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Don't sleep on Lancers

Sadly missing from the story about 6:00 am bars ("First Round at the Third Place", Cover Story, July 5, 2023) was Lancers on Park Blvd and Adams.

> Dennis R Thompson San Diego

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Will Oceanside get a stealth **Amazon warehouse?**

Neighborhood News March 18, 2022

The airport needs to go. It is only for the few that can afford private planes. Lawyers, Dr etc, they buzz around my Rancho Del oro neighborhood frequently. Very annoying truthfully. It is an eyesore and it doesn't generate profit or jobs for the city. I'm sure the homeowners in the flight paths are not too thrilled either. The wave park is idiotic. You have an Ocean 1 mile away. Fresno and Texas sure. No ocean nearby. Dump the Amazon dist center, dump the wave lagoon and get rid of the airport. Put in commercial type buildings for medical and private businesses. Variety is what we need. Just my opinion as a citizen and resident of Oceanside for 34 years. -Just plane bothered

San Diego schools enlist Paula the Penis as part of gender-identity instruction SD on the QT, August 12, 2022

Evidently the only childhood that was traumatized here is Paula's. I feel bad for individuals who's

minds are lost to insanity, and try to make others like themselves. Let children be children. Their parents ought to be outraged by such depravity.

-Amen Brother

Is this real or satire? -Concerned Skeptic

RV Park finally sells

Imperial Beach's Siesta Neighborhood News, May 10, 2022 My question is how can they buy this trailer park last year if the year before there in court suing the old owner? My other question is how do they come up with the figures of what to charge for trash, water and electric? My other question is how is it Miramar LLC applies for a business license in 2019 if they didnt even buy this park till last year? How can they even apply for one, and get it, if they didn't buy the park till last year? My last question is why are they suing the old owner for a impact report if they're keeping this as a mobile home park? Erin Ogg. In my opinion is the real estate developer who bought it in 2019 becuz he's on the court documents and never once were we told he is the owner. I know why they brought this bogus LLC in becuz this relieves Erin Ogg from making sure the people here leave becuz my understanding is thats why he's suing the old owner becuz of the tenants still residing in park? From what I've

heard from old manage-

ment the park should've

been emptied out before

old owners nor this real

he bought it. Nobody, the

estate developer don't care

if we are homeless or not.

Funny they would give

the tenants 6 months to

move but they would lose

the 2 days also they never

refunded money of their

deposit when they made

them move. I've lived here

over 10 yrs with my Mom

she has lived here 20+

yrs. One of the residents

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there rent they paid. For

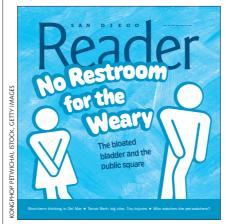
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

CRITTER COUNTRY

Unfit to sit

Terrible tales of professional pet neglect

When Point Loma resident Caryn White was planning to attend a recent concert, she hopped online to find a dog sitter for her four-month-old puppy. "I was only going to be gone for four to five hours," she told me on July 16. White asked the dog sitter to remain in her house, as the puppy was not yet fully vaccinated. But the dog sitter had other plans. "She texted me to have her boyfriend over," White continued. "She then texted [to see] if



Seems like a lot of effort, frankly.

one named Kourtney to pet-sit his two dogs through *Rover.com*, one of the most popular of the petsitting sites/apps. But as he told me on July 3, "she left them alone for 16 hours while trying to deceive us by sending photos that were taken earlier in the day." The dog sitter "made it seem like she was home" with the two dogs, but Fischer was not buying it. Unbe-

"Our cameras/alarm showed that she only came to our house once for five minutes during our eight-day trip."

she could leave to go to her boyfriend." White told her no twice, to no avail. The dog sitter "took my dog and tried to go to her boyfriend, but got caught. It was an awful experience." White did not tell me which service she used to hire her dog sitter, but there are plenty out there, including PetBacker, *Care.com*, Fetch!, *PetSitter.com*, Meowtel, Bay Area Pet Pals, Sniff and Go LLC — and NextDoor, which where I found White.

It's also where I found Paul Fischer from Golden Hill. Recently, Fischer hired some-

"Of course I'm happy to see you — I haven't been fed in a week!"

knownst to the Kourtney — who had a 4.5-star rating out of 5 on *Rover.com* — Fischer had two additional Ring cameras onsite in addition to the one monitoring his front door.

He continued: "Our dogs were left alone in the dark until she stumbled in with her three friends at midnight." Fischer decided to call the dogsitter's bluff. He asked what was going on back at the house, and "she lied and said she was the only one there, but we clearly saw a young man sneaking out the back the next morning, after doing who knows what

in our house." Concerned for his dogs' safety, Fischer ended his trip early and hurried back to San Diego. When he arrived, his dogs were okay, but Kourtney was long gone. A woman named Roxanne on NextDoor recognized Kourtney's profile photo, and said it has been posted on NextDoor "many times." As for Fischer, he's waiting to hear back from Rover.com. "Best case, I think, she gets banned and we get our money back." A quick search of the site showed that Kourtney's profile seemed to be deactivated.

Many lonely people adopted cats and dogs during the pandemic lockdowns: according to a 2021 ASCPCA survey, about one in five U.S. households, for a total of approximately 23 mil-

lion, adopted cats and dogs since the pandemic's beginning. Through the weeks of stay-at-orders and the months of remote work that often followed, raising and cuddling a pet helped to fil the social void many San Diegans were experiencing, and so lifted spirits in those difficult times. But as the end of the Covid Public Health Emergency neared and San Diegans returned to work, some people chose to offer their pandemic pets back up for adoption. "Intake of animals is up four percent, but our adoptions of animals are down ten percent," said Lisa LaFontaine, the CEO of Humane Rescue Alliance, in a PBS News Hour story in February. Those who chose to keep their critters started turning to professional pet sitters and dog walkers for their services. Consequently, the market for dog walking sermay love pets, some are not mature enough to follow orders and respect the pet owner's wishes. "We found a cat sitter on NextDoor," posted Morgan S. on the NextDoor app recently. "She advertised her services and claimed she had years of volunteer experience caring for animals. She starved our cat, all the while texting us that he was doing great and that she'd 'try to snap a photo' of him next time she came. Our cameras/alarm showed that she only came to our house once for five minutes during our eight-day trip." Luckily, Morgan's Mission Hills neighbor came over to feed the cat and clean out the full litter box. The neighbor also showed the cat some affection.

MIKE MADRIAGA

DEL MAR

Long-gestating solution to short-term problem

Does Del Mar risk becoming another Mission Beach?

Where are most of the short-term rentals in Del Mar? Near the shoreline in the North Beach and in the South Bluff area — residential neighborhoods where vacation rentals aren't actually allowed. But the city doesn't have an ordinance to regulate them, even thought it's been working on one for years. Del Mar banned new short-term rentals in 2016, and recently extended the ban another for two years. But rules drafted in 2017 never took effect, because the California Coastal Commission said they were too restrictive.

Now, armed with fresh numbers showing



There goes the neighborhood.

vices increased by 4.7 percent in 2022, which was equivalent to \$1.3 billion, according to IBISWorld, a 50-year-old industry research company. *Rover.com* said that in 2022, their "revenue increased 58 percent to \$174 million, compared to \$109.8 million in 2021." The site advertises itself as "the world's largest network of 5-star pet sitters and dog walkers," and offers professional overnight services, which include in-home pet sitting and boarding. They also provide daytime services, including dog walking, doggy daycare, and drop-in visits.

However, some pet sitters out there are not fully qualified to watch animals. While they

the types and locations of short term rentals of less than 30 days — work yielded by a consultant's study covering January through April, 2023 — the city is back at it. "We appear to be the last coastal town to put in regulations," said Debbie Church, a resident who was previously involved in the effort to draft an ordinance, at last Monday's city council meeting.

The heated debates that stalled the process in the past seem to have quieted. Supporters spoke of the need for a permit process and for a three-strikes-and-you're-out policy, and

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suggested looking into what cities such as Solana Beach and Carlsbad have done. "All their rules have been approved," said Kim-

berly Jackson, who owns a short-term rental. "Grandfather in all existing units - or face a mess of litigation like Mission Beach." (In Mission Beach, 30 percent of properties are allowed to be short-term rentals.)

Despite the calm ahead of the public outreach phase, many of the report's findings point to the sort of problems that have caused dissent all along. The 116 active vacation

listings make up approximately 4.51 percent of the total dwelling units in the housing-starved city. In San Diego, on the other hand, only one percent of properties can be short-term rentals (except in Mission Beach). During Del Mar's previous attempt to create an ordinance that prioritized single family home neighborhoods, the city restricted vacation rentals in residential zones, while

allowing them to operate without limit in the commercial zones. The recent study found only one active short term rental in a commercial zone. And only eight listings were found in the city's allowable locations, while 36 were rentals of the primary residence. And 80 of the 116 listings were investment properties without owners on site. Worse,



the average length of stay is getting shorter: just 3.7 days.

Finally, unlike neighboring cities that have established a permit process, Del Mar is missing out on collecting TOT — hotel taxes. "It's 116, probably 200 short term rentals happening now," said councilmember Dan Quirk, "but we don't have revenue."

SHEILA PELL

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UNDER THE RADAR

Fear and loathing at SDSU

San Diego State University — back among the ranks of the Mountain West college athletic conference last week after agreeing to fork over legal fees resulting from a brief showdown over the school's bungled attempt to jump ship for the PAC-12 — is not such a nice place to go to school, according to a July

17 report about the campus to trustees of the California State University system by Cozen O'Connor.

The white-shoe law firm was hired in March 2022 to investigate "discrimination, harassment, and retaliation based on protected statuses, including sex and gender (under Title IX)" at CSU's 23 universities as well as its office of Chancellor. At SDSU, replies to a survey of 1314 students,

faculty, staff, and administrators related a host of chronic problems, including a homeless population that is ever encroaching from surrounding neighborhoods. "Respondents feared unhoused populations on campus. Survey respondents stated that they felt unsafe on campus, largely because the campus is open to the public, including unhoused individuals or those using drugs."

Some saw menace from within. "Fraternity parties [are] seen as a major safety risk. Survey respondents shared that Greek life at San Diego State was a contributor to sexual violence and harassment." Other threats were perceived as coming from the alcohol-stoked

jock culture at the heart of the school's public identity. "Survey respondents expressed their belief that the university had overlooked the sexual assault of a minor by members of the football team; some stated that the team made them feel unsafe because of historical abuses."

Fear of repercussions from higher-ups caused rampant harassment to go unreported. "Some respondents stated that

fears of retaliation were particularly troublesome in cases of bullying, where power dynamics combined with policies that do not adequately address bullying could exacerbate the potential for supervisors to take adverse action. One survey respondent stated that they reported workplace harassment and bullying but were told that their complaints were not actionable because they did not belong to a protected status themselves."

A major target of the criticism was SDSU's so-called Center for the Prevention of Harassment and Discrimination under the president's office, otherwise known as CPHD, which is supposed to be handling these complaints. "Many felt consistently discouraged from reporting because of the impression that nothing ever comes of those reports." Added the findings: "Further, there is a perception among university constituents that there is an inherent conflict of interest in the supervisory structure of CPHD, and that university admin-

istrators are more interested in protecting themselves and the institution rather than prioritizing student well-being."



Patrick Soon-Shiong says "So long" to Untion-Tribune

Doug Manchester, the man behind

Editorial basement

A new crew appears set to oversee editorial writing at the *San Diego Union-Tribune* because of liberal Los Angeles billionaire **Patrick Soon-Shiong**'s decision two weeks ago to sell the paper to controversial Alden Global Capital,

and conservative winds are blowing. Alden Global's Southern California Newspaper Group, likely to take over at the *U-T* soon, already runs the *Los Angeles Daily News, The Orange County Register, Riverside Press-Enterprise, Long Beach Press-Telegram, Torrance Daily Breeze, San Bernardino Sun, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, San Gabriel Valley Tribune, Pasadena Star News, Whittier Daily News, and the <i>Redlands Daily Facts*. To create editorial opinions for all those outlets, Alden Global has set up a centralized editorial board with a distinctly rightward slant, far different than the liberal views advanced by the *U-T* under Soon-Shiong. "The editorials are unsigned

because, while written by one or more members of our staff, they represent the point of view of our news organization's management," according to a statement run by each of Alden's Southern California newspaper websites. Notable members of the board include **Susan Shelley**, Vice President of Communications for the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, billed by the Alden websites as "Califor-



nia, a joint project between the U-T and the

Franklin Center."

