as passionate about cannabis as we are," said Lexie Coleman, a spokesperson for Mint. "And the two experimented with the magical plant in various forms, and through experience, they healed their bodies and minds."

Because the golf tournament was a regular sports event — even if it was sponsored by Mint Cannabis, Revenant, Cannabis Talk 101, Farechild Events, and a slew of other cannabis businesses — it was not banned or restricted on Facebook or Instagram. "Ultimately," says Turley, "if you create the right platform, they are not going to win; you are going to win. It's just overcoming by persevering and knowing you are in the right, and finding ways to structure the company to continue that biz."



Breaking the banks

That kind of creative approach is also required in other aspects of the biz," says Turley. "Like banking services you can't get. You must find ways as a cannabis company to be more legitimate. So Ramona Cannabis Company, for instance — there are multiple plays in that investment: if you wanna touch the plant, cannabis, you can, and put your name on that." Investors put money down on all of the other facets of the cannabis industry via equipment and real estate. "The majority of my investment in Ramona is to enter it as a property holding," Turley continues, "because, with the money I used to invest in the company, I couldn't. The stupid restrictions were, you can't invest in a cannabis company with retirement money — like if you have an IRA or 401K, something like that, where you should be able to self-direct that into any



At the Gridiron Greats Celebrity Golf Classic, Mint Cannabis was hooking up golfers with complimentary dab hits from their rigs.

investment. They bar you from doing that in cannabis; it's crazy. You gotta find ways around that, so you create a separate corp for it on all these other things. Then you have had investment come in all of those different ways." B-Real of Cypress Hill has been advocating for the legalization of cannabis since before 1993, when his group released

the Black Sunday album

with the weed-infused

track, "Insane in the

Brain." In September of last year, I caught up with B-Real, whose birth name is Louis Mario Freese, at the La Mesa location of his Dr. Greenthumb's dispensary. "It'll be a big step for cannabis for the banks to finally



recognize and accept accounts and work with us," B-Real said. "That will change a lot of how the industry does business; the capital will be freed up." And for now, while the cannabis industry is stigmatized in the banking world, "we'll just keep investing back into our brand and our company what we want to achieve." On the day we spoke, B-Real was promoting his Insane brand of cannabis flower, his own Funko POP! doll, which was being sold at Walmart, and his clothing line.

Not just blowing smoke

B-Real also has a popular podcast and video streaming channel called BRealTV. On a recent episode, he smoked a blunt with Kyle Turley. "We'd sit there interviewing in one of his lowriders," Turley says. "I don't know how long we did that, like two hours. I ran into Cypress Hill more than 20 years ago at the Rainbow Room up at Sunset on the strip. They were sitting outside, and I ran into Sen Dog. He said, "Ohh man, I'm a huge football fan, and you're Kyle Turley," and I'm like, "No fucking way you know who I am." Then I hook up with him, and we sit down, and B-Real rolled me a joint on the table - in front of two cops. I'm like, 'No way, this is awesome,' and we've been following it up through the years."

Today, B-Real's and Turley's dispensaries are only about 30 miles apart. "Hats off to Kyle Turley and B-Real for staying involved and pushing the culture," says Farmer's Cup founder Caruso. "And hopefully, their business models work out for them." Caruso, who smokes cannabis to "improve his mental state" and help him "focus on maximizing my productivity," says, "We've planned the best 4-20 experience possible — and legally in California! The upcoming Farmers Cup 420 Edition is a people's choice cannabis competition that puts any cannabis enthusiast who purchases a ticket in the seat of a cannabis judge. Judges oversee the testing of all legal cannabis categories on the recreational cannabis market. They are all represented, from the biggest brands to the small growers. Education, culture, and community are our main focus," Caruso concluded - which makes it 4-20 day every day here in San Diego.

— Mike Madriaga

Under the radar

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the problem, the stations vow no longer to relay information on "Police shootings or in-custody deaths with only the police narrative on what happened," "crime that paints a narrow picture of a community," and "single crime statistics shared by police without verifying and contextualizing." Who makes the decision whether to air non-compliant cop coverage is not entirely clear. "Any coverage that falls outside of the scenarios listed above will be reviewed by the newsroom's editorial team to decide if the newsroom should dedicate time and resources to it." Adds the statement, "Sharpening the coverage and communicating what we will and will not cover gives our audiences a clearer picture of who we are as a news organization and internally allows us to focus resources in more impactful ways."

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Calendar

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 20



U.S. - MEXICO CROSS-BORDER SEWAGE CRISIS

The San Diego World Affairs Council hosts speakers for a discussion of the Tijuana River sewage crisis and how environmental transborder issues are handled and resolved. The San Antonio de los Buenos treatment plant near Tijuana discharges about 35 million gallons a day of raw sewage into the Pacific Ocean. That discharge frequently floats up the coast, polluting local beaches. Speakers include environmental advocates, business leaders, and those with governmental interests.

WHEN: Thursday, April 20, 9 am to 12 pm

WHERE: UC San Diego Park & Market, 1100 Market Street, East Village. sdwac.org

Friday | 21

PAINT AN EARTH DAY MURAL

Join the San Diego River Park Foundation this Earth Day weekend to celebrate connection to our namesake waterway with a community mural in San Diego River's 52-acre Mission Valley Preserve. Activities include mural prepping, painting, and light gardening in the surrounding area.

WHEN: Friday, April 21, 9 am WHERE: Mission Valley Preserve, 5505 Friars Road, Mission Valley. sandiegoriver.galaxydigital.com

Saturday | 22

LA JOLLA CONCOURS **D'ELEGANCE**

The opening party for the La Jolla Concours is held on Friday, on the lawn overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It features live music, restaurant bites, a cocktail bar, a display of rare Duesenbergs, a live auction, and dancing. On Saturday, 75 Porsches

will be lined up along La Jolla's Prospect Street, and on Sunday, enjoy rare cars, live music, and a champagne and honey tasting garden.

WHEN: Friday, April 21, 6 pm to 10 pm through Sunday, April 23, 6 pm to 10 pm





WHERE: Ellen Browning Scripps Park, 1100 Coast Boulevard, La Jolla. laiollaconcours.com



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Founded in 1977, Toto has accumulated over three billion streams, a third of them just from the song "Africa." The current touring incarnation includes longtime members Joseph Williams on vocals and guitarist Steve Lukather, along with bassist John Pierce (Huey Lewis & the News), drummer Robert "Sput" Searight (Snoop Dogg), keyboardist Dominique "Xavier" Taplin (Prince), singer/multi-instrumentalist Warren Ham (Ringo Starr), and keyboardist-singer Steve Maggiora.

WHEN: Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm WHERE: Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. humphreysconcerts.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 22: LA JOLLA CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

Sunday | 23 SAN DIEGO MADE SPRING MARKET

Come check out local curated makers, instagrammable photo opps, a spring cocktail bar by Snake Oil Cocktails, a food truck lot, live music, a DIY workshops, a kids coloring and craft area, and a floral bar. There will also be a styled lounge with views of the bay off the back deck of the venue. Guests that make a purchase from a vendor will get a handmade door gift.

