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Pee problem's simple solution

Like some of the people mentioned in ("No restrooms for the weary", Cover Story, July 27, 2023), I am someone who gets quite angry when told by a business that there are no public restrooms or that restrooms are for customers only. Well it's not just the homeless that need to use a restroom (as if being homeless is a legitimate excuse for denying the use of a restroom). And for many seniors, the availability of toilet facilities is a major necessity. And it's not just diabetics who have a medical need. Just talk to any old guy with an enlarged prostate! And for people with heart or blood pressure issues and who are on diuretics, the need for a restroom can be quite frequent and urgent. But why should people have to reveal that they have medical issues? It's really nobody else's business.

And I am of the philosophy that if a business is making money off of the general public, then they should provide for the immediate personal needs of the general public, namely clean air, clean drinking water, a clean cool place to rest temporarily, and clean toilet facilities. And that especially should be the case if the business is selling food or drink where on-premises consumption can substantially increase the need for toilet use.

I can nevertheless accept the reality that some businesses are just not equipped to handle making restrooms available to everyone. Maybe they are in old buildings that just lack sufficient toilet facilities. Or maybe they are in neighborhoods with high drug use and a great

amount of vandalism and it's just not easily possible to keep the facilities clean.

OK, so keeping in mind that all businesses DO have a moral responsibility to serve the general public, here is a solution to the problem that provides for the readily availability of free-to-use toilets. Let all store owners/managers decide whether they are willing to allow the use of their restrooms by the general public. If so, then the city can issue an annual free placard for their window that says something like "We are here to serve the general public. Our restrooms are available to everyone." But if instead they wish not to open their restrooms to the general public, then the city should require that businesses pay an annual fee of a few hundred dollars (small chump change for most businesses) and then issue a placard that says something like "We support free public toilets by paying an annual public toilet fee. The nearest public toilet is ____". The money that the city receives from the annual toilet fee can then be used to construct and maintain free public toilets that are available to everyone! Problem solved!

J-R
San Diego

Naming the golden god

In the story, ("No restrooms for the weary", Cover Story, July 27, 2023) Spike Steffenhagen says, "I rack my brain for the name of some pagan deity of piss upon whose name I can swear." Wouldn't that be Pistophanes?

David Schmiedeberg
Mira Mesa

Elimination limitation

I am not beyond peeing on the doorstep of public places that won't open their restrooms to the public ("No restrooms for the weary", Cover Story, July 27, 2023). Defecating is going too far so I have my limits!

Dennis Johson
Kensington

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

DOWNTOWN

Con struggles to stay cool High temperatures and hot merchandise, but no hot properties

Longtime Comic-Con attendees — dealers and cosplayers alike — said that this year's gathering was hot. The high humidity outside (89-96%) was partly to blame, but it was more than that. Peter S., a dealer who has been selling his wares here since the '80s, said, "I'm sweating - and it's not because of the Human Torch or Firestorm cosplayers running around. It's the AC; it's not blowing



A crowded Blockbuster? Now I've seen every... oh.

Thursday, there was an abnormal number of bodies at my end of the main hall, where all of the comic book guys are. It was unusual."

It was unusual because the "abnormal number of bodies" is usually around Hall H, where Hollywood holds its big celebrity-studded panels. The hall seats 6500 people, and another

illnesses compared to the last time we were set up here. We stocked up on electrolytes and we have ice packs available, plus cool water. And depending on the severity of the patient, we can lay them down to cool off." A patient sprawled on a nearby chair.

Sadly, the added crowds worked to the advantage of those interested in a little personal supervillainy. "They work in packs," said Peter of the Con's thieves. "One person will distract you while the others in their group rob you blind. Stay classy, San Diego. We are broke comic nerds. Why would you wanna steal from

LA JOLLA Permanent pinniped protection proposed No more Flamin' Hot Cheetos for you, Mom!

Two weeks ago, the environment committee voted unanimously to send a recommendation to the city council that the May-October sea lion pupping season closure at Point La Jolla become year-round. Last March, the California Coastal Commission directed the city to amend its coastal development permit to allow for a year-round closure until long-term strategies for the area are in place. The original closure was passed in May of 2022 in an effort to protect the sea lions from

human harassment, but witnesses continued to describe scenes of people violating the city's "stay back" signs — NOAA recommends a 50-yard viewing distance — allowing dogs within a few feet of the animals, and even feeding the sea lions Flamin' Hot Cheetos.

Experts say the regulations are designed to protect people as well. "Pinniped experts tell us it's a miracle that more dangerous incidents haven't occurred when people, especially children, are a few feet from 600-pound sea lions," said Carol Toye, with the Sierra Club Seal Society. "Closing this short area, which



Perhaps a name change to "Pinniped's Pool" would settle all this?

someone trying to make the booth money? This year they raised our booth price by \$300."

Comic dealer Newbold set up two extra guys to watch the outside of his booth. "We weren't prepared for the temperatures, but we are prepared for the thieves," he said. Newbold, a retired San Diego Police Department officer, was interviewed by the *New York Post* and several national news outlets recently after actor Ray Buffer "stole comic books" from his Southern California Comics store. "We got him [on video], and now it's all over the internet. People aren't going to steal from us here at Comic-Con."

MIKE MADRIAGA

is less than 150 yards of coast line, will create safe wildlife viewing areas."

The closed-off area extends from north-west of La Jolla Cove to the last gazebo above Boomer Beach, next to Scripps Park. The proposed amendment maintains the boundaries, while making it unlawful to be on the beach and rocky area of Point La Jolla and most of Boomer Beach year-round. Ocean access would still be allowed for swimming year-round. Dogs would be prohibited, but allowed on the sidewalk that runs along the low concrete wall separating the bluffs from the boardwalk. In addition, city crews could

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"Some of the cosplayers are walking funny, like they are dizzy. You gotta pace yourself."

enough cold air for the people. I had trouble breathing. There are too many people in the dealer's room, plus many people yelling like Bruce Banner" — aka The Incredible Hulk. "I must've heard people yelling 50 times, asking people to move out of their way as they took photos, and telling the photographers and posers to hurry it up because the masses were stagnant. When people get mad, their body temperature rises too."

Jamie Newbold of Southern California Comics on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard was set up near Peter — and has been attending for even longer, since 1972. He shared his fellow vendor's take. "On Wednesday and

6500-plus are always waiting outside for the next event. But because of the ongoing actors' strike, the stars could not attend, and without stars, the panels lost their shine. As Peter noted, "At Hall H, there's no wait whatsoever; in previous years, some of us would camp overnight to see the panels. So all those who waited to see celebrities and movie previews are now walking around the main halls. So this year, it's super packed. I feel bad for the cosplayers; they are the ones passing out."

Cosplayer Eduardo Lopez appreciated the sympathy. "Some of the cosplayers are walking funny, like they are dizzy," he said. "You gotta pace yourself." Lopez was dressed as a Shadow Company member from the *Call of Duty* franchise; he had on layers and layers of clothes. "I'm keeping hydrated, look," he said, lifting part of his ensemble to expose his hydration pack.

Not everyone was so well prepared. "So we knew there were the [writers and actors] strikes going on," said McKenna Marquis, owner of Event Response Services San Diego. "And so we anticipated that a lot more of the patrons would be pushed into the convention center exhibit hall and hallways, rather than going to the usual Hall H where they are usually at. We've seen 20 people with minor syncopal episodes, dizziness, dehydration, and a few patients who have had heatstroke symptoms," she told me as we chatted outside the company's medical tent. "There's definitely a little bit more of the heat-related



Comics' condition: excellent. Air conditioning: mediocre.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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enter the closed area at any time. Signs, barriers, and one full-time park ranger, on site year round, would enforce the new limits.

Opponents argue that an environmental review is needed, saying the growing popula-

cannot be removed from public use without a public vote," said Kurt Hoffman, adding it should be on the upcoming November 24 ballot. "In the past decade, the city of San Diego and SeaWorld have encouraged more and more pinnipeds to alter their historic Channel Island birthing patterns and utilize La Jolla as an annual pupping rookery."

While the pinniped population has grown in recent years, this summer has brought a



Posing for selfies with rotund but still dangerous mammals.

tion of sea lions has harmed the ecosystem around the cove, drawn white sharks, and taken away recreational use of an area popular with swimmers, body surfers, divers, and fishermen. "We've paid millions of dollars for two brand new lifeguard stations to guard ocean swimmers," said diver Joel Tracy. Now, he said, "lifeguards are talking to people on the beach about touching sea lions instead of watching the swimmers in the water."

Others said the impacts of permanent closure on recreational users needs to be studied. "The city charter states that parkland

wave of death to sea lions in their historic rookery. In a single week in June, the Channel Islands Marine & Wildlife Institute fielded more than 1000 reports of sick and dead marine mammals due to harmful algae. Lori Saldana, who supports the permanent closure for the safety of humans and wildlife, said a warmer ocean is creating a petri dish of viruses and bacteria, infecting more marine mammals.

SHEILA PELL

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UNDER THE RADAR

Gloria's glorious spy machine

San Diego Mayor **Todd Gloria**, up for reelection next year, is doubling down on the city's burgeoning array of surveillance tools, acting in cahoots with his all-fellow-Democrat city council. "I've spoken out against invasive surveillance and for greater transparency," wrote Gloria in a June 12, 2020, *Union-Tribune* op-ed piece as he campaigned that year for his first mayoral term. But last week came a different story, as Gloria endorsed a 3-1 Council Public Safety Committee vote to go along with police plans to install and upgrade a bevy of spy cams and license plate readers on 500 city streetlights. "Thank you to the Public Safety Committee for voting to advance the Smart Streetlight program," tweeted His Honor on July 19. "This technology has helped @SanDiegoPD solve hundreds of crimes and will help continue to keep communities safe."

Meanwhile, Gloria and the council are moving ahead full speed on creating a city-run computer database of local evictions, requiring all property owners to file online or face legal action. "Landlords will use the portal to submit notice of issuing a termination notice to tenants for at-fault and no-fault just cause termination of tenancy," says a call for bids on the project posted online by the city. "The portal will also collect, retain, and report data obtained from the landlord and tenant voluntary surveys. The system needs to be fully functional by April 30, 2024." The new data horde will supposedly be used to "protect the rights of tenants by requiring just cause for termination of tenancies consistent with California Civil Code, limit the grounds for termination of a tenancy, require greater tenant relocation assistance in specified circumstances, and provide additional tenant protections."

But skeptics fear that ostensibly confidential data — as was the case with a prior round of so-called smart streetlights under Republican ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer — could easily seep into the hands of police and other snoop law enforcement agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, as well as tax collectors and building inspectors, creating information leak risks.

No cost is provided in the city's bid notice for the system, but a June 9 *Union-Tribune* account of last-minute council budget maneuvering pegged the initial expense of the evic-

tion registry at \$500,000, to be funded "primarily by money from a national opioid settlement, excess cash from the ongoing budget year and savings from lower-than-expected costs to install Smart Streetlights and enforce street vendor laws." As of last week, the notice had drawn only one bidder, a local concern called Worksters, according to the city's website.

From the company's website: "Worksters was founded in 2011 to provide superior technology and products to the United States gov-



Todd Gloria: keeping an eye on things. Lots of eyes, really.

ernment. Our competencies are centered in three areas: data collection and analytics, enterprise IT, and software engineering. We are a small business with a strong past performance history. Some of our clients include the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center Pacific, United States Census Bureau, and many more. We pride ourselves on excellent customer service, building lasting relation-

ships, and bringing on talented team members and partners who are among the best in their fields."

Jared's sandwich

A political consulting outfit run by **Jared Sclar**, once a top aide to city council Democrat **Raul Campillo**, has turned up on a list of those providing services to a campaign fund closely tied to Republican ex-mayor **Kevin Faulconer**. Jared Sclar & Associates picked up \$3000 in consulting fees from the San Diego Shelters and Safe Streets Act Sponsored by the California Business Roundtable, according to a July 18 disclosure report on file with the city clerk's office.

Sclar took over as Campillo's deputy chief of staff shortly after Campillo took office and left the city on May 6 of last year, per city disclosures.

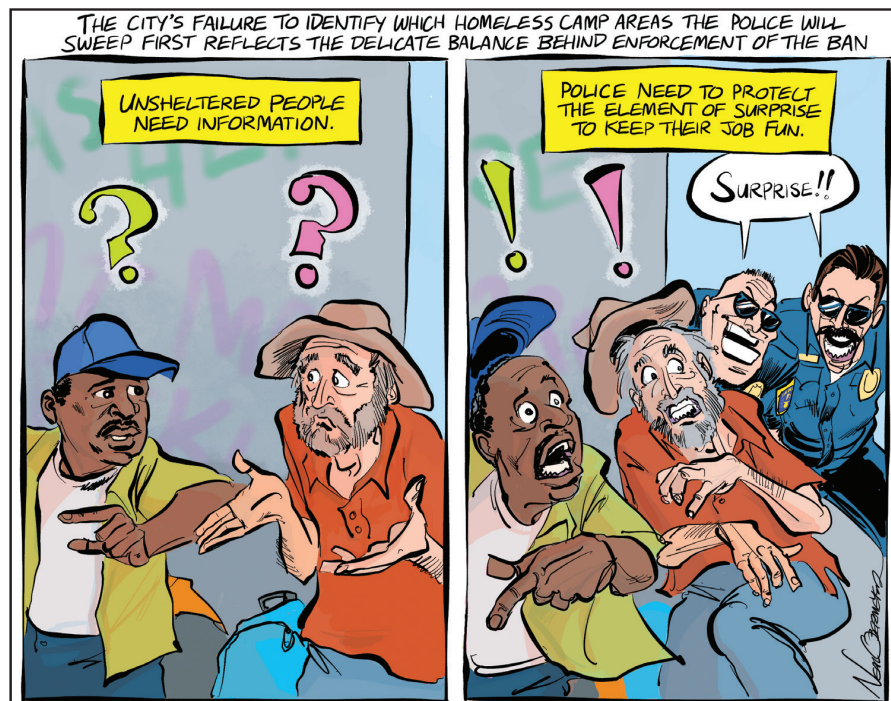
A LinkedIn profile showed he had been communications director for the Association of Cannabis Professionals and a field director for Congressman **Mike Levin**. Democrat Levin, whose seat is a perpetual target for Republicans, took a \$14,322 seven-day trip

to Israel back in February courtesy of the liberal J Street Education Fund, but didn't file the legally required 14-day after-trip disclosure report until June 21, House records show.

Not so long goodbye Back in 2015, when GOP kingpin **Doug Manchester** unloaded the *Union-Tribune* to Tribune Publishing of Chicago — later to rename itself Tronc, and still later to be gobbled up by the

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Potty persona proposed

Enjoyed Spike Steffenhagen's well-researched article on loos ("No restrooms for the weary," Cover Story, July 27, 2023).

I find the disappearing seating, as he noted, a Starbucks negative; once asked about it, staff claims "remodeling" but really think they fear the homeless. That's tossing out the baby with the bath. Our huge student population cherishes coffee time with their laptop.

