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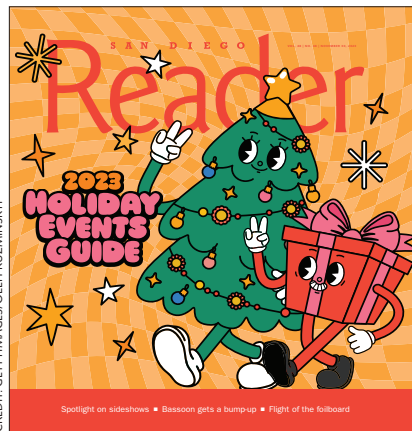




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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

## THE ROAD

### Do not do donuts

#### CHP takes STREET grant to the streets

In 2021, the California Highway Patrol reportedly responded to calls to more than 7300 sideshows statewide, many of them here in San Diego County. Sideshows, or takeovers, take place when car enthusiasts block off city streets and take turns performing stunts such as donuts, burnouts, and drifting. The street mayhem, which holds up traffic until the police near the scene, is usually recorded and posted on social media.

On Halloween day, the California Highway Patrol was given a \$2 million federal grant to combat illegal street racing and sideshows.



I've just seen like all of the traffic blocked and then, you know,

If you want the clout, you must spin out.

The takeovers are popular partly because the action makes for popular content on social media — especially when a spectator gets clipped. But that very popularity can help provide incriminating evidence to police, who sometimes share the videos with media outlets in an effort to warn the public and

kind of doing: you see some people getting hit with cars and...it makes it a tough market for the racing community. Because they make it seem like that's all of us. And that's not the case. Safety is our number one deal. There's a reason why we run sanctioned events [where] they host track days, they host practice days."

But in San Diego County, the only place people can legally race in a sanctioned environment is at the Barona Speedway. All other legal race venues in the county — including the former Qualcomm Stadium parking lot — have closed or been shut down. Mamer, who lives by Glamis and frequents San Diego and the SCORE events in Baja, continued, "It's tough." Sanctioned events at

Fame former UFC fighter, professional off-road racer, and Instagram star, granted that "It's very entertaining to watch [on social media] all of the idiots get hit. You know, the people trying to film just getting rear-ended with the back end, and thrown off their shoes." But, he added, "If y'all wanna stand in a circle and be idiots, do it somewhere safe. Where they just lock down streets — I don't understand it."

MIKE MADRIAGA

## CITY HEIGHTS

### Gas v. CAP

#### Will reach code snag Housing for Hope?

An affordable housing project in City Heights is facing pushback from an environmental group for its use of natural gas systems, which the city plans to phase out in new buildings.

Last week, the planning commission unanimously approved La Maestra Housing for Hope, a redevelopment project at 4135 Fairmount Avenue. The project is slated to be equipped with gas-powered appliances — from stoves to heaters. However, "the project must decarbonize" claimed Coast Law Group in a letter on behalf of the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation that argued the city's continued reliance on natural gas is at odds with its Climate Action Plan.

San Diego has yet to adopt an ordinance that would require La Maestra Housing for Hope to be equipped with all-electric infrastructure. Known as a reach code because it goes beyond the state's minimum building

"We all like big horsepower and like doing donuts; we've all done it. But, there's a time and place for it."

The STREET (Sideshow, Takeover, Racing, Education, and Enforcement Taskforce) II grant is an extension of the \$5.5 million the state allocated to the CHP for sideshow and racing abatement for 2022-2023. "The STREET II grant will enhance community outreach efforts and enforcement measures to protect the safety and well-being of California's communities and ensure our roadways remain safe for everyone," said CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee in a prepared statement.

possibly garner tips about the culprits.

Shortly before the STREET II grant was approved, San Diegan Mandelyn Gillis witnessed a sideshow takeover in Mission Valley. "Several times I've just seen all of the traffic blocked, then everyone doing the circles and donuts," she said in a recent Channel 8 News interview. "It's really disruptive. And it's really loud." The video accompanying Gillis' voiceover on the news report shows dozens of people surrounding a BMW and a Mustang doing donuts near a 163 freeway overpass. As the cars spin in tight circles, leaving circular skid marks on the asphalt, spectators can be seen standing in the donut "holes," taking video of the spectacle.

On November 4, I interviewed both professional car and truck racers and amateur enthusiasts about sideshows at the Las Vegas Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) show — the most prominent automobile trade show and car show in the world. Cole Mamer, a 24-year-old professional off-road racing champion, lamented, "You see what it's



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Why build something now that you're just going to have to tear up in 20 years?

authorized venues "are what really makes a lot of the younger generation come up and do this process right. I get it; we all like big horsepower and like doing donuts; we've all done it. But, there's a time and place for it."

Other racers I spoke with at SEMA shared similar sentiments regarding the lack of legal venues for regulated races, a lack which may contribute to the increase in illegal racing and sideshows. As San Diego racer John put it, "They are just having fun at those sideshows, bro. Where else can we go let off some steam?"

Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone, a Hall-of-

standards, such an ordinance would phase out almost all natural gas usage from buildings by 2035.

The city's 2022 Climate Action Plan focuses on measures like the reach code to decarbonize buildings, which account for nearly 25 percent of the state's greenhouse gas emissions. Critics argue that approving new projects with gas infrastructure, infrastructure that has a lifetime of two to three decades, will frustrate the city's climate goals, including its goal of phasing out 45 percent of natural gas usage from existing

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SEMA drift car: done right, this stuff gets sponsors.



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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buildings by 2030. (Only five years later, that goal would jump to 90 percent.)

At least 76 local and state jurisdictions have adopted codes to reduce their use of

ing, and some cities are forging ahead into the post-gas future. Carlsbad, which backed off plans for an ordinance in May, has now switched to an “electrification preferred” reach code that would allow both options, but which would include stricter requirements for gas.

The La Maestra Housing for Hope project will be a four-story, 14,945-square-foot multi-dwelling unit that includes 20 tran-



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“The project must decarbonize.” – the Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation

natural gas. But a lawsuit filed by the California Restaurant Association has put similar plans — including San Diego’s — on hold after a federal appeals court overturned the city of Berkeley’s ban on natural gas in new construction. Berkeley is fighting the rul-

sitional housing units affordable by low-income households for a period of 55 years. Critics say those residents may struggle to afford the transition away from natural gas when the time comes.