WHEN: Sunday, April 23, 11 am to 6 pm

WHERE: Julep Cafe 1735 Hancock Street, Suite C, Mission Valley. sandiegomade.org/markets



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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Spring Zoo Camps Half-day Zoo Camps introduce kids to what it's like to be a Zookeeper. They'll learn about nutrition needs for animals, make some behavioral enrichment. take part in some husbandry activities, and meet and interact with some of the 100+ animal ambassadors. Saturday, April 22, 9am; \$90. Wild Wonders, 5712 Via Montellano. (BONSALL)

ART

Acrylic Pouring Paint Night TunaCat Creations acrylic pouring specialists walk you through the steps to create your own 8X10 acrylic art. All supplies provided. Friday, April 21, 6:30pm; \$35. Crushed, 2920 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Dark Skies Exhibit Celebrate International Dark Sky week with a permanent Dark Skies exhibit with out-of-this-world information on natural darkness, light pollution, and its impact on back country wildlife as well as our ability to view the cosmos. Thursday, April 20, 10am; Friday, April 21, 9am; Saturday, April 22, 9am; free. Santa Ysabel Nature Center, 22135 CA-79. (SANTA YSABEL)

San Diego Made Spring Market 85+ local curated makers, instagrammable photo opps, a spring cocktail bar by Snake Oil Cocktails, a food truck lot, live music, DIY creative workshops, kids coloring and craft area, a floral bar, and more. Kids under 10 free. Sunday, April 23, 11am; \$6-\$7. Julep Cafe, 1735 Hancock St., Suite C. (MISSION HILLS)

AUTOMOTIVE

La Jolla Concours d'Elegance Returning to the shores of La Jolla, the La Jolla Concours d'Elegance celebrates its 17th year of automotive excellence Friday April 21, Saturday April 22, and Sunday April 23. Friday, April 21, 6pm; Saturday, April 22, 6pm; Sunday, April 23, 6pm; Ellen Browning Scripps Park, 1100 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

BEER

Blue Bridge Hospitality Spring Bloom Beer Dinner Chefs Matt Sramek and Ronnie Schwandt of Blue Bridge Hospitality and My Yard Live Beer Co. Head Brewer Benjamin "Shaggy" Blaney will guide your evening through 6 creative Spring inspired courses prepared specifically for this dinner as well as the house brewed beer that pairs perfectly, all while enjoying live music. Monday, April 24, 5:30pm; 21 and up. My Yard Live, 288 Rancheros Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

Dank Fest Three days of free live music celebrating the 2023 release of DankZilla Dank-Hopped IPA. Bands include Keep On Duckin', Dub Grammer, and The Good Vibes Band. Thursday, April 20, 6pm; Friday, April 21, 6:30pm; Saturday, April 22, 7pm; free. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Earth Month Trashy Hour Hour-long "Trashy Hour" clean up around Pure North Park or Pure Carlsbad, followed by a pint of beer. Sunday, April 23, 11am; free. Pure Project Carlsbad, 2825 State St. (CARLSBAD)

Frühlingsfest Enjoy stein-fill specials, authentic Germanmade steins for sale, festive food offerings at select locations, and more. Friday, April 21, 11am; free. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

Rigs & Brews For off-road enthusiasts and beer lovers. Sunday, April 23, 11am; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Smallgoods: Cheese & Beer Pairing La Jolla cheese shop, Smallgoods, brings you a selfguided specialty cheese and beer pairing (must be purchased in advance). Tuesday, April 25, 3pm; \$42-\$47. 21 and up. Pure Project, 9030 Kenamar Drive #308. (MIRAMAR)

ΒΟΟΚ SIGNINGS

Admiral William H. McRaven: Wisdom of the Bullfrog The San Diego Festival of Books will host Admiral William H. McRaven as he discusses his new book, The Wisdom of the Bullfrog: Leadership Made Simple (But Not Easy). Friday, April 21, 7pm; \$10-\$35. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Gretchen Rubin: Life in Five Senses Warwick's and the University of San Diego will host Gretchen Rubin as she discusses and signs her new book. Life in Five Senses: How Exploring the Senses Got Me Out of My Head and Into the World. Tuesday, April 25, 7pm; \$28. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalà Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Katie Porter: I Swear Politics is Messier Than My Minivan Join Katie Porter for a Meet & Greet as she signs her new book I SWEAR: Politics is Messier Than My Minivan. Saturday, April 22, 3:30pm; \$32. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Signing: The Hitherto Secret **Experiments of Marie Curie** Multi-author panel and signing for the YA horror/SF anthology with Henry Herz Dee Leone Jonathan Maberry and Steve Pantazis. The Hitherto Secret Experiments of Marie Curie includes twenty short stories and poems by awardwinning writers. Saturday, April 22, 3pm; free. Artifact Books, 603 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

T. Jefferson Parker: The Rescue Warwick's will host T. Jefferson Parker as he discusses and signs his new book, The Rescue. This event is free and open to the public. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/ event/parker-2023. Wednesday, April 26, 7:30pm; free-\$28.

Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: C Fodoreanu Weekends with Locals will be hosting C Fodoreanu, author of Ode to the Lake Sacalaia. Sunday, April 23, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Rebecca Jo Plant Weekends with Locals will be hosting Rebecca Jo Plant, author of Of Age: Boy Soldiers and Military Power in the Civil War Era. Sunday, April 23, 2:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

COMEDY

Adam Ferrara With Justin Foster and Dusty Tunnell opening. Two Item minimum purchase per person (food or drink). Friday, April 21, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, April 22, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$17. 21 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue, (ESCONDIDO)

Brandon Rogers Monday, April 24, 7:30pm; \$37. 21 and up. Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Boulevard. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Friday Night Comedy Friday, April 21, 8pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

I.B. Comedy Club Saturday, April 22, 8pm; free-\$10. 18 and up. Tepik Sports Grill, 710 Seacoast Drive. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Josh Johnson AS SEEN ON: Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, Netflix, Comedy Central & more! Thursday, April 20, 8pm; Friday, April 21, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, April 22, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Living Will: Lederer on Shakespeare Lederer will demonstrate through excerpts from the Bard's plays and sonnets that Shakespeare is alive and well and living robustly in San Diego. Friday, April 21, 7pm; Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Stoner Comedy Show Two item minimum purchase per person, open mic night. Thursday, April 20, 6:30pm; \$4. 21 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue, (ESCONDIDO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Environmental Justice Summit SDAS & San Diego City College Audubon Club will be hosting an Environmental Justice Summit. Thursday, April 20, 8am; San Diego City College, 1313 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Green Transpo Expo Attendees will learn about electric cars, bikes and school buses. EV trends. alternative fuels, and home solar

& battery storage. A full agenda of the day's activities, a list of the speakers and topics, online registration, and a list of sponsors can be found @ greaterescondido. org/green-transpo-expo/. Saturday, April 22, 9am; Westfield North County Shopping Center, 272 E. Via Rancho Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Group Divine Light Healing Night Facilitated by Direct Divine Light Healers Friday, April 21, 6:30pm; \$20. 18 and up. Spiritual Arts Institute, 527 Encinitas Boulevard, (ENCINITAS)

Party for the Planet Celebrate our ocean planet, highlighting some of the simple steps we all can take to make a difference. The familyfriendly events include live music, recycled crafts, a scavenger hunt, and the opportunity to contribute to an art installation. Saturday, April 22, 11am; Sunday, April 23, 11am; \$19-\$24. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Poway Library Knitting Group Spend the afternoon with fellow knitting enthusiasts. All are welcome, including beginning knitters, although no formal instruction is provided. Bring your own supplies. A partnership with the San Diego Knitting Guild. Monday, April 24, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road, (POWAY)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Vegan Food & Lifestyle Market Sample plant-based treats, shop for cruelty-free products, and learn about the benefits of a vegan lifestyle, Tuesday, April 25, 4pm; free. Evolution Fast Food, 2965 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

FOR KIDS

Chula Vista Library Family **Concert Series** Classics 4 Kids Trio, Saturdays, April 22 and June 3: Interactive musical performance, teaches participants about musical instruments & engages them in fun stories. Open to all ages. Saturday, April 22, 2pm; free. Chula Vista Civic Center Library, 365 F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Chula Vista Spring into Sports Free event features Slap shots with the San Diego Gulls and skill activities with the San Diego Loyal FC and San Diego Wave Fútbol Club, and BMX Shows with bicycle professionals' stunts. Saturday, April 22, 12pm; free. Terra Nova Plaza, 358 East H Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Spreckels Presents The Enchanted Tail San Diego Civic Organist Raúl Prieto Ramírez and Opera 4 Kids present a show is written especially for young children and those young at heart, sung by Victoria Robertson and Bernardo Bermudez. The San Diego Children's Choir will join the performance. Sunday,

