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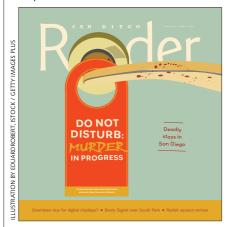
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

EL CAJON

# Pothole promises pooh-poohed

But city council helps tamp down cynicism

On April 22 and 23, the City of El Cajon's Facebook page invited residents to hop onto the "My El Cajon" app and "mark every pothole you can find within our city limits and have our crew get them fixed next week. We're bulking up on crews and supplies to take on every pothole in the City of El Cajon." Under the app's "Requests and Issues" tab, a variety of options can be found: Abandoned Vehicle Violations, Code Violations, Illegal Lodging, Graffiti, other options, and Streets. Clicking on the Streets tab opens up Sidewalk Repair, Streets (Other), and Pothole/Street Repair. El Cajon has about 400 miles of streets, and pothole repair requests were five times higher this year than in previous years, East County Magazine reported before the weekend.



City says app "has a great response time, with almost every request being completed in under 48 hours."

LENGE!" Facebook post doubted that the city could come through. Monique Halgrims wondered if it was "a ploy to get more traffic for your app?" A city employee quickly responded, "Yes! It's a big government

of the city's response to the challenge on her own Facebook page. "We filled quite a few today," she wrote. "I tamped down a few spots. That tamper tool is kind of heavy for me, but I tried." Metschel posted a photo of city workers pointing out spots on a map: what appeared to be 11 potholes they planned to assess.

MIKE MADRIAGA

# "We saw five cars all pulled over at the same time, fixing issues with their tires at the exact location."

The city included a video that explained the formation of potholes, starting with water percolating through cracks in the roadway. (Utility line repairs in the perimeter, traffic, and East County's higher temperatures all contribute to the cracks.) Then the water washes away the sub-base underneath the streets' asphalt, the pavement collapses, and a pothole is born.

In February, Victor V. warned his fellow El Cajon neighbors, "Be careful on the 8 west before the 125, near the construction zone; the very right lane that was under construction last week has a giant pothole, and I saw a few cars having tire problems." Azure A. corroborated his story: "We saw five cars all pulled over at the same time, fixing issues with their tires at the exact location." A recent ABC 7 story quoted Doug Shupe of the Auto Club of Southern California as saying, "Potholes can not only impact your tire rim, but they can damage your suspension. And on average, the cost of a pothole repair... varies between \$250 to more than \$1000."

Most residents who responded underneath the "El Cajon's POTHOLE CHAL-

conspiracy secretly designed to give our residents a tool they've been asking for to address their city requests in 48 hours or less by immediately directing such requests to the appropriate departments. You're also welcome to leave your requests here on Facebook, but our social media teams don't have many shovels in the office, so we'd strongly urge you to try the app!"

Another local, Elissa G., laughed at the pothole challenge and wrote, "What the heck does it matter? El Cajon should take care of it. Another shitty app that will not get anything done." The city replied, "Hi Elissa, it matters because we can't spend El Cajon City taxpayers' funds on non-El Cajon City roads. Our app has a great response time, with almost every request being completed in under 48 hours. The residents who use it have had amazing success." But Elissa was not convinced, and answered, "Bullshit — no need to reply to me. You'll never change my mind. I have l[i]ved here too long."

Over the weekend, Michelle Metschel, an El Cajon councilmember, posted photos

DOWNTOWN

Added ads

Where there's a will, there's a wayfinder



Informational kiosks will work like giant, immovable cell phones: giving directions, announcing emergencies, placing calls for help. But at least there will be ads.

Two weeks ago, the planning commission voted 4-2 to recommend the San Diego City Council amend its sign ordinance to allow for at least 50 digital advertising and wayfinding kiosks downtown — a project the city calls a "pilot." It's similar to a plan the port rejected in 2018. Now, some fear that San Diego, a pioneer in warding off the encroachment

of billboard advertising in its urban core, is adding too many ads. And there is cause for concern: the city attorney's office has repeatedly warned that allowing exceptions to the offsite advertising ban, as the proposal does, could undermine the legal defensibility of the city's sign regulations. "We're sort of a pristine little gem here," said Sue Palmer, founder of Scenic San Diego. "You don't see this kind of thing, you don't see more billboards. There are no digital billboards. How is this different from just blowing up the sign ordinance and putting advertising around our city?"

In 1981, the city's effort to thwart the spread of unsightly signage triumphed when the Supreme Court determined that cities have the right to limit them for aesthetics and traffic safety. There hasn't been a single one added since 1983. But downtown has grown since then. There are more things to find, and more ways to go astray. Seeking wayfinding solutions, the city in 2021 sought a partner it could provide with marketing benefits in exchange for a digital wayfinding system in its civic core. Two proposals came in, but only IKE Smart City, LLC was willing to make accessibility changes to its design. A 10-year marketing agreement between the city, Downtown San Diego Partnership, and IKE has been proposed to create a digital wayfinding system covering Columbia, Marina, Horton Plaza and Gaslamp Quarter, East Village, Cortez, and the Convention Center district. The agreement does not preclude the city from receiving other partnerships related to wayfinding.

The ADA-compliant kiosks would feature a 65-inch, touch-based interactive digital display that would, when not in use, rotate through eight advertising content slots at 10-second intervals. The city said the kiosks will help people find everything from restaurants and conventions to Uber rides and the location of scooters. (While they can't show

active Uber or Lyft cars, an Ike spokesman said users can plan a multi-modal trip; say a scooter from one location, followed by an Uber.) The city said the kiosks could also provide the public with storm warnings, emergency updates, information on homeless services, and bus schedules.

The call button would go to Downtown San Diego Partnership's clean and safe

line, as opposed to a standard emergency line. Betsy Brennan, president of that non-profit business association, said the Downtown clean and safe partnership has, "for at least the last five years, been able to answer that telephone 24 hours, 365 days a year." The dispatch line already receives more than 4000

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calls just for directional assistance, she said. In addition, if there's a couch in the middle of 4th Avenue, they will dispatch a truck. Or if an escort is needed from a business at 9

pm, a safety ambassador will walk the person to wherever they need to go. "We wanted to have a lower barrier here in San Diego than they have in the other 15 cities where they have kiosks, which is 911," Brennan explained.

There will be no strobes or flashing lights, and the system will be subject to the same advertising guidelines as the city's bus bench and shelter program. "Nothing lewd, and no drugs, alcohol or firearms." Supporters say the kiosks would generate an estimated \$14.7 million in ad revenue over 10 years, money that will go to the city and Downtown San Diego Partnership, and to IKE. Brennan said the money "will definitely be spent downtown, and it will be a community process to figure out where those dollars are spent." There

will be community surveys and meetings, she said, to decide if the revenue should be provided to the unsheltered or for things like street cleaning, flower baskets, and placemaking.

Ronald Askland, chair of San Diego Sierra Club Conservation Committee, said the group strongly opposes the plan to "bring intrusive digital advertising to the center of the city." The revenue would be limited, the garish ads a safety hazard, and the talk of improved mobility "a farce," he said. "I'd really like to challenge this idea of transit information and mobility. Let's say I walk up to this massive kiosk and I want to go to a cafe, and it says walk three blocks here, two blocks here, take the trolley, get off, walk four more blocks — I'm gonna memorize that? You're gonna use your cell phone. It's a joke." In addition, the public service content on kiosks could be better viewed on smartphones using a



"How is this different from just blowing up the sign ordinance?"

city-sponsored website, he said,

Commission chair Bill Hofman, who, along with commissioner Dennis Otsuji, voted against the proposal, agreed. "I just don't see the need," he said. "I believe this will not be a substitute for cell phones. Cell phones are far more convenient; you don't have to walk two blocks to look at them and a cell phone can do everything that these kiosks will do."

The proposal is expected to go to the full city council for a vote in May.

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#### **UNDER THE RADAR**

**Fire in the hold** A report to Congress by the United States Government Accountability Office in the wake of the July 2020 fire that devastated the USS *Bonhomme Richard* has found that when it comes to extinguishing construction fires aboard its ships, the Navy is woefully understaffed, employs a mishmash of firefighting strategies, and has conducted no system-wide analysis of the problem. "U.S. Navy ships undergoing maintenance face a

high risk of fire, in part because repairs can involve sparks or welding in confined areas with flammable material. Navy organizations collect and analyze lessons learned from fires through a number of processes.

Boats we lost in the fire: USS Bonhomme Richard in happier times.

However, the Navy
es not have a process for consistently col-

does not have a process for consistently collecting, analyzing, and sharing these lessons learned," says the April 2023 report. "Although the Navy has begun improving the collection of data related to fires aboard ships during maintenance in the Navy's safety database, no organization is analyzing the broad effects of fires on the Navy's operations and strategic resources. Without conducting such analyses, the Navy will not have a complete picture of the magnitude of risks associated with ship fires."

GSA auditors toured two big Navy sites — Norfolk, Virginia, and San Diego — where they reviewed maintenance procedures on the USS San Diego, a San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ship being fixed at BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair. "Navy guidance states that during the maintenance period, ship personnel are to complete training courses. The

Commanding Officer of the ship is responsible for ensuring that a sufficient number of trained personnel are available to respond to in-port emergencies on the ship," per the document.

"The surface ship guidance also states that a ship's repair party manual must include other resources such as additional ship personnel to relieve in-port emergency teams when fighting a large

fire." But a potentially dangerous gap was found. "During our tour of the USS San Diego, ship officials stated that their ship's requirement was about 440 personnel. However, the ship had 310 personnel onboard at the time — about a 30-percent reduction of personnel from the requirement."

In September of last year, Navy sailor **Ryan Sawyer Mays** was acquitted of arson by a military judge in the USS *Bonhomme Richard* case. "The ship's lower vehicle stor-

age area became a junkyard, and I believe throughout this entire process the Navy was attempting to clean up their mess by accusing Seaman Mays of these allegations," said defense lawyer **Gary Barthel**, a former Marine judge advocate, after the verdict, according to a September 30 Associated Press dispatch. Days before the USS *Bonhomme Richard* fire, "Mays had angrily texted his division officer, complaining about having to live among con-

tractors who were doing work that was 'hazardous as fuck,'" according to a September 23 account of the disaster by *ProPublica*.

"A worker was welding near his bunk as he slept, and Mays said he was burned by a stray spark. In 2015, a major

fire started on another warship in a shipyard with similar conditions: sailors moving aboard while 'hot work was being done."

Per the GSA's April report, "Following the USS Bonhomme Richard fire, the Naval Safety Command began a comprehensive historical review of major fires onboard U.S. Navy ships. The Naval Safety Command identified multiple recurring trends in causal factors in 15 shipboard fire-related events over a 12-year period. The command concluded that noncompliance with fire prevention, detection, and response policies and procedures was likely prevalent across the fleets." In a March 31 letter, a Navy representative concurred with the auditors' conclusions.



bly Democrat, and would-be 2024 candidate for San Diego City Attorney **Brian Maienschein**, who is currently facing an independent legal analysis of whether he has enough lawyering experience to hold that position, also operates a campaign fund called Maienschein for Attorney General 2030. Latest special interest donors include petroleum giant Chevron, which contributed \$5500 on April 11, according to a



Man with a plan: Brian Maienschein has a long-term political strategy.

disclosure report filed with the California Secretary of State. But that's peanuts compared to the whopping \$210,000 Democratic Senate pro Tem **Toni Atkins** picked up on May 2 for her so-called ballot measure committee from the California Apartment Association Issues Committee...More bad news for the San Diego Workforce Partnership, whose governing board declined to renew the contract of CEO **Peter Callstrom** on March 23 after ex-

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### 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.

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

#### The fall of Horton Plaza

Cover Story, June 27, 2018 My wife and I lived in San Diego from 1987 to 2004; we enjoyed going to Horton Plaza and always showed it to out of town friends and family who visited us. One thing that I did notice over the years was the gradual state of decay in the cleanliness and state of repair, something that I attributed to the property owner's reluctance to spend any more than a minimal amount on the upkeep. The most annoying thing about the place, and the thing that most caused me to switch to Fashion Valley or University Towne Center, was the change in the parking policy that made it much more costly to park there. I never felt comfortable there, trying to be comfortable but always in a state of concern

over whether I was going to

exceed the limited park-

Rent-to-Own.

ing time.

-Physics108 May 5, 2023

#### Otay before 50.000 homes

Cover Story, June 17, 2004 What a wonderful trip down memory lane this article has been for me. I grew up in Chula Vista near J Street and Colorado Avenue next to the railroad tracks. I went to Harborside Elementary School and Castle Park Junior High. I went to Castle Park High School when it first opened September 1963. I was in the band and had many many friends whom I met in my school years. I was blessed to play football with Mark Robson, Doug Grace, Biff McClure, Steve Bennett, and so many others. Coach Vern Brizendine, Tom Snow, and Wayne Sevier. What a lifetime of memories. Please follow up

> -Ken Kelly May 4, 2023

#### What is the origin of the word "Bogart?"

with more!

Matthew Alice, April 16, 1998 Good stuff!

> -Satisfied March 23, 2023

#### Will Work for Food

Feature Story, Oct. 24, 2012 Will always give food, you don't have to work for it either. Will hand out toiletries so you can feel clean. Will give you blankets, socks, used clothing, will hear your story, whether or not it's true.

Several factors determine homelessness. Losing a job, drug addiction, mental illness, not wanting to follow rules for one reason or another, and even

creating a job for oneself begging for money on the side of the road and not wanting to work for others to make a living.

Losing a job can cause major depression, Mental Illness is insidious. Not wanting to follow rules can cause extreme anxiety, Lying, begging, being depressed and having anxiety is not something that I would consider a win win in the game of homelessness.

Homelessness is not an easy life, There are so many different scenarios at play. Not ALL have choices!.

We, the ones who are blessed to have jobs, that aren't on drugs, and for the most part have no mental issues, do have choices.

To be part of the problem or part of the solution. To give or not to give. PERIOD. If you think it's easy having your home on your back and dragging it from one place to another think again. Even if it is an RV with a group of people. We still get to decide more than they do.

Those who are blessed, bless others, Regardless -Compassion Nate April 1, 2023

**AMEN** 

-Homeless adjacent April 2, 2023

#### Jacumba - the next **Palm Springs?**

Cover Story, Jan. 11, 2023 Sometime I will stop by Jacumba and tell you all what Jacumba was really like in the late 40s thru

2000; it was quite a place and a lot of fun: 3 grocery stores, 4 service stations, 3 restaurants, 3 bars, 2 movie houses, bowling alley, skating rink, drug store, liquor store and a swimming pool. Now those were the good old days

May 5, 2023

#### Winter rains bring floral displays each spring throughout San Diego

Roam, Apr. 25, 2023 Nice, hope you feel better soon:)

-Bette Heyden April 26, 2023

#### Why La Jolla and Pt. Loma areas lack sidewalks and **Burlingame exults in them**

Cover Story, Apr. 26, 2023 Sidewalks are common sense. They should be in all neighborhoods.

-Michael Walker April 27, 2023

The J.F. Over sidewalk in the photograph is probably 20 and possibly 30 years older than the Daley sidewalk which it abuts. No date however, and no records extant. It is one of the candidates for oldest sidewalk on the Point.

-Eric DuVall April 27, 2023

#### San Diego City Council moves toward sweep of homeless off all public property

Neighborhoood News, Apr. 24, 2023

Good, better late than never. All the cities should enforce clearing the public areas of these people. There is no guaranteed right to live in San Diego County. If you fall on hard times & cannot make it here go to a less expensive city or find a friend, relative to shelter you. Many should be in drug rehab or mental hospitals, not on the street.

-Bette Heyden April 26, 2023

#### Anglers say promises broken at Loveland Reservoir

Neighborhood News, Mar. 29,

The Reader should do a follow-up story. In November 2022, the Sweetwater Water Authority drained Loveland to dead pool levels, killed all the fish, and when the winter rains happened, the HUD funded fishing dock was destroyed. The Fishing Area was closed by the SWA in February due to "dangerous conditions" (rain caused erosion) but now those conditions are underwater and yet the area remains closed.

