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When will San Diego's lithium-ion fires stop?
Neighborhood News, May 30, 2023 made in China?
-Local Lithium fan
All of Normal Heights is EAST of the 805, not west as the story says. Idaho St. is distinctly North Park.
-North Park Local

Even Fox feeds Toni Atkins cash machine
News Under the Radar, May 31, 2023
What's the problem with Fox and EIX giving Atkins money? Do you really think that either \$5K will sway Toni Atkins? Every once and a while can you just apply some common sense and logic to your political hatchet jobs?
-Local Mark

All the corruption that's fit to print! The sewer is the sewer because of these bribes. It's so disgraceful that this is part of the human existence. Thanks to the Reader for continuing to share their common sense and logic in keeping the people informed.
-Sewer Familiar
Corruption erodes trust, weakens democracy, hampers economic development and further exacerbates inequality, poverty and social division.
-Preacher to the people

Political contributions that are reported are not corruption. They are political contributions. That's the system. Now if you think we need more \$100M-aires and billionaires running so that they can self fund, then that's up to you. No matter

what, the 1st amendment will always allow candidates to raise money or spend their own money.
-Truth speaker
And if you want to find scoundrels, Toni Atkins is NOT your best shopping ground. Try our Mayor first.
-Gloria-fied
You missed point. She took money from a dirty corporation, that sells constant lies on FOX News for huge profits. Rupert Murdoch has no scruples.
-Sewer-familiar
Yes, big bucks from downtown developers.
-Preacher to the people

The SDReader simply needs to come clean. Have a column called "Meaningless Accusations About Toni Atkins". That way there's no mistaking it for news or value. Get a life. There are plenty of politicians that deserve to be tortured.... Toni isn't one of them.
-Mark in SD
How much does Toni pay you to gaslight, Markee? I hope you both sleep well in the sewer you exist in.
-Sewer Familiar
I do agree with you that there are plenty of sewer dwelling politicians that deserve to be tortured, including your master.
-Gloria-fied

My month in San Diego jail
Feature Story, May 31, 2023
Why would The Reader allow an article so obviously made up be printed? It is 100% obvious the author has never been in a San Diego jail. Just about everything written is completely wrong and based on watching old prison movies.
-Prison expert

EXACTLY! Totally FAKE Story, you can NOT buy cigs in jail!!!!
-Ex-Con Ex-Smoker
Did you read the story? It was back in the '80s.
-Read the whole story

This article sounds authentic, but the writer was so privileged given the circumstances. A white man with a skill that turns out valuable had to spend 30 days in prison? Oh no. I
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

TALMADGE

Historic or histrionic?

Is regard for the past just pretty NIMBYism?

The planning commission for the city of San Diego has voted unanimously to hold off on adopting a state housing law that would have added a lot more homes around San Diego — for people of all income levels. By implementing Senate Bill 10, cities can allow 10 units per parcel in areas within a half-mile of a major transit stop. The commission was set to recommend that implementation in a new housing package, but it found itself up against a wall of opposition. Part of the reason for that: if the measure passed, future city councils would be barred from reducing the density allowed. Opponents said it would mean “one housing unit per 1000 square feet — forever.”



“Close the gates before the density gets in!”

toward the total number count under SB 10 — and they are required to be affordable.

One of the most fought-over parts of the package was a change to the original proposal, one that removed an exemption for historic districts and sites. “Many of our historic sites are 30 years behind being implemented, and places people cherish and think are designated, like Loma Portal and Talmadge and Golden Hill, are not designated,” said Bruce Coons, executive director of Save Our Heritage Organization. “The implemen-

ing regulations.” Laura Henson, president of the Talmadge Historical Society, said that not exempting historic districts like Talmadge “is wrong,” and that such exemptions are “absolutely not a subversion of SB 10.”

A number of speakers asked that all current and future historic districts be

excluded from SB 10. Or better yet, in their view: reject SB10 outright. But others pointed to the stark need for more housing in every corner of the city. “We need to do everything possible to make housing affordable in San Diego and cannot exempt privileged neighborhoods under the guise of historic preservation,” said Scott Borden. City planners said all of the policies and rules in the general plan, as well as the land development code, would still be applicable for any development impacting a historic resource or district.

To meet its state-mandated share of housing, the city must permit 108,036 homes by 2029. Of these, over 44,000 must be affordable to low-income and very low-income residents, while another 19,000 are needed for moderate income San Diegans. Even so, “I still think SB10 is not the right goal,” said chair Bill Hofman. He thought the maximum density was too high, and that maybe reducing the boundaries would help. He also recommended the commission “explore maybe just an outline of an alternative to SB 10, because the permanency of it. I can’t get past that.” The item was continued to August 3.

SHEILA PELL

EL CAJON

Gift gift and skim scams

The new breed of card sharps

On May 17, the El Cajon Police Department informed its 21,000-plus Instagram followers of the trending “Gift Card Scam” happening at big box stores around the country — including San Diego County. According to the Federal Trade Commission, in 2022 alone, consumers reported 48,800 cases of gift card fraud, reaching more than \$228 million in total losses. But according to the ECPD’s Instagram post, “it’s almost entirely unreported!” as some recipients of the gift cards don’t utilize them, and others don’t want to embarrass the gifters after they’ve tried using the compromised, zero-balance cards.

The gift card scam works like this: the thieves steal gift cards in bulk from big box stores. They then retrieve the gift card numbers and the accompanying pin numbers by scratching the cards to reveal their secret PINs. The thieves cover up the exposed PINs with stickers, or glue the gift cards to the packaging, which makes it difficult for others to see the scratched PINs. Afterward, the thieves return to the stores and put the



The POS skimmers can be placed in just four seconds, but usually come off with a tug.

now-manipulated cards back on the gift card display racks. “When you purchase these previously stolen gift cards” — thus activating them — “the criminal is notified, and uses the funds before you leave the store,” explained Amanda Stills of the El Cajon police in the recently posted IG video. Stills then showed examples of altered Target cards and noted, “With the AMEX cards, make sure the

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“We need to do everything possible to make housing affordable in San Diego and cannot exempt privileged neighborhoods under the guise of historic preservation.”

The package included 13 amendments to the city’s land development code, aimed at tackling the “missing middle” by making it easier to build homes at all income levels without displacing current residents. Two items in the regulations were amended the day before the meeting. To be consistent with state law, accessory dwelling units will count

tation of SB 10 without it will ensure that they never are.”

Along with the exemption was a proposed January 1, 2023 cutoff for designation. This came from an earlier suggestion from the commission that historic designations would flow in “as an attempt to subvert the intent of our implementation of missing middle hous-



Quartermass-Wilde House, Golden Hill. “Places people cherish and think are designated, like Loma Portal and Talmadge and Golden Hill, are not designated.”

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number on the card matches the number on the box.”

The post’s Instagram comment section was engaging, and included responses from the El Cajon police. Commenter Heather suggested: “They need to keep them behind the registers or lock them up and only open [them] when someone asks for it. Like they do other stuff in stores.” Her reply garnered 396 likes. But Lynn4 replied, “I don’t think the cashier with a line of customers is going

and they’re stealing your information in a matter of seconds.” In the video, Stills holds up a skimmer, a replica cover for a Walmart ATM point of sale machine. “So when you are at a checkout stand, one of the ways to make sure you are not going to be a victim of a skim is to pull on the top of the skimmer. If it’s fake, it’ll pop right off. And if you look, you’ll notice it is almost identical and nearly impossible to tell that it is fake.” She added that retailers usually place stickers on top of the legitimate card scanners, and suggested that customers look out for the stickers.

El Cajon local Valdez JoJem was taken for \$600 when she used a PayPal debit card on a machine with an attached skimmer.

Nationally, debit card skimming rose 368 percent compared to 2021, according to *FICO.com*.

to be happy looking for a gift card that’s not been displayed on the kiosk!”

A month earlier, the El Cajon Police had exposed another type of card fraud, which involved debit and EBT cards. In 2023, El Cajon found more than 12 debit/EBT card skimmers in their city, and noted an “uptick in these crimes.” Nationally, debit card skimming rose 368 percent compared to 2021, according to *FICO.com*. “Technology has come a long way, but so have criminals,” said Stills in an April Instagram video. “They’ve gotten so smart it takes them approximately four seconds to apply one of these skimmers to the checkout machine at any of your local retailers, and they don’t even have to come back to retrieve them. They’re Bluetooth,

“They did an investigation on their end at PayPal, but they’re not believing me,” she told me in a recent interview. “I did [make] the police report right away, and I requested the police investigator to look at the video in the bank, but they told me there’s no video. I don’t know why the Bank of America did not have it.”

Another resident, Megan Kay, had better luck when her debit card was skimmed. “I worked with Bank of America. I had to call them, and it was about a 20-minute phone call, but they credited to my account in a day or so. They went on to do an investigation, and after about two months, I got a letter saying the refund would not be revoked.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

UNDER THE RADAR

Slapfisted Democrats State Senate Democrat **Josh Newman**, recalled from office in June 2018 thanks to big money raised by San Diego Republican politico and radio star **Carl DeMaio**, has picked up a free meal worth \$92 at Brea’s Slapfish restaurant, courtesy of Semptra Energy, another well-heeled San Diego political player. The giant utility’s most recent quarterly California lobbying disclosure report, filed April 28, showed that Newman was joined at the January 3 repast by his political fundraiser **Michele Newman**, whose LinkedIn page identifies her as working exclusively for Newman’s campaign. Newman has been a major cheerleader for Semptra’s SoCalGas natural gas subsidiary. “As we work toward achieving California’s ambitious clean energy goals, SoCalGas’ forward-thinking solutions, at scale and in collaboration with state and federal partners, offer real promise on paving the way for the essential role clean energy sources like hydrogen will play in meeting future energy demand,” he’s quoted as saying in a SoCalGas May 23 news release.

Semptra is controversial in some circles, having been accused of quietly backing a lawsuit that overturned the city of Berkeley’s ban on new natural gas hookups. “While the California Restaurant Association, or CRA, has served as the face of this suit, it turns out that the gas industry played a key role,” writes **Matt Vespa**, a senior attorney at Earthjustice, in a May 2 opinion piece run by *CalMatters.com*. “Public filings showed that when CRA filed its lawsuit, SoCalGas, the nation’s largest gas utility, began to pay millions in legal fees to Reichman Jorgensen, the same firm representing CRA. While SoCalGas had previously denied the work was related, last week SoCalGas was forced by the California Public Utilities Commission to admit that it funneled more than \$1 million of customer money to pay for legal services by Reichman Jorgensen that included work on federal preemption of local laws to limit gas, the very issue at the heart of the CRA litigation. This was at the same time SoCalGas ramped up its donations to the CRA’s philanthropic arm, the California Restaurant Foundation, from \$24,000 in 2019 to more than half a million in 2021.”

Newman’s 2018 recall resulted from political combat over another kind of gas. “Of the more than \$44,000 in contributions reported by the Reform California committee since

early April, at least \$29,000 has come from donors in San Diego County, where recall leader Carl DeMaio, a former city councilman and congressional candidate, hosts a radio show,” the *Sacramento Bee* reported June 18, 2017, about DeMaio’s efforts to oust Newman. “Reform California and the California Republican Party have reported almost \$408,000 in outside spending to gather the nearly 63,600 valid voter signatures to qualify a recall election and other costs. The state

GOP has raised tens of thousands of dollars since early April, according to state filings.” Notes the website *Ballotpedia*, the recall was launched “following the passage of SB 1, a bill that increased motor fuel taxes to pay for transportation projects. Newman supported SB 1.” At the time of his early January meeting with Semptra officials, Newman was expected to need extra big money to handle a bitter intra-party primary battle.

After reclaiming his senate seat in 2020, Newman — squeezed into the 37th district by redistricting — was set to face off in 2024 against fellow California senate Democrat **Dave Min**, according to an *Orange County Register* account of last December 13. Then this January 23, Min jumped to a House race to replace fellow Democrat **Katie Porter**, who had declared her candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat now held by **Dianne Feinstein**. Last month, Min was busted for drunk driving, per a May 3 *LA Times* report. “CHP officers reported seeing a silver Toyota Camry late Tuesday night traveling south without its headlights on not far from the Capitol in Sacramento,” according to an arrest report that CHP provided to the *Times*. The officers followed the car to 9th Street and Broadway, where they saw the driver “stop at a red light momentarily but then proceed into the intersection while the light remained red. Officers then pulled Min over.”

Borderline silence

Though it’s been over seven months since award-winning *Union-Tribune* border writer **Wendy Fry** announced her departure from that role to sign on with Sacramento-based *CalMatters.com*, the paper is still advertising for a replacement for the long-vaunted position, for almost three decades held by veteran reporter **Sandra Dibble**, who retired two years ago. “I cannot imagine my life without Tijuana, where I often

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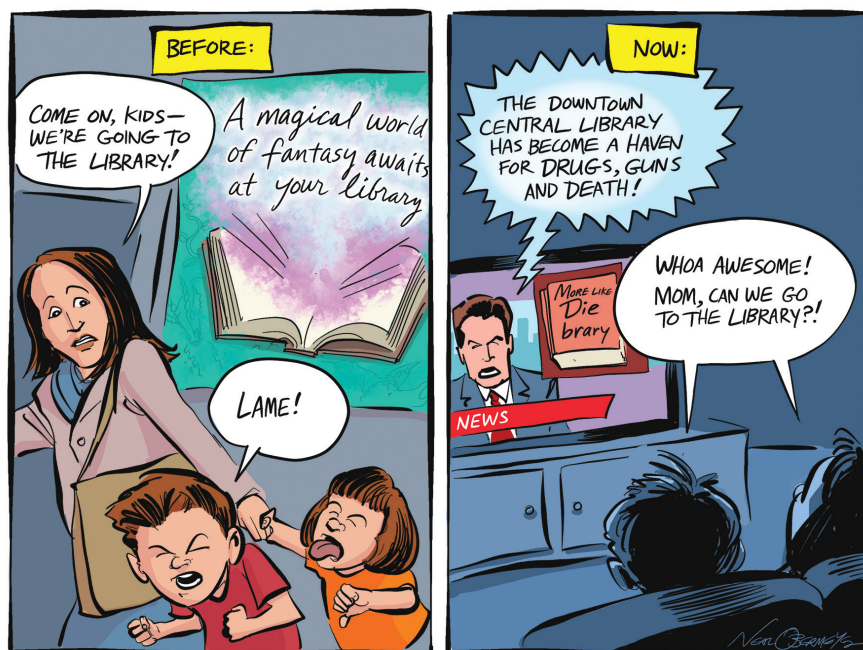
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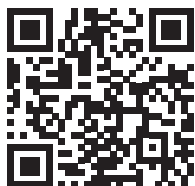
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can't imagine what it's like for a POC who in the same circumstances would almost certainly get more time, not get detained in the trustee ward and would generally suffer more.

