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Antique collectives gone in Solana Beach, Ocean Beach, Carlsbad, Ramona, almost gone in Normal Heights

Cover Story, June 28, 2023
I too lament the gentrification of downtown Carlsbad as much as anyone. But calling Nick's a "high-end seafood spot" and suggesting they helped out the beloved antique mall is pretty inaccurate. Nick's is American classic (very little seafood), and it's occupies a great middle-ground niche (it's not fancy, but it's elegant and refined). You will spend about the same at Nick's as you will at Garcia's. And Pure Taco - well, it's a taco shop!

So I understand landlords are greedy and downtown Carlsbad is changing (for both better and worse). But when you lose out to taco shops and coffee bars, maybe the business model is not sustainable.

And hey, at least Cantina Mas Fina is back open (sometimes the tenants can win!)

-BB1

Escondido has a very successful Antique Mall and several smaller shops.

-Esco Oldie

While Faulconer broods, Coronado mayor could take on Lawson-Remer

News Under the Radar, June 28, 2023

I overheard some people talking about this great idea! Faulconer and Atkins taking a trip hand in hand, arm and arm on the next submersible trip to the titanic. Oh, I also

heard Atkins significant other would be welcome to join. I also heard some "legal" campaign contributions would fund their trip!

-A 3-hour Tour Guide

Some are Welcome in this Place

SD on the QT, June 30, 2023

The lion, the witch, and the audacity of this...

-Big Fan

Homeless community divided over best response to camping ban

SD on the QT, June 30, 2023

The lack of compassion in this society is incredulous. I feel like I'm in a futuristic sci-fi novel except it's reality...

-2023 Disgrace Odyssey

Jacumba - the next Palm Springs?!

Cover Story, Jan. 11, 2023

Came here the first time in 1970, just briefly. Started going to the spa in the 90's, miss the roses along the pool fence, the different colored dragonflies, and the palapa across one side of the pool. We were mostly day visitors, a good place to get friends together. Lol, I miss the egg smell of the water. they started adding regular water in the late 90s. Being in the water at night was wonderful, watching the stars, and the bats coming down to drink. We loved the older lady who used to serve at the restaurant at lunchtime. Old German people used to come from Imperial Valley and AZ. An old German guy told us to fill our water bottles, said the water was good for digestion. Great times. But Jacumba did need some cleaning up and repair. I wish the new owners well, but it won't be Palm Springs. But that's ok.

-lovely memories

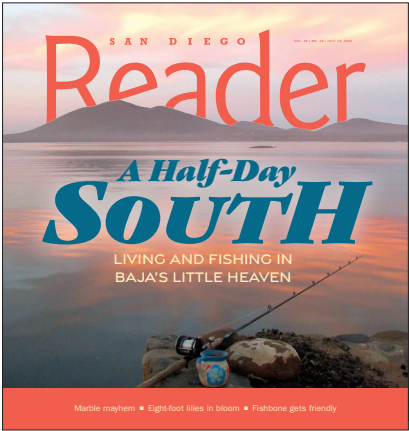
My sister and I have been visiting since 2015, (ok, not long) but it's one of our favorite places. We were drawn to the town because of its ghost-town like charm, the old resort, friendly people and its

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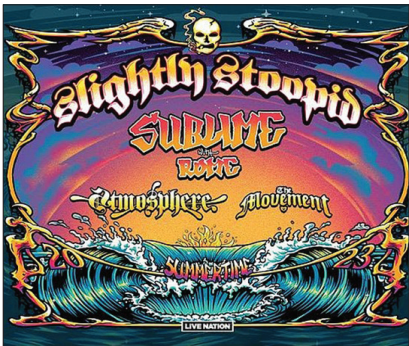
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

ENCINITAS

Beacon's vs. bluffs

Beach lot will be brought back from bluff edge, despite appeal

It's not as major an undertaking as moving trains or houses away from the edge of crumbling cliffs, but plans to move a small Leucadia parking lot and access trail have faced stiff opposition. Two weeks ago, the Encinitas City Council unanimously voted to deny an appeal of the proposed project at 948 Neptune Avenue, which is located within a residential neighborhood and just blocks from the beach where three people died when a bluff failed four years ago.



You'd think the red line would be warning enough...

by stabilizing the existing parking lot and making public access a "long term solution." Slavens called for strategies such as beach nourishment, saying that Beacon's has been named "one of the most unique beaches in the world." Opponents said the work would cause illegal wastewater and stormwater diversion, a concern unaddressed by the city.

the bluff to the sand — will remain open during removal and construction of the lot. Access will continue to be off Neptune. To accommodate beach-goers, temporary pedestrian access will occur in phases during construction, the city said.

SHEILA PELL

my limited budget as someone who is self-employed as a content creator," she continued. "Not to mention it took at least half of a work day to take my car window to get repaired."

Word on the mid-city streets is that the glass marbles are flung "with a slingshot," Healy noted. "The marble vandals have not been caught or identified."

The project will move the 26-stall parking lot seven feet back from an active landslide plane, removing eleven parking spaces in the process.

According to a city report, Beacon's Beach and the path to the sand were created long ago by a series of huge landslides between faults that run through the beach's access path. The most recent bluff failure was in May 2022. The project will move the 26-stall parking lot seven feet back from an active landslide plane, removing eleven parking spaces in the process.

The appeal, filed on behalf of neighbors by coastal land use consultant Chandra Slavens, argued that the best way to ensure safety is

Mitch Silverstein, policy coordinator for San Diego Surfrider Foundation, supported the decision to deny the appeal, saying it stemmed from a small group of seawall advocates. Councilmembers said they supported sand replenishment, and that the project is exempt from environmental review because the parking lot is considered a minor structure. They said the appeal incorrectly stated that there is no established bluff failure plane at the parking lot. A geotechnical report has identified one.

The city also said the project will provide public access to the beach, as well as public parking. The dirt trail that provides a foot path down to the beach isn't part of the project, other than the connection point at the top of the bluff.

Construction is expected to start at the end of the summer. The current public access path — a dirt trail beginning at the parking lot that leads down across the face of



Kids today.

NORTH PARK Marble marauders whack windows

So that's why they call them smashers
Shooting marbles used to mean flicking them with your thumb, trying to knock your opponents' marbles out of a circle. If you were serious, you'd play for keeps. Now, it seems the stakes have been raised. On June 14, NBC 7 News reported that multiple marbles had been used to break car and business windows in North Park, shattering glass and causing thousands of dollars' worth of damage.

About a mile or so south of Healy's home, a blue glass marble was the cause of another shattered car window on June 13. "Last night, just a few minutes past midnight, I was driving down University Avenue, on the corner on 36th street, and as I'm moving, I hear a loud smashing sound," recounted a Hillcrest resident online. "I looked back, and my rear side window was shattered." I reached out to the victim, but he did not reply. He did, however, post photos of the marble and damaged window and continued, "I looked around to see if there

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was someone on the street or sidewalk, but I didn't see anyone. I thought maybe I was getting shot at or attacked, so I immediately drove off... I called 911, and the cops came, and they found a marble in the back of my car." A Corridor resident posted, "I have collected about 20 marbles from the front of my house in the past year. It has been going on for a few years now."

Al, a local Army vet, said the vandals are "using paintball pistols/guns to fire the marbles at high speed, [as they are] easier to conceal and aim than a wrist-rocket slingshot." Jerry Valdez, who repairs and tints windows in the mid-city area, agrees with Al. "Paintball guns got larger barrels; the kids and young adults are copying the other people on TikTok and online."

Valdez noted that people could save money buying used windshields and side windows

from window repair shops that install used windows "at the Otay Mesa and Chula Vista junkyards. If people Google and find used glass shops, they'll save a lot of money. Also, you can negotiate the prices. And some of the tints and films we install on businesses protect the glass from shattering."

MIKE MADRIAGA



Hannah Healy wants to fix dinner, not her car windows.

UNDER THE RADAR

Cops step out San Diego cops are readying a barrage of TV spots and digital attacks against their Democratic city council nemesis **Monica Montgomery Steppe**, who is currently running to fill **Nathan Fletcher's** vacated seat on the county Board of Supervisors. The San Diego Police Officers Association has so far spent a total of \$34,537 on opposition research, polling, and production costs against Montgomery Steppe, according to the group's July 4 filing with the city clerk's office. "Despite spending her entire Council tenure pushing failed public safety policies, Monica is now attempting to promote herself as a champion of public safety as she sets her sights on higher office. Like a typical politician, Monica's dishonest campaign talking points are at odds with her record," says a POA news release of June 20. Said Montgomery Steppe in a May 4 post about the cop union contro-



Can the cops stop Monica Montgomery Steppe?

versy by KPBS: "Violence is not biological. It has not been solved with over-policing, and it has not been solved with more funding, and until we address the root causes of violence and crime, we will continue seeing the exact same issues in our city and in our systems." Meanwhile, on June 16, Kilroy Realty, Inc. of Los Angeles gave a whopping \$750,000 to the California Business Roundtable Issues PAC, the major funder of San Diego Republican ex-mayor **Kevin Faulconer's** San Diego Safe Shelters & Clean Streets Act, which he putatively wants to qualify for the ballot, after which he will run for either county supervisor or San Diego mayor. In addition to Kilroy, a subsidiary of New York City-based Blackstone Group kicked in \$20,000 to the roundtable's PAC on May 24, per the same disclosure. Blackstone is a major San Diego residential landlord.

Facebooking the money

Meta Platforms Inc., which used to be called Facebook, came up with \$5500 on June 30 for the 2025 Lt. Governor election campaign

of state Senate pro-Tem **Toni Atkins** of San Diego. The same day, \$5000 contributions came into the Atkins effort from the United Food & Commercial Workers Western States Council Candidate PAC and the Sunnova Energy Corporation of Houston, Texas. This Spring, the California Public Utilities Commission turned back a lobbying effort by solar-power contractor Sunnova to authorize construction of so-called micro power grids. "The company seeks to develop largely

self-sustaining micro utilities by equipping new home communities with solar and storage," wrote *PV Magazine* in an April 13 post. "Under the plan, new home construction communities are selected so that Sunnova can work closely with developers to design and implement distributed solar micro grids backed with energy storage." Despite the PUC rejection, the company vowed to continue its California push. But Sunnova has since gotten a big dose of bad PR in Denver, Colorado.

"The company currently has an F rating with the BBB," said Leah Napoliello, vice president of investigations and public affairs with the Better Business Bureau of Houston, South Texas," reported TV station KMGH on June 4. "Often-times, the appointments are canceled. The technicians are not able to come out and have to be rescheduled again and again," Napoliello said. "And it can take weeks and weeks

and also sometimes even months, in some cases. So, it can be a very bad situation for people who are already paying for the solar panels every month, and just not getting their issues corrected or repaired." A Sunnova statement cited by the TV report said that the solar energy firm had "implemented internal measures to proactively identify areas for improvement." Complained Sunnova customer and Colorado high school teacher Elizabeth Tarbutton, "There are no consumer protections in this industry. As long as you've signed a contract, they just have all the power, and we have none. And people need to know that."

At Nathan's behest

Since Nathan Fletcher was forced to quit the San Diego County Board of Supervisors following a sex scandal earlier this year, so-called behesting activity by his erstwhile board colleagues has ceased altogether, at least that's what seems to be indicated by a complete lack of legally required online disclosure reports posted on the county's website. Under state law, big



Toni Atkins has a friend in Facebook.

donations made by third parties to charities at the behest of a public official must be disclosed. In Democrat Fletcher's case, the list of his benefactors included two labor unions, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 569 — which gave \$5000 to the San Diego Food Bank last November 18 to "help families receive a Thanksgiving meal" — and the Service Employees Union International Local 221, with \$5000 to the same cause on

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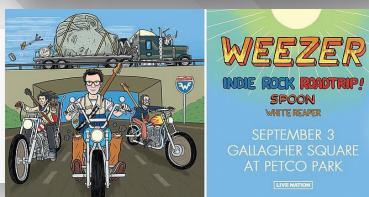
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quirky vibe. Coming from a small rural town myself, I hope that the “smallness” of the town will remain a constant & that long time residents won’t get pushed out by new developments. I haven’t visited since 2020 but am curious to see the new resort. Change is constant. Guess I’m just sentimental. Hoping to revisit upon its reopening. I’m glad I was able to experience the old Jacumba and am looking forward to comparing it with the new.

-Open to change

Monty’s Skateland, downtown San Diego, Palisades Gardens in North Park

Cover Story, Nov. 2, 1972

Skating was my life as a teenager. Westchester Skateland in LA was where I skated with the speed team under “shorty Hill” our trainer. Our uniform colors were blue & gold. Started at junior boys then to intermediate men on our team. I held the quarter mile record in our division. Chicago wood wheels, triple action trucks and stops half an inch from the floor were my skates. I ran on them. Skated 25 mile marathons

praying for my second wind. RSROA skate meets all over the state. Rexing was for the night sessions at Skateland. Rexing takes you out to a freedom where not a care in the world affects you. The description of rexing in this article is right on, the freedom of movement and pushing you self further to different styles, taking chances. I could skate almost as fast backwards rexing as forward. I taught my two daughters how to rex. Great memories.

-Freddy

The fight against 5G cell towers moves to Oceanside

Neighborhood News, March 17, 2020

City of Long Beach and AT&T and Moira & Mark Final Victory in Their Long-Running Fight to Prevent a Potential 5G Cell Tower from Being Installed in Front of Their Home.

Moira Hahn and Mark Hotchkiss have finally achieved their long-sought victory: Confirmation has been received from both AT&T and the City of Long Beach that the cell tower construction permit for a right-of-way 25 feet from their home, at the edge of their property line, will not be issued.

-Rebeca Randle

Under the radar

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the same date. Other November 18 donors who kicked in \$5000 each for the Thanksgiving food were Price Philanthropies, Lyons Foundation, and health insurance company Blue Shield. Each filing was made on December 23. Fletcher announced on March 26 he was taking a leave of absence for post-traumatic stress and substance abuse treatment. He finally left office for good on May 15. “A thousand local families received free turkeys for Thanksgiving as part of Operation Gobble,” per a December 1, 2022, *East County Magazine* post. “The effort was organized

by Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, with giveaways in Lemon Grove, City Heights, Southeastern San Diego, and the County Administration Center. Supervisor Fletcher says, “It’s heartwarming knowing that so many families will have a Thanksgiving dinner table full of food.” When Fletcher’s wife **Lorena Gonzalez** was a member of the state Assembly, she staged the same publicity-grabbing annual event with a torrent of behested cash from utility giant San Diego Gas & Electric.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Catching Yellowfin and Bluefin on the same one-day trip

Dock Totals 7/2- 7/8: 4852 anglers aboard 190 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 150 barracuda, 2737 bluefin tuna (up to 240 pounds), 85 bocaccio, 29 bonito, 526 calico bass, 1 halibut, 7 lingcod, 1 mako shark, 4938 rockfish, 2 rock sole, 274 sand bass, 87 sanddab, 12 sculpin, 70 sheephead, 1 thresher shark, 2 white croaker, 77 whitefish, 607 yellowfin tuna, and 216 yellowtail.