SHEILA PELL

## UNDER THE RADAR

**Worn and dirty beds** Border Patrol outposts in San Diego County have been called out again, this time by the Office of Inspector General of the U.S. Homeland Security Department for worn and dirty detainee bedding, along with a raft of other violations. “In May 2023, we conducted unannounced inspections of U.S. Customs and Border Protection facilities in the San Diego area, specifically four U.S. Border Patrol facilities and one Office of Field Operations port of entry,” says a November 15 report.

“At the time of our inspection, Border Patrol and OFO held 1187 detainees in custody in the five facilities. We found that 668 (56 percent) of these detainees were held in custody longer than specified [requirements] which generally limits detention to 72 hours, as operationally feasible. We also found data integrity issues with information in Border Patrol’s electronic system of record, and worn bedding at one facility.”

According to the document, “At the Chula Vista station, we found Border Patrol did not meet standards requiring that detainees be provided clean bedding. We observed holding cells that had severely worn, damaged, and cracked sleeping mats. The damaged mats created a potential health risk for detainees at Chula Vista station because they could not be effectively cleaned.” Adds the report, “On July 31, 2023, Border Patrol submitted documentation for replacement mats delivered to Chula Vista station the week after our inspection.”

On a brighter note, the audit says, “All five facilities we inspected were clean, temperature controlled, and adequately ventilated. [Customs and Border Protection] made available basic amenities such as meals and snacks (including accommodations for those with religious and dietary needs), water and other beverages, blankets, and sleeping mats.” In addition, “[Customs and Border Protection] provided child-specific items such as baby formula and cereal appropriate for infants. Supplies of feminine hygiene products, diapers, personal hygiene items, and clothing and shoes were available. All five facilities had medical contract staff onsite to provide medical screening and care to detainees. CBP facilities in the San Diego area had access to telephonic interpretation services to communicate with non-English speaking detainees.” Concludes the document: “In response to our draft report, CBP officials concurred with our recommendations and described corrective actions to address the issues we identified.”

San Diego County Sheriff’s Lieutenant **David Gilmore**, chairman of the county’s retirement board, headed for a free overnight stay worth \$375.95 at the Huntington Beach Hyatt Regency on September 7, courtesy of the State Association of County Retirement Systems, according to a November 6 disclosure filing. The freebie was billed as a way for Gilmore to “conduct official business relating to county public systems governance, strategies, and pension issues” at an association board of directors



David Gilmore didn’t have to drive home from Orange County.

meeting. The resort is a noted luxury getaway for vacationers going seaside. “Pool cabanas and waterslides make for a perfect day in the sun, while a private beach bonfire complete with chairs and s’mores is a fine way to end the evening,” notes *thepointsguy.com*.

**Bikes spiked** It’s been more than a year since auditors at the San Diego Association of Governments, commonly

known as SANDAG, began an investigation of so-called Bike-Gate, a sprawling agency-wide scandal allegedly costing taxpayers millions. So far, though, the case remains open. The story began October 20, 2022, with “an allegation stating that SANDAG, the City of San Diego and Consultants working on the Bike Project are grossly mismanaging, wasting, and abusing public dollars,” says a description of the audit project on a SANDAG Fraud, Waste and Abuse Report for the first quarter of 2024, presented to SANDAG’S internal audit committee on September 13. “The claim includes four different complaints filed through the fraud, waste, and abuse hotline. The matter concerns the fact that the project has doubled in estimated cost.”

Additionally, “there are allegations that in some areas that have been completed, the contractors failed to ensure that proper safety guidelines were followed, including proper signage and advanced posting of work tasks.” Another yet-to-be-resolved investigation, begun on March 16 of last year, involves a “an allegation regarding misuse and abuse by a SANDAG consultant/contractor,” including

“abuse of billing, overreaching of authority and failure to adhere to the terms of the contract. The claimant states that these actions by the contractor have been ongoing for many years.”

**Soon-Shiong’s new nudge** It hasn’t taken Los Angeles Big Pharmaceutical billionaire **Patrick Soon-Shiong** long to find something new to sink his cash into following dumping the *San Diego Union-Tribune*

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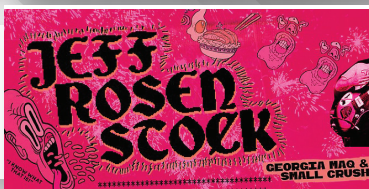
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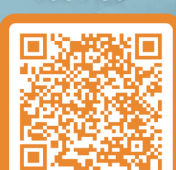
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**Loss of moral compass**  
It's crazy that you will allow such a disgraceful lie to be published on your site ("How Scholder Got His Groove Back", SD on the QT, Oct. 6, 2023). This is defamation and I'm in contact with my lawyer to take legal action for those slandered in the article.

You could be doing productive and helpful things with your platform but instead you help push this false narrative of this motorcycle club being criminals and degenerates. They do more for their community than any branch of government. You and your fellow mainstream media liars are the real criminals and pose a greater threat than any MC out there. Get your moral compass in line and try to do something good.

Brian  
San Diego

*SD on the QT is the Reader's Almost Factual News column, and is labeled as such. It is true, however, that 17 members and associates of the San Diego Hells Angels were arrested in relation to an assault on three black men that took place last summer.*

**Books and smartphones needed**  
I am appalled at the idiocy of SD Council member Kent Lee in his assessment that literacy is not an equitable value and the solution to literacy inequity is to get rid of books in libraries ("City Council approves new master plan for libraries", SD on the QT, Nov. 17, 2023). The answer is not getting books out of libraries, but getting children into libraries and reading, regardless of demographic origin.

Kent Lee is not incorrect that every student's smart phone has access to almost unlimited information, but in mentioning lower literacy rates amongst Latinos and Blacks, he fails to mention that those same groups are underserved in technology access and devices. The libraries equal the information, literature, and learning playing fields with access for all and professional librarians to help students. Perhaps Kent Lee is looking to eliminate books (hmm, who else in history has endorsed that vile practice?) so that only smartphones can be used. How might those devices be corrupted by AI to only allow what politicians like Lee want to be read?