All that aside, I do hope the author grows from this and this was their rock bottom.

-Virtually Signaled

Fat Girl: A True Story

Reading, Mar. 3, 2005

The world is a better place with this book in it. It is that good.

-Big Reader

He Said He Wanted to Kill Her

City Lights, Jan. 31, 2002

Dailey just got paroled and is now out of prison. Not bad for murder one charge. It would be great if you guys could do a follow up story to see if he ever accepted responsibility for his wife's disappearance. I wonder if his wife stood up for him at his parole hearing. Since his wife came from Mexico I'm wondering if anyone stood up for the victim.

-Jason Day

The great families who created San Diego are still angry

Cover Story, Nov. 14, 1996

Hello, very interesting article. I happen to be a member of many of the Spanish/Mexican families you have mentioned. Crosthwaite, Osuna and Arguello. As a matter of fact I am publishing an historical novel about these families which also includes the plight of the Kumeyaay people. My book title is, *The Undone*. This is taken from one of the myths of the Kumeyaay creation story. It's explained in the book. I will be at the Descendants Day in Old Town San Diego on June 24th. I'll have some books there for anyone who is interested. I would like to meet you, Bill Manson, if you can make it.

-Ronald R. Crosthwaite

Under the radar

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cross the U.S.-Mexico border to see friends, sing in a chorus, share a meal, attend concerts and report freelance stories," Dibble wrote in an April 21, 2022, farewell the paper ran. "Tijuana sometimes breaks my heart. It deserves a better U.S. neighbor — one that does not keep demanding drugs and sending weapons. It desperately needs strong urban planning for a mass transit system, public parks, sewage collection and treatment. More than anything, it needs rule of law — well-trained and funded police and crime investigators, a strong judiciary, and government actions open to public scrutiny and accountability."

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— Matt Potter
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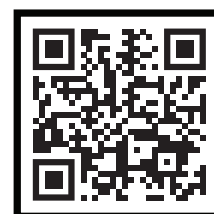
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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news



Fantabulous on the new mascot: "He's into swinging, but he ain't no friar!"

Who's Your Padre? Baseball team adopts new name, mascot for Pride Month

The San Diego Padres announced today that, following his controversial remarks regarding the Los Angeles Dodgers' welcoming of the Sisters of Indulgence at their annual Pride Day festivities, the Swinging Friar mascot would be placed on a Pride Month suspension, and that the team's name would be temporarily changed from the Padres to the Daddies.

"Daddies hold a special place in the LGBTQIA+ community's history," says team spokesman Sam Spinnny. "We're proud to honor them as we seek to make amends."

Local Catholics were quick to object, but according to area Daddy Ron Fantabulous, "Really, it's not that big a deal. It's not so

much a change of mascot as it is a change of connotation. 'Padres' translates to 'Fathers,' which is just another way of saying 'Daddies.' The term indicates power and authority, and in the particular case of the Franciscan Padres, a bold spirit of exploration. All that applies equally well to the Hillcrest Daddies. And given what we know about the Catholic Church in America over the past 50 years, I wouldn't be at all surprised if a few of those Padres were Daddies themselves. Anyway, we're thrilled at the Padres' response to the Swinging Friar's hateful invective. Now, if we can just do something about those tacky brown uniforms!"

"Pride Goeth Before the Fall!" Swinging Friar denounces Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence

Following last week's decision by the Los Angeles Dodgers to host the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence at their annual Pride Day event, the Padres' Swinging Friar gave a rare public statement. "For many years now, I have been honored and grateful to serve as the mascot for the San Diego Padres. But the fact remains that I am also a Catholic priest who has taken a vow of obedience and service to the Church. And it is in that capacity that I feel obligated to speak out against this offense to God and baseball. The Sisters make a mockery of Catholic nuns and their vows of chastity. For a team representing a city named after Our Lady, Queen of the Angels, this seems especially egregious. As Our Lord Jesus said, 'Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality...These are the things that defile a man.' I will not sully the



When the Friar cried, "Lord, do you want me to call down fire from heaven and destroy these people?" he was quoting from the Gospel of Luke, and the heavens did seem to respond. But while the Sisters applauded his theatricality, they remained unmoved. "Jesus said he came to set fire to the earth, and that he wished it were already kindled," cried Sister Penny Tense from atop her platform heels. "And honey, let me tell you, we have been positively flaming since I don't know when."

names of Sodom and Gommo-rah by comparing them to Los Angeles, but a bit of fire and brimstone may be in order."

Furries' Friends

Padres' park sponsor
expands efforts in wake of
Friar's folly

"Stereotypes about crazy cat ladies and men with small dogs aside, Petco has long been a supporter of LGBTQIA+ rights," said Sally Stopgap at a press conference this week announcing the company's decision to champion the rights of furries in the wake of the Swinging Friar's controversial comments. "For years, our Pride Collection of pet products has donated a portion of its profits



Stopgap: "The pride flag may be an ever-more-welcoming symbol of inclusivity and affirmation, but we can't help but notice its lack of explicit reference to furries, who are a legitimate subset of the queer community. Given the fact that furries have conventions, make appearances in Katy Perry videos, and occupy a significant portion of conservative media outrage headspace, we think they deserve recognition. And who better to recognize them than your furry friends' best friend, Petco?"

to the anti-queer-suicide group The Trevor Project. And we don't want that support to be overshadowed by one rogue operator who happens to represent the baseball team that plays in our stadium. In fact, his actions have spurred us to ask what more we can do. Supporting furries, a widely misunderstood and mocked group, seemed like a natural step. Maybe there's not a paw print on the Pride Flag yet, but this Pride Month, you can be sure that there will be a Pride Flag on our logo's doggie and kitty."

Making a Stink

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Black Birdmen

Eugene Cheatham stayed in the service as a reservist for 20 years, serving as an intelligence officer and flying 150 combat missions in the Korean War. He received the Air Medal for his service but not in the usual manner. He returned to his tent one day to find that his colonel had, instead of presenting the medal to him, simply tossed it on his bed. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1964. – *Laura McNeal* **FEB. 3, 2000**

Memories of the Big War

Hatred for the Japanese reached such a pitch in our East San Diego neighborhood that we'd do almost anything to show our contempt. One time some kid at Sacred Heart school right down the street from where I

lived got hold of a Japanese flag, the one with the big bright red sun in the center that we jeeringly called the "meatball banner," and sold chances to spit on it for three cents. – *Gerald A. Shepherd* **DEC. 15, 1983**

Reach and Destroy

"To be a superior pilot, I would say eyesight is the first requisite. My eyesight was not 20-20; it was 20-10, which meant I had great vision for distance. While in flight. I could spot enemies long before most pilots and then had time to make the decision of how to adjust our flight pattern and whether we should fight or flee. Now sightings are done by radar, but then it was all vision." – *Kathleen Beth Mix* **JAN. 21, 1988**



There are 13 subs beneath local waters: S-37, Slapjack, Searaven, Tuna, Moray, Sabalo, Skate, Aspro, Archerfish, Burrfish, Red-fish, Sea Devil, and Trepang.

Blood Island

I look east at Nishi Ridge. Somewhere near it, 29-year-old Jack Lummus earned his Medal of Honor. Attacking a rat-maze of bunkers and pillboxes, Lummus was smashed by shrapnel. He kept moving. Then an explosion. Lummus disappeared from sight. His men saw him pop up; he was yelling at them — "Keep moving! Keep moving!" — and it looked as if he was standing in a depression. There was no depression. Both his legs had been blown off. – *Ray Westberg* **SEPT. 7, 1989**

Bail Out! Pappy and the Hump Pilots

Nobody wanted to undress and get into that clear, icy mountain pool to retrieve the fish, so I said I would do it. I stripped off and went down and down and put a hand on him; he gave a convulsive shudder and I thought he might get away, so I took both hands and put fingers in the top and bottom of the bullet holes. I kicked my feet to bring him up to the surface. – *Gerald M. "Pappy" Jernigan* **APR. 23, 1992**

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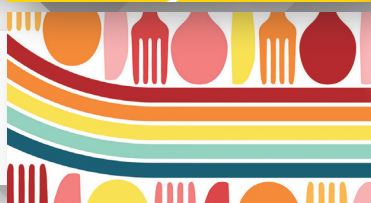
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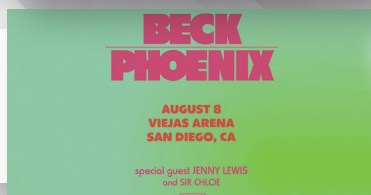
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San Diegans on the
search for shelter, Part I

HOME IS WHERE THE HOUSE IS

When my husband and I first moved to San Diego two decades ago, we were full of mid-western optimism — I refuse to call it naive-
te. Aaron had secured his first job out of college, working as an engineer in Point Loma. I pictured us settling down in a quaint beach bungalow, watching the sun set over the Pacific while sitting in oversized wicker chairs on our back patio. Our kids would be perpetually sun-kissed. Birds of Paradise would line our white picket fence. Our tub would be forever ringed with a thin line of sand.

That's not exactly how things played out. After arriving in San Diego, we lived at the Motel 6. My husband's new company footed the bill while we attempted to find the perfect rental. We had done little research prior to moving — optimism! We simply packed up our station wagon, carving out just enough room in back for

our four-month-old son and our overzealous Labrador Retriever puppy, and set off cross-country. We knew nothing about San Diego's different neighborhoods,

other than what my husband's college roommate had told us. David, a trust fund kid, had spent one year living in the dorms at USD before transferring to Kansas Uni-

"I just love this house because it is so beautiful,
but it was not my choice to move out here."

versity for his sophomore year. Here's what he told us: "Everywhere in San Diego is nice, just not El Cajon. Rent a little place in Ocean Beach; you'll love it." If memory serves, this advice was given in between bong hits. Armed with this knowledge — and the aforementioned optimism — we headed west.

So: Ocean Beach. Shortly after our arrival in San Diego, Aaron steered our station wagon down Newport Avenue. I watched out the window as the antique stores and bars slid past. There were buskers and leathery folks in tie-dyed clothing hanging out on the sea wall. There was a drum circle on the grass. A toddler chased bubbles before collapsing into a fit of giggles. *This is it, I thought. This is where we will end up.* I was wrong. The beach rentals we found were absurdly expensive — and remember, this was 20 years ago. We couldn't afford a two-bedroom in OB — or anywhere coastal, for that matter. We began searching further east, stopping just shy of David's dreaded El Cajon. We settled in Spring Valley, at the base



"You are not coming inside," Mai shouted, waving a finger at the Mastiffs before shutting the door behind us.

of Mount Helix.

In those early days, we spent hours driving around San Diego, exploring enclaves, dreaming about our future, wondering where we would land. Aaron hoped to end up in Point Loma, close to his work and the water. I still dreamed of Ocean Beach, though I

was also charmed by the Craftsman houses of Mission Hills and South Park, the mellow coastal towns in North County, and the sleepy little village section of La Mesa.

About a decade of renting later — in Spring Valley, then El Cajon, and then Tierrasanta — we had managed to save

enough for a down payment on a home. We started our search in Point Loma and Ocean Beach — some dreams die hard when you're an optimist. Again and again, we were outbid. We broadened our search. Scrolling through real estate online late one night in 2011, I found our house. Walking distance to downtown La Mesa — I knew the neighborhood well from those early drives. As soon as we set foot inside, it felt like home. We offered above asking price and bought the place for \$360,000. (The previous owners had purchased it in 2004 for \$465,000.) Four beds, three baths, just over 1600 square feet, with a sizeable yard, a big climbing tree out back, and an oversized window in the living room with a gorgeous view. The kitchen and bathrooms were '70s flashbacks, the exterior was painted bright pink, and I didn't care. It

reminded me of the my small hometown outside of Chicago. It smelled like freshly cut grass. The day we toured, I heard the sound of children playing in a nearby backyard. It was perfectly us.

A decade later, I still love our house. Currently, Zillow has our home's worth estimated at \$930,000. While I am impressed by the rise in value, the steep increase makes me melancholy. We could never afford it now. My heart breaks for those wide-eyed Midwesterners who might stumble out here the way Aaron and I did, full of optimism and dreaming of home ownership. Many of them will be priced out of San Diego's housing market entirely. Out of curiosity, nostalgia, and the fear that my own children will never be able to afford to buy a home in their own city, I took to the streets to ask locals about their housing situations.

Mai Allen

AGE: 46

OCCUPATION: Sr. Project Manager & Vice President at MUFG Union Bank

LOCATION: Valley Center

Mai is what not who comes to mind when I think of Valley Center. Her nails are manicured, her makeup is immaculate, her long, nearly waist-length brown hair is perfectly curled, and she drives some sort of luxury car that appears to have been freshly waxed. Her friends and family refer to her home's location as "the boonies." But it should be noted that, in true Mai fashion, her home sits on five acres, is a whopping 3500 square feet, is outfitted with a pool and a hot tub, and is located inside a gated community. "If it had been up to me, Dan and I would have bought a bigger house in Rancho Bernardo, not moved here," Mai says as she gives me a tour of her ranch-style home. She reiterates: "I just love this house because it is so beautiful, but it was not my choice to move out here."