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LETTERS

moved out, who had lived here for 10 years, they tried to tell him his deposit would be refunded. First answer he got is "what deposit?" from the old manager. Suppose to have stolen it is what he was told. He came over to ask what he should do we said sue then he was holding his reciept for his deposit that he gave. Funny then they said to him just pay whatever the difference in rent minus deposit. I've been to meetings for the tenants. There is no state rep. Looking over the running of the park becuz we been lied to many times. One month the charge u 1 price for trash water or electric. How is it legit? -Soon to be homeless

What said is so many tenants been stressed by threats constant harrassment rules are different for each resident here. When my Mom moved in it was a RV park. This RV park charged u for electric and that's it. Since the LLC took over we are being charged for everything since they made it a so called mobile home park. We dont know how the figures they charge for trash electric or sewer is even what we should be paying. We don't use anything different in our trailer then we used 10yrs ago when I moved in. One person has a shed another resident is told to get rid of theirs. Is this the American way? How is it they run this LLC here in one name but the O.G. family has a different LLC name in Oregon. Tenants were being harrassed there. Not only that they bought a vitamin store I think it was and soon after its being closed for drugs being sold out of it. The LLC in Oregon bought the trailer park, motel, and vitamin store. We haven't been

they have had 3-4 different managers. How is it that this is ok? We have so many new or different individuals coming and going. We don't know who is running it. Or if its being run legally. I know the tenants who resided here before it was sold in 2019 to thr developer I think is the same developer from 2019. Now he just brought in this LLV to take over and made up this story that they just bought this last year. How can that be? Who applies for a bus. License in 2019 in LLC name but tenants were told he just bought it last year. When does a owner apply for license 2019 but doesn't come into owning propery until last year. This is all a bunch of lies to tenants who were here before in 2019 and before that were on the verge of being homeless and some had become homeless becuz of the impact report on tenants here. How is it the mayor wants a full impact report on the longtime res. If they werent planning on making this into condos or houses. Corruption....lies -Trailer of tears

Van lifers find ways to get around San Diego's hostility Neighborhood News, Apr. 20, 2022

Is a van dangerous? Is someone going to rape vour kids? You make these anti-homeless laws

out of hatred. San Diego is mild weather and anyone has a right to be there.

-Van Damned

Gen Korean BBO: the other KFC

Tin Fork, June 17, 2021 How can you tell if the octopus is dead or alive? Ours moved slowly the entire time it was being cooked.

-How fresh is fresh?

Dog owners win the battle of Fiesta Island

Neighborhood News, June 15, 2021

"More rationally" converting it into another road? Don't we have

enough of those? You can't go anywhere in this city without having cars all around you. I don't even have a dog, but I go to the dog park for the opportunity to run somewhere open without the threat of a souped-up F350 running me over. -Running with dogs

Wife of a Spy: Kiyoshi Kurosawa unravels a tired Hitchcockian yarn

Movie Review, Oct. 7, 2021 I also thought I was just feeling insecure whenever my man suddenly became tight-lipped on his phone at unusual hours then I decided to find what was really going on with him as he said i was being paranoid whenever I brought it up. I said to myself that I had to know before I went on to marriage and it was exactly what happened when I employed the services of this particular hacker, He hacked into his iPhone and email and I saw it all. Everyone needs to be sure before they move further in their relationships. I'm happy I dodged a bullet.

-MALIQ

Ethnos: the Greek word for "nations"

twenty four.

The ethnos Or ethnic people are documented in revelation twenty one versus twenty three

Sheep & Goats, Apr. 30, 2021

When we die, it's documented in first Corinthians fifteen, verse 44. That we have 2 bodies, we have a spiritual body and we

have a flesh body. Ecclesiastes 12:6 and 7 goes on to say that the flesh goes back to the dust of the Earth, and the spirit goes to God who gave it instantly, so this would take us to Luke 16;26 the gulf in the sky or paradise as Jesus said on the cross.....the rich man went to the left side awaiting the great white throne judgment and Lazarus went to the right side with Abraham and all those who overcome. God bless you.

-Bible study for life

The ethnic people or the nations are documented in revelation 20 versus 21 through 24.

The caucasian people are the twelve tribes of Israel that came over the caucasus mountains, It's how I was taught at the shepherd's chapel YouTube channel. God bless you, I love your comment.

-Amen to that

When Richard Henry Dana returned to Point Loma

Cover Story, Nov. 21, 1990 Fine addition to the R.H. Dana lore. Thank you. -RHD is for me

The bloody battle of San Pasqual

Cover Story, Mar. 7, 1985

In the book, Blood and Thunder [Hampton Sides], I read of this battle. The

blunders were a horrifying domino effect - I thought the Americans were doomed. What was unbelievable, so hard to grasp was the guts and grit of Kit Carson, Edward Beale and Chemuctah. What a read! -Big Reader

The lightning-pee connection

Matthew Alice, Dec. 2, 2004 I once died while using the toilet during a T-storm. Ever since then I've avoided toilets when there is lightning nearby.

-Holy Shitter

Asbestos in our classic **Hillcrest bungalow**

Cover Story, July. 1, 1982 Wow, 40 years old. Is there an update if you're still around?

-Bungalow Wonderer

Under the radar

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Woke and not-socenter While the U-T appears destined to become significantly less woke under its new ownership, San Diego State University's taxpayerfinanced KPBS public broadcasting outfit is looking to hire a Racial Justice & Social Equity Reporter, per a recent job posting online. "The reporter will be part of a team tasked with covering social inequity in housing, social services, immigration, schools, workplaces, cultural institutions, the legal system, and access to health care," the notice for the position says.

Like all KPBS journalists, "the reporter is expected to participate in station on-air fundraising activities and make appearances for KPBS community building events and other public relations activities." The salary starts at \$30.53 per hour...California state senate pro-Tem Toni Atkins picked up \$10,000 on July 13 from Manpower San Diego for her 2026 bid to become Lieutenant Governor. Manpower is co-owned by Mel Katz, chairman of the San Diego County water authority and prolific giver to political causes, including in December 2021 \$5000 to a group calling itself New San Diego, set up to pay for hit pieces against ex-Assemblywoman Lori Saldana, then challenging fellow Democrat Jen Campbell's reelection bid for the San Diego city council. Saldana fell short of making the cut in the 2022 June primary, clearing the way for Campbell's November rout of Republican Linda Lukacs.

Earlier this month, the San Diego County Local Area Formation Commission gave the green light to the Fallbrook Public Utility District and the Rainbow Municipal Water District, which argue the water authority's prices are exorbitant, to pull out of the agency. An election regarding the move is likely next year. Katz complained that allowing a public vote on the water district pullout "is very disappointing because it will raise water rates for disadvantaged communities, working families, 70% of agriculture in the county, small businesses and everyone else across our region."

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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

Snow What and the Who?

Cast of new Disney liveaction remake places third at Comic-Con costume contest

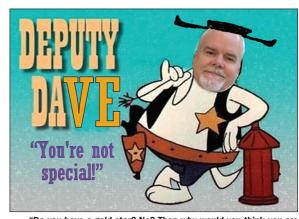
"She's lovely, but honestly, it's like she's not even trying," whispered one of the judges to another at this year's San Diego Comic-Con Costume Contest as Rachel Zegler hit the stage in her yellow and red ensemble. "That could be a ripped-seam Snuggie



Critics pointed out that given the actors strike, the cast should not have been in attendance at the Con, but defenders noted that these outfits and actors couldn't possibly be from a real movie.

she's wearing as a cloak, and that dress is somehow plain and garish at the same time. Definitely not getting Snow White vibes from this. Maybe Cinderella playing dress up with her sisters' castoffs?" It's not clear whether or not the judge knew that Zegler had in fact been cast in the upcoming Disney remake of its famous first feature. Nor was it clear whether her interlocutor knew that the gang

of misfits accompanying her had been cast as the seven dwarfs. "Goodness, what a lot of unpleasant patterns and colors," she hissed. "No wonder they all look so glum. But they had the courage to get up there and try, bless their little hearts, and that counts for something."



"Do you have a gold star? No? Then why would you think you are

Stars Upon Thars

Mayor's Deputy Communications Director puts former colleagues in their place

Shortly after Mayor Gloria's recent press conference announcing the creation of a parking lot sleep space for San Diego's homeless, reporters from the Latino newspaper LaPrensa San Diego attempted to gain access to the site in an effort to report on conditions. Their request was denied, even after they promised to protect residents' anonymity. When the paper took to Twitter to complain about the city's lack of transparency, former CityBeat Editor and current

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mayoral comms officer Dave Rolland was quick to reply: "I know this is going to be hard for you to swallow, but you're not special." Some San Diego media figures were critical of Rolland, especially given his history with the alternative press, but we here at SD on the QT are glad to see that he has repented of his rabble rousing past as a nosy newsman and embraced the establishment. After all, if they have the power, they must be doing something

There's no "I" in "Spy"

City reminds citizens that surveillance is for the common good



Goodness, they just keep getting better and better at this, don't they?

Last week, San Diego's City Council voted 3 to 1 to approve the SDPD's smart streetlight surveillance program, despite substantial public opposition. "Well of course they're opposed," said Council spokesman Tom Peeping. "Nobody wants to get caught being naughty, and most people are naughty at least some of the time. Really, whenever someone starts whining about rights, I start to wonder what they've done wrong, you know?"

In Psycho, Anthony Perkins played a madman who could not let go of the past and his connection to his parent.

Former U-T Editor and Publisher Jeff **Light** stayed at the paper through three ownership changes; his father was a newspaperman.



In Beetlejuice, Catherine O'Hara plays a hard-charging big city artist who learns to relax and get along with people in a

small town



Former U-T local color columnist **Dianne Bell** was once its opinion pages editor, and before that, Senior Deputy Editor at U.S. News & World

Report in D.C.



In The Hangover, **Ed Helms** plays a good guy trapped in a bad relationship who finally works up the guts to walk away



the paper after over 30 years in the wake of its acquisition by Alden Capital.

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No Restroom for the Weary

The bloated bladder and the public square

e don't have a public restroom," the lead employee at a discount store tells me.

"Yes, you do." I shoot back.

"No, we don't," she repeats, not looking at me.

It's December of 2022, I'm doing holiday shopping for work, and her response is lessening my festive feeling in direct proportion to the feeling of increased pressure in my bladder.

"You just let that woman use it, so I know you do." I'm getting pissed off. Some would say it is better than being pissed on, which I am in danger of doing to myself. I would disagree.

"No, I didn't," she says, walking away, a Scrooge on a power trip.

To paraphrase Dickens himself: Fuck the surplus population, right?

But just then, the voice of justice speaks: "Yes, you did," says the self-same woman who was just allowed to use the restroom. She has been watching my exchange with the self-appointed Guardian of the Loo, and her expression registers her disgust at both my mistreatment and the employee's casual lie. My hope for humanity begins to reignite, but not enough to distract from my discomfort.

"I have diabetes, and I'm going to piss right here," I say through gritted teeth.

"You should have just said that," the worker snarls.

"I shouldn't have to, liar!" I shoot back.

She unlocks the bathroom, never making eye contact. After depressurizing my bladder, I go back for round two, demanding to know why she lied

"You don't have to be so rude about it," she complains with a kind of verbal eye roll while busying herself with stocking items. She's all but ignoring me, and I can't help but notice the disconnect between her attitude and the ornaments and tinsel all around us.

The woman who was allowed to use the bathroom says the situation is ridiculous, and I laugh, telling her that she looks much cooler than I do, so maybe that had something to do with it. She says the employee's behavior was unfair, and I agree.

"That's all right though," I shout, loud enough for the employee to hear. "I'm a journalist, and now I have a story to write! And it's going to be in an actual publication, not some social media post!" My defender cheers, and I rack my brain for the name of some pagan deity of piss upon whose name I can swear. Alas, my memory is as empty as my bladder was full, and I have to settle for a random collection of grumpy vowels.

It's a hallmark of both of my careers (writing and social services) that opportunity often knocks as a direct result of me shooting off at the mouth. I wasn't on some kind of mission to discover what was going on in the world of discount-store public restrooms — that was obvious. But after my encounter, I wanted to find out how public and store bathroom closures were affecting people, their responses and feelings about not being able to use a restroom — or having to deny access to one. I

wanted to know what went into the decision-making process to keep the public away from toilets.

My visit to the discount store took place as Covid restrictions were lifting. Like a levee breaking, it was both heartening and overwhelming to be thrust suddenly back into crowds. When the lockdown mandates had been introduced two years prior, public toilets were among the first things to be shut down. Stores were closed. Eateries were struggling for survival. Conflicting information about how the virus was transmitted ripped through news outlets and social media. In this charged and fraught atmosphere, many proprietors decided it was better to be safe than sorry, and closed their restrooms, pushing responsibility for the decision off on public health orders — or at least, on their interpretations of them.

But by December of 2022, the lockdowns were a distant memory and the end of state-mandated Covid restrictions was in sight. Despite that, "getting back to normal" did not exactly mean "getting back to the way it used to be, as many businesses opted to keep their restrooms closed. Here is my best attempt at a sympathetic account of that decision: hiring people is a daunting task these days; many businesses are working with skeleton crews. Retention of staff can be difficult, and training new hires takes time and money. In the midst of all that, who wants to maintain a public lavatory? Unless you're running a relief station, the bathroom is ancillary, not your establishment's primary function. And you neglect your primary function at your peril. Finally, while bathroom maintenance has always been part of the "other duties as assigned or needed" that employees agree to when they sign on, nobody likes to be handed a cart full of cleaning supplies and told to go clean where someone else has excreted or evacuated. Such a person is liable to be less attentive at their other duties — "How much mayo would you like on your sub, sir?" — and may even start to consider other places of employment.