Saltwater: Bluefin counts are edging down while yellowfin are starting to show more for the fleet as summer progresses. This has been the pattern for a few years now, as the bluefin move north toward San Clemente Island and the Tanner/Cortez banks and yellowfin move up with warmer water. Still, there are plenty of bluefin to be caught off northern Baja and the banks west of Ensenada up to the Corner and 181 area, giving the not-so-common chance at both a yellowfin tuna and a bluefin tuna within 1-Day trip range of San Diego. Boats out of San Diego landings are beginning to head toward San Clemente, targeting the larger bluefin while those working offshore and south are getting a good mix of both species.

Yellowtail have been hit and miss so far this season, showing one week as though coming on strong then thinning out the next. Still, the average size of the yellowtail caught this season has been a little larger than the schools that normally move in, with quite a few fish in the 20 to 30-pound range. Since the depth increase to 600-feet, rockfish fishing has been excellent for boats venturing out toward the deeper edges of offshore banks from the 9-Mile Bank and south from there.

As the sportfishing operations have also been affected by post-Covid inflation, higher fuel and other costs have



Two tunas not commonly caught together, yellowfin and bluefin, caught on a full-day run aboard the *Grande* out of H&M Landing.

caused average ticket prices to rise. In an effort to to ease the pain, some of the operations have been tailoring their pricing to be more affordable, and as a result angler counts have been on the rise. One example: Captain Rick Slavkin of the *Oceanside 95* out of Point Loma landing has set special pricing for the boat's Overnight and 1.5-Day July trips at \$300 and \$400, respectively, including Mexican permits.

The main four landings operating out of San Diego, Fisherman's, Seaforth, H&M, and Point Loma, have comparative pricing and trip lengths. Here is a basic breakdown of the 2023 pricing: Half-Day runs are about 5.5-hour AM and PM trips and average \$70. Full-Day trips are about 12 hours, depart in the morning and return in the afternoon and cost around \$240. Overnight trips leave at night and return the following evening, allowing more range and time at the rail, and cost about \$340. 1.5-Day trips depart in the evening, fish the next day, and return the following morning, again extending range and time at the rail. Those trips cost between \$440 and \$550, depending on load size. 2-Day trips run around \$600 and allow for two full days of fishing time. Multi-day trips from 3 to 8 days run about \$450 per day.

One can save a little money by driving or flying down to Mexico and hiring a local panga or cruiser, but generally —given the travel cost, FMM for legal entry to Mexico, hotel, and boat price — unless well-planned, that too can be a bit pricey for the average working-class angler. Sportboats out of San Diego are very accommodating, usually with a kitchen and chef, bunks, bait, and high-end electronics to get one on the fish. A trip south allows for some "landlubber" time and generally a shorter run to fishing grounds, with local operators

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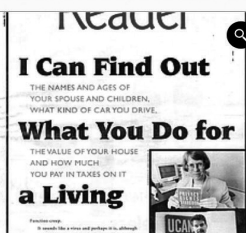
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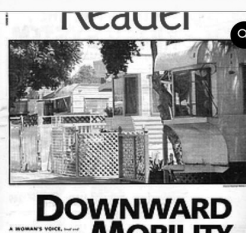
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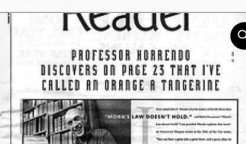
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Under difficult circumstances

Shipyard blues

"With all the stuff you say these guys have to endure at NASSCO, anyone would believe the place is hell. But I don't understand what all these queers thought they were getting into. It's no moron job like trash collecting, or no sissy sit-down thing. It's work; it's skilled labor. It's also hazardous labor and hard at that. But they knew that." – *Steve Esmolina* **MAY. 19, 1977**

The short unhappy life

"In prep school, and later at Yale, although basically I was and am a very reticent, very shy person, I learned to bluff my way through." His peers adopted him as a "pet," made a mascot of him. "You're small, you're nonthreatening. You become the court jester, court dwarf. It used to be, you know, very good luck to carry a dwarf around. So I played that role. Of the shortness. I used it as a tool." – *Lillian Maxwell* **SEPT. 22, 1988**

Through the belly of the beast

I had called my ex-wife and the girlfriends I had slept with between marriages and told them the news. Heidi and all of them were tested with the same results: Negative. They all thanked me for telling them and

praised me for being responsible. Yeah, that's nice, but if the results had been different, I shudder to think what their reaction would have been. Especially Heidi. – *John Abraham Fultz III* **AUG. 20, 1992**

Blind among enemies

David guided me to Barnett, onto 5 south, off at the Front Street exit, down through the "tree" streets to the lettered streets. "Your next right is Broadway. Turn right. And then you'll go past a couple of lights. Let's see. After Front I'm trying to remember how many lights. Union. State. I think it's the third light. After you pass Columbia Street, the YMCA is on your right side. And there's, like, three-minute parking or ten-minute." – *Peter Griffin* **NOV. 30, 1995**



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Cent: "All this stuff about welding being a difficult job doesn't faze me."

Fire in the Valley

"At first we thought all the fires was union-connected," said Clem Miller, one of the farmers who stayed in his field at night with a rifle. "A bunch of farmers had just gone up to Los Angeles to rally for Proposition 14, which the Chavez people were not too crazy about, and when the fires started coming all at once, you were taking a hell of a chance just stopping your car and taking a piss." – *Joe Applegate* **AUG. 6, 1981**

A fine white dust

My husband and I had been separated for a while when I went back to the house one day to try to patch things up with him. He'd cut all the legs off the furniture, hung *Playboy* pictures on the walls, and put red light bulbs in all the sockets. He'd turned our cute little house into a drug hangout. As I was leaving, he pulled out a .22 rifle and pointed it at me. – *Steve Sorensen* **MAR. 27, 1986**

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Biden awards first-ever Smollett Medal to Hillcrest burn victim



Shortly before Biden hung the medal on Rowin, the President addressed the controversy, asking: "If he's a liar, how come it wasn't his pants that were on fire?" A tearful Jussie Smollett looked on, and added, "I'm just grateful that there are other people willing to follow my brave example and come forward with these accounts of right-wing hate, however true or false they may be."

According to area homosexual Scott Rowin, he was assaulted by multiple men in Hillcrest during Pride Month, men who doused him with flammable liquid and set him on fire while shouting gay slurs. He suffered multiple second-degree burns, and declared that the event was "absolutely a hate crime. In my opinion, they were obviously out there targeting the LGBT community." But according to the San Diego Police Department, Corwin is suspected of assaulting a pregnant woman in Hillcrest, a woman who then set him on fire in self-defense before being left injured and bleeding. Neverthe-

less, this week, President Biden awarded Corwin the first-ever Smollett Medal, an honor given to Americans who are "brave enough to shine a light by speaking up after experiencing violent hate crimes."

Reached for comment, Biden's spokesman noted, "Really, it's a matter of perspective. An obvious breeder walking around in a gay district during Pride month is definitely a incendiary act, one that could be considered

an attack of sorts. Further, no one is contesting whether or not someone set Corwin on fire. Finally, it was definitely a man who made her pregnant, so really, it was a man who instigated the attack. Shame on the SDPD for taking their video footage of the event so glaringly out of context."

Mueller, She Lol'd

Jabba the Trump credits decision to run in '24 to local podcaster

Embattled Presidential candidate Jabba the Trump has revealed that one of his most devoted online critics has actually been in his employ for years, and credited her with helping to launch his third presidential campaign by "keeping me in the spotlight even after I was illegally forced out of office." He said that Salacious B. Gill, who has over 4 million Twitter followers and hosts the popular Mueller, She Laughed podcast, has done "more to grease the skids on my run-up to the campaign trail than anyone since Joe Scarborough at MSNBC back in 2016. Just endless liberal frothing at the mouth about how I'm evil incarnate and destroying democracy, and how I'll be going to jail any day now. Just amazing work rallying my base. I can't thank her enough."



Salacious B. Gill, seen here cackling with glee over the prospect of Trump's imprisonment and her subsequent freedom from endlessly discussing him.

He then took a moment to chide Gill's followers for not catching on to the act. "I mean, this lady's been paid a fortune to read the news about me, and she is being sued for refusing to share that fortune with her black lesbian employee. She defended rape jokes and then denied ever doing it. She claimed her grandfather died at Guadalcanal

when he didn't. Called herself a wounded Gulf War vet when she joined the military after the Gulf War and left months later with plantar fasciitis. Called herself a whistleblower because she refused to move with her job to D.C. and complained about it. The list goes on, but you guys were too busy mainlining your hate to notice."

Outreach Out of Touch?

Homeless declare sleep space "less homey"



Surprisingly, the homeless — who until now have lived freely in San Diego's bucolic canyons and along its picturesque Downtown streets — have proved less than eager to camp out on a patch of asphalt surrounded by fences and razor wire. But Mayor Gloria says he is not concerned. "Once we really get the message out there and explain to them that this is their only option, we're confident they'll come around," he told reporters. "Who doesn't want to be safe and secure?"

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In *Don't Worry Darling*, **Florence Pugh** plays a happily-married woman who nevertheless seeks to escape her circumstances.



On June 13, SDSU President **Adela De La Torre** wrote that the school intended to resign from the Mountain West, even though she called membership "an absolute joy."



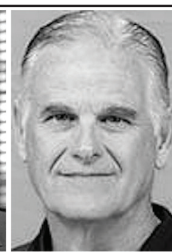
Laurie Metcalf starred in *The Conners*, the series that continued the Roseanne story but refused to reunite with its star.



Mountain West Commissioner **Gloria Nevarez** is not welcoming SDSU back, despite its stated intention to remain after all.



In *Silence of the Lambs*, **Charles Napier** plays an authority figure who is woefully unprepared for the challenge he faces.



SDSU Basketball Coach **Brian Dutcher** would probably like to know who his team will be playing in the coming seasons.

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LIVING AND FISHING IN BAJA'S LITTLE HEAVEN

A Half-Day **SOUTH**

Moving to the San Quintin area in 2015 was more accident than planned, but it wasn't entirely random. Whenever I've pulled up stakes and moved on, for whatever reason — be it work, family, relationship, or a dart thrown at a map — I have been quick to find the fishing in my new environs. This time, I was basing my decision on distance: I needed someplace from which I could make the round trip to San Diego in a day. Say, four to five hours drive-time. That way, if I timed my border crossings well to avoid sitting in traffic, I could make it from home to

Downtown San Diego — there to pick up the bi-weekly check that paid for my life in Mexico — and still sleep in my own bed that night. I aimed for someplace between Ensenada and El Rosario, drawn, as ever, by the water and what was swimming around under its surface.

The easiest way to search for a place to live is to go online. But when is the easiest way ever really the best? I knew I would find better deals speaking the with locals. My normal M.O. when I'm planning on an extended stay in Baja to find an area, make a deal for a week or maybe

a month at a cheap motel, and then start looking through local channels; people you meet while out and about, notes posted outside of *tien-das*, that sort of thing. So I started driving south. A two-bedroom house for \$600 in La Misión was tempting, but overbudget. A trailer by the Rosarito Beach Pier was within budget, but I wanted to be south of Ensenada and in a more rural setting. There were possibilities in Camalu, Colinet, and in the San Quintin Valley, but I found that the further south I drove, the further south I wanted to be. I decided to push my one-day round-trip requirement to its limit.

I was thinking El Rosario, but thanks to all my stops along the way, the sun was setting, and I typically avoid night driving in Baja. Besides, the cat started yowling — Mol-lison McReedy, the stray I found when she was more mouse-sized than cat-sized, and starving in the rocks on the Mission Beach Jetty. She'd lived in Mexico before, back in 2005-2008 when she was a younger, better murderer of scorpions and mice, and I was plunked down



A legal keeper in Mexico, though protected in California. This 75-pound black seabass, a juvenile, was a struggle worth its weight.

outside of La Paz. Tired from the road, I pulled off the highway at the Los Piños Pemex station and headed four miles toward the beach and the Cielito Lindo Hotel.

A little Hollywood in the history

There's a story that Mark Armistead, after he invented the instant replay for television, took his million-dollar check from NBC and tried to cash it at the bar of his favorite restaurant, Newport Beach's El Pescador Restaurant and Bar. He was kidding, but the money was serious, se-

rious enough that in the late '60s, Armistead was able to buy Rancho El Manana, 400 acres of sandy flat scrub land between the sloughs of Bahia San Quintin and the dunes fronting Playa Santa Maria, about 180 miles south of San Diego. Maybe his buddy the director John Ford had spotted it while spying on Japanese vessels in coastal Mexican waters in the late 1930s before the outbreak of World War Two, or during one of their many fishing trips down the coast after the war. However he found it, it seemed like the perfect

spot to recreate El Pescador and invite the same Hollywood heavies with whom he'd dined there. Armistead named his recreation Cielito Lindo, Spanish for "pretty little sky." Or it could be "nice little heaven." The point is that the view is nice.

Large hotel rooms

were added in three single-story fourplex units, floored with onyx tiles sourced from the once-famous and largest onyx-producing quarry in the world, El Mármol, located inland and about a third of the way down the Baja Peninsula. Armistead, a naval pilot and photographer during the war, installed an airstrip, and soon he and Ford — along with other Hollywood notables, including John Wayne, Henry Fonda, and Jimmy Stewart — started flying down to escape the ever-present paparazzi and fans in Los Angeles.

Mexico abounds with tales of famous visitors, from writers who loved fishing, like John Steinbeck and Ernest Hemingway, to actors who loved loving, like Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. The Lover's Bridge in Puerto Vallarta is so

named because of their affair during the filming of *Night of the Iguana*, a tryst so public that it was condemned as "erotic vagrancy" by the Vatican. As it happened, Liz and Richard's affair is also pointed to as the beginning of the public "craze" of fandom — which is why Armistead and company desired a private getaway out of the public eye.

It seems they achieved their dream: there were no pictures or signed headshots behind the bar. What stories might have been told about the Hollywood crowd while at Cielito Lindo, if there were any, circulated far away from the eyes and ears of historians, the press, or any other public record. What is known is that when the highway was paved and RVs full of tourists began venturing south beyond Ensenada,

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When not fishing, relaxing is the order of the day for Flash. It's a dog's life, after all.

Mark Armistead put the place up for sale, and it was bought by Juanita Fitzpatrick in 1975.

Though she sold the restaurant, bar, and hotel to a ranching family from Mexicali prior to my moving here, Fitzpatrick still holds title to the leased properties on the remaining acreage, where some 37 residents have built off-grid homes. A lot runs \$100 down and \$65 per month. Most of the homes are on solar and have generators as backup — as do the bar, restaurant, and hotel. Wa-

ter is delivered to storage tanks, or *pilas*, by truck at a reasonable price. Every day, rain or shine, at 4 pm, happy hour draws the residents to the outdoor seating area, where locals, dogs, and guests all mingle.

El Pescador

Affordable rates a half-day from San Diego; it was time to assess my other nonnegotiable: a decent kayak launch. I found one at the bay mouth, or *Boca*, a few miles up the spit. The fact that the place was walk-

ing distance to the beach was just a bonus. Cielito Lindo soon became my home base, even though I hadn't yet realized the potential of the area. Having previously lived in La Paz and Mulege, and having spent my vacations somewhere between Gonzaga Bay and the East Cape, I associated Baja with Tuscon-type warmth and near-tropical Sea of Cortez water. Exploring and fishing the Pacific side of the peninsula was going to be a new adventure in an almost foreboding place,



A large white seabass caught by kayak inside San Quintin Bay.

what with its not-so-ancient volcanoes, shallow bay, and shallow sloping beaches. It almost seemed more like Central California: gray and cool, with a long paddle to the fishing grounds. The fishery held good rockfish, yellowtail, and white seabass — if you had the boat to do 25-40-mile round trips. But it seemed less than ideal for kayak-angling. I had gotten a little spoiled on the east side, where I could paddle out and chase dorado and tuna within a mile of the beach — and catch yellows just by chucking iron from shore.