-Fiending to fish May 2, 2023

### **Under the** radar

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employee Tabatha Gaines filed suit against the agency, alleging that Callstrom was the cause of a "hostile working environment" there. Now lawyers for the state's Fair Political Practices Commission have ruled that the partnership can't get a financial piece of a contract to come up with "behavioral health workforce initiatives" previously suggested by the non-profit when it was paid by the county as a consultant for the mental health project. "Because [the San Diego Work Force Partnership] took on the role of an advisor in the initial contract, which required that

[the partnership] design strategies for the County to assist with recruiting and retaining its public behavioral health services staff, they cannot enter into the subsequent contract to implement the behavioral health workforce initiatives that [the partnership] recommended in their report under the initial contract," opined FPPC General Counsel Dave Bainbridge in an April 3 advice letter to Chief Deputy County Counsel Shiri Hoffman.

> - Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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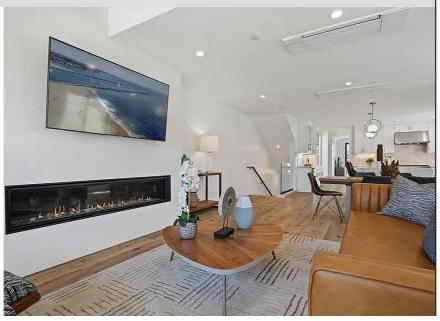
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# **U**NREAL **E**STATE

by Dave Rice

We tend to go big here at Unreal. Whether that means massive houses or more modest ones with a long history, one thing they usually have in common is that they're going to take some serious maintenance to keep up — whether that means specialized contractors to care for antiquated systems, or a whole crew of maintenance workers just to keep enormous estates clean and the grounds well-groomed.

Maybe that's a bit much for you: the sophis-



The image above the fireplace is digital — perhaps the fireplace itself as well.

ticated, deep-pocketed buyer who just wants an opulent home near the coast and who has little interest in putting in the work of hiring people to do work for you. No, of course we're not suggesting that you're lazy — you spend so much time doing business of some sort or other that you deserve

some time off. We get it.

So: "Here is your opportunity to own a newly built twinhome in downtown Encinitas WEST of Coast high-

way," according to the Zillow pitch for 815 4th Street. Yes, it's a condo, but it's a two-unit development, so vou've got only one neighbor to deal with, instead of an HOA board. And at \$202/ month, the dues are certainly reasonable. With four bedrooms and four baths spread across 2450 square feet of living area, it's not exactly cozy, but it's not as if you're going to wind up buried in the effort of furnishing a house the size of an airplane hanger. Remember, you need time off. As a matter of fact, this one's available fully furnished! Let's have a look.

We start with an aerial shot showing us where we are, which is "stone throws away from the bluff!" and also a few blocks from the beach access you'd need to get

down that bluff, or from downtown Encinitas. At first, I was thinking the ocean itself might be a little far to reach with a stone throw, but given that there's just one street and a seemingly vacant lot separating the condo from the bluff, maybe it's manageable. Besides, the listing says "throws," plural.

Let's head inside. Right away, we're brought into a sleek, modern kitchen. It's fancy, but it looks like it was designed to actually be used, and I like the book-matched stone on the side of the bar island in the center. The natural-looking wood floor (it's probably vinyl) is enough to stop me from complaining about a lack of color (the way I normally do in these newer homes).

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■ Excerpts from 50 years of Reader stories ■

# Justin Wolff, journalist

#### **Homicidal mania**

CyberSleuths is able to go into the kind of detail that the avid reader of crime news craves. The typical newspaper story leaves too many questions unanswered — mainly, the hows and the whys. But a page featuring the true-crime writing of Bill Kelly demonstrates the dangers of too much information. Kelly has posted here his unpublished book *Homicidal Mania*: The Fifteen Most Horrific Murder Cases Ever to Shock America. – Justin Wolff FEB. 24, 2000

#### El Cajon actor wants dimes

Justin says that his inspiration for the site is a kid who wrote a letter to a newspaper columnist in 1987 requesting that he run a column asking each reader to send the kid a penny. "People sent him penny after penny," Justin says. "Some people made MUCH larger contributions. All together the kid made about 30 grand for his college education." – Justin Wolff MAY 11, 2000

#### P.B.'s Pisser Clam Club

"Little Necks at Albertson's are \$5 a pound. If you're buying cockles and cherrystones, the other clams that are available in San Diego, you're probably gonna be paying \$2.75 to \$2.95 a pound, but you're not gonna get pisser clams. You're not gonna get the

big siphon and the big, juicy bellies. I've tried for years to see if Pacific Shellfish or the Chesapeake Fish Company could get these clams. But they do not sell soft-shell clams." – *Justin Wolff* **FEB. 8, 2001** 

#### Already miss the '90s?

In 1996, two ex-editors of *Spin* — which is not alternative—made a bundle with their book *Alt.Culture: An A-to-Z Guide to the* '90s — *Underground, Online, and Overthe-Counter.* The authors, Steven Daly and Nathaniel Wice, both reported on and prompted the death of the original alternative. Wice told *People,* "One of the guidelines we had in writing this was that my mother had to understand the entries." – *Justin Wolff* MAR. 29, 2001



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#### **Cars that are lemons**

The assumption that most of us bring to the table when buying or selling a car, new or used, is that we will be defrauded, which is usually the case. One unrepentant contributor to *HotRodder.Com*'s pages remembers his first car this way:

"I bought an '81 Cutlass for \$75 with a '69 350 Rocket motor in it, from a girl that I work with in Rapid City. All that was wrong with it was a fan belt. She's still pissed." And the car? "It roars like a demon from hell." – *Justin Wolff Jan.* **6, 2000** 



# SDONTHE UT Almost factual news

# The **Boys** in Biden's **Band**



Everyone loves a parade!

President clarifies announcement of troops being sent to border

Last week, the Biden Administration announced that it would be sending 1500 troops to the United States' southern border, in anticipation of a migrant surge following the expiration of Title 42, which allowed for the quick expulsion of certain border crossers. The move was met with criticism from Democrats who had supported Biden's declarations that his administration would take a more welcoming approach to immigration than that of Donald Trump. "Deploying military personnel only signals that migrants are a threat

that require our nation's troops to contain," said New Jersey's Senator Bob Menendez. "Nothing could be further from the truth." President Biden was quick to agree. "Seems like there's a MAGA gremlin in the system," he said, addressing the backlash at a press conference yesterday. "Otherwise, you folks would know that the troops I'm sending are military bands, whose entire purpose will be to play welcoming mariachi music to weary migrants arriving at their destination. It's our way of letting them know that while they may have had to leave home, home hasn't left them. God bless America, and God bless those who are about to join the already record-breaking number of people who have crossed since I took office!"

# A Big Fat Win

Weight Loss titan Jenny Craig forced to shut down operations

Last week, visitors to the Jenny Craig website were surprised to find its usual offerings of subscription meal plans, exercise regimens, and articles on weight loss and nutrition replaced by a blunt message: "We give up. Go pound a pint of ice cream. Maybe even a half-gallon. Go big or go home, right? And you, America, have always gone big. Really, really big. As for us, we're going home." A call to the local headquarters of the 40-yearold weight loss business confirmed what the website seemed to say: Jenny Craig was shutting down operations. "America is a fat people," said Jenny Craig spokesman Cal O'Reigh. "Or maybe it's better to say that we're a weak people. As soon as we had the means to sit still and get fat, we did. For 40 years, Jenny Craig has offered a healthy alternative to that paradigm, and for a while, we



Another slice of humble pie: This week, in response to charges of body shaming, fat-phobia, and creating a hostile atmosphere for women by the prominent display of Jenny Craig's name on the pavilion which she funded, the University of San Diego agreed to install Smokin'!, a bronze sculpture of a "modern, curvy woman" smoking a cigarette while relaxing in the nude, in the pavilion's courtyard. "Smokin'! shows us a woman who is comfortable in her own skin, and doesn't fret about putting her own pleasure first," said USD President of Artistic Statements Rhoda Eyefull. "She doesn't have 'trouble losing the weight,' because she knows that she doesn't need to trouble herself about losing the weight. So she doesn't need Jenny Craig, or Weight Watchers, or much of anything, really — except maybe another cigarette. We hope that this statue will help us undo some of the harm we may have caused by accepting money from a woman who profited from feminine anxieties created and imposed by the patriarchy's male gaze.'

enjoyed some small measure of success. But now that you've got a better class of diet pill out there, why bother with diet and

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exercise?" O'Reigh then took the opportunity to promote his new business, BigBox, a provider of oversized coffins.

# You Can't Fight City Hall... ...but now you can buy it!

Statement from Walter Mencken: Here at SD on the QT, we try to avoid making the obvious joke. Well, most of the time. But when you get a slow news week combined with the city's announcement that it is selling City Hall — really, its entire Downtown Civic Center — to the highest bidder, well... The best part is the possibility that all the asbestos at 101 Ash Street may make the asset so toxic that no private business will even be interested.





On Succession Nicholas Braun's character Cousin Greg went from being so poor he went hungry to competing to fill the top slot at Waystar Royco

Former Marine Janessa Goldbeck is running to fill Nathan Fletcher's city council seat, and savs military veterans are having to use food stamps and food banks.



On Silicon Valley, Suzanne Cryer's Laurie Bream played a strong leader with a keen eye for spotting her opponents weaknesses.



**Amy Reichert** has already run once for Nathan Fletcher's seat by rallying those whom he dismissed and ignored.



**Oprah Winfrey** joined Prince Harry in praising social workers as an alternative to police interventions in non-criminal 911



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# Deadly stays in San Diego

he oldest hotel murder in San Diego is believed to be that of Roger Whitaker, a gambler who was shot to death in room 309 of the historic Horton Grand Hotel at 311 Island Street. (The four-story hotel, built in 1886, originally stood on the site of what was, until recently, the Horton Plaza mall, the first — and, in retrospect, misguided — step in the revitalization of the Gaslamp Quarter. Earmarked for destruction when the mall was built, the hotel was subsequently disassembled and re-

built, brick by brick, at its present site.) Shortly after the Horton Grand opened, Whitaker booked himself into room 309 and then proceeded to walk down the street to the nearest bar. He got into a card game and was pegged as a cheater. When he couldn't pay up, the men he had cheated chased him with a gun as he ran back to his room. They reportedly shot him to death as he hid, shaking, inside his wardrobe.

To this day, room 309 is believed to be haunted by his spirit. According to the *Ghosts* 

and Gravestones website, "Guests who have the unlucky experience of staying in room 309 have told many accounts of inexplicable events, some spooky, others terrifying. For some, the bed shook while they slept, causing them to awaken in a fright, only to find there was nothing there to cause it. Lights flicker and off, items in the bathroom seem to move and the armoire door often opens and closes in the middle of the night."

Much more recently, murder stopped for a brief stay at the Hilton San Diego Airport

Harbor Island Hotel at 1900 Harbor Island Drive. According to the Hilton website, it's "one of the finest Hilton hotels in San Diego, and sits on beautiful San Diego Bay, with stunning views of the marina and city skyline." Built in 1970, the nine-story hotel was sold in 2015 to hometown hospitality company Bartell Hotels for \$37.7 million, and was subsequently given a \$5 million renovation, completed in 2019. Tubs were converted to showers, and more marble and granite was installed, to further the hotel's highend look. The investment paid off. The hotel has since gotten rave reviews on websites such as TripAdvisor.com, where one guest who stayed in January wrote, "The hotel itself is terrific. Everything appeared to be in new condition. We enjoyed walking the grounds which are parklike and also sitting on our little patio. This is a beautifully run, firstclass hotel in a wonderful location."

Such an idyllic spot might seem to be an unlikely setting for a grisly murder-suicide, but last November 15, that's precisely what happened. Shortly after 2 pm, hotel staffers placed an urgent call to police, telling them they had found two dead bodies in a room on the eighth floor. Staff had entered the room when the guests had failed to check out. Police arrived and found the two people, a man and a woman, dead of gunshot wounds. They also found a handgun. The victims were subsequently identified as 57-year-old Sri Kumar Rangarajan and his 27-year-old wife, Kayla Jakob.

According to a San Diego Police Department press release, "it appears the most likely scenario is that Rangarajan shot Jacob, and then shot himself." A gentleman

make sure all the spirits are positive in there."

Murders can happen pretty much anywhere, and hotels, idyllic or otherwise, are no exception. The American Hotel and

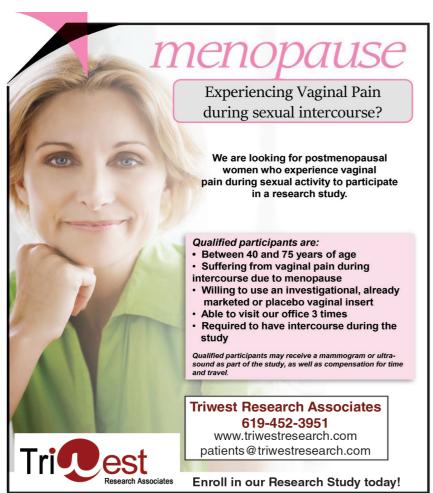
"The biggest fear I have in entering any hotel room is whether I find bed bugs," Silva says. "I don't consider anything more. Have you ever been bitten by a bed bug? That's real."

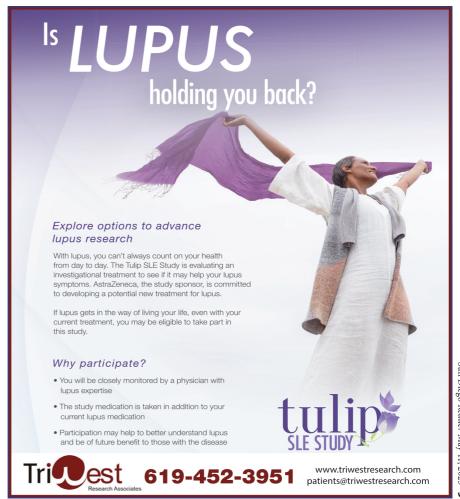
who works at the front desk said that the room, outfitted with two queen beds, "was put out of order for several weeks. We redid the entire carpeting; the mattresses and the bed frame were thrown out; and everything was deep cleaned and sanitized. We even had a priest come in and bless the room, just to

Lodging Association says that murders are among the five most common crimes in hotels, although no firm numbers exist – largely because hotel operators aren't exactly eager to broadcast the fact that someone has been gunned down or beaten to death in the corner suite. It's out of step with the

Egyptian-cotton sheets, Keurig coffee maker, and panoramic ocean views. For that matter, it's out of step with your average roadside motel that's just trying to stay in business by offering a clean, safe place to spend the night. And while the term "hotel murders" tends to conjure up images of hardboiled detectives kicking in doors in shabby joints and discovering dead bodies pockmarked with bullet holes, the truth is that murders aren't restricted to downtown flophouses or seedy roadside inns. (Hello, Hilton & Company.) Some of the most gruesome hereabouts have taken place at some of the swankiest places.