But that wasn't the sort of explanation I got from the staff at CVS in El Cajon on Jamacha Road, where I get my medications. Instead, they told me I could "thank the homeless population for not having bathrooms available for customers." I considered doing just that, if only for the comic potential, but there were none to be found near the store. Granted, it was a different scene pre-Covid, when the storefront bordered on a

mini encampment, and the hostilities were escalating from people's refusal to move to a straight out "Fuck you." But I asked three different staff why the homeless were responsible for the closures, and not one of them mentioned the loitering outside. Rather, they said, it was the vandalism and drug use. Of course, being homeless doesn't make someone an addict or mentally ill, but it is true that the percentage of homeless who are experiencing these struggles is higher than a person who is not surviving on the streets.

Also in El Cajon: the Starbucks at Main and Magnolia has kept its human waste receptacles closed and has shut down its dining room. Pre-Covid, this was the place where I would take groups of people with developmental disabilities into the community, to start the day

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with some coffee. Once, we saw a man who I presume was the owner stop just short of breaking down the restroom door to get to someone who was injecting drugs within. We took the store off the schedule after that, but I continued to make it a regular stop for myself on weekends.

During Covid, I found, many locations shut down their dining areas, some going so far as to take the tables and chairs out of the store completely, thus making it impossible to sit down and stay a while. Most brought them back and reopened the rest rooms as restrictions lifted, but this location didn't — and has no plans to do so. When customers complain, they are directed to "call the city about it."

Shift supervisor Shelby Hefner explained that direction. "Many businesses in the area have decided to shut down their bathrooms due to the rising issues with drug use and unsafe behavior in the area. The idea is that if the city puts more effort toward solving this crisis, our bathrooms may be able to open again." She granted that the closing of the dining area made the coffeehouse more of graband-go, as opposed to the kick-back hangout it once was. "Because our seating is gone, people aren't able to hang out or have meetings at our location. The vibe of the store has definitely changed since I started working here."

There's no guesswork about the policy, because signs announcing the closure and giving the reasons for it are placed in prominent areas, including the closed-off passage where the closed baños are. But the signs haven't prevented protest. As Hefner explained, "People have asked questions, told us we should shut down, and one man even went as far as to urinate on our floor when told he wasn't going to be given access to our bathrooms. We also get a lot of complaints online." A quick look at Yelp illustrated Hefner's point. From claims that this "isn't a real Starbucks" to gluten adversary Luella M., who writes "...this Starbucks needs a serious remodel or something else. I mean this isn't Compton, you should let your paying customers use the restroom and put out a chair or two." People have also taken to using the planter outside as a urinal — in front of other cus-



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tomers, including children, and all a short walk from a police station in "The Gaslamp of East County."

The closures weren't the decision of the employees. They came from above. But they are enforced by people who have to deal with the consequences. "Starbucks corporate decided to remove our seating and our bathrooms during Covid, but decided to keep it that way due to safety concerns," Hefner told me. Well then, I thought, let's see what corporate has to say about it. Simple enough. They're a transparent company, always interested in their customers and employees, have ties to the community, etc. They even have an e-mail for press! So I popped on my cool hat that says "Fuckin' Press" before composing my communication, because I wanted to be professional. I shot out an inquiry stating that I was doing a story on public bathroom closures in San Diego. Within two hours, I was answered by someone named Lauren, asking for a list of questions. I responded with the basics. Why was the decision made? Are there plans to re-open them at this location? A cricket-y chirping sound followed...for three days. I followed up, asking if they had found time to

look at the questions. By the time I turned in this story, Gmail had stopped asking if I wanted to follow up on my last sent message, and even the crickets had stopped chirping. I hope they are well — the crickets, that is. All I can do now is write, "Starbucks Corporate did not reply to requests for comment."

Well, fiddlesticks! Stymied, I decided to go to the alleged source of the problem: maybe a homeless person would talk to me. They weren't hard to find, and many of them were forthcoming: I had casual conversations with people in different areas. The remarkable thing: none of them seemed angry or put upon by the lack of public bathrooms, though it certainly affected them.

A man named Andre agreed to speak with me on the record and was pretty candid. When I asked him how he got here, I was referring to his homeless situation, but what he told me was his physical route. He told me where he gets food, the places and times that food banks are held. I asked him if he had ever been told to leave somewhere because of his appearance, or because he carries the bulk of his belongings with him. He told me only at the La Mesa car show, where, he said, the police told him to leave "because I was making it look ugly." When I brought up community commodes, he told me he used the ones at the public parks. He said that there were porta potties at one park, but someone "effed it up by using drugs in there." He was concerned about getting stuck with a syringe someone left behind and asked if I could get a line of portable toilets put in across the street, like they do when the El Cajon car show happens. I told him I was not that influential, and we discussed metal bands for a while. Before we parted, he allowed me to take a picture, and I asked him how he felt about Starbucks having closed their bathrooms. He answered, "I never went in there before; I don't have the money to buy their coffee."

That bank of porta potties Andre asked for is not likely to sprout up anytime soon. There were discussions of putting paid toilets downtown, because finding a free one there is next to impossible. Of course, the plan doesn't address the issue of homelessness, any

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more than citing a homeless person for loitering does. If anything, it gives the false impression of addressing, it and allows the powers that be to shrug their shoulders because "we tried." This is the crisis that people speak of, the one that is being pushed onto business owners to manage — because they are the ones in direct contact with the population in general and the homeless population in particular.

Biology dictates that at least some of what goes in must come out. Anyone who has done the peepee dance or said a less-than-silent prayer while clenching their ass cheeks after one too many plates of curry understands this. Excrement is the great equalizer. But we're not all socially equal.

My office is in an industrial area, and occasionally, someone will wander into the parking lot and request to use my bathroom. The answer is always no, and without fail, they become indignant. I get even less receptive to them dropping a few kids off in my pool when they stomp and tell me they are going to shit themselves. While I empathize, I have confidential documents and office

equipment in the office that I need to keep secure. I also have no desire to have someone overdose in my bathroom, and even less desire to deal with the ramifications of them "filing their taxes." Nor do I want to spend time waiting for someone's constipation to clear up. At another office location, someone left what must have been a recordbreaking bowl winder in the breezeway between offices at night when businesses were closed.

I'm not alone in declining to provide a relief station for the world at large, of course. I just can't help but noticing that there is an increase in requests at places not known for their hospitality. 7-11 is the epitome of "grab your stuff and get out." Yet during the research for this article, I found that nine out of 10 stores spread around the city reported requests to use their bathroom. (Though I suppose it's not surprising, given all the grease and caffeine on hand.) Also new: the intensity of the hostility that arises when access is denied.

Employees who wished to remain anonymous told me that on occasion, they have let certain customers access the facilities. Police officers are obviously a safe bet, but after that, employees are forced to rely on their instincts — and their sense of self-preservation. Their cramped offices are situated quite near the toilets, and given the prevalence of robbery at allnight convenience stores, I can see how they might be reluctant to let strangers see where the safe is kept.

It's not like availability wasn't a dilemma pre-Covid. Restaurants have always guarded their washrooms like Fort Knox. Sometimes, the drag of stopping people from just walking in and relieving themselves was mitigated by codes or coins that were given at the counter. A person's having to wait in line to get these "keys" when they need to void their nether regions does not put them in the greatest of moods, which wears on the morale of employees — who, like the folks at Starbucks, are merely following corporate directives. At independently owned restaurants, I often see "out of order" signs on the bathroom doors. But when someone ordering food offers some variant of "Oh man, I really need to pee," the cashier lets them.



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someone you

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The facilities aren't broken, the system is. The signs are there to sidestep confusing and sometimes contradictory laws dictating restroom availability and the fines that come with noncompliance. For example, a dining room may require a restroom if it exceeds a certain measurable area, and other things best left to an attorney to interpret. They also stop random people from wandering into the shop to use (or misuse) the water closets.

So much for the private sector. What about public institutions that by law have to provide facilities? Libraries are the best example of untrained personnel being put in a potentially dangerous situation, such as when someone uses the bathrooms as a grooming station. Once, I walked in on a man who was manscaping while hopping up and down to get a good view of his below-the-belt handiwork in the mirror. He got surly because I had to walk in front of him and so interrupt his routine. I reflexively laughed at the entitlement, but got out pronto because I realized I was mocking a man who had a lot of confidence with a razor blade. Shortly after, the mirrors were gone,



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replaced by signage stating that personal grooming wasn't allowed. At another library, I couldn't use the facilities because a man was inside charging his cell phone, drying his clothes, and shaving. I informed the librarian, who told the man to leave. Librarians doing double duty as security officers seems fraught, and even the actual security officers can do little but call the police.

Moving on: it's almost a tradition to pull over on road trips to use gas station facilities. En route to Los Angeles, I know the last place to relieve myself and stretch before gridlock hell. This was once a guaranteed courtesy, but now, the availability in America's Finest City has become spotty. It depends on the owner, corporate policy, and sometimes just plain luck. Erick Greenzweig is an attendant at a Shell station in San Diego. Talking to him is like hearing the evolution of restroom access pre-, during, and post-Covid. "I always go in after someone uses it," he tells me. "I check to see if it is still clean, and if the person made a mess. I won't let them use it again." He says it's part of the job, and there are relatively few problems. The station did not lock the bathroom doors during Covid, which resulted in consistently odd postuse inspections. "I don't know if people thought they could get the virus through their shoes or what," he laughs. "But I'd walk in there and the entire floor would be covered in paper towels, like people were terrified to contact the surface with their rubber soles."

Greenzweig trusts his instincts, but sometimes, they fail him. Once, a man who had gotten gas for his car looked nervous when asking for the key to the john. Greenzweig halfjokingly told him not to destroy the bathroom, then walked into a scatological nightmare. "I don't know if the guy didn't want to sit on the toilet or if he always hovered above it. Whatever the case, he didn't hit the bowl and sprayed it everywhere." Greenzweig was left to clean up the Jackson Pollock-inspired masterpiece in between helping customers, some who needed to use an unusable crapatorium. Now, he admits to a bit of gatekeeping when it comes to access. "Sometimes, it just doesn't feel right. Other times, it's obvious someone's on drugs, with abscesses and things like that, and their eyes looking high. I don't want to find anyone dead in the bathroom or nodded out." What about homeless people? "No problem if someone needs to use the

bathroom. But if you roll up here with two shopping carts of stuff and park it in front of the door, then I'll probably tell you to leave." I ask him if that is judgmental. "Maybe," he says, pausing to think. "We've just had some bad experiences with people trying to move into the bathrooms, and we aren't equipped to handle those situations and serve our customers."

Pressure continues to mount on stores, restaurants, and public facilities to address this symptom of the homeless crisis. As with the cashier at CVS, this breeds resentment toward the unhoused population for "ruining" things and takes the onus off those on whom it belongs: the city and government. The laws surrounding public urination and defecation are designed to be enhanceable —in this case, to have added charges requiring stiffer penalties. Chapter five, article six of the San Diego Municipal Code makes it a crime punishable by fines and jail time. But depending on who sees it, there could be an added charge of indecent exposure and resultant registration as a sex offender. Medical conditions provide a possible exception to the law; this is, after all, a basic biological function that is sometimes beyond a body's control. But doesn't mental health fall under some form of medical condition?

While terms like "safety" and "staff resources" are bandied about, no one mentions Hepatitis A, which is on the rise. Found in stool and blood, the virus can live for months on surfaces and is contagious in microscopic amounts, transferable through sharing food or drink. We went through an outbreak in 2016-2018, and it doesn't appear we learned much. The culprit then was a lack of public facilities and a lack of hygiene. What happens when these facilities become less accessible is clear: shit on the sidewalk and piss on the lawns, the former being a potential disease carrier. There have been 28 reported cases in the past six months, with 18 of those being homeless people.

As I do a read-through of this article. I realize the story is bigger than me. I acknowledge that I myself have made judgment calls to not allow people to access my restroom. Maybe the woman who denied me access at the discount store was just doing her job, playing the odds. Perhaps I should apologize and make amends to her, tell her I now understand where she was coming from when she lied to me, apologize for yelling in her store when she was just trying to protect it.

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WHEN: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 28 through 30, 12 pm WHERE: Ramona Outdoor Community Center, 5th Street and Aqua Lane, Ramona. ramonacountryfair.com

Saturday | 29

STAY STRANGE SUMMER **MUSIC SERIES**

Stay Strange is San Diego's exclusive noise music collective. The third event of their Summer Series features Bobby Bray, who will be using a Turkish Saz, as well as utilizing an interface he built using microcontrollers and an IBM joystick from the 1980s, to control effects made in an environment known

as Pure Data. The theme of the performance will be "homage to humans no longer living." The pieces will include an explanation of the tools and ideas used — what's "under the hood."

WHEN: Saturday, July 29, 2 pm WHERE: College-Rolando Library, 6600 Montezuma Road, San Diego. staystrange.com



GLAIVE AND ORIGAMI **ANGEL**

North Carolina singer-songwriter Ash Blue Gutierrez, aka Glaive, first earned attention during the Covid pandemic by posting homemade pop songs online, which resulted in a label contract with Interscope Records. His debut album was released July 14, I Care So Much That I Don't Care At All. The bill includes Washington D.C. duo Origami Angel, who have released a new collection called *The Brightest Days* in June.