My first launches at

the bay mouth resulted in lots of sand bass and a couple of small halibut, and my first sand crab-chucking beach trips produced some barred surf perch and corbina. But then I started to learn more about the history of the place and the fishery, much of it from Captain Juan Cook, who runs a sportfishing operation out of The Old Mill, a hotel on the upper bay on the site of a mill built to process grain grown by British wheat farmers in the early 1900s. I began taking trips on *pan-gas* — the small skiffs that are the working boats of Mexico.

Catches on the 15 and 240 banks, as well around Isla San Martin (see photo), were the expected seasonal targets: rockfish, lingcod, and yellowtail from the high spots, seasonal tuna and dorado offshore, and white seabass, halibut, and really good calico bass on and near the kelp around the island. Often, large sheephead and whitefish were in the mix, too.

The *panga* fishing was good, but I still made time to explore the bay from the low perch of my kayak, and I made sure to talk to local fishermen — commercial and

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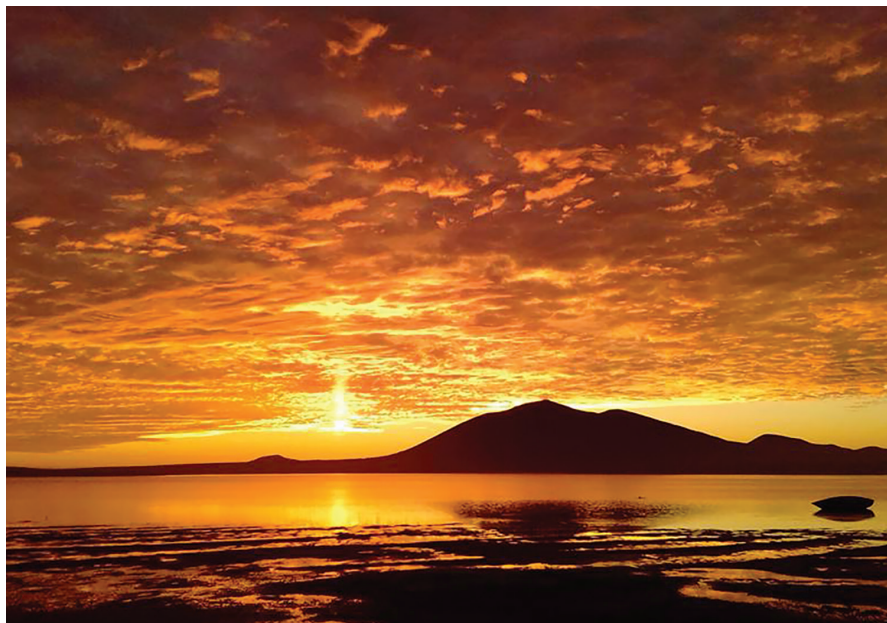
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recreational — about what it held. What I found was a huge nursery for all kinds of gamefish, choked with bait — from finfish and to unending ghost shrimp beds in massive natural littoral zones, or “false bays.” A local handyman who fished for extra money told me of the large green and white shrimp — the latter known as *cameron de leche* or “milk shrimp,” due to their naturally white tail meat — that inhabited the bay. He caught them by casting his net in the sloughs after a high tide had dropped and left pools he could access. He brought me a couple kilos of them; the would be sold as extra-large at U.S. markets.

Over the first few months of kayak fishing within the bay — from the *Boca* up to the Old Mill, my catches included bonefish, young black seabass, juvenile gulf and broomtail grouper, halibut, sole, sand bass, spotted bay bass, numerous rays, a large spawning white seabass, juvenile white seabass, and California corbina. I even found I did not have to paddle very far for yellowtail: I caught one in the shallows near the launch at the *Boca*, and several within the mile-and-a-half-paddle from there to the point.

Over the years since first fishing in the San Quintin area in 2015, I have caught my personal best California corbina (5.7 pounds) and barred surf perch (3.17 pounds) from the beach; and from the kayak in the *Boca*, white seabass (55 pounds), and kept black seabass (75 pounds). Fun fact: a kayak can act as a bobber might for a perch; a large fish that would take all your line from a



Volcanoes and Sunsets can make for an awesome view.

boat will often just wear itself out towing a kayak. The angler can button down the drag and not be broken off. Once I’ve gaffed the fish, I normally use a bat to knock it out. Then I can remove the hook and store it in my forward hatch, or leash and tow it if it’s too large.

Bed and board

But all that came later. After first arriving, tired and accompanied by an aging, grouchy cat, I made a deal with the owner of Cielito for a monthly rate for one of their spacious rooms. I was in no real hurry to find a house, and I still wanted to check El Rosario. But I soon became very comfortable there, given the large room and everything provided, along with a restaurant and bar just steps away. I paid about \$300 US per month plus my restaurant tab, which was adjusted to accommodate the fish I provided. The owners, Jose Raymundo Aguirre (known as Bebo) and family, have a ranch in Mexicali, and maintain Cielito as a summer getaway. They do not fish often, but they love halibut, corbina, white sea-

bass, and the like.

After three months at Cielito, I had adopted a puppy born to one of Bebo’s dogs and named him Flash Gordon, caught my personal best halibut by kayak at 44 pounds, and made up my mind to stay in the area. I started looking for a place with a yard. Flash Gordon was growing fast, and I was getting tired of the cat being 100% indoors as well. I preferred her usual set-up as an in-out cat that didn’t need a litter box, one who would happily show off her good work by depositing mortally wounded scorpions or mice by the front door. Though she was pushing a decade by then, she still had her murderous instincts, and I did not want to deny her the pleasure.

I put out some feelers and found a rustic house on a well-manicured, treed, and fenced half-hectare a couple miles from Cielito Lindo in San Simon, a small neighborhood off the old highway. (The highway was moved about a mile east at San Simon for a stretch of about five miles, after flooding in the ‘90s convinced the government

that a bridge made a practical alternative to constant road repairs.) Several dozen houses (mostly occupied by farm workers) and a couple of stores remain along the old stretch, just out of the flood zone.

This new place, with its

fig, guayaba, and shade trees, was only a few miles from the water. Including rent, electric, gas, water, and internet service, my bills ran about \$200 per month — or about one-sixth of my average monthly pay.

About that: my folks had always told me to spend no more than one-quarter of my take-home pay on rent or a mortgage. Once upon a time, this was the standard for the blue-collar middle-class: a single provider could rent an average house on twenty-five percent of their pay. And from post-World War Two into the early 1980s, this was the case. For a few years during the later part of that period, I worked as a journeyman carpenter, and I could easily rent a house. Even when I was working for minimum wage in a kitchen, I could af-

ford a small apartment. That’s part of why I headed south: I knew that in Mexico, outside of the gentrified touristy places, the local economies were more like what we once enjoyed in the United States.

As in the U.S., rents and pay vary by location in Mexico. In the San Quintin area, an average skilled construction worker earns about 500 pesos per day. The average house rents for around 2500 pesos. My four-bedroom house on the shaded fenced lot was 2250 pesos, or about \$140 dollars, given the exchange rate at the time. My water bill was 50 pesos, electric averaged 200 pesos, internet was 400 pesos, and I used about 150 pesos’ worth of propane each month. Cell phone with unlimited service in Mexico, the U.S., and Canada ran 200

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The \$140 per month hacienda in San Simon.

pesos per month. Farm workers make about 350 pesos per day, and apartments in one of the many small communities throughout the San Quintin farming region start at around 800 pesos per month. In Mexico, the working classes are much better off when it comes to housing and bills than their U.S. counterparts.

Baja bumps and blessings

Given the cost of living and my 12-hour or so weekly commitment online for work, I enjoyed a lot of free time for fishing. I would haul my kayak out to the *Boca* launch or run to the beach most days of the week, depending on the weather.

er. After a few months, my employer began direct deposit, so I no longer needed to run north once every other week. To remain legally there, I only had to go north to re-up my *Forma Migración Multiple*, or FMM, once every six months, at a cost of around \$30. I spent much of my time exploring the bay's fisheries by kayak or on foot, and eventually bought a little boat on a trailer for cheap and traded some unneeded fishing gear for a 15-horsepower motor. That way, I could take my dog Flash Gordon fishing when on the water instead of locking him in the yard while I was gone.

I stayed in that house in San Simon for about 18 months, until I ran

into my first issue with the landlord. When I moved in, I noted that the water pump pressure tank — improperly installed and unprotected from the weather — was rusting and would need replacement soon. He agreed at the time, but when the tank finally burst, he said replacement was my responsibility. On principle, I decided not to give him the \$200 for the new parts and quickly found another place within my budget; a modern two-bedroom, two-bath house on a large, fenced lot fronting the bay on the east side about a mile south of the Old Mill. It was owned by an American and the rent was \$200 per month. My utility,



Cielito Lindo, a little dilapidated and long past its glory days, is still in business, with affordable rooms, a daily happy hour, and their famous cracked crab dinner.

internet, and cell phone bills ran about the same as the San Simon place, so the total of around \$260 per month was still within my budget. And I had steps to the bay just twenty feet from the back gate.

While in San Simon, most of my fishing was from the *Boca* or the beach; I had not spent much time in the inner and upper bay. Given constant action, it was hard to wrench myself away to try other spots. When I moved into the bayside house, I tossed a piece of shrimp out just to see what might be feeding in the littoral zone during the high tides. Walking the flats when the tide was out, I could see signs of fish “blowing” out the ghost shrimp, and even the impressions of smaller halibut and large rays in the clay. Within a couple minutes, I was on a 20” corbina and knew I had found a fisherman's paradise of a house. Soon, I was walking a few strides from my back door with coffee in hand and enjoying some of the best corbina fishing I have ever

experienced sitting there on the steps while taking in the fantastic view of the volcanoes and the upper bay.

The bay is oh-kay

On a six-foot high tide, the water came up to the top of the second step, while on a minus tide, it was about a hundred yards walk from the steps to the water's edge. Much of Bahía San Quintin is flat and shallow in the littoral zone between the tides, the bay growing and shrinking up to 20% or more in area daily. On larger tide swings, the vast volume of acre-feet of water rushes through the narrow bay mouth, which is why the main channel is cut so deep. Like arteries, channels feed from the main channel into each false bay, creating an image of a lung expanding and contracting, filling and depleting the littoral zones daily. Rays, bullseye pufferfish, bonefish, and corbina flood into the clay above the eelgrass line on each high tide to feed on the ghost shrimp beds. Spotted bay bass, young grouper, and halibut

lurk in the channels and along the rocky edges in the deeper water beyond the lowest tideline.

Though I occasionally hauled the little boat to the point launch at the *Boca* or the launch at the Old Mill, I began launching my kayak right from my back steps and exploring the mid and upper bay. In doing so, I quickly learned to lock the then-two-year-old Flash Gordon in the house while gone. He would get anxious, escape the yard and swim out after me. Once, he swam over a half-mile to a sailboat anchored in the channel. After picking him up at the sailboat and scooping him out of the water onto the narrow kayak several times, I realized there was no keeping him in a fenced yard if he really wanted out, so indoors he went on the days I kayak fished.

Once the dog situation was addressed, I found that the upper bay channels and rocky edges held plenty of gamefish action.

The quote about San Quintin Bay from *The Baja Catch* — the highly touted “fishing bible” covering Baja's inshore



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waters of the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Cortez — reads, “Fishing inside the bay is a bust, due to weeds, shoals, and lack of fish.” This, in spite of the authors’ exhaustive research and decades of Baja experience, is the opposite of the truth. I found the bay *choked* with fish and a nursery for larger species. My average spotted bay bass has been around three pounds, though I am sure there is a world record in there at over 4 pounds 15 ounces, which is the standing mark to beat. Though much of the shoreline can be prohibitive to fishing, if you use a float tube, small boat, or kayak, the numerous ghost shrimp beds, the miles of channels and edges, and the plethora of bait makes Bahia San Quintin an excellent fishery for anyone who takes the time to explore it.

As the farming community has grown over recent decades, so has the available sportfishing fleet. Along the road leading into the Old Mill there are several sport-



San Quintin: the lay of the land. Or rather, the sea.

fishing operations where one can hire anything from a small *panga* to a fully fitted Parker. All the operators are excellent guides and know the fisheries inside and outside the bay well.

For surf anglers, the quality of barred surf

perch and corbina fishing along the beaches outside the bay to the north and south is first rate, in my opinion. Shore-pounding the accessible areas of the bay with lures or bait on high tide can produce some fat spotted bay bass, halibut, small broomtail

and gulf grouper, corbina, and bonefish. Inshore and offshore fishing for yellowtail can be “off the hook” seasonally, and the calico bass fishing around Isla San Martin is excellent.

Neil Kelly and Gene Kira, the authors of *The Baja Catch*, are rightfully respected, and I have found their accounts of fisheries on either side of

the peninsula to be accurate. But I am happy to report that they got this one wrong.

A sort of homecoming
Flash and I lived at the house on the bay for a couple years, and enjoyed every bit of it. As my work and pay waned, I continued to search out affordable spots in Mexico, and after spending some time

in Baja Sur off the Vizcaino coast, I have returned to San Quintin, my old haunt and my dog’s birthplace, and to Cielito Lindo. The old cat Molly passed at 18 years old while here last fall, and is buried nearby in a pleasant spot with a view of the volcanoes and the beach.

Even when I was not living here, the old Hollywood hangout was a required stop when passing through. It is my home port in a lot of ways, and many of the folks here are like family. As with anywhere, the San Quintin area does have some drawbacks: there is a persistent onshore wind, and the cold-water zone weather can be gray and chilly. And on the days when the wind dies during late summer and early fall, mosquitoes and gnats can be horrific. But sitting out a few breezy days per week or donning a hoodie and mosquito repellents are minor inconveniences, considering the great fishing, broad uncrowded beaches, good people, and amazing intertidal biosphere that is just a half-day’s drive from Downtown San Diego.

— Daniel Powell

Fish Report

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very knowledgeable of their fishery.

Species targeted can also make a difference in the cost of fishing. If targeting wahoo and dorado, for instance, one needs to ride a multi-day trip out of San Diego or fly into Baja Sur and hire a boat there where those species are most commonly found. Yes, we had a dorado invasion last year, with more dorado caught close to San Diego and in U.S. waters than I can remember, but much of that was young fish in the 32-inch to 40-inch and 8- to 15-pound size range. I expect we might see such an invasion by the end of this summer as well, but if you want to catch some big bull dorado, a trip south will put you on 30-to-50-pounders right now, as big dorado are being caught in good numbers within a short

panga ride out of Ensenada de Los Muertos near La Paz in the Sea of Cortez. Wahoo are biting well Off Bahia Magdalena on the Pacific side, along with some bruiser yellowfin tuna to 300 pounds.