When I arrived here, I was buzzed through her community's front gate. I drove up a winding road and admired the stunning mountain views. Near the top, right before I turned into her driveway, I stopped for a wayward road runner leisurely crossing the street. I turned left and passed through Mai's iron security gate before parking my car behind her 23-year-old's Tesla. I then found I was too scared to get out of my own car, because two humongous Italian Mastiffs were circling it. "They just look scary; they are harmless," Mai shouted from the doorway, her voice bubbling with laughter. When I hesitated despite her re-

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assurance, she laughed harder and walked toward the car. She was wearing platform sandals, so she should have looked taller, but in comparison to her dogs... We slipped into her home. "You are not coming inside," she shouted, waving a finger at the Mastiffs before shutting the door behind us.

Now, I'm following Mai down a tiled hallway and into a window-strewn kitchen that looks out at a pool and acreage beyond. Mai tells me that this is the third home she has owned in San Diego. She bought her first with her then-husband in the early 2000s, when she was just 23 years old: a two-story, two-car garage, El Cajon house in Granite Hills. After divorcing, she and her ex-husband sold it in 2008 — at the bottom of the market. "We didn't really make anything off the sale because it was during the housing crash," she recalls. "I didn't really care. I just wanted to get out of there because of the divorce."

In May of 2008, Mai and her boyfriend Daniel Allen, who would later become her new husband, decided to buy a place together. "Dan and I both wanted our kids to attend good schools. I wanted them in the Poway school district. So we bought a house in Rancho Bernardo for \$456,000. At the time, that seemed like a lot of money to me. We ended up selling it in 2019 for about \$700,000 — to a cash buyer." Rancho Bernardo had been a drastic change from El Cajon. "It took me awhile to get used to it, but after a while, I really, really, liked it. The kids are a little bit snottier. Racially, it is really a lot of white people, and Asians, and some Indi-

ans. You don't see a lot of [diversity]. But they have nicer schools."

When her son graduated from high school and Dan's teen daughter moved in full-time with her mother, the Allens decided to look for a new house. "My husband did not really like neighbors," Mai says, tilting her head back and letting out a sprinkle of laughter over the memory. "He liked privacy. That was just his way. He didn't want to have to deal with people. Living in Rancho Bernardo was so convenient, but our neighbors were literally [on top of us]." If it had been up to Dan, the two of them would've headed out of state; he wanted to live in Texas or Arizona. He wanted his own slice of land. Mai was indifferent about the land, but not the location. "I said, 'I am absolutely not leaving San Diego! You can leave if you want! I am staying here! My family is here, my friends, my career, everything is here.' Luckily, he decided not to leave me!" Mai says, laughing again before continuing, "We compromised."

They began their search in Ramona, Bonsall and Valley Center. "I ruled out Ramona because of the frickin' weird ass people there. Not that I am totally normal, but I am not *that* weird. I ruled out Bonsall too, because once again, weird people, and it's way too far. We looked at a few homes in Valley Center. Most of them were deeper in Valley Center. I told Dan, 'I am not moving anywhere that is that far away!'" Eventually the pair found their current house — in the boonies, but not so far out in the boonies that it is wildly inconvenient. It still feels connected to civilization. When Dan

and Mai attended the open house, there were features about the home they both loved. Mai liked that it was in a gated community. Dan liked the fact that it was on five acres. They both liked the pool. "After the open house, I told Dan, 'Here are your choices: we move into this house, or we don't move!'" Smile lines form around Mai's eyes.

The Allens put in an offer of \$899,000. It was accepted, and they moved in April 2019. The home is currently valued at \$1.3 million. "We bought this house because Dan had no other choice," she says with a chuckle while ushering me through a sliding glass door to the backyard. "Down there we have avocado trees," she says, pointing past her pool and into a sloping valley below. "I said to Dan, 'If we are going to move to Valley Center, this is the house.' I fell in love with it when I saw it. The only thing I did not like was that it was owned by a couple in their late seventies. The appliances were old. The refrigerator was rusty. I was like, 'We are not putting food in that!' We bought all new appliances. We spent a lot of money upgrading the house. They had tan carpeting that they let their Jack Russell pee all over. We redid the floors. It's getting there, but I have more to do. We signed a contract for a full remodel a few days before Dan died. So, I put that on hold.... for now," Mai says her voice trailing off. Tragically, Dan passed away in September 2022. He was 41 years old. He was driving his motorcycle home from work when he was struck by a car, and died at the hospital a few hours later.

Standing in her yard, listening to the birds'

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chirp, Mai tells me that she cannot imagine moving — ever. “I really love it here. I love the big windows and all the light that filters in. My master bedroom is an oasis. I can close the door and be in there all day. I love being able to walk out in my backyard naked if I want — because who is going to see me?”

Jon Losee

AGE: 83

OCCUPATION: Retired, former physicist

LOCATION: Point Loma

Jon Losee still skis in Tahoe every winter. He is old enough that he doesn't have to pay for a season pass; they just give him one. And in the summer months, Jon and his wife Debbie scuba dive in fun locales like Cozumel and Tahiti. So when Jon explains that he built his own house in Tahoe when he was just 19 years old, I am not surprised. Nor am I surprised to learn that he also built the two-story Point Loma home he has lived in since the 1970s. When he details the adventures had while building his homes, Jon's eyes twinkle and he seems like a much younger man.



Max laughs to lighten the mood, but it is evident that the condo is a very sore subject. “Tacking on permits, appliances, hardware, lights, floors, furniture — I would estimate the whole thing is costing me \$130,000.”

In 1972, one year out of grad school, Jon Losee was offered a job at the Navy Lab in Point Loma. “When we first moved out here” — with his first wife and their children — “we rented an apartment off Balboa Avenue in Clairemont. Prior to that, I was renting a big two-story house in Nebraska for \$105 a month. I don't remember how much we rented the [Clairemont] apartment for, but it was more than that. Very shortly after that, I was sent to Hawaii for three and a half months to work at the lab there.”

While in Hawaii, Jon's

rent was covered by work, and he sublet his San Diego apartment. “When I got back from Hawaii, [work] decided to pay me full per diem, seven days a week, the whole time I had been Hawaii! I got a big check from the government. That is how I was able to buy this house.” Jon explains while we sit at the kitchen table in his Point Loma home. He takes a glass out of one of the pine cabinets he constructed himself as a young man and pours me a glass of water.

In 1973, the San Diego housing market was hot. People were buying up properties sight un-

seen. “We paid \$33,005 for our house. That was a lot for the time. It was a two-bedroom, one bath, and about 800 square feet. I could've bought a 1500-square-foot brand new house in Scripps Ranch for that price. But I bought in Point Loma because it was by my work. I don't have the personality to commute that far every day. They were asking \$25,000 for the place, but in those days, you had to up the asking price.”

Jon had big plans for his little house: he added a second story and turned it into a four-bedroom, 2300-square-foot home. In total, the renovation cost him around \$20,000. “We did not have the money to hire help. I tore the roof off the house and threw it in the backyard. People thought I was nuts. It was off for like three or four months.” But Jon knew what he was doing. He had gone through the process of building a home when he was a teenager. Adds Debbie, “Jon built his place up in Tahoe before this. But the Point Loma house was a much more ambitious project.”

Jon nods his head, smiling at the mention of the cabin, which now serves as his daughter's family

home. “I purchased that land in Tahoe for \$1750 in 1960. I was too young to buy a lot, so I had to put it in my dad's name. I was working a union job at a grocery warehouse so I thought, ‘Okay, I can pay this off in a few months.’ It was paid off in 6-8 months. I was attending Sacramento State, so I used my summers off to build. In the fall of 1960 we put in the foundation, and the summer of ‘61 and ‘62 we basically finished it.”

When Jon says “we,” he is talking about his dad and his dad's buddies, who would sometimes drive out to offer a hand. Jon also had an assistant, a man recruited from the Labor Hall in Sacramento. “I didn't pay him. All I could offer was room and board,” Jon laughs, noting that “room” consisted of a tent, a table, and a make-shift latrine sectioned off by two tarps hung on trees. “He was an old Norwegian guy, an odd character. He didn't drink at all for maybe six weeks or so, and then he would go on a bender. That was the type of alcoholic he was. In a way, it worked out, because when he was dry, we could get things done.”

Since Jon was so young, people were eager to help and teach him. “The building department was a couple of miles away. Inspectors started dropping by my place while they did their rounds. They were really very helpful. I would ask them questions. I would say, ‘I am curious how would you do this?’ They loved it. They would come in and get right down to the dirt with me and [teach] me all these things. They would stop by almost every day. I learned a lot.”

Back in San Diego, during Jon's Point Loma

build, the building inspectors were not quite as helpful. After he secured his building permit, city inspectors started stopping by. “The inspectors were typically ex-contractors. They didn't like amateurs. An inspector came over one day, all grumpy, and started looking around. I had built this beam,” Jon says, pointing to a beam near the stairway in his home. “I had somehow cut the beam into another one, no screws. It's notched. I can't even remember how I did it. The inspector looked at it and said, ‘That is the most beautiful thing I have seen in years.’ After that, they just signed off on it. They didn't bother me again. I built it primarily by myself, but friends and family helped.” In total, the Point Loma house took Jon four years to compete — he had a full-time job and no longer had entire summers off.

“Finishing this house was very empowering,” he says. More than 50 years later Zillow values it at \$1.7 million.

Max Powers

AGE: 38

OCCUPATION: Sales

“My parents bought me my first house when I was 22 years old.” Max explains while sitting on his girlfriend's sofa. He recently moved in while his condo — an 800-square-foot one bedroom — is being renovated. “The house was in Serra Mesa. My parents bought it there because that is where they grew up and it's conveniently located. To be perfectly honest, they bought it thinking I would have a family by now. They bought me a family starter home and I never got a family,” He shrugs and lets out a laugh at the absurdity.

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Living in Serra Mesa was not ideal for a young man. It wasn't hip. There weren't many bars or restaurants. Max saw the three-bedroom home as too much house. "I needed a change, so I sold it in 2018. Three years prior to me selling my house, [our parents] bought my brother a place up the hill in Serra Mesa. He made \$250,000 selling his house and it was just two miles away from mine. But my side of Serra Mesa, maybe because it was closer to the freeway, or it was near a power substation, didn't increase much in value. I sold it for \$675,000. [My parents] bought it for \$580,000 in 2005. Considering the upkeep on that house, I basically maybe made \$30,000 on it. I never had to pay a mortgage because my parents paid it right off. I just had property taxes and maintenance, but that shit adds up!"

After the sale, Max set his sights on Crown Point. He liked that it was near the water but not near all the bars and parties in PB. It was quiet but not boring. He found a small condo there listed for \$550,000, put an offer in, but didn't get it. He

told his realtor to keep an eye out if another condo in that complex went up for sale. "Eventually, another condo in that complex came on the market. It was cheaper, listed at \$520,000. I put in an offer of \$480,000 and got it." It's hard to tell by his demeanor if he is happy about the purchase.

"It was a great deal, but it has never been upgraded," he notes. "It's run down — terrible carpeting, half the lights don't work, the outlets don't work, the oven sucks, the fridge didn't even have a handle. It was fucking shit! It's like one of those places where you buy it, put 20 grand in, and it's now worth \$100,000 more. I got it at the right time. In my unit, you can see the SeaWorld fireworks from my couch. The other one I was looking at was one floor up on the other side of the building. I would not have been able to see the fireworks from my living room. So, whatever, I got lucky." He shrugs.

In July 2020, one week after his move in, Max attempted to begin the renovation process on his outdated condo. "Demolition [on my condo]

started today. TODAY! July fucking 14th, 2020 was when I started this renovation process, and it's May 10th, 2023!!" He goes on, softening his voice but clearly still irritated, "I am hearing conflicting reports on why it has taken this long. Basically, it's a zoning thing. Trying to start [renovations] during covid delayed things. I have a very pessimistic attitude about all of this. It's hard to be optimistic about any of what I have been going through."

Through clenched teeth, Max adds that his contractor has already called him to report a problem, "One of the walls I was going to tear down is load bearing. My price point just jumped about \$8000!!"

"Can't you just keep the wall?" I ask.

Max grimaces, "IN MY PLANS, THE WALL IS GONE!!" He takes a deep breath and settles down a little before continuing. "If the wall is there when an inspector comes, I am fucked! FUCKED! I'll have to change permits! You can't just change permits! This has been the fucking delay! The permits! Don't get me

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started on this shit!” Max laughs to lighten the mood, but it is evident that the condo is a very sore subject. “Tacking on permits, appliances, hardware, lights, floors, furniture — I would estimate the whole thing is costing me \$130,000.”

“That is a lot,” I say, more to myself than to Max, and he nods.

“I am thinking about selling it eventually. I would like to get a yard for my two dogs. It would make my life easier. I see myself living [in the condo] for three years at least. I think a one-bedroom in this place goes for \$650,000 now. Renovated, I could sell it for \$700,000. I’ll probably hold on to it, maybe buy something else and rent it out.” By this point, he has chilled out about the permits. He is reclined on the couch with one of his dogs cuddled up next to

him, his eyes on a baseball game on the TV.

Madigan Briggs

AGE: 25

OCCUPATION: Marketing and sales

LOCATION: Kensington

Madigan Briggs’s Spanish-style Kensington rental home is adorable. It has curb appeal. But it’s not exactly the type of home you would imagine three twenty-something guys and a 25-year-old girl living in; it looks more like the type of house where you’d find a pair of young professionals just starting out in the world.

The Kensington house is Madigan’s third San Diego rental. After graduating from UCSB in 2020, she moved in with her parents during the pandemic. In April 2021, she moved into a two-bedroom La Mesa apartment with her old college roommate for

one year. “I paid \$890 a month. We split the gas and electric and Wi-Fi, averaging around \$60 a month each. I was finding it hard to get by. I was teaching preschool and not making a lot. When I started working at my current job, it got a little better, but not much — just better to the point where I wasn’t stressed out at the end of each month anymore.”

