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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

UNIVERSITY CITY

Four-year neighbors fought UCSD = uncomfortably confronting student density

Housing-starved students in University City say they're fighting for elbow room with older, more established residents. "They're calling us transient — the new word is 'migratory' now," said Aidan Lin at a city workshop last week, where he played a video of a rowdy planning committee meeting in an effort to show how far things have gone. Students were talked over loudly, and a voice denounced the

Update subcommittee, is also the executive director of Our Time To Act United, a youth group that has been calling for even higher density than is now being planned. Unfortunately, he said, the group's opponents are actively trying to exclude them from the process. Further, group members

"We want to make sure our employees don't have to live in Temecula or Fallbrook and commute into the city every day."

"plague of students."

The University Community Plan update is unfolding amid a housing gap that somehow has to find room for employees of UCSD — the region's largest employer — as well as thousands of students who can't find housing on campus. According to the city, the university had 25,000 full-time employees and 38,000 students in 2018.

Lin, who is on the Community Plan

have been accused "online and to our faces that we were either paid or manipulated by developers and lobbyists, simply because we are active and caring about our community's future."

It is true, however, that density has a coalition of advocates who are seeking to adhere to the city's Climate Action Plan and make the most of the \$2 billion dollar trolley investment. "It's not every day you see the Labor Council, the



An example of an "Urban Village" featuring a pedestrian-oriented community serving both commercial and residential use.



Is density our destiny?

proposed in the discussion draft is still too high," said University City resident Linda Beresford. The plan would more than double the population, she said. "But the city has no guarantee it can or will build any of the proposed infrastructure." She also objected to the video shown by Lin, saying the clips weren't representative of the "hours of meetings" — and "certainly not the most recent meetings."

At a meeting in March 2022, Beresford said that allowing "transient UCSD students to have as much say as people who have invested here is not a true representation of resident desires."

SHEILA PELL

MISSION HILLS

Social media smackdown A different sort of Lucha Libre match-up

A recent verbal altercation at a local Lucha Libre-inspired restaurant in Mission Hills

Chamber of Commerce, Climate Action Committee and the Housing Federation all speaking together on an issue," said Jessie O'Sullivan, with Circulate San Diego. Earlier in the process, he said, the density goal was going to be higher, but opposition over the course of the discussion draft has caused it to shrink. "The city has been whitening down the number of homes allowed in the newly proposed scenarios," he continued. And that doesn't help affordability: a single family home in University City costs about \$1.5 million.

O'Sullivan pointed to a new apartment building, where a two-bedroom costs \$4000 a month — market rate. Expensive, he granted, but by splitting rent, it could be affordable for someone earning San Diego's median income of about \$75,000. "We need to recognize that those market rate apartments are middle-class housing for my generation."

Melanie Cone, speaking for Biocom California, said she was one of the few members of the plan update subcommittee who was representing the university, with its many life sciences employees. "We want to make sure our employees don't have to live in Temecula or Fallbrook and commute into the city every day," she said.

Those against the proposed density increase say the city is already built out — bursting at the seams, yet being tasked with taking on as much as 30 percent of the city's housing. "The density



La Cliente Frustrada vs. La Empleada Acosada.

was the real deal, and not the professional wrestling skit many onlookers thought it was. In a viral TikTok video taken at the popular Lucha Libre taco shop and posted by user brendapenda783 on May 7, a female customer can be heard yelling, "Ma'am, give me my receipt, you f***ing bitch. You f***ing c**t." According to brendapenda783 account owner Brenda, who was the reluctant cashier

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in the video, the irate customer ordered six Mexican dishes online, ate half the order, returned to the taco shop with the food, and demanded a \$73 refund.

It's unclear if Brenda's co-worker, who filmed the footage from behind a drink dispenser, presents the whole spat or edits some parts out. "I want my receipt," the customer yells several times as Brenda and the co-worker tell her to please leave the restaurant.

"No employee should ever have to face an attack or any form of disrespect, particularly when they are dedicated to providing excellent service."

In the original video, Brenda asks the woman to leave again, and the customer says, "Not until I get my receipt." Brenda then looks at the "receipt," and the customer reaches over the counter and attempts to grab it from Brenda's hand. From the camera's vantage point, it's difficult to see if the customer touches Brenda. But as the customer's hands move towards Brenda's chest area, Brenda smacks them away and then yells, "Don't do that f**king shit to me, bitch! Get out! Don't touch me!" After another heated exchange, the customer leaves.

The alleged name of the customer was posted online, but finding an active account to verify her identity was challenging. Many people online said the customer deleted or pulled all her social media accounts. As for Brenda, her accounts are still active, but she

pulled down the viral posts. For its part, the restaurant commented, "No employee should ever have to face an attack or any form of disrespect, particularly when they are dedicated to providing excellent service. Please be assured that we are taking this matter seriously while maintaining the spirit of our beloved taco shop."

In the comments on social media, most viewers sided with Brenda, but the customer also had a few backers, many of whom asked, "Why didn't Brenda just hand over a receipt?" In a followup post on TikTok, Brenda explained, "That's not even her receipt; that's the ticket order we

received in our printer, and we tape it on top of the order. This was an online order she placed on our website that only gives you text/email receipts, so she already had it." This prompted commenter Lovegoodsxv on TikTok to wonder, "Why don't old people ever want to look at online receipts? Many places email them or sen[d] them through text; they don't even have print machines."

Over on Instagram, commenter Christopher wrote, "The husband's side that the restaurant clearly isn't telling: 'One of their workers overcharged my wife and used her credit card to make purchases. When she asked for the receipt, the worker refused and started taunting her. They filmed her when she became enraged and posted it on social media to make her look bad. She lost her cool, but it was only because she was provoked.'"

MIKE MADRIAGA

UNDER THE RADAR

Sara's care package It was off to Kenya for a week starting April 8 for House Democrat **Sara Jacobs**, who hasn't been wasting any time catching up with her predecessor **Susan Davis** in the free road trip category. Cooperation for Assistance and Relief Everywhere (CARE), Save the Children Action Network, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation anted up \$9509.35 for Jacobs' travel, plus \$1250 worth of lodging, \$417.49 in meals, and \$741.62 to cover miscellaneous costs, including those of interpreters, security, airport services, travel insurance, and a medic, according to her May 9 filing with the Clerk of the House disclosing her excursion to Nairobi, Kenya and Burao, Somalia. She was part of a party of six House members. "This trip will inform my work as a member of the [House Foreign Affairs Commission]," says the congresswoman's filing. "Flights within Africa will

be by chartered plane to expedite travel, avoid long drives over difficult roads, and maximize time spent at program sites." Guests on the free ride were put up at the posh Villa Rosa Kempinski Nairobi, which describes itself online as a "luxury five-star hotel," touting "a rich culinary experience accentuated with Italian classics, Arabian flavors, and international cuisine," and Somalia's five-star Hotel Mansoor. Between gourmet meals, Jacobs and House colleagues embarked on a tour featuring "the successes and the challenges of [the] hunger crisis in Kenya and Somalia."

A letter to Jacobs from CARE and Save the Children Action Network, which bills itself as "the political advocacy arm of Save the Children," adds, "Somalia currently teeters on the brink of famine. The record-breaking drought, compounded by the Ukraine conflict, has affected half the population, and the United Nations predicts Somaliland could suffer its worst famine in half a century without urgent intervention. Kenya also sits on the front lines of the hunger crisis, experiencing both chronic food insecurity and acute humanitarian need. More than a quarter of young children in Kenya are stunted, an indication that they have had too little to eat over a long period of time."

Known as SCAN for short, Save the Children Action Network was started by **Mark Shriver**, son of **Eunice Kennedy Shriver** and **Sargent Shriver**, according to a January 2016 profile by *The Hill*. The group also lobbies regarding border issues, as exempli-

fied by a March 20 *Washington Post* letter by SCAN executive director **Christy Gleason**, panning the Border Patrol's newly released mobile phone application. "The U.S. government is again causing family separations, this time because of the improper rollout of this app, causing children and families to become victims of extortion and abuse," Gleason also attacked the December 2023 Supreme Court ruling to uphold so-called Title 42 expulsions of migrants. "We condemn this ruling, which

is a disingenuous affront to our nation's legal and moral responsibility to provide asylum protections to those seeking refuge within our borders," said her December 28 statement. "Seeking asylum is a basic human right, and many of the children and families looking to exercise this right are fleeing unimaginable violence and disasters in their home countries. Yet, Title 42 has denied them their right

to safety for nearly three years." According to *OpenSecrets.org*, Save the Children and its SCAN affiliate spent a total of \$230,000 in lobbying expenses last year, and employees came up with \$13,057 for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Soon-Shiong's U-T bell unrung

As advertisers continue to flee the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, keeping it on track to go online-only when the lease runs out at the paper's Los Angeles printing plant at the end of this year, *U-T* owner **Patrick Soon-Shiong** has run into big trouble in the biotech industry that made him a billionaire in the first place. "Soon-Shiong sold Abraxis Bioscience to Celgene back in 2010, but since then he can't catch a break," reports Wall Street website *Evaluate Vantage*. "His latest venture, ImmunityBio — the rebranded Nantkwest with a reduced focus on NK cell therapies — just fell flat, failing to get the IL-15 superagonist Anktiva approved for BCG-unresponsive non-muscle invasive bladder cancer."

Adds the May 11 post: "The FDA's complete response letter, citing manufacturing deficiencies and CMC problems, came two days ago, but ImmunityBio only slipped the news out today via an SEC filing, causing its stock to plummet 56%. Even after the fall, ImmunityBio carries a \$1.2 [billion] market cap -- remarkable considering its dire financial situation. ImmunitBbio has so far burned through \$2.5 [billion] of investor funds,

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Sara Jacobs: seeing Somalia's suffering, up close and personal.



Patrick Soon-Shiong's ImmunityBio is looking unhealthy.

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Miranda's malign message

Danielle Thomassen's interview in *San Diego Reader* of vapid divorce attorney Tim Miranda ("Divorcée talks with Antonyan Miranda, king of divorce billboards", Cover Stories, May 3, 2023) gave him much more credence than he deserves. Was it really necessary to mention the writer is also a divorcée? That term was retired in the Nixon era. As if being a qualified female journalist sent to interview a male bully with a bat isn't cringey enough! The sweet cover art made this snake in the grass look as safe as cotton candy. *SD Reader*, you failed your writer and angered any reader with a brain.

But I digress.

With over half of all marriages ending in divorce, this law firm is harvesting the easy pickings; capitalizing on the misery of angry clients that see his ads and appear at his door with conveyor belt frequency. Clever and quite full of himself, Miranda refuses to "dignify the criticism" of detractors of his acerbic ad slogans. Well, isn't that special!

Meanwhile, mostly men across San Diego are getting the undignified message that it's acceptable to refer to their soon-to-be ex spouse, frequently the mother of their children, as "ho", "witch" or "gone girl." Just as Trump has his pathetic defense of "locker room talk" for his "grab 'em by the p*****" comments, Miranda is normalizing, justifying and even cheering on aggressive posturing by men.

In this country, 24 people per minute are victims

of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner. That's 12 million women and men over the course of a single year. It's a known fact that women, in the process of leaving a male partner, are at heightened risk of retaliatory violence and often death. It's become a daily read, men and occasionally women, slaughtering their whole family: the spouse, kids, themselves, even neighbors and strangers with alarming frequency when a marriage is ending. People losing their minds on a daily basis with tragic results. Do they really need cheering on? Isn't violent messaging like Miranda's irresponsible? How many in divorce are dangerously close to the tipping point?

Divorce is depressing and expensive. In divorce made

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and carries \$91 [million] of cash against \$717 [million] in debt — \$471 [million] falling due in the next year — owed to entities controlled by Soon-Shiong, its chairman and main shareholder. Anktiva's failure comes amid growing interest in pre-metastatic bladder cancer, where Ferring's Adstiladrin saw a surprise U.S. approval in December."

Although ImmunityBio is headquartered in San Diego, the *U-T* failed to report the company's setback. The stock's plunge has already enticed a New York law firm to announce an "investigation" of ImmunityBio's management. "Bronstein, Gewirtz & Grossman, LLC represents investors in securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative suits. The firm has recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for investors nationwide," says a May 11 news release.

— Matt Potter
(@sdmattpotter)

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by Dave Rice

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Pool equipped with beach entry and waterfall, because why go to Hawaii?

isn't bad, but really, the place is best described as a housing complex designed for use by just one family. There are nearly 22,000 square feet of indoor liv-

ing space spread across four different buildings, along with another 4000 feet of covered patios and passageways. That's more than a half acre of space,

just under a roof! Let's take a look, shall we?

We open with an aerial shot of the grounds, and "sprawling" is absolutely the right word for this

property. There's what looks to be a guard shack leading into a turnaround in the center of a compound that is flanked by multiple structures, along with a separate gated drive that leads to the back, where garages provide housing for up to eight cars. There's also a palm-lined pool in the back-ground, which I assume we're going to get to soon.