Speaking of going south, a popular yellowtail, white seabass, and lingcod tournament that ran out of Don Eddie’s Hotel in San Quintin has been re-established under the new owners. Situated next to El Molino Viejo, Don Eddie’s offers newly-revamped pet and family-friendly accommodations, with amenities including bayfront rooms, bar and restaurant, various tours — including motorcycle, kayak, and oyster farm outings — and more. Given the 4- to 5-hour drive south of the border, this can be a great option for a family getaway. There is also a landing strip adjacent to Don Eddie’s at Campo

Lorenzo Sky Park for those with access to small planes for a quick fly-in.

The tournament will be held on August 5th, with registration and captain’s meeting on August 4th. With several panga and cruiser options on “panga row” on the road in, you don’t need your own boat to enter this Baja tournament. Pangas run around \$280 and can carry up to 4 entrants each; entry fee is \$125. For information and a full list of participating pangas, see: bajahookup.com.

As they say, “fishing is called fishing and not catching because there are no guarantees,” but there will be no catching if you don’t go fishing. And right now, whether from the beach, in the bays, just off the coast, or down to the semi-tropics of Baja Sur, the catching has been very good. They’re out there, so get out and get ‘em!



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JULY WALK IN SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON

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JULY WALK IN SAN DIEGUITO LAGOON

Join the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Wildcoast for the July Walk 'n Talk around the San Dieguito Lagoon. Learn about blue carbon research from experts at Wildcoast, in addition to hearing from river park stewards about other restoration efforts in the area. This month's Walk 'n Talk also offers the chance to participate in the Year 7 Coast to Crest Trail Challenge.

WHEN: Thursday, July 13, 9 am to 12 pm

WHERE: San Dieguito Lagoon Boardwalk and Trail, San Andres Drive at Via De La Valle, Del Mar. sdrp.org

SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE BOTANIC GARDEN

Enjoy live music and special performances, nosh on treats paired with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and stroll the garden at sunset.



SUMMER NIGHTS AT THE BOTANIC GARDEN

Summer Nights performers range from children's group Hullabaloo to jazz guitarist Peter Sprague. The Wine in the Garden event will return this year with wine tastings and presentations by certified sommelier Dane Kuta and Director of Gardens

John Clements. Amphitheater concerts and special presentations require a separate ticket, but concerts on the lawn are free with a general admission ticket.

WHEN: Thursdays, 6 pm to 7:45 pm. Through Thursday, August 17.

WHERE: San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas. sdbg.org

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MORGAN WALLEN

East Tennessean country superstar Morgan Wallen has over 18 billion on-demand streams and eight chart-toppers on country radio, and recently became the first artist to have three singles simultaneously in the top ten. The ACM Male Artist of the



MORGAN WALLEN

WHEN: Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, 7:30 pm

WHERE: Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard, East Village. petcoparkinsider.com/concerts

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DECADE OF DECADENCE 10TH ANNIVERSARY EXTRAVAGANZA

Celebrate ten years with a curated beer list, new variations, barrel-aged beers, and experimental brews, plus food



trucks including Taco Love, Krispy Boys, and Loompia Ladies. Also: merch, DJ D-Skwiz, and SD Pop-up Mini-Golf.

WHEN: Saturday, July 15, 2 pm to 6 pm

WHERE: Modern Times Beer, 3612 Kurtz Street, Point Loma. moderntimesbeer.com/decade-of-decadence/

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OVER THE LINE TOURNAMENT

Over-the-line is a bat-and-ball sport related to baseball and softball. It involves a batter, pitcher, and fielders, but each game requires only three people per team. These world championship games will continue until dark on both weekends. First-weekend games are three innings and second-weekend games are four innings. The Men's Open final on Sunday will have a time limit imposed. Spectators welcome.

WHEN: Saturday, July 15, through Sunday, July 23, 7:30 am
WHERE: Fiesta Island, 1500 Fiesta Island Road, Bay Park. ombac.org/over-the-line



SATURDAY, JULY 15, TO SUNDAY, JULY 23: OVER THE LINE TOURNAMENT

SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

Horizon SouthBay Church

Contact: 3737 Sweetwater Rd., National City, 619-500-2663, www.horizonsouthbay.com

Membership: 100+

Pastor: Eric Martin

Age: 51

Born: Charleston, SC

Formation: San Diego State University; Horizon Christian Fellowship-School of Evangelism, San Diego

Years Ordained: 17

San Diego Reader: What is the mission of your church?

Pastor Eric Martin: Our mission is the same as every Calvary Chapel church—to win, disciple, and send. We win people to Christ through evangelization, by going out into the

community to help people come to know who Jesus Christ is and how, through him, they may have eternal life. We disciple people by teaching the word of God in Bible studies and foundation classes, and by showing others who have come to Christ how to outreach and evangelize — how to teach God's word to others. Then, finally, we send people out to continue to do the work of bringing others to Jesus Christ.

SDR: Where's the strangest place you found God?

PM: One day I was riding the downtown trolley, trying to get to where I was going, when I felt God telling me to share the gospel with

my fellow passengers. But I responded, "I don't think that's what I'd like to do right now, so if you really want me to do this, you're going to have to point to one person I'll share your word with. But to stand up and share your word with everyone—that's not something I'm comfortable with." So, I didn't do it and I felt guilty. I kept thinking that maybe someone on the trolley that day needed to hear God's word and I didn't share it. So, I prayed and sought the Lord and asked him for repentance. The next week, I was on the trolley again and I knew in my heart that I was going to share God's word. I shared what Jesus says in John

7:38: "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. He who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." I finished speaking and thought that no one was listening — everyone had their earphones in their ears. But as I began to sit down, people began clapping — and someone gave me money, shook my hand and said, "I never heard someone share the gospel or God on the trolley before. Thank you!" And I thought at that moment that I had found my calling. I was going to be a trolley preacher. So, I got onto another trolley and shared again. But this time no one listened and no one



Eric Martin

responded. That's when I realized that whatever else God wanted out of me that day, he just wanted me to be faithful and obedient to him. **SDR:** Where do you go when you die?

EM: I believe what the Bible teaches — that there is a heaven and a hell. Whoever confesses Jesus as their lord

and savior will go to heaven and be with God in heaven. However, those who do not, will be in hell — will suffer separation from God for all eternity. Because of both the promise of heaven and the threat of hell, we want to share the gospel with as many people as possible, to let them know there is hope in Jesus Christ. God does not desire that anyone goes to hell. He's provided a way to heaven through his son's death and resurrection, but God also respects free will. If someone is determined not to be with God in heaven, God respects that decision.

— Joseph O'Brien

Find more Sheep and Goats columns at SDReader.com/worship/

HOW TO SEND US YOUR LISTING: Have an event? We want it! Festivals, lectures, sporting events (including surfing, kayaking, and sailing), Meetups, conventions, book signings, art gallery openings, conferences, dance performances, expos, poetry readings, classes & workshops — all are welcome. You can submit an event at sdreader.com/events/submit.

ANIMAL FRIENDS

Sip and snack alongside Scripps scientists as they dive into the details of their research in a fun format, perfect for all ages. From sharks, plankton, penguins, heatwaves, and more, you will get a taste of some of the incredible research taking place at Scripps and talk with the people behind it. Visit aquarium.ucsd.edu/family-friendly-happy-hours for scientists scheduled. Wednesday, July 19, 5pm; \$19-\$24. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

ART

Comic Savvy: Stars & Stripes Edition Browse a large library of comic books and graphic novels with free comic books and graphic novels for attendees to go through and take home. Pooches are welcome too. Friday, July 14, 7pm; **free**. Little Fish Comic Book Studio, 6822-B El Cajon Boulevard. (ROLANDO)

AUTOMOTIVE

Cars & Coffee Discounted admission price or partake in the completely 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. Sunday, July 16, 7:30am; **free**. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

BEER

3rd Anniversary Party Kick-off the celebrations with a keep the glass special, specialty draft release, specialty beer slushie, and more. Friday, July 14, 11am; **free**. Pure Project Carlsbad, 2825 State St. (CARLSBAD)

Decade of Decadence 10th Anniversary Extravaganza Celebrate ten years with a curated beer list, including new variations, barrel-aged beers, and experimental brews, with food trucks including Taco Love, Krispy Boys, and Loompia Ladies, merch, DJ D-Skwiz, SD Pop-up Mini-Golf. Tickets include unlimited 2oz pours, and Designated Driver tickets are available. Saturday, July 15, 2pm; \$10-\$50. 21 and up. Modern Times Beer, 3612 Kurtz Street. (POINT LOMA)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Frank Uhle: Cinema Ann Arbor Book Signing Conversation with author Frank Uhle (Cinema Ann Arbor) and a curated program of rare experimental films from the 1960s and '70s with Ann Arbor connections. Sunday, July 16, 3pm; \$12. 21 and up. Digital Gym Cinema, 1100 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Philip Fracassi: Boys in the Valley Philip Fracassi will sign copies of *Boys in the Valley*, a coming-of-age tale. Saturday, July

15, 3pm; **free**. Artifact Books, 603 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Weekends with Locals: Jeffery Wiederkehr Weekends with Locals will be hosting Jeffery Wiederkehr, author of *Closer*. Sunday, July 16, 2:30pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Lee Polevoi Weekends with Locals will be hosting Lee Polevoi, author of *The Confessions of Gabriel Ash*. Sunday, July 16, 12pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Adult Summer Learning July 15: Cooking Class with Healthy Adventures Foundation. Sign up required, or call (858)-513-2900 July 22: Frankly Swingin Concert. July 29: Macramé by ToshWerks. Sign-up required, or call (858)513-2900 Saturday, July 15, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

American Mahjong for Beginners Learn the basics and fundamental rules of Mahjong. Classes will include handouts and time for gameplay. Thursday, July 13, 10am; \$165-\$190. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

Artist & Entrepreneur Workshop In this workshop Joe and Christine give specific attention to mindset, finances, job creation, budgeting, and money management for young artists, approximately college or high school-aged. Conference Center, Felecita Room. Wednesday, July 19, 6pm; \$35. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, 340 N. Escondido Boulevard. (ESCONDIDO)

Improv Classes Taught by Chicago-trained improv teacher, Chris Shurland. Tuesday, July 18, 7pm; **free**-\$10. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Intro to SoulCollage Workshop Learn the intuitive process of making your own oracle cards with SoulCollage. All materials pro-

vided. Limited parking available on site. Sunday, July 16, 11am; \$88. You Belong Here, 3619 El Cajon Boulevard. (CITY HEIGHTS)

Raising Backyard Chickens Workshop Join Solana Center's experienced educators for this free workshop where you will learn the basics and many benefits of raising

chickens at home. Saturday, July 15, 10am; **free**. Ramona Ranch Winery, 23578 Highway 78. (RAMONA)

Self-Defense Class, EFT Workshop, Sound Bath Walking Tall Series Friday, July 14, 5pm; **free**-\$55. Pier To Point Wellness & Spa, 4166 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)



You probably will never qualify for Medical Aid in Dying

Most people suffering from debilitating, painful, and incurable diseases are not eligible for Medical Aid in Dying (MAID). Not a single Alzheimer's patient, for example, qualifies for MAID.

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The Hemlock Society of San Diego invites you to a presentation by the Final Exit Network, whose primary purpose is to educate individuals with incurable diseases and irremediable suffering on how to end their lives peacefully.

Saturday, August 16, 1:30pm PDT

Register in advance for the Zoom link at hemlocksocietysandiego.org

COMEDY

American Me Comedy Benefit: Randy Jones Foundation

Benefit for The Randy Jones Foundation. Comics including Kevin Mac, host Jason Rogers, “Dr Botox” Danielle Marr Collins (“Dublin Housewives”), Anya Zova, Dylan Fisher, and San Diego’s own Bob Hansen. Wednesday, July 19, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

Doug Loves Movies: Comic Con Edition Doug Benson has hosted the weekly comedy podcast Doug Loves Movies since 2006. If you love movies, you’ll love DOUG LOVES MOVIES!! Wednesday, July 19, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Dude Perfect Sunday, July 16, 7:30pm; \$29-\$199. Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

Free Comedy Night Jackson Banks headlines, featuring Nicole Becannon, Nic Flair, Kyle Wang, Ali Majed, Al-Dhalimi & Alex Petit. Friday, July 14, 8pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Jourdain Fisher Bits Comedy Presents JOURDAIN FISHER w/ Orion Levine & guest hosted by Jarwan Nelson Monday, July 17, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

DANCE

City Ballet On The Move 2023

WITHOUT BOUNDS showcases three all-new works. Resident Choreographers Elizabeth Wistrich and Geoffrey Gonzalez premiere their new works. And Brian Heil, a native San Diegan and City Ballet dance artist, debuts his first-ever ballet. Friday, July 14, 8pm; Saturday, July 15, 8pm; \$39-\$59. Epstein Family Amphitheater, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

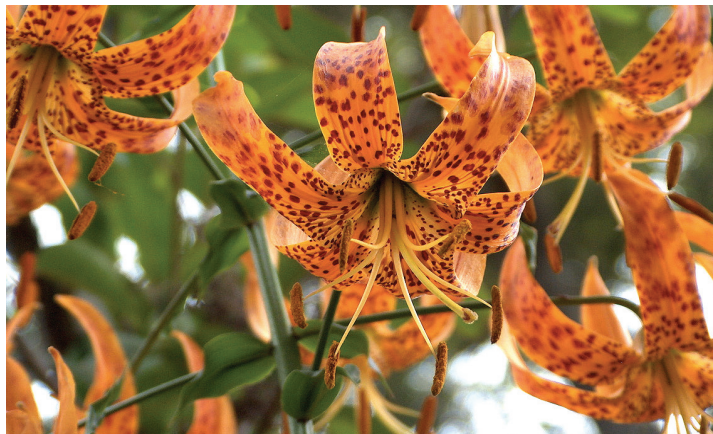
Discover Modern Square Dancing No partner, special attire, or experience is needed. Saturday, July 15, 6pm; \$10. St. James Catholic Church, 625 South Nardo Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

OUTDOORS

Colorful hibiscus decorates older neighborhoods, Native lilies bloom

Colorful Foliage Along San Diego’s Coastline Lingers, despite the lack of rainfall and warmer, drier days. In the older, landscaped neighborhoods of Coronado, Point Loma, Pacific Beach, and La Jolla, you’ll find oleander and hibiscus blooming in many shades and colorful bougainvillea creeping over garden walls. Look for the magnificent clusters of red flowers adorning the crowns of the flame eucalyptus (red-flowering gum) trees.

Native Lilies, Such As The Humboldt Lily, Are Blooming This Month in widely scattered, moist locations throughout San Diego County’s higher mountains. To find them, take a walk on the



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THE HUMBOLDT LILY GENERALLY GROWS IN CANYONS OR ON NORTH FACING SLOPES.



A LIPSTICK COLORED HIBISCUS, *ROSA-SINENSIS* (FROM THE FAMILY *MALVACEAE*), IS ONE OF MANY DIFFERENT COLORED HIBISCUS FLOWERS FOUND AT THE SAN DIEGO ZOO.

Noble Canyon Trail in the Laguna Mountains, or explore the pine woodlands of Palomar Mountain State Park. The large, nodding flowers of the lilies — orange or yellow with brown spots — grow in clusters on stems two to eight feet tall.

July 13, If We Have Clear Skies, Check Out Mercury as it’s poised just to the left of the thin crescent Moon, with Venus a bit further to the left. This is a great opportunity to view some of our closest planetary neighbors.