Madigan cut costs by cutting back on going out and buying cheap food. “I ate a lot of pasta. I figured out a pasta-vegetable meal that was kind of healthy. I could make it last for days. I would eat that and yogurt for like four days straight. I added whatever vegetable was in season, because that would be the cheapest. I bought random store brand pasta — the ones that are like 99 cents.” She chuckles

at the memory.

In June of 2022, her roommate decided to move back to Fresno. “A friend of mine was moving into a house in City Heights. One of his roommates was leaving and looking to sublet his room. The rent was going to be \$80 cheaper than what I was paying in La Mesa, so I sublet his spot.” But she and her roommates lasted only four months in City Heights, due to a cockroach infestation. “It was so gross. There were cockroaches literally everywhere. The kitchen had them, the living room, the bathroom. They were coming up from all over the place. It was disgusting. Our landlord was not really fixing the problem at all. She would put cockroach traps down, but there were tons of them. One cockroach trap was not going to do anything. So yeah, we decided to look for somewhere else to live.”

Finding a four-bedroom house to rent in San Diego was hard to do — especially one within their price range. Madigan says they started wondering if they would have to stay in the cockroach house. The place the roommates eventually found was initially listed at \$6100 a month. “It was out of our price

range, so we didn’t even look at it. But then they bumped it down to \$4595 a month. We immediately went to look at it. We told the landlord we wanted to move in. He sent the contract over that Friday. We signed on Saturday. We moved in four days later. It was a ridiculous turnaround time.”

While Madigan loves the house, the rent was a big increase. Her monthly rent is \$1200, and utilities are around \$100. “Living at the old house in City Heights was the best I felt financially. I was able to save money. It was \$400 cheaper, and our utilities were lower. Moving here has been a huge bump in my monthly expenses. I was not entirely ready for that. It was a little bit of a shock to my monthly allotment of money. But now, six months after moving in, I feel like I have more of a handle on it.” She loves that there is a coffee shop nearby, plus fun restaurants and bars. More importantly: no cockroaches.

When I ask Madigan about her future in San Diego, she is not an optimist. “Being able to buy a home here [in San Diego] is not something I ever truly believed I would be able to do. Growing up here, I have seen how expensive housing is. I don’t see a feasible way to buy a house unless I move to,

like, Montana.” She and her boyfriend plan on moving in together in the fall; these days, they are casually looking at rentals. “I think we are more or less okay with living almost anymore. There is nowhere that I would never live. But I would like somewhere walkable, somewhere like Kensington, where I can walk to a little bar or coffee house. Originally, when we first started looking, I wanted to live in South Park. That is where I eventually want to buy a house. But it is so expensive! We have looked at some properties there. We took our Zillow filters off just to see what’s there. In South Park, a 450 square foot studio is going for like \$3300 a month. It is truly ridiculous.”

Despite the expense, she and her boyfriend still discuss the possibility of someday buying something together. “We have talked about it, but not anytime soon. In a few years from now, maybe we could buy a two-plex, fix one part, rent it, and live in the other part. We could eventually sell that and then maybe we will have money to put a down payment on a home in San Diego. Our families live here. We are too spoiled growing up in San Diego to not stay here forever.”

— Siobhan Braun



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ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE WESTERN COLORADO DESERT

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WHEN: Thursday, June 15, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

WHERE: San Diego Archaeological Center, 16666 San Pasqual Valley Road, Escondido. sandiegoarchaeology.org

WHEN: Saturday, June 17, 10 am to 7 pm

WHERE: Port Pavilion on Broadway Pier, 1000 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. westcoasthotsauceexperience.com

ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER FESTIVAL DAY

A celebration of the cultures of our largest continent comes to the San Diego County Fair through dance, music, and martial arts. Take a trip to China, Japan, India, Vietnam, the South Seas, and the Philippines by taking in traditional and modern performances, the integration of Asian and Pacific Islander resource groups, and immersive educational exhibitions.

WHEN: Saturday, June 17, 11 am to 5 pm

WHERE: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. sdfair.com

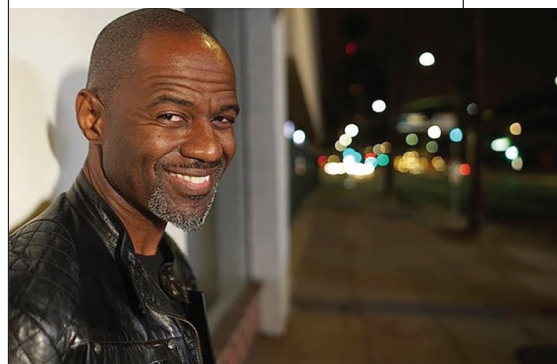


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BRIAN MCKNIGHT

Singer, songwriter, actor, record producer, radio host, and multi-



instrumentalist Brian McKnight is known for his distinctive voice, high range, and pop jazz chops, as heard on albums such as *Anytime* and *Back at*

WHEN: Sunday, June 18, 7 pm

WHERE: Thornton Winery, 32575 Rancho California Road, Temecula, thorntonwine.com

Tuesday | 20

BRETT CROZIER: SURF WHEN YOU CAN

Warwick's will host Brett Crozier as he discusses and signs his new book, *Surf When You Can: Lessons in Life, Loyalty, and Leadership from a Maverick Navy Captain*. Learn the lessons he's distilled from

his days as fighter pilot facing near-death experiences, to commandeering suspected pirate vessels in the Persian Gulf, to — of course — surfing

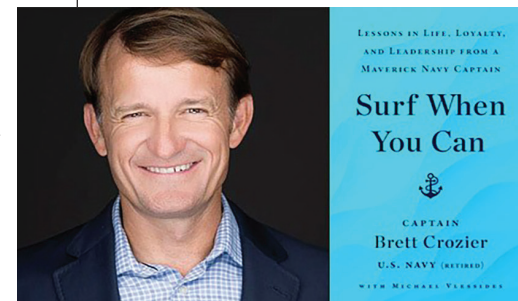
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One. Since his first release in 1992, he has earned 8 Grammy nominations and scored numerous chart successes, including *The Way Love Goes*, which peaked at number 11 on the *Billboard* Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums chart.



WHEN: Tuesday, June 20, 7:30 pm

WHERE: Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. warwicks.com

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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Octopus behind-the-scenes tours For guests looking for an unforgettable animal experience, the aquarium is offering an exclusive behind-the-scenes encounter with a Giant Pacific Octopus. Octopus Behind-the-Scenes Tours will be offered Thursdays and Saturdays at noon beginning June 17. The tour costs \$110 for aquarium members and \$125 for nonmembers. Admission to the aquarium is included with the purchase of the tour. Each tour is limited to four guests allowing for a more intimate experience. \$110-\$125. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

ART

Artist Open House: Summer Fun Showcasing the art of the North County Society of Fine Arts members. Enjoy ice cream sundaes, live Hawaiian and soft jazz music by Adrian DeMain, live art demonstrations, tours of the theater, and of course art. Friday, June 16, 5:30pm; **free**. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

C You Saturday Enjoy a brunch with the de la Torre Brothers, soak up the summer vibes with micheladas, sangria, and mimosas. Sundrop Coffee will fuel you for our all-ages scavenger hunt through the de la Torre brothers' exhibition, Post-Columbian Futurism. Saturday, June 17, 12pm; ICA Central San Diego Art Institute, 1439 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Major Morris Photography Opening Reception As a photographer in the 1960s, Major Morris captured scenes of inner-city life

Rhyme & Verse
Three poems by Thomas Randolph on his 418th birthday

Fairy Song

We the fairies blithe and antic,
Of Dimensions not gigantic,
Though the moonshine mostly keep us,
Oft in orchards frisk and peep us,

Stolen sweets are always sweeter;
Stolen kisses much completer;
Stolen looks are nice in chapels;
Stolen, stolen be your apples.

When to bed the world are bobbing,
Then's the time to go orchard robbing;
Yet the fruit were scarce worth peeling
Were it not for stealing, stealing.

Upon His Picture

When age hath made me what I am not now,
And every wrinkle tells me where the plow
Of time hath furrowed; when an ice shall flow
Through every vein, and all my head wear snow;
When death displays his coldness in my cheek,
And I myself in my own picture seek,
Not finding what I am, but what I was,
In doubt which to believe, this or my glass:
Yet though I alter, this remains the same
As it was drawn, retains the primitive frame
And first complexion; here will still be seen
Blood on the cheek, and down upon the chin;
Here the smooth brow will stay, the lively eye,
The ruddy lip, and hair of youthful dye.
Behold what frailty we in man may see,
Whose shadow is less given to change than he!

A Devout Lover

I have a mistress, for perfections rare
In every eye, but in my thoughts most fair.
Like tapers on the altar shine her eyes;
Her breath is the perfume of sacrifice;
And wheresoe'er my fancy would begin,
Still her perfection lets religion in.
We sit and talk, and kiss away the hours
As chastely as the morning dew's kiss flowers:
I touch her, like my beads, with devout care,
And come unto my courtship as my prayer.



Thomas Randolph (1605-1635) was an English poet and playwright who showed promise as writer (especially of comedies) under the tutelage of his mentor, the Elizabethan playwright considered only second to Shakespeare, Ben Jonson. Because Jonson (who, as a critic, was not known to be an "easy grader" of productions) saw this promise, he "adopted" Randolph as one of the "Sons of Ben"—a literary group inspired and led by Jonson—a great honor in itself. So great did Randolph's reputation become that he was expected to succeed Jonson as Poet Laureate of England; instead, he met an untimely death at age 29.

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BOOK SIGNINGS

Brett Crozier: Surf When You Can Warwick's will host Brett Crozier as he discusses and signs his new book, *Surf When You Can: Lessons in Life, Loyalty, and Leadership from a Maverick Navy Captain*. Tuesday, June 20, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Chris Baron: The Gray Warwick's will host Chris Baron as he discusses and signs his new book, *The Gray*, in conversation with Matt de la Peña for a discussion entitled "Healing, Hope, and Change: The Power of Middle Grade Books for Readers of All Ages." This event is free and open to the public; free admittance is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat. Saturday, June 17, 7pm; **free**-\$18. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Anne Hoiberg Weekends with Locals will be hosting Anne Hoiberg, author of *Tears of War: Stories of Refugee Women*. Sunday, June 18, 2:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Ava Page Weekends with Locals will be hosting Ava Page, author of *The Detective's Wife*. Sunday, June 18, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Dancers. Saturday, June 17, 2pm; **free**. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Wendell Kling: Artist Talk Thursday, June 15, 6:30pm; \$5-\$20. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

AUTOMOTIVE

Father's Day Cars & Coffee Partake in the free event outside with coffee and donuts (while supplies last) for guests to enjoy while browsing the wide array of vehicles. The public is also invited to bring their own cars to display

in the parking lot. Fathers get in to the museum for free and everyone else is \$10 before 10 am. Sunday, June 18, 7:30am; **free**. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

BEER

Homebrew Con Welcome Party Kick off the Homebrew Con 2023 festivities with American Homebrewers Association (AHA) members, Homebrew Con attendees, and beer enthusiasts. Wednesday, June 21, 6pm; **free**. Pure Project North Park, 2867 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

Trivia & Beer Cancer Fundraiser An evening of Trivia and fundraising put on by the 100% volunteer-based nonprofit behind San Diego Festival of Beer, San Diego Professionals Against Cancer. There will be prizes, a Beer Puppeteer as well as a DeLorean onsite for photo opportunities as the San Diego Festival of Beer's theme this year is "Back to the Beer." Thursday, June 15, 5:30pm; **free**. Societe Brewing Company, 8262 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Yoga & Beer with Activate House Includes yoga session and one pour of a non-barrel-aged beer, must be purchased in advance. Sunday, June 18, 10am; \$20. 21 and up. Pure Project North Park, 2867 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Beginners Nature Photography Workshop Lessons will be led by local photographer and naturalist Hector Valtierra and will be limited to the first 10 people to sign up via email Nancy_Fernandez@fws.gov. Meet outside the visitor center parking lot and explore the near by trails. Feel free to bring monopods or tripods. Camera phones welcomed. Saturday, June 17, 9am; **free**. Tijuana River Estuary, 301 Caspian Way. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Cooking Class: Make Your Own Ramen This class is for anyone who enjoys Asian flavors and wants to learn more about how to recreate these flavors and techniques at home. Saturday, June 17, 1pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

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Macramé Boho Wall Hanging Workshop Tickets include all supplies and step-by-step instructions. No previous experience required, beginners to experts welcome. Wednesday, June 21, 6:30pm; \$45. Mike Hess Brewing Ocean Beach, 4893 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditation Expanding Consciousness with Sound – Meditation hosted by Teresa Thursday, June 15, 7pm; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Paint & Sip: Sunset Wave Recreate the "Sunset Wave", led by local artist Nataly. Thursday, June 15, 5pm; \$45. 18 and up. Pina - 345 S Coast Hwy 101 - Encinitas, CA 92024

Raptor Watch Meet at the Discovery Center with expert Rick Grove for a bird-watching expedition around the lagoon. Come back to the center to listen to Project Wildlife's presentation about hawks, meet one up close, and watch them do flying drills. Meet/learn about the Discovery Center's very own raptors with Raptor Care Specialist Clementine Bostock. Paint your own birdhouse to bring home. Sunday, June 18, 8am; **free**. Agua Hedionda Lagoon Discovery Center, 1580 Cannon Road. (CARLSBAD)

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Three-Week On-Farm Composting Course Address the strategies, challenges, and opportunities that arise through medium-scale composting. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, June 24, \$25. Pauma Tribal Hall, 1010 Pauma Reservation Road. (PAUMA VALLEY)

COMEDY

Comedy Under the Stars Comedians TBA Friday, June 16, 8pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

Free Comedy Night Mike Falzone headlines, featuring Ellen Sugarman, Rachel Llyod, Kyle Drake, Lynne Goodman & Alex Petit. Friday, June 16, 7pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour Tuesday, June 20, 7:30pm; **free**. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Nick Mullen AS SEEN/HEARD ON: Cum Town Podcast, Comedy Central & more! Thursday, June 15, 8pm; Friday, June 16, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, June 17, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$30. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Pundemonium Father's Day Pun Competition Enjoy a battle to see who's the punniest of them all, and win prizes. Sunday, June 18, 9pm; **free**. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

Samantha Bee: Your Favorite Woman In 2003, Samantha Bee joined Comedy Central's *The Daily Show*, deprating in 2015. She currently holds the title for being the longest-serving regular *Daily Show* correspondent of all time (12 years). Thursday, June 15, 7pm; \$39-\$79. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tim Dillon Friday, June 16, 7:30pm; \$29-\$133. 18 and up. Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

Trey Kennedy Saturday, June 17, 8pm; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

OUTDOORS

Blooming of desert annuals ends, buckwheat is showing off

The Blooming of Desert Annuals is Over, but not so for the stolid desert willows and smoke trees. Rooted to the beds of dry washes throughout Anza-Borrego's lower valleys, both plants gather enough energy this time of year to put on an impressive floral show. The graceful, drooping branches of the desert willow hold fragrant, white blossoms, while the spindly smoke tree exhibits a myriad of blue-purple flowers. To avoid the intense midday heat, confine your desert explorations to early morning or early evening. And watch out for bees — they're attracted to the blossoms, too.