WHEN: Saturday, July 29,

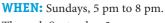
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WHEN: Sunday, July 30, 2:30 to

WHERE: Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. warwicks.com/event/cantrell-2023





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creative dialogue that combines the graphic expressiveness of comics and their authors, with the inquisitive perspective of scholars. Comic authors have built comic strips that feed on academic knowledge and demonstrate that Spain has been part of the American reality since long before the very foundation of the American country, Friday, July 28, 7pm; free. Sparks Gallery, 530 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Free Radio Controlled Aircraft Flying Class Airplanes provided, register online. Mondays, 5pm; through Monday, July 31, free. Johnson Field, Pankey Road.

Hand Rolled Sushi Class Learn how to create your own fresh sushi rolls. Sunday, July 30, 5pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Self-Defense Class, EFT Workshop, Sound Bath Walking Tall Series Friday, July 28, 5pm; free-\$55. Pier To Point Wellness & Spa, 4166 Voltaire Street. (POINT LOMA)

Six Ways of Looking at Memoir A Potpourri of Techniques for Memoir Writers Mondays, 6pm; through Monday, August 21, \$36-\$42. Inspirations Gallery, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #204.

Wood Burning Workshop Unleash your inner artist as you embark on an exhilarating journey, armed with stencils, basswood, and a wood burning tool. No prior experience needed. Saturday, July 29, 5pm; \$59. Grafted Cellars Winery, 2379 La Mirada Drive. (VISTA)

COMEDY

1 Night Only Improv comedy. Thursday, July 27, 7:15pm; \$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

4th Friday Comedy Local comedians Gene Levin, Carol Johnson, Jennifer Mason, Chris Williams, SaraLee Styner, Sapna Iyer and Ben Yin. Friday, July 28, 7:30pm; free. Spacebar Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

Chad and JT Goes Deep Chad and JT Goes Deep (Netflix, Howard Stern, Kimmel, Ellen) - special event, no discounts or passes. Saturday, July 29, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$17. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Comedy Under the Stars Hosted by Benji GarciaReyes, comedians TBA. Saturday, July 29, 8pm; free-\$10, 21 and up, Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street

Fred Armisen: Comedy For Musicians Fred Armisen will delight in this evening of comedy, music, and fun. Audiences won't know what to expect as Fred welcomes special guest stars to join him onstage throughout the evening. Wednesday, August 2, 8pm; \$20-\$70. Epstein Family Amphitheater, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Hasan Minhaj: Experiment Time Winner of two Peabody Awards, Hasan Minhai stars in Netflix specials such as HOMECOM-ING KING, PATRIOT ACT and THE KING'S JESTER. Thursday, July 27, 7pm and 9:30pm; Friday, July 28, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, July 29, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$40-\$70. La Jolla Playhouse, 2910 La Jolla Village Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Hollywood Showcase Show Five comics will perform Friday, July 28, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

JP Sears AS SEEN ON: JP Sears is a famous YouTuber with videos that have accumulated over 300 million views, he's also the host of the podcast "The Awaken With IP Sears Show" & more! Thursday, July 27, 7pm; Friday, July 28, 7pm and 9pm; Saturday, July 29, 4pm, 6pm and 8pm; \$30. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Sebastian Maniscalco Friday, July 28, 7pm; \$69-\$130. 18 and up. Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VAL-

Tim Heidecker The Two Tims Summer Tour '23 Sunday, July 30, 7:30pm; \$39-\$99. 18 and up. Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

DANCE

Intro to Square Dancing Free 1st class Tuesday, August 1, 7pm; \$10. St. James Catholic Church, 625 South Nardo Avenue.

Live Music & Belly Dance Shows Enjoy Persian cuisine, live music, belly dance shows and open dancing. Saturdays, 8pm; through Saturday, December 16, free. Shiraz Restaurant, 12125 Alta Carmel Court. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

ASAP Conference for Chiari & Syringomyelia ASAP national conferences allow the world's foremost authorities to present their research, experience, and knowledge about Chiari, Syringomyelia and their related disorders. Thursday, July 27, 8am; Friday, July 28, 8am; Westgate Hotel, 1055 Second Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Atlas Rep Virtual Outreach **Event** MBEs & WBEs sought for a federally funded project for the City of San Diego - As-Needed Construction Management Services - Federal for Engineering & Capital Projects. Register online @ https://rb.gy/sitlt. Tuesday, August 1, 10am; free. (ONLINE)

Community Model Train Swap Meet Find deals on hard-to-find items from vendors around Southern California. Saturday, July 29, 7am; \$3-\$5. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado.

Homeschooling 101: Homeschool Options A homeschooling expert will explain the different aspects and options to consider. This program will begin with a presentation and end with Q&A. No registration required. For parents of children entering TK-12th grade Tuesday, August 1, 5pm; Wednesday, August 2, 1:30pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Job Fair Brain Balance, a drug-free brain training program designed to help adults and kids improve focus, behavior, social skills, cognitive performance, health, safety, and emotional well-being, is hosting a job fair. Friday, July 28, 1pm; free. Brain Balance Center, Rancho Carmel Plaza, 10175 Rancho Carmel Dr., Suite 124. (CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

July Green Living Tour The Green Living Tour is a bi-monthly, one-hour tour at Solana Center for Environmental Innovation's home



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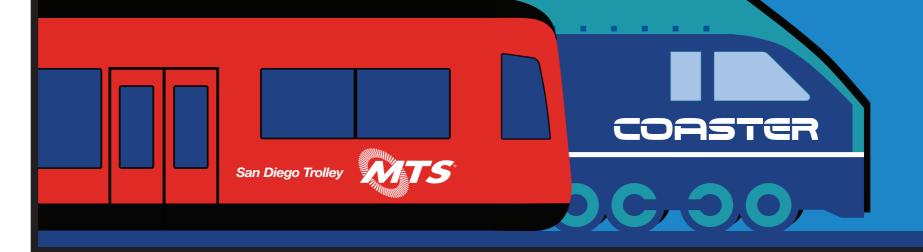
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base in Encinitas that showcases sustainability in action. Saturday, July 29, 10am; free. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation, 137 North El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

Mission Valley Friends of the Library Meeting Learn about the Mission Valley Friends of the Library. This meeting is both inperson and on Zoom, Email MissionValleyFriends@gmail.com for Zoom link. Recommended for adults, children are welcome. Thursday, July 27, 11:15am; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

FILM

San Diego International Children's Film Festival The 19th San Diego International Children's Film Festival presents short films and animation from around the world for all ages. Filmmaker and animator appearances. Saturday, July 29, 10am; free. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

FOR KIDS

Oceanography Merit Badge Days By combining field work, laboratory observation, and scholarly discussion, Oceanography Merit Badge Days at the Maritime Museum of San Diego allow scouts to become immersed in the branches of oceanographic research. Saturday, July 29, 9am; \$25-\$60. San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Pokémon & Yu-gi-oh! Trading Card Game Day Teens and tweens, enjoy a fun afternoon of your favorite trading card game. Bring your favorite Pokémon, Yu-gi-oh!, or Magic the Gathering deck, or borrow a deck from the library. All skill levels welcome. Wednesday, August 2, 3:30pm; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella This fresh adaptation of the beloved musical showcases some of the songwriting duo's loveliest tunes, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/ It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago," as well as some new charac-

OUTDOORS

Orioles move to the coast, High **Tides, Full Moon, Meteor Shower**

Orioles, The Bright Yellow- Or Yellow-Orange-And-Black Birds seen flitting among the palm trees, are summer residents of San Diego County's coastal areas. A century ago, they preferred to nest in sycamore trees, which were then more common in our area's river bottoms. Today, these birds are most likely to take up residence in the planted palm trees, where they obtain fiber to build their nests from the easily shredded fronds.

The Highest Tides This Month are associated with the full Moon. A high tide of +7.64 feet is predicted at 8:58 pm Monday,



DURING THESE EXTREMELY HIGH TIDES, THERE WILL BE LITTLE SAND LEFT AT SUNSET CLIFFS' "NO SURF" BEACH.

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July 31, and a slightly higher tide of +7.74 feet is due at 9:46 pm on Tuesday, August 1. Lowest tides for the month occur very early in the morning: a -1.71-foot tide at 4:11 am on Tuesday and another -1.71-foot tide at 5:51 am on Wednesday.

The Moon Reaches Full Phase On Monday, August 1, rising in the east near the time of sunset and setting in the west at around sunrise. Folk names for the August full Moon include "Corn Moon," "Barley Moon," and "Moon When Cherries Turn Black." There are four supermoons in a row this year; the August 1 supermoon is the second supermoon of this rare sequence. A "supermoon" is when the full Moon happens at (or very near) the exact time when the Moon is closest to us in its orbit.

This Year, The Beautiful Delta Aquariid Meteor Shower peaks July 29 through 30. Their hourly rate at the peak is 10 meteors per hour. Always look towards the darkest part of the sky, typically away from the moon, for your best shot at seeing a shooting star.

ters and surprising twists. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, August 6, \$16-\$18. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

An Evening of Spirit with James Van Praagh Join celebrated Spiritual Medium James Van Praagh for an Evening of Spirit Messages. Friday, July 28, 5:45pm; \$75-\$135. Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, 1613 Lake Drive (ENCINITAS)

July Next to Nature Demo This demo will be a presentation from Conor Lenehan, Deputy Fire Marshal for the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District. There has never been a better time to be mindful of wildfire risks and safety. Register online @ sdrvc.org/events/. Saturday, July 29, 10am; free. San Diego Science Center, 3030 Bunker Hill Street, (CLAIREMONT)

NASA Talk NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador, Neil Farber talks about real missions that explore our solar system. Wednesday, August 2, 5:30pm; free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

NATURE

2023 Day of Play During Day of Play, families will participate in nutrition, gardening, and STEAM activities, take-home crafts, physical activities & games, cooking demonstrations from the "Kitchenistas", raffle prizes from sponsors & more. Saturday, July 29, 10am; free. Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center, 2525 N Avenue. (NATIONAL CITY)

Birding Basics Class Increase your enjoyment of Nature by learning 5 simple techniques to identify birds at a glance. You will also learn how to use a field guide, so bring one along if you have it. Classes meet at the Visitor Center in Classroom A. The class is free, seating is limited to the first ten people. Saturday, July 29, 1pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (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. Due to the recent rain the Park is Spring-time green. The park's wildflowers are blooming: Monkey flowers, black and white sage, Deerweed and the purple Ceanothus (the CA lilac). Many migrating birds are being sited

right now, 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 29, 9:30am, Sunday, July 30, 9:30am, free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Wheelchair-Accessible Botanical Tour Join Park Ranger Herrera for a journey through a lesser-known botanical treasure. This easy, 1/4 mile trail is wheelchair and stroller accessible. Bring water and sun protection. Leashed, friendly dogs are welcome. Meet near the playground. Saturday, July 29, 11am; free. Charles Lewis III Memorial Park, 4639 Home

Wildlife Kayaking Eco Tour Be an Ocean Connector and join a Wildlife Kayaking adventure. A naturalist guide will point out marine and bird life and teach you about local ecology and conservation efforts. All equipment is provided: Kayak, life vest, and field guides. A portion of your Eco Tour ticket goes to our nonprofit environmental education programs. Saturday, July 29, 9am; \$35-\$55. Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

SPECIAL **EVENTS**

American Red Cross Blood Drive You can help save a life by donating blood at your library. Friday, July 28, 10am; free. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Summer Nights Enjoy live music and special performances, nosh on a selection of treats paired with alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, and stroll the Garden at sunset. Concerts on the Lawn are free with a general admission ticket but with capacity limited, reservations are strongly recommended. Thursdays, 6pm; through Thursday, August 17, free-\$55. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Tiki Oasis Enjoy five nights and four days of live music, dancing, pool lounging, sunset dinners, disc jockeys, educational seminars, a bustling Marketplace of over 150 artists and makers, tropical cocktails curated by top mixologists, art exhibit, book signings, and more. Wednesday, August 2, 4pm; Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North.





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Cotton Patch Gospel

Lamb's Players Theatre's first production of Cotton Patch Gospel began in October of 1981 and ran for 193 performances. It's not hard to see why: the musical sets the story of Jesus in the mid-century rural South, such that the religious authorities who are scandalized by and ultimately plot to destroy Jesus are ostensible Christians. Original Jesus was forever castigating the Jewish Pharisees for their obsession with worldly authority and rules, even as they neglected the love and mercy commanded by the God who gave them their raison detre. But here, Jesus is challenging the very folks who signed up for his spirit-filled alternative to all that institutional rot, only to become the institution themselves. (Here, "Johnny" reminds Mary that he has to be about his Father's business after attending a Sunday school convention.)