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expansive windows & skylights, imposing fireplaces, and high-end fixtures & finishes throughout," we're detouring immediately to the pool. It's certainly a pretty picture of the backyard — shot at twilight and heavily touched up — with a purple sky, green lagoon water, and light shining through at least a dozen doors and windows that look out onto the scene. There's "beach entry [and a] cascading waterfall with a backdrop of boulders, palms, and verdant landscaping," which appears to consist of copious amounts of carefully manicured grass.

Back in front, we pass through the entry tower to the main courtyard. The brick drive and fountain are pleasant enough, but what I really appreciate is the bold move of letting

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Anne Albright's Kid Stuff

Men in overalls

When I was in junior high, we lived at Tamarack Lodge in Mammoth Lakes. My parents managed Tamarack and a couple of other mountain lodges that sat high in Mammoth's Upper Lakes Basin. We lived an almost Tom Sawyer existence — no television, no radio. My mom worked the front desk. My dad kept everything in the rustic, 50-year-old lodge running. — Anne Albright **NOV. 15, 2001**

Andrea Yates — that help she needed

I thought I should be happy. After all, I had the privilege of staying home with my children. My children were healthy and bright and developing normally. Instead, I found myself slipping into a black hole. At the end of every day, I looked back and saw a string of failures. The unsuccessful painting project. The dinner no one liked. — Anne Albright **MAR. 28, 2002**

This is not how I imagined my Mother's Day

At the restaurant, Ben got worse. We had made reservations for 11:45. When we arrived with five hungry children, the hostess told us our table wouldn't be ready for another half-hour. The four older kids played outside. Ben stood by the restaurant's door and tried

to get back inside. When I tried to hold him, he screamed. — Anne Albright **MAY 23, 2002**

I grew up in Mammoth

"We'll drive up Sunday," I told them. "Monday, Aunt Anita is having a picnic for us at a really pretty park. We'll see some of the people I went to high school with. Tuesday, we're going out to dinner with Aunt Anita and Uncle Jason and Aunt Joan. Thursday, Uncle Jason and Aunt Joan are going to take you guys fishing, then we'll have a barbecue at their house." — Anne Albright **AUG. 8, 2002**

We listened to every Nickel Creek song

During the following weeks, Rebecca played the Nickel Creek CD until I almost couldn't stand it anymore. While her four younger siblings ran around the house or played



Tamarack Lodge. In the summer, my dad repaired roofs and dug trenches and oversaw the cleaning crews.

makebelieve games, Rebecca sat in the soft, round Papasan chair in our living room, read the lyrics, and softly sang along. We watched Nickel Creek videos on Country Music Television. — Anne Albright **OCT. 3, 2002**

Strep strikes hard

Jack's flu hung on a long time. He tried going back to work Tuesday but ended up back in bed on Wednesday. Tuesday night, Johnny threw up all over Jack's and my bed. He threw up and ran a fever for the next two days. Thursday, I got a call from school. "Lucy

just threw up in class." — Anne Albright **DEC. 18, 2003**

Pregnant on Prozac

I peed on the absorbent end and replaced the cap. After I'd washed my hands, I stood and watched a faint pink line appear in the positive window. I looked up and smiled at myself in the mirror. I looked at the gray in my hair and the lines around my eyes. I thought of the baby growing inside me. Tears spilled onto my still-smiling cheeks. — Anne Albright **MAY 8, 2003**

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Has there ever been another sport like this?

As I recall, it was around the middle of the last decade when I first encountered pickleball. My friend Andy Cox and I were nearing the end of a game of tennis at Collier Park in La Mesa when I noticed a group of people waiting for us to leave the court. When we did, the group started in setting up smaller, portable nets, dividing our single court into several. As Andy and I lingered in

conversation near our cars, the group began playing doubles games that seemed straight out of the mind of highly imaginative gym teacher — a sort of compact tennis, played with paddles instead of rackets and what looked like a whiffle ball. Andy immediately identified it as pickleball. I'd never heard of it, but he said the word was that it was the fastest-growing sport in the country.

Come to think of it, around the middle of the last decade is when the Astiz Tennis Ranch in Spring Valley ceased operations. Their website hasn't been updated since 2013, and their Twitter account boasts only two tweets, one of which, posted in 2010, reads "ASTIZ TENNIS RANCH is in Twitter!" One of the things you usually read in stories about pickleball is how its adherents are

often in conflict with tennis players — hardly surprising, given their common playing surface. So it seemed somehow significant when, earlier this year, I was driving west on the 94, looked off to my right, and noticed that Astiz Tennis Ranch was now The Hub, a 100% pickleball facility with, according to their website, "26 Dedicated Pickleball Courts, Pro Shop, Restaurant, World Class

Instructors and MORE!” No competition with tennis players here, just total victory.

In early March, I spent an hour or so sitting on a tree stump at La Mesa’s Highwood Park, soaking in the action on the tennis — sorry, pickleball — courts below in an effort to figure out the game and its appeal. There were four courts, and all were active with doubles games. I counted five other players sitting off to the side in lawn chairs, waiting for their turn to play. Most of the players were men, and most appeared to be over 50. I learned that the crowd fit with the sport’s history — until recently, it’s been dominated by the seniors, 55 and over — but not its present. This year, the 18-34 crowd has become the largest demographic. of players. Has there ever

been another sport that owes its early success to retirees and then gets accepted and adopted by younger players? You don’t see the kids lining up for shuffleboard. Maybe bocce.

The courts were stacked north to south, with the best gameplay happening on the two northernmost courts. It was pretty simple to figure out who was winning points, but the scoring system was mysterious, with the servers calling out three different numbers, e.g. “2-5-2.” Not very tennis. Also not very tennis: one player beaming another in the shin with an overhead slam. But Jim Gahen, a 60-year-old who is part of the group that’s been playing at the park for about four years, says such beaming is just part of the game. “It’s engaging when we hit each



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If you’re a really skilled player, you might find yourself participating in tournaments, like the one at The Hub on May 7 — the USA Pickleball West Diamond Regional.

other with the ball,” he explains. “We try to, because it’s just part of the fun of it. I’m gonna aim for your right shoulder and your right hip.”

Gahen discovered the sport in March 2019 while on a business trip in St. Louis. The people he was staying with invited him to try a new sport

they had just discovered. “It was so much fun to have that much fun that quick,” he says. “I had played tennis when I was in high school, so I had a little bit of hand-eye-ball coordination. Later, I played softball and even racquetball, but this was so much easier — and it was fun. I fell in love with

it immediately.” He was so hooked that within a month, he became a regular fixture at the La Mesa pickleball group meetups — at that time, held at Collier Park. It took him about a year to develop the skills to move from Collier’s beginner courts to competing with the advanced players.

Eventually, he even became an instructor.

“Here’s the thing,” says Gahen, “I love to teach. My mission as a man is to empower, motivate, and inspire others by sharing my love and experience to create a world where people love life and dreams come true. I have been doing success coaching for the past 26 years. My wife was a collegiate swim coach, so she took me into the swimming world. I don’t know how to swim, but I’ve worked with gold medalists and Olympians in helping them do their best. As I was learning pickleball, so many other people were kind and gracious, and they were patient with me. All I wanted to do was smash and win, and they would be kind and gentle and guide me. I found it really easy to give back to people on the pick-



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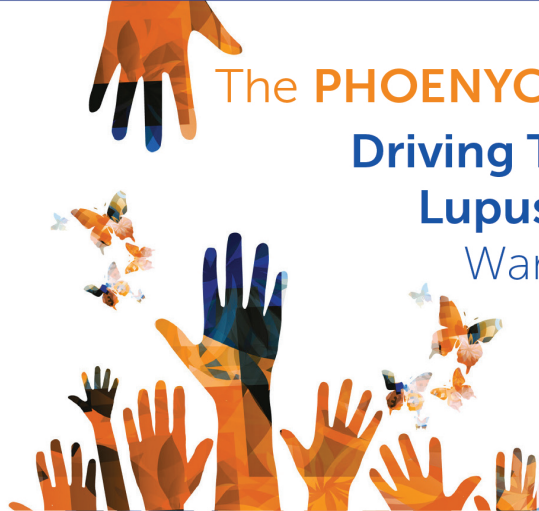
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leball court. Then I got an email from the athletic director at the Kroc Center saying they were looking for a pickleball instructor. I joined one of the local organizations, enrolled in the pickleball instructor class, said, 'Count me in,' and she hired me."

In late March, I observed two hours' worth of Gahen's life mission at the Kroc. His skills as both instructor and motivator were on full display. He came across as a wiry ball of energy as he guided a group of older women through basic pickleball skills such as volleying, defending against slams, and working on a surprisingly difficult aspect of the game — the lob. Around the same time, I started to see him around Highwood Park as I dipped my toes into actual gameplay with the La Mesa pickleball crew. At first, I was directed to the beginner/social courts; there, I would learn the basic logistics of the game, just as Gahen had. I had experience in both tennis and ping-pong, so I felt fairly confident that I wouldn't entirely embarrass myself. I was only



Lindsey Alper and her partner, James Merrill, snagged a silver medal in their mixed-doubles division at the Hub.

partially right.

My initial days of playing offered some bright spots, mostly involving decent power shots, but more of my time was spent hitting serves into the net or outside the box, being generally confused by the score and flow of the game, miscalculating shots, and letting my partners down. I thought I would have an advantage, since I was usually at least a decade younger than most of my

opponents. But I quickly learned that my late-40s "youth" was no match for senior shot placement.

"Placement over power is really what I have come to learn," Gahen explained, "and it's also what I teach. I teach intermediate students, and I'm like, 'It's not about being able to hit the ball hard. It's being able to put the ball where you want, or to put the ball where your opponent is not.' It's an easy sport to learn.

It's difficult to master. I think that is part of what makes it so attractive." (In my case, it's likely a coin toss as to whether the easy to learn/difficult to master aspect of pickleball outdid the joy of competition. Progressing skill-wise in any activity is always satisfying, but the rush of notching wins is often tough to beat.)

Lindsey Alper, a psychologist who is part of the La Mesa pickleball group, plays about six times a week — sometimes, two sessions in a single day. She offers has an interesting take on what makes the sport so appealing to people over 60: "When I was a kid, I would go outside and play all day with my friends and neighbors. As adults, we don't do that anymore, and pickleball feels about as close to that as any sport I can think of. It's fun. People laugh a lot. You meet people and, if you play at a place like Collier, most of the people are kind of your neighbors that live in the community. It's the closest thing to playing like a kid and just having fun."

I found I agreed: it *was* fun. But it wasn't *just* fun.

After I had been going to Highwood for a couple of weeks, I got really, really into pickleball. I progressed from playing occasional games to watching tutorials and competition footage on YouTube, researching and purchasing my own paddles, and even considering the addition of lead tape to the side of said paddles to increase their weight, control and power potential. And as I played more at Highwood, I started looking for opponents who would really challenge me. Psychologist Alper explains the phenomenon: "You end up gravitating toward the people who are at your level, or ideally, a little better than you are, so you can get good competitive games going. Then you find groups that you like and enjoy playing with, because they are fairly even, competitive games."

That competitive quality is evident, and at times quite surprising, given Gahen's comments about gentleness and the age of the players. When I first heard about pickleball gaining popularity with seniors, I envisioned something

like a book club, where gatherings would devolve into socializing and gossip. But all the older players I observed — at all skill levels — were playing to win. A handful even overexerted themselves to the point of injury — remarkable when you consider that part of pickleball's appeal is that it offers physical activity that isn't quite as rough on the body as tennis, while still providing a chance to compete.

Deanna McDonald works at the front desk at The Hub, and instructs there as well. She started playing pickleball in 2018; before that, she had a long history of playing volleyball and racquetball. But once she picked up a paddle, pickleball soon became her primary sport. "When I first started, I would only go maybe once a week, because I was still playing racquetball and volleyball," she says. "Eventually, I started going two days a week, and then I was going three days a week, and then I wasn't playing racquetball anymore. Then my pickleball friends were like, 'Don't go to volleyball. You don't need to go to vol-

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leyball.' And I was like, 'OK, I'll miss volleyball this week.' Eventually, I stopped going to volleyball, and then I was going to pickleball every day."

She grants the appeal of pickleball friends: "You can exert yourself as much as you want to and still have fun, and it's social. And the social aspect is one thing that, across the board, everybody enjoys. That's why doubles, I think, is so much more fun than singles."

But again, it's not a book club. "It's the age-old question of, 'What makes pickleball so addictive?' It is literally an addiction. I don't know if you've ever golfed, but people say you have a good day and a bad day, and they can never quite grasp it and perfect it. I think that's how pickleball is. There's always something to work on. 'I just need to work on my dink,' or 'I just need to get better at my drop shot.' And there are so many creative things you can do with the game, so many different strategies and skills you can keep trying to master."