A murder-suicide eerily similar to the Holton Harbor Island affair took place 16 years ago in another ritzy waterfront hotel, the San Diego Marriott Hotel & Marina at 333 West Harbor Drive. Now known as the Mariott Marquis, the four-star hotel stands just a short walk from the San Diego Convention Center. "Every hotel room and suite has impressive views of the city or San Diego Bay," boasts the hotel's website. "Recharge on indulgent bedding and take advantage of the relaxed reading chairs, flat-screen TVs, desks and Wi-Fi; many rooms have private balconies." But none of that mattered much to the unfortunate couple found dead in their seventh-floor room on the evening of Friday, July 6, 2007, after another visitor reported hearing screams and gunshots just after 7:30 pm. Police later identified the two people as Harold Michael Kent, 54, and Lisa Walsh, 43. Police believe Kent shot





#### Walsh and then himself. The two worked together as personal trainers at the Spectrum Club in Thousand Oaks, and were in San Diego for a five-day fitness convention at the Marriott. At the time, San Diego police lieutenant Kevin Rooney said the two were "coworkers who had been involved in a relationship in the past." The murder-suicide took place in Kent's room; Walsh was staying

at a different hotel. At the San Diego Mission Bay Resort at 1775 East Mission Bay Drive, "the best of the Southern California lifestyle is at your fingertips sun, sand, and so much more." According to the hotel's website, guests are invited to "indulge in the heart of San Diego, where you'll enjoy waterfront dining, endless outdoor activities, luxurious spa treatments, poolside relaxation, and — best of all — proximity to everything you could want to do in our vibrant city." Formerly the Hilton Mission Bay, the resort opened in January 2020 after a \$21 million "reimagination and renovation," its website says. A little more than a year T.O. woman killed in murder-suicide remembered

#### By Adam Foxman

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The birthday card from Lisa Walsh arrived last week, the ame day a co-worker killed er in what police have called murder-suicide.

ingle mother who worked niner at Spectrum Club busand Oaks, Walsh, 43, out hundreds of cards year.

ways on time for births, the handwritten notes a trademark of a compaste woman who exuded sitive energy, even when was struggling, her family 1 friends remembered this w.

his recent birthday card as the topic of conversation ae last time Walsh spoke to her oldest brother, Michael Lucas. Walsh called July 3 to get an address for Lucas' daughter, Bella, 22, who had a birthday coming up, said Lucas 51, a Bay A rea resident

cas, 51, a Bay Area resident. On July 6, Walsh was in San Diego for an International Dance Exercise Association convention. About 6:30 p.m., she was seen talking with Harold Michael Kent — a man she used to date

— at the San Diego Marriott Hotel, where the conference was being held, said Lt. Kevin Rooney of the San Diego Police Depart-

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lice Department. She was staying at a different hotel.

Kent persuaded Walsh to go to his room, and about 7:45 p.m. a guest in the next room reported hearing a woman screaming and gunshots, Rooney said.

Walsh and Kent were found dead in the room shortly afterward.

Based on evidence and the position of the bodies, police believe Kent shot Walsh and then turned the gun on himself, Rooney said.

Kent, 54, also was a trainer at Spectrum Club in Thousand Oaks.

Both divorced, Kent and Walsh had dated for about a year before Walsh ended the relationship several months before the convention, Rooney said. Walsh's journals indicate she was trying to break up with Kent for much of the time they were together, Lucas said.

Police this week were searching for more information about their relationship and about the gun used in the crime. They served a search warrant at Kent's Thousand Oaks home Wednesday, Rooney said.

Bella's card arrived on time for her birthday, the same day Walsh was killed.

"I feel like we are all in the middle of a nightmare, and we can't wake up," said Lucas, speaking by cell phone from Walsh's Thousand Oaks home, where her family and friends gathered this week to grieve. Walsh was a deeply devoted daughter, mother and friend, said Jennifer Kramer, her best friend.

"She never forgot anyone's birthday; even her hairdresser got a birthday card for 10 years," said Kramer, who met Walsh 18 years ago.

Lucas still has a birthday card made of cardboard and magazine cutouts his sister sent him when he was a ski bum more than 30 years ago.

"She would do stuff like that, she would brighten your day," he said. Walsh's gentle, unaggres-

Walsh's gentle, unaggressive disposition made it difficult for her to end her relationship with Kent, said several of her family members and friends.

While going through his sister's papers, Lucas said, he found a draft of a letter from October 2006 in which Walsh told Kent she didn't feel the same way about him as he felt about her.

Rooney said Walsh was

originally under the impression Kent would not attend the convention in San Diego. But on July 5, Walsh told Kramer that Kent had called and said he was going to the conventions.

"She didn't seem afraid, just she had broken up with him months before and she didn't want him around," Kramer said. "No one saw this coming, but in retrospect, I think signs were there."

Walsh wrote in a journal that when she gave Kent the breakup letter, he yelled and frightened her, though he apologized later, Lucas said.

Both Walsh and Kent were well liked at Spectrum Club. Numerous people who posted comments on newspaper Web sites expressed sympathy for both families, including several who identified themselves as Kent's relatives.

Lucas said he feels sympathy for Kent's family but not for her alleged killer.

"To know her boys and know

her situation and to know he many people were counting her to keep afloat, it was ' ultimate selfish act," he sai "There are hundreds of people who are affected by this an who are just shattered."

Walsh's memorial is set today.

A native of Wisconsi Walsh moved to Californi 1988 with her then-husb Jack Walsh, whom she while working in the furr industry. She stopped wa to become a full-time r

She is survived by sons: Luke, 16; Doug, 15 Thomas, 10.

A lifelong fitness enthusias. Walsh became a trainer a Spectrum about three year ago. "She literally loved he job," her brother said.

Fitness was one of the things Walsh shared with Kramer, who was a longtime hiking partner.

"She was the salt of the Earth," Kramer said. "She is going to be missed."

#### Ventura County Star article remembering Lisa Walsh, killed in the San Diego Marriott Hotel in 2007.

later, on May 16, 2021, police received multiple calls in the early morning hours about shots being fired at there. When they arrived, they found 20-year-old Raysean Green of Perris "down in a hotel room suffering from ballistic trauma to his torso," a police lieutenant said. Green was pronounced dead at the scene. According to po-

lice, witnesses said "an altercation took place in the hallway and the hotel room culminating with at least one gunshot." Two males were spotted leaving the hotel in a white, late-model sedan. The case is believed to remain unsolved.

Another downtown San Diego hotel murder occurred on January 31, 2021, at the Days Inn by Wyndham at 833 Ash Street. Shortly after 9 pm, police found an 18-year-old Escondido man, Carlos Ledesma-Diaz, inside a hotel room, suffering from gunshot wounds. He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died. Police said the victim had been in the room with several other people before he was shot. Three men walked away from

the room, including the suspected killer. The trio then fled the scene in a small, light-colored car, heading north on Ninth Avenue. A week later, a 16-year-old boy was arrested for the killing.

The next stop on our hotel murder tour is up in North County, in Oceanside, San Diego County's northernmost city. The Oceanside Best Western Inn at 1680 Oceanside Boulevard, just west of the intersection with Interstate 5, boasts on its website that "the golden beach is minutes away," and maintains that it is "designed to be family-friendly and a home base for the vacation of a lifetime." But it wasn't anything of the sort for 30-year-old Nathaneal Neumann, who

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met his untimely end there in the early morning hours of November 20, 2006. A skinhead gang leader known to his friends as "The Joker," Neumann was shot once in the chest in the doorway to his hotel room by Daniel McKinney, who would receive a life sentence for the slaying. Witnesses said McKinney, a parolee, shot Neumann with a .45 caliber-handgun. The two had been friends, but their relationship soured and Neumann. fresh from prison, had reportedly threatened to stab McKinney.

According to a February 2009 Coast News story, McKinney "said he feared for his familv's safety after he heard Neumann had threatened their lives and his. Drunk, fearful, and angry, McKinney said he went over to Neumann's motel room to talk to him. When Neumann answered the door, McKinney said a brief confrontation occurred and he pulled the gun out to intimidate Neumann. tainly doesn't mean they don't happen there. One of San Diego's most brutal hotel murders took place in December 2015. Early on the morning of the 15th, employees

"We redid the entire carpeting; the mattresses and the bed frame were thrown out; and everything was deep cleaned and sanitized. We even had a priest come in and bless the room, just to make sure all the spirits are positive in there."

However, the victim grabbed the gun, causing it to fire. The jury didn't buy it and found McKinney guilty of seconddegree murder.

Remember how we told you that hotel murders aren't restricted to seedy motels? That cerof the nearly centuryold 500 West Hotel in downtown San Diego found a dead woman in a communal bathroom area on the second floor. The hotel, situated off Broadway and Columbia, was built in 1924, and for nearly 50 years,

it had been home to the Armed Services YMCA. Downtown's renaissance had passed over the old building, and it gradually sank into disrepair, becoming what's known as a "budget" hotel — the kind with shared bathrooms, similar to a hostel. On Yelp, the review average was two stars out of five, largely because of the bugs, the shabby furnishings, and the creepy guests. The dead woman, 26-yearold Jhordann Reann Rust of Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, had checked in three days earlier, on December 12, with her boyfriend. A few hours after they had settled into their room, the boyfriend was arrested and jailed for an alleged domestic violence incident. Shortly after midnight, Rust called her mother in Wisconsin on her boyfriend's cell phone; dur-















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ing the call, prosecutors said later, the mother "heard a struggle and was told by her daughter that she was being attacked by a man named Jason." The mother called San Diego police, but when they got to the hotel for a welfare check, there was no sign of Rust. The boyfriend was released from jail on December 14, but he, too, could not find his girlfriend. It was after midnight when hotel employees discovered Rust's body in a bathroom shower. She had been beaten to death.

Witnesses told police that the same night the boyfriend was arrested and taken away, they had seen Rust enter a hotel room occupied by 40-year-old Jason Bradwell Lewis. Just before that, the two had been caught on a surveillance camera buying a bottle of wine at a nearby 7-Eleven convenience store. Police found Lewis' fingerprint near the body, and the boyfriend's cell phone and a bloody mattress pad in a nearby trash can. Police said the legs of the bed in Lewis' room were bathroom. Lewis, a registered sex offender, was convicted of first-degree murder. Almost exactly a year after Rust's body had been found, on December 16, 2016, Lewis was sentenced to 56 years to life in prison for beating

A large suitcase with blood inside was also found in Lewis' room; prosecutors later said they believed Lewis had used the suitcase to transport Rust's body out of his room and into the bathroom.

damaged, suggesting a struggle. A large suitcase with blood inside was also found in Lewis' room; prosecutors later said they believed Lewis had used the suitcase to transport Rust's body out of his room and into the Rust to death in his hotel room.

As for 500 West Hotel, it shut down shortly after the murder. But redevelopment gave the place a new lease on life, and it reopened in 2019 as The Guild, a Marriott San Diego Tribute Portfolio Hotel. Today, the hotel, according to its website, "seamlessly blends historic charm and modern amenities for an inspiring stay in America's Finest City.... Explore and indulge in an unforgettable taste of modern nostalgia. High ceilings, original tilework, elegant archways and exposed brick walls complement our Riviera-style courtyard and Grace Garden, an outdoor urban oasis suitable for romantic soirees..."

A decidedly unromantic encounter: last year, on April 28, police in the early morning were called about a possible assault at a National City hotel. They found a gravely wounded man, Calvin Martin, near the Motel 6 at 1125 East Plaza Boulevard. Paramedics were called, and they took Martin to the UCSD Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Police interviewed witnesses and wound up arresting 44-year-old Amalia Samaniego for his murder. A few days after the attack, in which prosecutors allege Samaniego stabbed Martin and then beat him with a broom

#### **Jhordann ReAnn Rust**



Jhordann ReAnn Rust, 26, of Chippewa Falls was rado River as a raft guide ound deceased Dec. 15, 2015, in San Diego, Calif.

Jhordann is survived by her mother, Ann (James) Nielsen; father, Joseph Rust; and sisters, Morgen and Kalin.

She was born in Cheyenne, Wyo., June 14, 1989, to experience things t and moved to Chippewa many dream of doing Falls, in 2001.

Jhordann was a dedicated sister and daughter, held at 11 a.m. Mond who was caring and loved unconditionally. She cherished her family and had- Pastor Paul Bev a contagious personalit

a YMCA counselor, a expressed the importal of staying true to yo self. Always following heart, she embarked many adventures, eve it meant taking the less traveled. No i ter her agenda, Jhor would stop in her trag lend a hand to anyone needed it. Her playgrd was the outdoors, a she enjoyed viewing th world in its purest form She conquered the Cold and rode the slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Marvel ously, Jhordann found tin along the way to cross the country. She touched to Atlantic Ocean, then ma her way to the Pacific the age of 26, she was lifetime.

Funeral services will Dec. 28, 2015, at Jaco Well in Eau Claire

Chippewa Herald Telegram obituary for Jhordann Reann Rust, who died in the 500 West Hotel.

handle, Samaniego pleaded not guilty to a murder charge, maintaining at her hearing that the victim had strangled her and threatened to kill her.

Continuing our seedy

sightseeing: on July 30, 2014, a man was stabbed to death at the Villa Embasadora Hotel at 1556 East Main Street in El Cajon, where one Yelp reviewer wrote he "had to switch rooms because



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of roaches." Police were called around 7:15 in the evening about a possible fight. When they arrived, they found a 28-yearold man bleeding and unconscious inside one of the hotel rooms. He had been stabbed and later died at a hospital. (The hotel, built around a parking lot accessed through a huge arch topped with red Spanishstyle tiles, has since been converted into the Vista Oaks Apartments.)

Another notorious El Cajon hotel murder, in contrast, occurred at one of the East County city's ritziest resort hotels. On February 10, 2021, 28-year-old Dylan Michael Brooks was shot to death in a hotel room at the Singing Hills Golf Resort in the Dehesa Valley. The 100-acre hotel, built on the Sycuan reservation, is part of a 425-acre resort that also includes 54 holes of Ted Robinson-designed golf. Sheriff's deputies and Sycuan police officers went to the hotel at about 6 pm; there, they found Brooks, a Lakeside resident, lying on the bathroom floor of his hotel room. He had been shot. He was rushed to a local hospital but died of his injuries a short time later. A day later, 33-year-old Frank Eldon Billeter, also of Lakeside, was identified as a suspect. Brooks was the boyfriend of Billeter's cousin and, prosecutors said later, the two men had "some history of disliking each other." The suspect was already in custody, having been arrested about four hours after the murder for driving a stolen Land Rover. He was carrying a loaded gun, which matched the casings found at the crime scene, prosecutors said. They also said Billeter had prior convictions that included assault with a deadly weapon in a case in which he stabbed another person. Two weeks after his arrest, Billeter pleaded not guilty to a murder charge.

Short of a Google search, it's hard to ascertain whether the hotel you're thinking about booking has been the scene of a gruesome murder. According to a recent article in The Thrillist, after a murder takes place in a hotel, and once the police have finished their initial investigation and the body is taken away by the medical examiner, the staff wastes no time in bringing in crimescene cleanup crews to prep the room for the next guest — preferably as quickly as possible. "Usually they throw away anything with a permeable surface: everything gets sanitized and cleaned with solutions not available to the general public, like synthesized bovine enzymatic cleaner (used to sanitize slaughterhouses)

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sheets, blankets, matniture — at which point,

or industrial-strength hydrogen peroxide. Once that's done, someone has to sand down or fill holes in walls that may have caught a bullet or other debris. Wallpaper gets torn down and replaced, or the room is repainted."

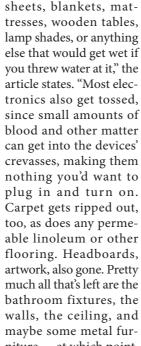
You can't tell by look-

ing, and while real estate disclosure laws in California require property owners attempting to sell a house, condo or business to divulge any violent deaths that occurred there, that rule doesn't apply to hotels, since no property is changing hands. "Hotels are interesting," says Dr. Randall Bell, a real estate appraiser who specializes in Real Estate Damage Economics, or REDE. "I am not aware of any disclosure laws on that, and frankly hotels are a whole other deal. You can actually pay to stay at the bed-and-breakfast where the Lizzie Borden murders happened and pay extra to stay in the room where the murders occurred. There's actually a segment of society that seeks these places out." Even on the sales front. he says, "I haven't seen

any diminution of value"

in hotels where someone was murdered. A spokesperson for the American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) would only say, "Policies vary by property, but in such an instance, hotels are obligated to follow the instructions of the local authorities of jurisdiction."