The message was solid: dear Christians, please don't forget Christ. And the timing was spot on: Jerry Falwell's Moral Majority was an ascendant political entity, celebrity televangelists

were amassing enormous fortunes, and here was Jesus, reminding folks that he did not come to found a political party, and was not interested in places of honor or storing up treasures on earth. Now? Well, a bunch of Republican presidential candidates did sit down with conservative commentator Tucker Carlson at a recent meeting of the Family Leadership Conference, but it's hard to see Christianity as the kind of dominant cultural force it was 40 years ago. (Though it's as good a time as any to hear a song about turning the other cheek and loving your enemies.)

As a result, the play comes off less as a stinging rebuke and more as a friendly rework that makes the old story new - well, newer. "You are the salt on the ham, the light on the porch!" The miracle of loaves and fishes as saltines and sardines, the Last Supper with a moon pie and Grape Ne-Hi. What makes it engaging, and perhaps enduring, is the music: bluegrass and folk, delivered with emotion and expertise by the three-person cast and the fine four-person band. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600, 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS. 1PM SUNDAYS

Crime and Punishment: A Comedy

With Ebenezer Scrooge's BIG San Diego Christmas Show, Gordon Greenberg and Steve Rosen gave The Old Globe's Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre its version of the Donald and Darlene Shiley Stage's How the Grinch Stole Christmas: an annual event that tweaked a holiday classic into something comedic and sweetly feel-good — no mean feat, given the whole ghost story structure, horrible protagonist, and climactic threat of death and infamy. It surely

helped that the story is so well known that its more alarming aspects have been blunted by familiarity. Here, they're considerably more daring, taking a book "vou didn't read in high school" - by an author famous for his renderings of tortured moral crises, about a man who commits a murder and resolves to get away with it — and turning it into a wacky comedy. The result is sort of Dostoevsky defanged, formally a comedy, but relying mostly on gags and references for its laughs. (A wedding planner named Anna Karenina!) There are some good lines: when someone mentions an older man's wandering eye, his would-be wife cries, "He's having that fixed!" But it's not entirely clear why it exists in the way that it does. It feels almost like a dare: take one of the darkest stories in the canon, and make it happy. The cast is game, the staging is inventive, and the puppets are delightful. But the emotional whiplash is dizzying. OLD GLOBE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK, (619) 234-5623, CALL FOR SHOWTIMES

The Kitchen Witches by Caroline Smith

Lamplighters Theatre presents its 85th season opener: Isobel Lomax and Dolly Biddle are two cable-access cook ing 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.

La Jolla Playhouse: Is It Thursday Yet?

Jenn Freeman's autobiographical dance-narrative, created in collaboration with Sonva Taveh, is a very fine example of what theater can do in terms of engagement and immersion, and not only (or even primarily) because of its moments of audience participation. Long before she switches things up and invites us to dance while she watches, she's drawn us into her world - into her mind, which is afflicted by Autism Spectrum Disorder; into her body, which often suffers the consequences of that disorder; into her life, which seems, happily, awash in love and understanding. (One of the show's sweetest sequences involves her grandmother's intuitive engagement with her "Funny Little Bird," figuring out a way to help the future dancer move in rhythm.)

move in rhythm...)
It's not always an easy watch; much of the piece is concerned with the challenges Freeman has faced, and if we're here to feel along with her, well... So yes, when she is overwhelmed by auditory stimuli, you are overwhelmed by auditory stimuli, and when she is exhausted, you must endure alongside her. Even a place of comfort can prove disconcerting: Freeman loves being out in nature, but the sped-up parade of clouds that represents that comfort starts scraping the retinas long before it ends. Empathy ain't easy.

It helps that the entire piece takes place in the context of a positive event: Freeman's revelatory diagnosis at age 33 by psychologist Kimberly Gilbert. Gilbert's recounting of her professional observations provides the structure here, helped along by the copious video Freeman's parents took of their daughter and a number of lo-tech props. (Even the video screens are old CRT TVs.) Freeman herself moves with fierce energy and awesome control, but it's more arresting than aggressive. And it's set against Tayeh's simple and sweet sung delcarations: "You know who you are," "You are not alone," "Gotta find my way so I can be free?

MANDELL WEISS FORUM, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 8PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SAT-URDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

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 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, mono-

logues 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, chars, 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.

Wildsong Productions Cabaret

Set in 1929-30 Berlin, Cabaret depicts a chaotic interwar period of debauchery and escapism as desperate individuals indulge in the luxurious and pleasure-seeking nightlife of the Kit Kat Club, seemingly oblivious to the impending catastrophe on the horizon.

OCEAN BEACH PLAYHOUSE, 4944
NEWPORT AVE., OCEAN BEACH. 619-795-9305. 8PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY.

Witness for the Prosecution

Leonard Vole stands accused of murdering a rich widow. The stakes are high, with shocking witness testimony, impassioned outbursts from the dock and a young man's fight to escape the hangman's noose. Generally regarded as one of Christie's most accomplished plays, this suspenseful thriller keeps audiences guessing until the very end. POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM 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 unreviewed. Thousands of past reviews are available online at SDReader.

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)

Oppenheimer — Small men, big

bombs. Not for nothing do the three main movers and shakers in writerdirector Christopher Nolan's very magnum opus refer to themselves as "a humble physicist," "a humble soldier," and "a humble shoemaker." (The first is Robert Oppenheimer, director of the American effort to beat the Nazis to weaponized nuclear reactions: the second is Leslie Groves Oppenheimer's military overseer; and the third is Lewis Strauss, the former chair of the Atomic Energy Commission, whose confirmation hearings for Secretary of Commerce - long after the bomb's invention and use - provide the occasion and framework for the time-hopping narrative.) Naturally, none of them mean it, but it's the truth: here, they're just frail cogs in a mighty historical machine. Robert Oppenheimer may have quoted Shiva when he said, "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds," but the film treats him as more of a brilliant organizer and pitchman than as a god or even a genius - a brainy strategist in the mold of Steve Jobs. He may get the title — and the cover of Time — but he joins the rest of the characters in the scrum of a story of ordinary men and women caught up in extraordinary times. What they created really did, as the movies like to say, "change the world," but no one here rises to the level of hero, or even tragic hero, and even the villainy on display is more vanity than anything else. Oh, the humanity, indeed. As a result, the three-hour runtime involves an awful lot of talk about impersonal science and highly personal relations, punctuated by one truly spectacular, overwhelming happening. Nolan is a past master at cutting up events and fitting them together to dramatize the former, and also at the kind of grand-scale visuals that do justice to the latter. But the inevitable affect is somber bordering on sour: a well acted, gorgeously shot downer. (2023) (2023) — M.L. ★★ (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)



THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

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

Athenaeum Music and Arts

Library: *Thursday*, 7:30pm — Harold

Thursday, 7:30pm — Harold López-Nussa. \$40-\$45.

Balboa Theatre:

Saturday, 8pm, Sunday, 3pm — San Diego Gay Mens Chorus: Stronger Together.

Barn Restaurant:

Friday, 8:30pm — Bonneville 7. **Free**.

Beach House Grill:

Friday, 8pm — Neil Frances.

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, 6pm — Jake Taylor Smith. *Saturday*, 6:30pm — Gabriele Dagrezio.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 8pm — Start Making Sense. \$20-\$35. Friday, 7:30pm — Easy Wind. \$17-\$30. Saturday, 7:30pm — Pine

Saturday, 7:30pm — Pine Mountain Logs. \$24-\$42. Sunday, 7:30pm — Earthless. \$2-\$44.

Wednesday, 8pm — Ambrosia. \$36-\$63.

Bloom Nightclub:

Saturday, 8pm — Destructo.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:

Saturday, 6pm — Good Vibes Band. Free.

Brick by Brick:

Saturday, 7pm — Skold and Clockwork Echo. \$14-\$18. Monday, 8pm — Mizmor, Usnea, Abyssal. \$14-\$18.

Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Vialet. *Tuesday*, 5pm — Andrew Peña.

Carruth Cellars Liberty Station:

Thursday, 5pm — Adrienne Nims. **Free**.

Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Tunewave and Millie Shaw. \$8. Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm — Lucy's Fur Coat. Sunday, 7:30pm — The Dollyrots. \$17.

Civita Park:

Saturday, 11am — Civita Community Band Festival. **Free**.

College-Rolando Library:

Saturday, 2pm — Stay Strange Summer Series.

Corazon Del Barrio:

Saturday, 8pm — The Sleepwalkers.

Diamond Palace: Thursday, 6pm — The Mad Hat

Hucksters. **Free**.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Saturday, 7pm — The Gravities.

Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm — Kekoa. Sunday, 4pm — Jehua Evans. Tuesday, 4pm — Orion Song. Wednesday, 4pm — Keni Yarbro.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, 6pm — David Rosales.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar: Friday, 4pm — Havana Nights:

Fercho. \$50-\$150.

Farmer & the Seahorse: *Thursday*, 4:30pm — David

Shyde. Friday, 4:30pm — Sean McCole. Sunday, 11am — Blaise Guld.

First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, Hillcrest:

Saturday, 2pm — Summer Tardeada Dance Party. **Free**.

Golden Island:

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{Friday}, 6 \text{pm} - \text{The New Orleans} \\ \textit{Swinging Gypsies}. \ \textbf{Free}. \end{array}$

Hello Betty Fish House:

Thursday, 6pm — Blame Betty. Free.

Hotel Republic San Diego:

Thursday, 6pm — Jenny & The Tramps. Free.
Sunday, 11am — Jaden Guerrero.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Gel with Truth Cult. \$20. Friday, 7:30pm — Aleks Syntek and Fehr Rivas. \$45. Friday, 7:30pm — Waveform and Teeth. \$17. Saturday, 7:30pm — The Aquabats and The Aggrolites. \$30-\$75.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Chris Isaak. \$98.

Saturday, 8pm — Pink Martini. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Little Feat. \$71-\$170.

\$/1-\$170. *Wednesday*, 7:30pm — Collective Soul. \$59-\$159.

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — Durell Anthony. Free.
Saturday, 7pm — Jarred Matthew

Sunday, 11am — Dalton Gazette. Wednesday, 5pm — Kai Kalama.

La Jolla Community Center:

Friday, 7pm — Christopher Hollyday: Music of Bud Powell. \$25-\$35.

La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Perry O'Neal.

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin. Saturday, 11am — Rachel Jay.

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Saturday, 7pm — Nathan Welden.

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, 6pm — Christian Taylor. *Friday*, 6pm — Marelle.







the inside track

Berk's new work Indie pop singer-songwriter Tamar Berk grew up playing piano and started writing songs on guitar as a teenager. While living in Chicago, she played in regional bands — like her first, power pop group Starball, known for tracks

like the 2001 song "New Year's Day." ("I wanted to write a holiday song," recalls Berk.) She went on to play in an electro-punk duo with her husband that they named The Countdown and a Small Faces cover band called Deep Joy, and she briefly had

and she briefly had a group with Kim Thompson called Sweet Heat. Relocating to Portland, she played keys with the Pynnacles, and her next group, Paradise, released three albums, including a rock opera. After she moved to San Diego, her debut album The Restless Dreams of Youth was released in summer 2021, and earned a San Diego Music Award nomination. Her sophomore fulllength from 2022, Start At the End, was nominated for the Best Pop Album SDMA, while she earned another

nom for Best Pop Artist. Now she has two new singles, "Drop in the Bucket" and "If U Know, U Know," both from her upcoming third album Tiny Injuries, due August 18. "Tiny Injuries represents the cumulative effects of the 'death by a thousand paper cuts' we have all been through since Covid broke," she says, "a veritable roll-call of neuroses, frustration, and just plain feeling sorry for yourself. I didn't feel as crushed emotionally during this album in comparison to the last one, which made me question every choice I was making." Regarding the album's first single, she says "Drop in the Bucket'

explores the idea that relationships change because of the little cutting remarks, hurtful words, and arguments that add up over time. Eventually, this can lead to resentment, anger, and codependency, weighing down a relationship. As the old saying goes,



Tamar Berk: externalizing the internalized.

you can't take something back once you say it."

A video for "Drop in the Bucket" is streaming online. "My idea for the video actually came to me in a dream in which I was a ballroom dancer...I thought that would make such a cool video, even though I had never done it before. I searched for a ballroom dancing teacher and found Ksenia Stravica, who teaches private classes at Champion Ballroom in Kearny Mesa. So I got together with her for about a month, and we worked together to choreograph a dance. I come from a ballet background, so combining our influences made for a strange and wild little dance. The final piece was filmed by this amazing local videographer, Brandon Mosquera, at this really cool space I found called FemX in central San Diego."

She describes her other new single, "If U Know, U Know," as "Big Star meets Phoebe Bridgers." The track deals with Berk's feelings of confusion, isolation, and dislocation after the death of her father. ("The sun comes up but I'm already down/ Wander room to room, but you're nowhere around.") "I

recently learned that we are always mourning something: a child leaving home, houses, cities, jobs, friends, marriage, a death, ourselves, our youth. There are things I like about getting older, but the thing I hate most is how much longer the list of things that I'm mourning has become."

Talking about the album's title, she continues in a reflective vein: "We all go through life having experienced things that affect us and cause problems, whether we know that at the time or not. Lots

of anxiety and memories we can never rid ourselves of. Some of them are small, and some are bigger, but they are injuries that remain with us. And it's not about 'Poor me.' Everyone internalizes these injuries, and none of them are tiny.''