Joe Gallagher  
Oceanside

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**My daughter's tragic life**  
Hello, My name is Shande Carpenter, I am Kelsey Carpenters mother. My daughter was wrongfully charged with murder for the tragic passing of her daughter. ("Oceanside drug addict loses third child", Neighborhood News, April 13, 2021) The murder charges have been dismissed, as have any potential charges for "manslaughter," "voluntary manslaughter," or "involuntary manslaughter." For some reason, your news outlet has failed to report this (as others have).

The cause of my precious granddaughter's death was a rare placenta disorder (per 3 experts with a combined 100 years experience as Medical Examiners/pathologists). Tragically, she likely would not had survived even if her birth had taken place at a hospital. My daughter pled guilty to "child endangerment" only so she could get out of jail to help raise her 2 beautiful boys who she loves

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Edric Saphire (center) accepts stand-up ovation for his composition.

## Moz-Art

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Robert Schumann, Edric Saphire? The kid is 17, a high school senior, and the Mainly Mozart organization commissioned him to write a work honoring Mozart. Tonight, he's here at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center in La Jolla for the world premiere of the fruit of his labors: his *Bassoon Sextet in B-Flat Major*.

This young man is riding two horses: expectations are that the piece will echo the Mozart sound (he has a lot of material from which to get ideas: Mozart wrote about 600 works) but also represent his own generation, and maybe show that Mozartian art is still going to be cool in the electronic/AI age. Right now, he's up onstage, being questioned by Anne-Marie McDermott, who's a famous pianist in her own right. She starts with the obvious. "When did you start composing?"

Saphire: "I began composing at the age of 9."

McDermott: "A little later than Mozart, then."

A lot of laughs. Amadeus famously started at five. Also, if Marshall McLuhan ("the medium is the message") is right, Edric is bound to be different in another way, because he did his composing electronically. "What's unique about the app is it contains both the scrolling score and the classical recording alongside it," he explains. "As I listened more and more, I began to appreciate the complexity of music, which inspired me to compose my own music. Plus, I've been playing the trombone for seven years."

His arrival here tonight was, it seems, just in the stars. His bassoon-playing dad discovered Edric had perfect pitch, his jazz-composing uncle helped him learn counterpoint, and

he got a lot of inspiration from listening to Mahler. (It sounds as if he likes Mahler better than, *ahem*, Mozart himself.) He talks about ideas he got from other composers, like introducing a sudden *forte*, or a shift to a minor key. Yet when the Mainly Mozart Youth Orchestra performs the world premiere of his 11-minute piece, it sometimes sounds surprisingly traditional, puritanical. It does indeed sound like Mozart — as interpreted by a visiting Martian from the future. Which doesn't mean it's not pulsing with heart. But the element that leaps out is his choice of bassoon as the fox in the chicken coop of surrounding strings. Its lower notes are *so-oo* satisfying; its clarity defines the melody. I doubt Mozart himself would have thought of this.

"This is a first," confirms McDermott. "Edric has written the first such piece to feature a bassoon."

And, electronic assist notwithstanding, the work was no walk in the park. "I just didn't know how to operate the software. It took me four weeks, for the intense writing phase. Writing the cadenza was the hardest part." Cadenza: "Improvised, ornamental passage, often allowing virtuosic display." — Wikipedia. "But I have been considering writing a third movement, a scherzo." Scherzo: "Joke" in Italian, a light-hearted, short composition, or interlude."

Later, when he is at a reception, surrounded by fans with wondering eyes (and, you know, raging thoughts: "What have I done with my life?"), I sidle up with a few more queries. For instance, is it very different writing music using software rather than the way Mozart would have done it, that is, scrawled-down notes and lines with pen and ink?

"Pen and ink? Actually, I have never tried writing music using pen and ink."

## Rubber band boy

Talking of boy wonders: Shay Horay is known as Rubber Band Boy, or the Master of Rubber-bandology, or The One-Man Rubber Band. He was my last interview before returning from Aotearoa-New Zealand (as it is now coming to be known). "My career?" he said when I asked him about how he became a comedian. "Wrapping rubber bands around my face. That's what I do. I'm in the *Guinness Book of Records*! In one minute, I got 78 rubber bands

other side of the table and snap! I get hit again. I put the cue down, and I put the rubber band on, until I had about ten rubber bands on my face. And I still won the game, and the guy I was playing with said, 'Next thing, you'll be doing this as one of your comedy routines.' And so I got a takeaway of beer, went home, sat down in the bathroom, put all of the rubber bands on, and developed a routine. And the very next Tuesday, I started it. It's essentially doing comedy while putting rubber bands all

"My career? Wrapping rubber bands around my face. That's what I do."

on my face. That was my record."

Turns out Horay has performed all over the world, everywhere from the UK to Canada to Italy to China, just to stretch rubber bands around his face. Now he's planning on California. I ask how he happened. "I kept getting these teachers' reports when I was a kid, like: 'Shay is loud, easily distracted, and a bit of

over your face. That's it!"

As for the date with Guinness glory, "That was on a TV show in New Zealand. And then someone beat me, but I still got flown to Milan to do a TV show over there. I just had to put rubber bands over my face. This was the one for the Italian *Guinness Book of Records*, the most in one minute. In one minute, my record



GD Shay Horay and the view that rubber bands bought.

a clown.' I thought, *Well, I've already got the references, I may as well do the career*. So I went to a school that taught acrobatics and circus. Clowning was one of the major subjects."

And the rubber band idea? "My thing was that I needed a hook. Like a song needs a hook. Just being funny was like, yep, I can do that. But I needed a hook that people would associate with me. So I was playing a game of pool at Dux Delux, which was a pub in the Arts Center in Christchurch before the second earthquake destroyed it. I was on a winning streak, and my mate who worked behind the bar thought, *I'll try and put him off*. And he pinged a rubber band, and it hit me in the head. I grabbed the rubber band, put the cue down, stretched the rubber band over my face, and then kept playing. So now I'm over on the

was still 78. It didn't really look that great, but it got me my flight to Milan. And my girlfriend got flown over there as well. I felt like a superstar! I'm in *The Book*. I've got a medal, somewhere."

