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UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

New housing, new heights, new headaches

"Everything they are doing is making everything worse."

On Saturday, April 15, several dozen community members gathered in front of 4350 Cleveland Avenue (at Meade) to protest the pending 49-unit, eight-story "affordable housing" building slated for construction between a four-story apartment building and a classic Craftsman home in this historic neighborhood. "Ive been here 25 years," neighbor Phil told me. "It's just a shock that any structure so large would be put into a residential section of a neighborhood." The problem is bigger



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many affordable units there will be out of the 49 here, but from what I understand, it will be two."

Additionally, San Diego has a Strong Mayor system of government many believe exacerbates the issue: "With ministerial approval," continued Johnson, "it means within the development services department, they can just sign off. There is no debate, no

"It's just a shock that any structure so large would be put into a residential section of a neighborhood."

than one big building. Residents say the city is churning out these not-really-affordableliving buildings in random areas, with little oversight, zero community input, and in this case, zero benefit to the community.

Marc Johnson and Kristin Harms, cochairs of the grassroots organization We Are University Heights, organized the protest and spoke to me about what's going on. "The community stumbled upon the permits for the eight-story building — with limited parking — and we all said, 'What the heck, this is not the location for that," Johnson explained. "They haven't told us exactly how public disclosure, and they are rubber stamping everything. They're planning to put about 40 to 50 more of these around University Heights and North Park."

Johnson estimated more than 5000 new residents will be coming into the area within the next few years, and adding up all the projects on the horizon, the infrastructure is just not there. "We agree the housing crisis is 100 percent real in San Diego, but this is not going to solve that problem...our group is proposing several solutions. We are not opposed to affordable housing. We are not NIMBYS, we are saying, 'Yes in my backyard, in the right



The lot is nestled between a two-story apartment building and a classic Craftsman home.

location.' We want smart, targeted density." Bill Ellig, who was a member of Uptown Planners for five years, agrees: "We were very much involved in the 2016 Uptown plan," Ellig said. "Right now, in other parts of the city — like the Talmadge area, SDSU, UTC area — they are going through a com-

munity planning process, and there's a lot of discussion there. That is where the discussion should take place, that's where the planning should go in — not with these municipal code changes — Complete Communities, Complete Communities 2, and the rest of them — which override our community plan. Things need to be planned, there's a right place for it and a wrong place for it."

Ellig continued, "We're not saying, 'Oh no not here.'

There are probably a hundred units or more on this block, because there are a lot of them behind that people don't see. There's a lot of natural infill. So we need proper placement, proper transitions between the higher density and the lower density. At Meade & Park boulevard, we have eight stories; right across the street, a single-story family house. That is bad planning. The Complete Communities Plan even says they have to have proper transitions. This is not rocket science. I'm sorry, but here we have outside investors who don't live here that are buying up the properties."

"I haven't seen the report," Johnson noted. "And now there is talk about other programs being launched by the mayor and the Development Services Department. All of this stuff is moving ahead with no oversight because we have a mayor who is CEO of the city. We're talking about possibly having a Strong Mayor referendum in 2024. There are people starting that groundwork. And we are recommending that the city stop the Complete Communities program, just stop it right here, because it's going to ruin our communities."

Added co-founder Harms, "We want to see our community planners be empowered again, to see the projects, so that we can all go there and see what the developers propose. That's how it used to work; we don't get that anymore."

In 2011, the planning department and development services were combined. "They do not belong together," she continued. "Planning is about planning, about the community plan, about community input. Development services is about building — it's about allowing stuff like this to go in. They do not belong together. They need to be split up."

Protest attendee and area resident Jeff explained, "None of this conversation is about whether we should be building. It's strictly about where should that housing go — and that's the point we're trying to get out. It's a fantastic opportunity to sort of reshape how we do planning and create community. The Strong mayor system, we voted for it... We said, 'Okay let's make the Strong Mayor system.' But it has turned out to be the autocratic system. We never thought the Strong Mayor



"They haven't told us exactly how many affordable units there will be out of the 49 here but from what I understand it will be two."

system meant a weak council system."

One woman feels that the mayor has betrayed his climate action plan. "This is not protecting our environment. I marched with Todd Gloria some years ago for the Climate Action Plan, and I thought he was a good guy — he was gonna help with climate and diversity. This is not going to provide diversity in our neighborhoods. These are luxury townhomes; they are not going to be affordable. I heard one politician say these townhomes are going to provide housing for the homeless. Can you tell me what homeless person is going to be able to afford, at the least, \$3000 a month for housing? So, when it comes to climate change: this adds more density, more traffic. There is so much wrong with this; it betrays the Climate Action Plan that I believed in. Todd Gloria has betraved us."

Attendee Bill told me, "There isn't any other tool in the box our politicians pull out except getting rid of regulations and allowing *continued on page 3*



whatever's happening. It's absolutely crickets when you ask them what about rent control or a vacancy tax for units that are kept off the market. Crickets. And the problem is just getting worse. Everything they are doing is making everything worse, and their only answer is to keep doing more, and maybe it'll eventually change? That's the definition of insanity."

A man standing next to me, John Hartley, summed up the general feeling: "I would just say the city doesn't care. They don't care, and they don't listen."

DELINDA LOMBARDO

ON THE ROAD **Checking in on a checkpoint** Just three DUI arrests, but plenty of other offenses

On April 14, between 6:30 pm and midnight, of the 717 drivers the Escondido Police Department pulled over at a checkpoint at East Valley Parkway and Beven Drive, police cited four for driving with suspended licenses. While the cops weren't specific about the citations, there are a variety of reasons a person's license could be suspended.

One reason many people might be

That Friday night, Escondido Police arrested three drivers suspected of driving under the influence.

The officers also issued 21 citations to unlicensed drivers. Steve C. speculated that the offenders were "teenagers and undocumented people. Because they have to get to work as well." The Los Angeles Times estimates that there are about 2 million unlicensed drivers in California, the vast majority of whom are undocumented immigrants. Many aliens were able to get their AB 60 driver's licenses when the DMV began issuing licenses to applicants who were unable to provide proof of legal presence in the U.S., but met the other requirements and provided proof of identity and residency in California.

As for the teenage factor, "About 15.9 percent of Americans don't have a valid driver's license," reads a Hedgescompany.com report. "The age groups with the highest



Facebook users warn others of checkpoints in the area on a Facebook page called Valley Center Friends.



When night falls. John Law calls. Or at least stops you for a chat.

unaware of is if the driver has not paid child support. "By law, the Department of Child Support Services must report delinquent child support cases to various state licensing agencies such as the Department of Motor Vehicles," reads the government's site. "I think that's a great idea," local mother Cristbel Adams told me in a recent interview. But Escondido father Steve C. disagreed. "How will we get to work if our licenses are suspended?" he asked.

Other reasons drivers' licenses are suspended: driving under the influence, refusing a required chemical test, or being under 21 years old with booze in the car.

percentage without a driver's license are 16-19 years old (65.2 percent), 85 and older (39.9 percent) and 20 to 24 (19.2 percent)."

At the Escondido checkpoint last Friday, three drivers did not have proof of insurance, and two more were cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate their car. Just five of the 717 cars were impounded.

Valley Center is about five miles north of that night's checkpoint. Many Facebook users warn others of checkpoints in the area on a popular Facebook page called Valley Center Friends, but moderators usually delete those checkpoint warning posts.

UNDER THE RADAR

Cookies and beer Controversial Budweiser-pitching transgender TikTok star Dylan Mulvaney is deeply rooted in San Diego's Republican old-boy network, reports Rupert Murdoch's New York Post. "Her grandfather, James Mulvaney Sr., who died at age 87 in 2010, was a lawyer, investment banker and president of the old San Diego Padres baseball team. He later was vice-president and general counsel of the Padres when they entered the National League," says the paper's

April 6 account, linked to a January 2005 interview and profile of Mulvaney here by Don Bauder. "Mulvaney Sr. also worked as a banker and businessman for the controversial financier and industrialist C. Arnholt Smith at Westgate Corporation, who was one of Richard Nixon's earliest supporters as well as friend to mobsters like Moe Dalitz. Smith's empire collapsed in 1973 when his bank,

the U.S. National Bank, where James Mulvaney Sr. was president for a while, collapsed. At the time, the Wall Street Journal called the bank collapse "the largest in the nation's history."

Per the Post, "Dylan's father James Jr., one of Mulvaney Sr.'s seven children with his wife, Ruth, is a San Diego-area philanthropist known for baking and handing out cookies all the time — for free. In 2020, James Jr. said that that he'd had issues with drugs and alcohol and gave them up for good when Dylan was a baby so he could be a better father. 'He makes 500 [cookies] a week, and he's never sold any of them,' Dylan explained in a 2021 TikTok video. 'He just gives them out to random strangers on the street or

the beach.""

Insurance-man Mulvaney Jr. is set to be married May 12 in Milwaukee, according to the wedding website Zola. com. "Jimmy was at a restaurant in Del Mar, California where he approached 3 girls (my friends - not me) and asked them if they wanted a cookie," writes his betrothed Jennifer Bolton about their first encounter. "A few days

later, I met the girls out for a night of fun and they mentioned they met a guy who gave them cookies and thought he was a good match for me. I at first thought that was weird but was intrigued by the fact that a guy was out handing out his business card and his 'world's greatest chocolate cookies' and identified himself as the cookie man. Being that I loved cookies, I became interested." After a round of texting, "Jimmy nicely invited all of us to meet up for dinner that next Saturday and the rest is his-

tory. Later that week, I invited him to another friend's birthday to realize that she was Jimmy's sister-in-law...who was not planning on having any family as it was supposed to be a girls night out. Oh well that is what happens when you forget to put 2 and 2 together especially when they share the same last name, Mulvaney. :-)"

Dylan's uncle, Brian Mulvaney, a San Diego commercial real estate broker, told the Post, "that the family 'loves her.' 'We always

knew she was gay. She comes from a good family who loves and supports her. She really loved her grandmother who completely supported her." Meanwhile, an April 6 Washington Post account notes, "after a recent video promoting Bud Light beer, Mulvaney, a trans actress and comic, became the subject of anti-trans attacks. Right-wing Mulvaney turns suds-slinger. media figures also called for a boycott of Bud Light and its

Cookie-Man's kid Dylan

parent company, Anheuser-Busch. Mulvaney's situation highlights the growing visibility of trans figures in popular culture who are fighting for representation and inclusion at a time of growing anti-trans bias — including in state legislatures throughout the country — from many on the political and ideological right."

Almost a decade ago, Dylan was reviewed here, appearing in Sons of the Prophet at Old Town's Cygnet Theatre. "Young Dylan James Mulvaney brings talent and timing to Charles," opined Reader Theatre Critic Jeff Smith. Last week, she drew support from talk show host Howard Stern after Kid Rock made a video of himself shooting up a case of Bud Light

> with a semi-automatic rifle. Said Stern, "You wanna be a woman? Be a woman. You wanna be a dude, be a dude. Be whatever you fucking want. As long as you ain't hurting anybody, I'm on your team."

> **Big megaphone** State senator Toni Atkins, continuing to fortify her 2026 Lt. Governor campaign war chest with special interest money, picked up \$5000 on April 10

from the California Water Association political action committee. Meanwhile, Jennifer LeSar, who is married to Atkins, has joined a burgeoning list of bidders for a city consulting contract to grease the wheels of Democratic mayor and Atkins ally Todd Gloria's highcost downtown redevelopment project. With a footprint including the city's scandal-plagued 101 Ash Street building, "the City of San Diego is embarking on a public process to maximize continued on page 4



rain for Toni Atkins.

LETTERS

We welcome letters pertaining to the contents of the Reader. Submit them at sdreader.com/letters or phone them in at 619-235-3000. Include your name and neighborhood. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

Protesting Petka's poisonous pictures

My name is Adelita Bedzetovic Bewley. I am a Bosnian who came to the states as a refugee after the war in Bosnia.

I saw the St. Petka Serbian Orthodox Church in San Marcos advertised on your website. There is something you should know. The church's community center has paintings and photos of Serbian war criminals of the 1990s Bosnian genocide. Last month the church leaders hosted ultranationalist Serb and Russian state media asset, Boris Malagurski, for the screening of his documentary Republika Srpska: Struggle for Freedom. The documentary is based on genocide denial. It portrays Bosnian victims as executioners and convicted Serbian war criminals as victims. Surprisingly, we were invited inside to watch the screening after our protest.

We saw that there were paintings and photos of convicted war criminals (by the Hague), Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic, hanging up decoratively on the walls in the bar, which is adjacent to and continuous with the rest of the event hall. The situation was such that it was difficult to take a photo, however, I immediately went to the church's public Facebook page and was able to retrieve photos from there. If you are not familiar with this situation, this is equivalent to having paintings of Hitler hanging on a German church wall.

To give a short explanation, Ratko Mladic is a convicted war criminal who was charged by the Hague for orchestrating the massacre of 8372 Bosnian Muslim men and boys within one week, within a square mile radius. Both Ratko Mladic and Radovan Karadzic were convicted by the Hague for genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, and they were sentenced to life in prison. The Bosnian genocide is known for being the worst European genocide since World War II. If paintings of Hitler were hanging on a German church wall, the entire world would be in uproar.

A week before the screening, I spent 25 minutes on the phone with priest Milovan Katanic urging him to cancel the screening. I asked him several times if he could admit that what happened in Srebrenica was a genocide. He avoided the question for 20 minutes until he finally said, "No, we do not believe there was a genocide. There is no forensic evidence to prove it. There was simply a war." I understand that this is hearsay, but I want to give you an idea of just how extreme the church leaders

are. I will attach the photos that I have retrieved from their Facebook page. You will see the church priest, Milovan Katanic, in the center of the photo surrounded by children, with the painting of Karadzic in the background. If you look at the photo with the elderly woman in the middle, you will see her standing between two paintings. The one on the right is Radovan Karadzic, and the one on the left is Ratko Mladic, although it cuts off. However, in another photo across the room, there is a photo hanging up of Ratko Mladic on the wall. No place of worship or semi-public place should have photos or paintings of war criminals hanging on the walls.