July 17 at 11:32 AM Will Be the New Moon. According to the age-old practice of planting by the Moon, the ground is the most fertile the days leading up to and the days following the new Moon. It might be a good time to plant another round of Summer veggies — or your first round, if you live along the coast and have been waiting for the marine layer to burn off.

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.

FILM

Shark Week Trivia Night and Dive-In Movie Trivia will begin promptly at 7pm followed by a poolside screening of everyone’s favorite classic shark-themed movie, *JAWS* at 8pm. A specialty blue foamy “Sharkbait” cocktail made with Locals Only Vodka will be available on the night for those who take part in the night. Guests will be able to win prizes. Friday, July 14, 6:30pm; **free**. Pearl, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

FOR KIDS

Circus Family Day Summer Circus Exhibit: make your way around the museum while participating in circus-themed crafts, a Scavenger Hunt, and games. Admission to Circus Family Day is included with museum admission, and kids 12 and under get in free. Saturday, July 15, 10am; **free**-\$19. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Oceanography Merit Badge Days Scouts BSA youth are invited to enroll at the 4th Annual Oceanography Merit Badge Days. The program gives local scouting youth

the opportunity to more deeply explore the ocean that is so integral to the San Diego community. Saturday, July 15, 9am; \$25-\$60. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

SD Nights: Gaming Bus Join SD Nights in the parking video game truck for a free program courtesy of County of San Diego Parks and Recreation. Wednesday, July 19, 3pm; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Tango’s Gotcha Celebration Celebrate Tango’s “Gotcha Day” with Elmo, the beloved red monster, who adopted the pup and named her after her passion for music and dancing. Thursday, July 13, 10am; Sesame Place San Diego, 2052 Entertainment Circle. (CHULA VISTA)

LECTURES

Dura Europos Pompeii of the Syrian Desert Dr. Suhail H. Zavarro presents an historical presentation and discussion: Dura Europos, Pompeii of the Syrian Desert, home of the world’s oldest church and synagogue. In partnership with the San Diego County Middle Eastern Employee Resource Group. Sunday, July 16, 2pm; **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

NATURE

Birding With All Your Senses

Join Ornithologist Anderson for an easy stroll on a path in the canyon with many birds both visible and calling. Bring sturdy shoes, binoculars and coverups. Handouts and checklists will be provided. Meet at the Preserve Sign at the west end of Canyonside Park Drive-way. Sponsored by the Friends of los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve. Thursday, July 13, 7:45am; **free**. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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 our pet. Monday, July 17, 2pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Guided Bird Walk Join MTRP birders Millie Basden and Cindy Cornelius for a guided bird walk along the scenic shore of Lake Murray. Meet in the far south end of the parking lot off Kiowa Dr. Bring

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binoculars if you have them. Wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes, and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Friday, July 14, 8am; Saturday, July 15, 8am; **free**. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. With warmer weather the wildflowers are bursting with color, birds are nesting, and the whole park is green! Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. Saturday, July 15, 9:30am, Sunday, July 16, 9:30am, Wednesday, July 19, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

July Walk N Talk Join the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy and Wildcoast for the July Walk N Talk around the San Dieguito Lagoon. Learn about blue carbon research from experts at Wildcoast, in addition to hearing from river park stewards about other restoration efforts in the area. Event and parking are free Register @ sdrcv.org/events/. Thursday, July 13, 9am; **free**. San Dieguito Lagoon Boardwalk and Trail, San Andres Drive at Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)

SPECIAL
EVENTS

Positive Phee: Sip & Style Positive Phee circular fashion event starting at \$45 for a bag of clothes & a drink. Sunday, July 16, 11:30am; \$45-\$65. Kairoa Brewing Company, 4601 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

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, July 13, 6:30pm; \$15. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

SPORTS &
FITNESS

Gaslamp Skate Sunday Series The Sunset Roller Club is a diverse group of skaters at every level. Sunday, July 16, 5pm; **free**. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Over the Line Tournament Saturday, July 15, 11am; Sunday, July 16, 11am; Fiesta Island, 1500 Fiesta Island Road. (BAY PARK)



Underground: Ben Folds as the voice of a generation?

THEATER

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13, the Musical Evan Goldman is about to turn thirteen, and he can't wait. When he is forced to move with his mom from

big-city New York to podunk Appleton, Indiana, he must find a way to fit in. If Evan can't get the coolest kids to come to his bar mitzvah, how is he going to survive the school year, not to mention, the rest of his life? As Evan navigates the world of cool kids and nerds, jocks and cheerleaders, first kisses and heartbreak, he comes to understand "What it Means to Be a Friend." With a bright, catchy pop score from Jason Robert Brown. SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-433-8900. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Bottle Shock 1976. Before Napa was Napa, a small group of California underdogs took on the establishment. The world of wine would never be the same. Based on the incredible true story of *The Judgment of Paris*, *Bottle Shock* is a tale about love, fermentation, and the spirit of rock 'n roll. CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 N. ESCONDIDO BL., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4138. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, & SUNDAYS.

Cotton Patch Gospel The Gospel of Matthew in the American south, backed by a live bluegrass band. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 1PM SUNDAYS.

Disney's Beauty and the Beast Step into the enchanted world of Broadway's classic, Disney's Beauty and the Beast, an international sensation that has been produced in 37 countries worldwide. Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical. This "tale as old as time" classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end, and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all

eternity. Rated: G STAR THEATRE, 402 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-721-9983. 7:30PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Is It Thursday Yet? La Jolla Playhouse presents a Dance of Discovery. A Brain in Motion. A Life on the Spectrum. Dancer and choreographer Jenn Freeman was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder in 2021 at age 33. Inspired by a deep curiosity to examine her childhood memories through this new lens, Jenn found a way to illuminate her story using the language she knows best: Dance. *Is It Thursday Yet?* invites you into the unique complexities of Jenn's neurodivergent brain through dance, live music and home video footage. Original live music from Holland Andrews is woven with audio narrations from Jenn's therapist, vocals, clarinet, drums and electronic music. Scenic design by Tony Award-winner Rachel Hauck is inspired by Jenn's sensory sensitivities to texture, color, light and sound. This new work is co-created and directed by choreographer Sonya Tayeh (Tony Award-winner for *Moulin Rouge*). MANDELL WEISS FORUM, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

The Kitchen Witches by Caroline Smith Lamplighters Theatre presents its 85th season opener: Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two cable-access cooking show hostesses who have hated each other for 30 years, ever since Larry Biddle dated one and married the other. When circumstances put them together on a TV show called *The Kitchen Witches*, the insults are flung harder than the food. Dolly's long-suffering TV-producer son Stephen tries to keep them on track, but when the show becomes a ratings smash, Stephen loses control of his two stars. Blend Martha Stewart with Paula Dean...add a heavy dash of Jerry Springer...bring to a boil and enjoy. Cast: Christine McCoy, Jo-Darlene Reardon, Walter Ruskin, Jame Voss. Directed by Sarah Mosby LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Little Shop of Horrors A deviously delicious Broadway and Hollywood sci-fi smash musical, Little Shop Of Horrors will devour the

hearts of theatre goers. The meek floral assistant Seymour Krelborn stumbles across a new breed of plant he names "Audrey II" - after his coworker crush. This foul-mouthed, R carnivore promises unending fame and fortune to the down and out Krelborn as long as he keeps feeding it, BLOOD. Over time, though, Seymour discovers Audrey II's out of this world origins and intent towards global domination! This show will be performed with an adult cast (7/14, 7/16, and 7/22) and a teen cast (7/15, 7/21, and 7/23) in Redwood Hall MISSION HILLS HIGH SCHOOL, 1 MISSION HILLS COURT, SAN MARCOS. 760-290-2700. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

Passengers Television's Sam the Cooking Guy famously opened a joint in Little Italy called Not Not Tacos. "Well, they're not *not* tacos." *Passengers*, a train-based show staged by the Montreal-based troupe The 7 Fingers, is not the circus. I mean sure, you've got your twirled hoops, your juggled balls, your climbing silks, your climbing straps, your climbing pole, your hanging trapeze, your dancers and acrobats, your routines and skits... But as the program informs us, the troupe's founders "set out to redefine circus by stripping down the spectacle to its thrilling essence." That's both true and not. True, there are no bright colors to distract the eye, and few gags to fill the space between routines. (There's a reason for the somber tone and look; writer/director/choreographer Shana Carroll lost a friend and collaborator shortly after beginning work on the project.) Instead, we get songs about lovers meeting and separating, monologues about traveling in an effort to find oneself, and an extended attempt to explain Einstein's famous "man on the train" thought experiment about the way time moves differently for bodies in motion. (That one gets punched up with jokes, thank goodness.) The props are limited mostly to suitcases, chairs, and luggage carts, with decoration served up via monochromatic train-themed projections. So yes, stripped down, so as not to distract from the genuinely breath-taking physical feats of dexterity and strength. (Reader, I gasped — repeatedly.) But also gussied up with vague intimations of significance — performative meditations on bodies in motion. Speaking of bodies: the feeling that endured as I left the theater was something akin to awe at the glory of the bodies at work here — both the feats they achieved and the innovation and grace with which they interacted. OLD GLOBE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

Wild West Whodunit Journey back to the 1880s with a Wild West Whodunit Dinner Theater with the legendary Wyatt Earp in an immersive production, complete with authentic costumes, mesmerizing props, and merchandise. HORTON GRAND HOTEL, 311 ISLAND AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. 800-542-1886. 6PM THURSDAY.

World Premiere of Underground You do a jukebox musical, you have to make a choice: either the songs serve the story, or the story serves the songs. *Underground*, which

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(mostly) artfully weaves original musical material in and around the catalog of Gen X ambassador of angst Ben Folds, chooses the latter path, offering up a dizzying array of storylines among the employees, regulars, and newcomers at the sort of small-town bar that still puts the local high school football game on the big screen. Speaking of “among” — you the audience are among the bar’s denizens, buying drinks from the cast before the opening curtain, and watching them careen through your midst as they belt out their lamentations and (occasional) celebrations. It’s an engaging tactic, one that’s much needed, due to the muchness on display — with this many stories, it would be easy to get overwhelmed and pull an emotional check-out. Local-band-made-briefly-good Dick Holster is here, minus one. There’s a Pretty Girl and a Nice Guy serving drinks, along with a couple of exes. (So many exes!) There’s an old guy who just lost his job, a new guy who once lost his mom, a guy who’s always on the verge of leaving... It’s all recognizable and real enough — Folds knows his business, and the cast knows Folds — but it’s tough to stuff so many dramatic arcs into one night at a bar. Adding to the overwhelm (though maybe just mine): the space is small, and the music is big. I’m not sure the mics were necessary. Still: if local theater needs new blood in the audience to survive, this counts as a big step in the right direction.

CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

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.

Asteroid City — Wes Anderson looks to the heavens. Mostly in the material sense: the story here concerns a gathering of Science Kids for a convention in the desert adjacent to the titular space rock, and it turns out they’re not the only interested parties. But also, and perhaps more importantly, in the immaterial sense: the father of one of those kids has his wife’s ashes in tow, and finds at the outset that the time has come to tell his kids that Mom is dead. And since she was Christian, maybe in heaven, but probably not — he doesn’t believe in all that. She’s dust in a Tupperware container, and he’s a widowed war photographer who always gets his shot, and that’s that. The kids, however, are more inclined to make meaning — as is Anderson. As with The Grand Budapest Hotel, the story here is nested: we begin with a television program about the making of the play we’re seeing — though it’s not an actual play, just a reasonable simulacrum for illustrative purposes. It’s worth asking why, and what’s being illustrated — and worth paying attention to the seemingly bonkers scene in which the play’s cast cries out, “You

can’t wake up if you don’t fall asleep.” As ever, the mannered speech and meticulous framing lend a certain unreality to the proceedings — to say nothing of the brightly saturated image — but it’s hardly style for style’s sake. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Elemental — Once, Pixar made us cry, because there is sadness in life. Now, Pixar gives us a character who cries, because that’s funny. A character whose family plays a game where the object is to make each other cry. “Butterfly. Windshield wiper. Half a butterfly.” Ho ho — recreational emotional manipulation, get it? Just like going to a Pixar movie! We cried because Pixar gave us consequences, many of them having to do with the passage of time and the inevitability of change. Here, the change — assimilation — is hardly inevitable, even if it’s probable, but the film’s whole project is the removal of consequences. Absolute absolution. Fire Dad wants to keep alive the flame that holds all his cultural patrimony, but all that seems to mean to dutiful Fire Daughter is taking over the family shop in Element City (which, despite its name, was “not made with fire people in mind”). Daughter also has trouble with her hot temper, which her chill new water buddy explains as “me trying to tell me something I’m not ready to hear.” Is this really why angry people are angry — because they are mysteries to themselves, and not because the world wounds them? Or is it just a setup for our heroine’s journey of self-discovery, from “I’m a bad daughter!” to...well, something else? Of course, the occasion for assimilation is often intermarriage, so all

this “tradition of our people” nonsense can easily be made into background for a Water-Meets-Fire rom-com that, alas, is more soggy than steamy. And even there, the cultural differences get reduced to commercial — the couple’s big fight hinges more on questions of economic class than anything anyone might want to pass on to their kids. (2023) — M.L. ● (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Lynch/Oz — Cracking the enigma of David Lynch is as simple as watching *The Wizard of Oz*, so claims *Lynch/Oz*. Divided into six chapters, the video essay features a range of critics and filmmakers engaging in discussions about the thematic and visual parallels between David Lynch and the iconic Victor Fleming film. While a few commentators, notably Jon Waters, offer insightful observations, most meander aimlessly as the film cuts between Fleming’s *Oz* and Lynch’s work, attempting to evoke a sense of continuity that eludes its narration. The result is an overemphasis on Lynch’s indebtedness to *Oz*, creating a distorted and narrow perspective that fails to do justice to Lynch’s artistry as a director who blurs the boundary between the ordinary and the extraordinary. Attempting to bring that boundary into sharp focus feels inherently wrong, akin to forsaking the technicolor magic of *Oz* to return to a sepia-toned Kansas. (2023) — R.B. ★ (DIGITAL GYM)

Mission: Impossible: Dead Reckoning: Part One — The Summer of Echoes continues in surprising fashion: who woulda thunk that the much-lauded *Mission: Impossible* series would trot out so many of the same elements as the

rather less-lauded *Fast X*? Where to start, besides a lengthy runtime and a half-finished storyline? How about the return of a villain from our hero’s past, a villain who specifically delights in causing suffering even more than he delights in killing? And in both cases, he’s portentously presented as the satanic opposite to our sainted hero — *Fast X*’s baddie gets called “the Devil” and taunts “Saint Dominic,” while *MI:DR:P1* gives us a “Dark Messiah” going up against Tom Cruise’s Ethan Hunt, who must not only save the world, but must do while bearing his particular cross. There’s the extended car chase through Rome — but perhaps that’s just de rigueur at this point, and the climactic explosion isn’t quite the same. What’s perhaps most troublesome is the dramatic fatigue indicated by going meta: *Fast X* acknowledged its cheerful rejection of the laws of physics, while here we get an extended exchange on the absurdity of a rogue super-agent who is offered missions that he may or may not choose to accept. (All because he was once a bad boy who was offered “a choice” — make sure you pronounce it with sufficient gravitas and grandeur!) Cruise the stuntman is reliably spectacular here, but Cruise the actor seems a bit scattered, perhaps because he has two women to care about this time ‘round, and an enemy who is more machine than man. And Hunt the character? He fails personally when it counts, but suffers not a single consequence. Sigh. As for director Christopher McQuarrie, he relies a bit too much on hey presto sleight of hand and the pleasing jolt of watching marbles in a maze careen off one another in precise fashion to reach

the desired end. (2023) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

No Hard Feelings — 2010’s “it girl” Jennifer Lawrence makes a bold return to the big screen in a raunchy sex comedy that harkens back to the mid-2000s. Too old to be the hot girl next door, Lawrence plays a 32-year-old vamp trying to seduce a 19-year-old at the behest of his helicopter parents. But instead of a hookup, this Gen-Z virgin just wants a real connection. With a paper-thin plot, *No Hard Feelings* is held together by the charisma of its two leads who skillfully deliver enough vulgar gags to leave audiences laughing throughout most of the film’s runtime. (2023) — R.B. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Past Lives — An aching tale about the bonds of love, *Past Lives* explores the magnetic connection between Nora, a married playwright who immigrated from Korea to New York, and her childhood sweetheart Hae Sung. Spanning 24 years, the film traces the inexpressible threads that pull people together and the fateful realities that unspool their tender desires. There are no sweeping romantic gestures. Instead, the characters maintain an emotional decorum that is profoundly human as they come to grips with the sweet seduction of nostalgia and the inability to get out of it. For those yearning for another installment in Richard Linklater’s *Before* trilogy, I suspect they will find *Past Lives* to be a worthy spiritual successor. (2023) — R.B. ★★★★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)





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The Sess: revived band welcomes vinyl revival

Styrofoam cuts vinyl

David McHank of Styrofoam Records is an artist whose 30-year career includes illustrating posters and album covers, as well as venturing into animated shorts around a decade ago. Mike Molina is a videographer for Robles Productions. The two make up half of what partner (and local brewer) Jeff Wiederkehr calls “a four headed monster of art, music and vinyl nerds” with photographer Ben Heiderich rounding out the company.