WILD BUCKWHEAT (*ERIOGONUM FASCICULATUM*) IS POPULAR WITH BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS.

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DESERT WILLOW (*CHILOPSIS LINEARIS*) IS NOT A WILLOW; IT'S ACTUALLY RELATED TO THE JACARANDA TREE.

The Earliest Sunrise this Year, reckoned in daylight saving time, was on Sunday, June 11, at 5:38 am. This event occurs about a week before the longest day of the year — the summer solstice — because of factors related to the shape of the Earth's orbit and the angle between Earth's axis and the plane of its revolution around the sun.

Buckwheat, a Late-Bloomer Among Native Plants in our area, is showing off its small, unshowy clusters of cream-colored flowers this month. Several kinds of buckwheat — found in dry, sunny locations throughout San Diego County — are the source of the “wild buckwheat” honey sold locally. Near the coast, look for flattop buckwheat, common on south-facing slopes. Here, it shares space with other low-growing shrubs of the sage-scrub plant community like black sage and California sagebrush.

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.

DANCE

Queer Mvmnt Fest Taking place at various venues June 12 - June 18, the festival features artists who identify as part of the queer, trans and gender-nonconforming dance community. Saturday, June 17, 7pm; **free**. Southwestern College, 900 Otay Lakes Road. (CHULA VISTA)

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

DISCUSSION GROUPS

A History Of San Diego's Lighthouses Six lighthouses have sent beam into or out of San Diego. We'll take a look at these six, see lots of photographs borrowed from adult children of San Diego's light keepers, and tell a tale or two of life for lighthouse families living on Point Loma. Limited seating. Zoom simulcast will also be available. Wednesday, June 21, 7pm; **free**-\$5. Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Adult Book Club June 21: The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict July 19: The It Girl by Ruth Ware August 16: Rules of Civility by Amor Towles September 20: Discussion— Choices for 2024 Wednesday, June 21, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Film Forum Coronado: NAYAK - The Hero NAYAK - *The Hero* (1966): Satyajit Ray seamlessly integrates rueful flashbacks with surreal dream sequences in this sly, satiric, psychologically rich meditation on art, fame and regret. Film Forum Coronado is held in the Winn Room at Coronado Public Library, on the first and third Wednesdays, with a brief introduction before the film and a discussion afterward, led by Ralph DeLauro. Wednesday, June 21, 6pm; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

FATHERS DAY

Father's Day Brunch Toast to the fathers and father figures alike at Sunday brunch. Enjoy all of dad's favorites and indulge in garden-to-table brunch classics and crafted cocktails, including smoked salmon to chilaquiles to acai. Sunday, June 18, 7am; Piper, 105 Mission Avenue. (OCEANSIDE)

Father/Daughter Date Night Celebrate Father's Day the way it is meant to be: With the ones you love most. VIP Package starts the night off with a luxurious limo ride around the bay, with the red carpet rolled out and ready for your return to the main event. All packages include drinks and desserts for a perfect toast to Dad and his little one, flowers at the table, photographs to commemorate the night, music and ambiance to enjoy, and enough space to dance in. Sunday, June 18, 3:30pm; \$45-\$120. Belmont Park, 3146 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

FILM

A Goofy Movie at Rooftop Cinema Club Rooftop Cinema Club offers an eclectic mix of cult classics, recent releases and popular titles. Sunday, June 18, 1pm; \$11-\$22. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Moonlight Cinema Series *Puss in Boots: The Last Wish* on June 17, and *Monsters, Inc.* on June 24. Guests are encouraged to bring their own blankets and low chairs and indulge in takeout from nearby eateries. Saturdays, 6pm; through Saturday, June 24, **free**. One Paseo, 3725 Paseo Place. (CARMEL VALLEY)

FOR KIDS

Lil' Sprouts Storytime with Ms. Smarty-Plants Enjoy a San Diego Tree Week bilingual storytime with nature tree craft celebrating the super powers of trees with Ms. Smarty-Plants. Wednesday, June 21, 9:30am; **free**. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (EL CAJON)

Padres KidsFest Enjoy carnival games, bounce houses and other inflatables, games, face painters, balloon artists and other kid-friendly activities in Gallagher Square. Sunday, June 18, 11am; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Peace Camp Free to youth that are interested in peace and justice. Monday, June 19, 9am; Tuesday, June 20, 9am; Wednesday, June 21, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. Terra Madre Gardens, 9928 Protea Gardens Road. (ESCONDIDO)

Summer Learning Magic with Christopher T. Barnes June 20 — Storyteller Harlynn Geisler June 27 — Sparkles the Clown July 11 — Marc Griffiths Show July 18 — Illusions by Allen July 25 — Music with Hullabaloo Tuesday, June 20, 10:30am; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Teen Summer Learning June 12: Healthy Adventures June 20: Balloon Twisting June 27: Candy Sushi Tuesday, June 20, 3pm; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Teen Summer Learning: After-Hours Party Enjoy Nerf Games, video games, crafts, and more at the library. This free event is open to teens grades 6-12. Permission slip required. Friday, June 16, 6pm; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Toddler & Preschool Storytime Recommended for ages 2-5, this storytime program includes books, songs, games, and early literacy fun. Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, June 29, **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

FUNDRAISERS

Pickleball Fundraiser & Social Celebrate Father's Day and enjoy some quality time with friends, all while supporting adolescents and young adults with cancer. In addition to getting lots of game time in, your ticket includes lunch, dessert, drinks, T-shirt, swag, prizes and some great silent auction items. All levels welcome. Saturday, June 17, 11am; \$40. Pickleball Training Center, 14343 Silverset Street. (POWAY)

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Switchfoot Bro-Am Beach Fest Join 17,000+ attendees for a free, all ages, family-friendly community giving movement event. Enjoy a whole day of surf contest, live concerts on the beach with Grammy award-winning rock band Switchfoot and special guests, brand activations, food and retail vendors, green initiatives, and more. Surf contests will be held from 7am – 3pm, with local talent musical performances from 11am - 4pm, followed by the Switchfoot performance from 4pm – 5pm. Saturday, June 17, 7am; **free**. Moonlight Beach, 200 B Street. (ENCINITAS)

LECTURES

3000 Years of Spanish Food in One Hour Culinary Historians of San Diego will present “Three Thousand Years of Spanish Food in One Hour,” featuring Richard Foss, in the Neil Morgan Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public and a tasting will follow the presentation. Saturday, June 17, 10:30am; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Archaeological Explorations in the Western Colorado Desert Living Room Lecture: This presentation discusses the results of archaeological studies within the western Colorado Desert of Southern California over the past 100 years. This event will be held on Zoom. Cost: pay what you wish. Thursday, June 15, 6:30pm; sandiegoarchaeology.org/colorado-desert/ (ESCONDIDO)

Innovative Electrics: Our Battery Powered Future The San Diego Automotive Museum is hosting an Innovative Electrics Curator Talk. All members get in for free with a guest, \$7.00 for non-members. Light snacks are provided. Please RSVP by June 14 by emailing brandi@sdautomuseum.org. Friday, June 16, 5:30pm; **free**-\$7. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

NATURE

Explorations with a Ranger Join Ranger Najja for an exploration of Chollas Lake Park. Bring your inquisitive mind and wear comfortable walking shoes! The walk will be approximately 2 miles in length. Moderate hills and uneven terrain should be anticipated. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Please bring extra water for your pet. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Monday, June 19, 2pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

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 and the park is full of birds! Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Saturday, June 17, 9:30am, Sunday,

June 18, 9:30am, Wednesday, June 21, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Polinator Party Celebrate National Pollinator Month. Explore different types of pollinators in our community, their importance to the environment, and how we all can help pollinators thrive. This free event is open to the public, ages 8-11, and registration is required at link. Saturday, June 17, 11am; **free**. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

Stars at Mission Trails Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association at the West Sycamore Staging Area to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. Rain or cloudy skies cancel event. Sunset 7:58. Starts at dusk. Park on the paved street and walk past the gate into the park where telescopes are set up. Friday, June 16, 8pm; **free**. West Sycamore – Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway. (SCRIPPS RANCH)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Asian & Pacific Islander Festival Day The rich cultures of China, Japan, India, Vietnam, the South Seas, the Philippines and other Asian and Pacific nations come to the Fair through dance, music, martial arts, and more. Paddock Area. Saturday, June 17, 11am; **free**-\$20. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Encinitas Cruise Nights Enjoy new and familiar car clubs and local live bands. Thursday, June 15, 5:30pm; **free**. Downtown Encinitas Mainstreet Association, 818 S. Coast Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Juneteenth Celebration: Black Biz Flea Market Enjoy a one-stop shop for unique finds, while supporting black-owned businesses, with over 50 vendors and a variety of finds like handcrafted goods, vintage items, plants, clothes, home decor, jewelry, art, and eats. Sunday, June 18, 12pm; 18 and up. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

SPOKEN WORD

Poets Underground: Hello Hip-Hop Poets Underground presents Hello Hip-Hop, an open mic event for rappers, beatboxers, poets, and producers in Studio 219 at Brooks Theater. Thursday, June 15, 6:30pm; \$15. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Father's Day Bro Flow Treat Dad to a relaxing morning of Bro Flow, followed by Brats & Beers. Sunday, June 18, 10:30am; \$26. 18

and up. YogaSix, 3065 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Happy & Healing Night Soak up good vibes and raise your energy frequency with Reiki, Bach Flower Remedies, Sound Bath, Tuning Forks and more. Wednesday, June 21, 6pm; \$55. 18 and up. Shpritz Chiropractic, 4407 Manchester Avenue Suite 104 B. (ENCINITAS)

Padres Party in the Park Enjoy drink specials starting at \$5, live music, and other fun activities. Friday, June 16, 4:30pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Growlers vs Seattle Cascade The San Diego Growlers host the Seattle Cascade. Saturday, June 17, 6:15pm; Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Avenue. (MISSION BEACH)

San Diego Legion VS Seattle Seawolves Sunday, June 18, 7pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Padres vs. Cleveland Guardians The Padres are taking on the Cleveland Guardians in a three-game series at Petco Park, highlighted by the Hawaiian Shirt Giveaway available to the first 40,000 fans in attendance on June 14, and Filipino Heritage Celebration on June 15. A dedicated Theme Game package is required to receive the limited-edition Theme Game item. Thursday, June 15, 5:40pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Padres vs. Tampa Bay Rays The Padres will face the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 2 of their three-game series at Petco highlighted by the continuation of Star Wars Weekend. A limited edition Obi-Juan Kenobi Bobblehead is available exclusively with the purchase of a Star Wars Weekend Theme Game ticket package. Saturday, June 17, 4:15pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

San Diego Wave FC vs Angel City FC Saturday, June 17, 1pm; \$10-\$220. Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

The MTCCSD Juneteenth Freedom Ride Major Taylor Cycling Club San Diego (MTCCSD) and WorldBeat Center are honoring Juneteenth with a bike ride and gathering. Open to the public. Saturday, June 17, 7:30am; WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

U.S. Police & Fire Championships The California Police Athletic Federation, a non-profit organization committed to promoting sport and physical fitness among fire responders, hosts athletes competing in over 35 sports across 30 venues in the greater San Diego County. Saturday, June 17, 8am; **free**. Four Points by Sheraton, 8110 Aero Drive. (KEARNY MESA)

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



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THEATER

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AXIS: Juneteenth Celebration

Free 6th-annual Juneteenth Celebration in collaboration with the George L. Stevens Senior Center in the outdoor theater. Hosted by Gill Sotu, featuring music performances by guest artists and an original play written by Miki Vale and community participants. Directed by Yolanda Marie Franklin. Although offered for free, tickets are required as this is a general admission event.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 12PM SATURDAY.

Destiny of Desire

The subtitle for Karen Zacarias' musical is "An unapologetic telenovela for the stage," and while it is indeed unapologetic, it's also defensive to the point of being prickly. At the outset, the cast announces, "We are here to change the social order — deal with it." Um, okay?

And throughout the marvelously melodramatic story, you the viewer are reminded that if you think Latin soaps are crazy, just wait until you hear about American reality. In the first scene, a wealthy new mother conspires with a doctor to switch her sickly baby for the healthy one just born to a peasant, and the action paces for the announcement that in the United States, one in eight babies winds up with the wrong family, at least temporarily. After a daughter shoots a man she sees attacking her father, we learn that 4.6 million American children live in a home with a loaded and unlocked gun. When adultery enters the storyline, it's "68% of women in the United States say they would have an affair if they would never get caught." And so on and so on, a level of self-consciousness over and above the one indicated by the placards announcing each scene's theme, and even the occasional, hilarious "take two" for a diva-centric scene. It's all right as far as it goes, until it goes too far, and inserts itself into the story — subtext rising unnecessarily to the level of text.