In addition, I will include photos of other convicted WWII war criminals, Draza Mihailovic and Momcilo Dujic (although one was overturned by the Supreme Court of Cassation of Serbia). It suggests a streak of extremism in the local Serbian community over the years which is tightly associated with the church. The photos are behind the church stage, and on their Facebook page. According to Wikipedia, "Momčilo Đujić was tried and convicted in absentia for war crimes by the new Yugoslav communist government, which found him guilty of mass murder, torture, rape, robbery, forcible confinement and collaborating with the occupying forces. Included in these charges was responsibility for the deaths of ,500 people. He eventually emigrated to

the United States, settling in California. He played an important role in Serbian émigré circles and founded the Ravna Gora Movement of Serbian Chetniks alongside other exiled Chetnik fighters. He later retired to San Marcos, California. In 1989, Đujić appointed the ultranationalist Serb politician Vojislav Šešelj as a Chetnik vojvoda. He later stated that he regretted awarding the title to Šešelj due to his involvement with Slobodan Milošević (convicted war criminal at the Hague) and his Socialist Party. In 1998, Biljana Plavšić, then President of Republika Srpska, presented Đujić with an honorary award. Plavšić was later convicted of crimes against humanity related to her activities during the Bosnian War. Đujić died at a hospice in San Diego in 1999, aged 92. Moves in Serbia to rehabilitate the reputations of Đujić and the Chetnik movement have been criticized as historical revisionism and

falsification of history." At the very least, we urge you to de-list this church, and remove them from your website immediately. We have reached out to many locals and national news outlets regarding this act of genocide denial. How could the church leadership allow this?

> Adelita Bewley San Marcos

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2023 promising to be another excellent year for bluefin tuna

Fishing Report, Apr. 16, 2023 Regarding mention of deflating swim bladder of deep caught rockfish... I've been fishing long range on the SD Fleet for 30 years. So I'm pretty confident a defizzing kit for fresh water bass, would likely work on rock fish caught in salt water. My cousin developed the fizz kit to keep tournament bass alive through capture and release, or transport, weigh-in and live release. Her work has been recognized for providing and training B.A.S.S. tournament fishermen the technique for inserting a de-gassing needle, and bleeding the swim bladder gas. If you're interested in a saltwater application of this technique, I can forward a kit to you.

Whatever the outcome, please know I enjoy your articles. -Beth Lemberg

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Trained on Coltrane: the significant growth of Young Lions Jazz Conservatory's Nick Caldwell

Blurt, Apr. 13, 2023 Nick's terrific. He's extremely gifted. I've seen him play a number of times, and even was able to take some lessons with him. Wish him the best as he moves forward with his music.

-Nick Fan April 16, 2023

Under the radar

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the opportunity and value" of city-owned downtown real estate, according to the March 24 request for proposals, with a deadline of April 21. Contractor tasks include "fostering public awareness and understanding of the goals and benefits of the project," thus committing a yet-to-be-disclosed level of tax dollars to hyping the project over critics' complaints. Other assignments include "creating and implementing a successful communications campaign that will drive engagement and participation by the public in the redevelopment process" and "effectively using and monitoring social media." Also: "using other communications vehicles and platforms as needed to ensure that information reaches as broad an audience of San Diego residents and other stakeholders as possible." - Matt Potter

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A nightmare trio of underemployed opera singers perform the stirring aria "Non devi andare a casa ma non puoi restare qui" — "You don't have to go home but you can't stay here" - outside a 7-11 near the trolley downtown

Culture War City's 7-11s launch Operation Opera in effort to clear sidewalks near downtown locations

Recently, a number of 7-11 owners around the country have admitted that they play opera inside their stores in a surprisingly successful effort to drive away the homeless. Still more recently, a number of 7-11 owners around San Diego's downtown have admitted to April 27, hiring opera singers to take their sound to the streets surrounding the stores, to equally positive effect. "It's strange," says Dev Tosca, who manages a branch Diego of the convenience chain at 16th and C Street, "because operas • are full of characters suffering

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from madness, or abandonment, or illness, or poverty, or betrayal, just like many of the homeless. And yet there seems to be a lack of identification, of connection — to the point where they will actively flee a performance from La Boheme, which is all about poverty and illness among society's outcasts! So no, I don't understand it. But I do know that it works, and that there are plenty of hungry singers out there who are eager to be useful for a change. It seems rich people don't like opera that much any more, either."

Rat Racist? San Diego Zoo rodent ambassador's mission to New York Citv backfires

When New York City Mayor Eric Adams introduced rat czar Kathleen Corradi two weeks ago, touting her willingness to commit to the wholesale slaughter of the city's dirty and diseased rat population, San Diego Zoo wildlife specialist Remy Ratatouille saw an opportunity. "I understood Mayor Adams' concern for his human constituents and his desire to look bold in the face of certain defeat — let's face it, there will always be rats chewing on the Big Apple - but I realized I could use the spotlight he was shining to illuminate another, more positive aspect of rats. Recently, we've been partnering with researchers in Tanzania who are using giant pouched rats to detect every-

thing from leftover landmines to smuggled contraband in airports. I figured, 'Why not send our Tanzanian rat Runa to New York for a week and maybe open Mayor Adams' eyes?' Unfortunately, it seems she fell in with, well, a more 'urban' element while she



"I didn't know they even made bandanas that small," says Zoo wildlife care specialist Ratatouille as she lights a crack pipe for Runa, who now responds only to the name G-naw, and whose neural reward pathways can no longer be triggered by anything short of rock cocaine.

was there. She's more violent with her fellow rats now, and seems obsessed with dominance and cheese hoarding. I don't know if it's a matter of where they live or how they were raised or the drugs or what, but honestly, they're like animals over there."

How Low Can You Go?

Statutory Grape legal once again in National City

Way back in the '90s, National City banned lowrider cruising on highland avenue, citing concerns about crime and congestion. Some city councilpeople worried openly that the practice was attracting "the wrong element," a claim that was seen by many in the Hispanic and African-American community as quietly racist. They argued that the ban amounted to racial profiling. And earlier this month, National City's leadership signaled its agreement, formally repealing the ban in response to a years-long grassroots campaign from the lowrider community. "This is a great day for lowriders," said Statutory Grape owner Randy Shockenawe, "but more importantly, it's a



great day for National City. Because they will finally get

Low rider, riding high to appreciate the glory and greatness that is my car."

CHAPITOS INDICTED EDITION



Legend, **Tom** Ivan Guzman Salazar and Hardy plays twin criminals, one of his brothers are whom violently accused of torturing murders a membe members of rival cartels, including of rival outfit The Torture Gang. feeding them to tigers while stil



Alfredo Guz-In Spider-Man Far From Home, Tom Holland's man Salazar is in charge of shipping Spider-Man goes fentanyl precursor chemicals from on a dangerous international adven China to Mexico and then trafficking the finished product ture only to wind up portrayed as ar into the U.S.

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Michael Pena man Lopez plays Luis, a member of Scott smuggled ephedrine from Argentina so that Lang's crew who breaks the law and he and his brothe so helps Lang get Ovidio could get powers into meth-making



In Peaky Rlinder **Cillian Murphy** plays a gangster who is forced to spill blood on his wedding day

Ovidio Guz man Lopez allegedly ordered the murder of a singer who refused to perform at his edding.

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UNREAL **E**STATE

by Dave Rice

Colonel Ed Fletcher made quite a name for himself in turn-of-the-last-century San Diego. Arriving in town at age 16 with just \$6.10 in his pocket back in 1888, Fletcher turned a job selling produce in East County into a real estate empire, with stints in the military during World War I and the state Senate interspersed.

One of Fletcher's most successful developments was the Grossmont area of Mt. Helix; we've featured one of the homes he built there in this col-



It's a tasteful sort of place, so take care not to stuff those curio cabinets with kitsch.

umn. Oddly, his worst investment was the one that bore his name: the Fletcher Hills subdivision in El Cajon started selling lots right as the Great Depression hit, and much of the neighborhood remained vacant until housing demand began to surge in the 1940s and '50s. While his grand projects — which included the development of Lake Henshaw and construction of a wooden flume that supplied water from

the Laguna mountains to La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley in the 1920s - shaped entire communities, Fletcher also had some notable one-offs. Today, we're going to take a look at one of those single houses Fletcher built, a 1910 spec home at 3174 B Street in the Golden Hill neighborhood just southeast of Balboa Park. "Stunning Mills Act home on a large...beautifully landscaped lot, situated at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac" is how the Zillow listing opens. I suppose if you're pitching to a wealthy prospective buyer, you speak first to their money: the Mills Act allows for significant property tax deductions to owners of historic houses, and even though this one last sold for over \$800,000 (more than a decade ago), it's

taxed as if it's worth less than \$350,000.

Now for the tour: we open with a photo of a spacious, though not enormous living room, with "gleaming hardwood floors" that look like they might even be original. I like the built-in curio cabinets that divide the space between the living and dining room, and even the wood-framed single pane windows look old. Maybe they're not the most energy efficient, but it's not too hot or too cold for more than a few weeks a year in San Diego, right? Next we get a shot of a plaque affixed to the house recognizing the "Ed Fletcher Spec House" as a registered historical landmark before heading to the yard. There's nothing too fancy here — just a concrete patio with a continued on page 16



Matthew Alice – the *Reader*'s know-it-all

The size of king-size beds changed after WWII

The Cal king, the original king-size bed, was pretty much a California-only product. The rest of the country got the wider, shorter standard ("eastern") king. (Virtually all mattresses, even national brands, are made close to the area where they're sold. No manufacturer spends the money to ship mattresses around the country.) Sheet and blanket makers have grumbled for decades, as have consumers who've moved their Cal kings to Atlanta or Akron and had to special-order their bedding. – *Matthew Alice* **FEB. 15, 1996**

Why you don't hear about cancer of the butt or heart

Nerve and muscle cells never renew themselves. (The ones you have can get bigger, you can get new ones, and some can die, but it's not a renewal cycle.) Which type of cell do you think is more sensitive to a cancer signal that says, "Gentlemen, start your replicators"? Likewise, if cancer starts in one spot and is carried through the blood or lymph another, it doesn't find as friendly a home in your glutes as in your lungs. – Matthew Alice SEPT. 11, 1997

How men's briefs came to be

As we broke out of the Victorian grip, the world of sports (boxing and swimming)

began to influence underwear. The Army issued "boxer" shorts as summer underclothes for infantrymen, and they carried over to civilian wear. But Jockey International led the briefs breakthrough in the early 1930s, when they stole a fashion trend from the French Riviera — men's short elastic-knit bathing suits (bottoms only) — and offered them as the newest thing in men's underwear. – *Matthew Alice* **OCT. 27, 1994**

The shiver men feel before going to the bathroom

Everyone's favorite anatomical area, the urogenital region, is crammed full of nerve endings, a lot of which respond to pres-



Sheet and blanket makers have grumbled for decades.

sure — making sex a whole lot more fun, for one thing. Likely, it's the pressure stimulation of full bladder/bowel, movement of the contents, or some related muscle contraction that zaps that little frisson through you. – *Matthew Alice* JUN. 27, 1996

Watches belong on the left hand

As for why the human population is predominantly right-handed, the theories are complicated and unproven, but it seems to be linked to other types of hemispheric specialization, speech in particular. The most audacious theory that's been proposed says that because left-handedness is more common among epileptics and others suffering from brain-related afflictions, including mental retardation, lefties are actually — hey, they said it, I'm just reporting it — brain damaged. – *Matthew Alice* JAN. 7, 1993

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Walk This Way

The red sidewalks "are kind of a badge of honor. We don't need a sign; you know it's Burlingame because of the red sidewalks." THIS IS A STORY ABOUT FEET AND CONCRETE; SPECIFICALLY, WHERE THEY MEET: THE SIDEWALK. fograph by matthew suárez

San Diego sidewalks, considered

This lowly but common part of every city's infrastructure, as the National Association of City Transportation Officials so eloquently states on its website, plays "a vital role in city life. As conduits for pedestrian movement and access, they enhance connectivity and promote walking. As public spaces, sidewalks serve as the front steps to the city, activating streets socially and economically. Safe, accessible, and well-maintained sidewalks are a fundamental and necessary investment for cities, and have been found to enhance general public health and maximize social capital." Heady words and high praise; anything that maximizes "social capital," whatever that means, deserves a little attention every now and then. And yet sidewalks are by no means a hot topic — except in those rare cases when something that happens on, or because of, a sidewalk makes news.

The proliferation of electric pay-as-you-go scooters on city sidewalks provided one such case, and led to a flurry of news stories about pedestrians who claimed that the intruders were getting out of hand. "Pedestrians and escooters are clashing in the struggle for sidewalk space," screamed a January 2019 story in the Washington Post. The story opened with the tragic tale of 75-year-old John Meuleman, who tripped over a Bird scooter on a sidewalk outside the entrance to a San Diego stadium and wound up shattering his knee in four places. Three years later, the San Diego City Council prohibited the use of scooters on city sidewalks. In a May 2022 San Diego Union-Tribune article, Councilmember Stephen Whitburn praised the ban, telling a reporter, "I have heard from elderly residents in my district who were afraid to go for a walk for fear they would be hit on the sidewalk by a scooter. I have heard from people who have broken bones when they have tripped over a scooter left on a sidewalk."

Another San Diego sidewalk saga that made



The Burlingame community of San Diego, built in 1912, is sandwiched between North Park to the north and east and by South Park to the south. After the streets were graded by mule teams and paved with crushed granite, it was decided to add a dull red tint to the concrete for the sidewalks to give them a unique look.

national headlines was when former San Diego Mayor Roger Hedgecock's wife, Cindy, tripped and fell on a damaged stretch of sidewalk on Morrell Street in Pacific Beach back in July 2015. Claiming the fall ruptured his wife's breast implant, the onetime leader of America's Finest City

sued his former employer and won a settlement of nearly \$85,000. Besides the medical bills incurred by the ex-mayor's wife, the suit argued that be-

cause of the fall, injury, and subsequent recovery, Hedgecock himself suffered a loss of income as well as "support, service, love, companionship, so-

ciety, affection, relations, and solace from his wife." The latest sidewalk story to make headlines comes from growing discontent with the homeless setting up tents on public property, including sidewalks — particularly on the southeast side of downtown, which some critics have likened to skid row in Los Angeles. As the homeless population in the area has surged to more than 2000, tents have completely blocked sidewalks throughout East Village and around the old Central Library on E Street between Seventh and Eighth. This has prompted Councilmember Whitburn to announce a proposed ordinance prohibiting tents and other temporary structures from being set up on sidewalks and other public property. San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria has said he



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On the southernmost block of Monroe Street in Carlsbad, only the four newer tract homes on the west side of the street have sidewalks, while the two other houses, and all six on the east side of the street, do not.

supports the proposed new law, which calls for homeless campers to be offered shelter beds "and only cited or arrested after multiple contacts with people," according to a *Union-Tribune* story. The homeless, Gloria told the paper, "cannot say no to leaving the sidewalk."