“When Mike joined us, we said to him, ‘This is a fun way to lose money every month,’” says McHank of the group’s formation — the organic result of friends with a common passion. “We started it, in theory, late in 2021, but we didn’t get a physical release out until March 2023. By then, Jeff from Burning Beard Brewing Company joined in, and Mike Molina joined our family about a month after that.” According to Wiederkehr, “I was trying to start a Burning Beard record label, but I was having difficulty pulling it all together by myself. And while waiting for a few pressing houses to get back to me, McHank called and asked if I wanted to start a record label with him.”

Named after a Fugazi song, Styrofoam Records’ records are hand-made from an eight-foot sheet of plastic that has been cut and shaped to size, and then recorded in real time at Tennessee-based Funky Fran-

kenstein. “Real time” means exactly what it sounds like: if a record contains 40 minutes of music, the recording will take 40 minutes to manufacture. Audiophiles report an increase in sound quality results. Products are limited to 100 copies and released in batches of 50. Bands sell the records at their shows and, when they run out, another batch can be created and the process repeated.

Wiederkehr’s ties to the local music scene meant he brought a performer’s insight to the label, having been a member of Brick Bath, Mud Hound, and Mildred Pierce (whose opening acts included Stone Temple Pilots). When signing bands to the label, “We look for the diamonds in the rough,” he says. “Gems that might be undiscovered or might need a little help creating some really cool collectible merch.” McHank is the one who collaborates with the performers to hand create stickers, patches, and a custom ‘zine that accompanies the vinyl. His enthralment with the scene from a fan’s standpoint complements his partners’ expertise. All that resulted in the label’s first signing: The Sess.

“Our dear friend McHank has been a dedicated supporter of our band right from its humble beginnings,” says Sess guitarist/vocalist Sam Rivera. “Ever since we reunited and started playing music together again, The Sess has ignited a renewed passion within us to keep performing and creating.

Our plans include playing more live shows and, for the first time, releasing our debut album on vinyl.” The record sold out at the release party, prompting Styrofoam to issue cassette tapes for purchase at the Burning Beard Brewery location. The label also provided tapes for South Park’s Vinyl Junkies and Reanimated Records in La Mesa.

“We got the cassettes so people could buy an analog, tangible copy until we get more records in,” says McHank. “It’s also an economical option for the budget-conscious punk rockers of today.” On his own social media, McHank offers advice on where to purchase a cassette player — a true crusader for the cause of physical media. Streaming platforms have made more music accessible for less money, but that has come at the expense of artists, and arguably, lessened people’s connection to the material they’re hearing. A large segment of listeners can’t say what album a song is from, and have never spent time staring at a record sleeve, reading the lyrics, and immersing themselves in the experience.

Regardless, Rivera at The Sess feels there are still customers for all media. “We’re at a point where both digital and physical formats can coexist harmoniously,” he says. Still, “physical media, especially vinyl records, has experienced a remarkable resurgence. As a passionate record enthusiast, witnessing this revival has been truly amazing.”

The label’s operations stand in opposition to those of the all-encompassing conglomerates. But rather than being a nostalgic throwback, it’s a continuation of the DIY ethics of Dischord, Epitaph, and SST. “Business-wise, this isn’t feasible at all,” says Wiederkehr. “This is more of an art project than a business.”

McHank echoes that sentiment. “It’s hard to think of it as a business. Really, we just want to make things. So we do.”

— Spike Steffenhagen

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Alila Marea Beach Resort:
Thursday, 5pm — Johnny Martin.

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

Beach House Grill:
Friday, 7:30pm — The Floozies.

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

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 6pm — Atomic Groove's Twilight Throwback. \$12-\$21.
Friday & Saturday, 8pm — They Might Be Giants. \$42-\$74.
Sunday, 8pm — Scary Goldings. \$22-\$39.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Graham Nash. \$175.
Wednesday, 8pm — Heartless Bastards. \$30.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:
Saturday, 6pm — Mercedes Moore Band. Free.

Brick by Brick:
Thursday, 7pm — Spitalfield and Shane Henderson. \$20-\$25.
Friday, 7:30pm — Broadway Rave. \$15-\$25.
Saturday, 7pm — Eyes Set To Kill and Krashkarma. \$15-\$18.

Cannonball:
Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.
Tuesday, 5pm — Casey Turner.

Casbah:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Sons of Zapata and More than Circles. \$12.
Saturday, 8pm — Bumbklaatt and Fleshies. \$15.



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Sunday, 7:30pm — Rosie Flores.

Crafted Culture:
Friday, 6pm — Mike Myrdal.

Crossings at Carlsbad:
Friday, 5pm — Mirage. Free.

Cuyamaca College:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Villa Musica Wind Ensemble. Free.

Diamond Palace:
Thursday, 6pm — The Rubin Bros. Free.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:
Saturday, 7pm — Son of Kane.
Tuesday, 6:30pm — Blues Organ Jam.

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

Encinitas Community and Senior Center:
Saturday, 2:30pm — North Coast Symphony Tribute to Heroes. \$10-\$12.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:
Friday, 6pm — Jesse Johnson.
Saturday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.
Tuesday, 6pm — Jason Graham.
Wednesday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

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

Farmer & the Seahorse:
Thursday, 4:30pm — Freddie Walton.
Friday, 4:30pm — Sean McCole.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, Hillcrest:
Thursday, 7pm — Thrive: SDWC Annual Pride Concert 2023. \$20-\$35.

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Sunday, 5pm — West of 5. Free.

Golden Island:
Friday, 6pm — Eric Evans Project. Free.

Hacienda on the Hill:
Saturday, 7:30pm — Black Market III Release Party.

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

House of Blues:
Thursday, 7pm — Babytron and Certified Trapper. \$25-\$75.
Thursday, 7:30pm — Lamorn. \$15.
Friday, 7:30pm — 03 Greedo. \$35-\$80.
Friday, 7:30pm — Leanna Firestone. \$19.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Ekkstacy. \$56-\$114.

L'Auberge Del Mar:
Thursday, 5pm — Jesse Johnson.
Friday, 7pm — Johnny Martin.
Saturday, 7pm — Helena Holleran.
Wednesday, 5pm — Tolan Shaw.

La Mesa Wine Works:
Sunday, 1pm — Garza Quintet. Free.

La Valencia Hotel:
Thursday, 5:30pm — David Shyde.
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, 6pm — Shea Givens.
Sunday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

Lakehouse Hotel & Resort:
Saturday, 4:30pm — Elton Dan & The Rocket Band. \$45.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:
Saturday, 7pm — TJ Moss.

Lou's Records:
Saturday, 7pm — Local Natives.

Mission Bay Resort:
Thursday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.
Friday, 6pm — Casey Turner.
Saturday, 6pm — Puro Feeling.
Sunday, 6pm — Kai Kalama.
Tuesday, 6pm — Jesse Johnson.
Wednesday, 6pm — Joanna Gerolaga.

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

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 9pm — Operation 80s.
Friday, 9pm — Maturation Sol.
Saturday, 9pm — Lovealot.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Lead Pony Record Release. \$15.
Friday, 7:30pm — Queens of Country Party. \$12-\$140.
Saturday, 8pm — Furrageous. \$40-\$720.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Ticket to the Moon. \$16.

Navajo Live:
Thursday, 9pm — The Fourth Section. Free.
Friday, 7:30pm — The Joshua 3 and Natural Science. \$5-\$7.

Nick & G's:
Friday, 7pm — Joe Rathburn.

Observatory North Park:
Friday, 7pm — Circle Jerks. \$35-\$120.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Small Town Murder. \$39.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Between the Buried and Me. \$25.

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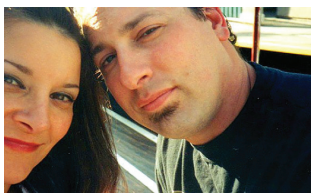
JULY 13



Psych/blues rock group Lead Pony released their debut EP *Eclipse* in 2017, followed the next year by a double-single, “Two Love Songs.” The band toured behind the records and landed a song on the TV show *Shameless*. They’ll debut their *Vultures* full-length, recorded with producer Trevor Spencer (Fleet Foxes, Father John Misty, Beach House), in Little Italy, on a bill that includes Ten Bulls and Moondaddy.

BLACK MARKET III at Hacienda on the Hill

JULY 15



Formed by Scottie “Mad Dog” Blinn in-between recording and touring with the Mississippi Mudsharks, Black Market III (originally known as Black Market Baby) plays hard-hitting, soulful blues, and Americana roots music. Blinn’s tenure fronting the Mudsharks includes multiple San Diego Music Awards and nominations (three wins, twelve nominations), and several European blues chart topping CDs. Black Market III will debut their new record *Soul Survivor* in Lakeside, with opening act Stephen El Rey.

SLIGHTLY STOOPID at Petco Park

JULY 16



Ska-flavored pop-punkers Slightly Stoopid made their concert debut in 1994 at Soma. Formed in Ocean Beach, the band specializes in a fusion of acoustic rock, blues, reggae, hip-hop, and punk. A few months ago, their single “Closer to the Sun” was awarded a Gold disc by the RIAA. Their headline appearance at the East Village ballpark includes Sublime With Rome. Atmosphere, and The Movement.

THE TOURMALINERS at Tio Leo's

JULY 18



The Tourmaliners (pronounced Tur-Mo-LEEN-ers) are fronted by Deven Berryhill, the son of Bob Berryhill, founding member and guitarist of the '60s surf rock group the Surfaris. Their 12-inch vinyl *Surfidia* just dropped via Pacific/Sharawaji Records, along with a music video for the album track “Swanky” featuring Eddie Angel from Los Straitjackets. They’re playing an outdoor show on July 18 in Bay Park, as well as a Five Year Anniversary celebration on July 21 at Oceanside’s Moose Lodge.

TOLAN SHAW at L'Auberge Del Mar

JULY 19



Smooth serenader Tolan Shaw is best known as a member of The New Archaic, who won Best New Artist at the 2009 San Diego Music Awards. After winning first place as Best Songwriter at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar, Shaw took off on a songwriting journey through Latin America, traveling through 11 countries and 72 cities. He recently released a five song EP called *Little Moon*, the nickname of his five month-old daughter Dela, which he’ll showcase in Del Mar.

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Tuesday, 7:30pm — Jesse & Joy. \$55.

Panama 66:

Thursday, 6pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. **Free.**

Petco Park:

Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm — Morgan Wallen.
Sunday, 7pm — Slightly Stoopid and Sublime With Rome. \$27-\$440.

Prohibition:

Monday, 9pm — Liquid Bricks Jazz Trio.

Pure Project Vista:

Saturday, 7pm — Saturday Sessions: Hippy & The Goods. **Free.**

Quartyard:

Saturday, 6pm — Brainstory and Chola Orange.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

Friday, 7:30pm — Tchaikovsky X. Drake.
Sunday, 7:30pm — The Jacksons and Village People.

SeaWorld:

Sunday, 6pm — Todrick Hall.

Seabird:

Sunday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

Side Yard:

Saturday, 6pm — Matt Aukerman.
Wednesday, 6pm — Jemille Violet.

Soda Bar:

Friday, 7:30pm — Wax. \$26.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Ramona. \$25.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Tep No. \$25.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Jeffrey Silverstein. \$15.

Soma:

Friday, 7:30pm — Coco & Clair Clair. \$25.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Larry June.

Sound:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Blue Oyster Cult and Miniaturized. \$49-\$200.

Spin Nightclub:

Saturday, 8pm — Ofier & Oren.

Thornton Winery:

Friday, 6:30pm — 24K MAGIC.
Saturday, 7pm — Peter White & Vincent Ingala.

Til-Two Club:

Saturday, 9pm — Rapture. **Free.**
Sunday, 7:30pm — Mood of a Sinner and Nonexistent Night.
Monday, 7pm — Karaoke.

Tio Leo's:

Tuesday, 7pm — The Tourmaliners.

University Club Atop

Symphony Towers:

Saturday, 10:30am — Jarred Matthew.
Tuesday, 4:30pm — Brian Pierini.

Viejas Arena:

Sunday, 7:30pm — Paramore and Foals. \$80-\$414.

Waterbar:

Thursday, 6pm — Jemille Violet.

Westfield University Towne

Centre:

Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente.
Friday, 12pm — Tyler F. Simmons.
Saturday, 12pm — Casey Turner. **Free.**
Sunday, 12pm — Blu Gruv.

Winstons Beach Club:

Thursday, 9pm — Shag Rabbit 1960s Psych Soul Revue. \$5.
Friday, 9pm — Universe Peoples. \$12-\$15.
Saturday, 9pm — Elise Trouw, Eleftheriou, Serialist. \$30.
Saturday, 2pm — Faerie Qveene. **Free.**
Sunday, 3pm — Martin & The Big Nativity Scene. \$10.
Tuesday, 8:30pm — Afro Dead & Sia Tolno. \$10.
Wednesday, 9:30pm — Maiz Reggae. **Free.**

UPCOMING SHOWS

Alejandra's Fine Mexican

Food & Cantina:

Saturday, July 22 — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Aiila Marea Beach Resort:

Thursday, July 20 — Matisyahu.
Friday, July 21 — Christian Taylor.
Saturday, July 22 — Helena Holleran.