Once, in Maryland, when assisting the Governor to attend an event, and returning him home, after doing so I stopped at a nearby convenience store only to see a sign Restroom Not Open to the Public. I was well dressed. I assured the lady in charge that I was 'not a Member of the Public'. I was an assistant to the Governor. I was a former City Councilman (San Diego), I was an attorney. And had a reasonable request to visit the facilities

for a moment. She laughed, relented, and I engaged then went happily on my way. This might work for anyone in their casual best looking non-threatening moments with no baggage and some other-persona to assume. For the rest of the loo seekers, we must support the governments having some public facilities, as San Diego City does, keeping them clean and current, and insist that any approved projects pay proper respect to this need. It is not going away.

Mike Schaefer
La Jolla

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Breakfast on Pluto: How does somebody survive a deeply aggressive world just by being themselves?

Movies @ Home, Apr. 23, 2021

You keep mixing pronouns in this in a way that neither makes sense or is actually trans friendly. Just say she and Kitten, and mention her birth name once.

Under the radar

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vulture fund Alden Global Capital — he held onto the *U-T*'s Mission Valley headquarters and printing press, requiring the paper's new owner to rent office space downtown and move its printing to Los Angeles. Some maintained the *U-T*'s new building — once occupied by Bridgeport Education, which moved to Arizona, changed its name to Zovio, and went out of business in 2022 — was already double-jinxed, having been built in 1974 by Republican savings and loan mogul **Gordon Luce**, whose Great American Bank came apart during the early 1990s S&L meltdown.

But the *U-T*'s latest owner remained decidedly optimistic. **Russ Newton**, then-president of the *Union-Tribune*, "called it a 'fresh start' after multiple changes of ownership over the last decade," per a November

2015 *U-T* dispatch. "The newspaper's name will be installed at the top of the north and south sides of the 24-story building." But now, following the *U-T*'s July 10 takeover by Alden Global Capital, the depleted paper's 11th and 12th-floor digs at 600 B Street are up for lease, each as a "Full floor opportunity" of 14,869 square feet with move-in availability September 1, according to the online listing by *CBRE.com*. An accompanying brochure, featuring a photo of the building with its giant *Union-Tribune* sign air-brushed out, says the structure offers "panoramic views of San Diego Bay, Coronado Bridge, Balboa Park, and Lindbergh Field," a "private park located on-premises," and "nano-septic technology."

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

Sometimes picking a property to share on this page is a painstaking process that involves a lot of second-guessing. *Have we been to La Jolla and Del Mar too many times already this year?* (Actually just once and twice, respectively.) *Is it time to mix in some old, funky properties with the in-your-face but still somewhat tacky modern luxury?* *It's been a long time since I've written about a condo, hasn't it?*

On other occasions, circumstances — say, being a day and a half



A view to the horizon, because there are no more worlds to conquer nearby.

past deadline and not having identified a subject yet — are such that a single photo grabs my attention and we're good to go. Not to say that's the case this week or anything,

but the lead picture for the listing at 1864 Crest Drive in Encinitas really does entice: the massive pool with a beach entry that seems to turn a corner and wrap around the

house, the backlit waterfall flowing into it, the winding staircase flanked by a wall of rock leading up to a second level complete with arches and a glass-lined turret... After seeing

all of this, I think I'm going to like this house.

Okay, let's have a look around: with five bedrooms and ten baths scattered across nearly 8500 square feet of interior living space, there's going to be a lot to see here. After the opening shot of the pool, we move briefly to the kitchen, which Zillow remarks describe as featuring "a large Calacatta marble top island, Sub-Zero refrigerator & freezer, custom Woodstone pizza oven, La Canche 84" range & dual dishwashers, Miele espresso maker, True professional ice maker, truly a dream kitchen." A seven-foot-long range? That's nearly three times as big as a standard 30" unit, and while it's probably overkill, I'm still intrigued.

From there, we progress to what I believe is the entry, featuring a lot of

column-supported arches and custom lighting shining from all angles in order to illuminate the covered patio and stone stairs. Huge glass double doors lead into a circular foyer with a chandelier dangling from an absolutely enormous set of crossed wood beams. Next, we're in an open concept living room, where the exposed timber ceilings do their part to add warmth to a home that, despite having just undergone what's described as a two-year, \$2 million renovation in June, avoids the "gentrification gray" monotone we see all too often with these newer builds. The "flooring made from 14th century reclaimed 2nd-cut limestone from the Island of Cypress[sic]" also does its part; the tiles seem a bit on the small side (per-

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Excerpts from 50 years of Reader stories

53,000 rusting cars

I am my own queen

"Once, a guy, a drunk guy took my taxi from downtown. He wanted to go to this particular *colonia*, this neighborhood. It was raining, I remember. When I got there, I charged him the rate. He said, 'I already paid.' We started to argue and he had a gun. I said, 'All right, forget it,' and he put the gun away. I surprised him then and took the gun away. That was it." — John Brizzolara APR. 1, 1999

Tijuana's upholstery heyday

The shop that hired him was S&S Pan American, well known in the golden age of Tijuana upholstery, which thrived from the 1930s through the early '80s, when the city closed the bridge that brought traffic directly into the downtown district. "At the entrance to the bridge, were the sales offices for a whole handful of shops — S&S Pan American, M&M, Ricky's, Thunderbird. These shops are still here in Tijuana, but it's not the same people anymore." — Bob Owens AUG. 30, 2001

A lot of people get electrocuted

"Right now," says Javier Larios Castañeda, superintendent of the zone, "we have something like 50,000 illegal connections, despite the fact that we are constantly performing

operations to take away these connections. As soon as we finish disconnecting the wires, the people are out there climbing the power poles, connecting new lines, and rolling the wire to wherever their houses are." — Ernie Grimm JAN. 27, 2005

Tijuana flowers face extinction

They didn't want to give me the whole technique all at once. It was good in the end because we learned to invent our own style of flowers. When I first started, this was the only kind of flower we used to make." From a bundle next to her, she pulls out what looks like a hot pink hibiscus blossom about eight inches in diameter. "We call these *flores Mexicanas*. Then my husband invented this other style, which looks more like real petals." — Ernie Grimm DEC. 12, 2002



PHOTO BY SANDY HUEFNER, R.

He is saying, "son of a bitch" over and over again as he works the puzzle of Abraham Lincoln's face.

Tijuana's abandoned car problem

Roughly 53,000 cars that the city of Tijuana, through its towing concessionaires, has impounded over the years sit in huge yards on the periphery of the city — near the Rodriguez dam southeast of the city and in the submunicipality of La Gloria south of the city. A smaller number rust away in one- and two-acre lots wedged into the middle of the city. Jalopies abandoned after wrecks and breakdowns make up a significant percentage. — Ernie Grimm JUN. 10, 2004

Sifting through the trash

Erlinda was embroiled in an unexplained feud with one of Serrano's kin. He did not know what had started the fight. One day Erlinda appeared at his door, demanding money — 568 pesos. Serrano didn't have it, and he told her so. She would not leave and became abusive, threatening him and his family. He physically ejected her from his plot of land, and she stood outside his little wood fence and put a curse on him. — Luis Urrea NOV. 15, 1990

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Soupy Garbage Juice (holding phone) knows a TikTok's work is never done.

Ensenada inspiration: searching for a song with Soupy Garbage Juice

I had taken Derek to Mariscos el Güero on a Sunday morning. It is one of my favorite seafood street carts in Ensenada. We had both gotten the special tostada “La Güerita” for 135 pesos (around \$8): a tostada mounded with a medley of seasoned raw shrimp, clam, scallops, and octopus. I also got a couple of “ostiones regañadas” or “punished oysters,” shucked fresh off the shell with spicy molcajete salsa that worked as a fiery mignonette. A salsa bar next to the seafood cart offered a plethora of toppings, salsas, tostadas, and more.

Derek is originally from Pensacola, Florida. He now resides in New York, where he used to work as a King Kong mascot outside the Empire State Building. But now he has amassed half a million followers on TikTok thanks to his dark comedy song stylings. (With his long brown hair and a cherubic face, his look is already comedic.) He has written hits like “I Swallowed Shampoo, I’m Probably Gonna Die” and “Why Am I in This Room?” Some of his viral efforts include happy birthday songs referencing the month someone was conceived. I met Derek in January of this year when his friend Carson hired me for a private tour in Tijuana. While touring them around Playas de Tijuana in the morning, we saw some Amish frolicking in the ocean near the border wall. Derek saw a lot of things in Tijuana that day, but what inspired him to create a song were those Amish on the beach. The video has 135,000+ views on TikTok. The lyrics for the 30-second song are:

*There are Amish on the beaches of Tijuana
There are Amish on the beaches of Tijuana
Maybe Mennonites how should I know?
I don't know!*

Drive down with me

To where the border meets the sea

*And where the murder rate currently exceeds
the rate of any other city*

*Think of all the crazy things to see
But surely not*

*There are Amish on the beaches of Tijuana
(Note: they were Mennonites.)*

Months later, Derek came back to the SoCal area for VidCon, an annual conference of influ-

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encers which he described as “schmoozing it up with a surreal mix-up of the internet’s many personalities, including celebrity cats in strollers.” Once he tired of algorithms and internet clout conversations, he sought an escape. And what better escape could there be than a trip to the seafood and beer paradise of Ensenada? So Derek asked me to drive him, with travel expenses covered.

I picked him up at the border late on a Saturday morning. We stopped at my apartment to feed my cats, hit a little traffic on the drive, and arrived at Wendlandt at El Sauzal around 3 pm. I got a catch of the day tostada: fresh jurel (yellowtail) on a bed of hummus, fermented lemon, ginger, jalapeño slices, and Milpero tomatillo (green tomatoes). I also got a smoked fish quesadilla with crumpled chicharrón, avocado purée, pickled red onion, dill, and other herbs. I paired the meal with a couple of seasonal cold IPAs. Despite service being slow, I felt I was back in paradise. Derek chose a fish sandwich with beer-battered fried fish, tartar sauce, and onion mixed with fennel salad, plus a couple of Veraniegas, Wendlandt’s Mexican ale.

From el Sauzal, I drove us to downtown Ensenada and then to “La Casa Famosa,” the house of Szavio, my friend from Minnesota. It was a treacherous off-road trek to his place, but worth it. Szavio provided us with accommodations to stay overnight. Not only that, but Szavio’s house also has a music room with a

drumset, piano, keyboards, bass, and numerous guitars. When we arrived, local Ensenada musicians were improvising to the chords of “I Will Survive.” We all jammed together for a couple of hours; then, before night fell, Derek and I ventured downtown. (Szavio, who has been going on a sober stretch for the year, stayed back at his famous house.)

Our first stop was Hussong’s Cantina, the oldest bar in Baja, and home of the original margarita (though this claim is disputed by many other establishments). We drank both versions, on the rocks and blended: \$5 each. We enjoyed the vibrant bar packed with nortño musicians. From there, we went to Chikilla Brewery, a hole-in-the-wall tap room hidden next to a sushi restaurant. We shared a flight of seven beers. Despite their beers being hit or miss, this Ensenada brewery with Texas roots has won my heart, because it is an oddity. Like many Baja establishments, signed dollar bills stapled to the ceiling are part of the decor. Derek signed his dollar as Soupy Garbage Juice and added it to the collection.

From there, we went to La Casa Verde to

session IPA, a crushable light IPA with just enough of a hop bite. Szavio drank agua de jamaica (hibiscus tea) while Derek munched on a burger (which he found phenomenal).

From La Casa Verde we went back to Szavio’s place, stopping by an Oxxo to get beer (a 12-pack of Victoria) and snacks, then jammed for the rest of the night. I passed out to the sounds of Derek drumming and Szavio on the keys. The next morning was when I took Derek to Mariscos el Güero. Then I walked him around the port and other areas. We were not the only tourists in town: two cruise ships were docked in Ensenada, and 7000 or more tourists descended upon the city. It wasn’t even 11 am and hundreds of Americans were wasted in places like Papas & Beer, where men blowing whistles poured shots in the mouths of whoever handed them dollars.

I’ve never seen Ensenada that busy when there wasn’t some kind of event or special occasion. This was just masses of cruise ship people doing stereotypical spring break shenanigans dancing while wearing oversized Mexican sombreros. We opted for Hussong’s again, but it too was packed with cruise ship people. Derek had a couple of house margaritas and I drank an XX Lager and the Hussong beer (a very light lager made by Wendlandt).

At around 3 pm, we said our goodbyes to Szavio and drove back to Tijuana, where we continued our beer and margarita journey. We drank at Teorema Brewing on Sixth Street, followed by brews at Insurgente. That was followed by margaritas at Bar Nelson, Bar Turístico, and Dandy del Sur. At around 10 pm, we walked back to my place, picking up tall boys of Tecates at an Oxxo on the way back. We ended the night playing countless music videos while drinking.



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Cruisin’, on a Sunday afternoon...

was followed by a guy playing an electric violin on top of electronic dance music. Some fire dancing was next, coupled with modern dancing and more oddities. There were multiple pop-up shops on the patio, selling LGBT piñatas, clothes, accessories, drinks, and burgers. I drank Syncopa’s “Serenity”

I accompanied Derek to the border the following morning. There was little wait time, and by 11 am, he was back in the United States. He headed to Las Vegas to meet up with his friend Carson and continue his garbage adventures. I’m still waiting to see if this journey inspires another viral musical hit on TikTok for Soupy Garbage Juice.

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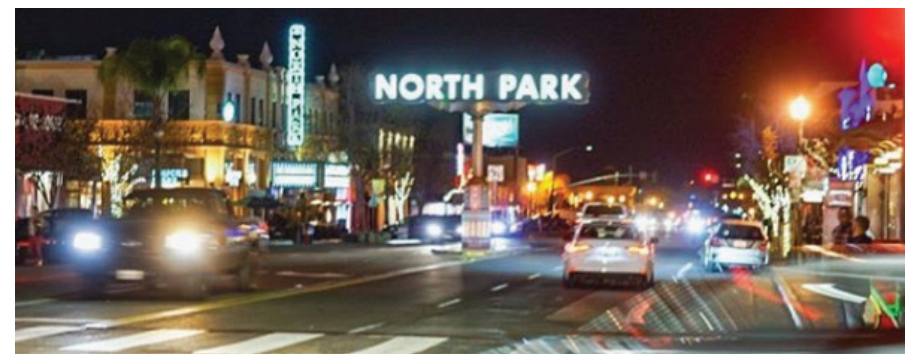
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Lead Pony can already spot the Vultures

Psychedelic blues rock has never really gone out of style — not locally, anyway. And now, San Diego is rapidly becoming a hotbed of related “concept albums,” from the space sagas of Angels & Airwaves and Steam Powered Giraffe to Barefoot Hockey Goalie’s rock opera *Clairemont*. Jesse Hofstee, Hillary Laughery, and Dylan Stalard made their debut on the local scene with the release of their debut Lead Pony EP, *Eclipse*, and the double-single, “Two Love Songs.” While adding notes to their band page in the *Reader’s* Local Music Da-

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tabase, I happened to notice they had landed a song on the TV show *Shameless*. I had just been binge-watching the program, and was wondering who was behind the track. It gave me no small amount of 619 Pride to



discover they were a rising local act.