April 23, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Trail Tykes Nature Program

Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, Trail Tykes takes place at the Visitors Center. The free program includes a read-aloud story, and a craft/activity or a short walk with MTRP Foundation staff and volunteers. Please register to reserve your space. Monday, April 24, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

FUNDRAISERS

Shelter to Soldier Saving Lives, One Swing at a Time Tournament Shelter to Soldier, a San Diego nonprofit that adopts dogs from local shelters and rescue organizations and trains them to become psychiatric service dogs for post-9/11 veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and/or Military Sexual Trauma, will hold its 4th annual Saving Lives, One Swing at a Time golf tournament. Friday, April 21, 12pm; \$60-\$1200. Singing Hills Golf Resort, 3007 Dehesa Road. (EL CAJON)

LECTURES

Surviving the Holocaust: Joseph Alexander Chabad of Downtown San Diego and San Diego Public Library present Joseph Alexander, a survivor of the Holocaust, in a community discussion with a most remarkable man. This program will also be livestreamed. Tuesday, April 25, 6pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

NATURE

Birding & Biking Eco Tour Spot birds around San Diego Bay on an Eco Tour with Ocean Connectors. All equipment is provided bikes. helmets, binoculars, and field guides. Proceeds support nonprofit environmental education programs for underserved youth. Saturday, April 22, 9am; \$35-\$55. San Diego Bay Refuge, 535 Florence Street. (IMPERIAL REACH)

Chollas Lake Wildlife Walk

Celebrate Earth Day with an easy Park Ranger-led walk at Chollas Lake Park. If you are curious about the wild and feral animals that reside in our park, this program will delight you. Note that this walk is 1 mile long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, April 22, 1pm; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a nature walk around the lush lake habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline. Our wet Spring means higher water, flowering plants and nesting birds. Free walks start from the

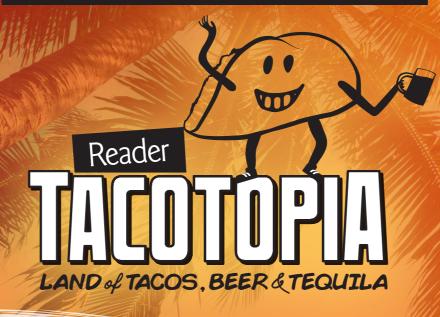


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International Dark Sky Week Celebration Join the San Diego Astronomy Association at their Mission Trails West Sycamore star party to celebrate International Dark Sky Week. Educational materials on the harmful impacts of light pollution and how you can easily light responsibly to bring back the stars! Friday, April 21, 6pm; free. West Sycamore – Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway. (SCRIPPS FANCH)

OB Earth Day Clean-Up With Friends of OB Fundraiser Saturday, April 22, 10am; **free**. Drum Circle Beach, 1900 Ocean Front. (OCEAN BEACH)

Plant Hike Enjoy an educational hike and learn about the local flora we often encounter in San Diego while on hikes. Learn what species are native, and which are invasive... and why that matters. Hike guide, Hannah Drever, will point out and educate hikers on the names of various and diverse flora, whether they are local or invasive, and more. Saturday, April 22, 10am; **free-**\$20. Blue Sky Ecological Reserve, 16275 Espola Road. (POWAY)

Seaside Native Plant Garden Tour See over 18 Native Plant Gardens in the Historic Seaside Neighborhood of Downtown Oceanside. Plant experts and neighborhood locals will lead a 1.5 mile walking tour to see these wonderful front yard gardens. The guided walk is free. Kids will be selling lemonade and cookies along the route. Sunday, April 23, 2pm; free. St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, 515 Wisconsin Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Stars at Mission Trails Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association at the West Sycamore area of MTRP to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. Telescopes provided or bring your own if you have one. Sunset 7:17. Rain or cloudy skies cancel event. Meet in the parking lot at the far east end of Stonebridge Parkway. Friday, April 21, 7:15pm; free. West Sycamore – Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Free Earth Day Activities Chula Vista residents can get into the Earth Day spirit with a number of free events that encourage recycling and reuse, including: Free compost giveaway in the unpaved dirt lot at the far western edge of the center near Planet Fitness. Saturday, April 22, 10am; free. Otay Ranch Town Center, 2015 Birch Road. (EASTLAKE)

San Diego Earth Fest Featuring over 100 eco-friendly food, product and service vendors as well as

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OUTDOORS

Green-to-golden process delayed, cottonwood trees, young moon

The Annual Green-to-Golden Transition of San Diego's wild grasslands normally takes place in late March or early April. But this winter season's late and heavy precipitation triggered a late growth of grasses, so the dry-out phase may be delayed until later this month. North-facing hillsides and canyon slopes retain the green color longer, as they are less exposed to drying sunshine. Locally, most of the wild grasses are naturalized (non-native) annuals, the seeds of which were introduced along with hay and other grains brought in by the Spaniards well over a century ago. Some of the mountain meadows have remnants of native grasses, which remain more or less green almost year-round. These rare native grasslands



COTTONWOOD TREES ARE SHOWING OFF THEIR BEST GREEN FOLIAGE THIS MONTH.

environmental, conservation and animal rescue groups. Balboa Park is the previous site of EarthFair, the world's largest Earth Day festival, which drew over 50,000 attendees annually. Saturday, April 22, 12pm; **free**. Balboa Park, 2500 Balboa Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

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

"Hey everyone, thanks for coming — I guess," says Japanese-American Ami to the audience at the outset, and it's a solid opening line. Right away, we know that Keiko Green's play will be boldly self-conscious, and that Ami will be self-conscious in a different way. Ever heard the lament that Asian-Americans are invisible? The 14-year-old likes it that way, likes it to the point of going by "Amy" instead of "Ah-mi," to the point of slacking off so that she can sink unnoticed into the middle of her class, to the point where she will do battle with her mother over being made to bring a bento box to school for lunch. Said battle is conducted as a live-action videogame fight, complete with devastating Sneak Attack.

It's a wild and wacky ride, this one, loaded with high-nostalgia popcultural references (it's 1999, except when it's 1947 or '68) and relving on lead Ann Mikami's charm and dizzying energy to give it oomph. To her horror, she's assigned a research project on her family, and it takes her back to a time when Asian-Americans were not invisible, but were instead demonized for bringing America the delicious poison that was MSG. (Hard to ignore something as ominous as Chinese Restaurant Syndrome - just like it's hard to ignore the new girl in school, a Japanese import who used to be a beloved singer but wound up on the outs.) Except maybe people shouldn't be so quick to believe what they read in scientific journals?

Suddenly, things are getting murky, given the obvious pings on the cultural radar regarding the recent rise in hate crimes against Asian Americans and what the *New York Times* used to call the "Wuhan Coronavirus." Shots get fired here at both The Science and People Who Read (Okay, Skimmed) an Article, and it's all bit much for Ami. But her real trouble isn't based on where she's from or where she is now — it's more personal than that, which makes all the cultural conflict and inventive zaniness feel like something of a (fun and funny) distraction.

WAY. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 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 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY, APR. 23

Present Laughter

Some comedies thrive on leanness, every scene, every line, every interaction working to bring the



A RARELY SEEN "GREEN" BORREGO SPRINGS

can be found in certain parts of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park and are more widely distributed at the Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve near Temecula.

Fremont Cottonwood Trees along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge will show off their best iridescent green foliage this month. The Old Mission Dam parking area on Father Junípero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Road (west of Santee), is a good place to begin a stroll on trails near the riverbed. Be careful -- as April temperatures rise, rattlesnakes increasingly will be out and about.

April's Lowest Tide, Dropping to -1.05 Feet, is for early risers only: 5:03 am on Friday the 21st. The two highest tides in April (+6.5 feet) occur at 9:44 pm Wednesday the 19th; and at 10:14 pm on Thursday the 20th.