So how can you tell there's been a murder in your hotel room? According to *Thrillist*, there are several tell-tale signs. Among them: "There's an odd bump in the wall. If it's smaller than a quarter, it's probably a bullet hole...The room is only partially renovated. If you see, say, half the room with what appears to be fresh wallpaper, and another half with stuff that looks a little faded, chances are something happened in there that required only part of it to be taken down... If the bed and nightstands





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are completely new, but the kitchenette and bathroom are older-looking stuff, that means cleaners went in, did something in the living area, and didn't do the turn on the rest of the hotel room...The A/C unit smells awful. It's the most commonly missed item scrape whatever needs to be scraped off the ceiling, sanitize the ceiling, and fill it in to look new. Since imperfections aren't as easily noticed on the ceiling as a wall, it's typically an easier fix. But if you look up and see a janky ceiling, it can be a sign of a particularly

As for 500 West Hotel, it shut down shortly after the murder. But redevelopment gave the place a new lease on life, and it reopened in 2019 as The Guild, a Marriott San Diego Tribute Portfolio Hotel

by crime scene cleaners, and often has human remains stuck in the vents after a death. The blood and other matter seeps through the vents and into the wiring, and the air blowing out of it will smell like decomposing flesh. Most guests are likely to mistake it for garbage and write it off as 'stinky A/C' in a twostar TripAdvisor review... The ceiling is noticeably different than the rest of the hotel. Ideally, a crime scene cleaner can nasty death."

A frequent business traveler, Frank Silva is a 60-year-old sales executive for an Israeli company who lives in Carlsbad. He says he has not knowingly stayed in a hotel room where a murder occurred, although the thought of doing so doesn't really bother him. "The biggest fear I have in entering any hotel room is whether I find bed bugs," Silva says. "I don't consider anything more. Have you

ever been bitten by a bed tually staying in a room bug? That's real." Dave in which someone has Saviage, a 53-year-old been murdered, Donnelexecutive in the finanly, like Dave Saviage, has cial services industry and a different perspective. "I would not knowingly resident of North County, also travels quite a bit stay in a room where a murder has happened," for work. "I've stayed in he says. "I wouldn't be one hotel where I know a murder happened," he upset if I found out after says. "It was here in San I ended up staying there, but if someone proactive-Diego." Was he creeped out? "No, actually not," ly told me, 'You're staying he says. But would Sain a room where someviage stay in a room one was killed,' I would where a murder took not do it. It's someone's place? "No - I would be life, and it's sad to know a little more creeped out," that someone lost their he says. "Just 'cause you can start visualizing bad

thoughts." Joe Donnelly

is a 57-year-old sales ex-

ecutive who lives in San

Marcos. When he first moved to San Diego in

1993, while looking for

a place to live, he stayed

at the Four Points by

Sheraton hotel on Aero

Drive in Kearny Mesa,

near Montgomery Field.

A coworker later told

him someone had been

killed at the hotel, but

that didn't bother him,

he says. "I wasn't overly

concerned for my safety,"

Donnelly says. "It's a nice

hotel, San Diego is a big

city, and murders unfor-

tunately happen in every

community in America."

But when it comes to ac-

life in that room."

found no sign of an early 1990s murder at the Four Points by Sheraton. But more than two decades later, on November 15, 2015, the hotel was the scene of a grisly murdersuicide. San Diego police say Carlos Sanchez, 43, shot and killed Delores Zoraya, 36, before turning the gun on himself. The two had lived in Las Vegas. Since then, there's been more tragedy at the

Four Points. In February

An Internet search

2022, a 23-year-old man was stabbed multiple times outside the hotel around 8:15 pm after dropping off a woman in the parking lot. Before he could drive off, a man ran up to him and began stabbing him. The victim walked into the hotel and someone called 911; he was rushed a nearby hospital with non-lifethreatening wounds. Just weeks later, someone detonated a pipe bomb on the hotel's second floor.

—Thomas K. Arnold

# **U**NREAL **E**STATE

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After viewing the kitchen from several more angles, we move into the living room, where a mammoth TV is mounted above what looks like a fireplace — I can't tell if it burns gas, or if it's one of those fake electric ones that just shows you a picture of fire while a fan churns out a gentle zephyr of hot air. (But even the latter wouldn't be too bad; I installed one in a client's home a few weeks ago, and it was nicer than I expected.) More shots show us that we're situated in one big long contiguous rectangle, with a dining area sandwiched between the kitchen at one end and the living room at the other. There are retractable glass doors that work to extend the space out to the patio, where a big cantilevered umbrella shades a conversation set.

Next we get some bedrooms and bathrooms; these are fine, if a little devoid of life, thanks to all the white and gray. The



Fancy but functional kitchen: what a concept!

cabinetry, stone, and tile are all of the same caliber I use when remodeling considerably lower-end properties, and we're not getting a list of \$1000 designer faucets or anything from the listing, but everything seems serviceable and new. Really, it's fine: the same stuff people ask me for when I'm upgrading bathrooms.

Continuing on, we get to look at a staircase from a few different angles (or possibly a few different staircases) before visiting a small game room and a very large garage. There, we find a ping-pong table that would've been too big to actually fit in the game room.

Okay, now we're back outside for another look at the downstairs patio, then up to the rooftop deck. It's an appealing space, with room for a barbecue and some patio furniture, but I wonder why we don't get to see any of the "panoramic ocean views" the listing promises. We're so close to the ocean that I've got to imagine there are some good water vistas to be had, and yet...nothing. Pro tip: if you can see any kind of water body from your listing, you should include photos of it!

Public records list a Frank and Myra Fan as the home's current owners; it last sold in early 2022 for just over \$2.4 million, before the construction was even complete. It went back on the market in late April with an asking price of \$3.5 million. If that's a bit much, you can also rent the home out on Airbnb for \$800/night.■



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# Calendar

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#### Friday | 12

#### **TOP GUN DAYS**

Mingle with fellow Top Gun fans and savor complimentary hors d'oeuvres

and in-bar service while listening to

renowned DJ Chris Olivas, former

insider stories from the

real-life heroes who

to life. Swag

bag and event

T-shirt included.

drummer for the band Berlin. Learn

icon Jack Endino. A new single just dropped called "Laugh of a Lifetime".

WHEN: Friday, May 12, 7:30 pm WHERE: Che Café, 1000 Scholars Drive, UCSD. thechecafe.blogspot.com



#### Saturday | 13

#### POLLINATOR WEEK **FAMILY DAY**

Enjoy a pollinator-themed hike for adults, a scavenger hunt for the kids, plus a tour of the institute's native milkweed farm. The farm aims to make native

milkweed more readily available in San Diego, thus supporting the threatened Monarch butterfly population.

> **WHEN:** Saturday, May 13, 9 am to 11 am WHERE: Earth Discovery Institute, 10940 Oak

Creek Drive. Lakeside. earthdiscovery.org



**FESTIVAL** 

Enjoy a free festival with local and international artists featuring an art auction, wine tasting, VIP wine garden, bubbles lounge, live music, and other performances. Light bites in the wine-designated areas. Kids Artopia, an interactive youth art area, will be also open: there will be a family-friendly activity to have something ready for Mother's Day.

**CORONADO ART & WINE** 

WHEN: Saturday, May 13, 12 pm

and 10th Street, Coronado. coronado artandwine festival.com





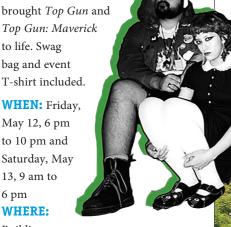
to 5 pm **WHERE:** Between C Avenue

#### LIFEGUARD TRIVIA NIGHT

Duck Foot Brewing is located on the 101 just a block away from the beach, and has a tasting room with 20+ taps. Enjoy trivia nights, bingo, and Haggo's Tacos. Test your savvy against some of the most knowledgeable surf and safety experts in the region. Fifteen percent of sales will be donated to the Encinitas Lifesaving Association, a non-profit arm of the Encinitas Lifeguards.

WHEN: Tuesday, May 16, 7 pm to 9 pm

**WHERE:** Duck Foot Brewing Leucadia, 978 North Coast Highway 101, Encinitas. duckfootbeer.com/ leucadia





#### WHERE:

Building

177, 2875 Dewey Road, Liberty Station. shop.topgunfans.com

#### **COSMIC KITTEN AND BLEACHER CREATURES**

Formed in 2016, Long Beach punkgrunge rockers Cosmic Kitten will bring their Crown the Quitter tour to UCSD on Friday. Citing musical influences from Nirvana and The Melvins to PJ Harvey, Bikini Kill, and Joy Division, their most recent recordings include collaborations with Gits drummer Steve Moriarty and underground



#### ART

46th Annual Spring Arts & Crafts Fair Enjoy works handcrafted and sold by the artists and crafters themselves. Sunday, May 14, 10am; Monday, May 15, 10am; free. Bernardo Winery, 13330 Paseo del Verano Norte. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Art Gallery Reception Artist Reception open to the public with a chance to meet and talk with the exhibiting artists. Refreshments will be served. Saturday, May 13, 4pm; free. Artists Gallery, 121 West Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Art Glass Guild Show & Patio Sale The Art Glass Guild will be hosting their Spring Glass Patio Show and Sale. View art glass created by local artists representing many techniques, including blown, fused, torch, stained, cast, etched and mosaic art glass. Saturday, May 13, 10am; Sunday, May 14, 10am; free. Spanish Village Art Center, 1770 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Art Journal Workshop Beginner friendly step by step art journal class by professional artist Mieko Anekawa. Saturday, May 13, 10am; \$35. 18 and up. Art Studios @ Spanish Village, 1770 Village Place.

Artist Demonstration Free artist demonstration by artist, Keiko Tanabe. Thursday, May 11, 2pm; free. 18 and up. Fusion Restaurant, 201 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Coronado Art & Wine Festival Free family-friendly festival will featuring art, art auction, wine tasting, VIP wine garden, bubbles lounge, live music and other performances. In the winedesignated areas, we will have light bites. Saturday, May 13, 12pm; free. Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Giants Of Art: The Post-Impressionists Lecturer Linda Blair on Cezanne, Matisse, Van Gogh, and more. Mondays, 7:30pm; through Monday, May 15, \$16-\$76. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Good Natured: Art & the **Environment** Opening reception curated by Bonnie R. Domingos and featuring works by Trevor Amery, Stephanie Bedwell, Taylor Chapin, Mariah Armstrong-Conner, Aaron Glasson, Sofia V. Gonzalez, Judit Hersko, Bianca Juarez, Timothy Murdoch, Margaret Noble, Terri Hughes-Oelrich, Catherine Ruane, Tatiana Ortiz-Rubio, and Ruth Wallen, Saturday, May 13, 3pm; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Kelly Vivanco: Wallflower **Opening Reception** Originally from Southern California, Vivanco has exhibited works across the U.S., including the Portsmouth Museum and Art Basel. Saturday, May 13, 6pm; Distinction Gallery, 317 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Makers Arcade Makers Arcade Spring Fair Mother's Day weekend will feature more than 100 makers, spring-inspired cocktails, beer, gourmet food trucks, live music performances, photo trailers, styled lounges, a kids craft area, and more. The first 100 people to arrive get a swag bag filled with handmade items. Kids under 10 are free. Saturday, May 13, 10am; Sunday, May 14, 10am; \$6-\$7. Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Meet The Artist During Meet the Artist hours, the public is invited to speak with Edra Soto and contribute to an upcoming project. Saturday, May 13, 3pm; Sunday, May 14, 3am; free. ICA North Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego, 1550 South El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Talleres Caracol by Alejandro** Morales Riveron Talleres Caracol is a series of workshops geared towards everyone within the community who would like to explore culture through a Mexican folk art family workshop. Registration required via tallerescaracol@outlook.com. Friday, May 12, 12pm; free Centro Cultural de la Raza. 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

The Gaslamp Artisan Market More than 30 local artisans will offer carefully-curated homemade and unique local products. Situated in the heart of the historic Gaslamp Quarter, with jewelry, hand crafted items, and home goods to be on display. Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, December 31, Fifth Ave from Island Ave to J St. and Island Ave from Fourth Ave

#### **AUTOMOTIVE**

Cars & Coffee All cars welcome Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, August 24, free. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway.

#### BEER

Mother's Day Doughnut & Beer Pairing Carlsbad neighbors at The Goods bring you a Mother's Day treat: doughnuts and beers. Pairings must be purchased in advance. Sunday, May 14, 11am; \$25. Pure Project Vista, 1305 Hot Spring Way. (VISTA)

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Andrew McCarthy: Walking With Sam Ticketholders will receive their copy of Walking with Sam when checking in at the event. If unable to attend, the book will

#### Rhyme & Verse

Three poems for May by Sara Teasdale

#### May Night

The spring is fresh and fearless And every leaf is new, The world is brimmed with moonlight, The lilac brimmed with dew.

Here in the moving shadows I catch my breath and sing--My heart is fresh and fearless And over-brimmed with spring.

#### There Will Come Soft Rain

There will come soft rain and the smell of the ground, And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;

And frogs in the pools singing at night, And wild plum trees in tremulous white;

Robins will wear their feathery fire, Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire;

And not one will know of the war, not one Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree, If mankind perished utterly;

And Spring herself, when she woke at dawn Would scarcely know that we were gone.

May

The wind is tossing the lilacs, The new leaves laugh in the sun, And the petals fall on the orchard wall, But for me the spring is done.

Beneath the apple blossoms I go a wintry way, For love that smiled in April Is false to me in May.



Sara Teasdale (1884-1933) was an American poet born, like fellow American poet, four years her junior, T.S. Eliot, in St. Louis, MO. Unlike Eliot, she wrote traditional and formally structured lyrics, most of which are brief but densely packed with meaning. In 1918, she won the Pulitzer Prize for her 1917 collection of poems Love Song. (Although the prize was not officially offered

for poetry until 1922, Columbia University, which awards the prize, considers Teasdale its first recipient, due to a special grant making the award possible for that year.) Early in her career, she was courted by another American poet, Vachel Lindsay, who, realizing he could not support her on his meager income, ended their romance. In 1929, after divorcing her husband Ernst Filsinger, she rekindled her friendship with Lindsay, who at the time was also married and had children. Four years later, suffering from depression and loneliness, she committed suicide (Lindsay had committed suicide two years earlier). Fans of American writer Ray Bradbury will recognize in the second poem of this collection the inspiration for one of his more famous short stories, which bears the same name.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

be held at Warwick's for pick-up after the event. Wednesday, May 17, 7pm; \$28-\$38. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Booked for Lunch with Erica** Bauermeister This is a lunch event at a location near Warwick's. For reservations, contact Mary Lee at marylee@warwicks.com, drop by the store, or call (858) 454-0347 and ask for the Book Department. Bauermeister will also appear in-store for a free evening event. Thursday, May 11, 11:45am; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue.

Erica Bauermeister: No Two Persons Warwick's will host Erica Bauermeister as she discusses and signs her new book, No Two Persons. 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. Thursday, May 11, 7:30pm; free-\$28. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Storytime Storytime with a bookseller or author Sundays, 10:30am; through Tuesday, May 30, Diesel, A Bookstore, 12843 El Camino Real Suite 104, (DEL MAR)

Weekends with Locals:

Edward Lewis Goldberg, MD, Weekends with Locals will be hosting Edward Lewis Goldberg, MD, author of Presidential Health Matters: The Medical History of the United States as Seen Through the Lives of Forty-Six Presidents. Sunday, May 14, 2:30pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Michael E. McDevitt Weekends with Locals will be hosting Michael E. McDevitt, author of Boris Goes to the Market (Boris Badger #2). Sunday, May 14, 12pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue.