Bassist Seancarlo Ohlin joined the band last summer, and they began work on what is essentially a narrative musical story. The resulting album, *Vultures*, is their imagined version of 1970s New York City, with stories weaving through an adventurous and surprisingly relatable album produced by Trevor Spencer (Fleet Foxes, Father John Misty, Beach House). Employing a lyrical cadence akin to that of epic generational rockers such as The Band or CCR, the title single “Vultures” tells a POV story of someone leaving their hometown for the city, hoping to “make it big.” Anyone who has ever found themselves far from where they grew up and facing the countless “vultures” along the way can probably still recall that mix of dread, bravery, hopefulness, and disappointment, and the music itself carries the listener along all of those bipolar swells:

*You moved into the city,
said I'm gonna make it big.
Yeah you moved into the
city, you shaved your head
and bought a wig.*

The second track “In the City” unfolds how “Me and my friends are lighting up the streets,” leading into “Sincerely,” which laments that there is “Nothing for you here, broken glass, quiet tears.”

Track four, “Strangers,” describes a wild night at a party, with a downbeat reading of the “Life’s a Party” chorus that signals more cheery façade than genuine celebration. Who among us hasn’t felt alone at a festive public gathering, and who doesn’t take advantage of the many ways one can now masquerade and even revise that reality via social media?

*Nervously we're inching
toward our destination,
but the band plays on, its
a sad, sad song.*

*Like the time you spilled
all the wine and stained
the carpet blue, or the
time you got too high and
I saw that color in you too.*

According to the band, “It’s about the human disconnect that social media has facilitated, the pressures that come along with it, and the false representation that it often can portray. You could post a picture of yourself looking like you’re having the time of your life at a party, but in reality, you could be drinking alone. It’s a party song for the strangers.”

Other tracks on *Vultures* continue the urban adventure, with descriptively titled entries such as “Friction,” “Pavement,” “Veins,” “Please, Stay,” and “Holiday Forever.” The album ends with the song “Creatures,” which opens on a 77 *Sunset*

Strip-style riff that quickly gives way to some distorted guitar and hollow industrial city sounds as the lead character explains how he “Made my way back to the scene, had something to share.” Luckily, it was all shared — on tape — and this album may be the one that ushers Lead Pony onto an appreciative national stage. The release party for *Vultures* took place July 13 at the Music Box in Little Italy.

— Jay Allen Sanford

The humorous weirdos of King Whisker

San Diego has a rich history of weirdo rockers: Frank Zappa, Country Dick Montana, Gary Wilson, and Mojo Nixon, to name a few of the more famous examples. King Whisker makes a solid case to be included with these legends on their debut album *Relaxing with Aunt Janine*. Operating as a five-piece outfit, the self-proclaimed “art punk weirdos” deliver ten songs that mix catchy songcraft with lyrics that often bring out the charming elements of mundane life moments.

On “My Job,” lead vocalist Charlie Rohlf asks the listener to come see him at his job, where he’s making biscuits and hoping that the skills he has will last. It harkens back to the Modern Lovers song “Government Center,” in

which Jonathan Richman sang about working hard putting stamps on letters amidst “a lot of great desks and chairs.” But while the majority of the album operates in a territory that would seem a good fit for fans of The Pixies, Talking Heads, and various other pre-Nirvana MTV 120 Minutes bands, the title track “Relaxing with Aunt Janine” is a true outlier. Penned by guitarist Alex Warton’s actual Aunt Janine, and featuring a soothing vibes instrumental bed provided by the band’s multi-instrumentalist Thali, “Relaxing with Aunt Janine” feels like an abridged summary of Janine’s life, told via a spoken-word open-mic session inside the healing garden of a wellness retreat. “My career makes sense to me and that’s all that matters. When I try to find work the algorithms shatter. Radio DJ, profes-

sor bioethicist and none. My career trajectory has been unconventional but fun,” is how Aunt Janine puts it. It’s a far cry from the rollicking album opener “Boys Club/Girls Club” and the garage-rock of “Watusi,” but it also gives the album the perfect all-over-the-map vibe in which all the classic weirdo bands seem to bask. Another surprise turn: the great tropical percussion vibes all over “Max and Tina” that give the song a late-era Talking Heads feel.

The band has been kicking around since 2018, during which time it has released an EP (*There Is No King Whisker*) and a pair of singles alongside the aforementioned album. They made videos for the two singles, with “Television” landing on YouTube first in December 2020. It’s a fun, green screen-driven document that gives the

band’s sense of humor a chance to shine. But “Food Dimension” (2022) ups their video game significantly. The clip centers on a motorist who is lured inside a nearby mansion by a bowl of spaghetti after his car breaks down. He is soon taken hostage by the members of King Whisker, who force him to consume their culinary delights whilst Rohlf drops lyrical nuggets such as, “You’ve got salami for mommy and pastrami for daddy. It’s a real nice meal for a real nice family. Put ‘em all down in a flooded basement.”

Crafting songs that veer into territory this odd is something of a tightrope act, as one can easily lose the listener by swimming too far into the deep end of experimentation and the bizarre. Just look at the career arc of Devo, and how fully embracing synthesizers (and practically

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abandoning guitars) on their 1984 album *Shout* led to them getting dropped by their label. Gaze at all the countless “weird” acts such as Thomas Dolby, The Buggles and King Missile that are one-hit wonders. It’s one thing to gain a listener’s attention; the trick is to capture it for the long run. The Flaming Lips are a great modern example of how to execute this task perfectly.

That being said, I really like King Whisker’s odds, primarily because they actually seem to be having a great time when they’re playing all these ridiculous/catchy songs live. There’s something to be said for all the rock bands that look like they’re enjoying themselves while on stage. It’s an excellent sign that the group will persist. If band members are shooting one another eye daggers while performing and seem to be eagerly awaiting backstage fisticuffs, you can assume the prospects for a new album in the near future are dicey at best. It’s true that King Whisker has had a lineup change since the album came out, with the departures of guitarist Warton and bassist Kevin Reith. But the now-four-



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piece is band is still gigging around town and prepping songs for a new album that they plan to record in the coming months.

Those who remain have a bit of a Wet Leg vibe. They feel like a group of like-minded friends that came together, threw all their creativity into a pot, and are now dancing around in the resulting stew. All they need now is their very own “Chaise Longue” to get them to Coachella.

— Dryw Keltz

Getting in on the jam with Sandollar

While in a haze from illicit activities at this year’s OB Street Fair, I found a new love: Sandollar! Frontman Baron Lunbeck reminds me of Steely Dan’s Donald Fagen as he stands front and center playing his keyboard. The key difference is that Fagen didn’t have a bag full of Miller Lites under his keyboards. There was artist Krystal Dyer, painting a backdrop with an image of the OB Pier and ocean. There were horns,

percussionists, and a guitar player bringing out a giant joint. The band was something fresh to me. It was like a new ray of sunshine. They were the last act on the mainstage, and may have been the only band that got to play an encore that day.

I don’t classify Sandollar as Southern California beach reggae, because they add ska, funk, country and pop elements to songs such as “Under the Water,” with its echo of Don Henley’s “Boys of Summer.” I’ve seen Sandollar a total of four times now. Not enough, by my calculations. Aside from the OB Street Fair, I’ve seen them at Allied Gardens Park twice and at Gator by the Bay, which rarely if ever books reggae bands. I’m not alone in my admiration: I saw people who appeared to be in their seventies buying their T-shirts at the Allied Gardens show. *Under the Water* won Best World Music Album at the 2023 San Diego Music Awards. They also have songs on television shows, with “Up Up” heard on *Outer Banks* and earning over ten million hits on Spotify.

“Smoke in My Coffee” is in the new *Magnum PI*.

I recently got to catch up with some of the band members at bass player Max Damkoehler’s Ocean Beach place. I arrived for the get-together with a twelver of Miller Lites, Girl Scout cookies, and my guitar strapped on my back. Baron Lunbeck suggested that I bring my guitar “because there will be plenty of jamming.” After introductions, a few beers, and a couple of hits from the weed pipe, trombonist/singer John Herb suggested we go inside the house to jam. He had an idea for me to be part of a song and the writing process. I had gotten a text from him on a Sunday morning at 6:15: “I have an awesome idea, let’s all write a song together.”

But before we discuss that, you need to know it all started with an apple. Lunbeck was skating to Mission Beach High School one morning and saw guitarist Marco Rodrigues with his orange afro smoking weed out of an apple. Lunbeck thought of himself as a MacGyver when it came to makeshift pipes, so he was duly impressed. “You smoke out of an apple too?” Rodrigues always had a guitar strapped on his back and beers in a backpack. Lunbeck’s background was piano, but he had Rodrigues teach him to be a better guitar player, and the duo started jamming out in woodshop. They started Sandollar in 2006: Lunbeck was working at Smart & Final when a co-worker introduced him to drummer Henry Ortiz. John Herb was recruited in 2018, and they were later joined by trumpeter Maria Connors, who runs an El Cajon music school called VIP.

Back now to Max’s house. I was asked to

bring a few lyrics, so I gave the band a name-check: “*I used to live where it’s hotter. Now I’m down by the water and I holler for Sandollar.*” We jammed out in the living room, and I got a slight glimpse of their song-writing process. Lunbeck then said it was time for us to go out back to play for the people. We went out back with our guitars strapped on. Suddenly, I was playing with members of the band in front of an intimate audience of 15-20 people. This was an artistic collaboration, and there’s a possibility of a single being released. This kind of thing doesn’t happen to me all the time. Yeah, I may be biased, but I was there in the first place only because I was stoked about the band.

Sandollar is currently signed with Pacific, and *Under the Water* reached number 6 on the iTunes Music Chart. They know they need to play to a broader area outside of San Diego and are willing to go to anywhere in the USA, or the Zenith.

— Gabe Garcia

The avant-garde artistic freedom of David Orozco

As a self-described vessel for The Source to pass freely through, David Orozco understands wholeheartedly what it is to be a true artist. Since he’s just 24, I believe this understanding will carry him to places aspiring musicians and artists can only try to match. In fact, it has already brought him to stages around Europe with the band he’s currently touring with, Destroy Boys. He has played with them on the Coachella stage as well, and recently opened for Turnstile and Blink-182 at Pechanga Arena. Check

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Like many musicians who are still developing their art and talent, Orozco has bounced around from different bands and projects while he grooms his own form of artistic expression. One of the more notable bands Orozco has been a part of is Beach Goons. However, when the Covid fog rolled in, he packed up his bass guitar and carried on solo. There is no beef between Orozco and Beach Goons; he just belonged in a different creative world.

It's impossible not to see a certain illumination in Orozco when you watch him play, whether he's singing, playing a guitar or bass, or banging on drums — although bass is his main weapon. Turning knobs behind a soundboard, working for a since-closed-down punk venue, I had the good fortune of witnessing a teenage Orozco in early development, shrieking into a microphone as the frontman for the hardcore band Instinct. At the same time, he was — and still is — pounding a bass for his favorite band as a kid



PHOTOGRAPH BY GABRIEL GARCIA

King Whisker: There's something to be said for rock bands that look like they're enjoying themselves on stage.

growing up, Project Sell Out (PSO).

Fast forward six years to this past May, when PSO played a show at The Rabbit Hole on Adams Avenue. The magic has only grown. Orozco's stage presence clearly grabs the audience as he plucks an aqua colored bass that he holds high like a boom-tastic rifle.

In addition to playing for PSO and Instinct, Orozco has found that

being a part of the band Oatmeal is where his creative liberation takes flight. The avant-garde band gave themselves no limitations: rather than trying to stay within the confines of any specific genre or style, the music they created sounds like cartoons, or sex, or a bar fight. The best part of Oatmeal's music is the pure honesty of it. This claim's relevance is notable in the heavily reverberated song

"Spermin Hermin," a song that might make you feel weird and scared if you listen to it while baked.

After experiencing the artistic freedom of Oatmeal, the grit of PSO, the surf rock style of Beach Goons, and the taking of larger stages with Destroy Boys, Orozco formed his brainchild band with Guys in Real Life (GIRL). The band has no borders; rather, it's just some dudes expressing themselves as

"guys in real life" with Orozco on rhythm guitar and vocals, Noah Prescott (PSO) on lead guitar/vocals, Cameron San Augustin (Instinct, Oatmeal) on drums, and Adam Madruga (Wet Dream, Pony Boy) on bass.

The sound ranges from an indie feel to some straight-up American Lynard Skynard-ass rock and roll, plus psychedelic acoustic didgeridoo jams, banjo, punk, and

pop. There's a little bit of something for everybody. Orozco and company's most exciting project yet was recorded, produced and engineered recently in a small studio by Richard Dotson and Elias Avila of The Frights. A release date will be announced soon — or you can just let it find you, because I believe it will.

Though he has toured to nearly every state, plus Mexico, Canada, and Europe, nothing compares to San Diego for the blooming musician. David Orozco still finds the most inspiration at Sunset Cliffs, Balboa Park, El Cajon Blvd., Kate Sessions, Ocean Beach, La Jolla, La Mesa, Jamul, Spring Valley, TJ, Lemon Grove, Sea World, North Park and the Korean BBQ spots in Convoy. He is a versatile, homegrown instrument who transmits his musical art through his innate ability to channel the sights and sounds he picks up from the physical world around him. I say he will be a sought-after friendly force to be reckoned with in the San Diego music scene as long as surf keeps rolling in and the tides stay true and ripping.

— Jake Peterson



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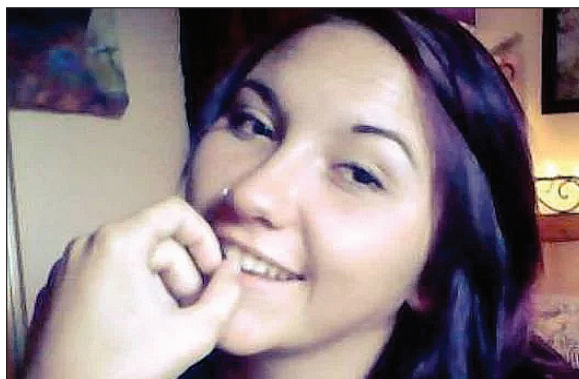
Car trouble Faith's former friend nabs Nissan

When Ryan testified at the courthouse on July 5, he wore a T-shirt and jeans, as if he might have come straight from his job as a mechanic. He told the court that he paid \$18,000 when he bought his 2018 Nissan Sentra from a dealership a couple of years ago. He lives with his girlfriend Faith and their son, and when he goes to work, he leaves the Nissan parked in front of his home in Oceanside. Faith can use the car to go to the grocery store, or for an emergency, but otherwise, she is supposed to get permission to use it, because, as Ryan said, "It's my car."