Eventually, my own skills improved to the

point where I was confident enough to start exploring other courts. Among the Highland crowd, Big Rock in Santee seemed to be mentioned most often, so I decided to head there first. The park is located south of Mission Gorge Road near the Big Rock Trail trailhead on the north side of Cowles Mountain. It features eight permanent pickleball courts, none of which are tennis/pickleball hybrid courts. The area is pretty exposed to the sun, so mid-afternoon play during peak-heat days in Santee would likely require roughly a keg of Gatorade to endure. But on my first visit, the weather was simply pleasant, and I was able to enjoy some doubles games with three other randoms who were also looking for some competition. About those randoms: it's worth mentioning that at every spot I played, I joined games with total strangers. Most facilities have "open play," which means you can put your paddle in line and wait for a game. The players I encountered generally seemed very inviting to novices like myself,

and even were willing to deal patiently with newbies who had challenges grasping the general flow of the game and its rules.

My friend Andy and I had played tennis at La Mesita Park (near Fletcher Parkway and the 125), so I invited him there for an evening session of pickleball. La Mesita now has eight pickleball courts, all of which were active with doubles games when we visited. The court we played on had both pickleball lines and tennis lines, not to mention a noticeable dip on the south side that complicated play. (Not all courts are perfect; Highwood has cracks on a couple of its courts that are severe enough to alter the ball's trajectory.) But even with the slope, Andy and I still had some fun doubles games with Michael and Mary, a duo who were also new to the sport. Andy had recently battered me during a marathon run of singles games at Highwood (on just his second day playing), but I had to walk him through the logistics of doubles as we played. He still played great.

Coming from tennis, I was surprised to see



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how much more dominant doubles play was, compared to singles. Once you get inside the game, though, it makes a bit more sense. The court is smaller, but the ball has far less bounce than a tennis ball, and you have to run a ton when you are playing a skilled player in singles. Andy broke it down like this: “Doubles is more like big ping-pong, and singles is more like small tennis.” That seems pretty accurate, especially when you watch expert doubles players bashing the ball back and forth in close proximity just outside the “kitchen” (the no-volley zone) near the net.

As we were leaving, Andy pointed out how the side of the park with two tennis courts was completely empty, while the side with the pickleball courts was packed with approximately 45 players. You can see why tennis court conversions are happening — the pickleball numbers don’t lie. And the crowd at La Mesita was the youngest I had seen in my researching/playing so far. The average age seemed to be mid-30s, and it might have been even lower.

Jim Gahen says that at the Kroc, he’s starting to get people showing up for lessons who are in their fifties, and even a couple in their forties. So, while his clientele is still very much on the older end of the pickleball spectrum, even he is seeing a drop in the average age — though only so much. He noted that many of the other staff members at the Kroc are in their twenties, and when he asked one if he had tried pickleball, the staffer said jokingly, “No, I’m too young.”

“I think the sport’s average age is getting younger and younger,” adds Lindsey Alper. “Somewhere, I heard the average age is 37 now, but I would say at your typical pickleball, you’re gonna have at least half of the people over 50. Probably 60-70%. But if you go to retirement communities or Florida — places where it’s sunny like Palm Springs — you are going to find the average age is much higher. Because that’s where people go to retire.”

The final stop of my tour-de-courts (at least the ones where I would actually compete) was

Mackenzie Creek Park in Chula Vista. This place was a full-on scene. I arrived one evening to find eight packed courts, several with four or more players waiting. It was a younger crowd, with some serious skills on display. Lots of power hitters with youthful legs that could propel them to get to a ball that might seem unreachable to us middle-aged players. Undaunted, I hopped onto a court with some locals, who proved to be great hosts, and enjoyed several games with them. My only gripe, and it’s a small one, was that there were more “ball on court” stoppages there than at any other place I played. Maybe it was just that all those pickleballs were flying all over the place on that particular night. Regardless, it’s an excellent venue, with the bonus of great competition if you’re a skilled player.

If you’re a *really* skilled player, you might find yourself participating in tournaments, like the one at The Hub on May 7 — the USA Pickleball West Diamond Regional. I was hoping to catch some next-level game-



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Roy Ahrensberg is a bit of a legend, and he still has game, even as he pushes closer to the century mark.

play when I attended the tourney’s final day, and I was not disappointed. One highlight included a successful “around the post” (ATP) shot. An ATP occurs when a player catches up to a ball that has bounced inbounds on their side of the court but has then veered out of bounds, forcing the player to hit it around the net post and back onto the opponents’ court without it travelling over the net. So far, every time I had seen a player pull off this shot in clips online, it turned out to be a winner. This was the first ATP I had ever even witnessed in person, but it was actually returned by the opposition, which made the point even more impressive.

Judging by the some of the top-tier matchups I caught, it seems that at that level, the hits are more powerful. Also the players are faster (and younger). But they still maintain the soft touch and speedy reaction times that are so vital to gameplay near the kitchen area of the court.

I was so blown away by some of the rallies that I decided to check out tournament footage from 10 years ago, just to see how far the game had progressed. I found the USAPA Nationals V Gold Medal matches for open women’s and open men’s doubles from 2013. Both looked like what I would call very mid-tier, local rec center-level games by today’s standards. The pace was more sluggish, power shots were nearly non-existent, and mis-hits were far more common. Judging by this footage, modern pickleball at elite levels is, at the very least, much more entertaining to watch. (It’s also worth noting that Lindsey Alper and her partner, James Merrill, snagged a silver medal in their mixed-doubles division. La Mesa pickleball represent!)

In late April, I was knocking out a little pre-game stretching near the courts at Highwood when I heard the players start to sing happy birthday to Roy Ahrensberg, who had just entered the

courts. It was Roy’s 97th birthday. He’s a bit of a legend with this crew, and he still has game, even as he pushes closer to the century mark. You try not to dink (drop shot) on him while playing him, because his years of sprinting toward the net are behind him. But if a ball lands in his vicinity, he can still hit back a smart, calculated shot with ease.

Jim Gahen explains how Roy has managed to stay such a great player all these years: “In pickleball, you have to be able to serve, because if you can’t serve, you can’t score. The serve is a controlled environment. You have the ball, you have the paddle, you get to set your stance — you just have to stand behind the baseline. You can drop it and let it bounce, or you can hit it out of the air, whichever one you prefer. You’ve got to be able to serve, and Roy can serve fantastically. He has a number of different serves, and occasionally, he can still pull off an ace — because nobody expects this old boy to send the ball that fast. Also, you have to be able to hit the ball wherever you are. Let’s face it, the court, when you play doubles, we’re talking about only 22 feet from baseline to net on our side. So, 15 of that is the receiving area and seven of that is the kitchen. So, you need to get from the baseline 15 feet up. It’s four steps for some people, five for others, depending on how big of a step you take. Once Roy gets up there, he can defend his area very well and every once in a while, out of nowhere, he will hit that shot where you are not and still get the point.”

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creeping vines grow up pretty much all over the exterior walls of the buildings. The entry foyer displays all of the features we were promised earlier, and the marble fireplace in the living room situated off to one side is indeed imposing. But what's most interesting are the arched passageways from room to room, as it seems that different types of stone have been used to line each.

The open kitchen has perhaps the most breakfast bar seating of any house I can remember writing about to date, along with a dining table that seats eight (it's the second dining area we've seen so far). The stone tile and stained cabinetry contrast nicely with the deep color of the exposed ceiling beams, allowing me a welcome break from complaining about the gray-and-white sterility of so many modern mansions. Before leaving this section of the house, we also get a peek at a brick-ceilinged wine room with more bottles on display than I'm going to try to count.

The "palatial" primary suite features a bedroom that occupies more than 600 square

feet just by itself, along with his-and-hers bathrooms, a sitting area, and an "intricately-crafted closet" lined in wood and filled with more outfits and pairs of shoes than I have cumulatively owned over the course of four decades of life. The rich not only have more money, they have more stuff.

A wood-paneled study features another massive fireplace, plus beautiful built-in shelving stretching nearly to the raised coffered ceiling. The gray floor feels a little out of place with all this wood, but it does something to lighten up the otherwise dark space, so I'm not going to gripe.

Our tour picks up pace from here, quickly rushing us through a handful of bedrooms and baths, a billiards room, a home theater (that reportedly occupies a whole building of the compound by itself), a gym "with three-bed carriage house," and a separate two-bedroom guest house.

Public records list a Dykmans Family Trust as the current owner of the El Apajo estate; it was last sold for just over \$8 million back in 2012. After an aborted attempt to sell in 2020, the most recent listing went live in late April with an asking price of \$16,980,000 that remains unchanged to date. ■

LETTERS

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more contentious and dangerous by nasty and inflammatory innuendo, the only clear winner is this clever, despicable lawyer. He's not on your side. He's capitalizing on your misfortune while laughing all the way to the bank.

Marina Andriola
San Diego

Potential politician protests plan

How now brown cow! Why would someone with no chance in winning, run for mayor of San Diego? ("You Can't Fight City Hall... but now you can buy it!", *SD on the QT*, May 12, 2023) Well, I'm a candidate for mayor in order to inject a truth serum in the veins of voters. DO NOT SELL CITY PROPERTY! Manage the City's coffers like an adult and not like a drunken sailor in a Spanish port. Why is the City's liability fund hemorrhaging at the seams? Because there is no vision! "Without vision, the people shall perish." —William James.

Daniel Smiechowski
Bay Ho

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

Moko man in a Maori world

Golden Dreams, April 21, 2023

This is a truly interesting tale, in the story of this person. He is in a way not so usual, at peace with himself, and in his practice of helping young others. The significance and connection of his tattoos can lead in some interesting directions, which it feels could come to involve our local tattoo culture here, not so??

-Don Cleve
May 16, 2023

Nathan Fletcher - what a man

Letters, May 3, 2023

Nathan Fletcher is NOT good looking.

-Nopes to Nate
May 8, 2023

I hate to break it to you but you are, in fact, not "very intuitive and discerning person."

-Not a Nathan fan
May 3, 2023

El Cajon promises on potholes

Neighborhood News, May 1, 2023

It would be nice if the government did the two main jobs it was tasked with: Maintaining the infrastructure and providing public safety. But, they are too busy spending taxpayer money on other projects that they think are important.

-Logical Person
May 3, 2023

Divorcée talks with Antonyan Miranda, king of divorce billboards

Cover Story, May 3, 2023

Excellent article, both the content and the author's writing style. I greatly enjoyed her presentation of both viewpoints along with her personal experience. The article was written in a thoughtful

and civil manner. I think the author raises very interesting points about the seriousness and the potential levity of divorce. Thanks for a very interesting article.

On a related subject, I enjoy many of the creative and insightful *Reader* articles, such as one by Siobahn about the struggles of a nursing student who found happiness in the child care field.

Unlike the *U-T*, you don't suck.

-Dave Siegler
May 4, 2023

Preuss School students tell whole story about riding the trolley

News under the Radar, May 3, 2023

Thank you *San Diego Reader* for calling legal campaign contributions what they are, BRIBES!!! You chose your words perfectly and accurately. Best government money can buy!

-Not a Nathan fan
May 3, 2023

Is Octetra the right art for Del Mar?

Neighborhood News, May 9, 2023

I love Del Mar

-Del Martian to-be
May 9, 2023

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Thursday | 25

NEUROSCIENCE OF DIGITAL DISTRACTIONS



DR. ANASTASIA DEDYUKHINA

Hear a talk by a TEDx speaker Dr. Anastasia Dedyukhina of Consciously Digital and also the futurist author of *Homo Distractus*. Quoting the latest neuroscience research, Dedyukhina will discuss the impact that our devices have on human physical, emotional, and mental well-being, and suggest how to prepare ourselves for the future, when machines have even more power. There will also be an interactive session to offer advice on how to have better focus, make better decisions, think clearly and creatively, and sleep well.

WHEN: Thursday, May 25, 12:45 pm to 2 pm

WHERE: WeWork B Street, 600 B Street, Third Floor, Downtown. eventbrite.com

SIDNEY BAILEY STOCKDALE BOOK LAUNCH

The Coronado Historical Association and Bay Books



SIDNEY BAILEY STOCKDALE

present *A World Apart: Growing Up Stockdale During Vietnam*, a memoir by Sidney Bailey Stockdale. Stockdale, son of Sybil and Vice Admiral James Stockdale, was 11 when his father's U.S. Navy fighter jet was shot down over North Vietnam. James was captured and held as a prisoner of war in the Hanoi Hilton for the next seven years.

WHEN: Thursday, May 25, 7 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado. coronado.librarycalendar.com

Friday | 26

RODRIGO Y GABRIELA



RODRIGO Y GABRIELA

Mexican acoustic guitar duo Rodrigo Y Gabriela specialize in *nuevo flamenco*:

rock and heavy metal instrumental duets, performed on the flamenco guitar. Over their career, the 2020 Grammy winners for Best Contemporary Instrumental Album and have put out over a dozen studio albums, EPs, and concert records.