#### CLASSES & **WORKSHOPS**

Alzheimer's San Diego: Cambios y estrategias para la planificación en torno a las activida Cambios y estrategias para la planificación en torno a las actividades de alimentación. En alianza con San Diego Inhome Supportive Services Public Authority. Tuesday, May 16, 10am; free. 18 and up. https://bit. ly/3HLM5Ju. (ONLINE)

Alzheimer's San Diego: Dementia 101 An introduction to mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, and other dementias. Learn information about risk factors, common symptoms, and resources for help. Register online: Thursday, May 11, 10:30am; free. 18 and up. Temple Emanu-El, 6299 Capri Drive. (DEL CERRO)

Alzheimer's San Diego: Driving & Memory Loss Learn about physical and cognitive changes, how to evaluate driver safety, local transportation resources, and tips for having difficult conversations about driving. Register @ https:// bit.ly/3pdqUtz. Friday, May 12, 10am; free. 18 and up. Scripps

Miramar Ranch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

Alzheimer's San Diego: Seguridad en el hogar Esta clase se enfoca en discutir estrategias de prevención de accidentes en el hogar y cómo mantener un espacio seguro para personas que viven con pérdida de memoria. Reduce el riesgo de deambular, caídas, lesiones en el hogar, errores de medicamentos y más. Monday, May 15, 11am; free. 18 and up. El Cajon Library, 201 E. Douglas Avenue. (EL CAJON)

American Mahjong for Beginners 6-week course Thursdays, 10am; through Thursday, May 18, \$180-\$205. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard.

**Belly Dancing Beginner Class** Learn to Belly Dance in a fun and friendly environment. Tuesdays, 6:30pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$20. Dorothea Laub Dance Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Cooking Class: Make Your Own Ramen This class is for anyone who enjoys Asian flavors and wants to learn more about how to recreate these flavors and techniques at home. Tuesday, May 16, 6pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Cultivating Compassion** Level 1 Cultivating Compassion Level 1: Principles & Practices of Compassion: This 3-week online course will introduce you to the Compassion Practice, a meditative and mindfulness practice for cultivating compassion for self and others, and offers ways to integrate this meditative practice into your daily life. Wednesdays, 6:30pm; through Wednesday, May 24, \$30-\$120. 21 and up. https://bit. ly/44C0lyi. (ONLINE)

**Cultivating Compassion Level** 

**3** Cultivating Compassion Level 3: Compassion for Others: Discover how the Compassion Practice can help you cultivate compassion for others and put your compassion into action with a 6-session online course. Cultivating Compassion Levels 1 and 2 must be completed. Mondays, 6:30pm; through Monday, June 19, \$60-\$180. 21 and up. https://bit.ly/3B42aGM. (ONLINE)

**Dr Roddy Carter Business** Workshop This Unstoppable YOU workshop is based on Dr Roddy Carter's neurocentric coaching methodologies and is tailored specifically to meet the needs of business owners, executives, and managers. Beyster Auditorium Friday, May 12, 1pm; \$145-\$195. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Energy Balancing for the** Public Integrative Chakra Therapy (ICT) is very powerful subtle energy medicine. Mondays, 6pm; through Monday, June 26, free. Bamboo Garden Wellness Center, 162 South Rancho Santa Fe STE A30. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

Italian for Beginners: 8-Week **Course** This course gives students the basic tools needed to successfully understand and communicate in Italian, Reguster at link, Tuesday, May 16, 12:30pm; \$160-\$190. La Iolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Meditation Expanding Consciousness with Sound – Meditation hosted by Teresa Thursday, May 11, 7pm; free-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Meditation** Meditation, Awareness and Awakening – hosted by Turf'ya Dhara Saturday, May 13, 11am; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue.

Mind & Body Master Classes Mind & Body Master Classes explore ways to develop a deeper relationship with our wellbeing and others through engaging conversations, experiential practices, and learning practical tools for daily life. Saturday, May 13, 9:30am; free-\$20. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CALON)

Mother's Day Air Plant Wreaths Craft Workshop All supplies ready to make your wreath including the 18" Grapevine wreath, dried flowers, moss, 4 Large air plants and other embellishments. Ticket includes \$10 drink credit at OB Surf Lodge. Sunday, May 14, 11am; \$60. Sunset Plaza, 5083 Santa Monica Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Next Steps Workshop: Launch Your Wellness Business In this workshop you will create a clear plan to launch your wellness business from a proven system that works. Monday, May 15, 2pm; \$35. California Institute for Human Science, 701 Garden View Court.

Paint & Sip: Romantic Pathway Join local artist, Nataly, to paint "Romantic Pathway." Thursday, May 11, 6pm; \$45. 18 and up. Co-Lab Public House, 2129 Industrial Court. (VISTA)

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

#### COMEDY

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

**Comedy Night** Standup comics TBA Saturday, May 13, 7:30pm; **free**-\$10. 18 and up. Five Suits Brewing, 2575 Pioneer Avenue STE 104. (VISTA)

**Comedy Night** Sunday, May 14, 6pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Five Suits Brewing, 2575 Pioneer Avenue STE 104. (VISTA)

Comedy Under the Stars Friday, May 12, 8pm; free-\$10. 21

and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

Dave Williamson and Alfred Robles Dave Williamson and Alfred Robles Co-Headline (Bert Kreischer and Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias's amazing openers!) – 2 Item minimum purchase per person. (food or drink) Friday, May 12, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, May 13, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$17. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Free Comedy Night Featuring Bob Hansen, Phill Alvarez, Camille Waters, Ryan Shores & Alex Petit. Friday, May 12, 7:30pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour Tuesday, May 16, 7:30pm; free. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Neel Nanda As seen on Jimmy Kimmel, Comedy Central, ABC, Amazon Prime, MTV & more. Thursday, May 11, 8pm; Friday, May 12, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, May 13, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Open Mic** Thursday, May 11, 6:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Sofa King Funny Show: Mom Comedy Paola Diaz hosts a Mother's Day lineup with Rachel Dee, Kasey Pearl Lee, and Kim Jones Headlining: Jennifer Mason Friday, May 12, 7pm; \$10. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLOREST)

Wednesday Night Comedy Wednesday, May 17, 6:30pm; free-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

#### DANCE

Dances of Universal Peace Embracing the many sacred traditions of humanity, this practice promotes peace with live music and open-hearted friends. All movements and chants are taught and no experience is necessary. Saturday, May 13, 4pm; free-\$10. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front Street. (HILLGREST)

Rhythm & Motion Dance Exercise Class A dance-based workout classes for everyone. Your first class is free. Sundays, 9:30am; through Sunday, June 25, free-\$15. Dorothea Laub Dance Place Studio, 2650 Truxton Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

# DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Adult Book Club** May 17: Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Wednesday, May 17, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Burnham-Moores Morning Series: NAVWAR Revitalization Project Join Greg Geisen, NAVWAR revitalization project manager at Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR), and moderator, Stath Karras, executive director of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate, for a presentation and fireside chat on the NAVWAR revitalization. Wednesday, May 17, 7:30am; \$10-\$700. Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

Coffee With a Trauma Informed Coach Meet a coach for coffee. Thursdays, 10am; through Wednesday, December 27, Brew Wave, 4967 Newport Ave., Suite 1. (OCEAN BEACH)

Film Forum Coronado: Sedotta E Abbandonata Sedotta E Abbandonata (Seduced and Abandonned) (1964. 117 minutes): Pietro Germi's devilish frenzy of desire skewers Sicilian mores and pompous patriarchies. Italian with English subtitles. Wednesday, May 17, 6pm; free. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

Golden Scissors Fashion Show The 42nd Annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show, "Designed to Last," promises to display sustainable fashion designs. Friday, May 12, 5pm; \$5-825. Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

Point Break Screening With Screenwriters Popcorn Reef welcomes writer/director W. Peter Iliff and writer/director Rick King to break down their two collaborations from the early 90s. Mr. Iliff and Mr. King will do a Q&A between films. Wednesday, May 17, 6:30pm; \$15. Adams Avenue Theater, 3325 Adams Avenue.

**Top Gun Days** Second Top Gun fan event, details TBA. Friday, May 12, 6pm; Saturday, May 13, 9am; \$79-\$229. Building 177, 2875 Dewey Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

#### **FOR KIDS**

Annie Jr This show is guaranteed to tug at your heartstrings, tickle your funny bone, and leave you humming tunes long after you've left the theater. C Friday, May 12, 7pm; \$12-\$14. Mission Hills United Church of Christ, 4070 Jackdaw Street. (MISSION HILLS)

**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)

Dia de los Niños Kids Concert & Festivities Concert with Hullabaloo, followed by crafts, piñatas, and face-painting, all in honor of Día de los Niños. No registration required. Recommended for ages 3-10. Saturday, May 13, 1pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Lil' Sprouts Storytime with Ms. Smarty-Plants Enjoy a San Diego Tree Week bilingual storytime with nature tree craft celebrating the super powers of trees with Ms. Smarty-Plants. Wednesday,





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

Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her teacher, Miss Honey, who begins to recognize and appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, May 14, \$16-\$18. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Skate Rising Free learn-to-skate lessons and a youth service learning project. The youth program invites participants to bring soap, shampoo, toothpaste or other personal care products to donate to the Community Resource Center's domestic violence services. Professional instruction will be offered by local pro and Olympic skaters and free rental gear will be available for all. Those who are interested can register for free @ https://bit. ly/3LGvAQf. Saturday, May 13, 9am; free. Encinitas Community Park, 425 Santa Fe Drive, (ENCINITAS)

Toddler & Preschool Storytime Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun. Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, May 25, free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Trail Tykes at Mission Trails Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, the free program includes a read-aloud story, and a craft/ activity or a short walk with MTRP Foundation staff and volunteers. Register online. Sunday, May 14, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

#### **LECTURES**

Green Marketing Integrity
Holding Banks and Businesses
Accountable: The B Corp Banking
Model – A Viable Framework for
Sustainable Banking and Regenerative Business Practices. Guest
speaker Lynne Marie Auzenne
from Beneficial State Bank. Thursday, May 11, 5:30pm; free. https://bit.ly/44xH2GF. (ONLINE)

#### **MOTHERS DAY**

Mother's Day Yoga & Mini Market Treat Mom to a morning flow, then shop around Vuori, Queen of Vase build-your-own bouquets, Plunge towels, and more. Sunday, May 14, 9:30am; \$35. La Jolla Woman's Club, 7791 Draper Avenue. (IA JOLLA)

# **OUTDOORS**

# Wild Rose showing off, rabbits, rodents, and snakes are hunting

**Wild Rose, a California Native, is in Bloom** in San Diego County's foothills and mountains. In moist, lowland areas and along small watercourses, wild rose shows off small, fluorescent-pink flowers. By June and July, the rose bloom will reach the Laguna Mountains, where the plant grows in abundance in shady locales.

Rabbit and Rodent Population is Peaking in the canyons and hillsides of coastal San Diego County. In many neighborhoods, car headlights illuminate the rear ends of scampering cottontail rabbits making raids on succulent garden vegetation. On the fringes of suburbia, sleek coyotes are sometimes spotted slinking about in pursuit of rodents and rabbits, or easier-to-catch fare — house cats.



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CALIFORNIA WILD ROSE CAN SURVIVE DROUGHT CONDITIONS BUT THRIVES IN MOIST SOIL CLOSE TO WATER.

Oleander bushes, Now Beginning to Bloom in gardens and along roadsides in the interior valleys and desert, will continue putting on a good show through the summer. Displays of white, pink, and red varieties can be seen along the medians of Interstate 8 in east El Cajon and along Interstates 5 and 15 in parts of North County. Oleander's toxic characteristics are well-known: all parts of it are poisonous if ingested.

Snakes, Encouraged by Recent Warm Temperatures, have already emerged from burrows and rock crevices to hunt for prey throughout the county's lower-elevation hillsides and canyons. Gopher snakes, garter snakes, king snakes, rosy boas (all harmless), and three varieties of rattlesnakes— red diamond, speckled, and Southern Pacific (all venomous)— have been sighted. Close encounters with rattlesnakes are not uncommon wherever residential properties abut undeveloped land— a common situation throughout San Diego County.

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.

#### NATURE

Discovery Table-Kumeyaay Games Stop by the Discovery Table in the lobby of the Visitor Center and learn all about different Kumeyaay games and toys from MTRP Trail Guides. Kids can make and take home their very own stick dice game! Discovery tables are set up on the second Saturday of every month. Saturday, May 13, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Explorations with a Ranger Join Ranger Najja for an exploration of Chollas Lake Park. The walk will be approximately 2 miles in length. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Monday, May 15, 2pm; free. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Free Day Friday Enjoy a free day on the 2nd Friday of every month. Friday, May 12, 9am; free. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

**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. Due to the recent rain the Park is Spring-time green. The park's wildflowers are blooming. Walks start from the Visitor Center. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, May 13, Sunday, May 14, Wednesday, May 17, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

I Love My Park Day Enjoy a day of free multicultural and multigenerational activities. Saturday, May 13, 3pm; free. City Heights Recreation Center, 4380 Landis Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

I Love My Park Day Enjoy a day of free multicultural and multigenerational activities. Saturday, May 13, 3pm; free. Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Recreational Center, 2902 Marcy Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

I Love My Park Day Enjoy a day of free multicultural and multigenerational activities. Saturday, May 13, 3pm; free. Linda Vista Recreation Center, 7064 Levant Street. (LINDA VISTA)

Migratory Bird Day Nature Walk Join members of Nature and Culture International's team for a peaceful nature walk through riparian woodland and sage scrub

right here in San Diego. Saturday, May 13, 8am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Pollinator Week Family Day Enjoy a pollinator-themed hike for adults, a scavenger hunt for the kids, and a tour of the institute's native milkweed farm. The farm aims to make native milkweed more readily available in San Diego, supporting the Monarch butterfly population. Saturday, May 13, 9am; free. Earth Discovery Institute, 10940 Oak Creek Drive. (LANESIDE)

Wildflowers at the Lagoon Join docents Don Rideout and Barbara Wallach for a walk along the trail to see what's blooming. This free, family event is interesting for both adults and kids, age 10 and older. Meet at the Nature Center. Saturday, May 13, 10am; free. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Wildlife Kayaking Eco Tour A marine biologist guide will point out marine and bird life and teach you about local ecology and conservation efforts. All equipment is provided: Kayak, life vest, binoculars, and field guides. A portion of your ticket goes to nonprofit environmental education programs. Saturday, May 13, 9am; \$35-\$55.

Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Pazza Market & Cucina Grand Opening Italian restaurant, a wine cellar, and marketplace featuring authentic Italian foods, imported fine wines, and gourmet goods with complimentary grand opening samples daily as well as 25% off featured market items, culminating with a special wine pairing dinner. Monday thru Thursday there are no tickets or cost. The only event that requires a ticket/reservation is the Friday night Special Wine Pairing Dinner. Monday, May 15, 11am; Tuesday, May 16, 11am; Wednesday, May 17, 11am; free-\$89. Westfield University Towne Centre, 4425 La Jolla Village Drive.

SD American Indian Health Center Pow Wow The San Diego American Indian Health Center will host the 35th annual Balboa Park Pow Wow, a celebration and showcase of Native American culture and traditions. Native singers, drummers, and dancers in their beautiful regalia from throughout the Southwest will gather in Balboa Park to practice their traditions. Saturday, May 13, 10am; Sunday, May 14, 10am; free. Balboa Park, 2500 Balboa Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

#### **SPOKEN WORD**

VAMP Nonfiction Storytelling Theme is "Staycation." Saturday, May 13, 7pm; \$15-\$20. Imperial House, 505 Kalmia Street. (BANNERS HILL)

### SPORTS & FITNESS

Breathe & Bliss Yoga for Flexibility, Immunity & Serenity weekly class offered by Jaruska Solyova, certified yoga instructor is for all levels. RSVP solyoga@yahoo.com Wednesdays, 4:40pm; through Wednesday, May 31, \$15-\$20. La Jolla Cove Bridge Club, 1160 Coast Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

San Diego Growlers vs Portland Nitro The San Diego Growlers host the Portland Nitro. Saturday, May 13, 6:15pm; Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Avenue. (MISSION BEACH)

San Diego Padres vs. Kansas City Royals The Padres will face the Kansas City Royals in a threegame series, highlighted by the Manny Machado City Connect Bobblehead Giveaway on Monday, May 15, available to the first 40,000 fans in attendance. Monday, May 15, 6:40pm; Tuesday, May 16, 6:40pm; Wednesday, May 17, 1:10pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

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

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

Yin Yoga Immersive Workshop With Intro to Sound Healing Saturday, May 13, 10am; \$250. Buddhi Yoga, 7843 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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

#### **THEATER**

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

#### 1776 - The Musical

What will it take to get two dozen powerfully passionate, exceedingly complicated, and all-too-human individuals to settle their differences, while they hold the very future of a nation in their hands? This Tony Award-winning Best Musical is tuneful, funny, and constantly surprising, especially in this revolutionary new production from directors Jeffrey L. Page and Diane Paulus. You may never think about our country-who we are and why—the same way again. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO, 619-570-1100 7:30PM THURSDAY 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 1PM & 6:30PM SUNDAY.