When Faith testified, she said that last May, she drove the car to visit an old gal pal named Bri-

Anna Kuh. While she was there, she fell asleep, only to find upon waking that BriAnna had given a man permission to borrow her Nissan. She was told that "he took the car to visit someone in San Diego." Her wallet also went missing that day. Faith said she wanted to "press charges" at that time, but BriAnna talked her — and Ryan — out of it.

The Nissan was recovered the next day. It had new damage to the hood and the wheel rims and there were dents in the passenger door. Ryan's response was to purchase a tracker from Amazon and install it on the Nissan. "It worked great," he said. "You just download the app, and then there is a monthly fee for it. It tells me exactly where my car is at." So when his Nissan was stolen again in June, he said, "I called the cops and led them right to it." Ryan said he stayed on the phone and spoke with cops while his car was traveling. They found it within minutes, about thirteen miles east



"Don't be sketchy!"

of his home.

For her part, Faith testified that her old friend BriAnna had appeared on her doorstep on Tuesday night, June 13, before 9 pm. "Days before, she was trying to contact me, saying, 'You are not being a friend.'" This was true: Faith was trying to avoid BriAnna, who was asking to borrow the Nissan. Faith described their relationship as "Not very close. I stopped hanging out with her 'cause it was causing problems in my relationship. We used to

be friends a few years ago. Then we stopped hanging out for some time, in 2019. But then we just started in 2022 hanging out again."

On the Tuesday night in question BriAnna and her boyfriend "came over unannounced. I was at home hanging out with my son. The dogs were going crazy." Faith saw BriAnna through the door's peephole and tried to close the blinds to pretend she was not home, but BriAnna noticed and accused Faith of not acting like a friend. She

told her to "Stop being sketchy!" When Faith opened the door, the couple stepped into her home without being invited. BriAnna told Faith that she was pregnant and needed to use her restroom. Her boyfriend sat on the couch. Faith allowed BriAnna to use the bathroom connected to the master bedroom, which is where the keys to the Nissan were hanging.

Nervous, Faith stepped outside and called her friend Victoria, who came over and asked why there were people out front trying to remove the tracker from the Nissan. By the time Faith got outside, the car was gone. "I thought she was still in the bathroom," she said. She called Ryan at work, and he called the police. Half an hour later, an Oceanside police officer found BriAnna near the empty Nissan, which was stopped in Vista. BriAnna told the officer that Faith had given her the keys to the car, and she admitted to driving it and throwing the keys

into some bushes nearby. The keys were recovered.

Ryan testified that the console of lights on the ceiling of his Nissan was broken and the parts were on the floor. Ryan estimated it might be \$280 worth of damage, adding up parts and labor.

During the pre-trial hearing, prosecutor Brad Mannerling charged BriAnna, 31, with two felonies: stealing a vehicle and possession of a stolen vehicle. Defense attorney Angelo Reyes suggested that BriAnna had permission to take the car, and noted that his client has no criminal background, that she did have "an education in criminal justice," and that she did not attempt to flee. He pleaded for the court to reduce the two felony charges to misdemeanors. But Judge Robert Kearney remarked that BriAnna "shows consciousness of guilt." She pled not-guilty to two felonies and is next due in court on Aug 22, to confirm a trial date of Aug 22.

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UNREAL ESTATE

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haps because the room is so large), but the variety of hues on display is certainly welcome. Moving on, we take a deeper dive into the kitchen, where the marble island is certainly impressive but not as interesting to me as the custom arched enclosure over the range that hides what looks like a commercial vent fan. You'd need one if you were really using this beast, which looks to have as many as four ovens, who knows how many burners, and what looks like a stainless steel flat-top grill — albeit one that's currently being used as a wine display.

Let's head back outside to a patio, where a large window opens like an accordion to join the kitchen with a built-in grill and sitting area with a fireplace. From there,



This lovely loft apartment...oh wait, it's a master suite.

we'll continue to a couple of different dining areas; I think one of them is off the kitchen, but the more interesting of the pair is in a rounded nook, with a door leading to the temperature-controlled wine room. The listing doesn't say how many bottles can be stored here (which is something this kind of property usually would brag about), but it looks like the answer is "very many."

We see a powder room with an interesting slab of rock for a counter, and a vessel sink with a gold faucet. I'm nor-

mally not a fan of gold/brass finishes (although I understand they're making a comeback), but I've got to appreciate the attention to detail here: even the exposed drain pipe and p-trap are finished in shiny yellow, and the listing assures us that what we're seeing is indeed "Phylrich 24k gold plumbing fixtures and bathroom glassware."

What I assume is the primary suite features another fireplace, a sitting area, and access to a private deck. Then, before moving to its bathroom, we're back outside and

looking at a second outdoor kitchen, this one much better-equipped than the first. Is this part of the bedroom suite? I hope not, because this is where I'd want to do my entertaining. Then it's a bunch of secondary bedrooms and baths; they're fine, really, but there's not much novel to say here. Onward, to the "professional home theater with 100" SONY TV, reclaimed French vintage oak herringbone flooring, Cinema Tech power reclining leather seats made in Germany, [and] full bar," which I assume is one of the "seven beverage centers throughout the property."

The wood-paneled office with fireplace is pleasant, and we're told it comes with a private entry and its own full en-suite bathroom. I continue to be a fan of these kind of spaces making a comeback in modern megamansions; they make me

feel like I'm visiting the lair of the wealthy patron (or villain) of a Raymond Chandler novel from the last century.

Continuing on, we get a private gym and a few more shots of different patio spaces. About those: we're told there are more than 3000 square feet under roof in addition to the home's interior space. We see not one but two hot tubs, one with a water slide and another housed at the top of that turret we saw in the opening shot, showing off the "stunning ocean views" the listing promised at the beginning but is just now beginning to deliver. We also peek into a guest house and around the 1.16-acre grounds. But there are a host of features listed that don't make it onto our photo tour. For example: a garage for five cars attached to the main house, another for four more, and one that's 42 feet deep and tall

enough to accommodate an RV for indoor storage. There's also a wet steam sauna, smart home technology, a workshop, and "a dog spa with pet shower" that I particularly would've liked to see. Oh well, we've already seen quite a bit, and I'm duly impressed with everything that *did* make it in.

Public records list a James Woods as the owner of the Encinitas compound. It hasn't changed hands since before construction of the estate was completed in 2010 — that means the home was barely 10 years old before the two-year remodel began! That could be because a couple of attempts to find a buyer between 2019 and 2021 failed to bear fruit with asking prices of \$8.5 to \$9 million. After the renovation, the property hit the market again in early July with an asking price of \$11,950,000 that remains unchanged to date. ■

Calendar

Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 3

LIME CORDIALE AND TEENAGE DADS



LIME CORDIALE

Brothers Oli and Louis Leimbach formed Lime Cordiale in 2009, although their debut studio full-length *Permanent Vacation* wasn't released until 2017. Their sophomore album *14 Steps to a Better You* earned them a Breakthrough Artist trophy at the 2020 ARIA Music Awards. The bill includes Teenage Dads, an Australian four-piece indie rock band founded in 2015.

WHEN: Thursday, August 3, 8 pm

WHERE: Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue, Solana Beach. bellyup.com

AN EVENING WITH ADMIRAL WILLIAM H. MCRAVEN

"On the night of May 1, 2011, helicopters carried Seal Team Six from their base in Afghanistan into Pakistani air space. Admiral McRaven, linked by secure video from Jalalabad to the White House, briefed the president in real time as the operation progressed. Within 15 minutes of the SEALs' arrival in Abbottabad, all resistance had



WILLIAM H. MCRAVEN

been overcome and Bin Laden was dead." Admiral McRaven will sign books owned by attendees from 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm.

WHEN: Thursday, August 3, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

WHERE: Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue, Coronado. coronadolibrary.org

Friday | 4

LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL & POTTERY MARKET

Latin American artisans from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, El Salvador, and Ecuador will host booths featuring traditional embroidered clothing, hand-woven textiles, jewelry, and handmade ceramic and clay pottery. There will be a large display of Mata Ortiz pottery, known for its hand-painted geo-



metric and ancestral symbols. Watch live demonstrations of

woodcarving, painting, and weaving. Enjoy tacos, *aguas frescas*, *elotes*, and fruit cups while you listen to live performances by a Latin American folk band, folkloric dancers, and mariachis.

WHEN: Friday and Saturday August 4 and 5, 10 am to 8 pm; Sunday, August 6, 10 am to 5:30 pm



Tuesday | 8

SAN DIEGO CRAFT BEER CON

Gain insights from experts as they explore business, leadership, and technical aspects of brewing. Talk topics: *Hopping Techniques*

for Modern Beer Styles, *Upselling: Let's Face It, Your Staff is Rarely Doing It*, and *Budget Lab Techniques for All Brewery Sizes*. Attendees can explore a tradeshow between sessions and enjoy beer samples.



WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9: SCIENCE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

WHERE: Bazaar del Mundo, 4133 Taylor Street, Old Town. bazaardelmundo.com

WHEN: Tuesday, August 8, 11:30 am to 6:00 pm

WHERE: Miracosta College, San Elijo Campus, 3333 Manchester Ave, Cardiff by the Sea. sdbeer.com

Wednesday | 9

SCIENCE NIGHT HAPPY HOUR

Enjoy craft beer, wine, mocktails, and kid-friendly beverages at the outdoor bar and listen to Scripps scientists explain their shark, plankton, penguin, and heatwave research every Wednesday throughout the summer. On August 2, Scripps scientists Dovi Kacev and Brendan Talwar will share their knowledge of shark ecology, explain how they track sharks in the wild, and outline research that informs the protection of habitats and ocean animals.

WHEN: Wednesday, August 2, 5 pm to 6:30 pm

WHERE: Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla. aquarium.ucsd.edu

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

ANIMAL FRIENDS

Octopus behind-the-scenes tours For guests looking for an unforgettable animal experience, the aquarium is offering an exclusive behind-the-scenes encounter with a Giant Pacific Octopus. The tour costs \$110 for aquarium members and \$125 for nonmembers. Each tour is limited to four guests allowing for a more intimate experience. From May 28 to September 4, the aquarium will be open most days from 9am to 7pm Thursdays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; through Thursday, August 31, \$110-\$125. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Science Night Happy Hour Quench your thirst for science during Science Night Happy Hours on Wednesday evenings. Sip and snack alongside Scripps scientists as they dive into the details of their research in a fun format, perfect for all ages. From sharks, plankton, penguins, heatwaves, and more, you will get a taste of some of the incredible research taking place at Scripps and talk with the people behind it. Wednesday, August 9, 5pm; \$19-\$24. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

ART

ArtWalk Liberty Station ArtWalk Liberty Station is back for its 18th year, celebrating creativity from both sides of the border, with more than 175 artists coming from across several states and Mexico to show and sell their artwork, including paintings, photography, glass and ceramic, jewelry, and sculpture. The outdoor setting features a verdant lawn and an abundance of free parking. Saturday, August 5, 10am; Sunday, August 6, 10am; **free**. Ingram Plaza at Liberty Station, 2751 Dewey Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

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

Under the Moon Opening Reception Opening Reception for Under the Moon, an Art Exhibition, will display over 95 ready-to-hang original water-based media paintings plus refreshments and the fellowship of other art enthusiasts.

Rhyme & Verse
Five poems by Scott T. Starbuck

On Earth with Big Oil

is like being in a car
with crazy uncle Ned,

running red lights,
ignoring stop signs,

singing church hymns
while splattering raccoons,

ducklings, dogs, deer,
cats, possums,

plowing through old ladies,
folks in wheelchairs

and on scooters,
crowds of schoolchildren,

then whistling like they
never existed.

Your parent (government)
warns, “Don’t say anything

“about your mad uncle’s
driving habits

“as we need him
to butcher our cows.”

Coyote’s Prediction

There is a ghost
like water healing
river’s paddle wounds,

old logging mill
lanced by seeds
of forgotten giants,

salmon cannery
weathered like ribs
of a fish skeleton.

Only things

that belong here
will last.

Ancient Forest

People stare at iPhones
but what about listening

to voice of sea,
geese migrations,

salmon splashes,
cedar arms in wind,

like ages before
when men and women knew

quench soul hunger
first thing in morning

before saying anything
to anyone.

Laugh Out Loud Café

is so quiet it makes history museum
seem like a carnival ride.

“What’s up with the name?” I ask.
“Previous owner,” I’m told,

and think of bad storms
that change coastlines,



co-coordinator of the creative writing program at Mesa College in San Diego and is currently traveling with his wife.

Scott T. Starbuck is an American poet and artist. He writes a blog, *Trees, Fish, and Dreams Climateblog*, at riverseek.blogspot.com, which has readers in 110 countries. He recently donated his Clay Salmon Poem artwork to the art collection at Lower Columbia College, and his other clay pieces to Battle Ground Public Library, Washington State University Vancouver Library, and Columbia Basin Fish & Wildlife Library, a program of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission. The rest of it he buried in the Cascade Mountains. Starbuck retired in June 2022 as

Titanic lifeboats
leaving half full.

When I Lived Upriver

I had a neighbor who spoke only in
haiku,
and another of only Vietnam War.

Community dinners were mostly silent
except for songbirds, geese,

unheard pawprints of salamanders,
fins and tails of spawning salmon,

wary eyes of deer or elk,
or expanding roots of ferns,

wildflowers, mushroom mycelium,
bigleaf maple, and giant

Western redcedar, Doug-fir.
River people, like trees, preferred

specific habitats, elevations,
right amounts of sun and rain.

When they shared, it was lived
experience,
vivid dreams, hopes and fears

– such a break from network TV
like surfacing from a small pond

BOOK SIGNINGS

Adrian McKinty: The Detective Up Late (Sean Duffy #7) Warwick’s will host Adrian McKinty as he discusses and signs his new book, *The Detective Up Late (Sean Duffy #7)*. This event is free and open to the public; free seating is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/ciesielski-2023. Wednesday, August 9, 7:30pm; **free**-\$26. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Alberto Mansur: Only the Dead Know Peace Warwick’s will host Alberto Mansur as he discusses and signs his new book, *Only the Dead Know Peace*. This event is free and open to the public; free admittance is subject to available space. To ensure seating, pre-order one book per seat @ warwicks.com/event/mansur-2023. Thursday, August 3, 7:30pm; **free**-\$26.

Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

An Evening with Admiral William H. McRaven Coronado Public Library, Coronado Cultural Arts and Bay Books present An Evening with Admiral William H. McRaven, USN (Ret.). There will be no book sales at this event. Admiral McRaven will sign books owned by attendees from 6:15-6:45pm Thursday, August 3, 7pm; **free**. Coronado School of the Arts, 650 D Avenue. (CORONADO)

Arthur Kayzakian & Open Mic Poetry Born in Iran, the widely published Armenian-American poet serves as the Poetry Chair for the International Armenian Literary Alliance (IALA). An open mic for everyone on the sign-up board follows in the second half of the afternoon. Sunday, August 6, 1pm; **free**. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Holly Knight: I Am the Warrior Warwick’s will host Holly Knight as she discusses and signs her new

book, *I Am the Warrior: My Crazy Life Writing the Hits and Rocking the MTV Eighties*, in conversation. Tuesday, August 8, 7:30pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Warwick’s Author Livestream: J’nell Ciesielski Warwick’s will host J’nell Ciesielski as she discusses her new book, *To Free the Stars*, in conversation with Fiona Davis. Wednesday, August 9, 4pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/ciesielski-2023. (ONLINE)

Weekends with Locals: Debbie Russell Weekends with Locals will be hosting Debbie Russell, author of *Crossing Fifty-One: Not Quite a Memoir*. Sunday, August 6, 12pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Ethan Pilkenton-Getty Weekends with Locals will be hosting Ethan Pilkenton-Getty, author of *Yanni the Yawning Yak*. Sunday, August 6, 2:30pm; **free**. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Cooking Class: Ravioli & Bolognese Sauce Learn the secret of creating Ravioli from scratch. Sunday, August 6, 5pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Filmmaking Classes For Teens Learn the fundamentals of cinema and receive mentorship from industry-professionals. No experience required. This course focuses on the documentary form where you will learn to work as part of a film crew to create a script, scout locations, conduct interviews, shoot professionally, and edit in Adobe Premiere. Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, August 26, \$300-\$400. Digital Gym Cinema, 1100 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Free Beatmaking Classes For Teens Media Arts Center San Diego in partnership with University of California San Diego will offer free workshops for Beat Making at the City Heights Idea Lab starting in July. The Beat Making class will have a stipend of \$300 per session. Tuesdays, 11am; through Thursday, September 28, **free**. Digital Gym Cinema, 1100 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Free Film Composing Classes For Teens Media Arts Center San Diego in partnership with University of California San Diego will offer FREE workshops for Film Composing at the City Heights Idea Lab starting in July. The Film Composing class will have a stipend of \$150. That means that students are paid to participate as long as they meet minimum attendance requirements. Saturdays, 2pm; through Saturday, September 30, **free**. Digital Gym Cinema, 1100 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Free Film Composing Classes For Teens Media Arts Center San Diego in partnership with University of California San Diego will offer FREE workshops for Film

Composing at the City Heights Idea Lab starting in July. The Film Composing class will have a stipend of \$150. Mondays, 6pm; Tuesdays, 6pm; through Tuesday, September 26, **free**. Digital Gym Cinema, 1100 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Higher Self Meditation Experience the transformative power of receiving Divine Light from your Higher Self to bless uplift your auric field and life. Mondays, 9am; through Saturday, December 30, **free**. Spiritual Arts Institute, 527 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

Memoir IV: Voice, Transitions & Symbolism Though this class is offered as part of the Certificate in Memoir Writing, there is no prerequisite to join this class. Saturday, August 5, 12pm; \$216-\$252. writeyourstorynow.org. (ONLINE)

Middle-Eastern Drumming Classes Middle-Eastern Drumming with Frank Lazzaro, all levels welcome. Extra drums available. Mondays, 6pm; through Monday, December 18, \$15. 18 and up. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

Screenwriting Workshop for Young Adults Take that idea in your head and learn how to use screenwriting format to organize it onto paper so others can visualize the story you have to tell. For young adults ages 12-17. Saturdays, 1pm; through Saturday, August 5, \$144-\$168. Inspirations Gallery, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #204. (LIBERTY STATION)

Self-Defense Class, EFT Workshop, Sound Bath Walking Tall Series Saturday, August 5, 1:30pm; **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. (LIBERTY STATION)

Sustainable: Repair, Repurpose, Restore Rally with the

San Diego Fixit Clinic and I Love a Clean San Diego for Sustainable Saturday: Repair, Repurpose & Restore. Repair your broken items, Repurpose your gently used clothing at the Clothing Swap, and Restore your neighborhood with a litter cleanup. The clothing swap will be open from 10 AM - 1 PM. RSVPs are required for the Fixit Clinic. Saturday, August 5, 9am; **free**. Alpine Library, 1752 Alpine Boulevard. (ALPINE)

COMEDY

Caleb Hearon AS SEEN ON: Netflix, TBS, Showtime & more! Wednesday, August 9, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedy Under the Stars Host Benji GarciaReyes. Saturday, August 5, 8pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street

Gaslamp Comedy Open Mic & Happy Hour Tuesday, August 8, 7:30pm; **free**. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Hermanos De Leche Saturday, August 5, 7:30pm; \$49-\$165. Magnolia Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Improv VS Standup Standup comedians perform, then improvisers hit the stage with improvised scenes based on the comedy sets. Mature audiences. Saturdays, 9pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Indie Night Local improv teams perform, explore and try new formats. Sundays, 7:15pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$5-\$20. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Krystyna Hutchinson AS SEEN ON: Comedy Central's "This Is Not Happening", Joe Rogan Experience, TigerBelly, the Guys We Fucked podcast & more! Thursday, August 3, 8pm; Friday, August 4, 7:30pm

and 9:30pm; Saturday, August 5, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$10-\$20. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Laugh A Latte Local comics Rand, Simon Blackthorn, Carol Johnson, Alberto David Mercado, Zara Kahn, Bijan Mostafi, Donna Joy and headliner Dewey Bratcher. Friday, August 4, 5:30pm; **free**. Brew Coffee Spot, 6101 Lake Murray Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Nerd Comedy Night Hosted by Tim Lee. Saturdays, 8pm; through Sunday, December 31, \$15-\$20. New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 B State Street. (CARLSBAD)

Nurse Blake: Shock Advised Tour Wednesday, August 9, 8pm; \$39-\$69. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Off the Hook Comedy Fund-raiser Featuring Giulia Rozzi and Rebecca Vigil. Proceeds benefit the non-profit Unplug Collaborative, the organization that hosts the Global Day of Unplugging campaign (like Earth Day but for your digital devices). Saturday, August 5, 6pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Public Square Coffee House, 8278 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

Please Don't Destroy Friday, August 4, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$37-\$91. 16 and up. Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Ramy Youssef Thursday, August 3, 7:30pm; \$40-\$50. Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

Wednesday Night Comedy Wednesday, August 9, 9pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Gentle Penguin, 289 3rd Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

DANCE

Intro to Square Dancing Free 1st class Tuesday, August 8, 7pm; \$10. St. James Catholic Church, 625 South Nardo Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

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

Book Discussion: Doughnut Economics The selection for North County Climate Change Alliance's next book discussion is Doughnut Economics: Seven Ways to Think Like a 21st Century Economist by Kate Raworth, facilitated by Anne Sheridan. Thursday, August 3, 5:30pm; **free**. <https://tinyurl.com/37r4rd77>. (ONLINE)

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

Step Right Up: Circus Trains Summer Exhibit, Step Right Up: Circus Trains, is full of fascinating and colorful model trains, railroad cars, and animals. Tuesdays, 10am; through Sunday, November 19, **free**-\$19. San Diego Model Railroad Museum, 1649 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

Warwick's Livestream: Tea-time Recommendations Join Warwick's booksellers and publishing reps for their latest book recommendations on Facebook Live. Monday, August 7, 4pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/tea-time-230807. (ONLINE)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Little Italy Wednesday Mercato Little Italy Wednesday Mercato offers a selection of farm fresh produce, pastured eggs, poultry, meat, fish, baked goods, dips and

spreads, yogurt and select local arts and crafts brought to the neighborhood by California farmers, fisherman and artisan foodmakers. The market occupies three blocks on West. Date Street between Kettner Boulevard and State Street including the Piazza della Famiglia. Wednesdays, 9:30am; **free**. Piazza della Famiglia, 523 West Date Street. (LITTLE ITALY)

FOR KIDS

Baby Storytime Enjoy songs, fingerplays, books, and more with your baby. All children are welcome. Geared toward pre-walkers. Mondays, 11am; through Tuesday, December 19, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Craftronics Learn about electronics and circuits while creating a fun craft project. Previous projects include a moving origami swan, light-up LED bracelet or robot bug. Allowed Grades: 6th Grade to 8th Grade. Registration online. Tuesday, August 8, 5pm; **free**. San Ysidro Branch Library, 4235 Beyer Boulevard. (SAN YSIDRO)

Dance Party Storytime All children are welcome. Geared toward toddlers - 3. Saturdays, 10:30am; through Saturday, December 30, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hooray Miss Marae: Children's Music Program Miss Marae and her partner Mr. Chili Lime will play lighthearted and fun songs for your toddlers, preschoolers, and early elementary aged kids. Location: Community Room Wednesday, August 9, 10:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Kids Happy Hour Enjoy kid-friendly entertainment and snacks to create a festive event for the whole family. Entertainment will include magic shows, storytime, bubbles and more. Additional details abd a full schedule can be found on venue website. Thursdays, 3pm; through Thursday, August 31,

free. One Paseo, 3725 Paseo Place. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Puppet Show: Billy Goats Gruff Puppet performance of Billy Goats Gruff. Thursday, August 3, 10:30am; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

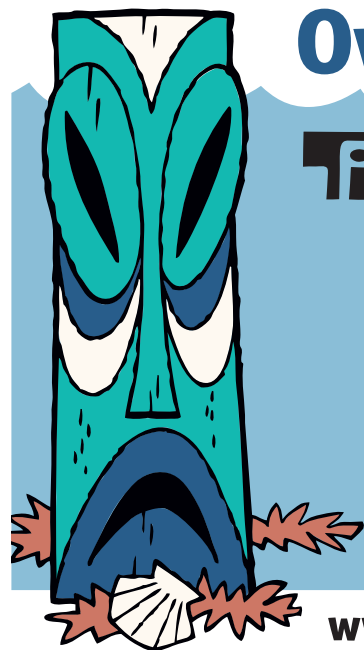
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella This fresh adaptation of the beloved musical showcases some of the songwriting duo's loveliest tunes, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," and "Ten Minutes Ago," as well as some new characters and surprising twists. Fridays, 7pm; Saturdays, 2pm; Sundays, 2pm; through Sunday, August 6, \$16-\$18. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

Sonny's Daydream Kids Rule Art Contest for the launch of the NEW Kids SPF Collection, To celebrate the winners, enjoy a lineup of interactive (other-worldly) art installations, live music, a skate ramp, a larger-than-life playground structure, local food and bevies, custom creation stations, and more. Saturday, August 5, 12pm; **free**. Sun Bum HQ, 371 2nd Street. (ENCINITAS)

Summer Reading: Zovargo Animal Show Jump into the world of animals with Zovargo, and discover how every little thing we do makes a difference for our world. During this interactive program, learn how we can help to save and speak up for those animals that don't have a voice of their own. Saturday, August 5, 10:30am; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Teen Tuesday Hangout with friends at the library. Enjoy games, crafts, and fun. Tuesdays, 4pm; through Tuesday, December 26, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Thursday Storytimes Preschool Storytime on the patio. All children are welcome. Books, songs, and more are geared toward 3-5 year-olds. Thursdays, 10:30am; through Thursday, December 21, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)



Over 150 vendors in a crafters market

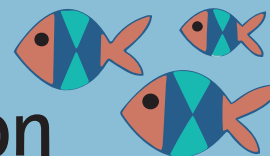
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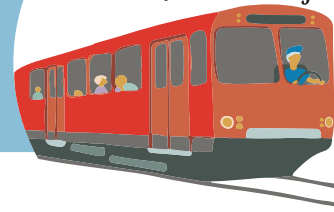
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FUNDRAISERS

American Cancer Society of SD Relay For Life The 8 East Band will be playing from 2pm onward. Saturday, August 5, 7am; **free**. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

Over The Edge Rappel down the side of a 30-story building, no prior experience necessary, for participants ages 13 to 103. This event is a fundraiser for Reality Changers, a local organization that helps youth achieve their dreams. Sunday, August 6, 9am; \$50-\$75. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

NATURE

Birds on the Bay August marks the tail end of the Elegant Tern nesting season at the San Diego Salt Works, and hundreds of these beautiful birds can be seen fishing in the bay. Walk along the bay and spend time at the bird viewing site, learning about shore birds and how to use community science apps like eBird and Merlin. Saturday, August 5, 9am; **free**. San Diego Bay Refuge, 535 Florence Street. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Chollas Lake Wildlife Walk Take a hike with a Park Ranger to “meet the neighbors” at Chollas Lake Park. If you are curious about the wild and feral animals that reside in our park, this program will delight you. Note that this ranger-lead walk is 1.5 miles long on dirt surfaces with some hills and steps. Meet near the comfort station at the north end of the parking lot. Saturday, August 5, 1pm; **free**. Chollas Lake, 6350 College Grove Drive. (OAK PARK)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Learn how the plants adapt

OUTDOORS

Shorebirds aplenty, Jasmine wafts, Tinny buzzsaws mating

Birdwatchers Need Not Despair now that the winter migrants are gone. Plenty of shore birds can be found on summer evenings in the natural coastal wetland areas of San Diego County. From south to north, the publicly accessible coastal wetlands include the Tijuana River Estuary, south San Diego Bay (just north of Imperial Beach and along the bay shore at Chula Vista), the San Diego River channel (inland from Sea World), Los Peñasquitos Lagoon (adjacent to Torrey Pines State Reserve), the San Dieguito River estuary, San



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Cicadas, The Insects That Sound Like Tinny Buzzsaws in the brush, have been putting up a racket around San Diego lately. Occasionally mistaken for the tail buzz of a rattlesnake, the sound is merely that of a male calling to potential mates. Some 30 species of cicadas inhabit San Diego County, but none are of the famous periodical type that emerge en masse every 13 or 17 years to serenade parts of the eastern United States.