Athenaeum Music and Arts

Library:

Thursday, July 27 — Harold López-Nussa.

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Friday, July 21 — Casey Turner.
Saturday, July 22 — Israel Maldonado.

Beach House Grill:

Friday, July 21 — Reggaetonlandia.

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, July 20 — Jake Taylor Smith.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, July 20 — Audio Perdisco and The Charities.
Friday, July 21 — Fooz Fighters and Pearl Jammed. \$16-\$28.
Saturday, July 22 — Disco Biscuits. \$149.
Tuesday, July 25 — George Thorogood & The Destroyers.
Wednesday, July 26 — The Robert Cray Band.
Thursday, July 27 — Start Making Sense.
Friday, July 28 — Easy Wind.
Saturday, July 29 — Pine Mountain Logs.
Sunday, July 30 — Earthless.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:

Saturday, July 22 — Mojo Repair Shop. **Free.**

Brew Coffee Spot:

Friday, July 21 — Garza Quintet. **Free.**

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, July 20 — Analepsy and Wormhole.
Friday, July 21 — Galactic Empire. \$25-\$30.
Saturday, July 22 — Pessimist and Helsott. \$12-\$15.
Saturday, July 29 — Skold and Clockwork Echo. \$14-\$18.
Monday, July 31 — Mizmor, Unsea, Abyssal. \$14-\$18.

Cannonball:

Thursday, July 20 — David Shyde.

Casbah:

Thursday, July 20 — Okey Dokey. \$15.
Friday, July 21 — Emo Nite. \$16-\$20.
Saturday, July 22 — Cordovas. \$15-\$18.
Tuesday, July 25 — The Drearies and Kelpbeds.
Wednesday, July 26 — Hawk Auburn and Infinity Eyes.
Thursday, July 27 — Tunewave and Millie Shaw.
Friday, July 28 — Lucy's Fur Coat.
Saturday, July 29 — Lucy's Fur Coat.
Sunday, July 30 — The Dollyrots.

Diamond Palace:

Thursday, July 20 — La Boogie Buena. **Free.**

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Thursday, July 20 — Dead Heads Night.
Saturday, July 22 — Jaden G & The Messengers.
Sunday, July 23 — Bluegrass Jam.



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THE GONZO REPORT

If frogs had wings

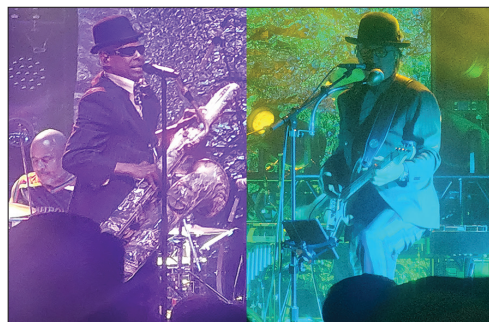
The musical universe expands at Observatory North Park

"Some guy jumped from the top balcony onto the speakers and then down onto the floor. And then some other guy dove off the stage onto his face on the floor and had to go out to our merch table. They gave him a T-shirt to wipe the blood off his face, and he ended up right back under the pit. It was crazy." Les Claypool is speaking of an early '90s Primus show at the infamous south-of-the-border venue Iguanas — where they also played with tonight's hand-picked opener Fishbone, whom Claypool describes as "heroes of ours."

No millennials are jumping off balconies at Observatory North Park tonight, where Colonel Les Claypool's Fearless Flying Frog Brigade is playing. But it's still fun: a collection of music

nerds of all ages and genders show up in garb depicting everything from extreme death metal to prog obscurities like Haken, peppered with acts like Zappa and King Crimson. The Crimson references will make their way from crowd to stage when the band opens with a cover of Crimson's "Thela Hun Ginjeet (Part One)," a 1981 song that Claypool counts among his favorite tracks. There's even a couple in the crowd dressed in frog outfits; they tell me they will get their wings and become flying frogs soon.

Fishbone frontman Angelo Moore sets up at the band's merch booth, chatting with fans after a set that sounded tough to follow. His kindness and availability are the antithesis of the meet-and-greet packages that have become the industry norm, wherein bands charge up to two grand for a brief photo op and pre-signed swag. Neither Moore nor the fans are in any rush, and a line forms. I've never developed the "skill" of leaving my inner fanboy at home and conducting myself professionally, so my face hurts from smiling as I wait my turn. Watching Angelo interact with the fans in such a gentle and accommodating fashion is such a pleasure. Speaking of smiles: when my turn comes up,



Angelo and Les, hip and hypnotic.

Moore recognizes Mr. Sardonicus on my shirt, and we chat about that film in particular and monsters in general. He points out new music and other merch for sale, including a comic he created. In the past, I would have happily shelled out cash to the merch booth because it supported the bands directly. But I know that now, promoters take up to 30 percent of merch sales, which creates a conflict for me. Before snapping the inevitable selfie, I tell Moore I have to think about it, but that I will probably get it online.

When I chat with Les Claypool, I learn that his memories of San Diego are limited to local sailing being "kinda cool," so I spend a chunk of our time being a bass nerd. It's one thing to



Frogs having fun while they wait to fly.

hear an artist parrot lines about loving music and playing for themselves. It's quite another thing to witness it genuinely and firsthand, as when Claypool expresses shock upon learning that he inspired Geddy Lee of Rush, one of his influences.

After he hits the stage, I start hearing snatches of conversation around me. A common refrain: "When are they going to play *Animals*?" The Pink Floyd album is not the most accessible release, and its complete performance by Claypool and company came about when Claypool decided that, if he ever picked up a keyboard player, the band would do that Floyd album track-by-track. That the

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Rafael Payare, not quite levitating, but still raising the roof.

Mainly Mozart owns the Ninth, and other 2022-23 highlights

With the Mainly Mozart Festival now over, the 2022-2023 season has come to an end. I know it is possible to view Mainly Mozart as the beginning of the summer festival season, but to my mind, it is the big finish. There were some great moments in the 2022-2023 season. Let's take a look at a few of them.

I went to two San Diego Symphony concerts at The California Center for the Arts Escondido. Both were excellent. This first featured Johannes Brahms's *Symphony No. 1*. It is the new standard by which I will compare all future Brahms Firsts. Rafael Payare was in particularly good form. In the famous final movement, Payare was exuding so much energy that I thought he might start levitating.

The second concert was anchored by Jean Sibelius's *Symphony No. 2*. Finnish conductor Tarmo Peltokoski

made his U.S. debut with a resounding victory. When the big theme came back in the final movement, it was a moment I'll never forget. At the time, I was convinced this was a legitimate top-five concert experience. But as I look at my list, I realize that there are at least 11 top-five experiences. An embarrassment of riches.

With its production of Giacomo Puccini's *Tosca*, the San Diego Opera proved itself to be willing and able to present traditional opera that is powerful and tasteful. Very few things turn me off more than opera productions that have been updated for modern audiences. I've seen a few that do work, such as Willy Decker's "Big Clock" *La Traviata* and the Barenboim *Ring Cycle* from Bayreuth circa 1991. However, on the whole, I find them to be misguided and lazy. They appear as

clever — and often, not so clever — ideas, as opposed to organic developments of the operatic tradition. San Diego Opera's *Tosca* was well-produced, well-conceived, and most importantly, well-sung.

Of course, The Mainly Mozart Festival provided a few great moments. The performance of Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 4* and the closing night performance of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* are also vying for a spot in my top five. The Beethoven Ninth is probably in there.

Classical Music this week

North Coast Symphony Tribute to Heroes The orchestra will perform memorable music from blockbusters like *Black Panther* and *Spider-Man*, in addition to Music from *Apollo 13*, *Band of Brothers*, and the last movement of Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony No. 3. Saturday, July 15, 2:30pm; \$10-\$12. Encinitas Community and Senior Center, 1140 Oakcrest Park Drive.

Tchaikovsky X. Drake A symphonic synthesis that blends the music of two composer-romanticists separated by almost a century. Twenty-two songs of Drake are woven into Piotr Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony, as the lyrics serve to advance the narrative program of the latter. We hear Drake's melodies soaring in tandem with Tchaikovsky's; his raps motor-ing almost impossibly with

Tchaikovsky's rhythmic figures; then vignettes of Drake's music with Tchaikovsky's motives and melodies superimposed over the top. Joining the full symphony orchestra are three singers, one rapper, a drummer and a bassist. Conductor/creator Steve Hackman also plays piano for several interludes and songs. Friday, July 14, 7:30pm; Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 200 Marina Park Way.

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Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, July 21 — Kekoa.
Sunday, July 23 — Joanna Gerolaga.

El Camino Memorial Park:

Saturday, July 22 — Concert in the Park: The 80's All Stars. **Free.**

Epstein Family Amphitheater:

Friday, July 21 — Oumou Sangaré. \$35-\$50.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Saturday, July 22 — Christian Taylor.

Farmer & the Seahorse:

Friday, July 21 — Jason Graham.
Saturday, July 22 — TJ Moss.
Sunday, July 23 — Danielle Angeloni.

Gateway Community Church:

Saturday, July 22 — 3MC Gospel Concert. **Free.**
Saturday, July 22 — Celebration of Praise with 3MC. **Free.**

Golden Island:

Friday, July 21 — Jaden Guerrero. **Free.**

Hotel Republic San Diego:

Sunday, July 23 — Josie LaValle. **Free.**

House of Blues:

Friday, July 21 — Ashley Mehta. \$15.
Friday, July 21 — Sorry Papi: The All Girl Party. \$20-\$45.
Sunday, July 23 — Jidenna.
Wednesday, July 26 — Caspr.
Thursday, July 27 — Gel with Truth Cult.

Friday, July 28 — Waveform and Teeth.

Friday, July 28 — Aleks Syntek and Fehr Rivas.

Saturday, July 29 — The Aquabats and The Aggrolites.
Sunday, July 30 — Los Gemelos de Sinaloa.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Tuesday, July 25 — Rosie Flores.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Sunday, July 23 — Tori Amos.
Thursday, July 27 — Chris Isaak.
Saturday, July 29 — Pink Martini.

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Friday, July 21 — Jarred Matthew.
Saturday, July 22 — Alex Elisabeth.

La Jolla Community Center:

Friday, July 21 — Concerts in the Courtyard. **Free.**
Friday, July 21 — Robin Henkel. \$10-\$20.

La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, July 20 — Mike Myrdal.
Friday, July 21 — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, July 22 — Jesse Johnson.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Friday, July 21 — Orion Song.
Saturday, July 22 — Jolene Cruz.

Loma Club:

Sunday, July 23 — The Tourmaliners.

Mission Bay Resort:

Friday, July 21 — Whitney Shay.

Saturday, July 22 — Justin Froese.

Moonlight Beach:

Sunday, July 23 — Len Rainey & the Midnight Players. **Free.**

Moose Lodge Oceanside:

Friday, July 21 — The Tourmaliners.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, July 20 — Rick Trotter Band.
Friday, July 21 — Ramblin' Sweethearts.
Saturday, July 22 — Drivin' the Bus.

Music Box:

Thursday, July 20 — Trish Toledo. \$25-\$30.
Saturday, July 22 — Senpai Squad. \$25.
Tuesday, July 25 — Yussef Dayes.
Friday, July 28 — East Coast vs West Coast.
Sunday, July 30 — Rhinestones & Fringe.

Nick & G's:

Friday, July 21 — Matt Heinecke.
Saturday, July 22 — David Shyde.

Nova SD:

Saturday, July 29 — Cash Cash.

Observatory North Park:

Thursday, July 20 — The Adicts and Generacion Suicida. \$25-\$102.
Friday, July 21 — Los Yesterdays. \$25-\$45.
Saturday, July 29 — Glaive and Origami Angel.

Open Air Theatre:

Friday, July 21 — Cavetown and Mxmtoon. \$39-\$49.

Pal Joey's:

Saturday, July 29 — West of 5. **Free.**

Petco Park:

Friday, July 21 — Jimmy Eat World and Manchester Orchestra. \$35-\$513.

Piazza della Famiglia:

Saturday, July 29 — Marine Band San Diego Summer Concert.

Pine Valley House:

Saturday, July 22 — Blame Betty. **Free.**

Pour House:

Thursday, July 20 — Soraia.

Quartyard:

Saturday, July 29 — Imarhan.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

Tuesday, July 25 — Cypress Hill & San Diego Symphony Orchestra.
Saturday, July 29 — SD Symphony: Gustav.

Riverwalk Golf Club:

Friday, July 21 — West of 5. **Free.**

Salty Frog:

Saturday, July 22 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. \$5.

SeaWorld:

Sunday, July 23 — Tiffany and Jennifer Paige.

Side Yard:

Saturday, July 22 — Andrew Peña.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, July 20 — Orthodox, Chamber, Cell. \$18.
Friday, July 21 — Standards and Via Luna. \$16.
Saturday, July 22 — Kirby's

Mozart also owns Sergei Prokofiev's Symphony No. 1, Ralph Vaughan Williams's The Wasps Overture, Beethoven's Violin Concerto, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 8, to name a few.

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keyboardist for this tour is Harry Waters — son of Floyd co-founder Roger Waters, the primary architect of *Animals* — is monumental. Hearing him sing his father's words is as uplifting as hearing the entire audience sing along with him.

I try to get a look at how Claypool delivers the bass lines, but he turns his back to us at key moments. I'm sure he's communicating with the drummer, but I personalize it and call him a fucker in my mind anyway. Remarkably, for all the skill and legacy onstage, it's Beatle-spawn Sean Ono Lennon on guitar who commands my attention the most. The mild trepidation I feel at hearing someone besides David Gilmour playing Pink Floyd music evaporates when the lead break for "Dogs" comes in. It's not so much that Lennon nails it, it's the way he *means* it, and his presence onstage commands attention.

Fellow *Reader* scribe Gabe Garcia materializes near me, and we share a few shorthand words, watching Angelo Moore from Fishbone join the group on electronic theremin and vocals. It's a hypnotic near-finale that leaves me feeling like I've seen parts of the musical universe anew, and am wiser because of it. ■

Waterbar:

Thursday, July 20 — Ben Benavente.

Westfield University Towne Centre:

Thursday, July 20 — Ben Benavente.
Saturday, July 22 — Joanna Gerolaga.

Winstons Beach Club:

Friday, July 21 — Shakedown String Band. \$10.
Saturday, July 22 — Dead Phish. **Free.**
Saturday, July 22 — Vokab Kompany: Beastie Boys Experience. \$15.
Sunday, July 23 — Richard Gans & Mac Cornish. **Free.**
Sunday, July 23 — The Hips. **Free.**
Wednesday, July 26 — Dub Strand. **Free.**

Cuba's Beefy Answer

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Havana Grill makes this Mission Valley mall a Cuban dining destination

Havana Grill Mission Valley; 1652 Camino Del Rio N, San Diego. There are quite a few reasons to visit the new location of Havana Grill, but two features in particular convinced my wife to join me for lunch.

Bear in mind, she's tagged along on enough of my foodie misadventures to know that not all the restaurants I want to write about turn out to be winners, and she's content to let me uncover the losers on my own. It did help that I could already recommend Havana Grill based on previous visits to its first location, in Clairemont. And it didn't hurt that the Cuban counter restaurant pledges a focus on "organic," "naturally raised," and "non-GMO" ingredients.