#### **Good People**

Middle-aged Margie Walsh is a nice woman from a poor neighborhood. Some of her friends might even say she's TOO nice. When she gets fired from yet another job, her landlord threatens eviction. Determined to keep a roof over her daughter's head, she turns to a former friend, who made it out of their neighborhood of Southie, as they call South Boston, for help finding a job. From the moment she steps into Dr. Michael Dillon's office, tensions mount in this reunion of old friends as they navigate the decisions that led them down different life paths.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N.
COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-4338900. 8PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY,
2PM SUNDAY.

#### 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 FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

#### **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 gray 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 mispronunciations 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 THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 2PM SUNDAY, 7PM WEDNESDAY, MAY 17.





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#### 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 back, back, way back to songs of the '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."

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 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.

LAMR'S PLAYERS THEATRE 1142 ORANGE AVE CORONADO 619-437-0600, 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 2PM & 7PM WEDNESDAYS

#### Roald Dahl's Matilda

The Musical

Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her teacher, Miss Honey, who begins to recognize and appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Facing off with the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, Matilda's courage and cleverness could be the students' saving grace.

CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, 1600 VIL-LAGE PL., BALBOA PARK, 7PM FRIDAYS, 2PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

Slap on your roller skates, pump up the glitter, and get hip to the muses in Xanadu, the laugh-out-loud musical stage adaptation of the 1980 film, starring Olivia Newton John. This Tony Award-nominated, hilarious, roller skating, musical adventure is about following your dreams despite the limitation's others set for you. Rating: PG-13

SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE 4652 MERCURY ST., CLAIREMONT, 858-560-5740, 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 3PM SATURDAYS 2PM SUNDAYS 7PM WEDNESDAYS



Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 3: Creepy but sweet, the classic James Gunn combo.

#### MOVIES

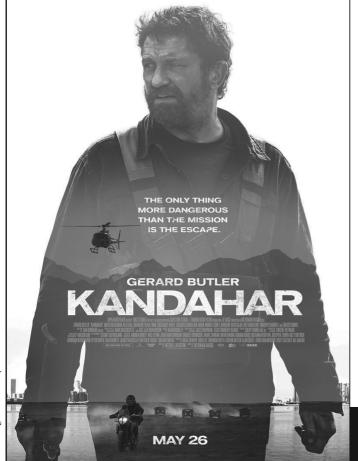
All reviews are by Scott Marks, Matthew Lickona, and Duncan Shepherd. Priorities are indicated by one to five stars and antipathies by the black spot. Unrated movies are for now unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews are available online at SDReader.com/movies.

Air — "Nostalgia" is, famously, taken from a Greek word that refers to the pain from an old wound — the pang of the past. The good old days that

are gone for good. The simpler time. The happy childhood. The days when a kid could still sing along with the "Be Like Mike" Gatorade commercial - Sometimes I dream/ That he is me... and thrill to the image of the basketball GOAT playing ball with a little kid on an outdoor court in some neighborhood park. You know, before things got...complicated. (You don't have to have seen The Last Dance to know that Jordan is no longer the universally beloved figure he once was.) And nostalgia is the only reason I can think of to explain why old friends Ben Affleck and Matt Damon have reteamed for a movie that so artlessly sets out to make us love shoe company

Nike for managing to butter up a college hoops star better than Adidas or Converse. (And it is artless, particularly in its brute-force "remember the '80s?" pop-culture montages and deeply 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 Iordan's (Viola Davis) speech about why her boy must be the first player to get a cut of every sale is savvy dressed up as profundity, just as Damon's big pitch is flattery dressed up as wisdom - and a pre-emptive defense against criticism. 2023 — M.L. • (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Covenant — Remember the first First Blood movie? You know, the one in which America was rotten for how it treated its returning vets, but hot damn, America sure did produce badass military heroes like John Rambo. This is a bit like that: America signed up a whole bunch of Afghani interpreters over its 20-year mission there, promising them visas to the States when the job was done, and then somehow forgot a bunch of them after it pulled out. But Jake Gyllenhaal's John Kinley is "a man with a hook in him" — he is bound to his unit's interpreter by something stronger than a governmental promise. The superior first half of the movie patiently covers the hook's insertion, as Kinley learns to work with, trust, and even rely on the spiky but not quite surly Ahmed (Dar Salim). The two have a winning chemistry: commanding officer Gyllenhaal understands the point, and therefore the limit, of his authority, and Ahmed evinces a believable loyalty born of equal parts honor, self-interest, and rage against his enemies. Director Guy Ritchie exercises considerable restraint in his depiction of action: again and again, he is content to pull back, hold the shot, and let what happens be enough to engage the viewer. And again and again, it's enough, as the religiously relentless Taliban goes about its deadly work. There are touches of smirky-cool slickness here and there,



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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.I.. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

#### Guardians of the Galaxy, Vol.

3 — James Gunn's Guardians of the Galaxy always played as a kind of funhouse Avengers — while Iron Man and Captain America traded quips and jokes, the stories were superhero serious: half of all the life in the universe needed saving, and they were the only folks powerful enough, smart enough, and gosh darn it, good enough to do it! The Guardians, on the other hand, very often played it totally straight viz. Drax the Destroyer's impermeable sincerity - with consequently comic results. They weren't funny characters, they were merely ridiculous. Which made for funny situations. But also tragic ones: Avengers big baddie Thanos got as close as he did to winning because Guardian Star Lord couldn't control his temper over losing his girl. Because the Guardians aren't just ridiculous, they're ridiculous because they're damaged. Volume 2 was all about Daddy issues; now, Volume 3 goes for childhood trauma as its source of drama. Handsome star (and cosmic orphan) Star Lord gets a piece of the therapeutic action, as does abused daughter Nebula, but the real focus here is Rocket "Not a Raccoon" Raccoon, who spends most of the runtime in a coma and failing fast. What we get instead is his adorable/horrible youth, told in regular installments of flashback. He's one of those unlucky souls who gets to meet his maker — a genetic tinkerer named The High Evolutionary — only to discover that his maker has only a little use for him, and may even hate him a bit. Remarkably, Gunn is so sympathetic to the despair brought on by such a discovery that he entertains the only possible consolation: that of a Providence that shapes our ends. More remarkably: this is absolutely Gunn's movie. It's cheerfully gross, frequently hideous to behold, nakedly emotional, indulgent to the point of bloat in its desire to tie off every narrative thread...and, happily, its own thing. It's surely a sign of superfatigue that that should be enough. But enough it is. (2023) — M.L.  $\bigstar \bigstar$  (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Renfield — There's just enough of a movie here to sustain the working out of its splendid central dynamic the sick relationship between a bad man and devoted enabler. The bad man in question is very bad indeed, the self-described "Lord of Death" Dracula (Nicolas Cage, deadpanning Bela Lugosi to great effect). And the enabler, of course, is trusty servant Renfield, here embodied with curious sweetness by Nicholas Hoult. It seems that several centuries of obtaining victims for his bloodsucker of a boss haven't quite drained his humanity — even now, hiding out in 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)

 $\textbf{Suzume} \ - \ \text{Japan was nuked and}$ 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, unattainable 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

**Bupkis** — This concept seems like kind of a rip-off of the FX series Dave. but based on Pete Davidson's life. It's got the same cringe, shock factor humor interwoven with genuine and tender moments. I think it's a huge help if you like Pete or even just find him charming — which I actually do, sue me. The cast is full of big names, so it also feels a little more commercial or approachable rather than having a quirky or indie vibe. Worth checking out, not a mustsee. (2023) - A.T. (Peacock)

White House Plumbers — I am a sucker for Woody Harrelson, and Justin Theroux is cool too. The whole Nixon/Watergate scandal hasn't been done in a minute, so I'm also down to watch the story from a new perspective. So far, it has the off-beat, dry comedic tone of a Coen brothers or Wes Anderson film where you have to really be paying attention. It's also that self-reflexive style where it makes fun of the main characters, showing their hypocrisy even though they're totally serious. It might be a slow burn, but it's a limited series so I'm willing to stick with it for only five episodes. (2023) — A.T. (HBOMax)







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Young Lions' very young drummer There are plenty of stories about drummers who got their start while still in their teens or

even earlier. But not many

involve someone with the talent and potential of Young Lions Jazz Conservatory phenom Rhydian Marshall, a 14-year-old freshman at San Marcos High School who is currently in the ninth grade. He's already been playing the drums for nine years, and working specifically on his jazz chops for the last five. "When I was younger," he says, "I used to like to run around the house and hit anything possible — like countertops, using pots and pans and anything else I could find. I've been doing that since I was a baby, so, when I turned six, my parents arranged for me to get

private lessons."

Marshall notes that he doesn't come from a musical family. "My dad plays a little guitar, and my brothers are playing piano a little bit. But I was the main person to really start taking private lessons. Before I started playing jazz, I just listened to a lot of rock bands like Led Zeppelin and The Who. What brought me to jazz was [former San Diegan] Matt Cameron of Pearl Jam; I heard that he had played a lot of jazz before. I really wanted to learn other styles of music besides rock. So, I started working on jazz and funk at the same time, just to get myself more well-rounded."

Marshall is currently studying with long-time working pro Richard Sellers (Hubert Laws, Mike Garson), who has already taught him quite a bit. "The most important thing

is being able to play all kinds of music, so I'm not weak in any area. If I want to play in a jazz jam session or play with a rock or R&B band, I can do it, although I'm trying to mainly focus on jazz for right now."



Rhydian Marshall: up-and-comer drummer

When it comes to jazz role models, he's already done a lot of homework: "I really enjoy and have been influenced by Art Blakey, Philly Joe Jones, Roy Haynes, Elvin Jones, and Max Roach?

Currently, Marshall is "working on learning the vibraphone, so I can combine learning a melodic instrument in order to become a better drummer. I've been working with [vibist] Ian Harland, and Gilbert [Castellanos, the Young Lions' founder] has been helping me write my first original composition, which has been a really valuable experience. I want to be able to fit in better with piano, bass, and the horns. I also want to be able to compose on my own. My teachers helped me with the first one, but I want to be able to do it on my own...I want to be a professional. I'd like to be a

recording artist, I want to be able to compose and mix and do all that."

Working so much on music doesn't leave much time for other activities, but Marshall has several interests that occasionally qualify as occupational backup plans. "I've recently taken up playing chess for fun, and I've also been trying to hone my chops on becoming a programmer, because both of my parents are software engineers. I want

to pursue a path in that and continue to advance in music."

And although he has another few years of high school until he needs to make a decision, he's already considering a future that includes music school. "Yeah, I've definitely thought about that. I definitely want to become a working, gigging musician, I want to be on the scene. I'm not sure if I'll be staying here in San Diego or if I want to study in a place like New York."

He joined the Young Lions Jazz Conservatory at age 11; this is his fourth year in the award-winning organization. He plays in the Free For All Ensemble, named for a famous 1964 Art Blakev album on the Blue Note label. Performing in that context has yielded concrete results: "It's helped me gain more confidence in playing in front of large audiences. When I first joined the Young Lions, I was very shy, and I guess I'm kind of nervous. I'm a lot better with that now. Playing music in high school is kind of strict, but Gilbert allows us to have a voice and an opinion, and to play solos that show who we really are as a person."

– Robert Bush

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#### Aleiandra's Fine Mexican Food & Cantina:

Thursday, 6pm - Jorge Camberos.

#### Alila Marea Beach Resort:

Thursday, 5pm — Christian Taylor. Friday, 5pm — Puro Feeling.

#### **Barefoot Bar and Grill:**

Friday, 6pm - Israel Maldonado

#### **Beach House Grill:**

Friday, 7:30pm — Satsang.

#### Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, 6pm — Jake Taylor Smith. Saturday, 7pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

#### **Belly Up Tavern:**

Thursday, 8pm - Covet and Scarypoolparty. \$25. Friday, 8pm - Ruston Kelly. \$25-\$119.

Saturday, 8pm — Long Beach Dub Allstars. \$25. Sunday, 7:30pm — Never Die

Young. \$20-\$35. Tuesday, 8pm — Mighty Poplar. \$25.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Whiskey Ridge, Branded, Barbwire. \$9.

#### **Bread & Salt:**

Saturday, 8pm — VOXVOXVOX. \$10.

#### **Brick by Brick:**

Thursday, 7:30pm — Moonspell and Vintersea. \$25-\$30. Friday, 7pm — Necrot, Mortiferum, Deathgrave. \$15-

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#### Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Vialet. Tuesday, 5pm — Israel Maldonado

#### Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens:

Thursday, 6pm — Annual Winter Benefit: Alicia Olatuja.

#### Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Hurray for the Riff Raff (solo). \$23. Friday, 7:30pm — Skating Polly and Lord Friday the 13th. \$16. Saturday, 7:30pm — The Album Leaf. \$28.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Jordan Krimston and Rafter. \$15. Monday, 7:30pm - Kan Kan, Hex, Neutral Shirt. \$10. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Tanukichan.

Wednesday, 8pm — Crimeapple and Kahlee. \$28.

#### Che Café:

Friday, 7:30pm — Cosmic Kitten and Bleacher Creatures. \$16.

#### Del Dios Old Firehouse **Community Center:**

Sunday, 4pm — Greg Douglass Farewell to Lake Hodges Concert. \$20-\$25.

#### **Duck Foot Brewing** Company:

Saturday, 7pm — The Martens.

#### Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm, Tuesday, 4pm -Divina Jasso.

### Estancia La Jolla Hotel and

Thursday, 6pm — Joanna Gerolaga. Friday, 6pm — David Shyde.

Sunday, 10am — Helena Holleran. Wednesday, 6pm — Dalton Gazette.

#### Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Saturday, 6pm — Tyler F. Simmons.

#### Farmer & the Seahorse:

Thursday, 4:30pm - David Shyde. Friday, 4:30pm — Sean McCole.

#### **Holding Company:**

Friday, 7pm — Dive Bar Saints and Wave Parade. Free. Sunday, 1:30pm - Jugheads Revenge.

#### Hole in the Wall:

Saturday, 12pm - SD Union Day Dream. \$25-\$30.

#### **House of Blues:**

Friday, 7:30pm — Grandson and K.Flay. \$32-\$177. Saturday, 7:30pm — Colores Reggaeton Pride Party. \$15. Wednesday, 7:30pm - \$NOT and Night Lovell. \$39-\$49.

#### Jolly Joker Tavern:

Saturday, 8pm — West of 5.

#### L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — Andrew Peña. Friday, 7pm — Alex Elisabeth. Saturday, 7pm — Marelle. Wednesday, 5pm — Rachel Jay.

#### La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Orion Song. Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

#### **Loews Coronado Bay Resort:** Friday, 7pm — TJ Moss.

Logan Heights Library: Thursday, 6pm — Radical Ensamble

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#### **EL PERRO**

Founded in 2019 and led by guitarist/vocalist/songwriter Parker Griggs (Radio Moscow), El Perro is a psychedelic rock band with a second guitar and percussionist pushing the music into syncopated Latin and funk grooves. The group has gone through a complete lineup change other than Griggs, who is now backed by ex-Blues Pills guitarist Dorian Sorriaux, former Prisma Circus bassist Joaquin Escudero, and drummer Jeremy Davy. A European tour kicks off May 25 and wraps up over the first week of July.