Headlines aside, it's not exactly fair to call sidewalks a city's unsung heroes. They've actually been sung about quite a bit. "Sidewalk Surfin" by Jan and Dean. "Dancing on the Sidewalk," from the musical *Fame*. "The Sidewalks of New York," written in 1894 by vaudeville actor and singer Charles B. Lawlor and subsequently covered by everyone from Mel Torme and Duke Ellington to the Grateful Dead. And, more recently, the 2016 hit by The Weekend, simply called "Sidewalks." *Sidewalks saved my life They don't ever lie Sidewalks saved my life They showed me all the signs*

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Conflict and Negotiation over Public Space, a 2009 book by Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris and Renia Ehrenfeucht, the origin of sidewalks dates back to 2000 BC, in the Western peninsula state of Anatolia, now the Republic of Turkey. The Romans built footpaths for their advancing civilizations, but sidewalks "remained rare luxuries in most of the world until the 19th century, when big cities like London and Paris built hundreds of miles of the stuff," according to the book — chiefly to keep pedestrians from stepping in the horse

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droppings that lined the streets. With the Industrial Revolution and subsequent modernization of cities, the concept of sidewalks migrated to the Americas, where they quickly became free-forall zones, popular with strolling musicians, stumping politicians, vendors, and prostitutes.

Things got so out of hand, according to the book, that "city after city started issuing ordinances prohibiting or regulating a number of sidewalk activities, from street vending to political and commercial speech, from the display of wares on the sidewalk to loitering, panhandling, and prostitution." In the 1920s, the city of Detroit even began painting huge yellow footsteps on its sidewalks to really drive home the point: sidewalks are for walking.

As cities grew suburbs, sidewalks migrated beyond the urban core as well, and by the 1950s, sidewalks were as much a part of post-World War II Americana as white picket fences, station wagons, corner Kool-Aid stands, and Beaver Cleaver.

Here in San Diego, there are currently more than 5000 miles of sidewalk in the city alone, according to the city's website - a statistic confirmed by Anthony Santacroce, the city's senior public information officer. They are located on public right-of-way, and the city is responsible for any damage caused by car accidents, water main breaks, "grade subsidence" (sinking of sidewalk squares), and trees planted on public property. The city evaluated those 5000 miles of sidewalk from 2014 to 2015, and found more than 85,000 trouble spots with significant cracks,



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lumps or other damages. Last November, the Reader reported that the current estimate of sidewalk repairs is \$185 million, "based on 37,000 locations known to be in need of replacement." But sidewalk maintenance and repairs associated with normal wear-andtear are the responsibility of the property owner, under a 1935 California law that allows cities throughout the state to require property owners to maintain the sidewalks in front of their homes or businesses.

Still, even in those cases, San Diego is willing to chip in. According to the city's website, "property owners are [solely] responsible for the repair or replacement of their sidewalk when damaged by privately owned tree roots, heavy vehicle traffic or drainage from private property. However, when sidewalks are simply old and deteriorated, the city will split the cost with the property owner as part of the Cost Sharing Program." To qualify, the damaged portion of the sidewalk has to measure at least 75 square feet. "After a field assessment is made, qualified property owners receive a cost share proposal by mail to sign and return," according to the city website. "A request for payment is then sent 90 days before construction is expected to commence. The waiting period for sidewalk replacement after the field assessment varies depending on backlog of requests."

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Anyone who's lived in San Diego for any significant length of time may have entertained a number of imponderables, such as: why are some sidewalks built right up to the street while others are separated by a strip of grass or other landscaping? Why do sidewalks abruptly end along some roadways, and then pick up again a few doors, blocks, or even miles down the way? In older neighborhoods, what are those chunks of old concrete at the end of some blocks with names and dates, surrounded by newer concrete? Why do some residential areas in San Diego have no sidewalks? And what's with the red sidewalks of Burlingame? Patience, dear reader. We'll get to all of that.

Curb appeal

There are essentially two types of sidewalk: the "contiguous" kind we typically see in residential as well as commercial neighborhoods, in which the concrete slabs of the sidewalk come right up to the curb, and something called "noncontiguous parkways," in which a sidewalk is separated from the curb by a strip of landscaping or grass. In each case, the walking path needs to be at least five feet wide, measured from the back of the curb, according to the city of San Diego's latest Street Design Manual, updated in 2017.

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Of course, there are exceptions. "Where fire hydrants, street furniture, or other above-ground appurtenances reduce such width, additional sidewalk should, if feasible, be constructed around the obstacles," the manual states. "Where feasible, the location of transit stops and shelters shall be determined and the sidewalk width shall be 10 feet where shelters are proposed. Other bus stop locations shall provide 8 feet of sidewalk. The wider sidewalk widths for bus shelters shall extend for 25 feet parallel to the curb measured from the bus stop sign. This will provide adequate clearance to accommodate bus lifts for persons with disabilities." There's also room for leeway. "Innovative sidewalks may be considered for area enhancement and to avoid existing features such as trees," the manual says. "They may be approved on an individual basis provided they are located within the street ROW and maintenance of the area between the sidewalk and curb is provided by special assessment district or other

agreement with the city of San Diego."

Sidewalk shuffle

Why do some streets have sections of sidewalk that stop and sometimes restart, seemingly at random? Why do you sometimes find sidewalks on

one side of the street and not on the other? The short answer: just as Rome wasn't built in a day, neither was San Diego. Laws and regulations change with time, and while developers of single homes as well as tracts are generally required by most of the county's city governments to build sidewalks in front of their newly built homes or developments, that wasn't always the case. For example, in Olde Carlsbad, the older hillside homes along such streets as Skyline, Sunnyhill, and Alder typically don't have sidewalks, while newer housing tracts of varying sizes that have sprung up in the neighborhood over the last 20 or so years, do. Homes in the Villa Capri tract, for example, are all fronted by sidewalks, but where the tract ends, so do the sidewalks. Similar-

ly, on the southernmost block of Monroe Street, only the four newer tract homes on the west side of the street have sidewalks, while the two other houses, and all six on the east side of the street, do not.

Matt Hall is the former mayor of Carlsbad; he held the post from 2010 until 2022. Before that, he spent 16 years on the Carlsbad city council and 10 years prior to that on the planning commission. He says the city in 1994 passed an ordinance requiring developers of new homes to put in all new street improvements, including storm drains, gutters and sidewalks. That's why such newer planned residential tracts as Canterbury, Aviara, and Bressi Ranch all have sidewalks on both sides of every single street. But in Olde Carlsbad, Hall says, "abiding by citizen concerns, build-

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ers of new single-family homes could put up a bond and delay putting in the sidewalks and other improvements until the majority of the street had to comply." Back in the 1980s, Hall says, "there was a movement to require sidewalks and other improvements in all those neighborhoods, using money that was given to us at the time by SDG&E to underground utility lines, and the thought was we would do everything all at once. But the property owners said, 'Over our dead bodies.' They wanted to keep the rural feel, without sidewalks, curbs and gutters."

Sidewalk stampers

We've all gone on walks in older residential neighborhoods and seen names and dates stamped in the last sidewalk square before the street. In many cases, these last squares have been replaced by sloping patches of concrete designed to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, with the original sidewalk stamps carefully cut out and embedded in the new concrete. Who are these people, and why are we walking



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on their names? As San Diego was being built up, the contractors charged with pouring concrete for sidewalks were fiercely competitive. They began stamping their work with their names and dates of completion, both as a marketing tool and to congratulate themselves on a job well done. "It was advertising, at your feet, really, and I think it

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was also a level of pride," says Bill Lawrence, CEO of the San Diego History Center.

Some of the earliest sidewalk stampers left their mark in downtown, in the streets surrounding what is now Horton Plaza, in the 1890s. As the city grew outward from the downtown core, streets and sidewalks grew with it, and in the first half of nity had its own group of contractors responsible for building streets and sidewalks - and marking their territories. In La Jolla, one of the most prolific sidewalk stampers was Paul Landis, a Swiss immigrant who left his mark, and his sidewalks, all over the village, beginning in 1913. Other popular contractors include S.H. Breeze, W. Edgell, and William Parker. In University Heights, "some of the oldest sidewalk stamps ... bear the name Brockway & Swarstad," according to the University Heights Historical Society. James C. Brockway Jr. was a local contractor who lived at 2074 Johnson Avenue near Vermont Street, and his partner, Ole Swarstad, lived at F and 27th Streets in Golden Hill. "These sidewalk contractor stamps are symbols of the pride that tradesmen and women displayed in building our community," the society

the 1900s each commu-

website says. "They also hold important clues to our community's historical development, and can help determine the age of a building since sidewalks are usually laid immediately before or after the first building is constructed on a block."

In Ocean Beach, Ocean Beach Historical Society president Eric DuVall is a considered an expert on the community's sidewalk stampers. He's put together a program on the sidewalks of Ocean Beach and Point Loma called "Watch Your Step," and has posted photo essays on Facebook under the name "Sidewalk Sundays." One of these essays, "The Further Adventures of Taylor & Spencer," features 11 different sidewalk stamps from his personal favorite OB sidewalk builder. "These are beautiful sidewalks," he says.

DuVall says the oldest sidewalks preserved on the Point Loma peninsula, to the best of his knowledge, "are some F. Taylor 1912 sidewalks on Niagara Avenue. The most prolific sidewalk builder on the peninsula, DuVall says, was G.R. Daley. "Sunset Cliffs, Azure Vista and Riviera Villas all went in about the same time and G.R. Daley did almost all of those sidewalks — big, beautiful, two-square sidewalks. Bert Noble also did some of those, and he is probably the second leading contractor in Ocean Beach and Point Loma. There are a couple of funny stamps involving R.E. Hazard, writing his name with a nail in the wet concrete, spelling it wrong, etc."

DuVall says his fascination with sidewalks dates back to when he was a boy, living on Devonshire Drive on the Point Loma peninsula: "On the block where I grew up we had a 1926 sidewalk. It said '4-26.' As a little kid in the early 1960s, I did not know that was a date. That idea seemed preposterous. The '20s seemed like the very 'old days' to me at the time. I'd seen photos of people from the '20s, in their old-fashioned clothes, and I just couldn't picture old-fashioned kids like that playing on our same sidewalk. Everything was so modern in the 1960s. When somebody confirmed for me that the stamp really referred to 1926, I was amazed, and started looking for and finding older and older sidewalks." He continues: "I realize that this is a thoroughly nerdy hobby. However, this is how I met my lady friend, Kitty McDaniel. She knew a sidewalk I did not, and it was a way I used to walk frequently, so that was pretty impressive."

In 2003, the city of San Diego began requiring

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Call (619) 658-5418 California Research Foundation the preservation of these vintage sidewalk stamps, which is why there are so many cut-out chunks of old concrete embedded in newer cement work. According to the city's Street Design Manual, "These markers are an indicator of the age of a particular neighborhood and provide a sense of continuity and history for the residents. When existing sidewalks are being repaired or replaced, care must be taken to retain in place these stamps and imprints or to place them near the new sidewalk work." Lawrence says that's a great law. "I think it's part of the character of the neighborhood," he says. "You see very different designs from walking these older neighborhoods versus those built in the 1980s, '90s and 2000s, when the suburbs were being developed and people were moving into areas that were more caroriented versus pedestrian-oriented. Don't forget, San Diego once had a very robust streetcar line serving these more urban neighborhoods."

But DuVall says the requirement is very often not met. "The contractors are/were paid \$300 for each what I call 'sidewalk save,' but the problem is, they do not want to do that," DuVall says. "They'll take the money and then deface the saved stamp. No joke - 70 percent of the saved stamps are intentionally defaced in the process. That is just what it seems like to me, as it is very hard to find a 'clean save,' and if you've ever done any flat work or even built a wall, you know stuff like that is easy to clean up — water and a sponge. It is a weird phenomenon, and I don't get it, but the workmanship just isn't the same today, and there doesn't



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seem to be much respect for the guys who were doing the same job 100+ years ago. Believe me, I have asked why they do that, and they say they don't do that. But I have hundreds of photos to the contrary. Little Italy used to be a great part of town for sidewalks, but no mas. There are a few blocks intact, and a couple of interesting stamps remaining, but not too many."

Can't see the sidewalks for the trees

The toniest address on the Point Loma peninsula is The Wooded Area, which straddles the very top of the peninsula, south of Talbot and east of Catalina, and runs right into the Naval Base Point Loma. "This neighborhood, which is characterized by large lots, is exclusively developed with single-family homes of varying ages and styles," according to the city's Peninsula Plan. "A substantial number of large eucalyptus and evergreen trees, in conjunction with many narrow and, in some cases, unpaved roads, add a rural atmosphere to this area." Adding to this "rural atmosphere" is the complete absence of sidewalks.

Point Loma is a relatively new residential area. For much of the first half of the 20th century, the peninsula was home to the Theosophical Society, a religious community centered around what is now Point Loma Nazarene University. Members of this society planted many of the trees in the area, and after the campus moved in 1942, developer George Wood built the first homes in the area, choosing not to mess with the vegetation to give the neighborhood a rural feel.

The Wooded Area is not the only residential neighborhood in San Diego where sidewalks are conspicuously absent. Up north in La Jolla, the hilly neighborhoods of Ludington Heights, Country Club, and The Muirlands — just below Mount Soledad - also have large tracts with no sidewalks. According to the La Jolla Historical Society, development in La Jolla began in 1887, with the flatlands near the coast, which were laid out in a traditional grid pattern, complete with sidewalks. The more remote hilly areas weren't developed until the 1920s, and according to an excellent La Jolla

Light article from 2016 by Maria Jose Duran, planners weren't concerned about sidewalks because the steep streets were designed for horse traffic. As historian Carol Olten told *The Light*, "People didn't need a sidewalk to go up there because they were riding their horses."