WHEN: Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27, 7:30 pm



SUNDAY, MAY 28: EL TEN ELEVEN AT NORTH PARK MUSIC FEST

WHERE: Humphreys by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. humphreysconcerts.com

Saturday | 27

ZOMBIE PROM

Take part in a dress up prom with live band, food trucks, beer garden, multiple dance areas, contests, and games. Attending: BNS Brewery & Distilling Co., DJ Beatzbyo, as will the Funky Frenchie Food Truck. Plus: prom court contest, karaoke lounge, and prom photos.

WHEN: Saturday, May 27, 6 pm to 10 pm

WHERE: Haunted Amusement Park, 14011 Ridge Hill Road, El Cajon. darksidedproductions.com

Sunday | 28

NORTH PARK MUSIC FEST

See the North Park Mini Park and surrounding streets transformed into a music venue, art gallery, and food festival. This year's lineup: El Ten Eleven, The Mattson 2, Kate Clover, Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects, Well Well Well, Sure Fire Soul Ensemble, Wild Wild Wets, Dead Feather Moon and more. Beverage partners include Nova Kombucha, Original 40, Boochcraft, Fall, Thorn, Mike Hess, Bivouac Ciderworks, and Modern Times.

WHEN: Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, 12 pm

WHERE: North Park Mini Park, 3812 29th Street, North Park. northparkmusicfest.org



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ART

Bi-Annual Small Image Show

The show is open to San Dieguito Art Guild members and non-members living in Southern San Diego County. Cash awards will be awarded for Best Of Show and first place winners in five categories. 100 pieces will be selected to hang. Tuesday, May 30, 11am; \$10-\$13. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

Meet the Designers Fashion & Trunk Show

This two-day event will feature San Diego fashion designers, including Nea Eshe, The Black R.a.c, UNSHOOK, Midtrovert, Jenneva Borboa, Baza Haute Couture, Nina Cicolo, and Kenneth Barlis. Saturday, May 27, 12pm; **free**-\$150. Balboa Park Club & Ballroom, 2144 Pan American Road West. (BALBOA PARK)

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 26, 5pm; **free**. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Eric Kaufmann: Leadership Breakdown Warwick's will host Eric Kaufmann as he discusses and signs his new book, *Leadership Breakdown: How Conscious Leaders Generate Breakthroughs that Enrich Business and the World*. Free admittance is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/kaufmann-2023. Wednesday, May 31, 7:30pm; **free**-\$18. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Sidney Bailey Stockdale Book Launch The Coronado Historical Association and Bay Books present the launch of *A World Apart: Growing Up Stockdale During Vietnam*, a memoir by Sidney Bailey Stockdale. Sid Stockdale, son of Sybil and Vice Admiral James Stockdale. Thursday, May 25, 7pm; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

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

Weekends with Locals: Cody J. Thompson As part of our ongoing

Weekends with Locals Program we will be hosting Cody J. Thompson, author of *This One's Gonna Hurt* and *Bone Saw Serenade*. Sunday, May 28, 2:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Scott McGaugh As part of our ongoing Weekends with Locals Program we will be hosting Scott McGaugh, author of *Brotherhood of the Flying Coffin: The Glider Pilots of World War II*. Sunday, May 28, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Acrylic Pour Workshop Instructor: Beverly Brock Friday, May 26, 2pm; \$20-\$30. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Contemporary Dance Series Learn and practice contemporary fusion choreography, refine technique, strengthen body and level of confidence, and connect with others. Sunday, May 28, 1pm; \$129. 18 and up. Dancehouse Point Loma, 2180 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Cooking Class: Ravioli & Bolognese Sauce Learn the secret of creating Ravioli from scratch. Sunday, May 28, 5pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Fermented Condiments Workshop Join Austin Durant, founder and Chief Fermentation Officer of Fermenters Club, as he takes you through the most popular condiments, showing how each can be fermented. Sunday, May 28, 11am; \$64. Maya Moon Collective, 3349 Adams Ave. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Meditation Expanding Consciousness with Sound – Meditation hosted by Teresa Thursday, May 25, 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 27, 11am; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Partnered Paint & Sip: Surf Wagon Local artist, Nataly, teaches couples to recreate the California classic "Surf Wagon." Thursday, May 25, 5pm; \$45. 18 and up. Local Roots Kombucha, 1430 Vantage Court Suite 101. (VISTA)

COMEDY

1 Night Only Different format every time Thursday, May 25, 7:15pm; \$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Brooks Wheelan AS SEEN ON: Comedy Central, Saturday Night Live, MTV, Conan & more! Thursday, May 25, 8pm; Friday, May 26, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, May

27, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$5-\$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedy For a Cause Stand-up comedy show hosted by Rand. Featuring Sarah Cannon and Chet Sewell with DD Stepps, Jenna Marsh and Zannah Weiss. Benefitting GLSEN San Diego County. Saturday, May 27, 7:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Comedy Night Friday, May 26, 7:30pm; **free**-\$10. 18 and up. Five Suits Brewing, 2575 Pioneer Avenue STE 104. (VISTA)

Comedy Under the Stars Thursday, May 25, 6:30pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

Comedy Under the Stars Saturday, May 27, 8pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

Michael Palascak Michael Palascak (Letterman, The Tonight Show, Comedy Central, Last Comic Standing) with Wyatt Cote and Stuart Thompson opening. 2 Item minimum purchase per person (food or drink). Friday, May 26, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, May 27, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$17. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

On Earth As It Is In Hell This solo show combines comedy, storytelling, and history to explore how our beliefs about the after-life evolved and why they matter today. Thursday, May 25, 9pm; Saturday, May 27, 2:30pm; Sunday, May 28, 6pm; \$10. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Showcase Comedy \$3 Thursday ShowCase Show! – 8pm – Only \$3 – (2 item minimum purchase per person) 6:20 Signups at the club for Open Mic. Starts at 6:30. Entrants get 3 minutes. 5 minutes if you buy something. Thursday, May 25, 8pm; \$3. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

DANCE

Wiggles & Wine Belly Dance Showcase Performances by Rachel George, Vilia, Beatrice, Sevy, Sharon, Ana Goebel, San Diego Salimpour Collective, Arabina Dance Company, Ayoun of Paradise, San Diego Belly Dance Company and the HipSlingers. Sunday, May 28, 2:30pm; **free**. Vinya: vino + vinyasa, 6185 Balboa Avenue. (CLAIREMONT)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

FIVERR Community San Diego Gathering Meet Fiverr Mentors and Fiverr Top Rated Sellers/Buyers. Learn, share, laugh, and meet others the are freelancing with Fiverr. Thursday, May 25, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Viewpoint Brew-

ing Company, 2201 San Dieguito Drive. (DEL MAR)

Fermenters Club Community Meeting & Potluck Free informal gathering where local fermentation enthusiasts get together to learn and share talk about kinds of fermented foods and non-alcoholic beverages. Please RSVP @ fermentersclub.com/shop/san-diego-chap-mtg-rsvp/. Thursday, May 25, 6pm; **free**. Maya Moon Collective, 3349 Adams Ave. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Mission Valley Friends of the Library Meeting Learn about how the Mission Valley Friends of the Library support our mission. Thursday, May 25, 11:30am; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Music Thing The San Diego Music Thing is a music business education series supported by the San Diego Music Foundation. The San Diego Music Foundation has placed ukuleles and guitars in well over 100 schools in San Diego County. Saturday, May 27, 10:30am; Queen Bee's Art & Cultural Center, 3925 Ohio Street. (NORTH PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

Tacos & Tequila Tasting event taking place al fresco at the hotel's Hiatus Pool Lounge. Saturday, May 27, 4pm; \$50. 21 and up. Cusp, 7955 La Jolla Shores Dr., 11th Floor. (LA JOLLA)

LECTURES

Neuroscience of Digital Distractions Enjoy a talk by a TEDx speaker, Dr. Anastasia Dedyukhina of Consciously Digital. futurist author of *Homo Distractus*. Includes an interactive session to discuss the choice that we will have to make in the nearest future between integrating with the machines or staying humans. Thursday, May 25, 12:45pm; \$17-\$32. WeWork B St., 600 B St., Third Floor. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Salk Science & Justice Series The science of forensic identification decisions and what it means in the criminal legal system: neuroscientist and Salk Professor Thomas Albright will join Peter Neufeld, civil rights lawyer and co-founder of The Innocence Project, to discuss the latest research on visual perception and memory, how that influences forensic identification decisions, and what that means for justice in our criminal legal system. Thursday, May 25, 4:30pm; **free**. Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

NATURE

Birding Basics Class Join MTRP Trail Guide and experienced birder Winona Sollock for an educational bird identification class. Increase your enjoyment of Nature by learn-

ing 5 simple techniques to identify birds at a glance. You will also learn how to use a field guide, so bring one along if you have it. Classes meet at the Visitor Center in Classroom A. The class is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited to the first ten people. Saturday, May 27, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a nature walk around the lush lake habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline. Spring migration brings seldom seen birds and the lake is a favorite spot for them. The warm days have encouraged plants to burst out in blooms of many colors. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Walks are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Saturday, May 27, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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. Flowers are in full bloom; sages, deerweed, sunflowers, and purple Ceanothus. The park is full of birds, many migrating so not often seen in San Diego, visit while they're here. Walks start from the Visitor Center. Saturday, May 27, Sunday, May 28, Wednesday, May 31, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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Wheelchair-Accessible Botanical Tour Join Park Ranger Herrera to discover flowering local plants and ethnobotany. This easy, 1/4 mile trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Bring water and sun protection. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet near the playground. Saturday, May 27, 11am; **free**. Charles Lewis III Memorial Park, 4639 Home Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**SPECIAL
EVENTS**

Food Distribution & Vaccination Drive Food distribution effort led by local organization La Chula Crew providing COVID-19, MPOX and other services such as Covered CA assistance. Behind the National City Public Library by the playground. Saturday, May 27, 9am; **free**. Kimball Park, at 12th Street and D Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Legacy Week Experience Memorial Day by paying tribute to heroes and celebrating military heritage with activities onboard. From the Memorial Day Wreath Ceremony to the interactive Remembrance Wall, every element of Midway's Legacy Week commemoration is designed to honor and remember those who served our country. Friday, May 26, 3pm; \$21-\$31. USS Midway Museum, 910 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

SPOKEN WORD

1996: A Blink-182 Musical CBS Big Brother reality TV star Daniel Durston has created the first and only original musical incorporating the music of San Diego's Blink-182. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13. World premiere staged reading: Friday, May 26, 8:45pm; Saturday, May 27, 5:45pm; Sunday, May 28, 3:45pm; \$10. Centro Cultural de la Raza, 2125 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Community Group Readings & Performances The Old Globe will host readings and performances for its upcoming partnership with three local community organizations: the San Diego Black Artist Collective (BAC) presenting The

OUTDOORS

Land bird migration in full swing, coastal clouds linger, longer days

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

"June Gloom," the Generally Dreary, Overcast, Late-Spring Weather along San Diego's coastline, has already begun and could



THE VERMILION FLYCATCHER IS A RARE SIGHT, BUT HAS RECENTLY BEEN SPOTTED IN THE TIJUANA RIVER VALLEY.



LOOKING SOUTH FROM CAMP PENDLETON (CENTER), LOW COASTAL CLOUDS CAN BE SEEN HUGGING THE COASTLINE.

intensify next month. Occasionally, the low clouds will stick around for several days. This is usually triggered by a "Catalina eddy," in which moist marine air drawn inland from the area around Santa Catalina Island forms low clouds over a wide area. In the absence of Catalina eddy conditions, San Diego's inland areas, at least, experience plenty of midday and afternoon sunshine.

Spring Wildflowers May Have Largely Dried Up in most areas of San Diego County, but in the cooler coastal enclaves such as Cabrillo National Monument and Torrey Pines State Reserve, several kinds remain. Look for paintbrush, purple nightshade, coreopsis, sea fig, popcorn flower, and red monkey flower, among others.

Enjoy the Increasing Daylight! By the end of May, we'll have over 14 hours between sunrise and sunset! The days will continue to get longer until the summer solstice on June 21.

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.

**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)

Family Yoga Series Free outdoor yoga classes led by instructor Jenn

Richardson. Sunday, May 28, 10am; **free**. One Paseo, 3725 Paseo Place. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Nexen Man City Cup English Powerhouse Manchester City and Nexen will host with the Boys supergroups kicking off. Thursday, May 25, 12pm; Friday, May 26, 12pm; Saturday, May 27, 12pm; Sunday, May 28, 12pm; Monday, May 29, 12pm; **free**. SoCal Sports Complex, 3302 Senior Center Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Legion VS New York Ironworkers Sunday, May 28, 4pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Wave FC vs. OL Reign Wednesday, May 31, 7pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Wave FC vs. Portland Thorns Friday, May 26, 7pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

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

Thursday, June 1, **free**. 18 and up. Silver Strand State Beach, 5000 Highway 75. (CORONADO)

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.