#### OPTIGANALLY YOURS

"The Optigan was a kind of home organ made by the Optigan Corporation, a subsidiary of Mattel, in the early '70s," says Pea Hicks of the obscure instrument around which his band Optiganally Yours revolves. "It was set up like most home organs of the period, [with] a small keyboard with buttons on the left for various chords, accompaniments, and rhythms." The band will stage a rare performance at EXOTIKON, happening in LA June 23 through June 25. Fellow local El Vez is co-host, and musical headliner Don Randi, keyboardist for The Wrecking Crew, will re-create his '60s Exotica album on



#### **CINDY LEE BERRYHILL**

Cindy Lee Berryhill first earned notice in 1987 with her debut album, and her word-of-mouth hit song "Damn, I Wish I Was a Man" ("I'd be sexy with a belly like Jack Nicholson"). Berryhill will be one of the headliners at the Nuggets festival happening May 19 in Glendale CA, as will fellow local Mike Stax of the Loons. The bill includes Weird Al. Susanna Hoffs. Peter Case. Peter Buck of R.E.M., Johnny Echols of Love, Van Dyke Parks, Ron Dante of the Archies, Billy Vera (sans Beaters), and more.

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#### **RUN FOR YOUR FUCKING LIFE**

Bumbklaatt singer/guitarist Fernando Cruz, aka Cruz Radical (Rail them to Death, Agonista, Illegal Visions), and singer Jason Weedon spent 1994 through 2001 in Run For Your Fucking Life. Their selftitled 2001 album was mixed and recorded by Gar Wood (Hot Snakes, Tanner). Cruz went solo in 2015, while Weedon passed away in 2019. A limited edition clear vinyl variant re-release of their 2001 album will be offered by local label Three One G, filled with actual razor blades and limited to only 15 copies.



#### **HEADPHONE**

"Our music blends our interests in everything from classical and jazz to electronic and independent rock," according to Headphone, "while the lyrics look at the enigmatic space between connection and detachment, hopefulness, and despair." Founded in 2014, their debut album Sector 1 was followed by Clouds of Scattered Noise and extensive gigging and touring. Headphone appears Friday, May 12 at Winstons in OB, on a bill that includes Suede Radio and a DJ set by Red&Ted.







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# The BootyMan Cometh

Called to the Whistle Stop by the Booty Signal

It's finally starting to feel like Southern California again, rather than the soggy Pacific Northwest. The weather tax is finally paying its dividends. Everyone's spirits are elevated. The sun is chirping and the birds are shining. Saturday afternoon finds me at Coronado's Tideland Park with some friends — and some of their friends — doing park things: playing cornhole, eating somebody's homemade hot sauce on hot dog buns, and watching regattas on the bay. Some guy is talking about his chickens named Whitey and Blacky, and how they're starting to physically attack him. I don't know what to tell him. I'm slightly amused, but also looking for a way out of the conversation.

When the night finally tightens its grip, I look to the east and see the Booty Signal shining in the sky over the San Diego skyline: a Batman-style projection, glowing white cartoon butt cheeks, mooning me from among the stars. It's streaming from the Whistle Stop in South Park, as Booty Bassment commences the second of three BB parties this month.

I tell the group I need to go. It's urgent. I hop into the BootyMobile, *aka* my black Subaru Crosstrek, fire it up, and hit the gas. America! Wait, the car is Japanese engineered. Whatever. Cue the Batman theme (TV show, movie, cartoon — comic dealer's choice) as I rip over the Coronado Bridge, up some steep hills, and through the pleasant Tipu tree-draped South Park streets, finally cozying up to a side street off Fern.

Before making my capeless entrance into the Whistle Stop, I slide into Vinyl Junkies across the street to look around while I wait to meet up with Whittney Blue. By instinct, I look for Tom Waits' *Rain Dogs*, just in case it's ever pressed again, and then I check to see if Greta Van Fleet's new album is out. Nope, not yet. In the corner of the shop, a DJ named Mike is spinning colorful, groovy records from John Dwyer of the garage rock band Osees. Instead of the usual DJ headphones, this guy holds a pink rotary phone to



**Bumpin' beats at Booty Bassment** 

monitor the sounds he's putting out. "It's Record Store Day," he tells me, pressing the pink receiver to his ear. "This morning, people were lined up down the sidewalk and through the alley to get in here for newly released vinyls."

As the Vinyl Junkies DJ is still doing his thing, I get a text from Whittney Blue saying that she won't be able to make it. BootyMan is left without his beloved sidekick, forced to brave the Booty Bassment in a solo spinoff. Shit, man. I leave the record store and beetle over to Station Tavern to guzzle a quick \$9 beer. As I leave, I find I'm walking behind a stable of scantily dressed gals who are also on their way to the Whistle Stop. "I hope it's not too crowded," one says. I decide that, if I just walk in behind them, the bouncers will think I'm part of their group,

rather than some severely underdressed secret identity in a green and damp-pitted Chadwick Stokes & the Pintos T-shirt.

Inside, the bar is a completely different vibe from the Vinyl Junkies party. It's "Rap 4 that ass" — at least that's what Booty Bassment advertises — and it's delivered in a package of hip-hop beats and well-dressed, perspiring bodies, bumping and grinding beneath a disco ball near the infamous pool table that always gets in everyone's way as they try to reach the pissers.

After a bit, I step outside to take a breather from the steam inside. I'm chumming it up with a couple of beanstalk bouncers when we hear a stool crash. A woman in the patio area has fainted and fallen down. One of the bouncers and I rush over; the dude she's with is in a state of shock as she lies on her back, her blank eyes staring up at the night sky. After around 15 seconds, she comes to. I run inside and grab a glass of water for her from the bar. When I get back, she seems okay. That's my cue to leave; my work here is done. I hand the water to her guy and walk away from the Booty Bassment. Before heading back to the BootyMobile, I stop by the hotdog vendor stationed outside the bar and haggle them down from seven dollars to four. Having saved the day, BootyMan disappears into the darkness, chewing on a discounted frank.

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Thursday, 7:30pm — Fia. \$22. Friday, 7:30pm — Kerala Dust. \$20.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Lovejoy. Monday, 7:30pm — TWRP & Magic Sword, \$27-\$87. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Shrinkray and Helena Holleran. \$12.

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Wednesday, 7:30pm — 10,000
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Wednesday, 7:30pm — Re-Buried and Conjureth.

#### Tower Bar:

Friday, 8pm — Spotlights and Dream Burgler.

#### Waterbar:

*Thursday*, 6pm — Ben Benavente.

#### Waterfront Park:

 $Saturday, 7 \mathrm{pm}-\mathrm{NOFX}.$ 

#### Westfield University Towne Centre:

Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente. Friday, 12pm — Joanna Gerolaga.

#### Whistle Stop Bar:

Friday, 8pm — Creepy Creeps.

#### Winstons Beach Club:

*Friday*, 9pm — Headphone and Suede Radio. \$15.

#### **UPCOMING** SHOWS

#### Alila Marea Beach Resort:

Thursday, May 18 — Kai Kalama Friday, May 19 - Nathan Welden.

#### **Barefoot Bar and Grill:**

Friday, May 19 - Mike Myrdal. Saturday, May 20 — Christian Taylor

#### **Beach House Grill:**

Friday, May 19 — Eek-A-Mouse.

#### Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, May 18 — Jake Taylor Smith. Saturday, May 20 - Helena Holleran.

#### **Belly Up Tavern:**

Thursday, May 18 — Creature Canvon and Veni Sun. \$18. Friday, May 19 — The Winery Dogs. \$35-\$62. Saturday, May 20 — Galactic. Sunday, May 21 — Galactic.

#### **Brick by Brick:**

Friday, May 19 - Sugar: The Nu-Metal Party. \$15-\$25. Sunday, May 21 — The Birthday Massacre, \$20-\$25.

#### Casbah:

Saturday, May 20 - Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys and the Sleepwalker. Sunday, May 21 — Dustin Lothspeich Tribute Concert.

#### **Duck Foot Brewing** Company:

Thursday, May 18 — Dead Heads Night. Free. Friday, May 19 — Bounce Pocket Saturday, May 20 - Dig Nitty.

#### Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, May 19 — Kekoa. Sunday, May 21 — Kai Kalama.

#### Farmer & the Seahorse:

Thursday, May 18 — Blaise Guld. Friday, May 19 — Gabriele Dagrezio. Saturday, May 20 — Puro Feeling.

#### Fletcher Cove:

Saturday, May 20 — Fiesta Del Sol: The English Beat & More. Sunday, May 21 — Fiesta Del Sol: The English Beat & More.

#### **Holding Company:**

Friday, May 19 - Radio Thieves. Saturday, May 20 - Quel Bordel and Big Sky Moon.

#### **IMMORTAL BEAUTY**

Visiting Victorians under Edward

When I'm in a cultural depression. I often turn to The Edwardians. The Edwardian Era is home to England's most accomplished composers, save Georg Frederik Handel. The era lasted from 1901 to the death of King Edward in 1910. (Some historians allow the Edwardian era to stretch out until the start of World War I.) The names of the young Edwardians will be familiar: there's Edward Elgar and Ralph Vaughan Williams, along with Gustav Holst. Other names such as George Butterworth, Gerald Finzi, and Frank Bridge will only be known to Anglophiles.

There are two other names, names of men who crossed over from the Victorian Era to the Edwardian: **Hubert Parry and Charles** Villiers Stanford. Of the two,

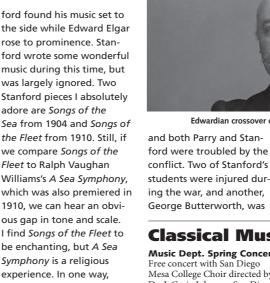
Hubert Parry is the more famous, His setting of "I was glad" was used for the coronation of King Edward. Beyond that, his 1916 setting of an 1804 poem by William Blake has become the de facto national anthem of Great Britain. The poem. "And did those feet in ancient times," is known as "Jerusalem." The song was appropriated by the suffragist movement and was sung nonstop by women seeking the right to vote. I decided to explore some of Parry's symphonies and found his fifth and final symphony from 1912 to be an enjoyable experience. It is melodic and has the pastoral tone of the Edwardian Age.

For his part, Stanford was the leading composer in the last two decades of Victoria's reign. When Edward became king, Stan-

the side while Edward Elgar rose to prominence. Stanford wrote some wonderful music during this time, but was largely ignored. Two Stanford pieces I absolutely adore are Songs of the Sea from 1904 and Songs of the Fleet from 1910. Still, if we compare Songs of the Fleet to Ralph Vaughan Williams's A Sea Symphony, which was also premiered in 1910, we can hear an obvious gap in tone and scale. I find Songs of the Fleet to be enchanting, but A Sea Symphony is a religious experience. In one way, Stanford had a hand in his own decline: both Vaughan Williams and Gustav Holst studied with him.

BY GARRETT HARRIS

World War I marks the beginning of the First Modern Era for England,



conflict. Two of Stanford's students were injured during the war, and another, George Butterworth, was

killed, Parry died of Spanish Flu in 1918; the disease was brought to England by returning Word War I soldiers. Stanford lived until 1922.



Edwardian crossover or Victorian holdout? Hubert Parry in 1893.

#### Classical Music this week

Music Dept. Spring Concert Free concert with San Diego Mesa College Choir directed by Dr. J. Craig Johnson, San Diego Mesa College Guitar Ensemble directed by Ian Bassett, and San Diego Mesa College Jazz Ensemble directed by Ian Tordella, Music Dept. Rooms C-116 & C-119 in C1 Building. Friday, May 12, 7pm; free. Mesa College, 7250 Mesa College

**Musica Vivace Piano Series:** Do-Hyun Kim "Young Wanderer": Hear music stories from young pianists who won prestigious piano competitions like Chopin International Piano Competition, Beethoven International Piano Competition, and Busoni International Piano Competition, Saturday, May 13, 5pm; \$35. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect

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Saturday, May 20 - Maoli. Sunday, May 21 - Rav.

#### Joshua Tree Lake RV and Campground.:

Thursday, May 18-21 — Joshua Tree Music Festival. \$50-\$450.

#### **Kensington Club:**

Saturday, May 20 — The Broke Bastards and The Calvins, \$10.

#### L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, May 18 — Jemille Friday, May 19 — Marelle. Saturday, May 20 — Brandon Sunday, May 21 - Michael LeClerc.

#### **Loews Coronado Bay Resort:** Saturday, May 20 — Gabriele

Dagrezio.

#### Madam Bonnie's:

Thursday, May 18 — Andrea Loraine Ouintet. Free.

Friday, May 19 - Soo Kim Jazz Band. Free.

#### Mesa College:

Thursday, May 18 — Decades Jazz/Fusion Concert. Free.

#### Mingei International Museum:

Friday, May 19 - Strings & Bamboo: The Essence of Chinese Music. \$35-\$50.

#### Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, May 18 - Stone Horse. Free. Friday, May 19 - Shanie Rhodes. Free. Saturday, May 20 — Give Me Back My Wig. Free.

#### **Music Box:** Thursday, May 18 - Carry the

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Saturday, May 20 — The Cure. Sunday, May 21 — The Cure.

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#### and Fishbone. Old Poway Park:

Saturday, May 20 — San Diego City Guard Band Concert. Free. Sunday, May 21 - North County Winds Band. Free.

Sunday, May 21 — The Olivia Show.

#### **Open Air Theatre:**

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#### **Poway Center for the** Performing Arts:

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Saturday, May 20 — Saturday Sessions: Dulaney & Company.

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#### Soda Bar:

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#### Til-Two Club:

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# Survivors' big dreams

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### County

Over fifteen different

Four Tunas Fish & Bar, 601 N. Broadway, Suite D, Escondido; The intersection of N. Broadway and Washington is buzzy and busy. If you're not careful, you might miss the signage for Four Tunas, which is bumped up against Adriana's Insurance Services in one corner of the Country Corner Shopping Center parking lot. But keep an eye out, and you'll find a large covered patio with

fish tacos to try, from pulpo to scallop to tuna.

and Fernando were in a horrific accident that **Good Four Tunas in North** ejected them from their vehicle, causing broken bones and internal bleeding. It also completely destroyed their popular Baja-inspired food truck, El Cevichito. But as their GoFundMe page exclaims, while "we are devastated as we see the images left behind, our dreams are bigger than this!" In 2020, they opened Four Tunas Fish & Bar — perhaps a play on words? As our server Teresa explained, "They are survivors!"

To start, my pal Sophia and I ordered a Tamarindo Margarita (\$10). The tamarindo paste is made in-house from ripened tamarind fruit, which gives off an intensely sweet/sour/tangy flavor slightly reminiscent of raisins or cran-

family style seating and a door to take you inside.

page set up in January 2018), owners Vanessa

According to our server (and a GoFundMe

berries. Potent on its own, the paste isn't meant to be consumed by itself, but as an excellent addition to the margarita.

The salt and Tajin on the rim of the margarita glass completed the presentation. Sophia said that the margarita was her favorite thing of all, so we weren't surprised to learn it was a staff favorite as well. Don't come here if you don't

like fish. You may find one or two items with beef, but after that, it's pulpo (octopus), marlin, mahi mahi, oysters, crab, calamari, scallops, shrimp and of course, tuna. You can best sample everything with either the

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Seafood Mix Taco (\$5.95) or the "Torre" Tostada (\$24.95), a tower of layered seafood almost too beautiful to destroy. Otherwise, there are over 15 different fish tacos to try (\$3.50-\$6.95), and they are protein-generous — you won't be overwhelmed by the heaping mound of purple cabbage so common at other taco joints. Burrito and entree options run \$15.75-\$24.95. Specialty items like lobster and whole octopus are available at market price.