The aforementioned

city of San Diego sidewalk assessment that was completed in 2015 — as it happens, the first one ever conducted - found 620 miles of road within the city limits where no sidewalks exist. The city council at the time allocated \$2.7 million to build new sidewalks enough for just 3.5 miles. At the time, a spokesperson for Councilmember Mark Kersey told the Union-Tribune that the cost was so high because it includes curbs and ramps (mostly for driveways, but also at street corners). She added that not all of the 620 miles of missing sidewalks would be built, "because in some cases residents don't want sidewalks," according to the article. Count residents of The Wooded Area and the hilly residential enclaves in the shadow of Mount Soledad among them.

Seeing Red

The Burlingame community of San Diego, built in 1912, is sandwiched between North Park to the north and east and by South Park to the south. A historic district, the 40acre tract is known for its more than 170 "uniquely and architecturally interesting homes," according to the city planning department, built in a range of styles that include Craftsman, Mission Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, Prairie School, Art Deco and California Ranch. But all of this is secondary to what many consider the little community's signature: red sidewalks. When developers and real estate speculators Joseph McFadden and George Buxton first eyed the area in the early 1900s, they named their future development the "Tract of Character." And what better way to give



their development a distinctive appearance than to focus on the streets and sidewalks? After the streets were graded by mule teams and paved with crushed granite, it was decided to add a dull red tint to the concrete for the sidewalks to give them a unique look as well. The granite streets did not survive; today, they are covered with asphalt, as are the vast majority of the city's 2668 (as of 2017) miles of street (120 miles are concrete). But the sidewalks remain red, and continue to be a source of pride to residents.

"It's a fantastic spot," says Ryan Brodmann, who both lives in Burlingame and works as a local realtor. "We have a \$25 voluntary HOA, and for that, you get to be part of the neighborhood association, which organizes caroling, a visit from Santa, a Fourth of July parade, neighborhood block parties, and neighborhood garage sales. Residents really take pride in being part of this community, which is easily identified by the red sidewalks. One of the huge advantages is that many of the homes are historic and pay lower property taxes. And if you don't have red sidewalks [in front of your home] you're outside this community, and you miss out on the taxes and the benefits of being part of this neighborhood association." The red sidewalks, he says, "are kind of a badge of honor. We don't need a sign; you know it's Burlingame because of the red sidewalks. We've even seen if somebody redoes their front yard, more often than not, if they redo the concrete out front, they go above and beyond and have that concrete stained red. as well."

Sidewalks of Death

Some people take their final steps on the sidewalks of San Diego - and not by choice. To end this compendium of sidewalk stories, let's venture into the dark side and recount some of the city's many sidewalk slayings.

In January, a fight at a homeless encampment on 17th Street just north of Imperial led to the stabbing death of a 41-year-old man. Both the victim and the suspect, 57-year-old Paul Bellow, were homeless.

Also in January, 23-yearold Najee Woods was shot to death while walking on the north sidewalk on Akins Street near the Encanto trolley station. The shooter fired from a small SUV that was last seen fleeing the scene northbound on 62nd Street.

In June 2017, a 65-yearold Ocean Beach transient - known as "The Incense Man" because he sold incense at the local farmers market - was found stabbed to death shortly after midnight on the sidewalk in the 1900 block of Bacon Street. Noah Mitchell Jackson was later arrested, convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 15 years to life in prison.

In September 2011, a 68-year-old cab driver was found shot to death late at night on the sidewalk in the 8600 block of La Jolla Scenic Drive, across the street from the Adat Yeshurun synagogue. Witnesses said they had seen the taxi pull to the west curb and two men get out, followed by an argument, a struggle and, ultimately, gunfire.

Of course, not all sidewalk deaths are in-

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tentional. On a rainy Monday morning in March 2021, a 71-yearold driver veered onto a sidewalk in the 1500 block of B Street, on the San Diego City College underpass, killing three people and injuring six. In December 2014, a 51-year-old woman out for a beachfront jog was killed on the east sidewalk of Carlsbad Boulevard, two blocks north of Tamarack Avenue, when

a 52-year-old man driving a 1998 Ford Expedition jumped the curb and struck her. And as recounted in a November 2021 Reader article, in May 2020, two young brothers, 10 and 11, along with their grandmother and her boyfriend, were out for an evening walk on San Pasqual Valley Road, near Oak Hill, in Escondido when they were struck by a car that jumped the curb. The

two boys, Manny and Yovanny, were killed instantly; the grandmother and her friend died later in a hospital. The driver, 30-year-old Ashley Rene Williams was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison after pleading guilty to second-degree murder and manslaughter. Prosecutors said that just before the fatal crash. she had been puffing canned air.

- Thomas K. Arnold

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few potted plants - but I do appreciate the patterned tile work on the stairs that lead up to the front door.

Inside, there are windows everywhere, which again may complicate heating and cooling, but they do afford some great views. We're also told that it might be possible to split the home into a three-bedroom, two-bath unit upstairs with a second onebedroom unit below, though it's unclear so far whether there are two kitchens to make this work. The kitchen we see first is modern, yet not out of place, with natural wood cabinets, stone counters, an oversized stainless range, and one of those refrigerators that looks like it has a giant TV built into it. The first bedroom we see is nothing special, but 100 years ago, even rich people didn't expect bedrooms the size of a moderate apartment. The bathroom, however, is interesting, with what looks like a copper vanity sink and a huge claw-foot tub with a complicated-looking



The nicer of the two kitchens.

faucet that could either be very old or just very expensive and styled to look like something old.

Now we'll head back outside to wander around the grounds a bit more. It looks like the current owners aren't much for yard work, as most of the spaces that aren't wood decks or concrete patios are covered in gravel, with a few trees and plenty of potted plants scattered around so that the space doesn't feel barren. Next we get some more pedestrian bedrooms, and a bath with floor-to-ceiling tiny patterned tiles in the shower that look like they could be old, but are in fact not. The tipoff is in the Schleuter lining the soap box (that metal stuff used to decorate tile edges in modern remodels).

We head downstairs (I just realized we've been on the upper level

the whole time), where there's another living room, a much more basic kitchen, plus a bedroom and storage room. I guess this house could function as two units after all. If I had a couple million dollars to spare, I could give this space to my teenage daughter to keep her close to home but also keep her mess out of my house.

The listing would also like us to know that there's a "climate controlled wine room," along with a sunroom and a roof outfitted with solar shingles and copper gutters. Also, the "foundation and all systems have had complete renovations," which is probably a good idea in a house this old.

The Fletcher House went up for sale in late March for the first time since 2009; the asking price of \$2.1 million remains unchanged to date.

Dr. S. T. Sawa

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Calendar AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 27

THE LEMON TWIGS



THE LEMON TWIGS

91X's Inspired By Music Series presents The Lemon Twigs, founded in 2014 and still fronted by brothers Brian and Michael D'Addario. The band is promoting their fifth full-length *Everything Harmony*, which has so far spawned four singles, including "Every Day is the Worst Day of My Life." The bill includes LA dance-electronic rockers Uni Boys.

WHEN: Thursday, April 27, 7:30 pm WHERE: Music Box, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. *musicboxsd.com*

Saturday | 29

ST. JORDI'S DAY AND SAN DIEGO BOOK CRAWL

In a tradition that goes back to the



early 1900s, Barcelonans celebrate the Festa de Sant Jordi in April by buying books and roses for their sweethearts,

> friends, and family. Come celebrate St. Jordi's Day at Warwick's and take part in the book crawl, which will have 13 participating bookstores and prizes

for crawlers from Coronado to Del Mar. This year, the book crawl is pleased to announce that Lizz Huerta, author of the young adult fantasy novel *The Lost Dreamer*, will be the author-ambassador.

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 9 am WHERE: Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. *warwicks.com*

INTERNATIONAL MOBILE FILM FESTIVAL

Explore the art of filmmaking with smartphone cameras. Enjoy full-length feature films, short films, a smartphone photo contest, and question and answer panels. Also: mobile film workshop, red carpet with science fiction coalition led by Dude Vader and starring attending filmmakers, and awards ceremony.

WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 10 am to 9 pm and Sunday, April 30, 12 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: Marina Village Conference Center, 1936 Quivira Way, Pacific Beach. *internationalmobilefilmfestival.com*

Sunday | 30 ART WALK, LIVE MUSIC, STREET FOOD

See the work of more than 250 local,



national, and international artists from every medium, including painting, sculpture, glass work, photography, and fine jewelry. After browsing and



ART WALK, LIVE MUSIC, STREET FOOD

purchasing art, attendees can enjoy the four stages of live music, interactive art experiences, street food, and familyfriendly art projects at the KidsWalk. WHEN: Saturday, April 29, 11 am to 6 pm and Sunday, April 30, 10 am to 5 pm

WHERE: Along Ash and Grape, Little Italy. *artwalksandiego.org/missionfederal*

ENCINITAS SPRING STREET FAIR

Enjoy over 450 food, arts and crafts vendors, four entertainment stages, children's rides, and kid- and dogfriendly beer garden. Bike valet stations will be open to store your bicycles while you peruse the fair.

WHEN: Saturday, April 29 and Sunday, April 30, 12 pm WHERE: Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 S. Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. *encinitas101.com*



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ART

Art Show: Shape Opening **Reception** "Exploring shape through clay, sand, rocks, and design" - created and curated by Jerm Wright, local San Diego Artist and Educator for over 35 years. There will be ceramics, paintings, hand sculptures, mind sculptures, surfboard design, and an interactive display at the UCSD Craft Center. Show continues through summer. Saturday, April 29, 5:30pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Kanvases & Kombucha Art class with local artist, Nataly, No experience needed. All supplies provided. Family friendly and dog friendly. Thursday, April 27, 5pm; \$45.18 and up. Local Roots Kombucha, 1430 Vantage Court Suite 101. (VISTA)

Mandala Painting Class Learn basic steps to draw the Mandala, such as sketching the outlines, painting with acrylic and using a dotting technique. Supplies included. Saturday, April 29, 2pm; \$65-\$74. Bravo School of Art South Park, 2963 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Meet The Artist During Meet the Artist hours, the public is invited to speak with Edra Soto and contribute to an upcoming project. Saturday, April 29, 3pm; Sunday, April 30, 3pm; free. ICA North Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Mission Fed Art Walk The 39th Mission Fed ArtWalk features artists from every medium of art, including painting, sculpture, glass work, photography, fine jewelry and more. After browsing and purchasing oneof-a kind art, attendees can enjoy four stages of live music, interactive art experiences, street food, familyfriendly art projects at KidsWalk and more. Saturday, April 29, 11am; Sunday, April 30, 10am; free. Along Ash and Grape, (LITTLE ITALY)

TTLE ITALY

Paint & Pints Recreate "The Oracle of Time" with local artist, Nataly. Sunday, April 30, 2pm; \$45. 18 and up. Black Plague Brewing, 2550 Jason Court. (OCEANSIDE)

Talleres Caracol: Alejandro Morales Riveron Art making workshop series, each month with a different workshop theme offered by local Contemporary Artist Alejandro Morales Riveron. "Mi Piñata" will focus on the process of making a piñata. Registration required at linktr.ee/centrocultural. Friday, April 28, 5pm; free. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

BEER

Sip & Sweat Sweat it out and get started on your body-strengthening goals for the summer. Saturday, April 29, 11am: 21 and up. Mayericks Beach Club, 860 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author Talk & Book Signing: Natalia Molina MacArthur Genius Natalia Molina Author Talk & Book Signing - A Place at the Nayarit: How a Mexican Restaurant Nourished a Community. Sunday, April 30, 7:30pm; free. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, Hillcrest, 298 West Arbor Street. (HILLCREST)

Lawrence Goldstone: Not White Enough Lawrence Goldstone will read from and discuss his book Not White Enough: The Long, Shameful Road to Japanese American Internment. Saturday, April 29, 7pm; free. D.G. Wills Books, 7461 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

The Hitherto Secret Experiments of Marie Curie Warwick's will host Henry Herz, Dee Leone, Jonathan Maberry, Steve Pantazis and Scott Sigler as they discuss their new collection, The Hitherto Secret Experiments of Marie Curie. This event is free and open to the public; free admittance is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat. Wednesday, May 3, 7:30pm; free-

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by May Sarton

First Snow

This is the first soft snow That tiptoes up to your door As you sit by the fire and sew, That sifts through a crack in the floor And covers your hair with hoar This is the stiffening wound Burning the heart of a deer Chased by a moon-white hound. This is the hunt, and the queer Sick beating of feet that fear. This is the crisp despair Lying close to the marrow Fallen out of the air Like frost on the narrow Bone of a shot sparrow. This is the love that will seize Savagely onto your mind And do whatever he please, This the despair, and a moon-blind Hound you never bind.

The Phoenix Again

On the ashes of this nest Love wove with deathly fire The phoenix takes its rest Forgetting all desire.

After the flame, a pause, After the pain, rebirth. Obeying nature's laws The phoenix goes to earth

\$18. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Air Plant Terrarium Craft Workshop Each ticket includes everything to make one large 6" terrarium including air plants, sand, gravel, dried flowers, use of tools, a flight of wine, and \$10 off bottle of your choice. Sunday, April 30, 1pm; \$55. La Mesa Wine Works, 8167 Center Street, (LA MESA)

Alzheimer's San Diego: Living with Memory Loss A program designed for individuals living with early-stage memory loss and their care partners to learn strategies for adapting to daily challenges, enhancing health and well-being, and planning for the future. Register online. Wednesday, May 3, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Grossmont Healthcare Center, 9001 Wakarusa Street. (LA MESA)

You cannot call it old You cannot call it young. No phoenix can be told. This is the end of the song.

It struggles now alone Against death and self-doubt, But underneath the bone The wings are pushing out.

And one cold starry night Whatever your belief The phoenix will take flight Over the seas of grief

To sing her thrilling song To stars and waves and sky For neither old nor young The phoenix does not die.



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ners 6-week course Thursdays,

10am; through Thursday, May 18,

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Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard.

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your enjoyment of Nature by learn-

ing 5 simple techniques to identify

birds at a glance. You will also learn

how to use a field guide, so bring one

along if you have it. Classes meet

at the Visitor Center in Classroom

A. The class is free and open to the

public. However, seating is limited

to the first ten people. Saturday,

April 29, 1pm; free. Mission Trails

Regional Park, One Father Junípero

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urday, April 29, 10am; \$36-\$42.18

and up. Inspirations Gallery, 2730

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ter in advance. Saturday, April 29,

10:30am; free. San Ysidro Branch

Library, 4235 Beyer Boulevard.