See the Youngest Moon on Thursday April 20th. Starting about 15 minutes after sunset, see if you can detect the new moon just above the west-northwest horizon. You may need to use binoculars or a telescope: the moon will be only 23 hours old. That's theoretically the youngest moon that it's possible to see. A New Moon takes place every four weeks, when the moon is between the earth and sun. Seeing a moon within a day of a new phase is very rare.

> 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 secondact 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 onand 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

laughs and serve the story. You come

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

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

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



The Covenant: Guy Ritchie gets serious for a movie about a man with a hook in him.

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)

The Covenant — Remember the first *First Blood* movie? You know, the one in which America was rotten

for how it treated its returning vets, but hot damn, America sure did produce badass military heroes like John Rambo. This is a bit like that: America signed up a whole bunch of Afghani interpreters over its 20-year mission there, promising them visas to the States when the job was done, and then somehow forgot a bunch of them after it pulled out. But Jake Gyllenhaal's John Kinley is "a man with a hook in him" - he is bound to his unit's interpreter by something stronger than a governmental promise. The superior first half of the movie patiently covers the hook's insertion, as Kinley learns to work with, trust, and even rely on the spiky but not quite surly Ahmed (Dar Salim). The two have a winning chemistry: commanding

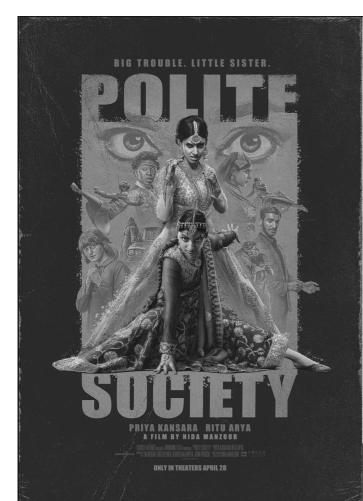
officer Gyllenhaal understands the point, and therefore the limit, of his authority, and Ahmed evinces a believable loyalty born of equal parts honor, self-interest, and rage against his enemies. Director Guy Ritchie exercises considerable restraint in his depiction of action: again and again, he is content to pull back, hold the shot, and let what happens be enough to engage the viewer. And again and again, it's enough, as the religiously relentless Taliban goes about its deadly work. There are touches of smirky-cool slickness here and there, but fewer than might be expected. Instead, there is a welcome surfeit of sincere emotion and idealism - which is not, of course, the same thing as patriotism, but still leaves room for American heroes. (2023) — M.L. $\star \star$ (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)

STREAMING

Beef — I can't tell with this one. I really want to like it because Ali Wong is great, and so is Steven Yeun. The premise is two strangers get into a road rage altercation and become obsessed with getting back at each other. We've all angrily honked our horns at another car, so that's a relatable start. But the characters, not so much. There's still some humor, but it's more serious than I expected and the story veers off course a little. I'm halfway through but not sure I'll finish it, there's more pressing shows to watch! (2023) — A.T. (NETFLIX)

The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel — She's back for one final season! If you haven't watched yet, this is a really cute, easy show to like. She's a divorcée in the '50s trying to make it as a female comedian — unheard of at the time and so highly frowned upon. I love all the characters and their dynamics, plus getting a peek at life in New York during those times. In between the fast-paced, quick-witted jokes, there's a lot of tender moments too. I'll miss her when she's gone, it's been a pretty consistent show. (2017-23) — A.T. (AMAZON PRIME)



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Lament for Lothspeich

"Dustin wanted to turn my parents' dining room into a music room," says Jen Lothspeich, widow of Dustin Lothspeich, who died unexpectedly of natural causes in his La Mesa home

local musical colleagues. Following his death, many of his contemporaries posted tributes on social media, including Josh Damigo, who remembers, "He was talented, kind, and thoughtful — the best combo, in my book." His



Dustin Lothspeich, RIP: "He was talented, kind, and thoughtful - the best combo, in my book.'

love of music made a perfect

Writer Cody J. Thompson

recalls that when they met,

from Lothspeich's past. "He

old friend of his that he no

he was mistaken for someone

told me I looked similar to an

longer got along with. And he

played the *entire* set glaring

at me, pissed that I had the

audacity to come in, knowing

'we' didn't get along. Once we

cleared it up, we laughed and

me that he was so angry as he

tried to perform, while I sat

there drinking a beer, laugh-

ing with my wife and friends,

The meeting morphed

marked a deep life change

for Thompson, who was

writing a beer blog that

was not attracting much

morphed into the long-

attention. Lothspeich offered

to be Thompson's first guest, and the blog eventually

running podcast Beer Night

In San Diego. "As a kid," says

Thompson, "my dream was

making his blood boil."

into a friendship that

laughed. It was hilarious to

fit for his work at Vinyl

Junkies Record Shack.

on March 23. "On more than one occasion, he would say, 'You don't really need a dining room. This would be a great music room? This was before our son was born and before he started eating breakfast at that dining room table every day, of course." Lothspeich's bands Bunny Gang, Boy King, Diamond Lakes, and Old Tiger were a firm presence in the local scene, with Old Tiger winning Best Pop Album at the 2013 San Diego Music Awards. KNSD reported that Lothspeich "may have got off the best line of the night when he, while accepting an award for Best Pop Album, told the crowd, 'First off, we'd like to thank the Heavy Guilt for canceling so we could play."

Creative from an early age, Lothspeich possessed a drive and passion that manifested in more realms than the musical, and made an indelible mark on the San Diego scene. His endeavors included the blog Gear and Loathing in San Diego, which delved into the equipment used by his

things. I remember him telling me how extremely proud of me he was when my first novel was published, and making him proud was something that meant the world to me. He was not only a tremendous friend, with extreme generosity and kindness; he was an inspiration. He will always inspire me, and I will always think of him and hope

to write. And it was Dustin's

constant encouragement,

advice, and belief in me that allowed me to do these

> that he would still be proud of me in the work that I do."

Lothspeich's writing for SoundDiego and others leaves behind a body of rock criticism that sets a high bar, thanks in part to his broad range of cultural reference. (An example: the quote from the 1931 version of Frankenstein that introduced his review of The Grave Walks' debut.) He was also more active in social matters than

those who seem content to be keyboard warriors.

That activism became more important to him — and to his wife — with the impending arrival of their son, Harrison Atlas. Says Mrs. Lothspeich, "We went to the protest that preceded the La Mesa riot; I worked in news at the time and was pregnant. It was really something. When the National Guard came to La Mesa after the riots, he drove up to them and said, 'Try not to kill anyone out here'. Dustin's greatest love, of course, was Harrison. We always agreed we wanted to raise a good child who would be kind and respectful to all kinds of people. Dustin hated guns, believed Black Lives Matter, had gueer family and friends, and was kind even to people he didn't see eye-toeye with." A GoFundMe page has been set up, intended as a memorial fund to benefit his son.

— Spike Steffenhagen

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AUDREY CALLAHAN

"I used to perform nearly full-time in cover bands, but left the live music world behind many moons ago to 'find myself' when it came to the music industry," says singer-songwriter Audrey Callahan, whose original single "Break This Cage" drops May 1. She describes her return to the stage as "A highly immersive show made up of my own original music that can be best described as personal development meets aggressively positive singing, intertwined with mesmerizing dancers, audience engagement, impactful visuals, story-telling, and connection."



MARK DRESSER

"I think of the bass as an orchestra," says jazz bassist Mark Dresser, who'll present selections his upcoming solo album *Tines Of Change* on May 8 at UCSD's The Loft. The evening includes a solo performance by Dresser, followed by a second set featuring poet Jerome Rothenberg. Due May 5, the album was performed on experimental four-string and five-string basses crafted for Dresser by Colorado-based luthier Kent McLagan. "I realized that the bass has so many different and distinct voices," says Dresser, "I wanted to be able to access them and make them speak to one another."