But that's not until the second act, which is where most of the show's troubles lie (songs, movement, momentum, mechanics, etc.) Before that, in the beautiful and bonkers *first* act, the commentary feels positively Shakespearean: the thing giving weight to the madcapery and mayhem of this story about two families intertwined by the titular destiny and desire. The song and dance are positively transporting; Bianca Marroquin's performance of "Pain Makes Me Beautiful" is some of the most fun I've ever had in a theater. The talent on display points to Broadway ambitions, and it's not hard to imagine it getting there one day. Besides being frantic and funny, it manages to keep its heart in the right place: on its sleeve.

OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.



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Sharon: Come on over and meet the...family?

Eleanor

While sitting on a park bench in Washington, D. C., contemplating the death of her husband, former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt candidly reveals the many facets of her storied life in a West Coast premiere at North Coast Repertory Theatre. Award-winning actor Kandis Chappell deftly illuminates the witty, feisty, vulnerable woman who was considered the heart of FDR's presidency.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAY, 7PM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21.

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.

Love All

Not so much a play as a biography, and not so much a biography as a history: event following upon event, scenes from the life of tennis great Billie Jean King and the times in which she played, adding up to a celebration, a paean, a great big "You've come a long way, baby," followed by an equally big "We're not done yet!" With her insistence that the worker is worthy of her wage, that women's tennis be given the same consideration as men's, that she ought to be able to live and love as she wanted to live and love, she was a child of her restless age — hence the background images of marches in support of abortion and against the war in Vietnam, and the sound of Dylan crooning "The times, they are a'changing." It's rather less clear why we spend time on the assassinations of JFK, RFK, and King — despite King's saying "I feel the blood, it seeps through" — or even of Muhammad Ali's decision not to go to war — he sacrificed hugely for his cause, and while we see King struggle, it's hard to pinpoint an analogous sacrifice. At one point, she's told she'll never play tennis again, but while we

know she triumphs over the opposition, we don't know how. Just like we don't know how she got back together with her husband after asking for a divorce following dual affairs, or what the fallout is after she comes out to her Christian parents, or how exactly she achieves her various victories within the tennis world. The "that" of things will have to do. Names, dates, events, and some dramatic conversations — her back and forths with Arthur Ashe have some heft, as the two minorities debate strategy and even status. But mostly, it's King the steadily ascendant queen, taking on all comers and emerging victorious.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS.

Love Loss & What I Wore

Love, Loss and What I Wore is a play consisting of monologues and ensemble pieces presented in "readers theater" format about women, clothes and memory, covering all the important subjects: mothers, prom dresses, mothers, buying bras, mothers, hating pants and why we only wear black. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Sharon

The bold line in writer/co-star Keiko Green's *Sharon* comes about halfway through the first act: "Imagine being so lonely that you have to make yourself sick to talk to someone." And through that first act, the play works as a proper thriller with laughs — mostly of the nervous, "Oh dear, what should be a normal situation is uncomfortably off-kilter" variety. Why does this haunted-looking dude named Jake have to tell his loving mother right at the outset that she's not supposed to ask him about his rotten day working at the local grocery store, but rather recount the play-by-play of what she's seen on TV? And how does she come across as a cheerful homemaker making comforting meals in this absolute wreck of a tenement apartment? (Those particular questions get answered, pretty quickly, though the answers raise a few others.)

But also the sort of laughter that is born of relief: *Oh thank goodness, after all that misery and tension, some ordinary silliness from a ridiculous bank teller who's obsessed with smell!* He may be ridiculous, but he's mostly real, which may be more than we can say for the new girl at work, who's sharp and funny and takes a highly

improbable shine to our very stunted and grumpy protagonist. (He reminds her of a pet iguana she once had.) But just before intermission, we get a sense of what the new girl might mean to the story, and the dynamics shift and the tension spikes...

And then in act two, things change — in the direction of big and broad. The bank teller's brand of silliness starts to spread over the proceedings, even as the actual events grow increasingly serious. The play becomes a comedy with thrills. By the end, what should be horror plays almost as farce, and the nervous laughter returns. What's going on here? Ms. Green is a fine writer and her castmates are clear and compelling, but her character's ability to detect untruths gets weirdly wasted when it's needed most.

CYGNET THEATER, 4040 TWIGGS STREET OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525, CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

Silkworms World Premier

Local playwright presents world premiere of *Silkworms*: Connie Terwilliger is known for her acting and voice over work in San Diego. Her story is of 3 generations of strong women whose struggles for love and the beauty of life play out in different ways. The grandmother, an immigrant with the wisdom of age. The daughter, driven to achieve perfection at the expense of love and happiness. The granddaughter, much like her mother, striving to find balance. This story is mostly true, the names have been changed to protect the innocent. It is clearly autobiographical, featuring a younger Connie, her mom, and her grandmother. Much of her grandmother's dialog was taken from a two-hour cassette tape that her mother asked her to record.

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Twelfth Night

Shipwrecked and alone in foreign Illyria, young Viola masquerades as her lost twin brother and becomes the go-between for the lovesick Duke Orsino and the beautiful Countess Olivia. Soon Viola finds herself in the middle of a topsy-turvy love triangle with lunacy and laughs on every side. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS, & WEDNESDAYS.

MOVIES

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

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 takeback 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 Halley Bailey's winning performance. Part of that world of lazy remakes, alas. At least Sebastian is still fun. (2023) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Moon Garden — If you took shrooms and sat down to write a children's book you'd end up with *Moon Garden*. This low budget fantasy horror induces a fever dream through its industrial practical effects and eerie creatures — think *Nine Inch Nails* meets *Pan's Labyrinth*. The effect? A semi-hypnotic tale that shadows a young girl ensnared in a delirious coma as she descends deeper down the rabbit hole

in search of a way home. A spatter of visually rich shots and one snippet of discerning dialogue are all that you'll have to tide you over, but like a bad trip, it does get better if you lean into the experience. (2023) — R.B. ★★ (DIGITAL GYM)

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse — Dag nab it, not everything has to be *Dune*, blithely cutting off mid-story because well, *it's just that big a tale*. It's arguable — more than arguable, it's sort of obvious that you're better off ending your movie with the end of a story — even if it clearly sets up a sequel. Do we really have to hold up James "Avatar Forever" Cameron as an exemplar here? But this "to be continued" stuff that we saw in *Fast X* and now here — and mind you, it's "to be continued" after two hours and twenty minutes — it makes your movie feel less like a movie and more like a...a...oh, that's right, a comic book. Well, here's to tipping the hat to the source material, I guess. The thing is, it might not be a problem if your story really is that big: look what happened to poor David Lynch when he tried to pack *Dune* into one movie. But while this gorgeous, kinetic, engrossing, humane story of Miles Morales' discovery that there are unpleasant and cosmic ramifications to being one Spider-Man in one universe among many does involve big things like universes, it doesn't quite earn the two-part treatment. It's a darned shame when, over and over, the thrill of a chase starts to wear thin — *this was so much fun, why didn't they quit while they were ahead?* — because runtime just isn't an issue. It's even more of a shame when that's the chief trouble with an otherwise beautifully made movie, one that tempts you to think Spider-Man was always meant to be animated. Well, almost the chief trouble. The other contender is that there's a certain deflation that occurs when you introduce your villain — a bitter casualty of science known as The Spot — and then send him offscreen for most of the movie. But other than that? Satisfying superhero stuff, full of recognizable people and even recognizable families. We'll just have to wait and see if the next installment explains the decision to go long in cinematic, as opposed to economic, terms. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

You Hurt My Feelings — When I arrived for the screening of Nicole Holofcener's new film, I was asked, "Are you here for the grown-up movie?" It's easy to see why: here we have a story about ordinary people dealing with ordinary problems in ordinary fashion — well, almost. (Can anyone living in NYC luxury really be called ordinary?) Julia Louis-Dreyfus is a memoirist, attempting to make the jump to fiction; Tobias Menzies is her therapist husband, attempting to maintain interest in the problems of his clients. But he just feels tired — and looks it, thanks to those bags under his eyes — and she's having trouble with her manuscript, so much so that she's devastated when she overhears her spouse telling a mutual friend that he doesn't like it one bit. The film is handsome without being showy, stately without being sedate, and mostly amusing without being ridiculous. It's also slight, and slightly silly — like Menzies when he receives a demand for a refund from a couple he failed to help, it's hard to say just how seriously we should take the goings on. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

the inside track blurt

Backbeat, not beatbox

Back when he was younger, Trevor Ginsberg played violin for a short spell — but strings didn't stick like his love of singing. He started off in choirs, and eventually became a member of the Centerville High School Forte A Cappella group, based out of Centerville, Ohio. They won

now. I think there are some groups that do struggle with the difference between the two, but it's super-important that beatboxing is more on the solo side, whereas vocal percussion is with a group. You are part of a group; you are not by yourself."

During his stint with Forte, Ginsberg was also able to

is perhaps unsurprising that Ginsberg took first place in the 2017 Coca-Cola Talent Classic at the Kentucky State Fair with a routine that mixed beatboxing with standup comedy. "I did more of a Michael Winslow type of set," he recalls, "where I played ping-pong with the audience. It was like a half-comedy, half-music type of thing. That one did really well."

Ginsberg worked out his winning comedy set at Wiley's comedy club in Dayton, Ohio, but since his move to San Diego in 2018, he has performed standup only

occasionally. Now, he says he is looking into landing more local standup gigs, and even has an idea for a marijuana-based comedy club. "I don't personally smoke, but I know it's big culturally out here. I think it would be a perfect place if people could go smoke their own weed and watch comedy, because what comedian wouldn't want to go do a set in front of

a hundred high people?"

In the meantime, Ginsberg is taking on the role of a beatboxing Yoda, delivering one-on-one lessons to aspiring vocal percussionists. He raves about an 80-year-old woman he met at a karaoke event who could perform "a really solid kick, hi-hat, and a snare," after he had been coaching her for only 20 minutes. "When you are talking with adults, you can get more into the intricacies," he explains, "but the younger kids are, like, 'I just want to be able to do cool stuff. I want to do my favorite songs.' For them, it's more just about having fun. I worked with a younger student one time who wanted to incorporate how to make a fart noise into a beat. So we worked on that, because it's just about getting them interested and excited about it."

— Dryw Keltz

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Trevor Ginsberg: from lips, teeth, and tongue to cymbal, rim, and drum.

the 2016 ICHSA (International Championship of High School A Cappella) competition, and were likely the first high school a cappella group to release a CD of all-original songs written by its members.

Ginsberg wasn't always singing with Forte, however. He also played drums. With his mouth. So he was beatboxing, right? Not exactly. "There's a difference between beatboxing and vocal percussion," Ginsburg explains. "Beatboxing is more like the stuff you would see on YouTube, where it's just an individual dub-stepping and doing crazy sounds and stuff. Vocal percussion is just emulating a drum kit, because a capella music is essentially like each part is trying to play a different instrument. So, as a 'drummer,' you are just trying to emulate a kit. You aren't trying to do too much fancy stuff, or what we used to call SPM, as in 'stuff-per-minute.' You're not trying to do too much; you're just trying to keep rhythm — and sound like a drum set. That's very common

perform with the pop-star JoJo. "We published a video of one of her songs and she loved it. She said, 'I'm gonna be in DC this weekend. Do you guys wanna drive down and perform with me?' My high school actually made a last-minute impromptu trip [an eight-hour bus ride] down to DC. I was fortunate that my school had a huge performing arts center and a huge performing arts program. So we had really good boosters, and they were just like, 'Let's make it happen.' I was very lucky."

Ginsberg cites Bobby McFerrin (best known for the '80s hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy") and musician/comedian Reggie Watts as major inspirations for his work. Another is Michael Winslow, an actor whose claim to fame is his portrayal of Larvell Jones, the sound-effect master prankster featured in all seven of the *Police Academy* films. The latter is an interesting choice, because it shows how closely the worlds of beatboxing and realistic, vocal sound effects are aligned. It



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JUNE 16-17



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SWITCHFOOT BRO-AM BEACH FEST at Moonlight Beach

JUNE 17



Enjoy a whole day of surf contests, live concerts on the beach with Grammy award-winning rock band Switchfoot and musical guests. The free, family-friendly June 17 event includes brand activations, food and retail vendors, green initiatives, and more. Surf contests will be held from 7 am to 3 pm, with local band performances from 11 am to 4 pm, followed by Switchfoot playing until around 5 pm.

OLD TOWN MUSIC FESTIVAL at The Temecula Stampede

JUNE 17



Happening Saturday, June 17 in Temecula, the all-ages Old Town Music Festival runs from noon until 10 pm, with a variety of rural and pop-country acts, as well as line dancing, mechanical bull riding, food vendors, full bars, and more. Scheduled performers include Big & Rich, Eddie Montgomery, Creed Fisher, Cowboy Troy, Coffee Anderson, and Runaway Jane.

BLINK-182 at Pechanga Arena

JUNE 19-20



Reunited Poway trio Blink-182 had to cancel the first leg of their big reunion tour after drummer Travis Barker suffered an injury to his finger, requiring surgery. They'll finally return to the city that spawned them for a two-night stand, June 19 and June 20. The bill includes Turnstile.

RECORDIALLY YOURS, LOU CURTISS at Digital Gym Cinema

JUNE 23



Local musicians will turn out downtown to pay tribute to Lou Curtiss on June 23, where the long-in-progress film *Recordially Yours*, Lou Curtiss will debut. Curtiss launched the San Diego Folk Festival and Adams Ave. Unplugged Festival, as well as operating Folk Arts Rare Records, a mecca for Jack Tempchin, Jason Mraz, Tom Brousseau, A.J. Croce, George Winston, Sue Palmer, Alison Brown, Tomcat Courtney, Tom Waits, Gregory Page, Mike Seeger, Sam Hinton, Sam Chatmon, and many others.