Hand Rolled Sushi Class The

Chef will let you in on tips and

tricks for making sushi rolls.

Tuesday, May 2, 6pm; Duck Foot

Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar

Landscaping for Watershed

Protection Free panel and work-

shop Saturday, April 29, 10am; free.

International Equestrian Center,

16911 Gunn Stage. (RAMONA)

Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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May Sarton (1912-1995) was a Belgian-born American poet who also wrote a number of critically acclaimed novels and memoirs. Her poetry—both formal and free-verse—exhibits a measured and cultured style. Many critics consider her memoirs, especially those written in the last few decades of her life, as her most endurng contribution to literature. Sarton intentionally chose

to live a solitary life—settling in upper-state Maine where much of her later work was written. In much of her later poetry as in her memoirs, Sarton sought to chronicle her experiences of this solitude, both its challenges and its rewards. Although a lesbian, Sarton downplayed this aspect of her life as a defining or limiting attribute, choosing rather to write about love from a universal perspective.

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Landscaping for Watershed Protection Onsite Demonstration

and Workshop with Dr. K and a panel of experts as they discuss techniques to help you manage storm water on your property to protect the landscape and waterways. The presentation includes proven methods to prevent erosion and keep soil, chemicals and nutrients out of our waterways in San Diego County. Saturday, April 29, 10am; free. 18 and up. International Equestrian Center, 16911 Gunn Stage. (RAMONA)

Meditation Meditation, Awareness and Awakening hosted by Turf 'ya Dhara Saturday, April 29, 11am; free-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Ravioli Cooking Class Learn to make handmade ravioli with bolognese sauce. Sunday, April 30, 5pm; free. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

What is Yiddish? What is Yiddish? Who still speaks Yiddish? Why should we care? Learn about the origins and development of Yiddish and get your questions answered by our CEO Jana Mazurkiewicz Meisarosh. Friday, April 28, 7pm; \$18-\$40. Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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Forum Join the online world using your iPad & iPhone. Technology can bring many potential advantages to seniors such as enhancing communication, bonding with family and friends, and reducing loneliness. Bring your questions and inquiries to this weekly open forum where your Instructor will answer as many general questions in 1 hour. Wednesdays, 12:30pm; through Wednesday, May 10, free-\$10. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

COMEDY

Comedy Night Headliner Steven Briggs. Friday, April 28, 7:30pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. Five Suits Brewing, 2575 Pioneer Avenue STE 104. (VISTA)

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour Tuesday, May 2,

7:30pm; free. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWN-TOWN SAN DIEGO)

Greg Fitzsimmons With Ellen Sugarman opening. Two Item minimum purchase per person (food or drink). Friday, April 28, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, April 29, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Hans Kim As seen on Kill Tony and more. Thursday, April 27, 8pm; Friday, April 28, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, April 29, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$15, 21 and up, American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Noel Miller Saturday, April 29, 7:30pm; \$35-\$225, Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue, (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

North San Diego VS South San Diego Hosted by Chris Williams and Melissa Weisman. With Guy Murray, Babak Shahrokh, Carmelita Jonez, Natasha Collier, Austin Train and Jarwan Nelson, Thursday, April 27, 7:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Saturday Night Comedy Under the Stars Saturday, April 29, 8pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street, (LA MESA)

Se Alquila Mi Tesorito Teatro Tierra Caliente presenta el teatrocomedia Se Aliquila Mi Tesorito. Saturday, April 29, 7pm; \$20. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

WWC Comedy: Brendan Jay Hosted by Elie Rickler, with Mikey Perry, Alfonso Ochoa, Edna Nerona and headliner Brendan Jav. Friday, April 28, 7:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Koi Zen Cellars, 12225 World Trade Drive. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

DANCE

Joseph Keckler Mala Forma Dance, Mystery Cave, San Diego New Verbal Workshop Saturday, April 29, 7pm; free-\$10. Intervals, 998 West Juniper Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

LITVAKdance Spring Performance LITVAKdance premieres new works by artistic director, Sadie Weinberg and guest choreographers delve into themes that consider our natural environment and human's place in it in Terrain and other dance stories. Molli and Arthur Wagner Dance Building Saturday, April 29, 4pm and 7pm; Sunday, April 30, 2pm and 5pm; \$17-\$30. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

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Community Model Train Swap Meet Find something new to add to your collections or sell and help others build theirs. Saturday, April 29, 7am; \$3-\$5. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Fangaea 2023 Fangaea features tabletop and video games, anime, steampunk, cosplay, technology, panels, model building, and more. Saturday, April 29, 10am; \$20-\$25. Scottish Rite Center, 1895 Camino del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

Film Forum Coronado: I Vitelloni I Vitelloni (The Young and Passionate) (1953. 104 minutes): Italian maestro Federico Fellini's first international success is a shimmering comic reverie mixing affection and acid satire. Italian with English subtitles. Wednesday, May 3, 6pm; free. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Jobapalooza Hiring Festival This event will connect job seekers with local employers from a variety of industries, including hospitality, service, ride operators and more. Friday, April 28, 11am; free. Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

Mission Valley Friends of the Library Monthly Meeting Learn about how the Mission Valley Friends of the Library support our mission! This meeting is both in-person and on Zoom. For Zoom link, email MissionValley-Friends@gmail.com. Thursday, April 27, 11:30am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Naturally San Diego's Third Annual Pitch Slam Naturally San Diego's in-person Pitch Slam will give natural products entrepreneurs the stage to pitch their up-and-coming companies to a panel of experts and audience members, winning a suite of prizes from our local San Diego community to help propel their industry growth. Thursday, April 27, 4pm; Building 177, 2875 Dewey Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

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 29, 11am; Sunday, April 30, 11am; \$19-\$24. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

SDCOE Careers in Education Job Fair Teaching and nonteaching positions Saturday, April 29, 8:30am; **free**. 18 and up. Liberty Station Conference Center, 2600 Lansing Road. (POINT LOMA)

Spring Home Garden Show Demonstrations, hundreds of home-improvement products and services exhibitors, plant sales, and face-to-face consultations with top experts. Saturday, April 29, 10am; Sunday, April 30, 10am; **free**. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

St. Jordi's Day & San Diego Book Crawl Come celebrate St. Jordi's Day in honor of Independent Bookstore Day, and take part in the Sixth Annual San Diego Book Crawl. Saturday, April 29, 9am; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

FOR KIDS

All Girls STEM presents: Geography All Girls STEM Society inspires young girls in grades 3-8 to pursue their interests in STEM fields through free events and workshops. In April, explore the science of geography. Pre-registration is required @ https://bit.ly/3N4C8KT. Recommended for grades 3 through 8. Location: Community Room. Saturday, April 29, 2pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Coast Kids: Disney's The Little Mermaid Enjoy music by eighttime Academy Award winner, Alan Menken, lyrics by the late Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater and a book by Doug Wright, with songs such as "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World." Saturday, April 29, 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday, April 30, 7:30pm; \$18-\$30. Star Theatre, 402 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Crafternoon Come and make crafts every Thursday after school. These crafts are geared toward children ages 6-10. Thursdays, 1pm; through Thursday, May 25, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Toddler & Preschool Storytime Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun. Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, April 27, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

FUNDRAISERS

San Diego Walk of Hope 2023 Fundraising event for RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association. Sunday, April 30, 10am; Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Second Chance 30th Anniversary Celebration Second Chance, a San Diego nonprofit dedicated to helping people facing the barriers of justice involvement become empowered members of society is holding its 30th Anniversary Celebration fundraiser themed "Where Success Takes Flight." Thursday, April 27, 6pm; \$2,500-\$25.000. San Diego Air and Space Museum, 2001 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

Weed 4 The People Investment Information Session Whether you are interested in the cannabis industry, are a current investor, or are familiar with our flagship store Jaxx Cannabis, we will provide an overview of the opportunity, and discuss our qualification to raise capital received from the US Securities & Exchange Commission, upcoming milestones, risks, and our growth plan. Plus get a tour of our new licensed 10,000 SQFT manufacturing facility! For more information about our campaign please visit www.weed4thepeople.com. Thursday, April 27, 6pm; free. 7740 Formula Place

LECTURES

CreativeMornings San Diego: Movement Movement with Bob Dalton and Jordan Verdin: A free 20 minute breakfast lecture series. Register @ creativemornings.com/talks/bob-dalton-andjordan-verdin. Friday, April 28, 8:15am; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

NASA Talk NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, Neil Farber talks about real missions that explore our solar system. Wednesday, May 3, 5:30pm; free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

The Creation of the Panama Canal In one of the most ambitious engineering projects in history, in the early 1900s the United States constructed an aquatic path connecting the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans across the newly created nation of Panama. Professor Blaine Davies recently visited the Panama Canal, and he explains how in spite of disease, politics and daunting civil engineering obstacles, the canal was conceived, engineered and opened for ocean-to-ocean transit. This event is free and open to the public, and there is no need to pre-register. Tuesday, May 2, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

NATURE

Springtime Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. With warmer weather the wild flowers are bursting with color, birds are nesting, and the whole park is green! Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, April 29, Sunday, April 30 & Wednesday, May 3, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Wheelchair-Accessible Wildflower Tour Join a Park Ranger for an exciting journey through a lesser-known botanical treasure, which is currently filled with wildflowers. This easy, 1/4 mile trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Bring water and sun protection. Leashed, friendly dogs are wel

 come. Meet near the playground.
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 gov Saturday, April 29, 11am; free.
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 4639 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)
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SPECIAL EVENTS

Arab American Heritage Month Celebration Celebrate Arab American Heritage Month with Arabic music "Tarab", Haneen Choir, and Dabke Dance In partnership with the Middle Eastern Employee Resource Group (MEERG) Saturday, April 29, 2pm; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

The Encinitas Street Fair Enjoy over 450 food, arts and crafts vendors plus four entertainment stages, children's rides, Bike Valets, and the kid/dog-friendly beer garden. Saturday, April 29, 12pm; Sunday, April 30, 12pm; Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 S. Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

SPOKEN WORD

Homecoming with Poet Laureate Jason Magabo Perez A graduate of El Camino High School and proud alumnus of Oceanside public schools, Perez is currently an Associate Professor and Director of Ethnic Studies at CSU San Marcos. Thursday, April 27, 7pm; Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Opus Generis Five classical poems illustrating the genderidentity formation process Saturday, April 29, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. Point Loma Library, 3701 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

VAMP Nonfiction Storytelling Show Nonfiction Storytelling Show "Plant-Based" featuring stories by Sarah Sharp, Maggie Frank-Hsu, TJ Tallie, Catherine Tucciarone, David Zafra, Kelly Bowen, Shayna Jurrens. Thursday, April 27, 8pm; 21 and up. Whistle Stop Bar, 2236 Fern Street. (SOUTH PARK)





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ROAM

It was a brisk afternoon and the sky was a deep blue, with a few wispy clouds stretched far above, their long thin shadows falling on the lush, green grasslands as their blades gently swayed in the breeze. All was calm and beautiful in the heart of Mission Trails Regional Park.

I was grateful for the external excellence; it helped to brighten the internal landscape. Because on the day, I found myself in uncharacteristically poor health. A nasty illness had taken hold of me, leaving me weak and weary. After weeks of bedrest, I was homesick for the great outdoors. As soon as I felt a hint of strength returning, distant trails began playing like home movies in my mind's eye, and I felt compelled to do something strenuous to prove to myself that I had recovered. And so, dressed in my normal hiking attire of short shorts and a thin shirt I walked outside. There, I was confronted by my first test, the wind. Normally I run hot like a furnace, but with nothing to stoke my spirit over the past few weeks, the slightest breeze cut deep and my bones began to chatter.

"Odd," I thought while continuing to my car. Then the wind traced a long, icy finger over my skin and my arms and legs broke out into gooseflesh. With a sigh, I headed back inside - three more times. First to put on a pair of pants, then a thicker shirt, and finally a fleece jacket. I was now bundled for the Arctic, and my doe-eved hope to climb a tall peak had withered. Feeling delicate and easily winded, I settled for a slow stroll through Mission Trails.

The Santee entrance to the park looked like a backcountry auto show. A series of sporty SUVs were parked in marching formation in the dirt parking lot and along the main road. The newer ones were were shiny, bulky, and kitted with all the backcountry trappings you



could need, while the older ones were covered in sun-stained national park stickers and grav "I support KPBS" license plate frames. After I parked my car and headed toward the grasslands, cool air bit into my lungs and I limped toward the trailhead with tears in my eyes.

Despite my condition, I was determined to continue my journey. I wanted to see some familiar peaks, and I hoped that their beauty would lift my spirits. As the trees retreated and I stepped into the grasslands, I marveled: not at the vastness of the landscape and the rolling hills, nor at the green grass that swayed in the breeze, but at all the little things that I had missed while trail running with my earbuds in. Crickets chirped, frogs croaked, and birds clicked, cawed, and sang to one another in the distance. The longer I walked and listened to this symphony of voices, the more I felt a sense of peace wash over me.

However, my illness was taking a toll. I wheezed with every step and my head throbbed with pain. I shambled along the trail, feeling weaker and weaker as the 60-year-olds passed me by, then the 70-year-olds, and eventually an 80-year-old clutching a stumpy wooden cane.

As I rested along the side of the trail, I realized that I wasn't alone. Looking up at me was a tiny white flower no bigger than my pinky nail. And it wasn't alone. Near it were other tiny white flowers, and near them were purple flowers, and orange ones, and countless other colors. Each species of flower had a distinct shape: some had petals like exploding stars, others fanned out like playing cards in a gambler's hand, and others looked like saucers and cups. As Llooked at each flower, it would bob in the wind, as if to wave in its own unique way. Later I would come to learn some of their names. Please allow me to introduce a few. I met San Diego sunflowers that glowed like the afternoon sun, and denseflower Indian paintbrush that blossomed like a bouquet. But the blooms that made the biggest impression were the great beds of blue dicks that rose above the grasses on long, leafless stems and danced in the wind without a care in the world.

Despite the ordinariness of the day, I was filled with wonder and awe at the beauty of these hidden flowers. I knew that I was witnessing something special that I had not had the patience to see while in good health. And so I pressed on, stopping to kneel before every new flower I met to say hello and appreciate its delicate beauty. As I did, some kind people stopped to make conversation, while a few friendly dogs rolled over onto their backs, wanting belly rubs. The trail, which I often jogged wordlessly and without thought, had unfolded before me to reveal its majesty.