TWIN RITUAL

Synth pop post-punk rockers Twin Ritual were founded by singerkeyboardist Laura Levenhagen (Le Chateau) and bassist Anthony Ramirez (Glass Spells). On April 22, they'll debut a new album in City Heights at the Soda Bar, for a bill that includes Glume (whose just-released sophomore album features collaborations with Rufus Wainwright and Sean Ono Lennon) and a Disco Goth DJ set.



RATT

The Atlantic Years limited edition box set will feature all five of Ratt's albums for the label, all of which earned gold, platinum, or multi-platinum sales status. Due June 9 and remastered on 180g black vinyl, the collection comes in a side-loading box and includes a "Nobody Rides For Free" 7-inch single, 12 page replica tour book featuring unpublished photos from the band's personal archives, an 11x17 wanted poster, bumper sticker, replica backstage pass, and a guitar pick.



BILLY GALEWOOD

The April 21 edition of *Acoustic Evenings With Jefferson Jay* at the La Jolla Athenaeum Music and Arts Library features Billy Galewood, who developed his acoustic/hip-hop sound under the name Bushwalla before going by his given name as of around 2016. The bill includes Wax and a performance by host Jefferson Jay. May 5th's *Acoustic Evening* will host jazz guitarist Fred Benedetti, soulful bluegrass band MohaviSoul, and guitar-mandolin-banjo duo Trails and Rails.





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Bad mix. good mosh

Bruising show at Holding Company yields pure punk bliss

"Suicidal Tendencies and The Last Gang shirts, I knew you would be exceptional people," exclaims Agusto from South America, who is complimenting my wife and me on our T-shirt choices. The man himself is wearing a shirt I covet: a limited edition image from the headliners for today's show, punk icons T.S.O.L. We swap concert stories for a bit before heading back into The Holding Company in Ocean Beach, where a 1:30 matinee is being held. The venue is a three-level building: the lower level is used for live music, the second floor is a bar that plays, well, not punk music, and the roof is a restaurant offering a view of the city and beach, even on this less-than-clear day.

The concert space is a hall with a bar runing along one side; the stage area has a small floor. There are five bands tonight, including Project Sellout, D.P.I., Luciferigno, and On The Piss. Each group sounds progressively worse, due to what, even in my most charitable moments, I cannot call be an actual mix. Direct support veterans D.P.I. spend a good portion of their set with "what the fuck" looks on their faces. Attempts to correct the sound — if there are any — prove fruitless, so they power through a set dominated by bass so loud that it's painful. I don't know if this is the worst sound in San Diego, but I can swear under oath that I've heard better at underground, backyard, and print shop shows.

There's a clear path to the front by the stage and we head for it. A woman named Lindsay and her boyfriend are talking, and the boyfriend moves aside, gesturing for my wife to take his place up front so she can see. Mrs. Steffenhagen and Lindsay hit it off like old friends for the brief moments before T.S.O.L. begins its set, at which point, it becomes almost impossible to converse with words. I'm standing between my wife and the edge of the pit when I feel the first of many blows to my back. It's part of the experience of being up front at a punk show. There's a rhythm to a pit that I fall into, occasionally leaning back



T.S.O.L. - Inspiring both bruises and smiles.

into the slamming bodies, but mostly bracing myself against the unleashed frenzy.

Two solid men who I will call Wall1 and Wall2 walk through the pit, dancing and laughing as people bounce off them and helping them up after they hit the slippery floor. It's as safe as a pit can be, with all shapes, sizes, and genders crashing into each other, going down, and popping up for another round. We're not giving up our prime spot, but one man, wearing a shirt cut so severely down the sides that it looks ready to rip, tries to dislodge my wife and Lindsay. Remarkably, when I grab him and launch him across the pit, his shirt not only stays intact, but provides a sturdy handle. (I end up doing this multiple times, as he is one persistent fucker.) Less cool is the woman who elbows Lindsay during a rare break between songs. Even above the crowd, I can hear her sad challenge to "handle this" before security moves her away. I later find out that one of my female friends was kicked out of the show earlier for punching a woman fitting this woman's description over a similar display of assholism.

The sound is even worse for T.S.O.L. than it was for D.P.I., which I didn't think was possible, but it's still a good show. The set ends without the usual ritual goodbyes, but it's still all smiles, at least in the audience. Singer Jack Grisham was not his usual jovial onstage self, although he seemed in a good mood when I talked to him earlier. Or maybe he was fine, but I couldn't hear him because of the shitty sound. The guy I launched via his shirt handles gives me a high five and Wall2 laughs, telling me it was hilarious watching the guy go rolling through the pit like a human bowling ball.

It's still daylight outside as we walk back to the car, legs screaming and backs tense as the adrenaline drains. We share a laugh at the observation that matinees are perfect at this point in life, because they end just when regular shows start, allowing us a shot at some much coveted sleep. The post-show glow is pure punk rock bliss, and I fall asleep counting the bruises on my legs instead of sheep.

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Friday, 5pm - Nathan Welden. American Legion post 365/ VFW 7041:

Saturday, 12pm — I Know Jack. Free.

Aquarius Bar & Grille: Monday, 5pm — Into The Void. Free

Athenaeum Music and Arts

Library: Friday - Acoustic Evenings with Jefferson Jay.

Barefoot Bar and Grill: Friday, 6pm — Christian Taylor. Saturday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.

Beach House Grill: Thursday, 8pm - Marc E. Bassy. Friday, 8pm - Fortune Youth.

Bellamy's Restaurant: Thursday, 8pm - Jake Taylor Smith

Belly Up Tavern: Friday, 8pm — The Highwayman Show. \$22-\$39. Saturday, 8pm — Saved By The 90s. \$18-\$32.

Tuesday & Wednesday, 8pm -Melissa Etheridge

Blue Agave Nightclub: Friday, 8pm — Banda El Limón.

Brick by Brick:

Saturday, 7pm — Wacken Metal Battle. \$12-\$15. Sunday, 7:30pm - Teenage Bottlerocket and Broadway Calls. \$18-\$20. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Icon for Hire and Hooked Like Helen.

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\$10. Friday, 7:30pm - Emo Nite. \$18. Saturday, 8pm — We The Commas and Winnabego. Sunday, 7:30pm - Scuffs and Little Heroine. \$10. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Giovannie & the Hired Guns. \$23. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Alex Bergan and Sutton James. \$13.

Chula Vista Civic Center

Library: Saturday, 2pm — Chula Vista Library Family Concert Series. Free.

Duck Foot Brewing

Company: Thursday, 6pm, Friday, 6:30pm, Saturday, 7pm - Dank Fest Free. Sunday, 2pm — Bluegrass Jam. Tuesday, 7pm — SD Jazz

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Friday, 3pm — Ke'Ahi Sunday, 4pm — Keni Yarbro. Tuesday, 4pm - Orion Song. Fairmont Grand Del Mar: Saturday, 6pm — Farrah Camu.

Farmer & the Seahorse: Thursday, 4:30pm - David Shyde.

Sunday, 11am — Sean McCole. House of Blues:

Friday, 7:30pm - Becky Robinson. Saturday, 7:30pm — Ville Valo. \$57-\$290 Sunday, 7:30pm — Real Friends and Knuckle Puck. \$26-\$75. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Isabella Lovestory and Kamixlo. \$18. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Jeremy Passion and Gabe Bondoc. \$25-\$80

Humphreys by the Bay: Friday, 7:30pm — Toto.

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La Valencia Hotel:

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Loews Coronado Bay Resort: Friday, 7pm — Farrah Camu.

Madam Bonnie's:

Thursday, 7pm — Karlos Paez Trio. \$1-\$100. Friday, 7pm - DJ & Saxophone Collaboration. \$1-\$100. Saturday, 7pm — Andrea Loraine Quintet. \$1-\$100.

Magnolia Performing Arts

Center: Friday, 7:30pm - Queen Nation. \$12-\$90

Merrow: Tuesday, 8pm — Boris Pelekh. \$10-\$12.

Mesa College:

Wednesday, 3pm - The Bassett Brothers. Free.