A Midsummer Night's Dream Shakespeare's hilarious fairytale about the fickleness of love comes to life on our stage just in time for spring. Spend the evening in an enchanted forest filled with fairies, a quartet of confused royals, and a troupe of actors desperately trying to put on a play for the king. STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7234. 7:30PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY.

Arson 101, A Choose Your Own Adventure This two-artist multidisciplinary choose-your-own-adventure romance asks the audience to decide: what do you do when the flames of a new connection begin to turn to ash? Do

you stay and tend to the embers? Do you leave to pursue a new spark? Do you do a dance about it? From the first flare of courting to the blaze of conflict, each step of the journey rests in the audiences' hands, with the performers using every tool in their actor-dancer-musician-clown bag of tricks to play along. CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BL., BALBOA PARK. 619-235-6135. 6PM THURSDAY, 9PM SATURDAY.

The Chronicles of Kalki This comic-book-infused girl-gang thriller chronicles the adventures and mysterious disappearance of Kalki, a young woman who may or may not be the final avatar of Vishnu. Has Kalki come to rid the world of demons and evil or just to make high school a hell of a lot more interesting? Produced in partnership with Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore and Little Fish Comic Book Studio. MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Fringe Festival: What They Said About Sex Steve Budd wondered what other people knew about sex that he didn't. So he asked them. Meet a gay man, a tantric sex practitioner, a trans man, and a sex-positive octogenarian, and take a wild ride through their stories and secrets—and Steve's. Satisfy your curiosity about what other people do between the sheets. Check out the newest mashup of personal storytelling and

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documentary theater from an award-winning solo performer who “sparkles with manic and irrepressible charm.” CENTRO CULTURAL DE LA RAZA, 2125 PARK BL., BALBOA PARK. 619-235-6135. 9PM THURSDAY, 4PM SATURDAY, 2:30PM 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. 760-433-8900. 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Hay Fever

For year 27 of the Free Classic Series, Coronado audiences will be transported to 1920s England to meet the outrageous and opinionated Bliss family in Noël Coward’s *Hay Fever*. In this biting script, a quiet vacation goes awry when David and Judith Bliss’s children Simon and Sorel crash their holiday, bringing along unassuming guests. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Head Over Heels

From the visionary behind Avenue Q comes a bold new Broadway musical fairytale where Once Upon a Time crashes into our present moment. In the mythical land of Arcadia, the royal family is challenged to set out on a journey to save their beloved kingdom from extinction. Through their adventure gender roles are upended, relationships liberated, and love is discovered in the most surprising of ways. Told to the hypnotic beat of the iconic 80’s all-girl rock band The Go-Go’s. DIVERSIONARY THEATRE, 4545 PARK BL., UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS. 619-728-7820. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

La Lucha

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Lost in Yonkers

If you’re a regular at Scripps Ranch Theatre, you might be wondering what exactly they were up to when they decided to follow Charlayne Woodard’s *Neat* with Neil Simon’s *Lost in Yonkers*. *Yonkers* is worlds funnier than *Neat*, and its actors are both game and good (those boys!), but there’s a complication at its heart, and the similarities are too strong to avoid comparison.

A refresher: Woodard’s play is a memoir of her family’s life with her aunt Neat, brain-damaged and so possessed of a childlike innocence — for good and ill. Simon’s play recounts the Kurnitz family’s life with Bella,



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Lost in Yonkers: The sins of the mother...

who was nearly sent to “The Home” because, as the doctors put it, she would always be a child. There are plenty of other characters — and yeah, they’re characters, including a gangster uncle, a quietly monstrous matriarch, and a couple of teenage brothers who serve as our ticket into the story — but it’s Bella who drives the drama. And while she is portrayed with appealing, wide-eyed, just-shy-of-maniac energy by Katee Drysdale, her dialogue is not that of a child, or even a childlike adult. Not the way Neat’s was. It’s too smart and too good, laced with too much understanding — of herself and others — and brimming with too much grownup compassion.

Maybe that’s what Simon was thinking, that any grownup who can actually say what they feel, tell the ugly truth with loving honesty, and not choke on the pain and bitterness brought on by their own suffering, must be a bit touched. And that such a soul would be the only one who could ever step outside the crushing force of generational dysfunction, the sort wrought by Grandma Kurnitz, whose foot was crushed by anti-semites in Germany, whose husband and two of her six children die shortly after she makes it to America, who has no more love to give but must still raise a family.

Anyway, it was enough to win Simon a Pulitzer in 1991, SRT mounts a fine production, and the juxtaposition is fruitful.

SCRIPPS RANCH THEATER, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH, 858-395-0573, CALL FOR SHOWTIMES.

Mark Pleases You

For his entire life, comedian Mark Vigeant did everything he possibly could to make everyone around him happy. The moment he decides to change gears and focus on himself, a freak accident kills him onstage. After being sent directly to hell, Mark is given one chance to convince his 11-year-old self not to be a people-pleaser. The only problem? Mark hates that fat, stupid idiot.

MARIE HITCHCOCK PUPPET THEATRE, 2130 PAN AMERICAN ROAD WEST, BALBOA PARK. 619-544-9203. 9PM FRIDAY.

Rose & Walsh by Neil Simon

Directed by Jerry Pilato, this was Neil Simon’s last play, a romantic comedy. It portrays two great literary figures and their enduring love. At a beautiful beach house on the tip of Long Island, Rose, a celebrated but near-

penniless author, receives nightly visits from Walsh, the love of her life and a famous writer himself. Now Walsh must go away forever, but not before securing Rose’s financial future with an extraordinary proposal that promises to change everything. *Starring Connie Terwilliger as Rose, Lee Price as Walsh, Ruth Russell as Arlene, Raymond Evans as Gavin*

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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.

Fast X — The 10th installment of the auto-action-adventure franchise opens strong, flashing back to the credulity-straining but undeniably thrilling “dragged vault” scene from *Fast Five*, but telling it from the bad guys’ perspective and prefacing it with a speech about how there is nothing a father wouldn’t do for his son Wait, bad guys love their families too? But if family is ultimately all that matters, then how do we tell the good guys from the bad guys here? But then it slows down for those struggling to catch up, and gives us a speech from Abuelita about how Vin Diesel’s Dom Toretto has created a legacy that will go on for generations, that no one can take away, not now, not ever. Foreshadowing! And then it slips up and gets meta, via a snarky speech from a new Mr. Big, who laments that Dom’s “family” is like a cult that recruits devotees via barbecues and beer, and that “if it violates the laws of God and gravity, they did it — twice.” Oof. There are a lot of thudding lines here, some of them delivered by unlikely suspects — Hellen Mirren grumping to Dom, “It ain’t no *Roman Holiday*, and you’re no Gregory Peck” — and some of them by very likely suspects — Dom asking his wife how she just keeps getting more beautiful, and assuring us that with faith, “nothing is impossible.” And now that the film has gotten self-

conscious, they thud all the harder. Set against all Dom’s preening regular-guy decency is the preening irregular-fellow indecency of Jason Momoa’s villain. See, Dom took away his daddy, and now he’s not just evil and vengeful, he’s flamboyantly, fabulously so, even going so far as to give pedicures to the corpses of his victims and to swoon that Dom is a “big brute.” But villain or no, he’s still got faith on his mind, assuring Dom that “to become a real saint, you have to perform miracles or die a martyr.” He’s got a plan to ensue the latter — after he’s done trashing the aforementioned legacy — but of course, as long as there’s something he can drive, Dom is up for the former. That’s the central dynamic, but there is so, so much else going on. So much, in fact, that nothing much gets resolved here (though somebody does die). You’ll have to come back for the next installment to find out what happens with Dom, his wife, his kid, and the rest of the crew, plus Charlize Theron, Jason Statham, Brie Larson... It’s over-long and over-the-top, but the real trouble is that when a series like this acknowledges its own absurdities, they become harder to enjoy. 2023 — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Little Mermaid — Plot: a teenage girl develops an obsession with the group of people who murdered her mother, to the point where she falls in love with one of them after seeing him be kind to his dog. Behold the danger of improving your source material by adding backstories. The girl’s father hates those people for what they did, but it’s not like Mom was his one true one: to judge by his family reunions, he’s got six other daughters with six other mothers. Behold the danger of improving your source material by adding diversity for its own sake. The teenager’s beloved is a good bit older, but not terribly mature: he’s so addled by FOMO that he’s terrified of his island kingdom getting left behind in isolation, despite that island’s marketplace boasting a wildly multicultural array of people and products. Behold the danger of improving your source material by adding motivations from your studio’s last hit about an island people. (The wanderlust didn’t make much sense in *Moana*, either, since there was no need to go exploring once the sea blight had been cured, but never mind.) Once she gains access to her beloved’s world, our Little Mermaid sees a painting of fish on hooks, wonders if her kind are “only food for

slaughter,” then rhymes that with, “But you were lonely underwater!” Behold the danger of improving your source material with new music. Her goal is to get her beloved to give her the kiss of true love without ever saying a word, but in order to dodge any possible criticism about such an arrangement, she is bewitched into forgetting her goal. Some may find this a satisfactory solution, others may say the dramatic take-back just points to the danger of trying to make a rom-com out of a fairy tale. But really, all this is quibbling: the real problem here is that the film looks and sounds terrible, at least in the screening I attended. The sunlight under the sea is less dim and watery than the sunlight above. The sound under the sea is weirdly echo-y. The famous wave crash behind Ariel as she hits her big note cuts to a shot of calm waters. Her hair switches from free-flowing strands to thick dreadlocks, depending on whether or not the underwater CG animators are working on it. Underwater book pages rustle. The list goes on, overwhelming star Halle Bailey’s winning performance. Part of that world of lazy remakes, alas. At least Sebastian is still fun. (2023) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Master Gardener — Paul Schrader’s 2017 film *First Reformed* gave us a solitary man who is keeping a journal, who deals with an intense and intimate crisis before learning that the real enemy is larger, more powerful, and less personal, and who just might find salvation via a compassionate woman. Then, 2021’s *The Card Counter* gave us a solitary man with a violent past, who deals with an intense and intimate crisis, before learning that the real enemy is larger, more powerful, and less personal, and who just might find salvation via a compassionate woman. And here? Here we have a solitary man with a violent past who is keeping a journal. The pleasure is not in the innovation, but in the variation. This time, Joel Edgerton takes up the mask of composure and control, even as he lectures us about wild gardens that only appear to be wild, but still grow according to plan. That’s not the sort of garden he’s growing, however: his employer (Sigourney Weaver, impeccable) likes things more regulated. She’s eager to discuss the upcoming charity event at her grand estate, but first there is the matter of her grandniece (Quintessa Swindell, luminous), a young woman from a troubled background who needs a break. She’s of

mixed racial heritage, but that’s not a problem for our gardener, despite what his severe haircut, black sweater, and knee-high boots might suggest. He’s more concerned with her drug use, and the unpleasant people from whom she gets them. The film is as careful and restrained and handsome as Edgerton’s character, and as rigidly structured as the garden he tends. But of course, that does not mean it is without feeling; plenty of blooms thrive on severity. Its only misstep may be its overly sweet portrait of a damaged addict — but then, it’s not the girl’s story. And while she may be our man’s salvation, she’s no vessel of cheap grace: their quiet confrontation in the dark is one of the most affecting scenes in recent memory. Schrader loathes violence, but he understands it, which is what makes the film’s concluding monologue — about a garden’s embodiment of what should be, a manipulation of nature achieved through subtle adjustment — so profoundly hopeful. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

STREAMING

The Great — It’s a period piece in every way except the script, which is spliced with modern mannerisms. Set in 18th century Russia, it follows the rise of Catherine the Great — I cannot attest to its historical accuracy, only that the genre bending approach really works here. The juxtaposition of people in powdered wigs casually cursing is pretty funny. Seeing a full-dressed royal court shout “huzzah” just tickles me. Season 3 is underway, definitely give the series a shot if you haven’t seen it yet. (2020-2023) — A.T. (Hulu)

Fatal Attraction — If you liked the movie, you’ll probably like the show. It even pays homage to the original and that’s respect. If you haven’t seen *Fatal Attraction*, you’ve likely seen some rendition of it — the crazed, jealous mistress who comes back to haunt the cheating husband. It’s obviously been done before but I’m still enjoying the new series, in part because they threw in a touch of mystery. It’s also nice to have an ‘erotic thriller’ on the roster, something that’s less draining to watch than a drama. (2023) — A.T. (Paramount+)

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JUNE 2-4

Southern California Beach Soccer Championship

THE LOT, LA JOLLA

If it was the '80s and you didn't grow up in Southern California, at least you had films like *Top Gun* and *The Karate Kid* to teach you about what you were missing. Not just volleyball on the beach, but soccer on the beach. Now that you're here, check out the real thing: 125 teams compete in this tournament featuring beach soccer teams of boys and girls under eight, open, co-ed, and military divisions. Uniforms are "come as you are" on the 30 x 45-yard field in the sand.