Recorded in her

Walker (Smashing Pumpkins, Garbage, Filter), and the twelve tracks were mixed by Sean O'Keefe (Fallout Boy, Plain White T's). Berk played the majority of the instruments, including rhythm and lead guitar, piano, synth, organs, bass, and percussion. But the album also features guest musicians, including Eels bassist Allen Hunter, Witch Mountain guitarist Rob Wrong, Loons guitarist Christopher Marsteller, Maita bass player Matt Thomson, Penetrators guitarist Chris Davies, trumpet player Everett

home studio, Berk produced

Tiny Injuries with Matt

"I like pulling people into an emotional vibe with me,"
Berk says. "Life can change on a dime. And sometimes you don't know what to do. This is the first time I don't have a plan." She will debut *Tiny Injuries* when she plays an album release show at the Casbah on August 5.

Kelly, and Smashmouth's

"Walking Hurricane."

Matt Klooster, who provides

some bouncy Farfisa organ on

— Jay Allen Sanford grant Find Blurt online at SDReader.com/blurt

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HEY, CHELS at Soda Bar

JULY 27



Hey, Chels was founded by Jacque Mendez (New Way On) on vocals and electric piano, Stephanie Presz (the Newports) on drums, Kevin White (Squarecrow, Londons Falling) on guitar, and Ricky Schmidt (Western Settings, Caskitt) on bass. Their debut self-titled dream pop EP, produced by Patrick Ryan Heaney (Cage the Elephant, Cold War Kids, the War On Drugs), was followed by a full-length called Everything Goes. The City Heights bill includes Jagged Baptist Club, Ughh, and Auz Fontaine.

CHRISTOPHER HOLLYDAY at La Jolla Community Center

JULY 21



Jazz saxophonist Christopher Hollyday recorded his debut album Treaty when he was only 14, becoming the youngest person at that time to play the Village Vanguard in New York. Since relocating to Escondido in 1996, he has earned a Master's degree at SDSU and taught music at Orange Glen High School and Valley Center High School. As part of the La Jolla venue's Fourth Friday Jazz series, Hollyday will present the music of Bud Powell.

LUCY'S FUR COAT at the Casbah

JULY 28 AND 29



Alt-grunge rockers Lucy's Fur Coat formed in 1991, going through several lineup changes and earning some national acclaim before going their separate ways. They've reunited several times over the years for one-off shows, including a 2008 set and a pair of September 2015 performances. Their two-night reunion in Little Italy includes openers Dig.

EARTHLESS at the Belly Up

JULY 30



When it launched in 2001, the space rockers of Earthless were mostly inspired by Krautrock and Japanese psychedelic bands. They took home a 2007 San Diego Music Awards for Best Hard Rock Album for Rhythms From a Cosmic Sky, and they've gone on to multiple tours of Europe, Australia, and Japan. Their appearance in Solana Beach includes an opening set from Los Dug Dug's.

ALMOST MONDAY at the Quartyard

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AUGUST 4



With their indie pop single "only wanna dance" making its way up the Alternative Radio Chart, Almost Monday will launch a 15city co-headline tour with Weathers kicking off August 4 at East Village's Quartyard and wrapping on August 25 in Richmond, VA. They'll also join AJR for select dates and will be making several festival appearances including Wonderstruck, Have A Nice Trip (Korea), Wonderbus, and Life Is Beautiful.

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Saturday, 6pm — Israel Maldonado. Sunday, 6pm - Rachel Jay,

Monday, 6pm — Ben Powell. Wednesday, 6pm — Andrew

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, 9pm — Freeemartin. *Friday*, 9pm — 2lil2late. Saturday, 9pm — Mayan Effect.

Music Box:

Friday, 7:30pm — East Coast vs West Coast. \$20-\$140. Sunday, 7pm — Rhinestones & Fringe. \$14-\$16. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Vieux Farka Toure. \$2-\$25.

Nick & G's:

Saturday, 7pm — Whitney Shay.

Nova SD:

Saturday, 8pm — Cash Cash.

Observatory North Park:

Saturday, 7:30pm — Glaive and Origami Angel. \$27-\$48.

Pal Joey's:

Saturday, 9pm — West of 5. Free.

Panama 66:

Thursday, 6pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers, Free.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Yellowcard and Mayday Parade. \$27-\$6091.

Piazza della Famiglia:

Saturday, 7pm — Marine Band San Diego Summer Concert.

Prohibition:

Monday, 9pm — Liquid Bricks Jazz Trio.

Quartvard:

Saturday, 6pm — Imarhan.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:

Saturday, 7:30pm — SD Symphony: Guster. \$22-\$100.

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Tuesday, 6pm — David Shyde.

Salty Frog:

Saturday, 9:30pm — Bonneville 7. Free.

San Diego Marriott Del Mar:

Friday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.

San Diego Public Market:

Saturday, 7pm — Wicked West: Feathers & Fur. \$25-\$50.

SeaWorld:

Sunday, 6pm — Mario.

Seabird:

Sunday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

Side Yard:

Saturday, 6pm — Christian Tavlor. Wednesday, 6pm — Alex Elisabeth.

Soda Bar:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Hey Chels and Jagged Baptist Club. \$12. Friday, 9pm — Dang: A Soulful Electronic Dance Night. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Brit Taylor and Stacy Antonel. \$18.

Soma:

Friday, 7pm — High Vis. \$20.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:

Sunday, 6pm — Lao Tizer All Stars Band.

Sunshine Brooks Theatre:

Friday & Saturday, 8pm, Sunday, 2pm — Billie! Backstage with Lady Day.

Thornton Winerv:

Friday, 6:30pm — Prince Again: Tribute to Prince.

Til-Two Club:

Thursday, 7pm - Stacey Antonel, Thea the Band, Jeff Berkley.

Saturday, 8pm — Rude Machine and The A-Bortz. Sunday, 8pm — Turnstyled, Junkpiled. Free.

University Club Atop Symphony Towers:

Saturday, 10:30am — David Shvde.

Westfield University Towne Centre:

Thursday, 12pm — Ben Benavente. Saturday, 12pm — Shay Skylar.

Whistle Stop Bar:

Friday, 8pm $\stackrel{\cdot}{-}$ Model/Actriz.

Winstons Beach Club:

Friday, 9pm - A Perfect Tool and Wicked Echoes. \$10. Saturday, 9pm — Electrico and Son of Kane. \$8.

Saturday, 4pm — The Standouts. Free.

Sunday, 4pm — Protect Your Heart, Lost Dakota, Sleep It Off. \$10-\$15.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Saturday, Aug. 12 - Casey Turner

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Jake Taylor Thursday, Aug. 10 - Jake Taylor

Smith. Saturday, Aug. 12 - Shay Skylar.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Lime Cordiale. \$25.

Friday, Aug. 4 — The English

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Billy Nation: A Tribute to Billy Joel.

Sunday, Aug. 6 - Earl Thomas & Sister Leola.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 — Sabrosas Latin Orchestra.

Thursday, Aug. 10 — Wild Child. \$22-\$39

Saturday, Aug. 12 — Desperado. Sunday, Aug. 13 — The Young Dubliners.

Bogey's Pub and Grill:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Lady Dottie & The Diamonds. Free. Saturday, Aug. 12 - Starsign. Free.

Booze Brothers Brewing Company:

Friday, Aug. 4 — Lead Pony.

Break Point:

Monday, Aug. 7 — Greg Howe and Lost & Found.

Brick by Brick:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Pike vs. The Automaton. \$20. Saturday, Aug. 5 — LGBTQ+

Benefit Show. \$15. Saturday, Aug. 12 - Angst of the

Era. \$10. Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Convictions and Confessions of a Traitor.

Cannonball:

\$15-\$18.

Thursday, Aug. 3 — David Shyde. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Mike Myrdal. Casbah:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Suzanne Santo. \$20. Friday, Aug. 4 — Ash Easton and

Kilfeather. \$8. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Swive and Tamar Berk. \$8.

Sunday, Aug. 6 — The Good Life and The New Trust. Monday, Aug. 7 — Scott H.

Biram. Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Michigan Rattlers.

Wednesday, Aug. 9 - Donny Benet

Thursday, Aug. 10 — Donny Benet. Friday, Aug. 11 — Vision Video

and Úrban Heat. Saturday, Aug. 12 — The Price

Of Dope. Sunday, Aug. 13 — Lower Class Brats and Dwarves.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 — The Junkys and Lord Friday the 13th.

Corazon Del Barrio:

Sunday, Aug. 6 — ACXDC, HKFY, Greenwitch. \$15-\$20. Cordova Bar:

Sunday, Aug. 13 — Blame Betty. \$5.

Covote Bar & Grill: Sunday, Aug. 6 — Bonneville 7.

Cruise San Diego:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Deep Tech on the Bay.

Diamond Palace:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — The New Orleans Swingin' Gypsies. Free. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Jonesy Jones & The Crowned Jewelz. Free.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Dead Heads Night. Tuesday, Aug. 8 — SD Jazz

Collective. Friday, Aug. 11 — Strange Crew & FooU.

Monday, Aug. 14 — Bluegrass Jam.



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Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Rachel Jay. Friday, Aug. 4 — David Shyde. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Whitney

Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Helena Holleran.

Saturday, Aug. 12 - Dalton Gazette. Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Natalie Aley.

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Friday Summer Jazz Series. \$50-\$150. Sunday, Aug. 13 — Soul Sunday Sessions. \$50-\$150.

Farmer & the Seahorse:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Alex Elisabeth.

Friday, Aug. 4 — Justin Froese. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Joanna Gerolaga. Thursday, Aug. 10 - Sean

McCole. Friday, Aug. 11 — Freddie

Walton. Saturday, Aug. 12 — TJ Moss. Sunday, Aug. 13 — Danielle Angeloni.

Golden Island:

Friday, Aug. 4 — Veronique Forget. Free. Friday, Aug. 11 — The Zzymzzy Quartet. Free.

Hilton Del Mar:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Helena Holleran.

House of Blues:

Friday, Aug. 4 — The Motels and Gene Loves Jezebel. \$25-\$75. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Willie Barcena. \$30-\$40. Friday, Aug. 11 — The Rodeo Rave: Modern Country Rave. Monday, Aug. 14 — Los Cafres. Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Gabe Price

Humphreys by the Bay: Monday, Aug. 7 — Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles.

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, Aug. 3 - Marelle. Friday, Aug. 4 — Jemille Vialet. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Rachel Jay. Sunday, Aug. 6 — Farrah Camu. Thursday, Aug. 10 - David Shyde Friday, Aug. 11 — Gabriele Dagrezio.

La Valencia Hotel:

Heinecke.

Sunday, Aug. 13 - Matt

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Kai Kalama. *Friday, Aug. 4* — Keni Yarbro. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Christian Taylor.

Friday, Aug. 11 — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Durell Anthony

27, Sunday, Aug. 13 - Rachel Jay. July Sunday, Aug. 13 — Brandon

Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Friday, Aug. 4 — Sean McCole. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Casev Turner.

Friday, Aug. 11 — TJ Moss.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

Rott got dealt a rotten hand

One of classical music's greatest "what could have been" stories is that of Hans Rott, a highly talented and promising composer of the late 19th century. Although his life was tragically short, his contributions to the world of music were significant and influential.

Born on August 1, 1858. Rott showed an early aptitude for music. He began his musical education at the Vienna Conservatory at the age of 14, where he studied composition and organ with none other than Anton Bruckner. Bruckner recognized Rott's exceptional talent and became a mentor and friend to the young

composer. While at the conservatory, Rott also became friends with his roommate, Gustav Mahler. After Rott's death, Mahler would claim that Rott was the founder of the new symphony as Mahler had grown to see it.

The work that Mahler was referencing was Rott's Symphony No. 1 in E major, completed in 1880. The symphony is a grand and ambitious work, showcasing Rott's mastery of orchestration and his ability to create powerful and emotional musical landscapes at the tender age of 20. Despite its brilliance, the symphony was largely overlooked during Rott's lifetime and remained

unpublished until the 1980s.

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Besides Bruckner, Rott was greatly influenced by Richard Wagner. He attended the premiere of Wagner's Ring Cycle at the first Bayreuth Festival in 1876. No one left that experience without a heavy Wagnerian influence.

Rott showed his symphony to Johannes Brahms, but Brahms was diametrically opposed to both Bruckner and Wagner concerning the issue of what music should be. Perhaps not surprisingly, Brahms told Rott to quit music because he had no talent whatsoever. Rott was devastated, and Brahms was confirmed as something of a dick.

Unfortunately, Rott's promising career was cut short by mental illness. While on a train trip, Rott pulled a pistol on another passenger and claimed that the naysaying Brahms had loaded the train with

If only Rott had got a fair shot.

explosives. In addition to delusions, Rott also suffered severe depression, which ultimately led to his institutionalization in 1880. During his time in the asylum, Rott's mental health deteriorated further, and he was unable to continue composing. He died of tuberculosis at the age of 25 in 1884, leaving behind only a handful of completed works.

Despite his tragic fate.

Rott's music has had a lasting impact on the world of classical music, in that he stands between Bruckner and Mahler. His symphony, which wasn't premiered until 1989, has gained recognition as a masterpiece of the late Romantic period.