But what tipped the scales was, first, being able to show her a photo of the restaurant's seafood paella



Seafood paella, made by a Cuban restaurant at the mall.



Mango key lime tart.

(\$21), a take on the Spanish rice dish loaded with clams, mussels, calamari, and cod. Second, I could sweetly point out: "This new location is at the mall... we can go shopping together afterward."

That said, I'm delighted to report that it's possible to visit the restaurant without technically setting foot inside Westfield Mission Valley mall. Havana Grill faces out to the parking lot from the shopping center's northeast entrance, the one next to Nordstrom Rack. It even offers a window counter where you may quickly order a Cuban coffee to go.

But it's worth going inside, if only to see what you get when a locally owned business, rather than a chain restaurant, takes up occupancy in a mall. Tasteful tile and brick surround an island bar and airy dining space, where vintage streetlamps, window shutters, and trees create the illusion of courtyard dining. The servers add Cuban flair by wearing straw fedoras.

According to the printed

menus, the founders of Havana Grill employ the recipes of a mid-century restaurant they operated in Havana. In addition to that wife-approved paella, the menu offers plates of wine-braised oxtail, *ropa vieja* stewed beef, and roasted chicken.

Other Cuban mainstays you find in plate orders also turn up on sandwiches. In the case of the roasted lechon pork, you'll find it on several variations of the classic Cubano sandwich, whether you want to stick to its best-known construction with smoked ham, mustard, and pickles; opt for a Hot Cuban (with jalapeños); or take a chance on the Crazy Cuban, which owes



The "Cuban American" sandwich, made with fried flank steak, aka *vaca frita*.

\$4 cheaper (\$15). I went with sandwich over plate because Havana Grill doubles as a bakery, and its baked-on-premise breads make for outstanding sandwiches.

A surprising benefit? Sandwiches come with plantain chips, which eat like potato chips, but with more flavor behind each salty crunch.

Whether you aim for sandwich or plate, the last-but-not-least important thing to remember is that the pastries are also baked in-house. You won't go wrong nabbing any of the empanadas, stuffed with the likes of pork, chicken, and beef (\$4.25 each). And I can't even do justice to the colorful array of desserts displayed at the service counter (prices vary). Let's call it enough to say that a pair of eye-catching tarts — key lime mango (\$8.75) and salted caramel chocolate (\$8) — tasted even better than they looked.

My wife will never agree with all my decisions, but I'm told we can have a lunch date at Havana Grill anytime.

—Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Game Night Happy Hour Game Night Happy Hour for Chess/Backgammon & Cards. If you have a board, please bring it. Wednesdays, 5:30pm; through Wednes-

day, December 20, \$20. Sammy's Woodfired Pizza Del Mar, 12925 El Camino Real. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Gospel Brunch Hosted by Sister Nun-of-the-Above (Tootie) with the Sisters of Sequin. Each entree includes unlimited Mimosas, Champagne, or Bloody Marys. Sundays, 12pm; through Saturday, December 30, Lips Restaurant, 3036 El Cajon Boulevard. (NORTH PARK)

San Diego Dim Sum Tour Enjoy a walking tour through the heart of Asia-town and end at a popular Asian supermarket. Trip length 1.5-2 miles. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, December 31, \$69. Jasmine Seafood Restaurant, 4609 Convoy St., Suite A. (KEARNY MESA)

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

Summer Sunset Live Music Series Hosted at Layover, the hotel's aviation themed rooftop bar and lounge. Saturdays, 4pm; through Saturday, September 2, free. 21 and up. Intercontinental Hotel, 901 Bayfront Court. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Sunset Luau Each Sunset Luau features a silk lei, a Mai Tai, an all-you-can-eat buffet, island music, and dance entertainment from local luau group Pride of Polynesia. Tuesdays & Saturdays, 6-9pm; through September 1, \$50-\$145. Catamaran Resort Hotel, 3999 Mission Boulevard. (SAN DIEGO)

Tijuana Street Food Tour Enjoy an all-inclusive street food tour in Tijuana. Guests meet at the McDonald's at the San Ysidro Trolley Station. Passports required. wildfoodietours.com. Saturdays, 12pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$69. San Ysidro Trolley Station, 700 E. San Ysidro Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)



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HEY JOE! Amber's looking for you! Broke her phone the day you talked! Lost your number. New# (619) 684-2706. Call me Aries Angel!

LIKE MY DAD SAYS it's a big zero, thanks alot. You happy now? Your so cool! I want to be just like you!

MATT FROM TROJENS. Thank you! You are definitely an angel. New # (619) 684-2706 Amber in Chula.

THE 4TH OF July means freedom for America, the land of free. There's also another kind of freedom, spiritual freedom. Don't know what I mean, let's talk. (619) 389-0550

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Mrs Jones, happy birthday Shawshank. Enjoy your special day. Love ya Baby... Gman

OTL I want to wish Matte Gray Silver, that they play OTL better then most. Billy Bright and his two side kicks will win their division. Awesome job, boys... Gman

DO WE HAVE TO feel bad about the good we feel?

I LIKE SECRET LOOKS yeh my luggage could produce a few thanks for nots.

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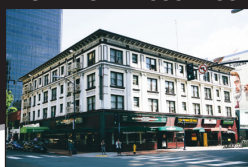
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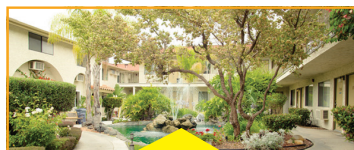


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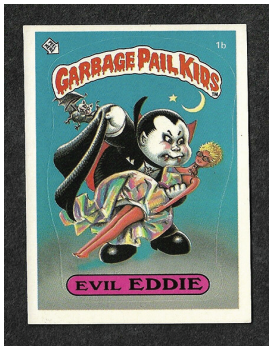
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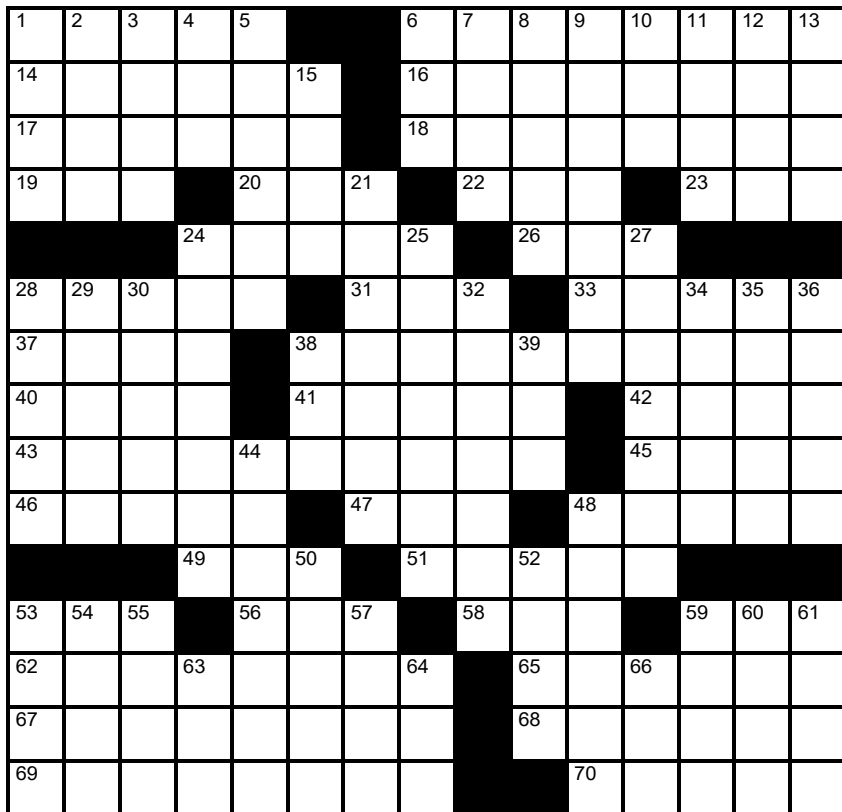
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Across

- 1.** Caretaker for the Banks household
6. Lickable candy since 1931
14. Solo couple?
16. Czech painter ____ Mucha
17. "Plus the foul, baby!"
18. "Don't worry about us ... all good!"
19. Food label fig.
20. Roth ____
22. Group of whales
23. Take to court
24. Sell illegally, as tickets
26. Meat in a Cuban sandwich
28. Savings and checking,

for two: Abbr.

- 31.** "I do," e.g.
33. Emperor after Nero
37. Beyonce's role in "The Lion King" (2019)
38. They don't play the net in tennis
40. Stench
41. Bandleader Shaw
42. Picture of health?
43. Four-sided dice, e.g.
45. Morse ____
46. Tony winner Merman
47. "Superman II" villain General ____
48. Biblical verb with "thou"

49. Little bit of cream

- 51.** Unit in gemology
53. She, in Portuguese
56. Go kaput
58. "Superman" villain ____ Luthor
59. "Baby Cobra" comedian Wong
62. Soccer great Diego
65. Kind of justice or license
67. Risks on a rig
68. Reduced
69. Snack brand since 2008 ... and this puzzle's theme
70. Drink whose name consists of two synonyms

Down

- 1.** Tree in the willow family
2. Frog habitat
3. "____ Club" (#1 hit for 50 Cent)
4. Oxfam or CARE, e.g.
5. NBA team that drafted Kevin Durant in 2007
6. Observed, to Tweety
7. Designer Cassini
8. One-named "Queen of All Media"
9. Biblical group bearing gifts
10. Phillipa who was the original Eliza in "Hamilton"
11. Tattoo parlor supplies
12. Jacob's twin
13. Comics character with "muskles"

15. "Buona ____!"

- 21.** Walter ____, geologist credited with the theory that dinosaurs were killed by an asteroid impact
24. Played the lead
25. Ph.D.'s next hurdle
27. Feline breed from an Irish Sea isle
28. Make ____ of (jot down)
29. West Pointer, e.g.
30. Like old-fashioned diapers
32. "Polka Face" singer Yankovic
34. The "L" of Samuel L. Jackson
35. Pitt and Paisley
36. Up to now
38. Scrooge's "Phooey!"
39. "Back to the Future"

actress Thompson

- 44.** 1992 film with the ballad "A Whole New World"
48. Battle of Hastings combatants
50. "Free your pores" brand
52. Seize, like a car
53. Panic! at the Disco genre
54. Like some church matters
55. "Alice's Restaurant" singer Guthrie
57. The "E" in DOE: Abbr.
59. Just slightly
60. Wallace who co-founded Reader's Digest
61. Cold treat on a stick
63. Continent to go to to go to Togo: Abbr.
64. ____-backwards
66. Spanish "that"

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SUDOKU

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		4				9		
					4			6
	7		9	1		8		

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

EVIL:

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4	5	1	2	6	9	7	8	3
8	4	6	3	9	7	1	5	2
1	3	2	5	8	4	6	9	7
7	9	5	6	2	1	3	4	8
3	8	7	9	5	6	4	2	1
5	2	9	4	1	3	8	7	6
6	1	4	8	7	2	5	3	9

Government in Action

— Paavo Arhinmaki, 46, the deputy mayor of Helsinki, Finland, was caught in the act on June 23 as he and a friend spray-painted graffiti in a railway tunnel in the capital city, the Associated Press reported. The Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency said the cost to clean up the graffiti would be about \$3830, but it's not clear if the deputy mayor will face charges. "I have committed a crime and bear full responsibility for it," Arhinmaki said, calling his actions "stupid fooling around." However, he is refusing to resign his position.

Unconventional Weaponry

— Tristan Stetina, 19, was charged with fifth-degree assault (who knew degrees went to five!) after an incident at a Mankato, Minnesota, restaurant on June 23, KSTP-TV reported. Police officers were called to the business after Stetina allegedly arrived there and "began yelling and throwing Skittles at employees and customers." One victim said she experienced stinging on her back after being hit with one of the candies. Officers, who were familiar with Stetina, found him nearby and placed him under arrest; because he resisted, he was also charged with obstruction of the legal process and disorderly conduct.

Inexplicable

— Public restrooms are a gamble on the best day, but in Columbus, Indiana, a discovery in the bathroom at Mill Race Park raised the bar: David Lancaster, part of

the cleaning crew, found a dead octopus in a toilet there on June 22, with its long tentacles hanging out of the bowl. Fox59-TV reported that Mark Jones, director of the park department, said he didn't know how the octopus had come to be in the toilet, but it had been removed.

Unclear on the Concept

— When Oak Park and River Forest High School in Oak Park, Illinois, underwent a cybersecurity audit, *TechCrunch* reported, the vendor mistakenly reset every student's password, which prevented students from being able to log into their Google account. Naturally, the school wanted to rectify the situation, so on June 23, they sent parents an email: "To fix this, we have reset your child's password to Ch@ngeme! so that they can once again access their Google account. We strongly suggest that your child update their password to their own unique password as soon as possible." What could go wrong? Manning Peterson, an OPRF student's mom, noted, "This is terribly insecure and you have just invited every single student's accounts to get hacked." It took the school a day to realize its mistake, whereupon it promised to send "a special password process that will be unique to your specific student."

Great Art!

— German artist Werner Hartl of Reichersbeuern paints stunning agriculture and landscape scenes, mostly of cows, *Oddity Central* reported. What sets Hartl apart is

his medium of choice: diluted cow manure. Hartl places a canister beneath a cow's rear end as it poops, then mixes the dung with water. "I use watered-down dung for the light shades ... I use dung with no water mixed in for the dark shades," Hartl explained. "When it is wet, the 'paint' is a bit funky, but when it's completely dry, it doesn't smell anymore," he said.

The Aristocrats

— A Brooklyn-based art collective called MSCHF created a teeny tiny handbag that sold for \$63,000 at auction on June 28, CNN reported. The neon green bag, measuring less than 0.03 inches wide, is fashioned after an iconic Louis Vuitton bag called the OntheGo tote, but it was not sanctioned by the designer. It was made using technology that prints 3D micro-scale plastic parts and was sold with a microscope so the owner can see it.

News You Can Use

— The Bridge of Flowers between Shelburne and Buckland, Massachusetts, draws walkers from both cities to view the flora alongside the footbridge, *Mass Live* reported. But now the Bridge of Flowers Committee is asking residents not to scatter loved ones' ashes there. "It's not healthy," said Carol Angus, co-chair of the committee. "The gardeners and volunteers are then exposed to the human remains," and the leaves and roots of the plants are damaged. "It's very upsetting," Angus added.

Awesome!

— Emerald Downs racetrack in Auburn, Washington, switched things up on June 25 with a Grandparents Race, WMTV reported. It was part of Grandparents Weekend, where nanas and pop-pops received free admittance and could participate in prize drawings. About 25 grandparents competed in the race, charging out of the horse gates toward a finish line about 40 yards away. Two of the racers stumbled and fell during the sprint, but no one was hurt. Steve Butler of Everett, Washington, was declared the winner.

It's Good To Have Goals

— "Highpointing" enthusiasts seek to find tallest points in a geographic region. The hobby intrigues former Colorado resident Andrew Karr, so it's only natural that in his new home state of Florida, he'd continue the quest. According to *The Messenger*, Karr has pledged to summit the highest point of every county in Florida – the flattest state in the country. He studies maps, rents kayaks and asks landowners for permission to cross their property to achieve his goal, and he's almost there: He's summited 61 out of 67 counties.

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