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THE GONZO REPORT

Ace of bass

Sickness can't stop drive to hear Dresser

My nephew arrived at my North Park shack around 6:15 on a clear Monday evening for our trip to The Loft at UC San Diego. I've been feeling like hammered shit due to an ailment that has rendered it impossible to swallow, so I haven't had a solid meal in two months. As a result, I've had to cut the concertizing down to a bare minimum, but I was determined to catch Mark Dresser's solo bass outing, a CD release party for his new disc *Times of Change*, just out on the Pyroclastic Records label. I've been following Dresser since I was a teenager, so I was willing to leave the house in search of a transformative experience, despite my aching innards.

As we exited the 5 at Gilman and began the long, steep climb into La Jolla, I noticed that it was still light out, even though the 7

pm start time was imminent. Count me as one of those rare souls who is grateful for daylight saving time: as we got closer to the campus, I could watch the huge eucalyptus trees that line the sidewalks swaying in the wind. Then, just as we neared the top of the hill, my nephew's tire apparently struck a huge lag bolt. The tire started making a distracting, obscene slapping sound, which picked up an ominous echo once we entered the Gilman parking structure.

We parked and started to hustle along the winding sidewalk toward the Price Center building, a couple of thousand steps away. I was feeling a little light-headed before we got halfway there, but I hung tough. Exiting on the second floor, I lost my bearings for a moment — I think they must have remodeled since my last visit — until I spotted the large smoked-glass doors of the Loft. Much to my dismay, they were still locked, so I took a look around at the gathering crowd. I recognized some of the San Diego cognoscenti: Pulitzer Prize winning composer Anthony Davis and his wife, opera singer Cynthia Aaronson-Davis; bassist Rob Thorsen (no surprise — there were a ton on bassists in this crowd); and luthier Dave Millard had all arrived early.

Those smoked glass doors opened right at 7, and we filed into the large dark rectangle with its well-appointed bar/kitchen in the back, then



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spread out under the aluminum planks staggered among the ceiling's matrix of beams and girders. I headed for a table with prime sight lines of the elevated stage and its heavy black velvet curtains. On stage, I spotted Dresser's two custom-made (by luthier Kent McLagen) basses, leaning against two stools. Both instruments had been drastically modified to Dresser's specifications.

At the appointed time, the award-winning instrumentalist took the stage and began a demonstration of just what each bass was capable of. Dresser used a variety of bows to elicit an otherworldly dissertation from each instru-

ment. He eked out impossibly low tones from the 5-string, and coaxed freakish, alien textures from both instruments. At times, the specially amplified overtones made me envision the creaky timbers of a haunted Spanish galleon. Without the aid of electronics or overdubbing, he still often sounded like two or three different players — or at least one guy with three or four hands. Other than the occasional drone of the central air conditioning unit mounted on the ceiling, the large room was completely silent, with everyone leaning in to pay close attention to each detail. At least that's the way it went down until one super-vulnerable moment of a bass interlude, when Dresser was joined by the high-pitched whine of a daiquiri being created in an industrial blender. Thankfully, that chilled out soon after it began.

As fantastic as the first set was, I opted to leave early — the pain emanating from my diseased gut had reached a crescendo that threatened to drown out the music. It had been a joyfully solid hour of recitation, showcasing state-of-the-art of modern bass playing. The walk back to the parking structure was draining, and I felt myself huffing and puffing like an advertisement for COPD. There, we examined my nephew's wounded tire and were relieved to discover that it hadn't gone flat. Together with the Dresser, that made it our lucky night — because he didn't have a spare. ■

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Friday, 7:30pm — Gretchen Parlato and Lionel Loueke. \$40-\$45.

Aztec Brewing Company:
Sunday, 6pm — Jazz Jam. Free.

BLK Box Gallery:
Saturday, 8pm — Temple of Roots. \$7-\$10.

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

Saturday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.

Beach House Grill:
Friday, 7:30pm — Don Carlos.

Beaumont's:
Friday, 9pm — Bobby Detroit. \$10.
Saturday, 9pm — High Tide Society. \$10.

Bellamy's Restaurant:
Thursday, 6pm — Jake Taylor Smith.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 8pm — Muscadine Bloodline.

Saturday, 8pm — Donavon Frankenreiter. \$35-\$62.
Sunday, 8pm — Ghostland Observatory. \$30-\$53.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 8pm — Matisyahu. \$50-\$145.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Peter Puppington Band. Free.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:
Saturday, 6pm — Starsign. Free.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 8pm — Clan of Xymox and Curse Mackey. \$22-\$27.
Friday, 6pm — Nekrogoblikon, Inferi, Aether Realm. \$20-\$25.
Saturday, 7pm — Mythraeum, Imperialist, Withmoon. \$12-\$15.
Monday, 7pm — Creeping Death and Year of the Knife. \$20-\$25.
Wednesday, 7pm — Godflesh and Prison Religion. \$25-\$40.

Cannonball:
Tuesday, 5pm — Puro Feeling.

Casbah:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Joshua Ray Walker. \$23.
Friday, 7:30pm — Emo Nite. \$16-\$20.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Surfer Blood. \$18-\$20.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Off With Their Heads and Single Mothers. \$21.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Parker Millsap. \$21.

Del Mar Fairgrounds:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Core.
Friday, 7pm — Super Diamond.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Dr. Crue.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Lynyrd Skynyrd.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Grupo Bronco.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Nirvanish.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Vegas McGraw.

Diamond Palace:
Thursday, 6pm — Starsign. Free.

Dizzy's/Musicians Union Hall:
Friday, 7pm — Musical Celebration of Sir Paul McCartney. \$20.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:
Thursday, 6pm — Dead Heads Night. Free.
Saturday, 7pm — Adeumazel.
Tuesday, 6pm — Blues Organ Jam.

Duke's La Jolla:
Friday, 3pm — Kekoa.
Sunday, 4pm — Jehua Evans.
Tuesday, 4pm — Farrah Camu.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:
Thursday, 6pm — Farrah Camu.
Friday, 6pm — Rachel Jay.
Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

F6ix Niteclub:
Sunday, 4pm — Day Series.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:
Friday, 4pm — Friday Summer Jazz Series. \$50-\$150.

Farmer & the Seahorse:
Friday, 4:30pm — Danielle Angeloni.
Sunday, 11am — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Galley at the Marina:
Saturday, 6pm — West of 5. Free.

Golden Island:
Friday, 6pm — Cobby Brzeski. Free.

Gossip Grill:
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Fletcher.

Hard Rock Hotel:
Sunday, 8pm — LP Giobbi and Mary Drophinz. \$25-\$35.

Holding Company:
Thursday, 7pm — The Sometimes Island. \$12-\$15.
Friday, 6:30pm — The Real Mckenzie.

Hotel Republic San Diego:
Thursday, 5pm — Kaylee Daugherty. Free.
Sunday, 11am — Dig Nitty. Free.
Wednesday, 6pm — Jonesy Jones. Free.

House of Blues:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Craig Owens. \$22.
Friday, 7:30pm — One Direction Dance Party. \$18-\$35.
Saturday, 7:30pm — First Pump Fest. \$17-\$35.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Los Shadows. \$15.
Monday, 7:30pm — Ava Max. \$29-\$49.
Tuesday, 7pm — LustSickPuppy. \$16.
Wednesday, 8pm — Arcy Drive. \$18.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:
Friday, 8:30pm — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$12.

Humphreys by the Bay:
Thursday & Friday, 7pm — Trevor Hall and The California Honeydrops. \$52.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Graham Nash.

Jazzy Wishbone:
Saturday, 7pm — The Soto Six.
Free.

L'Auberge Del Mar:
Thursday, 5pm — Helena Holleran.
Saturday, 7pm — Jemille Violet.
Wednesday, 5pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

La Jolla Community Center:
Friday, 12pm — Concerts in the Courtyard. **Free.**

La Valencia Hotel:
Thursday, 5:30pm — David Shyde.
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, 11am — Jesse Johnson.
Saturday, 6pm — Whitney Shay.
Sunday, 11am — Jackie Foster.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:
Friday, 7pm — Orion Song.
Saturday, 7pm — Shay Skylar.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Chris Botti.
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Mission Bay Resort:
Thursday, 6pm — Orion Song.
Friday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.
Sunday, 6pm — Marelle.
Wednesday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

Moonlight Beach:
Saturday, 7am — Switchfoot
Bro-Am Beach Fest. **Free.**

Morgan Run Resort and Club:
Friday, 5pm — David Shyde.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 9pm — JukeBox Junkies. **Free.**
Friday, 9pm — Maturation Sol. **Free.**
Saturday, 9pm — 2Lil2Late. **Free.**

Music Box:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Fleetwood Max. \$15.
Friday, 7:30pm — Hello Seahorse. \$25-\$125.
Saturday, 9pm — Los Nuevos Reyes Del Reggaeton. \$15-\$20.

Nate's Garden Grill:
Saturday, 12pm — Tinkersmith. **Free.**

Nick & G's:
Friday, 7pm — Matt Heinecke.
Saturday, 7pm — David Shyde.

Observatory North Park:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Dread Mar I. \$130-\$210.

Pechanga Arena San Diego:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Erykah Badu. \$39-\$139.
Monday & Tuesday, 7:30pm — Blink-182 and Turnstile.

Pure Project Vista:
Saturday, 7pm — Saturday Sessions: Dalton Gazette. **Free.**

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:
Friday, 7:30pm — John Legend.
Saturday, 5pm — Seven Lions.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Earth, Wind & Fire.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Cake.

Rancho Santa Fe Community Center:
Saturday, 3:15pm — Pacific Harmony Happy Together Concert. \$25.

Rancho la Puerta:
Saturday, 2pm — Rancho La Puerta Folk Festival. \$4650.

San Diego Marriott Del Mar:
Friday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr. **Free.**

Side Yard:
Saturday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.

BOOZE NEWS

BY MATTHEW FLYNN

Gamers garner gold at BattleMage

"We wanted something original that was true to the other passions we had besides brewing," explains Ryan Sather, owner of **BattleMage Brewing**. "We grew up pretty nerdy, playing games like *Everquest*, *World of Warcraft*, and *MTG*, so this theme was a natural fit for us. A BattleMage, for reference, is a hybrid class in fantasy games that is a blend between a wizard and a warrior. We wanted the tasting room to have a medieval/modern feel and be a bit different from the hundreds of other amazing breweries here in San Diego. A lot of the games we play have very dedicated followings; I would like to think we galvanized similar feelings with an

awesome community that has come together to support our brewery."

The brewery's dedicated following is likely to expand now that BattleMage has won a gold medal for American Style Amber/Red Ale at the World Beer Cup. The winning ale, Summon Ifrit, is a 6.1% ABV hoppy amber ale balanced by an extensive malt bill. The small brewery — a five barrel brewhouse with only four team members — may seem an unlikely winner, given the competition from other massive craft breweries, but in some ways, this was a long time coming: Sather and co-founder Chris Barry have been friends for 26 years, and Summon Ifrit's recipe has been tweaked and honed for over 12 of those years. Sather notes, "It was actually the first recipe I ever submitted in a homebrew competition, so it's cool to see it come full circle and win gold at World Beer Cup. Practice, the master of all things."

Also, blending. "It has a blend of American, British, German, and Belgian malts, that in the right balance lead it to be biscuity with a hint of caramel. Some recipes, a few malts will achieve the goal, but for something like this, we use eight different malts to find that balance in layered combinations to hit those flavors. It is also pretty hop-forward. The whirlpool addition is on par with what we use in our IPAs,



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Summon Ifrit may require a DC 15 strength check

with a healthy dose of Citra and Amarillo. Although it's not dry-hopped like an IPA, we do also lightly dry hop it with Citra."

Nothing at BattleMage ever strays too far from the brewery's theme. Each beer has its own lore — written by Sather — on the cans, with art by David Miller, who Sather and Barry met at ComicCon. Local author Jeremy Hinkley elaborates on the lore on the website and also serves as Dungeon Master for the brewery's *Dungeons & Dragons* campaign from 6 pm to 9 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.

At BattleMage, RPGs pair well with IPAs. As Sather

points out, "Part of enjoying a good beer is that temporary escape from reality. We take it one step further and offer a whole world of adventure to jump into. The modern alchemy we call brewing feels a bit magical. Every pint has a drop of that magic in it."

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Jenkins. Free.
Friday, 5:30pm — Brent Curtis. **Free.**

Saturday, 6pm — Planet Thunder. Free.
Saturday, 3pm — Riley Hoover. **Free.**

Monday, 5:30pm — Trey Miles Trio. Free.
Tuesday, 5:30pm — Crazy Ray and Rob Lamonica. **Free.**
Wednesday, 5:30pm — John Manley. **Free.**

Sycuan Resort:
Friday, 11:30am, Saturday, 10am — Run with the Sun Music Festival. \$40-\$250.

Thornton Winery:
Friday, 6:30pm — Led Zepagain.
Sunday, 7pm — Brian McKnight.

Vigilante Coffee:
Sunday, 10:30am — The Soto Six. **Free.**

Waterbar:
Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.

Waterfront Park:
Saturday, 7pm — Tiësto.
Sunday, 6pm — Country on The Coast.

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Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente.

Friday, 12pm — Nathan Welden.
Sunday, 12pm — Farrah Camu.

Wine Pub:
Thursday, 6:30pm — Lauren Leigh. **Free.**
Friday, 6:30pm — Chris DeVito. **Free.**

Winstons Beach Club:
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Beans and Cheese vs Inflation

La Baja Mexican Food; 10010 Campo Rd #B, Spring Valley. Earlier this year, life circumstances led me to untie my bib, close the laptop, and take a break from scouting restaurants for the *Reader*. I ate well at home, thanks principally to my wife's skillful cooking, and to a rotation of fresh produce from our weekly CSA Box from Oceanside's Yasukochi Family Farms. While I wound up dining out with about the same frequency, and kept up the habit of spreading my business around to a bunch of different eateries, I pretty much stuck to one dish. I've been eating lots and lots of burritos.