He has been riding this rather specialized career for over a decade now, and he has to admit that he's kind of stretching his luck. "But before I killed rubber band boy, I created an obnoxious character called Keith Preene. Kind of inspired by [*Saturday Night Live* star] Andy Kaufman." It was turned into a TV show, and Shay Horay now lives in a million-dollar house overlooking the Pacific. "Uh, that's a million New Zealand dollars," he points out. "You fellers should knock off half if you're coming over. Still, not bad for a humble rubber band boy." ■



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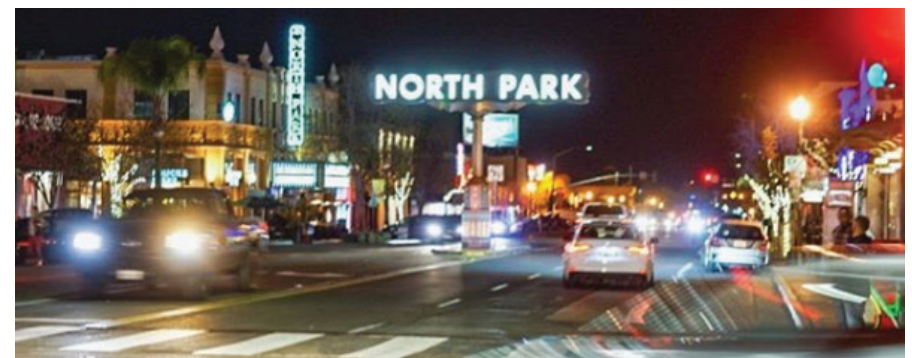
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# Like wings in the water

**“Foiling isn’t hard, it’s impossible.”**

— *World champion skateboarder turned beginner foilboarder*  
Henry Hester

**Former pro Australian Rules Footballer Cameron Trickey with his e-Foil. Trickey recently eFoiled from Oceanside Harbor to Mission Bay to raise money for Special Olympians.**

**L**ike skateboarding, snowboarding, sailboarding, and kiteboarding before it, foilboarding sprouted from the promiscuous seed of surfing. While foilboards and surfboards appear similar if observed from the deck, their bottoms differ radically. Surfboards have fins. Foilboards, true to their name, have foils. And it is that foil that makes all the difference, lifting foilboarders over the water’s surface rather than leaving them to glide upon it.

Legendary waterman Laird Hamilton is credited with inventing the foilboard about a quarter century ago. Because of his efforts since then, together with those of fellow Maui-ans Dave Kalama and Kai Lenny, foilboarding

has become a legitimate sport. But in the beginning, it was a primitive thrill ride achieved by attaching snowboard boots to surfboards, which were themselves bolted to 35-pound metal foils. Some feared the thin metal bars might function as accidental guillotines. In Hamilton’s case, it nearly served as a deadly anchor. Perhaps this helps explain foilboarding’s failure to take off — if it’s dangerous for a pro, what chance does an amateur have? But since those barnstorming days, foilboards have become much lighter, safer, and higher-tech, so that now, there are maybe 10,000-15,000 foilboarders worldwide. That doesn’t really compare to surfing’s 20-35 million, but it’s something.

Foilboarding would almost certainly attract more participants were it not for its nearly verti-

cal learning curve and the \$3500 required for the basics. Another thing that holds the sport back, according to Hall of Fame skateboarder Henry Hester, is “not being able to mix and match equipment. That held snowboarding back for a while, too. It took off once snowboard binding mounts became universal, and all bindings fit all boards.”

Those stumbling blocks have helped dampen youthful enthusiasm, leaving it primarily to their parents, grandparents, and other old-timers. But what the young sport lacks in age diversification, it compensates for in having five sub-categories: winging, proning (wave riding), e-foiling, stand-up paddling, and downwinding. Here, we will consider the first three.

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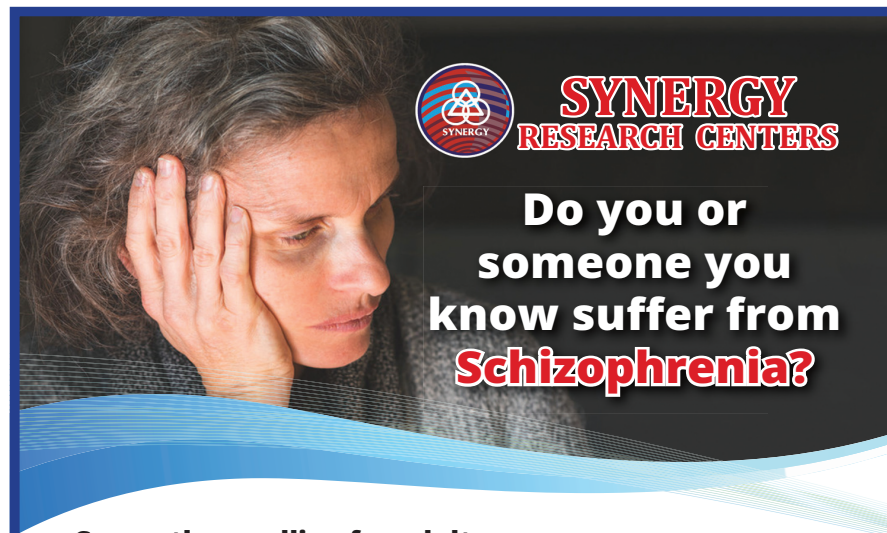
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I spotted my first prone foilboarder about five years ago. (I won't say exactly where, because I was surfing at the time, and surfers generally prefer to keep quiet about their favorite spots. Let's say North County.) A prone drifted into the lineup. Like almost everyone who sees it for the first time, I wondered where the motor was. How else could that board keep moving? It turns out that pumping the board engages the foil, and so lift can be sustained indefinitely if there is a skilled operator at the controls.

After chipping into a wave so insignificant that even the fittest longboarder could not catch it, the prone rode to shore. That alone was impressive enough, but when the wave ended, his ride did not. After pulling out over the top of the wave, the prone pumped back into the lineup and began doing laps: catching waves, riding them, and pumping back out in an endless surf-stoked rotation. The hypnotic movement conjured up not a little jealousy within me — and, I assume, the other surfers, still waiting to catch their first wave of the day.