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slowly. But I was determined to see more flow-

ers, to take in their beauty and appreciate all that the grasslands had to offer. With my last ounce of strength. I pressed on, searching for golden poppies and whatever else grew there.

The sun had gone down red behind the mountains ahead of me, and their shadows crept over the grasslands, blotting out the last few slivers of light that clung to the flowers. I knew that my journey was at an end. I said goodbye, promising either to return the next time that I grew sick, or decades from now when the ripeness of youth had waned and old age had robbed me of everything but my delight for scenery.

I had seen the beauty of the grasslands in a new light. By slowing down and feeling a deep connection to the land and its flowers, I had gained a new perspective. Despite the frustrations of my illness, I had found a new sense of peace and wonder in this wild and beautiful place.

And so, with a heavy heart but a sense of gratitude, I started back. Twilight was about me as I crept below a canopy of willows and coast live oaks. The wind moaned in the branches while the leaves whispered. My eyes struggled to adjust to the quickening darkness and I groped about with my feet so as not to trip on a tree root or slide in the mud. After a time, the moon peeked out from behind the clouds and the dewy undergrowth sparkled in the silver moonlight to help guide me home. As I walked, I knew that I would carry the memory of my journey with me.

— Ryan Brothers





Blue dicks

SPRING FLOWERS IN SAN DIEGO

Winter rains bring vibrant, colorful floral displays each spring throughout

San Diego. For this hike, I walked the Grasslands Loop, which takes

hikers close to the Old Mission Dam and up into Oak Canyon.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 14 miles

Hike length: 4.3 miles · Difficulty: Easy · Season: January-April

California golden violet



Denseflower Indian paintbrush



Wild morning glory



Strigose lotus



Parish's nightshade

SPORTS & FITNESS

Border X Lucha Libre Showcasing Luchadors from all over the globe. Saturday, April 29, 5pm; **free**-\$20. Spring Valley Gymnasium, 838 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Friday Happy & Healing Hour Each Healing Circle is focused around a theme and combines tips and insights into structural and energetic bodies. The session includes gentle body movements lead by Chiropractor Helaine Shpritz, Reiki, guided meditation, tuning forks, sound healing, pure essential oils, Bach Remedies, and heart-centered sharing. Friday, April 28, 6pm; \$55. 18 and up. Shpritz Chiropractic, 4407 Manchester Avenue Suite 104 B. (ENCINITAS)

San Diego Legion VS Houston SaberCats Sunday, April 30, 4pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

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 lastminute 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-yearold 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 video-game 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 relying 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. (It's 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

OUTDOORS

Jacaranda, locust, and silk oak blooming, land bird migration

Blue-Blossoming Jacaranda Trees have already produced a first wave of color along the streets of San Diego. By early or mid-May, warm weather permitting, this Brazilian import could put on a dazzling show. The larger jacarandas, which in full bloom are leafless, or nearly so, display myriad delicate, trumpet-shaped blossoms — a lavender haze when seen from afar. Jacarandas are commonly used as landscaping in parks and on most college campuses. A fine row of jacarandas graces Ash Street downtown.

The Tall Locust Trees Planted Years Ago along Julian's narrow streets are once again brightening this backcountry (and former gold-rush) town with blossoms of white, pink, and lavender.



THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT SUBSPECIES OF YELLOW-RUMPED WARBLERS, THE EASTERN WHITE-THROATED WARBLER AND THE YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER IN WESTERN NORTH AMERICA.

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. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

Honky Tonk Angels by Ted Swindley

The creator of *Always...Patsy Cline* brings to life a musical celebration of the female stars of country. This musical mixes 30 classic country tunes into a story about three gutsy gals who are determined to better their lives and follow their dreams to Nashville to become the Honky Tonk Angels. The all-hit song list includes I'll Fly Away, Stand by Your Man, 9 to 5, Coal Miner's Daughter, Ode to Billy Joe, These Boots Are Made for Walking, I Will Always Love You and Harper Valley PTA.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY, APR. 30.

La Jolla Playhouse/SD Symphony WOW Festival

Without Walls (WOW) productions offer a dizzying array of interactive and site-inspired theatre. Full of diverse offerings, WOW shows have one thing in common - they are an invitation to reimagine what theatre can be through intriguing and playful experiences. WOW performances take place outside the confines of a traditional theatre, in unusual or unexpected locations. Past shows have occurred in the backseat of a car, on a basketball court and even emerging from the ocean at a local beach. WOW audiences can expect to be part of the action. You might find yourself in the middle of an impromptu dance party or taking a stroll through a lush botanical garden as your WOW experience unfolds. RADY SHELL AT JACOBS PARK, 200

MARINA PARK WAY, DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 619-235-0804. 12PM THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY, APR. 30.

My Life with Will

James Sutorius chronicles his lifelong love affair with the Bard of Avon. Return to a time 50 years ago when Liz and Dick rocked, and Christopher Plummer ruled the stage. In an acting career highlighted by roles on television and film, Sutorius always returns to Shakespeare for sustenance. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM MONDAY, MAY 1.

Murder on the Links

Who knew murder was supposed to be an occasion for amusement? Omri Schein, that's who. His Comical Mystery Tour rolls merrily along, circling back to where it started with last season's The Remarkable Mister Holmes musical, for which he was the writer. Then it was down to Coronado for more Holmesian hijinks as the villain (and other characters) in Baskerville. Now he's acting again, this time in the starring role: Agatha Christie's Hercule Poirot, the fastidious fellow with the Belgian accent, the fine moustache. and the deep faith in the little grav cells power to deduce (as opposed to say, grubby forensic work). His fellow Baskerville actor Brian

Mackey is along for the ride - there, he was the master detective: here, he joins three other actors in playing a whole bunch of parts. (The play's handling of that particular aspect gives a good sense of its sense of humor: at first, it's content to let the change of costumes do its work on the imagination. But gradually, the story's labyrinthine plot places increasing demands on the cast, so that at one point, Mackey the suspected Englishman is forced to distinguish himself from Mackey the interrogating Frenchman by holding his dapper cardigan to his chest and switching from one outsized accent to another. Silly but effective, if you're amenable. Other bits are a bit more guaranteed groany: the mispro-



THE JACARANDA IS POPULAR WITH URBAN PLANNERS BECAUSE OF ITS "PAVEMENT FRIENDLY" ROOTS.

Introduced into the West by 19th-Century emigrants, locust trees have become almost a trademark of California's gold country, from the Mother Lode south to Julian.

The Silk Oak Tree, a Fast-Growing Import From Australia, comes into short-lived glory this month. Golden flower clusters decorate the silvery-green branches, an effect that is particularly stunning when seen in contrast to the blue-blossoming jacaranda trees often planted nearby. A common tree in San Diego-area parks, the silk oak is also a popular street and backyard tree in the older residential areas.

Land Bird Migration is in Full Swing This Month in San Diego County, with warblers and flycatchers among those most commonly seen. Warblers crawl along tree limbs and branches to dine on their favorite insects, while flycatchers, as the name suggests, catch their meals on the wing. Riparian areas such as the San Diego River through Mission Gorge and Marian Bear Park in San Clemente Canyon are favored by both birds and birdwatchers.

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

nunciations of Poirot's name as Poy-rot by an Englishman, the mispronunciation of bunker as bunk-ay by a Frenchman, etc.)

The other static character is Poirot's friend Arthur Hastings (Kim Morgan Dean), who also serves as an able narrator but an unreliable partner, seeing as how easily his head is turned by a pretty face. At one point, he gets so enmeshed that the rest of the cast must take over his duties, much to his dismay. For his part, Schein shuffles and mugs, eyes bugging at the audience, daring them to laugh, but plays his eccentric character straight. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THE-ATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR. SOLANA BEACH, 858-481-1055, CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

R-E-S-P-E-C-T

When I was a boy, I used to visit an elderly neighbor to keep her company. She liked to listen to a radio station that played what I would come to know as "oldies" — Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, etc. The station's tagline, repeated *ad infinitum*, was "The Music of Your Life." This was baffling to me, until I got a little older and figured out it was The Music of *Her* Life. The music she had grown up with, swooned over, fallen in love to, and wept along with, and which now took her back to those halcyon days, so long ago and far away.

I thought of her as I soaked in the sonic memory machine that is *R-E-S-P-E-C-T*: six women taking the audience

'60s, with a little help from the band. Every now and then, we heard a bit of biography or a dollop of history: Buffy Sainte-Marie's "Universal Soldier" even got some politically-tinged backstory. (Who sends the soldiers to do their killing? The politicians. And who elects the politicians? Why, we do!) But for the most part, there was no story at work, just time passing, from Lesley Gore and "Teen-Pan Alley" up through Joni Mitchell's "Woodstock," with chronological detours here and there to highlight particular artists (The Supremes, Dionne Warwick, songwriter Laura Nyro). And as the title might indicate, Aretha got to close the show with "the #1 song of all time as ranked by Rolling Stone."

back, back, way back to songs of the

The theatrical magic came from the performers' embodiment of so many different artists - not just the vocal invocations, though they were impressive, but hair, makeup, movement, manner. They got help from the artists themselves, whose images were projected bigly on the beaded backdrop. It probably helps if you know backdrop. It probably herps in your most of the songs, since very few of them are presented *in toto*. It probably helps even more if you lived with them, if they were The Music of Your Life. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 27 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600, 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM 2023 & 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 2PM & 7PM WEDNESDAYS. И

MOVIES

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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 onthe-nose soundtrack selections, but also in its stock camerawork from Robert Richardson, its muted energy, and its glib elisions - divorced dad Jason Bateman's speech about how he doesn't mind where Nike makes their shoes is nothing short of craven.) The paunchy Damon at least looks fully committed to the part of a smart sports guy whose job is on the line, and his sparring with Affleck's Big Boss Phil Knight is enjoyable. And there's some good talk about branding - about the athlete giving meaning to the shoe instead of



the other way 'round. But Ma Jordan's (Viola Davis) speech about why her boy must be the first player to get a cut of every sale is savvy dressed up as profundity, just as Damon's big pitch is flattery dressed up as wisdom — and a pre-emptive defense against criticism. 2023 — ML • (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. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Renfield — There's just enough of a movie here to sustain the working out of its splendid central dynamics 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 presentday 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!" anvone 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. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Suzume — Japan was nuked and is surrounded by water; combine those, and you get the irradiated beast Godzilla rising from the depths to destroy Tokyo. Japan also suffers earthquakes and is surrounded by water; combine those, and you get an orphan girl (guess how Mom died in a post-Fukushima world) who gets dragged into a mission to stop mystical worms from escaping the underworld and causing what the unsuspecting public experiences as earthquakes. Why can teenager Suzume see the worms when no one else can? Because she's been through one of their doorways, doorways that often seem to be situated in abandoned places where children once held sway (a middle school, an amusement park). So many national anxieties in play! Makoto Shinkai's latest has less melancholy and a lot more action than earlier efforts Weathering with You and Your Name, but remains suffused with his signature sadness and romantic longing. Suzume is thrilled to meet a mysterious man who shares her vision, but wouldn't you know it, the mystical cat she accidentally released from its post traps his soul in a threelegged chair - her last memento of Mom. It all makes for a fine adolescent adventure: travel, rebellion, unattain

able love, a search, a chase, a deadline, and a little bit of growing up. And happily, the film understands that some problems don't get resolved without real sacrifice (though its handling of that aspect may leave you bemused). Plus, it's gorgeous. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

STREAMING

Barry — This show started off with a good balance but as the part-time assassin/aspiring actor progressed deeper into his double life, things became more dark than humorous. We're picking up the pieces in the depressing aftermath of last season, so he's still in the thick of his latest pickle. But the character NoHo Hank always saves it for me. His straightfaced humor adds clever brevity to the seriousness of the situation. Now in the final season, we just have to see if and how Barry will get himself out of this one last time. (2018-23) - A.T. (HBOMAX)

Indian Matchmaking — If you're single, this whole matchmaking thing is gonna start to make a lot of sense. It's kind of like someone managing your dating app for you, but it's a pool of pre-vouched people who actually want to meet and get married. I find it fascinating to learn about the culture and the process too. It's a lot less antiquated and far-fetched than you might've thought. And like with any reality romance show, you start to root for your favorites and have fun judging people. But for real, how much does she charge? (2020-23) - A.T. (NETFLIX)



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THEATERS MAY 5

San Diego's sonic subculture scribe speaks

Don't get him wrong, San Diego native Bill Perrine has no insurmountable beef with his hometown. He's happy to rock out at the Casbah, or to stick his

head into Nate's Garden Grill or the Black Cat. But the author of the justreleased Alien Territory: Radical, Experimental, & Irrelevant Music in 1970s San Diego emphasizes that his book isn't all, or even mostly, about

the territory

part. "I didn't write this

book as a love letter to

San Diego or anything of

that sort," he explains. "It

just so happens that all

this great art happened

in my backyard, and it's

or New York, and I had

access to all the research

materials, I might have

written the same book. Or

am I just telling myself that?"

Large portions of the

history of local avant-garde

Morton Feldman string quar-

tets. However, I didn't choose

to write about UCSD for any

personal reasons whatsoever.

UCSD is widely recog-

nized as a hotbed of musical

"Well, they designed it that

way. The whole point of the

ate a place of exploration, and

the Center for Music Experiment was an outgrowth of that. The UCSD of the '70s wasn't the UCSD it is today. It was a searching, conflicted adolescent, checking out the fringes, poking at the limits, rather than the

the inside track



sophisticated adult it is now. It's still pretty exploratory, but you're

never as wild and unfettered as vou are when you're young and it's the 1970s." Perrine



Author Bill Perrine, lifelong fan of outskirts and fringes.

boasts a lifelong interest in outskirts and fringes, but he made his name as the documentary music involve UCSD. "I mostly filmmaker behind It's Gonna remember seeing The Locust, Blow!!! San Diego's Music Mats Gustafsson, David Murray, Underground 1986-1996 and Mark Dresser, and Jeff Parker all Why Are We Doing This in play there, though not together. Front of People? featuring local Also one of those eternal, slow band Octagrape. "Writing is filmmaking with a longer run time and far fewer cameras," he says. "Godard, [Ross] McElwee and [Agnes] Varda all feel like If [composer] Pauline Oliveros writers to me. They write with and friends had worked at Bob's their cameras, which is a really Bait 'n Tackle, I would have hapneat trick if you can pull it off." pily written about that instead." Once he decided to become an author, "Geoff Dyer and [UCSD composer and profesexploration into the unknown. sor] Kenneth Gaburo, taught me to embrace and assert one's own authorial failures, struggles music department, when it was and contradictions as part of founded in the '60s, was to crethe narrative. When that didn't work, I just banged my head

against the wall until something popped."