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San Diego Grown to learn all about local agriculture, from food to fiber to flowers. Be prepared for a line-up of entertainment on the fair's featured stages. Summer camp has never

been so much fun. And of course, don't forget the food. This is one of the best of the summer San Diego events! June is a great time to go — especially early June, before the crowds hit.

**JUNE 11-13
San Diego French
Film Festival**

THE LOT, LA JOLLA

The Alliance Française San Diego is proud to present the city's cinematic event of the year: the San Diego French Film Festival, gathering cinephiles and Francophiles to celebrate *francophonie*, culture, and gastronomy. The Festival begins with a glamorous opening ceremony on June 11 at the glamorous LOT theatre, with guests from the film industry, the arts, and diplomacy. One day is not enough to properly celebrate Francophone cinema, so we're taking three. The selection includes movies depicting different aspects of the concept of travel. Features will include *L'Astronaute* (France), *Le Plongeur* (Canada), *Mascarade* (France), and *Covid-19 Ground Zero*

(France-USA). Plus, the short film *Cendres* (Tunisia), and a selection of ten other short films.

**JUNE 16
An Evening with
John Legend**

RADY SHELL AT JACOBS PARK

This special solo performance will feature songs and stories from the 12-time Grammy winner. Experience intimate reimaginings of his greatest hits (“All of Me,” “Ordinary People,” “Tonight”), unexpected stories from Legend's life and career, and selections from his most recent release, *Legend* (“Nervous,” “Wonder Woman”).

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JUNE 17 Toast of the Coast Wine Festival

DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS
Produced by the San Diego County Fair, the Toast of the Coast Wine Festival celebrates award-winning wines from the wide variety of wineries participating in the Toast of the Coast Competition. A standard ticket gets you

admission to the San Diego County Fair, 10 one-ounce pours, and a commemorative cup. Or purchase a VIP ticket to sample the Winemakers tasting menu, including bluefin crudo, duck confit, and artisan cheeses, among other delicacies.

JUNE 23-24 California Wine Festival

AVIARA RESORT, CARLSBAD
Calling all wine lovers. The California Wine Festival is hosting a two-day experience filled with wines and beautiful scenery. If you are a wine connoisseur, join the VIPs on day one for a champagne reception and tasting event of the rarest fine wines. The fun continues on day two, with the a California wine tasting experience: sun, sea, food, wine, and music all come together at this

sun-splashed winefest overlooking lush, rolling hills. By 1 pm, the joint is jumping at this Camelot-like white-topped tent village. Oenophiles will find hundreds of wines, regional craft brews, and foods to sample. Artisanal cheeses, breads, olive oil, and shellfish, salads, chocolates, cakes. A live band keeps the beat for this all-day feast.

JUNE 24 43rd Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cookoff

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The 43rd Annual Ocean Beach Street Fair & Chili Cook-Off is a family-friendly event that features three stages of live music, a beachside beer garden, food, a fun zone, a community mural, and handmade crafts and goods in artists al-

ley. And of course, there's the OB Dirty Birds Wing Eating Contest. Additionally, chili enthusiasts can watch as local chefs compete for the coveted title of "Best Chili." Entry to the Street Fair is free.

JUNE 24 Summer Fun on the 101

LEUCADIA ROADSIDE PARK
Many folks celebrate the start of summer on Memorial Day, others, the last day of class or the solstice. For Leucadia's music fans, summer really kicks off when Leucadia Main Street's Summer Fun on the 101 rolls into town like a peaky southwest swell, turning Leucadia's little Roadside Park into a big neighborhood celebration. The Leucadia 101 Mainstreet Association presents this year's event, held along Califor-

nia Highway 101 and, as always, free and open to all ages. There will be live music and food vendors. Those 21 and older can rest and relax in the Craft Beer Garden.

JUNE 24 San Diego Wave FC vs. OL Reign

SNAPDRAGON STADIUM
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JUNE 29

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JULY 1

The Beach Boys

RADY SHELL AT JACOBS PARK

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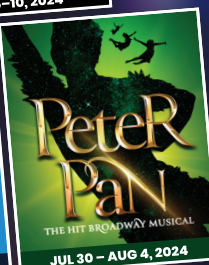
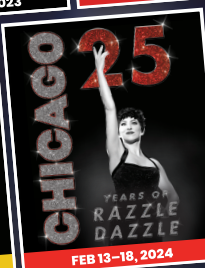
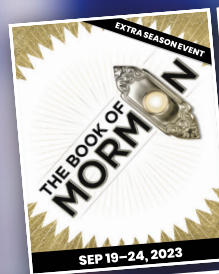
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JULY 4 **Port of San Diego Big Bay Boom**

SAN DIEGO BAY

Oh, say can you see... yes, you can. The Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show promises a spectacular display over San Diego Bay. Fireworks will be discharged simultaneously at 9 pm from four barges placed strategically around the Bay off Shelter Island, Harbor Island, Embarcadero North, and the Coronado Ferry Landing. The display will run for about 18 minutes. Brush up on your patriotic songs, head to the Bay, and enjoy the biggest fireworks show in San Diego this Fourth of July.

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JULY 15 **SD Pride**

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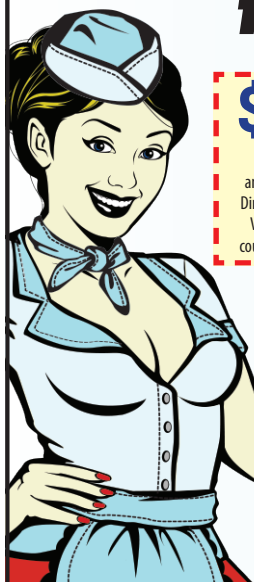
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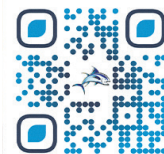
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JULY 28-30 Ramona Country Fair

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When it comes to Ramona, if you know, you know. As for this here particular shindig: known for its lively carnival rides, food vendors, and local musicians' live performances, this yearly event also displays handmade crafts and art. Oh, and a cornhole competition, an off-road show, a

medieval demonstration. Admission to the fair is free for all ages.

JULY 29 Street Nights Festival

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The Street Nights Festival is coming to San Diego for a day of music, craft beer, and dozens of street food vendors. Guests will experience bottomless samples of craft beer, cider & other beverages from dozens of breweries/ beverage companies and access to food truck and restaurant vendors for purchase. Woot!

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of San Diego. Business was so good, two years after opening he moved to a larger space in the old Gates Hotel building, just across Third Avenue

from the U.S. Grant Hotel Coffee Shop. Nearly 100 years later, Tiki Oasis is the original and largest Tiki event in the world. The event proudly brings to San Diego five nights and four days of live music, dancing, pool lounging, sunset dinners, disc jockeys, educational seminars, a Marketplace of over 150 artists and makers, tropical cocktails curated by top mixologists, an art exhibit, book signing.

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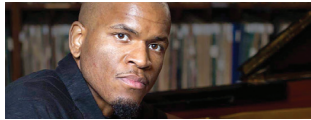
GUNNER GUNNER REUNION SHOW at The Holding Company MAY 26

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After graduating from La Jolla High in 2011, singer/songwriter Josh Blevins attended Pepperdine before enrolling at SDSU and launching Gunner Gunner around 2014. After a long period of inactivity, the band will perform a reunion show in Ocean Beach. The bill includes Desert Suns, who released their full-length self-titled debut around the time Gunner Gunner formed, and Into the Fuzz.

JOSHUA WHITE: THE MUSIC OF HAROLD ARLEN at La Jolla Community Center MAY 26



Jazz pianist and composer Joshua White was five years old when his family moved to El Cajon in 1991. He began formal piano training at the age of seven, going on to win second place in the prestigious Thelonious Monk Jazz Competition. The Fourth Friday Jazz Series will present White interpreting the music of Harold Arlen.

NORTH PARK MUSIC FEST at North Park Mini Park MAY 27 AND 28



The North Park Music Fest mainstage at the North Park Mini Park features a Saturday lineup including Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects, Wild Wild Wets, Dead Feather Moon, Montalban Quintet, Miniaturized, Bartenders Bible, City Mouse, Gentlemen Rogues, Dream Burglar, Scary Pierre, Swive, Trailduster, Howlin Moon, Sara Petite, Fruit Igoo, Low Coast, Holy Tears, Attempt Survivors, Shelbi Bennett, Red Headed Strangers, Dive Bar Saints, F-Stop. Sunday's bill includes El Ten Eleven, The Mattson 2, Sure Fire Soul Ensemble, Well Well Well, Underground Railroad to Candyland, Fresh Veggies, Mochilero All-Stars, Young Lions Jazz Conservatory, Clown Sounds, La Beat Cantina, Phantom Twins, Coral Bells, Kid Tributes, and Jason Hanna.

SAN DIEGO JAZZ ORGAN SUMMIT at The Jazz Lounge MAY 28



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DOYLE OF THE MISFITS at The Holding Company MAY 28

HOLDING COMPANY



Doyle Wolfgang von Frankenstein was only 16 when he became the third guitarist to join The Misfits, the band he's still most associated with. His solo band Doyle released albums in 2013 and 2017, and he also has an occasional side band called Gorgeous Frankenstein. The afternoon bill includes Red Devil Vortex.

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1st Street Bar:

Thursday, 8pm — Dante Fire Trio. **Free.**

Alila Marea Beach Resort:

Friday, 5pm — Helena Holleran.

All Saints' Episcopal Church Hillcrest:

Sunday, 2:30pm — Sound of Music Sing-Along. **Free.**

Balboa Park:

Sunday, 2pm — San Diego City Guard Band Concert.

Balboa Park Hall of Nations:

Friday, 7pm — Gregory Page.

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Saturday, 6pm — Jarred Matthew.

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, 6pm — Jake Taylor Smith.
Saturday, 7pm — Michael LeClerc.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 7:30pm — KoGee Soul Reprise and Sometimes Julie. \$9.
Friday, 8pm — Jerry's Middle Finger. \$25-\$44.
Saturday, 8pm — Common Sense. \$22-\$39.
Sunday, 8pm — Billy Bob Thornton & The Boxmasters. \$35-\$62.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 8pm — Mike Campbell & The Dirty Knobs. \$55-\$97.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church:
Friday, 7:30pm — The Encinitas Guitar Orchestra. **Free.**

Bloom Nightclub:

Saturday, 8pm — A-Trak.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, 7pm — Currents and Like Moths To Flames. \$18-\$20.
Friday, 7:30pm — Rhapsody of Fire and Wind Rose. \$24-\$28.
Saturday, 8pm — IAMX. \$25-\$30.
Sunday, 7pm — Mychildren Mybride and Mugshot. \$20-\$25.

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

Sunday, 6pm — All You Need Is Love: Music of The Beatles. \$40-\$50.

Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.
Tuesday, 5pm — Andrew Peña.

Carruth Cellars Urban Winery:

Saturday, 6pm — She Says So. **Free.**

Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Bob Log III and Shooda Shook It. \$15.
Friday, 8pm — Dark Wave VS New Wave Dance Party. \$13.
Saturday, 8pm — Zeke. \$23.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Jesus Was a Vato. \$18.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Dead Boys. \$23.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Bayonne. \$18.

Corazon Del Barrio:

Friday, 7pm — Ultrabomb and The Bartool Preachers. \$20-\$23.
Saturday, 7pm — The Delta Bombers and Moxi & Loon. \$20-\$25.

Coyote Bar & Grill:

Sunday, 1pm — The 63eatles Band. **Free.**

Diamond Palace:

Thursday, 6pm — The Mighty 388's. **Free.**

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Sunday, 1pm — Bluegrass Jam.

Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm — Joanna Gerolaga.
Sunday, 4pm — Anthony Kauka Stanley.
Tuesday, 4pm — Farrah Camu.

Encinitas Elks Lodge:

Friday, 7pm — West of 5. \$10.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.
Saturday, 6pm — Jason Graham.
Wednesday, 6pm — Natalie Alely.

F6ix Niteclub:

Friday & Saturday, 9pm — Memorial Day Weekend.
Sunday, 4pm — Day Series.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Friday, 6pm — David Shyde.

Farmer & the Seahorse:

Friday, 4:30pm — Sean McCole.
Sunday, 11am — TJ Moss.

Hello Betty Fish House:

Sunday, 3pm — Blame Betty and All Strung Out.

Holding Company:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Sponge and Rauc. \$14-\$19.
Friday, 7:30pm — Gunner Gunner Reunion Show. **Free.**
Saturday, 7:30pm — Township Rebellion and Supersonic. **Free.**

Sunday, 2pm — Doyle of the Misfits.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 7pm — Transviolet. \$18.
Friday, 7:30pm — Power of Love, A Throwback 80s Rave. \$15.
Friday, 7:30pm — Sepultura and Kreator. \$29-\$75.
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Monday, 7:30pm — Duki. \$50-\$60.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — OhGeesy and AG Club. \$32-\$77.
Tuesday, 8pm — Rebounder and Gibontine. \$15.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Lyn Lapid. \$39-\$117.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Falling Doves. \$5.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm — Rodrigo Y Gabriela. \$65-\$399.
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Inzane Brewing:

Thursday, 7pm — The Night Owls. **Free.**

Jazz Lounge:

Sunday, 7pm — San Diego Jazz Organ Summit. \$50.