Generally, prone (foil boarders who ride waves) and wingers (foil boarders propelled by wind, waves, or both) are not hassled by surfers. At least not to the degree that kiteboarders and stand-up paddlers are. This may be because many surfers are, deep down, drawn to foilboarding. But, warns Hester, "There is no 'ah-ha' moment" once you decide to try it. "It's all baby steps. There is no verification; for me, it was nullification. You learn it slowly, in micro steps, and it can be very frustrating before it becomes fun."

Hester should know: a master of surfing and skateboarding, he's dalled with everything from surf matting to mountain biking, and he knows that sometimes, things end painfully. For instance, "the time I tried running slalom cones at La Costa's Black Hill and ended elbow deep in asphalt." Gliding above the water sounded like a more serene alternative. And yet.

If prone are the foilboard version of surfers, wingers are more closely related to sailboarders. A wing foil is a thick, short surfboard with a foil on the bottom that is propelled



Wingers on a relatively windy afternoon in Mission Bay.

by a wing (sail). Imagine a small sailboard where you are the mast. Wingers differ from their other close cousins, kiteboarders, by their lack of a long line attached to a kite (wing). While winging is among the fastest-growing sub-species in foil sports, it requires something San Diego often lacks: wind. A winger needs wind like a surfer needs a swell. The local upside: because breezes generally hold off until mid-morning in San Diego, wingers can sleep in much later than their surfing compatriots.

That brings us to a recent blustery afternoon on Mission Bay. About

40 wingers have gathered in anticipation of winds gusting up to 14 knots, which is substantial for San Diego. Hester is here to learn winging, and it turns out he wasn't kidding about the micro-steps on the road to mastery. He mentions that this is his eighth attempt, and that only today did he manage to get to his feet — and then, for only around ten seconds. Hester's progress is typical; he may even be slightly ahead of schedule. The good news is that once he learns to stand, it's a relatively short hop to spending countless blissful hours in an activity that, according to some, feels as good

or better than surfing.

Having surfed for over half a century, I am accustomed to that good feeling, and also to having it interrupted by hostile tribes of locals on specific beaches. Wingers, by contrast, tend to welcome outsiders like me. The first ones I meet are Tim Alcacio and Ken Kimball, who introduce themselves and instruct me in the fine points of their favorite sport before offering to teach me the rough points, which means actually getting in the water and sucking mud for a few weeks. Maybe it's because they don't have to guard the waves, but I personally have not encoun-

tered such a welcoming vibe in surfing since, well, forever.

Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves on the bay today, even though most of the neophytes — the ones who can stand, anyway — do nothing fancier than taking long, straight passes across the water, an elementary move affectionately known as "mowing the lawn." A few of the more skilled operators lay their boards on rail at high speed or huck big airs. Once airborne, the foil's wing allows the winger to be suspended momentarily, like a predatory bird about to dive upon its prey, before dropping down again.

Perhaps the best winger in the group is Eli Kwitman. Kwitman, who grew up as a snowboarder in the Pacific Northwest, was never involved with surfing or wind-related sports. "When I first began winging two years ago, I thought the sport was impossible," he recalls. "Even after realizing that I had the foil on backward, I spent the first two months dragged around on my knees." Now he floats over the bay at high speed and jumps up to three feet into

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King's Paddle Sports co-owner Dave Daum with one of his latest custom foilboards.

battery-driven propeller. As with other sorts of foilboarding, the learning curve is one limit, “but price is the main factor. You will spend \$8000+ for an e-foil. It might be better to buy it with a few people and spread the cost with some of your buddies. And because there are so many electronics on an e-foil, you’ve got to wash the entire system out with fresh water after each session. Occasionally, you’ll also need to spray everything with an anti-rust lubricant.”

One thing Tricky likes about the e-foil “is that you can power it or let it go on its own authority, like a hybrid car.” But either way, he doesn’t need much in the way of waves, which helps keep the surfers friendly. “Surfers needn’t worry that we will take their waves. We tend to stay away from them, and look for waves they’re not interested in. That’s one thing that’s unique and peaceful about this sport.” Another unique factor, though less peaceful: “I’ve had a few races with dolphins. I can get up to around 30 miles per hour, but dolphins always win.”

One of the North

the air. It’s enough to give a body hope.

Australian-born Cameron Tricky has been foilboarding for about a year, and he tells a similar story. A former pro Australian Rules Footballer, Tricky possesses a knack for all things athletic, and became interested in foiling “after seeing my friends have fun in the ocean on even the smallest swells. But foiling was difficult to learn, frustrating, and challenging, especially after doing well in other sports. You would think that having

surfing and paddled would be helpful, but foilboarding is a whole different balance game. There are many different things working, and you have this foil to contend with, something none of us have ever experienced. When you start, you might ride for 10 to 15 seconds and think you’re cruising along just fine when you’re suddenly down. Even when you think you’ve mastered it, the ocean throws you a curveball.”

Tricky rides an e-foil, which is powered by a

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County design centers for water sports enthusiasts is Carlsbad-based King's Paddle Sports. Owned and operated by Dave and Rhonda Daum, King's recently expanded their business beyond custom stand-up and prone paddleboards to include foilboards. King's does not manufacture the entire board, but Dave meticulously shapes each one for those connoisseurs desiring a custom ride. When I talk to them, Dave and Rhonda are joined by friend and internationally known foilboarder Dr. Steve. A pioneer of foilboarding blessed with an inventive mind, he regularly collaborates with the Daums on foilboard designs.



Dr. Steve's latest King's foilboard.

**Dr. Steve:** "I began foilboard surfing after seeing a video of the Hurley brothers years ago. I learned in the worst conditions, and

getting up and going took a long time."

**Rhonda Daum:** "Learning foiling is like riding a one-wheeled bicycle. You want to keep your

upper body still and not lean too hard on your back foot. It's different than surfing."

**D.S.:** "I think it's harder for those who have surfed a great deal to figure it out, as they rely on surfing muscle memory. I surfed for about 40 years before I started foiling, and when you have a surfing mindset, it isn't easy to get out of that. Foiling differs from surfing in terms of balance, what kind of wave you want, and how you take off. Younger kids get it more quickly. They don't have to unlearn

all that."