Jasmine's Thick, Sweet Odor Wafts On the Night Breezes this time of year, especially throughout the older, well-landscaped neighborhoods of San Diego. The exotic odor is produced by the flowers of true jasmines (genus *Jasminum*), as opposed to the so-called “star jasmine” (genus *Trachelospermum*), which blooms in the late spring and early summer.

to the heat. 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, August 5, 9:30am, Sunday, August 6, 9:30am, Wednesday, August 9, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Hawk Talk with Huxley the Harris Hawk Stop by the Visitor Center Lobby on the first Sunday of each the month between 9am and 12 noon to meet local falconer, Bob

Gordon, and his feathered friend, “Huxley” the Harris hawk. Get up close and personal with this majestic bird of prey. Sunday, August 6, 9am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Mindful Walk The Torrey Pines Docent Society offers a free guided walk. Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, December 31, **free**. 18 and up. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

Pond Maintenance Join fellow NCCCA volunteers in maintaining the Pond Garden. Please bring garden gloves and hedge clippers

if you have them. Meet Suzanne R. at the entrance or drop in. If there is an attendant at the entrance, tell them you are volunteering with the NCCCA Adopt-a-Garden program and the entrance fee is waived. Saturday, August 5, 9:30am; **free**. Alta Vista Botanical Gardens, 1270 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

Savage Gardens The exhibition will explore the bizarre and captivating world of carnivorous plants. In addition to a collection of real carnivorous species on display, visitors will get a bug's-eye perspective with three larger-than-life installations inside and around SDBG's 8,000 square foot, glass-enclosed Dickinson Family Education Conservatory. Vendors will also be featured on select weekends selling plants, potting materials, and other merchandise. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; Saturdays, 9am; Sundays, 9am; Mondays, 9am; Wednesdays, 9am; through Sunday, October 29, **free**-\$18. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Stars at Mission Trails Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association at the far end of the Kumeyaay Lake Campground's Day Use Parking Lot to view the nighttime sky through telescopes. See a waxing Gibbous (99 percent moon) and look for brighter objects like globular clusters. Catch Mercury before it sets at 8:58. Rain or cloudy skies can-

cel event. Sunset 7:45 pm Friday, August 4, 7:45pm; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Wildlife Tracking Walk Join experienced MTRP Tracking Team members for an adventure in wildlife tracking on the Oak Grove Loop Trail. Learn the art of discovering and identifying tracks and other signs left behind by the park's seldom-seen wildlife. These easy walks are suitable for the whole family. Walks start from the front of the Visitor Center. Walks are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Saturday, August 5, 8:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

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. Thursday, August 3, 12pm; Friday, August 4, 12pm; Saturday, August 5, 12pm; Sunday, August 6, 4pm; Town and Country Hotel and Convention Center, 500 Hotel Circle North. (MISSION VALLEY)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friendship Pop Up Shop Market Vendors with candles, crystals, soaps, pet attire, handmade items, home decor and more. Sundays, 11am; through Sunday, December 31, **free**. Chula Vista Friendship Park, Fourth Avenue & F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

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

SPOKEN WORD

Downtown Escondido Toastmasters Toastmasters is an international organization that helps people improve their public speaking, practice effective communication, and build leadership skills. Thursdays, 12:05pm; through Thursday, June 27, 2024. **free**-\$53. 18 and up. Escondido City Hall, 201 North Broadway. (ESCONDIDO)

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Family Yoga Series Free 45-minute yoga classes on the lawn behind Harland Brewing led by experienced yoga instructor Jenn Richardson. Bring your mats, no prior yoga experience necessary. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, August 27, **free**. One Paseo, 3725 Paseo Place. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Gaslamp Skate Sunday Series The Sunset Roller Club is a diverse group of skaters at every level. Sunday, August 6, 5pm; **free**. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

San Diego Wave FC vs. Angel City FC Saturday, August 5, 7pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

THEATER

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

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-20th-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 d'être*. 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,



Ride the Cyclone: Enjoy the ride, but you know, don't lose your head or anything.

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 even so, it's hard to see Christianity in the time of the Nones 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 & 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 "you 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 - SHERYL & HARVEY WHITE THEATRE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 619-234-5623. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

The Hobo's Circus

A homage to Chaplin, Skeleton, and Emmitt Kelly, as well as insight into the world of hobos in 1935. Set in an abandoned boxcar, Willie, a traveling hobo who once dreamed of being a circus clown, is visited by a jovial apparition, Ring, who guides him to rediscover his lost joy. Performed by renowned mime, theatre artist, and teacher, Jerry Hager,

who has been performing locally since 1980, and award-winning Jason Bernan (Millennial Tech Middle Teacher of the year 2022-2023, and Musical Coordinator for SDSU Performing Arts Troupe).

VINE ARTS VILLAGE, 12540 OAKS NORTH DR., RANCHO BERNARDO. 858-243-1402. 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM & 4:30PM SUNDAY.

La Jolla Playhouse: Is It Thursday Yet?

Jenn Freeman's autobiographical dance-narrative, created in collaboration with Sonya Tayeh, 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.) 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 declarations: "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

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Ride The Cyclone, The Musical

The real High School Musical — in some sense, anyway. "Real" as in unapologetically, even gleefully marinated in teenage misery, as the six members of a sad high school choir in a small Canadian town each make the case for coming back to life following a disastrous roller coaster accident. You think being dead is bad; wait until you hear about their lives! Ba-dum. Thanks to the narrative assistance of the carnival's fortune-telling robot, we get their catchphrases — "Democracy now!" "Sorry!" — all of which feed into their interactions and hence the plot mechanics. We also get their brief bios and consequent personas — "The most romantic boy in town," "The most imaginative boy in town" — all of which feed into their self-revelation through song. (Most Romantic is a gay kid who wishes he was "that fucked-up girl" working as a doomed whore in 1920s France; Most Imaginative is a diseased loner whose only company — comic books and cats — combine to form a furry fantasy; the other stuff is mostly less sexy.) Alpha gal Ocean has to carry things a bit as the one who has to act and change outside of her songs: "I thought my life had meaning; jokes on me! My death is really affecting me." Happily, she's up to the task, and her song "What the World Needs" while the most socially offensive (as opposed to weird or bitter or sad), is also the most fun. (Alas, some of the others, which might have been in the running, get set back up here and there in the war between singers at the edge of their ranges and the volume of the recorded soundtrack.) Despite the hiccups, it mostly zips along toward its brand of happy ending. And again, if there is a whiff of "Let's put on a show" here, that's fine — it's young people, doing a show for fellow young people, and showing them what theater can do. (Nota Bene: the cast alternates show to show.)

TENTH AVENUE ARTS CENTER, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-920-8503. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY, 7PM SUNDAY.

Something Rotten

Center Stage Productions Presents a musical that follows the story of two brothers in the Renaissance era who are desperate to write a hit play and outdo their rival, William Shakespeare. CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO, 340 N. ESCONDIDO BL., ESCONDIDO. 760-839-4138. 7:30PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

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.

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 & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

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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)

Barbie — In the enchanting realm of Barbie Land, every day is the best day. That is, until midway through a dazzling disco-dance when Barbie (Margot Robbie) asks her fellow Mattel-mates, "Do you guys ever think about dying?" What follows is a philosophical voyage that leaves behind a pink-hued Oz as Barbie and her not-boyfriend Ken (Ryan Gosling) embark on a real-world adventure in an attempt to reconcile her identity. It's a fitting twist for a doll that has spent over six decades inspiring young girls (and boys) to look inward and explore their identity, now having to confront her own existential crisis. Yes, Barbie may be a plastic toy, but she also symbolizes the unrealistic standard of feminine beauty and embodies the prescribed roles in a patriarchal society. As Barbie struggles with the problems that women in the real world have to handle daily, director Greta Gerwig uses the opportunity to delve into some weighty themes uncommon in typical summer blockbusters — most notably the lack of autonomy experienced by women in a male-dominated world. The message of womanhood is not discrete nor does it need to be. There's no peeling back the pink-hues to get to the subtext. Gerwig effortlessly unveils the profound truth of patriarchy's harmful impact on both women and men, as if unboxing a cherished Barbie doll. (2023) — R.B. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Haunted Mansion — It's the middle of summer, and a priest, professor, psychic, astrophysicist, and a mother with her young son walk into a haunted mansion. The ghosts say, "Is this some kind of joke?" Apparently, yes, because *Haunted Mansion* is hardly as spooky and atmospheric as the Disney attraction it's based on. This two-hour comedy caper has a threadbare story that relies on ghoulish gags and supernatural shenanigans from well-known comedy actors. Audiences who enjoy Tiffany Haddish's sass, Danny DeVito's antics, and Owen Wilson's upbeat charm will likely find a fair bit of fun — and there are even some standout cameos from several famous standup comedians. But for those seeking the same cinematic magic as *Pirates of the Caribbean*, disappointment looms like a lingering ghost. (2023) — R.B. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Oppenheimer — Small men, big bombs. Not for nothing do the three main movers and shakers in writer-director 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)



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Strike Twelve, but never out

The song “Not a Phase,” which opens Strike Twelve’s new album *Last Band Standing*, furiously (but humorously) roasts the question of when this punk-with-pop trio out of Temecula is going to grow up and call it quits. The former change, they merrily chime, seems

got my first guitar for my seventh birthday,” says Turek. “My Mom and Dad set it up on a stand in my room while I was downstairs, asked me to run up and grab something. I opened my bedroom door and there it stood, a Sunburst Harmony Strat. I was in love, and whaled on it even though I hadn’t a clue what I was doing.



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inevitable, but the latter is strictly optional.

For all the tune’s in-your-face passion, bassist Joe Treister (known as “Joey T,” as the fellows aren’t big on last names or initials after periods) confesses the sentiment skewering started mildly. “It’s more of a joke that we in the band have. We imagine that when our now-wives were first meeting us and talking about us with their girlfriends, they’d say things about how great we were, except we needed to get over the whole ‘being in a band’ phase. People probably have had these thoughts, but no one ever says it to our face. We’re pretty up front with people that this is going to be a part of their lives if they’re entering into ours.”

Founded at the turn of the century when Treister met guitarist Matt “Matty T” Turek and drummer Dan “Danny B” Bahou, at Temecula’s Chaparral High School, they’ve certainly got mileage on their side. “I

I went through a few guitar instructors at Sounds of Music in Temecula and it wasn’t clicking for me, I wanted to quit. My parents encouraged me to try one more teacher. That’s when I met James Messina, my guitar instructor for nearly a decade, my mentor and friend. He taught me how to write and jam with others.”

Over at Chaparral, Bahou recalls “Matt and Joe approached me to do the talent show when we were freshmen, using the song they’d written called ‘The Pizza Song,’ under the band name The Delivery Boys — a song that is still requested to this day by the old school homies. We got second place behind a tap dancer wearing an American flag. I like to think that was our start date, 2000, but Joe tends to use 2003, because that is when we officially changed our name to Strike Twelve.”

That name’s origin remains a mystery, according to Bahou. “We just realized recently

that there isn’t a consensus. I always thought it was because Matty and Joey T liked to bowl when we were kids, and twelve strikes is the perfect game. Matt always thought it was like a fresh start at the stroke of midnight. Joe just says it’s whatever you want it to be. Such a mysterious one, that Joey T.”

According to Treister, “It could be interpreted multiple ways, and we never really decided on which one was the ‘right’ one. All we knew was Better Than Nothing” — the name they tried after The Delivery Boys — “was lame and it was time for a re-brand.” And the sound? High-energy punk/pop remains the order of the day, but the threesome run a surprisingly rich gamut through shock, surprise, betrayal, anxiety, and other adult emotions.

Regarding songwriting, “No one is in charge,” says Turek. “Both Joey and I contribute to this process. In a nutshell, I will bring a song to the table with lyrics and let the boys absorb it and make their own contributions and suggestions. My songs evolve a lot during this process. I basically provide the skeleton and Joey and Danny provide the meat. Joey is a lot more detailed and organized in what he brings to the table. His songs are nearly completed when we hear them.”

They’re in it for the long run, for sure, but playing shows to the bartender and the sound guy still sometimes happens, so they’ve bowed down to day jobs. Turek builds tools for the aerospace industry, while Treister became a pediatric ICU doctor. Bahou expanded his family’s recycling business. “You’d think I’d plan my Strike Twelve schedule around work, but it’s actually the opposite,” he laughs.

Asked about the biggest changes since the turn of the century, Strike Twelve plays it cool. “We grew up with the scene and the scene grew up with us,” says Bahou. “Punk music seems to be ‘not a phase’ for more people than just us.”

— Andrew Hamlin

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UPCOMING SHOWS

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Saturday, Aug. 12 — Casey Turner.

Bellamy’s Restaurant:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Jake Taylor Smith.
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Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Lime Cordiale. \$25.
Friday, Aug. 4 — The English Beat.
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.

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. \$15-\$18.

Cannonball:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — David Shyde.

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 Urban 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.

Civita Park:

Sunday, Aug. 13 — The Cody Carter Band. Free.

Corazon Del Barrio:

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

Cordova Bar:

Sunday, Aug. 13 — Blame Betty. \$5.

Coyote Bar & Grill:

Sunday, Aug. 6 — Bonneville 7. Free.

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

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Friday, Aug. 11 — Strange Crew & FooU.

Monday, Aug. 14 — Bluegrass Jam.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Blues Organ Jam.

Duke’s La Jolla:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Anthony Kauka Stanley.
Friday, Aug. 4 — Casey Turner.
Sunday, Aug. 6 — Keni Yarbrow.
Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Orion Song.
Thursday, Aug. 10 — Anthony Kauka Stanley.
Friday, Aug. 11 — Casey Turner.
Sunday, Aug. 13 — Kekoa.
Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Casey Turner.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Casey Turner.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Thursday, Aug. 3 — Rachel Jay.
Friday, Aug. 4 — David Shyde.
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Whitney Shay.
Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Helena Holleran.
Saturday, Aug. 12 — Dalton Gazette.
Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Natalie Aley.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Keni Yarbrow.

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.
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DANNY ELFMAN at North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre AUGUST 3



From *Boingo* To *Batman* to *Big Mess & Beyond* features Danny Elfman performing songs from *Oingo Boingo*; his solo career, including his 2021 album *Big Mess*; as well as his film scores and television themes, enhanced by visuals on the big screen. Band members include bassist Stu Brooks (Dub Trio, Lady Gaga), guitarist Nili Brosh (Dethklok), guitarist Robin Finck (Nine Inch Nails, Guns N' Roses), and local star drummer Ilan Rubin (Nine Inch Nails, Angels & Airwaves).

IRATION at North Island Credit Union Amphitheatre AUGUST 4



Rebelution headlines the Good Vibes Summer festival in Chula Vista, where local reggae stars Iration are second on the bill. The two bands have collaborated in the past on various tracks and videos, including the popular pandemic-era video for "Right Here Right Now." Also appearing will be The Expendables, Passafire, and DJ Mackle.

GUITARMAGEDDON at First Presbyterian Church AUGUST 5



Bob Boss (who has taught at UCSD, SDSU, and Palomar), Joe Amato (specializing in classical, jazz, and Latin guitar), Alex Ciavarelli (who graduated from SDSU music program in 2020), and rising star Brandon Scott will be the featured players at GuitarMageddon, hosted by Archie Thompson & the ArchTones. Money earned from admission will be donated to The Ladle feeding programs for the homeless and street corner medicine programs for those who cannot afford to see a doctor.

BRAWLEY at Moonlight Beach AUGUST 6

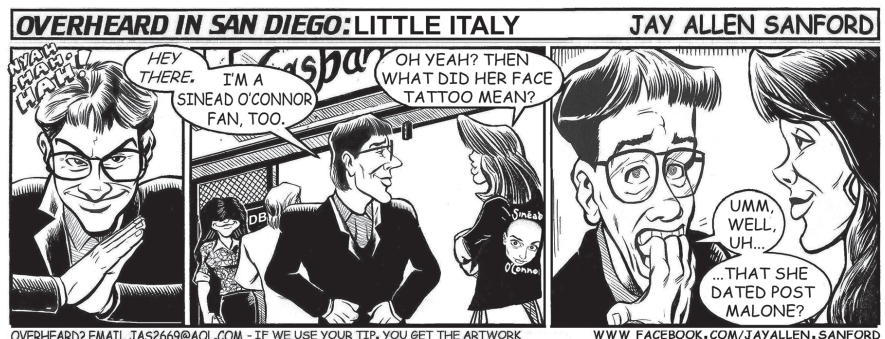


Named after the legendary Cattle Call town, country band Brawley was founded by musicians from the Hacienda Brothers, Smith's Ranch Boys, the Forbidden Pigs, and Rancho Deluxe. A regular presence at the San Diego Music Awards since 2010, they cite influences such as Faron Young, Ray Price, George Jones, and Buck Owens. The outdoor bill includes opening acts Good Day and the Bach to Rock House Band.