Mind the chile icons! If you're anything like me (raised in the Midwest on meat and potatoes), you might not be able to handle the heat. I ordered the Tropical Tostada (\$15.95), and while the menu didn't mention it, the dish included Habanero chiles for which I was not mentally prepared. Pass the milk! Despite my tingling lips, the flavor of the mango puree on the ahi tuna was magical, and made me want to dance naked on a beach surrounded by turquoise waters. (If you prefer a milder version, adjust-

ments can be made.) My personal favor ite was the Aguachiles sampler. Translated as "Chile Water," this Mexican style ceviche utilizes fresh Baja shrimp, cured in a mixture

of lime juice and other ingredients — the result is delicious. There are five variations, and although it's not advertised on the menu, you can request three different aguachiles instead of just one when you order (\$23.95). Our server's favorite was the verde, which quickly became ours as well. It was the mildest of the three options, but also the most balanced and refreshing. The predominant flavors were cucumber, red onion, lime, and serrano chile. By the end, I was scooping up the broth with a spoon.

End your meal with a pretty and simple desert, such as Fried Ice Cream (\$5.95) or homemade Flan (\$5.95). I especially appreciated the flan's coating, soothing effect on my overheated taste

Emily Davis

#### MOTHER'S DAY DINING

Celebrate Mother's Day Celebrate Mother's Day with brunch & bottomless mimosas while listening to live Latin music. Sunday, May 14, 10am; Cafe Sevilla Tapas Bar, 353 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Mango made the ahi magical.

A tasty trio of aguachiles.

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# ROAM

This hike happened a couple years ago. It's an unsettling tale which I've never told anyone.

"Dude, it's over here."

"Wait, where?" I asked, spinning around.

"Over here," came a voice from the chaparral shrub that was rustling about twenty feet from me.

"How did you..." I started, but the shrub cut me off and began shaking violently.

"To your left, fool!"

I veered left, and my friend Nate popped his head out from a tangle of leaves. He looked scraggly, yet quite at ease, and I would have believed that the bush was his home if he'd said it was.

"This way. I found it," said Nate. His head disappeared back into the bush faster than an anxious turtle's.

"Cool. Let me grab Mickey," I said, turning to walk toward the parking lot where our other friend was waiting.

"You ready?"

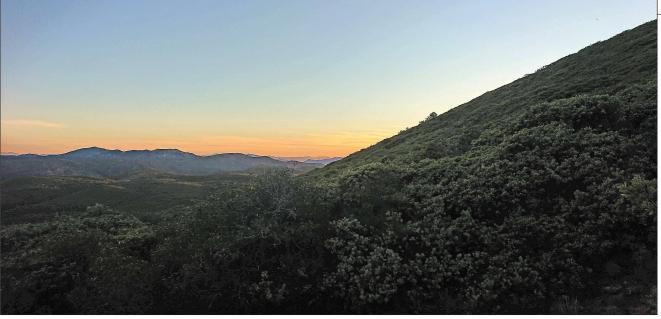
Mickey sucked on his vape pen, then crumpled into the passenger seat and looked at me out of the corner of his eye, "Yeeeeeah, let's do it."

As he grabbed his pack and got out of the ca, the bush boomed, "Let's GO!" And so we did. Mickey and I delved through the bushes and found ourselves in a dim, stuffy oak grove. Ragged leaves hung from ancient oaks, which were gnarled and seemed to have fallen into a deep sleep. Nothing grew on the ground, and the crooked branches above us blotted out the twilight sky. It was as if life had forgotten this place, allowing it to wither from a sunlit sanctuary into a poisoned tomb.

"I could fall asleep here," whispered Mickey.

"But then the roots might curl up around you and drag you into their belly," I mumbled cautiously.

Mickey and I tiptoed over the soft, wet leaves then ducked under a fallen branch that led us out of the oak grove and onto a defined trail.



Heading up the first false peak.

Birds were singing their last songs for the evening and lizards scuttled around, pausing to do a few push ups before continuing on. Nate was sitting on an old stump, tying his shoe. Tattered leaves clung to his hair and his eyes were wild and beady.

"This way," he said, bounding up the trail before disappearing behind a bush. The three of us marched up the trail like Snow White's dwarves. I was Happy, ahead of me was Grumpy, and behind me was Dopey. None of us broke out into song, though I hummed Mahalia and Dua Lipa under my breath.

The path was overgrown with chaparral and the trail was slippery from a brief drizzle of rain. For the first mile, we were routed north then west. Our conversation was pleasant and occasionally broken up by the hum of a passing car on old highway 80. Eventually, the trail turned south up a steep slope that was badly eroded.

Clouds of bugs hovered over us; sporadically one would fly too low and cling to the sweaty sheen on our cheeks and foreheads or

get caught in the vortex of our breath, tumble madly into our mouths, and hug the back of our throats, twitching for freedom.

I coughed and spat, hoping the bug went out and not in.

"You good?" asked Mickey.

"Yeah, I swallowed a fly."

After climbing for a fourth of a mile, we reached the first false peak, one of three high points that joined together to form a ridge that ran east-west alongside I-8. The light was orange and fading; in the distance, headlights from passing cars lit up the Pine Valley Creek Bridge. It straddled a long, deep ravine, black and endless. I wondered what ghastly ghouls crept out of it when the moon was just a sliver in the night sky, and shuddered before racing to catch up with my friends.

Mickey and Nate had traveled quickly and in the falling darkness I fumbled along the ridge-line looking for their flashlights ahead of me. The temperature was dropping; every exhalation produced a steamy cloud that radiated under my headlamp and briefly blinded me. Around me, I could hear the bushes rustle, either from the wind or from some critter skulking about. After what seemed like a few minutes, I still couldn't see my friends' flashlights, and I began to wonder if I had passed them or if they were pranking me.

As I drew nearer to the second false peak, the air grew thin with mist and the sky darkened, as if the mountain itself were warning me of the dangers that lay ahead, when suddenly a sharp jolt pierced my heart. Carried by the wind was a sinister melody that I knew well: the haunting theme song from *Halloween*; the one that plays when the killer stalks his victims.

"Let's go Michael Myers," hollered Nate from out of the abyss ahead of me. I chuckled, pushing the fear out of my mind. Michael Myers was a nickname that I'd been given a few years earlier by Joey and Nate, who had noticed that my hiking stride was always constant and steady (like Myers's) regardless of whether I was walking uphill or downhill. Occasionally, Nate or Joey would play the theme song when they wanted me to catch up.

We arrived at the second false peak together. The sky was black with hints of red, like charred embers in a dying fire. Undaunted, we pressed on, scrambling over rocks and through dense thickets, driven by an insatiable curiosity that

burned within our hearts.

After a half hour of climbing, the three of us reached the summit, a windswept expanse of rock and mist that tumbled away into the darkness. We stood at the edge of a vast abyss from which the mountains and hills that rolled gently under the warm sun now seemed to creep along the horizon and blot out the stars. Far away, the dull glow of the city could be seen against the underside of the clouds. The paleyellow light was not inviting; it looked like an ethereal glow on a bleak wasteland.

It was an eerie sight to behold, but only because of what seemed to lurk in the shadows, as if beckoning to us from beyond the veil of reality. As we silently gazed out over the wasteland, we felt a strange, unsettling presence, as if we were being watched by unseen forces that lurked just beyond the limits of our perception.

Suddenly, a chill wind rose up, and without warning, we heard it: a great scream that crashed upon us like an enormous wave. Mickey and Nate nearly jumped out of their skin, while I froze in place, fighting the urge to shiver as gooseflesh crept up my limbs. Slowly, I started to shine my flashlight around us, wholly expecting to see the eyes of some creature shambling through the chaparral, but there was nothing. Wordlessly, we each reached for our packs. Then the disturbing sound began again, first as a deep rumble, then a low-pitched, guttural growl that gradually rose into a sharp, piercing scream. I stood, frozen in terror, and a primal urge awoke within me. I felt as if I had stumbled upon something beyond my understanding, something powerful that could not be tamed or reasoned with.

We descended quickly. First whispering quietly, then cautiously growing louder. By the time we got back to the car, we were cracking jokes and laughing, as if the event had never happened. And yet — even as I sit here and write this, I am still haunted by that scream. I can't escape it. It's as if it's become a part of me. And sometimes, late at night, I wake up and stare at the dark corner of my room and feel a pair of eyes staring intently at me with an otherworldly hunger. And beneath those eyes is a gaping maw, filled with jagged teeth, anticipating its next meal. Then the corners of the lips pull back into a twisted smile, as if the creature has come to claim me as its own.

— Ryan Brothers

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Pausing on the first false peak to look at the light of the sunset on the Pine Valley Creek Bridge.

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#### Across

- 1. Sounds from a shiverer
- 5. Admin. aide
- **9.** Alpha \_\_\_\_ Alpha (sorority since 1908)
- **14.** Remini of GSN's "People Puzzler"
- **15.** The Batcave, for Batman
- **16.** "I need to speak with you, please" briefly
- **17.** additional cost!"
- **18.** Cookie brand introduced in 1975
- **20.** Cookie brand introduced in 1969
- 22. Hold protectively
- **23.** Talk radio tuner

- 27. Pirouetting, say
- **28.** Jones
- **31.** Self-satisfied
- **32.** Mercury or Sun, e.g.
- **36.** "Diary \_\_\_\_ Wimpy Kid" **37.** Reason why one might
- eat 18-, 20-, 53- or 57-Across, appropriately?
- **39.** "Law & Order" spinoff, for short
- **41.** Shades of embarrassment
- 42. SALT weapon
- **44.** \_\_\_\_ Lopez opening (classic chess tactic)
- **45.** George Eliot's "\_\_\_\_ Marner"
- **49.** New Orleans blues

- musician who wrote the 1973 hit "Right Place, Wrong Time"
- **52.** Mena of "American Beauty"
- **53.** Candy brand introduced in 1978
- **57.** Candy brand introduced in 1976
- **60.** Degreaser's target
- **61.** 1990s House majority leader Dick
- **62.** Farewell in Firenze
- **63.** Poker payment
- **64.** Raskolnikov's lover in "Crime and Punishment"
- 65. In stitches?
- **66.** It's rigged!

#### Down

- 1. Vino choice
- 2. What an investor hopes for
- 3. Go off on
- 4. Discredited, as a theory
- 5. Emmy winner Woodard
- **6.** Onetime Swedish auto import
- 7. Liu of "Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings"
- **8.** Moderate pace
- **9.** Casey in the National Radio Hall of Fame
- 10. Oscar and Edgar, e.g.
- **11.** Certain lap dog, informally
- **12.** Major leaguer
- **13.** Your browser might block them

- **19.** Hagen in the American Theater Hall of Fame
- 21. Kagan and Ferrante
- **24.** "Don't worry about me" **25.** " Wiedersehen!"
- **26.** Airport near JFK
- **28.** Westernmost capital in mainland Africa
- 29. Japanese port near Sapporo
- **30.** How dogs kiss
- **33.** Secretly add to an email thread
- 34. Broke a fast
- **35.** 2009 World Series MVP Hideki
- **37.** Hist. or Eng.
- **38.** TV spinoff that saw the return of Gil Grissom and Catherine Willows

- **39.** Punk rock's Vicious
- **40.** Device owned by many a Blockbuster patron
- **43.** Safer of "60 Minutes"
- **46.** Blank portion of a manuscript
- **47.** "Isn't that true about me?"
- **48.** Longtime colleague of Ebert
- **50.** 2003 #1 hit with the lyric "Shake it like a Polaroid picture"
- **51.** Wyo. neighbor
- **52.** Watch covertly
- **54.** Minute parts: Abbr.
- **55.** "Night" author Wiesel
- **56.** Cole
- **57.** Austrian affirmatives
- **58.** Suffix with ranch
- **59.** K-O connection

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### SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

#### **EVIL:**

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#### Creme de la Weird

 For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, a ritual event took place at the Sensoji Temple in Tokyo on April 22, The Guardian reported. The traditional "crying sumo" event features pairs of infants, held up by the parents facing each other, who are frightened into crying by staff wearing "oni" demon masks. The first baby to cry wins the match. "We can tell a baby's health condition by listening to the way they cry," said Hisae Watanabe, mother of an 8-month-old. "I want to hear her healthy crying." Crying sumo events are held throughout the country. "In Japan, we believe babies who cry powerfully also grow up healthily," explained Shigemi Fuji, chairman of the Asakusa Tourism Federation, which organized the event.

#### **Clothing Optional**

- Police in Mesa, Arizona, responded to the One Life Church on April 16 after receiving a call about a naked man in the church's baptismal fountain, AZCentral reported. Officers said Jeremiah Sykes, 20, was asked to leave repeatedly but wouldn't comply; he then wrapped himself in a blanket and wandered about the property. Sykes told officers he was baptizing himself. During his booking procedure, he punched two officers, compounding his charges.

#### **Wrong Place, Wrong Time**

 Shivdayal Sharma, 82, died in a freak accident in the Alwar region of India on April 19, LBC reported. As Sharma urinated near a train track, a Vande Bharat express train struck a cow, launching it 100 feet into the air before it landed on him. Sharma was killed instantly, and another man narrowly escaped being hit also. Ironically, Sharma worked at Indian Railways before retiring 23 years ago. Officials are calling for metal fencing to keep cows away from the tracks, along with the removal of garbage and vegetation.

#### It's a Dirty Job

- The Blackpool Zoo in England is hiring! Wanted: "A team of people to join our Visitor Services team as 'Seagull Deterrents.'" You, too, can dress up in a large bird costume and scare away pesky seagulls, which steal food from both visitors and animal enclosures. The Daily Mail reported that candidates must be "outgoing, as you need to be comfortable wearing a bird costume," and hours will be variable.

#### The Continuing Crisis

- In Carmarthenshire, Wales, residents have responded to the condition of a rural road that they describe as the "worst in the county" with a clever road sign, Wales Online reported on April 27. "Caution: Remove dentures. Adjust bra straps. Secure your nuts," the sign reads. Abergorlech Road is full of potholes, and while some have been filled, residents believe "the road is so worn and damaged that it requires complete resurfacing in many places," a spokesman said. "Whilst the sign is intended to be funny, the constant wear and tear on our vehicles is a real issue." The Carmarthenshire Council contends that there is no money budgeted for resurfacing, but residents say it's "ironic that the police can check our vehicles to ensure that they're safe for the road, but no one is ensuring that the road is safe for our vehicles."

#### Awesome!

- Seventh-grader Dillon Reeves of Warren, Michigan, is being hailed as a hero after he came to the rescue of a wayward school bus on April 26, ABC News reported. Reeves noticed as he was riding the bus home from school that the driver was "in distress." Superintendent Robert D. Livernois said the student "stepped to the front of the bus and helped bring it to a stop without incident. I could not be prouder of his efforts." The bus driver had lost consciousness; emergency personnel tended to the driver, and students were delivered home on another bus.

#### **News You Can Use**

- The Spanish parliament has "overcome the Spain of the past," as Jesus Martin, director general of the Royal Board on Disabilities, put it, with a vote banning "dwarf bullfighting." The Huffington Post reported that this traditional "comic" event features people with dwarfism dressed as firefighters or clowns who chase bulls without doing them any harm. The shows go back decades but are decreasing in popularity. "People with dwarfism are subjected to mockery in public squares in our country,"

Martin said. However, some of the performers are objecting to the ban. "They take it for granted that people are being denigrated or laughed at, and it's the opposite: The respect they have for us is impressive," said Daniel Calderon, one of the bullfighters.

#### **Questionable Judgment**

- Parents of students at Desert Hills Middle School in Kennewick, Washington, are questioning the thinking behind a school assembly activity that took place before spring break, YakTriNews reported. The game involved a large piece of clear plexiglass with stripes of whipped cream sprayed on both sides; teams of students and staff competed to see who could lick the cream off both sides at the same time, making it appear as if the two people were kissing. District Superintendent Dr. Traci Pierce sent a letter to parents on April 12, which assured them that "The content of a video being shared on social media is highly concerning" and the activity "does not reflect the high standards we hold for our staff members." An investigation is underway.

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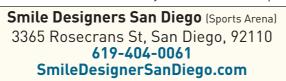
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