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 8pm - Ben Benavente. Friday, 6pm — Israel Maldonado. Saturday, 6pm — Puro Feeling. Sunday, 6pm — TJ Moss. Tuesday, 6pm — Marelle.

Moonshine Beach: Wednesday, 8pm - Todd Cameron

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 9pm — Urban Outlaws Free Friday, 9pm — Free Martini. Free.

Saturday, 9pm - LP Classics. Free

Music Box:

Friday, 7:30pm — Deejay AL. \$29-\$39 Sunday, 7:30pm — Billy Nation: Billy Joel Tribute, \$18-\$58.



Reader

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

Winning war horses

Having been inspired by San Diego Opera's recent production of Tosca, I've spent the last week listening to war horse recordings of war horse operas. I've selected a few highlights here. Based on what I've been listening to, my taste in opera singers favors the 1960s.

Cavallaria Rusticana is a guilty pleasure for serious opera fans. I'm into guilt and pleasure, so it doesn't get any better than Cavallaria for me. Interestingly, the characters in Cavalllaria are also all about guilt and pleasure. The 1966 recording with Fiorenza Cossotto and Carlo Bergonzi will forever be at the top of my Cavallaria list.

Perhaps there are more exciting tenors than Bergonzi, but he is a master of Italianate style. His vowel production, portamenti, and textual emphasis in the opening "Siciliana" would

\$32.

Panama 66:

Makers. Free.

Wednesday, 7:30pm - Baby Bushka. \$30-\$95.

Nova SD:

Saturday, 8pm — Flosstradamus.

Observatory North Park: Friday, 7:30pm - Wage War.

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BY GARRETT HARRIS

be forbidden on the chaste opera stages of 2023, but good God is it fun. Cossotto, my favorite Italian mezzo of all time, is a miracle, as is the La Scala Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of Herbert von Karajan. Karajan may have been Austrian, but he gives this opera the full hot-blooded Italian treatment.

Aida is the Secretariat of war horse operas, yet it is difficult to find a recording that checks all the boxes. For many, the recording I love will not check the Aida box. Singing the title role is Birgit Nilsson. Her voice has far too much steel and not enough cream for most. I myself used to feel that way about Nilsson. However, I like her in this role. What I like even more is Franco Corelli in the role of Radames. This recording is from 1968 and he is in the prime of his prime. You will never hear another tenor

Saturday, 7:30pm — Silverstein

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sound as good as Corelli does here.

For a long time, my favorite Madama Butterfly was the version with Mirella Freni and Luciano Pavarotti. I have a new consort now. The 1967 recording with Renata Scotto and Carlo Bergonzi is spectacular. I think I still prefer Freni in the title role, but Bergonzi sounds far more committed and ardent than Pavarotti. Sir John Barbirolli is masterful in his conducting of the Orchestra and Chorus of the Opera Theater of Rome.

Classical Music this week

Constantinople: Dimitrie Cantemir, the **Composer Prince** Ensemble Constantinople returns to San Diego to shine a light on the 18th-century Romanian prince Dimitrie Cantemir, whose anthology of instrumental music transcribed using his own notation remains one of the most important collections of Ottoman and Middle Eastern music from the 16th and 17th centuries. Friday, April 21, 7:30pm; \$10-\$50. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street.

Maria Callas is definitive.

have found their vocal and dramatic match in each other for this live performance. Callas' rendition of "La mamma morta" has become definitive. The final duet will never be equaled. Never. Ever.

SD Symphony Jacobs Masterworks: Thibaudet Plays Debussy Spreckels Presents The Enchanted Tail San Diego Civic Organist Raúl Prieto Ramírez and Opera 4 Kids present a show is written especially for young children and those young at heart, sung by Victoria Robertson (Soprano) and Bernardo Bermudez (BariTenor). The San Diego Children's Choir will join the performance. Sunday, April 23, 2pm; free. Spreckels Organ Pavilion, 1549 El Prado.

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Petco Park:

Poway Center for the **Performing Arts:**

Poway Library:

Pure Project Vista: Saturday, 7pm — Saturday Sessions: Riley Hoover. Free.

Quartyard: \$15-\$30.

Kings Featuring Tonino Baliardo. \$46-\$162

Saturday, 6pm — Christian Taylor. Wednesday, 6pm — Puro

Soda Bar: Thursday, 7:30pm — Sunrose. \$15

\$18. Saturday, 8pm — Twin Ritual Album Release and Glüme. \$15.

Soma: Friday, 7:30pm - Hippie

South Carlsbad State Beach

Thursday, 5:30pm - Jason Jenkins. Free.

Friday, 5:30pm — The Ride. Free Saturday, 3:30pm — The Ideas and Flipside. Free. Sunday, 5:30pm - Lasley and Randolph. Free.

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ary performances of an

and Mario del Monaco

opera on record is Andrea

Chenier with Maria Callas

from La Scala in 1955. Both

singers were absolute icons

on the opera stage. They

St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church: Friday, 7:30pm -Constantinople: Dimitrie Cantemir, the Composer Prince. \$10-\$50.

St. Michael's by-the-Sea: Saturday, 6pm — Spring Eclectic Lawn: Shane Hall.

Sunshine Brooks Theatre: Saturday, 7pm — Daring Greatly.

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park: Friday, 7:30pm - Watson, Beldock & Beach \$15-\$18

Til-Two Club: Thursday, 8pm — Paladin, Monarch, Tzimani. \$8-\$10. Friday, 8pm - The Rocketz and The Flametrick Subs. Saturday, 8pm — Civerous and Atrae Bilis. \$13-\$15. Sunday, 7:30pm — Dawn of Ouroboros and Ashbringer, \$10.

University Club Atop Symphony Towers: Tuesday, 4:30pm - Mike Myrdal.

Westfield University Towne Centre: Thursday, 12pm - Ben Benavente. Friday, 12pm - Jesse Johnson. Saturday, 12pm — Mike Myrdal.

Whistle Stop Bar: Thursday, 8pm - Crocodiles and Trit 95.

Wine Pub:

Saturday, 6:30pm - Sara Jade. Free.

Winstons Beach Club: *Thursday*, 8pm — Cape May, Swedish Models, Wave Parade. \$10. Saturday, 8pm - UAP and Planet Caravan \$10

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

UPCOMING SHOWS

Balboa Theatre:

Sunday, Apr. 30 — The Cream of Clapton Band. \$46-\$78. Brick by Brick: Friday, Apr. 28 — Plini,

Sungazer, Jakub Zytecki. \$25-\$30.

House of Blues: Thursday, Apr. 27 - Party101 with Matt Bennett. \$18-\$35.

Music Box: Thursday, Apr. 27 — The Lemon Twigs. \$20.

Observatory North Park: Friday, Apr. 28 — Gimme Gimme Disco.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, Apr. 27 - Dre'es. \$15. Soma: Friday, Apr. 28 - George

Clanton. Til-Two Club:

Thursday, Apr. 27 - City Soul Collective.

Saturday & Sunday, 1pm -Tequila & Taco Music Festival.

Saturday, 8pm — The Drifters.

Wednesday, 5pm - Ukulele Jam Session. Free.

Saturday, 8pm — Rich Medina.

San Diego Civic Theatre: Thursday, 7:30pm - Gipsy

Side Yard:

Feeling.

Friday, 8pm - Dougie Poole.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Tei Shi. \$25. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Brad Byrd and Michael McGraw. \$12. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Papa. \$18.

Sabotage. \$29.

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A smart addition

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Yabba dabba do, bite and chew

I-Que BBQ, 8733 Broadway, La Mesa When I was a younger man, I

wrote up the Chevy Chase apartments, situated on the border between La Mesa and Spring Valley, as ideal bachelor digs. Unfancy, freeway close, but more importantly, bumping up against a strip mall offering Viking Liquor, Calvin's Cut Barber Shop, Manny's Cocktail's & Pool, Nancy's Taco Shop, Beijing Express Chinese, a laundromat, a bargain grocer, an IHOP, and a Wendy's. All the basics, except pizza.