EARL THOMAS & SISTER LEOLA at the Belly Up AUGUST 6



Bluesman Earl Thomas says he was working as a dental assistant at Camp Pendleton in 1980 when the Navy kicked him out for being gay. He started singing professionally in 1987 with local blues/R&B band Rhumboogies. The winner of several San Diego Music Awards, he's released over a dozen albums, and his songs have been covered by Etta James, Solomon Burke, Screamin' Jay Hawkins, and Tom Jones. He'll be performing with Sister Leola on a gospel bill that also features The Gospel Ambassadors.



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Grossmont Center:

Saturday, Aug. 12 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival. **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 and Friends.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Homixide Gang.

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Monday, Aug. 7 — Rain: A Tribute To The Beatles.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 — The Australian Pink Floyd Show. \$65.

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Sunday, Aug. 13 — Matt Heinecke.

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Oppenheimer's battered heart

My kids and I drove up to the Irvine Spectrum in order to see *Oppenheimer* in the full 70mm IMAX format. I had previously encountered J. Robert Oppenheimer in the opera *Doctor Atomic* by John Adams. A few years ago, I spent a good week or so listening to the opera and reading up on Oppenheimer's life.

My encounter with the opera and the life of Oppenheimer added greatly to my understanding of the movie. In fact, I would say that foreknowledge of Oppenheimer is almost a requirement in order to follow the narrative created by filmmaker Christopher Nolan.

One thing that the opera gets right is an emphasis on Oppenheimer's mysticism. In addition to a chorus based on the *Bhagavad Gita*, the first act of the opera concludes with Oppenheimer's character singing an aria with the text from "Batter my heart, three-personed God" a holy sonnet by

John Donne.

The poem was introduced to Oppenheimer by Jean Tatlock. Jean Tatlock was in an intimate yet volatile relationship with Oppenheimer in the 1930s. She committed suicide 1944, a few months before Oppenheimer chose the site for the first nuclear weapon test and named it Trinity. He later said that the name came from the Donne sonnet.

The sonnet proposes that being defeated by God is the only path to victory. *Batter my heart, three person'd God; That I may rise, and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend Your force, to break, blow, break, blow, break, blow burn and make me new.*

There is a rich vein of psychological speculation we could indulge ourselves in here, but armchair psychologist, I am not. John Adams includes the entire text of the sonnet in the opera, not for psychological reasons, but because it develops the

metaphysical characteristics of Oppenheimer the man.

In the movie, the *Bhagavad Gita* is briefly mentioned in a scene between Oppenheimer and his lover Jean Tatlock. Later, when General Leslie Groves asks for a code name for the site of the test, Oppenheimer says, "Batter my heart, three-personed God. Trinity." That's it.

I enjoyed the movie — a lot — but Oppenheimer's mysticism was largely missing. Why the movie chose to include the *Gita* instead of the Donne in the scene with Jean Tatlock is a head-scratcher. The sonnet is the perfect device to tie that relationship together. Of

Classical Music this week

SD Symphony: Beethoven by the Bay Friday, August 4, 7:30pm; \$22-\$95. Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 200 Marina Park Way.

Tramonto Classical Music Festival The Tramonto Music Festival will be led by Jacopo Giacomuzzi, and the lineup of performers includes Anastasiya



J. Robert Oppenheimer: scientist, yes, but also mystic.

course, Christopher Nolan is not known for the emotional content of his movies, but rather for the technical brilliance and imagination of his movies.

The opera got it right by emphasizing the Donne text as a dramatic conclusion to the first act. I read the Donne sonnet to my

kids after the movie and we discussed it a bit. As I read it, I was struck by the value of participating in broad swaths of artistic culture. When we come into contact with the arts, we are unaware of when and where they will manifest their influence upon us in the future.

Petryshak (Ukrainian noted by Andrea Bocelli as his "go-to violinist"), Alessandro Beverari (First Clarinet of the Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra), Ludovica Rana (noted as "the most promising cellist of her generation" by the Musica con le Ali Associazione Culturale), and Maddalena Giacomuzzi (concert pianist of Orquestra

Sinfonica del Estado de Mexico). Tramonto is Italian for "sunset" which is appropriate as Encinitas sunsets will serve as backdrops for the festival's events including a Meet The Artists reception and three concerts. Thursday, August 3, 7:30pm; Friday, August 4, 7:30pm; Saturday, August 5, 7:30pm; \$30-\$145. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive.

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Loews Coronado Bay Resort:

Friday, Aug. 4 — Sean McCole.
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Casey Turner.
Friday, Aug. 11 — TJ Moss.

Loma Club:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Bonneville 7. **Free.**

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Sunday, Aug. 13 — Los Amantes Perfectos.

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.
Tuesday, Aug. 15 — Jay L. Henry.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Olivia Rohde.

Moonlight Beach:

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. Blues.
Friday, Aug. 4 — Travel Agents.
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Custard Pie.
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Friday, Aug. 11 — Blue Largo.
Saturday, Aug. 12 — Chicken Wire.

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.
Wednesday, Aug. 16 — Lady Wray.

Nick & G's:

Friday, Aug. 11 — Matt Heinecke.
Saturday, Aug. 12 — David Shyde.

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 Iratton. \$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 Sons.
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. \$29-\$99.

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

Open Air Theatre:

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

Pal Joey'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.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ:

Saturday, Aug. 5 — Zzymzzy Quartet. \$15-\$18.

Poway Library:

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

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. **Free.**

THE GONZO REPORT

Moon tunes

Zappy ideas and futuristic visions at Maya Moon Collective

"The moon is in Taurus, a slow, steady, sensual energy, ideal for indulging in senses," says Neekol, who frequents the Maya Moon Collective. "It is playing closely with Uranus — don't laugh — which can bring zappy ideas and futuristic visions." Before tonight, the only moon knowledge I possessed was that it affects the tides and ladies' menstrual cycles. In the earlier years of my youth, I was sold on the belief that the moon was made out of cheese, presumably by Kraft, as part of a propaganda campaign spewed forth by the bastards of Big Dairy. Who am I kidding? I love dairy. Life would be pretty lame without pizza and ice cream in my mix.

When Whitney Blue and I arrived at the Collective, we were ready to indulge our senses, specifically taste. The Taurus moon had us under its spell. We both ordered the Mexican Cacao Milkshake, a cold drink made with whole bean cacao, panela, cinnamon, coconut milk ice cream, and candied cacao nibs. The



Clayton Connelly: "My hope for tonight is joy."

milkshake hit just right on a steamy day that was beginning to wane away. That's when I learned that Cacao is a feminine plant that opens up the heart. The owner of Maya Moon, Kathryn Rogers, said the frequency of cacao at its core is connection and heart-centered experiences that bring people together. (If you're passing by the building on your way to or from Adams Avenue, you'll notice a shining, heart shaped mosaic mural that reads "Heart Opener" installed by street artist Amberella. When you see this mosaic shimmering on a sunny San Diego day, you'll know you're near the cacao and good spirited connections.)

Now, as we walk through the indoor space to the back patio where the medicine music concert is being held, I can't help but notice the phases of the moon stamped on the floor. We hitch up with our milkshakes to a couple of tall chairs in the back outside. In the front, where the performers will be playing, there are big pillows on which show-goers may find



The point of all this, in mosaic form.

comfort. The trio of performers include Brian Festa, Misty Tomasino, and Clayton Connelly, are perched behind a colored assortment of sound healing bowls. "My hope for tonight is joy," Connelly says before the crowd is invited to close their eyes for a guided meditation as the sound of healing bowl emanations permeates the sweet, purple-flower-smelling air. "Let's just have some fun. That's what it's all about."

Once the short meditation is over, people begin to open their dreamy eyes and reconnect with their physical surroundings, at which time, Connelly opens with an upbeat tempo tune in praise of water. Bodies begin to flow in their seats as we are reminded through Connelly's acoustic guitar and quick lyrics to be grateful for sacred water. "*We pray for healing blessings on the water/We pray for healing blessings on the sea/We pray for healing blessings on the river/May they shine in crystal clarity.*"

After the crowd reawakens via the wet ditty, Tomasino takes the reins and lifts her voice

in song while Festa palm-spans a drum and Connelly waves a *chakapa*. The trio have found their rhythm, and groove together almost immediately as curious Felton Street passersby peek over. I'm unsure of how long the band has been playing together, but they're clearly able to channel one another's vibrations, as if they've long shared each other's music spaces.

Near the end of the show, the group gets the crowd involved, with maestro Connelly giving instruction on how to sing with the elements. Before I know it, I'm chanting "*Ooma tikka tikka tye yai yo*" with the rest of the funky fellowship, as a *djembe* is being slapped into producing agile rolling beats. "The elements are awesome, because we are the elements, right?" Connelly preaches alongside the music. "Water in my body, air in my breath, fire in my spirit." It's turning into a medicine music hootenanny. People are standing now, synchronizing their meat and spirit in dance to the drum beats. Connelly busts out a harmonica and conducts to a highly activated crowd. It's clear he wants to send us all home feeling energized and untethered. Whitney turns and says to me, "I needed that."

We quietly fade away from the Collective underneath a swaying Taurus waning crescent moon — the final phase before it enters a new moon period. They say it's the perfect time to rest and regenerate before the new moon shows its face. But before we take that time to rest, we decide to pop into Zia's Pizza just down the street and eat some of that good melted moon cheese. ■

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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 Simon.

Rustic Root:
Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Blaise Guld.

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

San Diego Yacht Club:
Friday, Aug. 11 — Mike Myrdal.

SeaWorld:
Sunday, Aug. 6 — Ashanti.

Seabird:
Sunday, Aug. 6 — Casey Turner.

Side Yard:
Saturday, Aug. 5 — TJ Moss.

Soda Bar:
Friday, Aug. 4 — Jackie Mendoza & moondaddy. \$12.
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Strokes Nite. \$15.

Friday, Aug. 11 — The Spits and VR Sex.
Saturday, Aug. 12 — Death Cab For Karaoke.
Monday, Aug. 14 — Bobby Alu.

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.

Tidal:
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Johnny Martin.

University Club Atop Symphony Towers:
Wednesday, Aug. 9 — Jemille Violet.

Viejas Arena:
Tuesday, Aug. 8 — Beck and Phoenix.

Waterbar:
Thursday, Aug. 3 — Ryan Hiller.
Thursday, Aug. 10 — Jemille Violet.

Waterfront Park:
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Bleached. \$95-\$195.
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Westfield University Towne Centre:
Thursday, Aug. 3 — Ben Benavente.
Friday, Aug. 4 — Joanna Gerolaga.
Saturday, Aug. 5 — Mike Myrdal.
Thursday, Aug. 10 — Ben Benavente.
Friday, Aug. 11 — Brandon Diaz.

Whistle Stop Bar:
Thursday, Aug. 10 — Nick Waterhouse.
Sunday, Aug. 13 — Body Of Light.

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Kalei's Kitchenette on the island of Rancho Peñasquitos

Kalei's Kitchenette; 9926-F Carmel Mountain Rd., Rancho Peñasquitos. Into Rancho Peñasquitos I drove, for only the second time ever. There might as well be an ocean between us. I was following the trail of a farmers market vendor that has made the move to into its own storefront.

Even when it doesn't involve Hawaiian food, I always find



A Hawaiian combo plate, featuring kalua pork and huli huli chicken.

it inspiring to witness these stories of young entrepreneurs that turn limited resources (and lots of moxie) into dreams come true. And if it does happen to involve Hawaiian food, as in the case of Kalei's Kitchenette, I'll probably drive a little faster.

I found Kalei's in a strip mall, precisely next door to the Sixes & Sevens skate shop recently featured in a terrific *Reader* cover story. According to a sort of About Us text mounted beside the front door, Kalei's is named for the first child of owner and chef Andy Mangiduyos, a native of Maui. Already knowing this, I showed up on a Wednesday, mouth watering for some true, island-style poké.

Sadly, what I didn't know is that currently, Kalei's offers the raw fish salad only on Saturday. Disappointed, I decided to nibble on a Spam musubi (\$4) while I decided on my next move. Not that it would take much time to do either. Musubi's really just a tasty morsel of spiced ham sushi.

And the daily menu sticks to a handful of Hawaiian classics including teriyaki beef, kalua pork, and loco moco, the one where a beef burger patty gets topped with a fried egg (or two) and gravy.

And as at many a Hawaiian joint, these entrees are served plate lunch style. Meaning that, for \$13-\$15, they're paired with side



A small counter shop for an established farmers market vendor.



Spam musubi.

take on fried chicken, which means I now have to drive all the way back to Peñasquitos to try both the poke and Hawaii fried chicken. At least that's still closer than Lahaina.

-Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Latin American Festival & Mata Ortiz Pottery Market Enjoy three lively days of folk art, food and entertainment. Friday, August 4, 10am; Saturday, August 5, 10am; Sunday, August 6, 10am; **free**. Bazaar del Mundo, 4133 Taylor Street. (OLD TOWN)

Live Music & Wine Wednesday Enjoy half off select bottles of wine at Graze by Sam. Wednesdays, 5pm; through Wednesday, December 27, **free**. Little Italy Food Hall, 550 West Date St., Suite B. (LITTLE ITALY)

Street Food Market Lane Field Park Market is a street food market showcasing 20+ food vendors, as well as boutique coffee, with live music from 12:30pm until 2:30pm. Food includes Vietnamese bao, Thai burgers, wood-fired pizza, waffles and crepes, Mexican, empanadas, sushi and poke, smoothies, hot mini-donuts, and more. Please respect COVID-safe rules. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, December 31, **free**. Lane Field Park, 1009 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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

Taste of Imperial Avenue Savor the vibrant and diverse cuisines that Imperial Avenue offers. With more than 15 restaurants, cafes, and food stands participating and access to the beer garden, 4 breweries, outdoor lawn games, a DJ, and local bands. Friday, August 4, 4pm; \$20-\$30. Gilliam Community Space, 2835 Imperial Avenue. (IMPERIAL BEACH)

Taste of New Orleans Enjoy authentic Cajun cuisine, including gumbo, po'boys, beignets, and jambalaya and wash it down with hurricanes, daiquiris and celebrated local beers. The Big Easy experience will also include live Cajun music, bead vendors, face painters and more. Tickets include track admission, racing program & tipsheet, five New Orleans themed drink or beer tasters, live bands throughout race day and exclusive trackside viewing area. Saturday, August 5, 1pm; \$35. 21 and up. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

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FRIENDS OF JAMES HARPER (JIM) Please call Jim's family. Ann, Jennifer, Jamie. Thank you. (619) 917-6975

HAPPY BDAY mugsy.