There have been several recordings of this symphony since 1989. The most recent was an effort by Deutsche Grammophon in 2022.

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Sunday, Aug. 13 — Los Amantes

Mission Bay Resort:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Mike Myrdal. Friday, Aug. 4 — Gabriele Dagrezio. Sunday, Aug. 6 - Helena Holleran. Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Farrah Camu. Wednesday, Aug. 9 - Kai Kalama. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Ben Benavente. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Jeff Brinkman. Monday, Aug. 14 - Casey Turner.

Moonlight Beach:

Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Jay L. Henry. Sunday, Aug. 6 — Brawley. Free.

Moonshine Beach:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Randall King and Jake Jacobson. \$10-\$15.

Morgan Run Resort and Club:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Johnny Martin.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Stoney B. Friday, Aug. 4 — Travel Agents.

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Custard Pie. Thursday, Aug. 10 — James Allen

Friday, Aug. 11 — Blue Largo. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Chicken

Music Box:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Porter and Frameways. \$30-\$70. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Donna Drive and Tsunami Sound Waves. Friday, Aug. 11 — Dazed & Confused and Lies N Roses. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Long Beach Dub Allstars and Jakob's Castle. \$27-\$140. Sunday, Aug. 13 — La Sonora Dinamita. Monday, Aug. 14 — W.I.T.C.H. and Sonny & the Sunsets.

Friday, Aug. 11 - Matt Heinecke. Saturday, Aug. 12 - David

North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Danny Elfman: From Boingo to Batman to Big Mess & Beyond. \$40-\$500. Friday, Aug. 4 — Rebelution and Iration. \$20-\$613. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Rod Stewart and Cheap Trick. \$41-\$2328. Tuesday, Aug. 8 — The Offspring, Simple Plan, Sum 41. Thursday, Aug. 10 - The Smashing Pumpkins, STP, Rival Sunday, Aug. 13 - Post Malone.

Nova SD:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Green Velvet. \$55. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Yellow Claw.

Observatory North Park:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Lauren Spencer Smith and Blake Rose.

Friday, Aug. 11 — Yung Pinch. Saturday, Aug. 12 — The Dollop.

Open Air Theatre:

Wednesday, Aug. 9 — Noah Kahan and Joy Oladokun.

Sunday, Aug. 6 — Noted Songwriter Challenge. Free.

Pal Joev's: Saturday, Aug. 12 — Blame

Betty. Free. Panama 66: Thursday, Aug. 10 — Uptown

Rhythm Makers. Free.

Parq Restaurant: Saturday, Aug. 12 — Ohgeesy.

Pechanga Arena San Diego:

Saturday, Aug. 12 — Santa Fe Klan, Tornillo, Snow Tha Product.

Petco Park:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Cigarettes After Sex.

Poway Library:

Saturday, Aug. 12 — Saturday Music Concert: Eric Dickerson.

Prohibition:

Monday, Aug. 7 — Liquid Bricks Jazz Trio.

Pure Project:

Saturday, Aug. 12 — Vinyl Night with Weekend Records. Free.

Pure Project North Park: Thursday, Aug. 3 — Y2K Night.

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Sessions: Toranzo. Free.

Free.

Friday, Aug. 4 — Weathers and Almost Monday.

Thursday, Aug. 10 - Bobby Oroza.

Rady Shell at Jacobs Park: Sunday, Aug. 6 — Music of Joni Mitchell, Carole King, Carly

Rustic Root:

Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Blaise Guld.

San Diego Marriott Del Mar: Friday, Aug. 11 — Jonny Tarr.

San Diego Yacht Club:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Mike Myrdal.

SeaWorld: Sunday, Aug. 6 — Ashanti.

Seabird:

Sunday, Aug. 6 — Casey Turner. Sunday, Aug. 13 — Keni Yarbro.

Side Yard:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — TJ Moss. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Jonny Tarr.

Friday, Aug. 4 — Jackie Mendoza & moondaddy. \$12. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Strokes Nite.

Friday, Aug. 11 — The Spits and VR Sex. Saturday, Aug. 12 — Death Cab

For Karaoke. Monday, Aug. 14 — Bobby Alu. Tuesday, Aug. 15 — The Art Gray Noizz Quintet.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:

Sunday, Aug. 13 — Gregg Karukas, Adam Hawley & Pamela Williams. \$65-\$130.

Spin Nightclub:

Friday, Aug. 4 — Toman, Rivka M, Jax Carter.

Thornton Winery:

Friday, Aug. 4 — Dog N Butterfly. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Michael Lington and Howard Hewett.

University Club Atop Symphony Towers:

Wednesday, Aug. 9 — Jemille Vialet.

Viejas Arena:

Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Beck and Phoenix.

Waterbar:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Ryan Hiller. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Jemille Vialet.

Waterfront Park:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Bleached. \$95-\$195. Sunday, Aug. 6 — Bleached. \$95-\$195.

Westfield University Towne Centre:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Ben Benavente. Friday, Aug. 4 — Joanna Gerolaga. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Mike Myrdal. Thursday, Aug. 10 — Ben Benavente.

Whistle Stop Bar:

Thursday, Aug. 10 — Nick Waterhouse. Sunday, Aug. 13 — Body Of

Winstons Beach Club:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Low Down String Band and Loose Strings. Friday, Aug. 4 — The

Visionaries. \$20-\$25. Saturday, Aug. 5 — Nubella Honey. \$8.

GONZO REPORT

Peering into the pit

GBH stirs memories of diving days at House of Blues

Kevin Grossman — formerly of Rat City Riot, now with LoudMouth — shares a memory of touring with tonight's headline act, GBH. "There's nothing like being in a poor punk touring band, going to Paris exhausted, and seeing Jock from GBH holding a bottle in one hand and a bong in the other yelling, 'Kevin from Rat City Riot, get over here!" The first time *I* saw GBH, I was seeking refuge from three angry exes — first in the pit, and then onstage. My subsequent attempt at a stage dive was foiled by a local who was sitting on the stage and grabbed my legs, and a bouncer whose job description apparently included causing my head to hit the concrete.

The House of Blues downtown does see the occasional stage dive, but three decades have passed since the aforementioned concussion, and tonight, I find myself up in the balcony section. A leap from here would cause more than a headache and nausea. Also, I don't feel the need to escape from my wife, who is happily here with me.

We didn't start off in the relative safety of the balcony. Before this, it was an evening spent meandering around the venue, seeing old friends and having the discussions one can enjoy only at a show in the relative silence that falls between bands. Our first stop was the merch booth, where a pair of twentysomething women formed their own line in the middle of the actual queue, wearing cateye makeup and clothing strategically torn to reveal fishnet and leather. I suspected they spent more time getting ready for this show than I spend on a year's worth of concert prep. But their disruption didn't faze me, because I was still thinking about what to buy. The fashionable punk girls wanted most of the merch and walked away with an armload of swag. I had a budget to consider. Happily, the prices made me think that Live Nation wasn't taking their cut, even though it turned out they were. I felt like a sellout for getting a shirt, but the merch guy assured me that the band was benefiting and that they were holding the promoters accountable. He didn't explain how, though — he just laughed.



GBH: making memories across generations.

We saw the openers NIIS from the floor, and discovered a new band worth listening to. Singer Mimi San Doe prowled and growled, her stage banter delivered in a sweet high-pitched voice that put me in mind of the offspring of The Joker and an anime character. I met guitarist Ryan McGuffin after the set and he was as friendly as a man with no voice can be. He pointed to his throat, indicating that he couldn't talk, but was more than willing to pose for a pic. The Chisel followed: a powerful live act that benefited from the street punk legacy of GBH.

A shirtless young man used the bar mirror to flex at himself, quite pleased with his physique. He and a woman of the same age then slipped off to the popcorn machine to make out during the rest of The Chisel's set; it seemed he was not the only one pleased with his workout results.

It wasn't until my last smoke break of the night that we found our way upstairs to an uncrowded balcony bar, where my bank account was violated by the purchase of an adult beverage for my wife. That's where we met Grossman, his daughter, and his wife, and where he told me the story of touring with GBH in Europe.

His 10-year-old Izzy is here for her first punk show. Though her favorite band is The Interrupters, she loves GBH. Grossman's wife Sarah shares stories of having a dictionary handy when listening to Bad Religion and so building her vocabulary. Come showtime, Colin from GBH gives a shout-out to Grossman from the stage, but the singer points to the left section of the balcony, and not toward the center where we are. Grossman flaps his arms in a vain attempt to be seen, but it's still a cool moment, sure to make a memory for his child

The floor below is a constant whirlwind of pit activity, and the balcony seems a world away from it, but not from the energy of the music. Some are up here because too many or too few summers have passed since their birth; some just meandered up here and stayed. Others prefer the option of sitting because of health issues. I used to laugh at the idea of being anywhere but right in the middle of the floor action. Now I realize that, at some point, we all spend time in the balcony.

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Mastiff Kitchen adds to its sausage legacy in La Mesa

Mastiff Kitchen La Mesa; 4253 Palm Ave., La Mesa. It has been ten years since a food truck hit the road with a small yet memorable menu of made-from-scratch sausages. In the time since, Mastiff Sausage Company has gone on quite a roll (pun intended). The homegrown business has made a couple noteworthy stops, establishing fixtures within the Liberty Public Market and North Park Beer Company, but I get the feeling Mastiff's new, standalone La Mesa restaurant has always been the goal.

There's actually much more than that, but I'll pause just a moment to appreciate the sausage. You'll dine happily whether you go for the signature bratwurst, andouille, chicken apple, or any other option available. I most recently dug into hatch chili and cheese.

Rather than order one a la cart (\$7), or three to a platter (\$22), I recommend going with a sandwich (\$12), because from the soft, fresh roll to the whole grain mustard to the caraway seeds in the refreshing house sauerkraut, this thing's engineered to tickle every corner of your mouth.

Expect bold flavors, not only from the sausage, but all the way down the menu, including salads. I checked out a chopped kale salad (K.A.C., \$13), dressed with tahini and bal-



Hatch chili and jack cheese sausage, made by Mastiff Sausage Company.

Mastiff Kitchen La Mesa takes over what was for many years the home of gastropub Craft Kitchen, and plenty here will be familiar to regular diners, from the long line of craft beer tap handles behind the counter, to the returning staff. Of course, what's different is that now there's Mastiff's jowly dog's-head logo gazing back as you walk in, and house-made sausage on the menu.

samic to go with avocado and toasted chickpeas. Even this proved hearty and savory, at least compared to the bland salad afterthoughts of most pubs.

No one should be surprised by anything at this point, but it's not just salads for the veggie set: Mastiff kitchen goes so far as to offer vegetarian versions of both its sausage sandwich and smashburger, too.





There's more than sausage at Mastiff's first standalone location.

But where this new edition of Mastiff Kitchen is truly poised to win La Mesa hearts and minds is the pizza menu. I've encountered all of the above at other Mastiff locations,, and none of it forecast a mastery of pizza was on the horizon. But it may be the best thing Mastiff has done yet.

They don't call it Detroit-style pizza, but that's clearly the starting reference point for what comes out of the oven: a small, yet deeply thick rectangle of Foccacia, burnished at the edges by a crust of pan-crisped cheese.

Like the other offerings, the base pizza gets stacked with flavor: garlic, tomato, parmesan, and whatever you decide to put on it. You can always go with pepperoni, or get weird with broccolini, or chicken and bacon. But it occurs to me that if you're going to order pizza from a sausage maker, you pretty much have to get sausage and mushrooms, or at least sausage and peppers. Both are on the menu for \$20, and I can testify to the quality of the former, *aka* the "Mush love," topped with thick crumbles of the house fennel sausage.

Every robust bite won me over, but one in particular stands out. When I got to the doubly crispy back corner of my last slice, fate would have it that both a piece of sausage and mushroom huddled together within a nook of the charred cheese. The culmination of flavors and textures into a single bite sent my eyes spinning like slot machine wheels. Maybe the best ever last bite of pizza. Here's to ten more years of this.

-Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

4-Course Beer Pairing Dinner Bay City Brewing presents a four-course beer pairing dinner crafted by the masterful Chef Roy Henderickson. The evening will highlight a variety of brews including the Murky Muchacho Hazy IPA, Fiesta Island German Pilsner, Gambino Coffee Stout and more. Courses to pair will feature dishes inclusive of Hamachi. Tickets are priced at \$75/per person (21+ event). Friday, July 28, 7pm; free-\$75. 21 and up. Mission Bay Resort, 1775 East Mission Bay. (MISSION BEACH)

Chimichanga Charity Event The plant-based taqueria will be offering a limited time Chimichanga until August 31. 20% of the proceeds from this special edition dish will benefit the Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This deep fried burrito comes with choice of Carne Asada, Pastor, Barbacoa, Gabacho, Chicken, Birria and veggie. Each Chimichanga is \$15.99. Tuesday, August 1, 12pm; free. Tacotarian, 4332 30th Street. (NORTH PARK)

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Yellowfin and bluefin moving up – Beat the summer heat on a twilight run

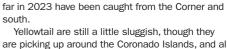
Dock Totals 7/16- 7/22: 5193 anglers aboard 219 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 92 barracuda, 3087 bluefin tuna (up to 255 pounds), 90 bocaccio, 117 bonito, 1110 calico bass, 7 halibut, 9 lingcod, 6139 rockfish, 128 sand bass, 59 sanddab, 3 sand sole, 99 sculpin, 216 sheephead, 2 treefish, 4 triggerfish, 320 whitefish, 1 white seabass, 782 yellowfin tuna, and 182 yellowtail.