Well, not quite all. Some 20 years later, southern imports Tyrone Hopkins and Naomi Preciabo opened a barbecue joint, making a solid

strip into a special one. (The bargain grocery is gone, but the trade is worthwhile.) "Georgia barbecue means sweet and tangy, and a lot of pork," says Hopkins. "I've had to expand a bit for San Diego," venturing into brisket, burgers, and wings. Preciabo brought sweets from North Carolina — perhaps most notably, a trio of Bundts. But also peach cobbler, as I learned from a gentleman who arrived on Thursday evening asking when it would be ready on Friday. (I-Que is open Thursday to Sunday.)

"Life is short, eat dessert first" reads a sign on Ms. P's side of the restaurant's clean/cute interior — takeout seems the norm here, though there are several tables set up with a view of several TVs — and now that I've mentioned dessert first, I may as well write about it. During our initial visit, the place was briefly out of beans; Hopkins slid us a couple of cake slices to ease our disappointment. Both were revelations: damp with syrup but not soggy, not dense, not *heavy*. The Wife knew I'd want the lemon, so she offhandedly sampled the pistachio. Then it was gone. She was amazed. The flavors sang a similar song: very much present, but *light*.

That adjective got a workout at I-Que: a paradoxically airy block of cornbread, hovering between biscuit and cake. Melting squares of browned fat amid the meat in my burnt ends. Wispy shreds of pulled pork, fluttering as I raised my fork from the paper tray. The barely crisp coat on the enormous fried wings. Even the sauced-up beans on our second visit: creamy, barely tangy, rich — but *light*.

Heavy? Heavy was the ribs: the mesquite smoke on the meat, the toothsome meat on the bone. "It's not 'falling off,' more 'Yabba dabba do, bite and chew,' observed The Wife, pleased. (I didn't get to the links or the rib tips, but the ribs topped the list of what I did try, followed by the pulled pork.) And heavy was the brisket — peppery and on the dry side, a firm platform for the sweet and tangy (brown sugar and vinegar) sauce. (Not *too* sweet, though.) I like my brisket a bit more fallaparty, but this version worked as a sandwich



Pork and beans, an apotheosis.

in the spongy (light!) roll. And yes, heavy was the mac 'n cheese. Not everything was just so — but my disagreements seemed more a matter of personal taste than faulty preparation.

Barbecue is not inexpensive — ribs may have been throwaway meat once, but no longer (you can get four for \$16, or ribs and two sides for \$19 — add \$2 for mac 'n cheese). A pulled pork sandwich, properly topped with slaw, will run you \$16 as well. A small baked beans is \$5.50, and that amazing pistachio cake is \$4.50 a slice. But it's good food, made with care. The bachelors in the Chevy Chase should count themselves lucky.

by Ambrose Martin

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

4 Course Darioush Wine Dinner Taste one of Napa's wine estates along with a paired 4 course dinner, inspired by the Bordeaux styles of Darioush's artful collection. Wednesday, April 26, 6:30pm; \$149. 21 and up. Parc Bistro Brasserie, 2760 Fifth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

Game Night Happy Hour Game Night Happy Hour for Chess/Backgammon & Cards. If you have a board, please bring it. RSVP online. 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)

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)



A little bit of Georgia on Broadway

Spring Revival Earth Day Party Tickets include an organic lunch prepared by farmer-chefs, aguas frescas straight from the orchard, beverages from Juneshine and Karioa Brewing, a panel discussion on local food-systems and sustainability, and a concert by the Riverside Folk Band, with support by the Honkey Tonk Trio. Saturday, April 22, 12pm; free-\$65. Nopalito Farm and Hopyard, 30321 Castlecrest Drive. (VALLEY CENTER)

Street Food Market Lane Field Park Market is a street food market showcasing 20+ food vendors, as well as boutique coffee, with live music from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Saturday, December 31, **free**. Lane Field Park, 1009 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tequila & Taco Music Festival Performers include Lil Jon. Saturday, April 22, 1pm; Sunday, April 23, 1pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Tijuana Street Food Tour Enjoy an all-inclusive street food

tour in Tijuana. Guests meet at the McDonald's at the San Ysidro Trolley Station. Passports required. wildfoodietours.com. Saturdays, 12pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$69. San Ysidro Trolley Station, 700 E. San Ysidro Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)



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CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Tower 13: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Tower Blonde, Tower IPA, Calidad Mexican Lager, \$5 house margaritas and house wines, \$7 La Marca Prosecco Splits and food specials.

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Carlsbad: Tuesday-Friday, 4:30-6:00 pm: \$2 off wells, signature cocktails, and wines by the glass. \$10 off cheese and charcuterie.

CHULA VISTA

Vogue Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$5 all draft beer pints, well cocktails, Patron shots, micheladas, Jameson shots, burgers, kielbasa sandwiches. Sunday, 9-11pm: \$5 all draft beer pints, well cocktails, Patron shots, micheladas, Jameson shots, burgers, kielbasa sandwiches.

CITY HEIGHTS

Alcove Wine & Beer: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

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CORONADO

Islander: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 Pacifico, \$6 craft drafts, \$7 select wine by the glass, \$8 mai tais and margaritas. \$4 and \$7 and \$10 tacos, \$8 volcano fries and West Pac eggrolls, \$12 Kalua pork sandwich, \$15 Islander fish sandwich.

BOOZE NEWS

Terps but not perps at **Belching Beaver**

"I've always wanted to have the ability to marijuana-up my beer, but that's a no-no," beams Belching Beaver Brewmaster Trov Smith, discussing the motivation behind his latest beer, Tropical Terps IPA. "If you had to dry hop a beer with the same amounts of hops to get the aromatic compounds out of the marijuana, that would likely be too expensive to do... and illegal. So, when I started to see terpenes becoming more available with strain specifics, I was all about it."

Terpenes are unsaturated hydrocarbons found in plants and herbs (including cannabis) that contribute to their aromas and flavors. Smith notes that they can be a valuable, but tricky, ingredient to add to a brew. "The terpenes add a stable aromatic and flavor compound that can't be achieved with hops alone. Hops are also very volatile. and have degradation that can happen rapidly when exposed to oxygen and beer not properly stored. The terpenes help to minimize that. as they are a more stable compound. The challenges I've found when using terpenes is to not just hammer it with flavor. Terpenes can easily overpower the entire beer and ruin it. It almost gets to the point of perfume, and that's not what you want when cracking open a cold one." Further, "there are thousands of variances of terpenes and finding the right ones can be challenging."

Smith hoped to find terpenes that would produce a dankness, flavor, and bouquet reminiscent of marijuana However, it took a bit of innovation to achieve those qualities without running afoul of the law. "The terpenes that we are using are all plant-based, and use many different plant extracts and aroma compounds. Some of the terps we are using are mimicking

strains of marijuana, but they do not contain any of the marijuana plant," he explains. "The federal government won't allow things like that to happen since you can't mix THC and alcohol.



Belching Beaver goes to pot

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tequila, \$2 pint beer of the day, \$4

well drinks, \$10 pitchers of beer, \$15

Monday, 3-8pm: \$6 pints

OCEAN BEACH

and bites, all day Game & Wing Deal

Second Chance Beer Lounge:

Sunday, 4-7pm: \$2 off beers and

Valley: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm:

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They take strains of marijuana and put them

through chromatography to figure out how to duplicate the aromatic/flavor compounds that make up that strain using plant-based terpenes that are legal for extraction."

A 6.5% ABV hazy IPA, Tropical Terps is

an updated take on the brewery's tenth anniversary IPA, Dam Good Decade, released last year. Whereas the anniversary ale was more of a straightforward IPA, Tropical Terps boasts

notes of pineapple, melon, and papaya. It also has a stronger mouthfeel, thanks to an altered malt bill, while maintaining a very hop-forward flavor profile. Smith concludes, "People really liked our Dam Good Decade Anniversary IPA, so I figured this might be a way to be at the head of the pack. Trends come and go, but I'm hoping this becomes something we can create excitement with as a brand. Beer folks are always wanting something out of the ordinary, and if it's got

some traction, then that's a win for Belching Beaver. Being at the front of something innovative is the true art of creativity."