Ki's Restaurant:

Friday, 7pm — Adrienne Nims & Spirit Wind. **Free.**

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — David Shyde.
Saturday, 7pm — Christian Taylor.
Sunday, 11am — Jonny Tarr.

La Jolla Community Center:

Friday, 7pm — Joshua White: The Music of Harold Arlen. \$25-\$35.

La Valencia Hotel:

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, 11am — Helena Holleran.
Sunday, 11am — Jesse Johnson.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Friday, 7pm — Marcela Mendez.

Loft:

Tuesday, 7pm — Salami Rose Joe Louis.

Madam Bonnie's:

Thursday, 7pm — Mar Picao Latin Jazz Fusion. **Free.**
Friday, 7pm — Amanda Portela Y Los Brujos Atómicos. **Free.**
Saturday, 7pm — Mad Hat Hucksters. **Free.**

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.
Friday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.
Saturday, 6pm — Jemille Viallet.
Sunday, 6pm — Brandon Diaz.
Monday, 6pm — Rachel Jay.
Tuesday, 6pm — Israel Maldonado.

Moonshine Beach:

Thursday, 7pm — Carter Winter. \$15-\$20.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 9pm — Barbwire. **Free.**
Friday, 9pm — Primo. **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — Tube Amp'd. **Free.**

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the inside track blurt

Boy genius on the bass The upright bass is in some ways the most essential instrument in a jazz ensemble. The trouble is that there just aren't enough bass players to go around, and the really good ones end up working all the time in a myriad of dif-

ferent ensembles. One culprit: working pro Rob Thorsen, and playing on a weekly basis with his brother in the Young Lions Unity Ensemble.

Hobson says he enjoys the music the ensemble creates. "I just love jazz so much, and basslines. Making music with my brother is important. We



PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM MORIARTY

a complete picture. I just want to be the best that I can be. No, make that better than the best I can be. I currently practice a half hour a day on the violin and a half hour on the bass, but I've been trying to increase that so I can get better."

As if splitting time between two different instruments wasn't enough, Hobson is also committed to weekly ballet classes. "I've been interested in ballet for nine years," he says. "I think that one of the main connections that helped me learn jazz was my experience in dance." Another key element in Hobson's routine is carving out listening time. "I like listening to Mozart violin concertos; we have a ton of classical vinyl, and rock vinyl, and quite a few classic jazz records, like *Kind of Blue* by Miles Davis."

He cites Charles Mingus, Ray Brown, and Paul Chambers as key influences, along with John Murray, from whom he recently took a lesson. All this leaves him few opportunities for doing normal kid stuff, "but I can still find time for video games. I'm basically a lazy person, so I don't like the effort I have to put into it. But I'm satisfied with the final product of creating music and dance. It's worth it."

"Ned is an extraordinary young bassist," says Rob Thorsen. "He's got a wonderful feel for the music, a very good sense of rhythm and harmony, and an intuitive approach to music that belies his young age. When Ned performs, you can feel his energy and joy. The future of jazz is in very good hands with him. I think he's a genius."

For his part, Hobson grants that "I've got a quick brain. I'd say that the main thing with my brain is making connections. I just make very quick connections, especially with math. With math, I've got this whole network of numbers in my head that I can chain together. Things like how 64 and 8 are linked, or 512 and 16. I can see a lot of connections between math and music, and I hear them."

— Robert Bush

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ferent ensembles. One culprit: when school budgets for band and orchestra classes were decimated in the 1980s, an important pipeline for young bass players suffered.

So it's can feel like something of a miracle to see things opening up again through programs like Gilbert Castellanos' Young Lions Jazz Conservatory, which has nurtured a handful of young bassists — including young Ned Hobson, a polymath 11-year-old multi-instrumentalist from a musical family. (His dad Chris is a prolific recording engineer and pianist, and his older brother Henry plays a mean trombone.) "I've been playing music for seven years, something like that," says Hobson. "I started out on the piano, which I'm taking a break from. Five years ago, I started playing the violin, which I'm still involved with." He became interested in the bass after seeing John Murray performing with Castellanos less than a year ago. Now he's studying with

have a different connection than anyone else. We can practice at home and make sure we're in sync, and that can help guide the rest of the ensemble." He also enjoys the private lessons from Thorsen. "He interprets the music in a way that other people can't, because we're both bassists, and a lot of things are different. We play walking lines, which is something no one else in the ensemble does. They are all playing melody or chords or rhythmic hits. We have a completely different mindset, because we have to bring everybody together."

Perhaps because of his background on other instruments, Hobson took to the bass pretty easily, although that doesn't mean hard work isn't necessary. "I practice every day. I practice scales, jazz tunes, and of course, walking. Soloing is also a key part of my routine, but walking is very important. I usually practice that with my brother, because his melody instrument and my walking combine for



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THE GONZO REPORT

Non-toxic talk and tunes

Punk nirvana approached at Burning Beard Brewery

"What made you think the world needed another brewery?" I ask Burning Beard Brewery co-founder Mike Maass. He doesn't miss a beat, laughing as he explains the art of brewing, and the environment he and Jeff Wiederkehr had in mind from the inception of their El Cajon operation. What he describes is a place where all toxicity and division gets left at the door. It's a lofty goal, and I'm curious to learn just how close to nirvana (the state of mind, not the band) they get. As I find out, pretty fucking close.

It's the seventh anniversary of the business, and there's plenty to celebrate. Things like surviving the pandemic and working with the San

Diego Natural History Museum to honor a locally discovered 38 million-year-old sabretooth tiger with a beer called New Fang, featuring product artwork by Mike Weeks. Weeks also designed the packaging for Fleet Beer, which celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and Space Theater. The graphics are striking: an astronaut suit fitted to a skull, an image that kicks off Pink Floyd's "Set the Controls for the Heart of the Sun" in my noggin. But that sound is light years away from the bands that are playing this afternoon. It's all about punk and energy, featuring Poison Hearts A.C., Quazimofu, The Focke Wolves, and Spider, a band I've been waiting to see for several years.

As promised, the division that reigns in the realms of social media remains outside, while indoors, the exchange of ideas and art springs to life. As I enter the venue, I'm spotted by my wife's friend Barbie Gaulin, who asks me to give her my regards when I get home. She's hanging out with another person I've "met" on social media: Knikki Royster of Wabash Cannons greets me,



Leave your division at the door: Wiederkehr and Maass celebrate with Spider

and we chat about what the band is up to before she gives me a history lesson about women in the San Diego punk scene. It's a thread that will run through the event: discussions about music from diverse viewpoints.

Sometimes, these meetings-of-like-minds start because of a mutual love for a particular band. Maass' partner and co-founder Jeff Wiederkehr is a fellow member of the KISS Army, and very few things elicit enthusiasm like two people who can recall the exact date they discovered an old favorite. Other times, they

begin with pseudo-confrontation. A youngish red-haired woman asks me what my shirt is about. It's a souvenir from the Temptations bio musical *Ain't Too Proud* that she thinks might be a political statement, either pro or con, regarding the conservative group The Proud Boys. Relieved to be told that it's neither, she shares that most of her upcoming wedding playlist, which features loads of Motown, was met with derision by the DJ, who snidely asked her how old she was. I was happy to hear the DJ was subsequently told to "just play the fucking songs."

An obviously drunk man interrupts our conversation, telling me, "Don't even try it." Before I have the chance to wonder if this is the redhead's betrothed, he tells me, "I've been trying to pick up chicks all day, and it doesn't work here." I inform him that I'm happily married and refrain from listing all the probable reasons he's been unsuccessful. As it happens, there's no time for discussion, as his one-man mosh pit soon ends in a spiraling descent to the ground. It's a testament to the environment that he's immediately surrounded by Maass and several patrons, who try to help him up. They also attempt to make sure he's not driving.

The stimulus of the event doesn't wear me down, because the copacetic atmosphere keeps

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Symphonies searched and sifted

Very few composers have all of their symphonic utterances consistently performed. Of course, Beethoven sits atop the heap, even if his first, second, fourth, and eighth symphonies don't get the adoration received by his third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and ninth. Gustav Mahler also gets all of his symphonies regularly performed

— except for his seventh. Johannes Brahms gets all four of his symphonies performed on the regular... and that about does it. All other composers have half or even fewer of their symphonies performed. Tchaikovsky's fourth, fifth, and sixth dominate his first, second, and third. Anton Bruckner doesn't get performed very much, but

when he does, it is usually his fourth, seventh, or eighth. With Jean Sibelius, it's one, two, and five. Franz Schubert is eight and nine. Dimitri Shostakovich is five and ten. Antonin Dvorak is seven, eight, and nine. Even Mozart is often limited to 29, 35, 40, and 41.

There must be some good symphonies that we are missing. I decided to go find a few.

Felix Mendelssohn wrote five symphonies, but only his fourth gets consistent attention. His third gets a nod now and then, as does his fifth. Yet his first symphony, written when he was only 15 years old, is a satisfying symphonic sojourn. It opens with all the energy of youth in the first movement before sinking into a sweet melancholy in the second. The third movement is a charming little dance, and



Antonin Dvorak, optimistic in his gloom.

the conclusion reaffirms the fires of spring burning in the young romantic's heart.

Antonin Dvorak's *Symphony No. 5* has all the elements that make him a beloved composer. He makes generous use of Czech folk melodies and rhythms, but gives them structure within the symphonic form. The fifth also expresses Dvorak's optimistic gloom. Maybe more than any other composer, Dvorak's music is imbued with melancholic splendor. In the second movement of the fifth, this character is fully displayed.

Anton Bruckner's *Symphony No. 3* concludes with what might be the most epic minute-and-a-half of music ever written. The third opens with a nervous string section, while the brass gathers themselves for a massive jump-scare about a minute into the music. The slow movement is not the colossus that appears in the seventh and eighth Symphonies, but it is no slouch. The third movement *scherzo* has all the energy and drive that we lovers of Bruckner expect, and then it's on to the monstrous final movement.

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it from being overwhelming. There's food — an entire cooked pig, whose smiling head persuades me not to eat the pork — and artwork in the hallway that connects to the interior bar. A highlight: I'm able to chat with Toothless George and Tatiana Mac of Poison Hearts A.C. about Ronnie Spector and Darlene Love, and about jazz versus precision basses.

Come showtime, not only does Spider not disappoint, they leave me ecstatic; their live performance gives me a pump of adrenaline that surpasses their recorded offerings. To wrap the event up with one final rush, I get introduced by Barbie to frontman Hector Martinez, and a discussion ensues concerning what makes a perfect record, followed by a mutual recitation of our top five. He leads with *The Wall*, considered by many to be Pink Floyd's magnum opus, and the mere mention of that band sets my controls for the heart of the sun again. ■

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Thursday, June 29 — Lauren Leigh. **Free.**
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Winstons Beach Club:
Thursday, June 1 — Dogs in a Pile. \$12.
Saturday, June 3 — Wall of Sound. \$12-\$15.
Friday, June 9 — Sutton James & The Finest City Band. \$10-\$12.
Saturday, June 10 — The Price of Dope and Swami Sound System. \$15-\$18.
Friday, June 23 — Polyrythmics. \$18-\$22.
Friday, June 30 — Tomorrows Bad Seeds and Pacific Roots. \$15-\$18.
Saturday, July 1 — Kyle Smith and Crucial Blend. \$15-\$20.

Pure Project Vista:

Saturday, June 3 — Saturday Sessions: Clinton Prager & Friends. **Free.**
Saturday, June 10 — Saturday Sessions: Riley Hoover. **Free.**

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

Saturday, June 10 — Stick Figure, Pepper, The Elovaters.
Sunday, June 11 — Diana Ross.

Revel Revel Events:

Friday, June 2 — TDJ.

Rustic Root:

Tuesday, June 6 — David Shyde.

San Diego Civic Theatre:

Sunday, June 4 — CNCO.

San Diego Marriott Del Mar:

Friday, June 9 — Nathan Welden.

San Diego Yacht Club:

Friday, June 2 — Israel

Maldonado.

Friday, June 9 — Mike Myrdal.

Seabird:

Sunday, June 11 — Keni Yarbrow.

Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego:

Sunday, June 11 — North County Winds Stage & Screen Concert. \$15-\$20.

Side Yard:

Saturday, June 3 — Jonny Tarr.
Wednesday, June 7 — Puro Feeling.
Saturday, June 10 — Christian Taylor.

Snapdragon Stadium:

Friday, June 2 —
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Soda Bar:

Thursday, June 1 — Tunewave and Smiling. \$15.

Friday, June 2 — Arts Fishing Club. \$22.