Perrine was too young to catch pioneer instrument designer Harry Partch, and he's sad he never caught up to Pauline Oliveros. But he cherishes his assorted memories of the good stuff, and is willing to list a few. "Many years ago, I saw Derek Bailey play at the Spruce Street Forum, joined at the end by George Lewis. It felt totally alive, unpremeditated, operating on some sort of higher plane I didn't entirely understand. Various Stay Strange shows. Oneida at the Soda Bar, deep in the zone while the guy next to me stared at his phone and Bobby Matador stared through him."

His local connections influenced the scope of the book, but the scene he covers was part of a larger whole. "Other than for the purposes of this book, I don't really make a distinction between San

> Diego's avant-garde history and the rest of it. It's all related. and the interest has been there as long as I've been into, barf, 'the arts.' I was on the hunt for '70s-era locals who were doing stuff with synths and electronics. I knew Oliveros had been here, but I wasn't sure exactly what she'd been up to, other than teaching. Same with Partch. I came across

a whole world that went far beyond the synth stuff I'd been looking for. Moreover, almost everything - microtonality, instrument building, electronics, extreme vocals, environmental art, improv - was being done by people who knew and worked closely with one another. The exception being the East County scene around Boyd Rice, Robert Turman, and Steve Hitchcock, which was kind of its own thing, though loosely aligned with the punk movement. That's what's really interesting: the connections and relationships. Otherwise, I'd just be making a list of cool stuff." — Andrew Hamlin

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THE ALBUM LEAF

Jimmy LaValle formed his meditative electro-organic musical project The Album Leaf in 1999, going on to several acclaimed releases and touring with acts such as Sigur Rós. May 5 will see the release of a new album, Future Falling, his first original full-length (other than film scores and reissues) since 2016's Between Waves. The album, which includes guests Kimbra and Bat For Lashes, will be featured when The Album Leaf appears at the Casbah on May 13.

"[On] May 4, I'm finally releasing a very full-length album titled









ZACH PHILLIPS

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GREG DOUGLASS

Carlsbad songwriter Zach Phillips was nominated for a 2023 San Diego Music Award as Best Country/Americana Album for his 2022 Goddaughters full-length. His wife Gloria Taylor was also nominated for an SDMA, in the category of Best Folk/ Acoustic Album for her 2022 EP Sun. Phillips says his album was written to sound like "a final album, a relic of the pandemic to be discovered later as a time-capsule item." Taylor's EP was inspired by her experience as a sound and energy healer working on Zoom during the pandemic.

"Been keeping busy with a recording project at bassist John

Avila's studio," reports guitarist Greg Douglass of his recent

sessions with the former Oingo Boingo member. In addition,

"The amazing Mark Langford set a number of Irish poems to

music and hired myself, drummer Larry Grano, and my old pal

Johnny V as co-guitarist, and we cut 16 tracks in two-and-a-half days." Douglas will appear at the Belly Up's George Harrison tribute on June 18, playing guitar parts made famous by Eric



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FHE GONZO REPORT

Flood not quite rained out

Backwards and back in time at Humphrey's

"What's this," marveled the lady approaching the rest rooms at Humphrey's before the show on the evening of April 14, "no line for the women's rest room? And a line for the men's?"

"It *is* dude-centric," admitted the man standing next to me in line. "But it's all good when you have this ear candy" — They Might Be Giants, performing the entirely of their 1990 breakthrough album *Flood*, plus some other goodies.

"I've been waiting three years for this," said another gentleman, noting that covid had caused the show to be delayed not once, not twice, but thrice — a fact indicated by various crossed out dates on the official tour T-shirts.

"I've been waiting my whole life!" said another. "This is my first time! I didn't realize that this place was standing room only, but it's okay. This is the only band in the world I would see like this."

1990 was a long time ago, and the merch table knew it. I spotted a T-shirt based on the cover for *Lincoln* and a vinyl edition of *Apollo 18*, the albums that came before and after *Flood*, respec-





"They'll Need A Crane," but you'll need a cassette player.

tively. Not much from the 20 albums since those far-off days. I even saw \$5 cassette maxi-singles. Who even has the tech to play those any more?

Speaking of tech and Apollo 18: the band opened the show with that album's "Fingertips," a collection of 21 very short songs that were included for the sake of another piece of outdated equipment: the CD player, and its newfangled shuffle mode. Perfect little sonic amuse*bouches* to refresh the ear between full-length tracks. Fans roared along to the repeated croon of "I walk along/ Darkened corridors" - a spooky mantra, but still happy-making. It was strange to feel giddy at 49, and stranger still to glance around at the crowd and meet the eye of a man much like myself: glasses in plastic frames, a little gray in the hair, nodding and grinning like an idiot. We quickly broke eye contact; that kind of goofy joy - the kind that comes from hearing a song in such a way that makes you remember what it felt like to be a geeky teenager, onto the great secret of this weird band out of the Lower East Side art scene — is private, even if felt in public.

They Might Be Giants is, first and foremost, the two Johns, Linnell and Flansburgh. They kept up a good-natured — if slightly grumpy, thanks to the misting rain in unsunny San Diego — line of banter throughout. Halfway through the first set, they paused, and Flansburgh launched into a story about hanging out with his fellow titans of the music world and posing the question, "When should you do the best part of a show?"

"Always!" screamed a lady from the audience. "Yes, that's what I said!" grinned Flansburgh.

"Always, like the lady screamed!" "I disagreed," deadpanned Linnell, who said he preferred to do the best part halfway through the first set, then do "what is known in Italy as a *decrescendo*. It's like when you go to a restaurant, and you have the good wine first, and then after that, you don't care what you're drinking. *Decrescendo*, that's my whole jam. The show only gets worse from here."

And where was here? "When we set out to do all these *Flood* shows," said Flansburgh, "we asked ourselves, 'How can we make things harder on ourselves in a way that will leave the audience in the dust?""

The answer, according to Linnell: "Learning a song from the album sonically in reverse. That has proved to be a mistake. But we're not going to stop. We've spent too much

time on it for that. Then we will record it, and play it backwards for you at the beginning of the second set."

With that, they launched into a backwards rendition of "Sapphire Bullets of Pure Love," performed "for your satanic pleasure." And just like that, we were back to the joys of outdated tech, with a reference to the '80s panic over evil subliminal messages in heavy metal records that could be discovered by playing a vinyl record backwards on its turntable.

The first set ended with their kid-friendly hit "Particle Man" — Linnell, at long last, busting out the accordion that so endeared him to me decades ago. I bought booze and a hoodie at intermission, and made it back in time to do some marveling of my own at the video of their backwards performance played backwards. No subliminal messages, just sapphire bullets of pure love. ■

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Wednesday, 5pm — Dalton Gazette.

La Jolla Community Center: *Friday*, 7pm — Peter Sprague: Tribute to The Beatles. \$25-\$35.

La Valencia Hotel: Thursday, 5:30pm — David Shyde. Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 6pm — Jay L. Henry.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort: *Friday*, 7pm — Orion Song. *Saturday*, 7pm — Sean McCole.

Madam Bonnie's:

Thursday, 7pm — Ghost Jazz Trio. \$1-\$100. Friday, 7pm — Frankly Swingin Jazz Ensemble. \$1-\$100. Saturday, 7pm — Mad Hat Hucksters. \$1-\$100.

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Merrow: Saturday, 8pm — US Air Guitar Championships. \$10.

Mesa College:

Wednesday, 3pm — San Diego

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Alila Marea Beach Resort: Friday, 5pm — Helena Holleran. Saturday, 5pm — Farrah Camu.



Balboa Theatre:WSunday, 7pm — The Cream ofJalClapton Band. \$46-\$78.Jal

Beach House Grill: *Sunday*, 8pm — Dirtybird Showcase.

Belly Up Tavern: Thursday & Friday, 8pm — Dawes. \$45-\$79. Saturday, 8pm — Beatles vs Stones. Sunday, 8pm — Back to the Garden. \$22-\$39. *Wednesday*, 5:30pm & 7:30pm — Jake Shimabukuro.

Brew Coffee Spot: *Friday*, 5:30pm — Garza Quartet. **Free**.

Brick by Brick: Friday, 6:30pm — Plini, Sungazer, Jakub Zytecki. \$25-\$30. Tuesday, 6:30pm — Cold and Divide the Fall. \$24-\$28. Wednesday, 7pm — Ugly Kid Joe

and Pistols At Dawn. \$25-\$30. **Cannonball:** *Tuesday*, 5pm — Israel Maldonado.

Casbah: Thursday, 7:30pm — Paco Versailles. \$15. Saturday, 7:30pm — The Nude Party. Monday, 7:30pm — The Messengers and LN Degenerate. \$11. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Black Belt Eagle Scout, \$18. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Hammered Hulls and the Havnauts. \$18.

Christ Lutheran Church, Pacific Beach: Mystical Romantic Music. Free. Deano's Pub: Friday, 8pm — Manganista and Landis St. Free.

Duck Dive: *Wednesday*, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

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Duck Foot Brewing Company: *Friday*, 7pm — Cobby Brzeski

Sunday, 4pm — Concert of

Saturday, 7pm — Starsign. **Duke's La Jolla:** Friday, 3pm — Kekoa. Sunday, 4pm — Farrah Camu.

Tuesday, 4pm — Orion Song.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa: *Saturday*, 6pm — Christian Taylor. *Wednesday*, 6pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar: *Friday*, 6pm — David Shyde.

Farmer & the Seahorse: *Thursday*, 4:30pm — Freddie Walton. *Friday*, 4:30pm — Jason Graham. Sunday, 11am — Danielle Angeloni.

First Presbyterian Church: Sunday, 7pm — Robert Wetzel Guitar Light & Shade. \$40.

Helia Brewing Company: Saturday, 3pm — Good Vibes Reggaefest. \$30-\$60.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Party101 with Matt Bennett. \$18-\$35. Friday, 7pm — Cardboard Boxer, The Renters, Sands. \$12-\$15. Friday, 7:30pm — The Plot In You. \$20-\$65. Saturday, 7:30pm — Daisy the Great. \$18. Saturday, 7:30pm — The Walters. \$23-\$65. Sunday, 7:30pm — DB.Boutabag. \$20-\$70. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Field Guide. \$17. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Hunter Hayes. \$35-\$75.

Humphreys by the Bay: Saturday, 7:30pm — Tennis.

L'Auberge Del Mar: Saturday, 7pm — David Shyde. Sunday, 11am — Jay L. Henry. Mesa College Jazz Ensemble. Free.

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 6pm - Orion Song. Friday, 6pm - Johnny Martin. Saturday, 6pm — Rachel Jay. Sunday, 6pm — Jehua Evans. Monday, 6pm — Marcela Mendez. Tuesday, 6pm — Jesse Ray Smith. Wednesday, 6pm — Jenny Teator

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Friday, 9pm – Jam Berry. Free. Saturday, 9pm — Tube Amp'd. Free.

Music Box:

Thursday, 7:30pm — The Lemon Twigs. \$20. Friday, 8pm — Lana Del Rev Night. \$16-\$19. Saturday, 7pm — Emo Night Tour. \$17-\$145. Sunday, 8pm - Joseph. \$28.

Nick & G's: Saturday, 6pm — Nathan Welden.

Nova SD: Friday & Saturday, 8pm -Slander \$95

Observatory North Park: Friday, 7:30pm — Gimme Gimme Disco. \$17. Saturday, 7:30pm - Carcass and Sacred Reich. \$29. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Avatar and Veil Of Maya. \$35.

Old Town Temecula Community Theater: Wednesday, 8pm — Abbey Road: Tribute to the Beatles, \$20-\$37.

Open Air Theatre: Saturday, 7:30pm - Goose. \$30-\$625 Wednesday, 7:30pm - Feid's Ferxxo Nitro Jam Underground Tour. \$95-\$1112.

Panama 66: Saturday, 6pm — Trio Gadjo.

Poway's Irish Pub: Friday, 8:30pm - West of 5. Free

Pure Project Vista: Saturday, 7pm — Saturday Sessions: Jarred Matthew. Free.

Quartyard: *Tuesday*, 6pm — Frankie Cosmos and Dear Nora. \$26.

Rock Church: Saturday, 7pm - Tauren Wells.

Rustic Root: Tuesday, 6pm - Jenny Teator.

Seabird: Sunday, 4pm - Keni Yarbro.

Side Yard: Saturday, 6pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 7:30pm - Dre'es. \$15. Friday, 7pm — Strawberry Girls and Body Thief. \$27. Saturday, 8pm — Ryan Ritual. \$18 Saturday, 3pm - Saetia and Icepield. Sunday, 7:30pm — Jamie Drake. \$16. Monday, 7:30pm - Launder, Cold Gawd, Sledges. \$15.

Soma:

Friday, 8pm - George Clanton. \$26.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

Prokofiev for the playoffs

With the NBA Playoffs in full flight, I will take this opportunity to explore some classical music via the logos of some of the teams in contention this year. Some teams, such as the New York Knicks and Brooklyn Nets, simply defy a classical music comparison. Other teams, such as the Memphis Grizzlies and Milwaukee Bucks, also buck a comparison, in spite of team mascots that one would think to have classical music representation. No classical music about deer. and nothing about grizzlies, unless you consider Edward Elgars' "The Bears" from The Wand of Youth — but that's a bit esoteric. Here, we will look at four teams that do have good matches

The sun appeared to be setting on The Phoenix Suns and their championship aspirations after they lost to the

Saturday, 7pm — North Star Boys. \$20-\$100. Sunday, 8pm — The Backseat Lovers

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Milwaukee Bucks in 2021. Yet now the Suns are rising again with the late-season acquisition of superstar Kevin Durant. The obvious musical comparison here is "Sunrise" from Also Sprach Zarathustra by Richard Strauss. The trumpets herald Durant's descent from the mountaintop of talent into the Valley of the Sun.