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The Goat: Daily, 7-9 pm \$3 beer, \$2 tacos, \$3 off all menu items.

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Gaslamp Fish House: Daily, 3:30-6:00pm: \$4 Fireball shot, McCormick bourbon, shot of Torado Silver tequila, \$5 craft beer on tap, vodka soda, select wine by the glass, \$7 skinny margarita, select signature cocktails

Tin Roof San Diego: Tuesday-Friday, 4-7pm: Half off all spirits and draft beer

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Catalina Lounge: Monday-Friday, 3pm-7pm: \$1 off beer & wine, \$5 Espolon blanco, \$5 Highwest bourbon, \$5 Skrewball. All day \$7 Estrella lager & Mellow corn whiskey combo. Saturday-Sunday, All day \$7 Estrella lager & Mellow corn whiskey combo

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1. Botanist Gray and actor Butterfield **5.** Fly (by) **9.** Counterpart of butch **14.** Hay storage area 15. First-rate **16.** Folklorist/musicologist Alan **17.** What an express train won't slow down for **19.** One end of a batterv 20. Cheri of "Liar Liar" **21.** Nurses a cocktail **23.** Architect Koolhaas 24. "Let's suppose ..."

18. 10% of DXXX Down **1.** "If I may ..." 2. Placates **3.** Bills are found in it necklace, familiarly 4. Kicks off **5.** Is in the past? 6. Have the _____ for shake 7. How some popcorn is **30.** French name popped pronounced "eve" 8. Youngest of the Marx Brothers **35.** Cozy 9. Its airports include TPA **37.** Bank holding and JAX **10.** Practically forever **39.** Way up the slope **11.** In online gaming, **40.** Purina partner replaced games with large numbers by Nestlé of players **41.** Spicy fare? 12. Fared 42. Celebrity ... but just **13.** Lets off the hook barely

26. It takes a licking **29.** How a toddler eats **31.** Cheap booze **32.** Superlative suffix **33.** "We try harder" car rental company **36.** They may follow booms 37. 2011 #1 hit for Beyoncé **40.** Go back for more salsa **43.** Give the cold shoulder **44.** Palindromic sib 47. Sorkin of "Days of Our 67. Lives" 49. Dangerous place for a leak 52. Steakhouse order **22.** 35mm camera type **25.** Rapper with a clock **27.** WNBA All-Star Rebecca denizens **28.** Words after break or **34.** Charged particle **38.** Crude-shipping grp.

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55. Band's hired hand **56.** Canonized people: Abbr. **57.** "Despacito" singer Fonsi 59. Mike of "Shrek" **60.** Mr., Mrs. or Mx. **63.** Well-informed ... and a description of 17-, 26-, 37and 52-Across' central letters **65.** Approximately 71% of the Earth's surface **66.** Boo occasion (never) **68.** DEA figures 69. Navy VIPs **70.** What's left to cartographers? **44.** Where to find "Yellow Submarine" on the album "Yellow Submarine" **45.** Like some dungeon

46. Iconic phrase in old "Dick and Jane" stories

48. Org. for Penguins and

Ducks

50. A handful of

51. Keep out of sight 53. Mystic's board

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62. Low-ranking naval officer: Abbr.

64. "48 " (1982 Eddie Murphy film)

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Fine Points of the Law

 Natalia Harrell, 24, was arrested last July in Miami for allegedly shooting and killing Gladys Yvette Borcela, 28, as they rode in an Úber. Since then, she's been in the custody of the Miami-Dade Corrections Department – along with her unborn child. Now, Michael O'Brien, the father of the child, has filed a petition claiming the baby has not been charged with a crime and is having its due process rights violated, NBC Miami reported. "I don't want the baby to be born prematurely or low birth weight," O'Brien said. "The conditions (in the jail) are terrible and I feel she's not getting the prenatal care she should be getting." He seeks the baby's immediate release. Officials replied that they are reviewing the care Harrell has received "to ensure that all prenatal care being provided in our custody is appropriate."

New World Order

- Tired of your John Hancock looking like a child's scribble? Priscilla Molina of Los Angeles can help with that. The Associated Press reported that Molina's business, Planet of Names, will make over anyone's signature for between \$10 and \$55. People seeking her service are "not happy with their signatures. They don't relate to who they are. They don't give the message they want to convey to the world," Molina said. She designs up to 300 custom signatures per month, and offers a range of styles, from elegant and artistic to ... illegible.

My Kindom for an Editor

- First it was a misspelling of Georgia O'Keeffe's name in New York City's new Grand Central Terminal. On Feb. 26, according to the Associated Press, the state's Department of Transportation installed a new sign in Queens to identify the Jackie Robinson Parkway, established in 1997. Robinson was the first African American player to compete in major league baseball. But the DOT forgot the C, spelling the baseball great's first name Jakie. The sign was quickly replaced with the correct spelling.

Unconventional Weaponry

- In a puzzling attempt to draw attention to the climate crisis, three people defaced a woolly mammoth at the Royal B.C. Museum in Victoria, Canada, on March 1, the *Times Colonist* reported. A woman allegedly used her hands to paint the mammoth's tusks pink. A group called On2Ottawa has claimed responsibility for the vandalism; the painter, "Laura," says in a video posted online, "If the government does not enact a citizens' assembly to tackle the climate and ecological crisis in the next one to two years, then we will be traveling to Ottawa to demand one." The water-based paint was cleaned off the tusks and three people were arrested.

Oops

- More than 40 high school students from the Barr Beacon School in Walsall, England, were stranded in the U.S. for four extra days after a ski trip to New Hampshire, the New York Post reported. It wasn't weather that shut down their travel, but the fact that the Kancamagus Lodge in Lincoln, New Hampshire, "accidentally" shredded 42 of their passports. Fortunately, head teacher Katie Hobbs, who was not on the trip, was on top of the situation and had the group move to New York City, where the British embassy was preparing emergency documents. In the meantime, the kids toured the city and took in the sights. "The silver lining is that they can have an amazing experience," said one parent. The lodge had no explanation for the destruction of the passports other than it happened by mistake.

Perspective

- Hicham Argani, a police officer in Boxtel, Netherlands, was patrolling his neighborhood when he spotted an unidentified object in the sky, the *Daily Star* reported on March 1. He posted on Instagram about the "suspected 'spy balloon" hovering over the Selissen district and followed it in his car. Finally, he decided to pull over to get a closer look at it -- which was when he realized the UFO was a blob of bird poo stuck to his windshield. Argani updated his post with his findings and an all-clear: "Boxtel is safe!"

Compelling Explanation

 A Peruvian man, 26-year-old Julio Cesar Bermejo, is being detained in Puno after police discovered a mummified human in his possession, *People* reported. Officers approached three men drinking in a park on Feb. 25 and noticed the remains inside a cooler delivery bag. Bermejo told them that he had brought the mummy to the park to show his friends; it had been in his family for decades. He said he named the remains "Juanita" and it was his "spiritual girlfriend." However, officials say the mummy is actually that of a 45-year-old man, and they've turned it over to Peru's Ministry of Culture.

The Passing Parade

- In Tsuruta, Japan, an annual sporting event was shuttered for three years during the COVID pandemic, but now it's back, Reuters reported. The Suction Cup Tug-of-War, in which pairs of bald men attach suction cups to their heads and pull in opposite directions, took place on Feb. 22, with the city's Bald Men's Club gamely competing. "My head still hurts," said Toshiyuki Ogasawara, 43. "I think I need to ice it!" The club welcomes people who "view baldness in a positive manner" and want to "brighten the world with our shiny heads," its website reads. This year's champion was Mr. Ota, who has won three consecutive times.

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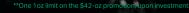
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