I AIN'T TRIPPIN It was just a lot of stuff i never had time to go thru. astounding results. Something I'll avoid like the plague now how f. Lame.

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THANK YOU FOR THE LOVE I am home in my heart about Peri and the children were coming home. Love Catherynzye.

THE DRIVEWAY SOCIETY has been overwhelmed with comments and suggestions. We will review each and everyone of them and get things straightened out.

UH SCRATCH THAT Add a look at the trees and a shug. Then grab a pole and head for the river. Thats my real answers and questions. I guess if u want to.

YOUR OPINION Strike out the name The Padres, a name with religious identification. Hit a home run for a new name. How about the Amigos? The Center for Applied Critical Thinking, CACT. (619) 428-1274.

HEY, FERAL LOVER What if 100 squirrels came running at you right now...How long do you think you'd last? I love your brain. Eh! I love you.

HEY, RAINBOW BUFFALO CORNWOMAN Do you like snakes? I like you. You like me. Lets keep flying cuz it's Trevor Time.

COME TO THE LORD while he can be found, today is the day of salvation. The world is going to be destroyed one day not by an

atomic bomb but by the glorious life of Jesus coming int he sky. Revelations 1:32, come to him now please, Amen.

I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY AGAIN I'll never love myself again either. Nobody else can either. But that could change with a lil reverse psychology. Is it okay to miss somebody that doesnt even know I'm alive?

LIFE IS TOUGH but when your Stupid, it's even tougher!

PARENTS! PLEASE! For the love of God! Study psychology! And do your best not to release hell spawn men into the world!

JESSICA You are the hottest and funniest Gen X-er I know... after myself of course. #Team Brenda!

HBD DANIEL You saw what they did to me and you did nothing. And it still hurts. Happy birthday.

CLOUDY WITHOUT A CHANCE OF MEA Lovey Dove.....it's been too long, and I feel like I haven't tried hard enough while I most definitely was crossing some boundaries. I'm sorry. brockenheim@gmail.com

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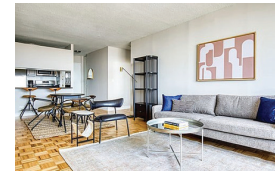
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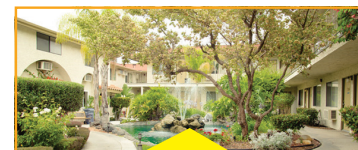


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Saltwater: Having totaled up fish counts for over 8 years officially, and going back as long as I could access reports, the one constant is change. Sure, we have a generally accurate timetable telling us what time of year various pelagic species make their appearance. But some things are harder to account for, like the massive amounts of dorado last year, or albacore disappearing from our fleet's range nearly two decades ago. Somewhere between the two: a trend of warming water affecting currents and thus affecting marine biospheres has been more noticeable of late.

Dorado showed a bit a couple weeks ago, then none in the count one week, and more now. I expect the numbers to grow as usual this time of year, though we may or may not see the “explosion” we saw in August-September of last year in US waters. Here, above the border, the limit is ten fish per angler per day; in Mexican waters, where the majority of dorado are normally caught during season, the limit is two fish per day, with a maximum of three day's limits for long range trips. This partially explains the over 30,000 dorado caught in four weeks from August 7 through September 3 by just the ½-day to 3-day boats out of the main four landings in San Diego; Seaforth, Fisherman's, Point Loma, and H&M.

Per scientific studies, there has been a migration toward cooler environments globally as average temperatures have edged upwards in recent decades. By following studies on species migrations, one can see a shift; terrestrial migrations of mammals, birds, amphibians, freshwater fish, insects, and even plants have moved pole-ward or higher in altitude. Species in marine environments are more sensitive, and the pole-ward migrations in the ocean have been several times faster than that of terrestrial species.

As anglers, we see the changes season-to-season, and over decades. Kelp beds have been in decline, with just a few years of resurgence over the past decades. Sea stars, specifically the sunflower sea star that feeds on purple urchin, suffered a mass die-off due to Sea Star Wasting Disease: infected starfish rot away, basically dissolving into nothing. Though the exact cause has not been determined, warming water helped spread the disease, and the resulting increase of purple urchin, now free of their main predator, has affected the overall health of kelp forests. Since 2013, an estimated 5.75 billion sunflower sea stars have died, with a 90% decline in population.



A lone albacore caught aboard the Aztec out of Seaforth Sportfishing on July 26th.

chickens, there are a lot of realistic things to be excited about.

As per usual since their resurgence, bluefin are shifting north at the end of July, and boats targeting them specifically have been working the Cortez/Tanner banks and doing well. Yellowfin and dorado have mostly been coming from the grounds from the Corner to the Lower Finger Bank off Ensenada, where bluefin are still biting as well, though usually a smaller grade. Yellowtail have been increasing in activity all along the Pacific coast of all three Californias; the northern part of Baja California Sur, Baja California, and our own 31st state.

Calico bass numbers have jumped dramatically, as happens when the water wars and currents favor fishing along the kelp. Even though kelp beds have been fluctuating rapidly year-to-year due to temperature and urchin, calico bass, aka kelp bass, don't seem to mind the loss of canopy, as they are more specific to the reef structure and food it holds. I have caught a lot of them in water well beyond the maximum depth of kelp, which is around 80-90 feet. Same with sheephead, which are also associated with kelp beds; some of my largest “goats” have come from 100-150 feet in depth. Again, hard structure seems to be the key.

Again, a few albacore may unjustly incite hyperbolic social media posts and California-based fishing media sites, but there are a lot of legitimate things to get hyped about in the SoCal and Baja fishing scene this year as we move into the high season. They're out there, so go get 'em!

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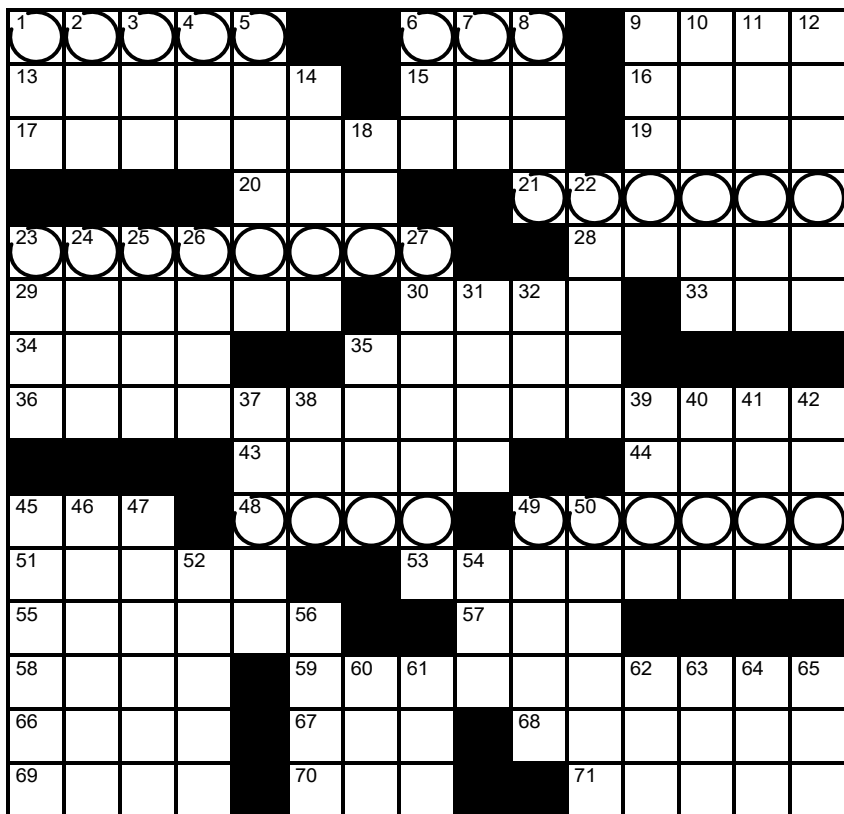
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Across

- 1.** "____ Fools Fall in Love" (Frankie Lymon hit)
6. Like some apples
9. Charges (up)
13. No-____ (gnats)
15. Fish eggs
16. Girl's name that sounds like two letters of the alphabet
17. Terrible primatologist?
19. Ham or lamb
20. ____ de Janeiro
21. Netflix's "Stranger ____"
23. Befall
28. Actor in a crowd scene

- 29.** Novelist Hemingway

- 30.** ____-friendly
33. Plopped down
34. Pulitzer winner James
35. "Did you try rebooting?" asker
36. Terrible U.S. Supreme Court justice?
43. Irritate
44. Classic TV kid whose name sounds like two letters of the alphabet
45. Pick up the tab
48. "Glad that's settled!"
49. Human beings
51. Photoshop maker

- 53.** Archetype

- 55.** Run amok
57. Rapsallion
58. Pasta whose name means "barley" in Italian
59. Terrible TV/film actor?
66. Valued
67. "A Nightmare on ____ Street"
68. Subway in an Ellington classic
69. Tennis great Arthur
70. Schiff or Schumer, informally
71. Wall of a garden maze

Down

- 1.** NYT rival
2. "Isn't ____ bit like you and me?" (Beatles lyric)
3. Japanese currency
4. Expected
5. Trendy dye jobs
6. Savage X Fenty product
7. "You've got mail" co.
8. Shoulder muscle, for short
9. Club version of a song, often
10. Calendar markings
11. Pfizer release of 1998
12. Adjusts to, as a thermostat
14. Peter, Paul or Mary
18. Period

- 22.** Deli subs

- 23.** Kind of wave
24. "This is so frustrating!"
25. Tire, in Toulouse
26. Equal
27. Make obsolete
31. Fix, as a cat
32. Answer incorrectly
35. SSN, e.g.
37. Everything ____
38. "That's ____-brainer!"
39. Earring shape
40. Washer or dryer: Abbr.
41. Grammy-winning Mexican singer Downs
42. Creepy gaze
45. Eastern place of worship
46. Digs deeply

- 47.** "Holy moly!"

- 49.** Island that's part of the Zanzibar Archipelago
50. One good at reading emotions
52. Brand known for its pore strips
54. Mark, as a ballot
56. Spun records
60. "Yay, Messi!"
61. "Let me think ..."
62. Beats by ____
63. Upset
64. Insurance giant bailed out in 2008
65. U-turn from SSW

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— Zookeepers at the Columbus Zoo in Ohio were taken aback on July 20 when Sully, an 8-year-old western lowland gorilla whom they had assumed to be male, gave birth. Sully has lived at the zoo since 2019, United Press International reported. "It's hard to tell the sex of younger gorillas," the zoo said in a statement. "They don't have prominent sex organs." They said Sully had been healthy and did not need any procedures or medical care that would have clued them in to her gender. "Sully is taking good care of (the baby)," zookeepers said, adding that eventually they'll do a DNA test to find out which of three males is the father.

Bright Idea

— Hong Kong's health minister, professor Lo Chung-mau, is urging public shaming as a remedy to unlawful tobacco use, Sky News reported. "Cigarettes can harm the health of all of us," Lo told a meeting of the Legislative Council's health service panel on July 14. "When members of the public see people smoking in nonsmoking areas ... we can stare at the smokers. Everyone on the premises can stare at that person." He believes this behavior would help create a nonsmoking culture in the city. He also said authorities would use surveillance footage to crack down on smokers flouting the rules.

The Passing Parade

— Barbie mania has taken the world by storm — including in Brazil, where Burger

King is selling a sandwich with a bright pink sauce that looks like "chewed bubblegum" and has a "smoky" flavor, according to Burger King. CNBC reported on July 13 that the BK Barbie Combo comes with a cheeseburger, a pink vanilla-flavored milkshake, a doughnut sprinkled with pink frosting and an order of Ken's potatoes (also known as fries). The combo is not expected to be offered in the United States.

Nope

— You might not have it on your calendar, but Aug. 5 is National Mustard Day! And rather than celebrating with a hot dog or a burger smothered in the yellow condiment, the French's company wants you to try Mustard Skittles, NBC New York reported on July 25. "Skittles is always looking to inspire moments of everyday happiness and deliver unexpected ways for fans to experience the brand," said Ro Cheng, marketing director at Mars. The new flavor "combines their tangy mustard flavor with our iconic chewy texture to deliver this unique summer treat." Adventurous mustard-lovers can try to win a bag of the candy through an online sweepstakes.

Special Delivery

— Cindy Smith of Prince William County, Virginia, definitely did NOT order hundreds of headlamps, glue guns and children's binoculars, WUSA-TV reported, but still they showed up at her home in more than 100 Amazon boxes. "A lot of people thought I was weird," Smith said. "I would drive around with headlamps and glue guns in

the car. I gave them to everybody I met." WUSA looked into the situation for Smith and learned that sellers from China that need to get their merchandise out of Amazon's warehouses are "just picking random addresses," according to an attorney who represents companies that sell on Amazon. "They're just having them sent there, because it's just cheaper for them to do so." Amazon said it has closed its account with this particular seller.

Great Art?

— Hankering for a high-dollar auction rush? Sotheby's has you covered -- or at least your feet. A pair of white sneakers from the 1990s, branded with the rainbow-colored Apple logo, will start at \$50,000, Sky News reported. The shoes were distributed to employees at sales conferences and are among "the most obscure in existence," Sotheby's said. "Highly coveted" on the resale market, the sneakers are in their original box and are in a condition "consistent with age." And bonus! They come with an extra pair of red shoelaces! Sold!

Saw That Coming

— ... or not. At 11:55 pm on July 22, a speeding boat with eight people aboard left the water at the Lake of the Ozarks in Missouri and crashed into a home along the bank. KMIZ-TV reported that Adam Ramirez, 47, was driving the boat when the accident happened. After the boat hit the home, it overturned and ejected all eight passengers, who were taken to a hospital, six of them in

serious condition. Two people in the home at the time were uninjured. Ramirez was charged with boating while intoxicated. Travis Coleman with Tow Boat US Lake of the Ozarks said crashes on the lake are common, and alcohol and darkness can play a large role.

News You Can Use

— Trader Joe's announced on July 21 that it is recalling two types of cookies that may have rocks in them, National Public Radio reported. The Almond Windmill Cookies and Dark Chocolate Chunk and Almond cookies have been removed from the grocery chain's stores and destroyed, the company said, but those who had previously bought them can return them for a refund. "Please do not eat them," they urged customers. The company didn't specify how the rocks came to be in the cookies.

The Golden Age of Air Travel

— In late July, a woman on a Spirit Airlines plane hit her limit, the *New York Post* reported. "The plane is stopped ... I cannot hold the pee!" she shouted in a video as she pulled down her pants and squatted in a corner to relieve herself. "I need to (urinate), two hours ... you close the (bathroom) doors," she said, telling a crew member she should "blame yourself." The video was posted on July 20, but it is unclear where the incident took place.

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