**Dave Daum:** "For me, foilboarding is less physically demanding than surfing once you figure it out. Most foilboarders are older, but the kids are unbelievable."

**D.S.:** "When snowboarding was starting, there was an inhibition to do it because it wasn't skiing. I see similarities with foilboarding, where people say, 'Oh, you're gonna kill yourself with that thing.' But I'm a doctor, and I've done some research and found that foil surfing injuries and the injury rate are not much different than with surfing. Anytime you start a new sport, your injury rate is higher. Once you learn and you know how to fall, the injuries decrease."

**R.D.:** "If you think like a surfer and attempt to correct your balance and get back on top of the board, you can fall on the foil."

**D.S.:** "You do learn to correct, but you can't correct the same as you would on a surfboard."

**D.D.:** "One thing I


like about foilboarding is that the speed is much greater. A wave may be moving three to five miles per hour, but we're doing ten on a foil."

**R.D.:** "It's like pelicans zooming across the water."

**D.S.:** "The increase in speed is because you have less resistance. Once the hydrofoil is above the water, the only resistance is the wing, versus a surfboard, where you always have five or six feet of board in the water, causing high resistance."

After watching and talking with San Diego's foilboarders, I find myself both tempted and apprehensive. This isn't like learning to surf 60 years ago. It requires more than youthful exuberance, a beat-up plank, and a pair of trunks. But just when I have convinced myself that I am too old to try, I recall those wingers, rising from the water and floating over it like pelicans. I imagine the feeling, and find I think it's worth any cost.

— Chris Ahrens



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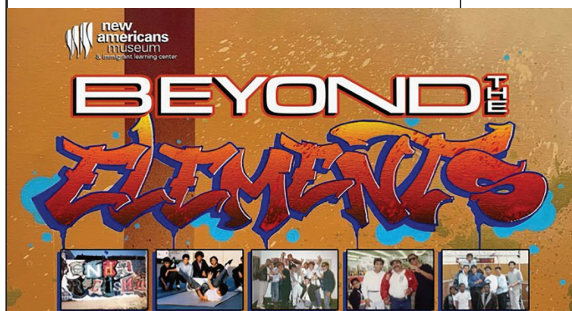
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**WHEN:** Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm. Through December 31.

**WHERE:** New Americans Museum, 2825 Dewey Road #102, Liberty Station.  
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## Friday | 1

### FERMENTOR ALBUM RELEASE

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**WHEN:** Friday, December 1, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista. [brickbybrick.com](http://brickbybrick.com)

## Saturday | 2

### SNOWSIDE WINTER FESTIVAL



PierClub and Emerald Isle welcome all to this family-friendly event. There will be real snow and sledding, Santa Claus, live entertainment (including carolers and dancers), jump houses, inflatable slides, a silent disco, food, and drinks.

**WHEN:** Friday, December 1 through Sunday, December 3, 5 pm to 9 pm

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**Pastor Darin Arntson:** The message we hear at Jesus' baptism, where before Jesus began any work at all, before he began ministering, teaching, or preaching, God said, "This is my beloved, and I am already well pleased with him." He didn't throw in the "already"—that's

a bit of editorial comment. But if we could hear anything from God on a regular basis, it would be to hear that we are already loved exactly as we are. It's from that place of love that we should feel confident and moved to love others, to have that sense, that confidence and grounding, because we trust in God's love for us.

**SDR:** Why did you become a minister?

**PA:** Some would assume it's because my mother is a pastor and I followed in her footsteps. By the way, you interviewed my mother for *Sheep and Goats* in 2016 — Cindy Arntson of the Community United Methodist Church of Julian. But I joke that I

went the 360-degree route to come back the other way. The church was always a place I felt welcomed, accepted and valued, and in expressing my gifts and finding my own leadership and voice in the church, I also learned that there was a call for me to continue to create that space and encourage that kind of loving presence and witness to others.

**SDR:** What is the mission of your church?

**PA:** Our purpose is restoring hope, empowering community, and growing in grace rooted in God's love. We recognize that the world faces a lot of despair, challenge, frustration, and fear, but

the Gospel witness assures us of God's constant loving presence and gives hope for new and abundant life. As a church, we get to share this message with those who are struggling, and we welcome, connect, serve, and love. We know God has created us for each other to be partners in our lives as we journey together, and he has called us to work together, not alone, in the work of compassion, justice and peace... Then, in growing in grace, we truly go to our Methodist roots, knowing that Jesus offers us constant grace. We support one another as a church in faith and grow our understanding and acceptance to be more confident in sharing



Darin Arntson

God's grace together. We're doing all this rooted in the love of Christ.

**SDR:** Where do you go when you die?

**PA:** The feeling of unconditional love and acceptance, where we feel our most faith and free to be ourselves, is the experience of heaven. God's presence is that — whatever

that might look like; maybe it's different for everyone. That's the experience we will have of heaven. I have a pretty Wesleyan view insofar as God is always inviting all of us at every moment of our lives, and it is our will to choose or not to choose heaven. But, while plenty may not choose it in life, when presented with that kind of experience, that presence of love "face to face" and we're no longer seeing dimly, it's hard to believe anyone wouldn't choose it. Wesley would say God never pulls God's grace back from us; so, if that's true in life, I think that's true in death also.

— Joseph O'Brien

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## ART

**12 Days of Deserts Collection Celebration** Celebrate the release of Krista Schumacher's annual 12 Days of Christmas col-

lection inspired by deserts. Friday, December 1, 4pm; **free.** Krista Schumacher Art Gallery, 1113 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Distinguished Author Series: Israel 201** The Maury & Lilian Novak Distinguished Author Series continues with Israel's most hilarious experts. In Israel 201 comedians Joel Chasnoff and Benji Lovitt take you on a journey through Israel's unexplored cultural landscape. Monday, December 4, 7pm; \$20-\$25. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Schlepping & Schmoozing Along The Interstate 5** A book talk by Donald H. Harrison. Saturday, December 2, 6pm; Yiddishland California, 1128 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

## CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY EVENTS

**D. Yoder Family Sundays: Letters to Santa** Enjoy free admission for D. Yoder Family Sundays, and see the historic house decorated for the holidays. Kids can also write letters to the big man himself. Saturday, December 2, 10am; **free.** Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, 415 Avenida Granada.