Saturday, June 3 — Death Cab For Karaoke.

Sunday, June 4 — Kainalu.

Monday, June 5 — Kassi Valazza and Julianna Riolo.

Tuesday, June 6 — Cuffed Up and Leavers.

Thursday, June 8 — Cherubs and Rid Of Me.

Friday, June 9 — Vincent Neil Emerson.

Saturday, June 10 — Beyoncé Celebration.

Sunday, June 11 — Ours.

Monday, June 12 — Neutral Snap and Townies.

Thursday, June 15 — Midnight and Necrofier.

Friday, June 16 — J. Navarro & The Traitors.

Saturday, June 17 — Slothrust and Weakened Friends.

Wednesday, June 21 — Alex

Lahey.

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Friday, June 23 — The Dirty Nil and Daniel Romano's Outfit.

Saturday, June 24 — De Lux & James Supercave.

Sunday, June 25 — The Downhill Jam.

Wednesday, June 28 — Fools & Fables.

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Thursday, June 1 — The Interrupters and Frank Turner. \$39-\$149.

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Friday, June 16 — Robert DeLong and Dreamers.

Saturday, June 17 — Loveless.

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Sunday, June 4 — Chris Botti.
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Friday, June 16 — Led Zepagain.
Sunday, June 18 — Brian McKnight.
Friday, June 23 — The Eagles Ronstadt Experience.
Friday, June 30 — Brothers Igniting a Groove.

Tower Bar:

Friday, June 30 — Mercy Music, Matt Caskitt, Shades Mcool.

Union Kitchen & Tap:

Saturday, June 3 — It's Just Noize. **Free.**

University Club Atop Symphony Towers:

Saturday, June 3 — Joanna Gerolaga.
Saturday, June 10 — Jarred Matthew.

Viejas Arena:

Saturday, June 10 — Melanie Martinez.

Village Walk at EastLake:

Sunday, June 11 — Summer Sundays: 3 Car Garage. **Free.**

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Sunday, June 18 — Country on The Coast.

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ASTOUNDINGLY ASHAMED I guess my nose makes me pretty ugly no wonder I get rejected. This is why I'm a fatalist too and give up and just go off on life. Nobody cares if I'm a friend or not only pretty people get that

DEAREST KATHERINE I'm stuck here at the repair shop as they try to find a catalytic converter for my Bugatti minivan. Sorry, but I won't be able to attend the lunch with the Mayor with you. Have a great time. Frank

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DEAREST FRANK, have you ever heard of a cab...

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY MIKIEDEE RIP

ASTOUNDED Actually I've got it made. Remember that enough for years well I got. Thank Mercedes. Gonna be a good life just like I promised. Too bad you scared. U should be haunting my place. Open ur messenger. Or just be lame

AT FIRST, I was like, who is this Brian B. Now, I'm like, where is Brian B. I miss his shout-outs.

DEAREST KATHERINE the minivan's catalytic converter was stolen last night so I will not meet you at the Driveway Society's annual luau celebration. Love, Frank

FOUR LETTER WORDS TO CONSIDER hate or yuck and love, your choice madman

STEVE IM missing you, wishing you well. (619) 417-0866 Sorry, I was ill. K (You're my best!) Let's date. Kathi (I'll wait)

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ASHTI You were the coolest person I have met in a long long time. Miss ya! Pepsi. P.

DEAR JOE Happy 34th Birthday! You are magnificent, and deserve to be celebrated for all that you and all that you still will be. I hope the year ahead is full of adventure, wonder, healing, growth, and opportunity. With Love

STEVE IM; You can always talk to me- you are missed much! I'll take you out! Happy Bday. K (619) 417-0866

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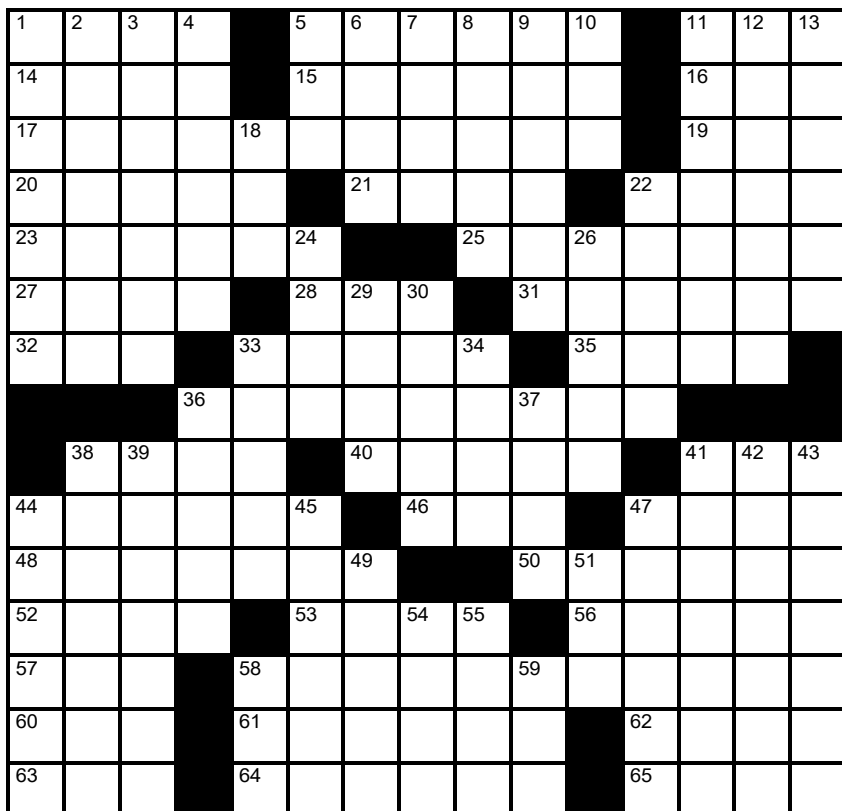
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Across

- 1.** Squander, as cash
5. J. Edgar Hoover Building org.
11. Milk carton amts.
14. ____ fide
15. Drove
16. One-eighty
17. *It has a stem and a black head
19. NAACP co-founder ____ B. Wells
20. Sunak who took over as British P.M. in 2022
21. Soft mineral powder
22. Super uptight
23. "Reckon so"
25. In a little bit
27. Skip out (on)

Down

- 28.** Ointment amount
31. Heavenly beings
32. Bygone Mach 1 breaker, in brief
33. Inclusive acronym that was nominated for the American Dialect Society's 2020 Word of the Year
35. Jury ____
36. *2022 Oscar winner for the documentary "Summer of Soul"
38. NSFW stuff
40. Virtual greeting
41. Karaoke need, for short
44. Shushes
46. "Good" cholesterol initials
47. Lower layer of the earth's crust

Across

- 48.** Turmoils
50. Pestors, Chihuahua-style
52. Mogadishu-born supermodel
53. Mandatory college courses, in brief
56. Dispensary fill
57. Do more than nudge
58. Instruction to start playing ... or a phonetic hint to the starred clues
60. Inc., in France
61. #49 on the periodic table
62. Wrestler/actor John
63. Fabric measures: Abbr.
64. Uses a Zoom alternative
65. Paradise

Down

- 22.** Bicker
24. Falco with four Emmys
26. A 2009 Los Angeles Times crossword clue for this answer was "Available from Netflix, say" (haha!)
29. Semicircular church area
30. Make a mess of
33. Rams like rams do
34. Dressed (in)
36. *"Bohemian Rhapsody" band
37. Air France hub
38. Raisin brand
39. They're not real
41. Applied incorrectly
42. Word at the center of a mosaic in Central Park's Strawberry Fields
43. MRI alternative
44. *2018 documentary co-directed by its subject's daughter, Rashida Jones
45. William who co-wrote "The Elements of Style"
47. Neaten (up)
49. Like a dive bar
51. Naval VIP
54. *Rapper with the album "Amplified"
55. Elisabeth of "Cocktail"
58. Prefix with gender
59. Ambulance letters

The solving of the puzzles will no longer put you in contention for a Reader T-shirt and hat.

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Thanks to all our winners so far and to those who will keep with us.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

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Bright Idea

— Eco-activist Rob Greenfield has stopped using toilet paper, and he wants you to, too. People reported on May 4 that Greenfield is touring the country as part of his Grow Your Own Toilet Paper Initiative, introducing people to the blue spur flower plant. The leaves are "soft as can be," he said. "They're durable. I call them the Charmin of the garden." Greenfield sets up a compost toilet in a busy area and gives his spiel: "Hey, did you know you can grow your own toilet paper? I want to show people that another way is possible. We just buy (toilet paper) at the store and we never think twice about it." Each leaf is about the size of a piece of toilet paper, and the plant supplies an abundance of them. They can't be flushed, but they can be thrown in the trash or buried in the yard. Passersby who get sucked in will also hear Greenfield's views on composting human waste rather than using flush toilets.

Field Report

— Nina Jochnowitz was alerted on April 26 by a fellow citizen in Old Bridge, New Jersey, about an odd deposit near a stream, *NJ.com* reported. When Jochnowitz investigated, she found 500 pounds of cooked pasta -- spaghetti, ziti and elbow macaroni -- dumped along a 25-foot-wide area. She posted photos on Facebook, alerted the town administrator and public works department, and two days later, the carb-y mess had been cleaned up. Jochnowitz pointedly remarked that Old Bridge is the only town in the county without bulk garbage pickup. Days later,

the mystery of the pasta's origin was solved: A man moving out of his mother's home after her death discovered a stockpile of dry noodles and allegedly dumped them there. A weekend's worth of heavy rains softened the pasta, making it look as if it had been cooked. Old Bridge's mayor declared no harm, no foul, and the few stray noodles left on the ground are the only sign of the great pasta caper.

Recurring Theme

— It's happened again. Minnesota state Sen. Calvin Bahr of East Bethel garnered some unwanted attention on May 1 after he cast a vote via Zoom -- camera on, lying shirtless in bed with, inexplicably, an "I'm Just a Bill" character from "Schoolhouse Rock!" on the wall behind him. The Associated Press reported that immediately after casting his vote, Bahr switched off his camera.

Family Values

— An unnamed 67-year-old woman in Russia was charged with hiring someone to murder her 48-year-old daughter just so she could inherit the younger woman's Krasnoyarsk apartment, *Oddity Central* reported. The murderous mom told an acquaintance about her plan, and that person said they knew someone who could pull it off. The would-be assassin and the mom met in a park, where she offered about \$1040 for the job. But the hit man went to police, who helped him stage the murder and engaged the help of the victim. On May 3, the hit man contacted the mom and told her he had repeatedly stabbed her daughter with a knife, then provided her daughter's

bag as evidence. She then transferred the money to his account, and police swooped in. Her new home won't be the apartment she was hoping for.

Least Competent Criminals

— The BBC reported on May 4 that three burglars broke into a shoe store in Huancayo, Peru, in the middle of the night and made off with 200 shoes. Unfortunately for them, they were all right shoes. Surveillance video captured them using a tricycle to remove the boxed shoes. The shop owner estimated the value at more than \$13,000, although the thieves may have trouble selling the shoes for only one foot. The local police chief was confident that they would be caught.

Suspicious Confirmed

— On April 29 in Groningen, the Netherlands, police pulled over a driver who had mowed down a post on a sidewalk, *Oddity Central* reported. The unnamed 35-year-old man refused a breath test, but he did produce a Ukrainian driver's license with a familiar name and photo: Boris Johnson, the former prime minister of the United Kingdom. The license had Johnson's correct date of birth but had an expiration date of 3000. Apparently, such fake licenses are popular at Ukrainian souvenir shops.

Meanwhile, Across the Pond...

— London has been all abuzz with coronation pomp, and chocolatier Jennifer Lindsey-Clarke wasn't about to be left out, *Sky News* reported on April 26. She created a life-size

bust of King Charles III using about 2900 melted Celebrations chocolates. "The team studied hours of footage of the king to capture his true likeness, and the resemblance is uncanny," said Emily Owen, senior brand manager for Celebrations. The bust weighs about 50 pounds and took four weeks to create. The chocolate king wears the uniform that the actual king wore for his coronation, including epaulettes on the shoulders made of Twix, Milky Way, Galaxy and Bounty confections. The sculpture is on display at Mars Wrigley UK's headquarters in Slough.

Awesome!

— From the too-good-to-pass-up file: photographer Ken Pretty of Dildo, Newfoundland, had the extraordinary luck on April 27 to capture a 30-foot-tall iceberg floating in Conception Bay. (Nearby towns include Spread Eagle and Placentia.) *Live Science* reported that the berg, "a column with a domed head protruding up from two oval rafts of ice," resembled a phallus. "I knew I'd get a lot of comments," Pretty said, "but I didn't expect this much." Sadly, the "dickie berg," as locals named it, didn't last: It collapsed the next day.

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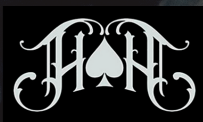
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