Saltwater: As we ease into the middle part of summer, fishing has been great for the fleet, albeit with mixed results. Yellowfin and bluefin tuna have been caught in the same area from banks near the "Corner," which is where the international border extends west to the outer limit of Mexican waters. There, bluefin have been biting better in the dark hours while yellowfin have been caught mostly in daylight. One thing that is consistent is the depth where bluefin have been holding during the night bite. In most cases, 300 feet is the magic number, so much so that some of the boats will stop on the way out at the fifty-fathom line so anglers can drop to the bottom and mark their line at 300 feet to ensure achieving optimum depth while jigging.

Metered tuna tend to look like an arc of marks, and the middle top of that arc has been averaging that magic number in depth. As tuna tend to focus forward and up when feeding, dropping into the school then jigging vertically up will be more

productive in triggering bites. If fishing bait on a sinker rig, 300 feet is also the best depth to soak a fat sardine. As average size is getting a little smaller, the big fish are still around to well over 200 pounds, so having a quiver of three or four setups from 25-pound to 130-pound is best. If there are any gaps in your arsenal, the landings all have rental gear for every class available.

As bluefin are scattered from off of Ensenada up to between San Clemente Island and San Nicolas Island, so has been the fleet. Longer trips are heading west more often, as the normal trend is for the bluefin to move more toward the San Clemente and Cortez/Tanner bank areas by the end of summer, while yellowfin and dorado begin to fill in just to the south. Though there were no dorado in the report for the 3-day and under runs this past week, we should begin to see them as the yellowfin numbers rise. Most of the yellowfin thus



Yellowtail are still a little sluggish, though they are picking up around the Coronado Islands, and all signs point to an improved bite moving forward into the season. That said, the numbers caught are way down from this time last year. Nothing is 'static' in the sportfishing realm, change is the constant, and captains and crews have been working hard to put their anglers on the best opportunities for targeted species.

For those who wish to hit the local nearshore fishery, half-day boats are beginning their twilight runs. These trips tend to focus on the coastal kelp and flats from Imperial Beach to La Jolla; they depart at 6 pm and return by 11 pm, and run about \$70. Boats out of San Diego Bay will focus on the areas from Point Loma south, while runs out of Mission Bay focus on Point Loma to off of La Jolla. Twilight runs can be a great way to get a line wet if you're not able to get out on a day trip, and offer great nighttime views of city lights and even SeaWorld's fireworks shows, which run nightly through July, August 1-13, 18, 19, 25, and 26, and the first four days in September. As inland temps rise, twilight fishing can be a pleasant family cool down as well.

Fishing inside San Diego and Mission Bay has been heating up as well. Spotted bay bass and halibut have been the main catches for those fishing

from boats, kayaks, piers, shore, and even float tubes. With the warming water, halibut and spotties have been more found in the deeper water off eelgrass edges and along the channels. Working the docks is also productive for spotted bay bass, though most docks do not allow fishing. If you are on a small vessel and are a careful navigator, it can be done. Flipping bass lures (my favorite is a $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ -ounce skirted spinner bait usually meant for freshwater bass) along the pilings can often result in a strike by a "grumpy" bass lurking in the shade of the dock. Halibut have been hitting plastics and bait presented slow and near the bottom. With summer sun driving many to the water, fishing inside the bay, especially in float tubes or kayaks can be iffy, so be sure to remain out of traffic zones. Also, morning/evening fishing tends to be better for bites and less traffic. Especially in a kayak or tube, always wear your PFD and make sure you are visible to all traffic. They're out there, so go get 'em!



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Across

- 1. When repeated, "Hungry Like the Wolf" band
- _ alai
- 9. Natl. Merit Scholarship hurdles
- **14.** Largest city in Nebraska
- **15.** Catering vessel
- **16.** Hasbro game requiring increasingly quick reflexes
- **17.** All thumbs
- 19. Matchmaking site available in Hebrew
- 20. James of "The Godfather"
- **21.** Stare at rudely

- **22.** End-of-October greeting
- 28. "Finished!"
- **29.** Assistant
- 30. Back-to-back NBA MVP winner Nikola
- **32.** Midler of "Beaches"
- **34.** Part of wpm: Abbr.
- **37.** Electric
- **38.** Construction site sight
- 40. Cleverness
- **41.** It might address a gray
- 42. Remove from a board
- **43.** Mystic's board
- queen
- **46.** Barrel of laughs

- **47.** Abraham Lincoln's first Vice President
- **54.** Notion
- **55.** "I'm such a butterfingers!"
- **56.** Nabisco name since 1967
- **58.** Abbott and Costello, e.g. (or what the words in 17-, 22-, 38- and 47-Across each start with)
- **63.** Longtime New York archbishop Timothy
- **64.** Mike's partner in candy
- **65.** Rest spot for a camel
- **66.** Expiration date words
- **68.** Foot massage targets

Down

- **1.** Play-
- 2. Actress who, with Ethan, is a parent to actress Maya Hawke
- 3. Male sheep
- **4.** Bubble bath sigh
- Image Awards
- 6. Friedlander of "30 Rock"
- **7.** Madison Square Garden, for one
- **8.** Neither Dem. nor Rep.
- 9. Classic sandwich initials
- **10.** "Us, too!"
- **11.** Take from (copy)
- **12.** Mr., Mrs. or Mx.
- **13.** Vermeer and Rembrandt contemporary
- 18. Thumbs-down vote
- 22. Poppycock

- 23. Spot for an inconspicuous tattoo, perhaps
- **24.** Louvre Pyramid designer I.M.
- **25.** Shop tool
- **26.** "Kiss Me Deadly" singer Ford
- **27.** Emerson's " Beauty"
- **28.** Worked a club, say
- **31.** "SNL" alum Oteri
- **32.** Actress Sonia of "Moon Over Parador"
- **33.** Sheeran and Sullivan
- **34.** Often-dystopian conflict of the future, for short
- **35.** City where Grey Poupon originated
- **36.** "Now!"
- **39.** Many a Syrian or Yemeni

- **67.** Pompous person
- 44. Clickable address
- 45. Forensic facility
- 47. Holi celebrator
- **48.** "Hasta la próxima" **49.** Woman's name that becomes another woman's
- name when spelled backward **50.** They can be deceiving
- **51.** They may be mobile
- **52.** Gibbon, e.g.
- **53.** Early PC platform
- **57.** Whichever
- **58.** Org. in many Tom Clancy books
- **59.** Ming whose number was retired by the Rockets
- 60. Ethernet alternative
- **61.** One-eighty
- **62.** 58-Down forerunner

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It's a Dirty Job

 But it wasn't his job. Still, Beirut Report journalist Habib Battah got his hands dirty on a recent flight from Paris to Toronto, Canoe reported. "An hour into the transatlantic flight ... I kept smelling something gross and couldn't figure it out," Battah wrote on Twitter. While investigating, he discovered a large, "wet to touch" stain on the floor around his seat. The strap of his backpack, which was under the seat, was soaked in it, and a flight attendant only gave him some wipes to clean it up before "casually (noting) a passenger had hemorrhaged on a flight before ours," Battah said. He said the Air France staff were shocked because a crew had removed the seats after the previous flight's incident, but apparently hadn't cleaned the bloody carpet. "This is not a customer service issue - it's a BIOHAZ-ARD," Battah wrote. "There is fresh human blood on your aircraft."

Oops

■ The Presbyterian Ladies' College in Croydon, Australia, a private girls' school, recently had egg on its face after drone footage captured the suggestive shape of a new garden bed on the campus, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported on July 5. The garden was designed by an architectural firm; a school staff member said that as they considered chairs for the garden, they "sent a drone up to take pictures. At a certain angle from up high, the garden ... took on a phallic shape which was unintended and unexpected. As a result, the architects made some

alterations which were completed within 72 hours of the drone pictures." One unidentified former student said, "The immediate response was laughter ... Photos have been circulating among the school as memes, saying 'Oh good morning' and various kinds of jokes."

What Could Go Wrong?

— Alef Aeronautics has announced that the Federal Aviation Administration has cleared the startup's flying car, the Model A, to fly for purposes including research, development and exhibition, United Press International reported. The California company calls its invention a vehicle takeoff and landing aircraft, or VTOL, which can drive and park like a normal car. While it is not certified (yet) for public road travel, the company says the FAA's OK will place it closer to "bringing people an environmentally friendly and faster commute ... This is one small step for planes, one giant step for cars," said CEO Jim Dukhovny.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Chandler, Arizona, taxidermist Rachel Lewis, 38, has found her niche in the world of preserving dead animals: She makes piggy banks out of stillborn piglets. *Metro News* reported that Lewis, a former hairdresser, took a taxidermy class four years ago and just came up with the piggy bank idea in May. "Most of my specimens I get from local farms around me," Lewis said. "I feel like they get to live a second life ... it's kinda cool." She called her process "laborintensive," involving hollowing out the insides

and adding a pork ... er, cork plug. "I have a larger pig that I plan on doing as a piggy bank, too," she said. She also hopes to make objects with jewelry boxes and "secret stash" compartments

Inexplicable

- Michael Banks, 36, told Brevard County (Florida) sheriff's deputies that he decided to go "car surfing" after he left a Home Depot store on July 5 in Merritt Island, Click Orlando reported. Banks allegedly climbed on top of a van, then jumped from it onto a Nissan truck, an SUV, a Jeep, another SUV and a sedan, causing damage to each vehicle in the neighborhood of \$1,000. He faces two counts of criminal mischief and was held at the county jail.

Questionable Judgment

— The Greater Muscatine (Iowa) Chamber of Commerce and Industry is apologizing after a controversial Fourth of July parade entry drew heated responses, KCRG-TV reported. The entry consisted of a man on horseback, leading a woman on foot dressed in Native American attire. The woman had a rope tied around her hands. "The group (submitting the entry) stated that their intention was to pay homage to the Cherokee Nation on how unjustly they were treated," read a statement from the GMCCI, but "the entry does not represent our community."

Recent Alarming Headline

 Carol Dillin of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is trying to get to the bottom of a

nighttime visitor that keeps banging on her back door, waking up her family. KFOR-TV reported on July 6 that Dillin's security cameras have captured a flying object that may be a bat or a large moth; all of her attempts to block or scare the animal away, including plastic owls and a scarecrow, have failed. "I thought somebody was hitting baseballs against the house. Then it started sounding like basketballs," Dillin said. Micah Holmes of the state wildlife department said his money is on a moth. "This is a good year for moths because it's been pretty wet," he said. "This is the time of year they're out and trying to mate." Meanwhile, Dillin has decided to take the ultimate step: "We have a guy coming Friday morning to give us an estimate" to close off the porch, she said.

For the Birds

— The Cotehele medieval house in Cornwall, England, was all set to be the site of a five-day cherry-picking festival starting on June 28, the BBC reported, but blackbirds foiled the plan. Laura Jarman of the National Trust said that 80 trees were full of the fruits on June 19, but two days later "the gardener came to tell me they'd all gone ... feasted on by the very cheeky blackbirds. They're so cute, we don't mind too much," she added. The site still plans to host an apple-picking event later in the year.

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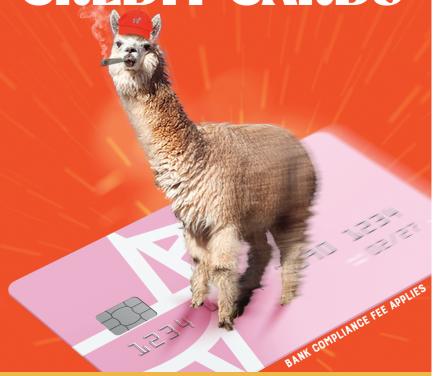
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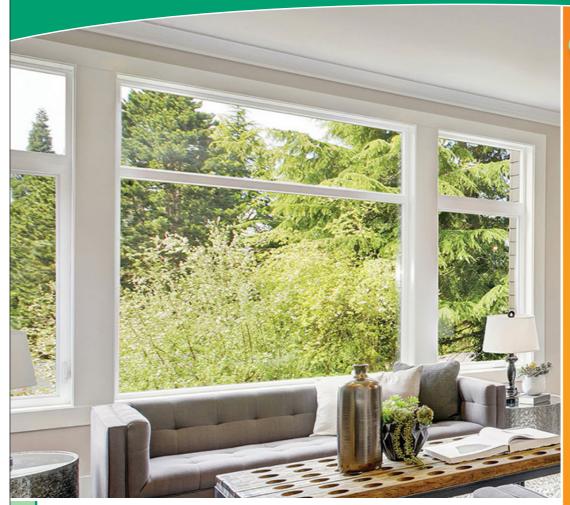
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