**Holiday in the Village** Enjoy live music, cozy fires, craft vendors, food, holiday 360 photo booth, the grand return of "selfies with Santa" and a kids' area bigger than Santa's Toy Shop! Saturday, December 2, 12pm; **free.** La Mesa Village, Spring Street at La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

**Macrame & Sea Glass Christmas Ornament Workshop** Guests will have 2 hours to create a variety of macrame and sea glass ornaments. Mix and Match as

you like. Wednesday, December 6, 6:30pm; \$45. Original 40 Brewing Company, 3117 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**Marché de Noël European-style Winter Fair** European-style holiday market shopping, eating, and fun activities for the whole family. Buy from local artisans and vendors and purchase hand-crafted items. Free admission, free arts & crafts for the kids. Kid zone paid tickets give you access to bouncy house, obstacle course, train ride, face paint and photo booth. Friday, December 1, 3:30pm; **free.** San Diego French-American School, 6550 Soledad Mountain Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Sips & Sweets with Santa** Your family ticket includes access to family activities, entertainment, music, a meet & greet with the Grinch and Cindy Lou, and a digital family photo with Santa. Saturday, December 2, 10am; \$15-\$85. AleSmith Brewing Company, 9990 Alesmith Court. (MIRAMAR)

**Starlight Parade & Festival** Third Ave., between H and E Streets, will come alive with the Starlight Festival kicking-off the festivities, leading into the tree lighting ceremony and then the grand finale, the Starlight Parade will begin at 6:00pm. Sunday, December 3, 3pm; **free.** Third Avenue Village, Third Avenue @ K Street. (CHULA VISTA)

**Tea with the Sugar Plum Fairy** Attendees can engage in conversations with the cast while enjoying a spread of tea and desserts, see a dancing showcase by the sweets, take a picture with the characters, and receive a gift from the Sugar Plum Fairy. Fancy tea attire, gloves, and hats are heavily suggested. Sunday, December 3, 1pm and 3pm; \$30. Performing Arts Workshop Encinitas, 1465 Encinitas Boulevard Unit A 102. (ENCINITAS)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**A Mindful Moment: Meditation & Breathing** To reduce anxiety and soothe the soul. Monday, December 4, 10am; \$40. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

**Create Homeschool Learning for Your Child** De-schooling Your Mind: How to Create Unique Homeschool Learning for Your Child: You'll learn ways to break away (with purpose) from the traditional mold of classroom education, focusing on creativity, flexibility, and play. This event is free, and there is no need to pre-register. Tuesday, December 5, 5:30pm; **free.** Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Mommy & Me Crafts & Journaling** Guided arts and crafts session led by the creators of A&J Books. The theme of this session is "Build a Fish." This class is designed for children aged 4 to 8. Wednesday, December 6, 4pm; \$20. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

## COMEDY

**Erik Griffin** Opener Josh Nelson. Friday, December 1, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, December 2, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$5-\$40. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Jason Banks** AS SEEN ON: Tru TV's Laff Mob's Laff Tracks, Sirius Satellite Radio, Kevin Hart's LOL Network, TikTok, and more! Thursday, November 30, 8pm; Friday, December 1, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 2, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$27. 21 and up. American Comedy Company,

818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Jimmy Carr** Jimmy consistently performs stand-up to sell-out crowds. Wednesday, December 6, 7pm and 9pm; \$31-\$51. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Nimesh Patel** In the past 2 years Nimesh has self-released three stand-up specials and has charted a path from sold out comedy clubs to major theaters. Thursday, November 30, 7:30pm; \$36. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## DANCE

**Pieces of Us** San Diego Dance Theater's professional company will perform Pieces of Us, an exploration of difference and coming together. Featuring choreography by Kim Epifano, Randé Dorn, Jean Isaacs, and Terry Wilson. Friday, December 1, 7pm; Saturday, December 2, 7pm; Sunday, December 3, 2pm; \$20-\$30. Light Box Theater, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 205, Building 176. (LIBERTY STATION)

**San Diego Academy of Ballet Winter Gala** The ideal cocktail of new works and a traditional favorite, SDAB's Winter Gala is a hybrid of original ballet choreography for Act 1; and for Act 2, an adventure from the icy snow scene in to 'The Land of the Sweets' from *The Nutcracker*. Saturday, December 2, 6:30pm; \$58. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**World Ballet Series: The Nutcracker** The most favorite Christmas classic of all is coming to the Balboa Theatre this Holiday Season and you are invited to the show! Sunday, December 3, 2pm and 6:30pm; \$35-\$95. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Forest Talk: An Interactive Conservation** Bring your curiosity for an informal Q&A on the connection of tropical forests and global climate health. Leave with a deeper understanding of how you are contributing to a healthier world for current and future generations. Tuesday, December 5, 10:30am; **free**. Del Mar Civic Center, 1050 Camino Del Mar. (DEL MAR)

**Rigs & Brews** Attendees can showcase their tricked-out vehicles with music, food trucks, and raffles throughout the day. Sunday, December 3, 11am; **free**. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Holiday Warehouse Tasting & Sale Event** Hosted by San Diego DJ Chris Cantore (formerly of 91X, FM949, and KPRI). At the event, attendees will have the opportunity to sample more than 50 wines from around the world. There will also be a blind Extra Virgin Olive Oil tasting table, light bites, and gourmet tacos. Saturday, December 2, 12pm; \$20. 21 and up. Big Hammer Wines, 13831 Danielson Street. (POWAY)

## FOR KIDS

**Color In A New Light** Step into a world where you can unveil the secrets of light and color, captivating your senses and sparking your curiosity. Dive deep into the fascinating realms of darkness, visible and invisible light, and color. Each area offers a unique and interactive experience that will illuminate and enlighten. Thursday, November 30 through Wednesday, December 6, 10am; \$19-\$24. 3 and up. Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