A team that could throw cold water on the Suns is The Los Angeles Lakers. Lost in the mists of NBA history is the fact that the Lakers started as the Minneapolis Lakers. That name makes sense. But in 1960, the team moved to LA and the name came with them. The Lakers face long odds this year. Their odds are almost as bad as Alexander Nevsky's during the battle on the frozen lake from the motion picture score for Alexander

Friday, 5:30pm — Jerry G & the Inlanders. Free. Saturday, 3:30pm - Kevin Childs and I90. Free. Sunday, 5:30pm - Swingin' Johnsons. Free.

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Nevsky by Sergei Prokofiev. Can LeBron James, in the role of the battle-hardened vet, lead his troops to an unlikely victory?

The Boston Celtics have an Irish leprechaun for their mascot, but the Celtic peoples lived across almost all of Europe at one point. Celtic Gaul was conquered by Julius Caesar and incorporated into the Roman Republic, which was soon to become the empire. The opera Norma by Vincenzo Bellini tells the story of a Gaulic priestess caught between her people and her love for a Roman officer. The Gauls prepare for war with a battle chorus "Guerra, guerra! Le galliche selve." The Boston Celtics will battle it out with the Atlanta Hawks in the first round of the playoffs.

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The Philadelphia 76ers have the most interesting classical music match. Composer James Hewitt wrote a short piece of classical music about George Washington's victory at the pivotal Battles of Trenton and Princeton.

The 76ers have lost every pivotal playoff battle they have fought since they won it all in 1983. Perhaps this year, MVP candidate Joel Embiid can play the role of Washington and lead his revolutionaries to a victory.

Classical Music this week

Greater San Diego Music Coterie: Roma & Roma The Greater San Diego Music Coterie, directed by Dr. Angela Yeung, presents two symphonic works inspired by Rome, Bizet's Roma Symphony and Respighi's Pini di Roma. Also selective arias from Donizetti's Don Pasquale with soprano Emily Ortlieb. Sunday, April 30, 2:30pm; free. All Saints' Episcopal Church Hillcrest, 625 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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University Club Atop Symphony Towers: Tuesday, 4:30pm — Farrah Camu.

Westfield University Towne Centre: Thursday, 12pm - Ben Benavente. Saturday, 12pm - Orion Song.

Winstons Beach Club: *Friday*, 9pm — The Sure Fire Soul Ensemble. \$18-\$20.



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Vinyasa flow to flowing vino

Vinya: vino + vinyasa, 5185 Balboa Avenue, Clairemont Mesa; Driving up to Vinya: vino + vinyasa, I was confused. The Balboa Crest Shopping Center in Clairemont Mesa housed a liquor store and a check-cashing site. Could there really be a serene yoga studio and wine bar hiding somewhere in this sad-looking strip mall tucked in among the big box stores? Happily, yes.

Owners Victoria and Patrick are a couple with a dream: to create a community space where yoga friends can hang out after class without having to travel and reconvene. It began in 2016 when they got married and earned their certifications in both yoga and wine. They opened their doors in December of 2022, and since then, they've been working their butts off to make the dream work — greeting the customers, pouring the wine, teaching the yoga classes, and even stepping into the kitchen on the chef's day off (which happened to be Sunday, the day I visited).

Vinya is open and spacious, with a casual warehouse feel. If you want to hang out in your Lululemon leggings and a sports bra or hoodie while you sip your cabernet, that's totally cool. When I visited, most people had their yoga mats propped up next to their tables. I took an evening Vin/Yin class, which started with a quicker-paced vinyasa flow of dynamic poses, followed by a more meditative yin period

Salmon avocado toast: simplicity and style.





Dreams come true in all sorts of places; just ask owners Victoria and Patrick.

utilizing yoga blocks, bolsters, and blankets for relaxation. The props were provided free of charge, but it's probably best to bring your own mat, as is customary in most yoga studios. (Rental mats are available for an additional charge.) Class lasted just over one hour and cost \$28. Afterward, I noted that four people chose to stay and have a glass of wine at the bar. Victoria and Partick's vision was becoming a reality. Besides the yoga folk, Vinya also welcomes Meetup Groups and hosts special events, such as a monthly coloring-book club and live jazz nights.

There are a lot of solid options on the menu: colorful salads and promising sandwiches. I was tempted by the stuffed French toast (\$16), crab cake sando (\$18) and baked brie (\$12). And I wish I could have ordered the Burnt Basque Cheesecake with cinnamon whipped cream and paprika spiced pecans (\$8), but that was, sadly, a weekday-only offering. My mom always taught me you need a reason to return!

Vinya offers an ever-changing wine list (plus a wine club), featuring both familiar and unexpected regions such as California, Mexico, France, Tanzania, Chile and Bosnia-Herzegovina. There are typically 15 different wines on rotation and 9 beers on tap. I sampled the L'Aumonier Sauvignon Blanc from France's Touraine province, which tasted of dried apricots and subtly sweet lychee fruit (\$13). I was also pleased with my second choice, Domaine De Mourchon dry rosé from the Rhone Valley, which tasted like strawberries in the heat of summer (\$13).

Despite the A++ presentation, complete with delicately placed salmon rosettes and tiny sprigs of dill, the Salmon Avo Toast (\$16) satiated my hunger but didn't wow me. A simple crack of salt and black pepper along with a meager sprinkling of red chili flakes would have amped it up — ever so slightly, but just enough. And the chimichurri component could have been stronger. Still, I once had a boyfriend who said that "hunger is the best spice." We broke up, but he did have a point. If you're hungry and you like your avocado toast simple and uncomplicated, you will enjoy it.

The Burrata Salad (\$13) was much more engaging. The scratch-made strawberry-blueberry sauce and balsamic reduction complemented the multicolored beets and honeydew melon slices, and all that sweet tanginess was countered by the slightly sour burrata cheese, which hit with a refreshing sensation akin to a cold glass of milk. Mint leaves added a fresh herbal punch. And the dish was larger than I anticipated, easily shareable among friends as an appetizer or even enough to serve as a main meal.

by Emily Davis

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

22nd Annual Morning Glory Brunch Morning Glory Brunch will feature a fun afternoon of tastings, live music, shopping, and opportunity drawings around SMSC's campus and Sophie's Organic Garden. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy bites and sips from over 20 local restaurants, wineries, and breweries. There will also be a boutique shopping experience and Arts Alive by Jasmine Creek Florist, which will feature floral arrangements paired with and inspired by SMSC student art. Guests will also experience SMSC's signature Frog Race. The annual Frog Race will send up to 600 frogs down the Jr. Olympic-sized swimming pool, giving guests the chance to win \$3,500 in cash prizes. Guests can participate in this fundraiser by purchasing plastic frogs to enter the race. Saturday, April 29, 11am; \$100-\$250. St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, 2119 East Madison Avenue, (EL CAJON)

Borderwine Magazine Release Dinner In celebration of the newest magazine release, Chef Roberto Alcocer invites you to a special dinner to enjoy a fourcourse plating with an opening cocktail reception on the oceanfront patio. The dinner will feature eight wineries from Baja and all guests in attendance will receive a copy of the magazine. Thursday, April 27, 4pm; \$195. 21 and up. Valle Restaurant, 201 North Myers Street. (OCEANSIDE)

Casa de Amparo Meet the Chefs For the twentysixth year, San Diego chefs and the local community will come together to support the children of Casa de Amparo. Help treat and prevent child abuse and neglect with unlimited samples of signature tastings crafted by chefs from over a dozen restaurants. A selection of complimentary wine, beer, and champagne will also be served. Sunday, April 30, 12:30pm; \$150-\$250. 21 and up. Hilton Del Mar, 15575 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Meat Raffle Raffle for sausages, steaks, and flownin A5 Japanese Wagyu Strip Loin. Saturday, April 29, 12pm; Smoking Gun, 555 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

SoCal Taco Fest Enjoy live music and more. Saturday, April 29, 10am. Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Highway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Obvious Wine Tasting Obvious Wines presents a Red Wine, White Wine, Cheese and Charcuterie pairing 6 different varieties of wine, (two flights of red and white wine) with cheese and charcuterie. Saturday, April 29, 6pm; \$30. Crushed, 2920 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

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TO FRANK I was wrong to say I wanted to be Frank with Kather-ine. Apparently only I thought it was funny. My bad....

DEAR JOE I didn't forget, or stop missing you or stop wanting you; quite the opposite, in fact. I'm struggling with what to say. All my love.

ASTOUNDED This has taken my love out of life. All I feel is hate and its getting so bad I'm afraid. Hate is all I have its like you gave me a disease that scowl you carry. I was a good man till I met u now I hate and its killing me.

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PUNK BOCK BOCK AGAINST **RACISM** something's wrong, thank God. Jackal attacks hyenas snarl, stranded soul cries out just want to go home.

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THE FIRST THING THAT **EXISTED** had no beginning or created itself from nothing or Jesus said "I am the beginning ... " Revelation 22:13

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Wait, What?

The Exmoor Squirrel Project, a conservation endeavor in the United Kingdom aimed at saving the native red squirrel, has proposed that people set live traps for the non-native grey squirrel and that restaurants serve its meat, the BBC reported on Feb. 28. "Our woodlands, landscape and the biodiversity isn't set up to deal with the behaviors of the grey," said the group's manager, Kerry Hosegood. "We're going to introduce them to restaurants in the Exmoor area because they actually make for good eating," she added. "This isn't something that we like to do ... just target greys ... It's a very serious project." She said the grey squirrels have caused about 40 million pounds' worth of damage to trees annually.

Suspicions Confirmed

- Madison County (Illinois) coroner Steve Nonn solved a nearly year-old mystery on March 2 when he released the results of an autopsy on Richard Maedge of Troy, Illinois. Maedge's wife, Jennifer, had reported him missing in late April last year after he failed to come home from work, KTVI-TV reported. His car, wallet and keys were at the house, but she couldn't find him. Police searched the house, which they described as a "hoarder home," but did not locate him. In fact, they searched twice, as Jennifer was also looking for the source of a "sewerlike" odor in the dwelling. Finally, on Dec. 11, as Jennifer pulled out Christmas decorations from a concealed storage space, she discovered Richard's mummified body. The coroner ruled that Maedge hanged himself and that there was no foul play in his death.

News You Can Use

- Mushrooms have been in the news a lot lately, but you probably didn't know that Texas has a state mushroom: the Devil's Cigar or Texas Star. KXAN-TV reported that the Lone Star State's designated fungi is ultra-rare, growing only on decomposing cedar elm or oak tree stumps and roots in the U.S. and Japan. It comes out of the earth in a cylindrical shape, then "will open up into a three- to eight-pointed star," said Angel Schatz of the Central Texas Mycological Society. That's when it releases its spores and sometimes hisses. "It is a very cool mushroom to have as our state mushroom," Schatz said.

Awesome!

- Kansans take their tornado sirens seriously, so it was no surprise that on March 4 in the Wichita suburb of Park City, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place to mark the reinstallation of the city's oldest Thunderbolt siren, KSNW-TV reported. The sirens are remnants of the Cold War, and four of them are still in service in Sedgwick County. "About a year ago, we took them down, had them refurbished, and put them back up in our system," explained Jonathan Marr, deputy director for Sedgwick County Emergency Management. The feted siren had been in use for 70 years.

It's Come to This

Tattoo artist Dean Gunther of Manchester, United Kingdom, has made one man's body goals come true: He's inked a ripped six-pack on the man's torso, freeing the man from eating right and exercising more, the Daily Mail reported on March 6. "He decided that by getting a six-pack tattoo, he will always look summer-ready while still being able to enjoy beer and good food," Gunther said of his customer. The artistic tat took two days to complete.

Compelling Explanation

- At a preliminary hearing in San Francisco Superior Court on March 6, police officers offered testimony about a Feb. 1 incident in which Dmitri Mishin fired a replica gun inside a synagogue, The San Francisco Standard reported. As officers interrogated Mishin, he explained that the shooting was an act of prayer he was giving for his neighbor's bird. Mishin, who pleaded not guilty, told officers he lives on a submarine and talks with North Korean and Japanese leaders, and that weapons found in his home were movie props. After the shooting at the synagogue, he waved goodbye and left. Unsurprisingly, this isn't Mishin's first run-in with the law; his mother testified that he suffers from mental illness. The hearing was ongoing.

Bright Idea

 In China, women modeling lingerie for online retailers violates the country's rules about spreading obscene material, *Insider* reported on March 1. Instead, underwear companies are hiring men to model the clothing – and it's working out better than you might think. "The guy wears it better than the girl," one online commenter posted. Others argue that the restrictions are "depriving women of job opportunities." "We don't really have a choice," said one business owner, Mr. Xu. "The designs can't be modeled by our female colleagues, so we will use our male colleagues to model it."

Pick on Somebody Your Own Size

- David Jimenez, 65, of Maui, Hawaii, was arrested on March 6 for "pursuing a humpback whale," CBS News reported. Jimenez, who calls himself Dolphin Dave, was allegedly harassing the whale and dolphins in Kealakekua Bay State Historical Park, where he was snorkeling. Jimenez was unrepentant, though: He told officers "he's not going to stop swimming with whales and dolphins 'because it's magical and others do much worse things."' Humpback whales are protected under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Police Reports

- Hayato Baba, 21, of Narashino, Japan, was taken into custody in March because he allegedly assaulted another man and stole his wallet outside a convenience store, *Japan Today* reported – all because the guy was taking too long in the restroom. Baba admitted to punching the victim twice in the face and taking the wallet.

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Across

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Down

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25. Printer tray filler
26. Cowboy's lasso
28. Bank earnings: Abbr.
30. Craft beer letters
31. Drains of strength
32. Zippo
33. Big name in online financial services
34. Radiohead frontman Thom
36. The "E" in HOMES
40. Grand ____ Opry
41. Snitch
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50. Opposite of SSW **51.** 1990s tape players **53.** Sugary suffix **55.** Type of animal transformation **61.** Spelman and Morehouse, for two: Abbr. **63.** Got litiaious **64.** Almond (toffee brand) **65.** Dizzying MoMA works 66. Unit of land **67.** "The Little Rascals" assent **68.** Monte 69. Animal that goes through 20-/55-Across to become 70-Across? 70. Animal that goes through 20-/55-Across to become 69-Across?

44. "My package arrived!"
47. Award for a star athlete
49. "That's rough"
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