And not necessarily the burritos you might expect from a professional eater. The majority were what I consider San Diego's most underappreciated specialty: bean and cheese burritos. I'd call them San Diego's most undervalued specialty, but thanks to the inflation economy, I've seen a number of friendly neighborhood taco shops charging upwards of \$9 of late. When I first started writing in this space, they cost less than \$4.

If I cared to peel back the layers behind my bean and cheese burrito obsession, it's possible I only started ordering them because they were cheap. But by now they're comfort food, almost a guilty pleasure, one I invariably seek out when I'm eating a meal nobody's going to read about.

Most of the time, I don't even add salsa. Just embrace the warm heap of refried beans and (mostly) melted cheese, the only semblance of structure coming from a (hopefully) overstretched flour tortilla, gnashed carefully closed with each bite to seal off the flow of hot, larded goop, in all its pasty, unphotogenic blandness. Are mashed pinto beans a food of last resort, or a gastronomic miracle? I could make an argument either way.

There are a number of criteria to consider when deciding on a go-to burrito spot: top of the list is

locality. My go-to isn't the same as my favorite — in a city this size, with so many great little Mexican restaurants, it would be a wild coincidence to find the county's best burritos being made within five minutes of home. It also needn't be my favorite taco spot. Tacos meet a different craving, and I have a different set of places to go for those. Tacos I eat fresh. For burritos, what I'm after is a place I can call in a to-go order and be back home taking my first bite within fifteen minutes (okay... add a taco to eat on the drive).

This still leaves plenty of options within five minutes of my home, most of them occupying a short stretch of Campo Road in Casa de Oro. There are Sarita's Taco Shop and La Posta Acapulco, literally next door to one another. There's a drive-thru of the local chain, Santana's, and another that's been home to many different shops over the past ten years — Rafa's, Silva's, Somos Tacos, and Cotija's — but is lately called El Rey.

I've bounced between them all, but my go-to



Beer and sports are served at La Baja.



A bean and cheese burrito from La Baja Mexican Food.

burrito stop is a different, recent arrival: La Baja Mexican Food, a medium sized shop, equipped with a small bar and TV broadcasting sports. Its name suggests Baja-styled dishes, but it doesn't seem to strict an interpretation. Amid all the worthy *mariscos* and beef *birria* options, for example, you'll find a Flamin' Hot Cheetos menu.

Another thing I want from my go-to burrito shop is a willingness to go beyond the basic burrito. I like my bean and cheese (\$6.50), and have no trouble getting down with a tortilla mostly stuffed with carne (\$11). But sometimes I want

to cram as much joy into that burrito as possible. And for those times, La Baja can provide me with the decadence of a Flamin' Hot Cheetos California Burrito (\$13).

Crispy shoestring fries, plus crispy Cheetos crumbs, plus carne asada with guacamole and sour cream — you almost don't need to add a pair of fried jalapeño poppers for and extra \$2, but of course I'm inclined to do so.



A glimpse inside a Flamin' Hot Cheetos California burrito.

However, the last criterion I look for in a go-to burrito spot is a willingness to modify my burrito. Unlike many San Diegans, I firmly embrace including rice and beans with whichever meat fills my rolled tortilla, and appreciate a shop that makes it easy to add or subtract ingredients from a menu item.

Primarily, I'm looking for a place that delivers a satisfying version of my true number one: a chili relleno burrito, add carnitas. I believe it should be a staple of every taco shop menu: a poblano chili stuffed with melted cheese, a smattering of rice, a smear of beans, and salty, crispy carnitas to balance the whole thing into one big, tough to finish, yet easy to love burrito.

The bib's back on, and I'm ready to get back out there and try something different again. But it remains to be seen whether I'll eat anything as satisfying. Stay tuned.

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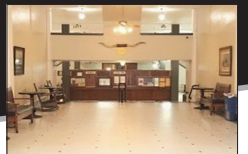
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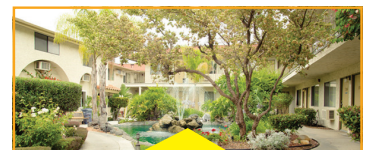
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Saltwater: It seems a wayward yellowfin tuna made into the counts a bit early this year when the *Legend* picked one up on June 4th within two-day range of Point Loma. Normally, yellowfin don't show up that close until the end of June or early July. The water is still a bit cool for their liking, and though the yellowfin fishing further down the line has been excellent for long range boats working off Bahia Magdalena in Baja Sur, there hadn't been any reports of yellowfin north of Cedros Island yet in 2023. Just the one lonely fish on an otherwise tough day for bluefin. But given predictions of an El Niño year, I reckon the counts will feature plenty of yellowfin in a month or so, if not sooner.

Bluefin have been on and off for the boats, with no real explanation of the inconsistency other than the old saying, "That's why they call it fishing and not catching." But some of the blame can be placed on the wide range of the size of bluefin encountered. As anglers typically "tool down" to lighter gear when on a school of 20- to 40-pound fish, when larger fish show up or in a mixed school, those fishing the lighter gear will have to just watch the big fish take their line and break off.

There is no stopping a 200-pound bluefin on the 25- to 30-pound gear normally used when you're chasing smaller fish. The heavy gear doesn't do so well as far as getting bit by the smaller fish, so that's the quandary. Don't get bit, or risk getting spooled by a giant. Still, catching bluefin in numbers of any size within overnight range seems to be the new normal, and the fleet has been focusing on that bite — and rockfish in the same areas when bluefin limits are met, or when the tuna and yellowtail are sluggish. If planning on any of the bluefin trips from overnight to 3-day runs,



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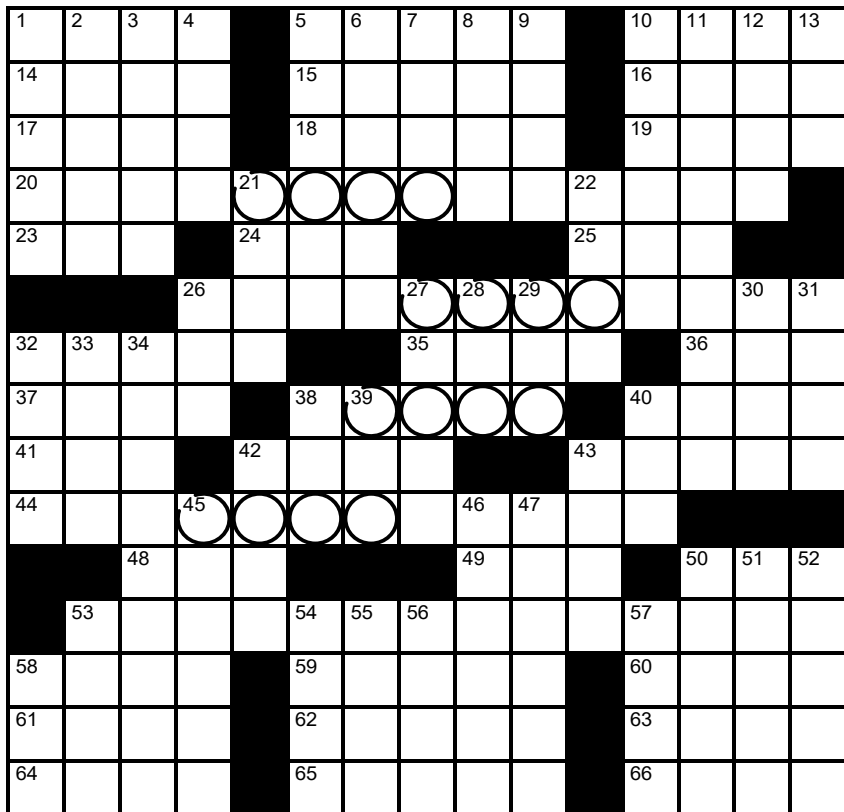
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5. Enjoyed immensely
10. Words before fever or risk
14. Eco-friendly certification letters
15. Joe Cocker's "You _____ Beautiful"
16. Online periodical
17. "This _____ outrage!"
18. Erin of "Happy Days"
19. Lydia Ko's sports org.
20. Uncertainty about whether something is right or wrong
23. Adorns with Charmin, for short

Down

- 24.** Sedimentary deposit
25. Understand
26. Visual phenomenon at some raves
32. Batman and Robin wear them
35. Banister
36. "There's _____ in team"
37. Black-and-white predator
38. Versatile utensil
40. Magazine founder Eric
41. Historic figure who appears on renminbi bank notes
42. Tubular pasta
43. Oohed and _____
44. "More than anything ..."

Across

- 48.** %, for short
49. Louvre Pyramid architect I.M.
50. Pajama-clad mag founder
53. Trademarked Arby's slogan ... or this puzzle's theme
58. Novelist Picoult
59. "Este minuto!"
60. Overabundance
61. Government takeover
62. Get connected, say
63. Designer Gucci
64. Cough syrup amts.
65. Steelers great Lynn
66. Like ocean trenches

- 39.** Old televangelism org.
40. Persian Gulf land: Abbr.
42. Greek Z
43. "_____ sure you know ..."
45. TV monitors?
46. "Sleepless in Seattle" director Nora
47. Country singer Womack
50. Oscar winner Berry
51. Chopin piano piece
52. Camera lens setting
53. Courts
54. Kilmer and Demings
55. Site for DIYers
56. Wardrobe item on HBO's "Rome"
57. "Holy cow!"
58. Highway sign abbr.

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SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

MEDIUM:

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— When Ocala, Florida, police officers questioned 37-year-old Daniel Robert Dinkins about a nearby burglary on May 13, he responded, "That may have been me." Earlier, officers had been called to a home where someone had thrown a brick through a window where a baby was sleeping inside, then left a book on the front porch. Dinkins said he wanted to swim in the neighbors' backyard pool and "wanted to share the book with them," *Ocala News* reported. He also told police he was a "time traveler" and was trying to "save the baby from something way in the future when the child is much older." Strangely, Dinkins said he wasn't aware there was a baby sleeping inside. He faces a felony burglary charge.

Government in Action

— A central India food inspector, Rajesh Vishwas, lost more than his phone on May 21, NBC News reported. While snapping a vacation selfie at Kherkatta Dam, Vishwas dropped his phone into the water. According to him, his device contained sensitive governmental information, so he ordered the reservoir to be drained. Vishwas said he got permission from R.C. Dhivar, a local water resources official, but Dhivar argued that he'd given permission to drain only 3 or 4 feet of water. Instead, "They had emptied the water up to 10 feet." It took three days to drain the 530,000 gallons of water, but in the end, it was all for naught: Vishwas' phone was unusable. As was Vishwas: he was suspended from his job pending an investigation.

That Rule Doesn't Apply to Me

— An unnamed woman in Tacoma, Washington, was arrested and detained in a negative pressure room at the Pierce County jail on June 1 after refusing for more than a year to get treatment for tuberculosis, KOMO-TV reported. A judge issued 17 orders for her to be involuntarily detained before police caught up with her. "We believe she was trying to avoid being captured," said Sgt. Darren Moss. Officers surveilled her while she was still at home and observed her riding a city bus to a casino. "The health department had asked her to just do it on her own ... now she's going to have to do it in our facility, unfortunately," Moss said. He said TB was once common in the jail, hence the negative pressure rooms, which "isolate the air within the room so it doesn't infect the rest of the rooms within the facility."

Cheesy

— Delaney Irving, 19, of Vancouver Island, British Columbia, said of her May 28 victory in a cheese-rolling contest in Gloucester, England: "It feels great!" That's in spite of the fact that she woke up in the medical tent after taking a fall and hitting her head, *The Guardian* reported. "I remember running, then bumping my head ... I still don't really believe it," she said. The contest involves rolling a 7-pound wheel of cheese down the almost-vertical Coopers Hill, and Irving wasn't the only contestant who lost their footing.

Fixer-Upper

— Looking for a bargain home in Burbank, Oklahoma? That's "bargain," as in: more than 17,000 square feet for only \$60,000. United Press International reported on May 30 that the former Burbank High School is on the market and listed as a single-family home. The building, constructed in 1924, features five "bedrooms," four bathrooms and an indoor basketball court, along with an auditorium. The school closed in 1968, and conditions are pretty rough inside. "There is plenty of opportunity to make this property your own," the listing promises.

Wrong Place, Wrong Time

— At Knott's Berry Farm in Buena Park, California, riders of the Silver Bullet roller coaster were rudely interrupted in their fun on May 26 when one passenger "indicated they wanted to get off the attraction," Fox News reported. The unnamed guest signaled their need to bail right after leaving the station. Operators stopped the ride, and all guests had to be evacuated, the park said, "following standard exit procedure." The roller coaster resumed operation about 30 minutes later.

Lucky!

— A piglet got a second chance at life on May 25, according to KVVU-TV. As Lars Gradel, Rebecca Zajac, and her son Colton drove along the interstate that day near Las Vegas, they witnessed a baby pig thrown from a truck. "We saw a pig fly out the side of the truck, and he tumbled about

10, 15 times down the side of the freeway," Gradel said. They stopped to rescue the pig, who didn't seem to be hurt. "Lucky," as he was named, was given a new home at the All Friends Animal Sanctuary, where he'll eventually meet fellow porker Mister Picklesworth. "Now Lucky's going to be wallowing in mud and rooting around in the ground and ... eating watermelon and popsicles in the summer," said sanctuary founder Tara Pike.

Bright Idea

— Coffee Smile, a cafe chain in Russia, knows how to milk social media. Owner Maxim Kobelev put up posters in his stores in May that announced plans to start offering human breast milk in their lattes and cappuccinos. *Oddity Central* reported that Kobelev claimed to have contracted with lactating mothers whose milk is tested for safety. "The child eats just a little," one supplier said in a promotional video, "so I thought, why not earn extra money? I even made coffee with my breast milk for my husband; he liked it." Turns out, it's all an attention-seeking hoax. "There were many of my friends who wanted to try this coffee," Kobelev said. "For them, I prepared a drink with a mixture of goat and almond milk. The taste is very similar -- I know this because, as the father of two children, I also tasted the real thing."

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