**The Magic of Bubbles** Italian clown and actor Michele Cafaggi studied acting, circus arts, mime, clowning, and theatrical improvisation between Milan and Paris and has performed in research theater and company theater. But he found his true calling when he became the first artist in Italy to develop a giant bubble technique to create an entire theatrical show dedicated to soap bubbles. Saturday, December 2, 10am and 11:30am; \$23-\$33. JAI at the Conrad, 7600 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## LECTURES

**Facing Freedom: Portraits, Power, Jewish Identity** North County Lecture Series: This is an object centered exploration of the idea of freedom in early American Jewish history. Dr. Zollman

will use portraits and sculpture as springboards for discussion of the meaning, purpose, challenges and benefits of freedom in American Jewish life. Monday, December 4, 10:30am; **free**. Carlsbad City Library, 1775 Dove Lane. (CARLSBAD)

**The World of Buddhist Arts** Enjoy a presentation and discussion on Buddhist arts and its global presence. As Buddhism spread from India to the rest of the world in the 6th century BCE and evolved in each host country, Buddhist visual art followed in its footsteps. The speaker, Venerable Man Kuang, is one of the editors of the 20 volume Encyclopedia of Buddhist Arts, the first comprehensive compilation of Buddhist art in the world covering architecture, grottoes, sculpture, paintings, crafts, and calligraphy. Monday, December 4, 6:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

## NATURE

**Green Living Tour** The Green Living Tour is a bimonthly, one-hour tour at our home base in Encinitas that showcases sustainability in action. Eco Team docents walk you through our worm bins, greywater systems, innovative compost projects, tool lending library, water-wise garden, and more simple DIY, climate-friendly solutions. Saturday, December 2, 10am; \$5. Solana Center for Environmental Innovation, 137 North El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

## THEATER LISTINGS

*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.*

### Babbitt

La Jolla Playhouse got famous actor Matthew Broderick to come and star in an adaptation of a famous-but-forgotten American novel from the days when novels were big, so of course the show is sold out through its entire run, but here's what you're missing: a brutally sad and tragic story about a man who tries and fails to become something more than he is, something more like he thought he might be when he was young, pitched like a comedy — and not a black sort of comedy, either. Something far more amiable; something that, by show's end, might feel more like a dramedy, or even a feel-good triumph, as long as you understand that what you're supposed to feel good about is a man learning to let go of his own hopes and dreams and just let other folks — the young, the women, and, weirdly, the rat bastards who run the rotten world — have their way. His early line "My whole life has amounted to nothing!" sparks a note of anxiety. But by the time he's winding things down and describing his situation as "a kind of

living death," the audience is chuckling right along. This fascinating effect is a testament to the Playhouse's production, Broderick's performance, and maybe the fact that Babbitt is a man utterly without character. He's happy to cheat his customers unless he likes them, happy to lie on the witness stand as long as it's for his friend, happy to abandon one cause for another to get what he wants, etc. Maybe we're laughing because he has no idea how despicable he is, and besides, since it's Broderick, he's so gosh-darn likeable despite it all! About that production: it's polished to a high shine — much like the library-themed set — with the rest of the cast serving as both narrators and those who people Babbitt's world: his wife, his children, his best friend, his new neighbors, the exciting new dance instructor in town who looks remarkably like the siren who haunts his dreams, etc. So you have to figure the odd bits — casting a black man as Babbitt's downwardly-mobile son, or an Asian man as an old-style Republican establishment man worried about the threat posed by immigrants — are intentional efforts to provoke thought. In the end, it's well done, but exactly what is done and why is maybe obscured a bit by the shine. It's folly to review the show you wish you'd seen, but I kept wondering how a modern Babbitt would play: a conventional liberal who one day decides to blow up his life by going MAGA. The horror! LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Backyard Renaissance: Proof

David Auburn's play has plenty of pedigree: Broadway hit, Tony Award, Pulitzer Prize, film adaptation. It leans hard into the notion of the fine line

between genius and madness — so hard that the line cannot hold; we learn straightaway that Dad the brilliant mathematician set the world on fire before he was 25, and then suffered a serious breakdown of the machinery upstairs. Now he's dead, and his daughter/caretaker Catherine — who has just turned 25 herself — is finally free of him. But of course, not really, no. He personally haunts her in the very first scene, urging her not to waste her own talent for math while also acknowledging that his appearance on her porch "might not be a good sign." After that, it's his academic legacy that does the haunting, in the form of an eager disciple (and not-so-secret admirer), followed by a legacy of an altogether more personal sort: is she a crazy genius, too? How crazy? How genius? (Just guess what her big sister thinks.) It's a solid play, though perhaps a little too cheerful and chipper for its own good. What makes this production sing has more to do with the casting and performances, starting with lead Liliana Talwatt, who has one of those Stage Faces (huge expressive eyes, a mouth that threatens to split her face sideways when she grins and opens into a dark cavern when she breaks) and one of those Stage Voices to go with it, all honey rich and round and responsive to the needs of the moment. It's tempting to call her the stable center around which sister and suitor revolve while Dad streaks across the sky, but then, her stability is the big question here. Speaking of Dad: Francis Gercke walks a fine line of his own in his portrayal of crazy intensity/intense craziness, often reeling back from the edge of over the top, but just as often near enough to produce the requisite discomfort. Mention ought to be made

## ARTPOWER AT UC SAN DIEGO

# DECEMBER CONCERTS 2023

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December 2: Nochebuena / A Christmas Spectacular



December 13: The Manhattan Transfer / 50th Anniversary and Final World Tour



December 16: The Midtown Men / Holiday Hits



December 19: The Klezmatics / Happy Joyous Hanukkah





of Lighting Designer Curtis Mueller's work as well; Backyard Renaissance advertises itself as having an "art to the gut" sensibility; the way the lights come on and go out here isn't subtle, but it's effective.

TENTH AVENUE ARTS CENTER, 930 TENTH AVE., EAST VILLAGE. 619-920-8503. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS.

**I'm Not a Comedian...  
I'm Lenny Bruce**

Ronnie Marmo stars as Lenny Bruce, directed by Tony award winning stage and television star, Joe Mantegna. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

**La Pastorela**

Tierra Caliente Academy of Arts presents a Spanish-language performance of *La Pastorela* or *The Shepherds' Play*. Originating in medieval Europe as religious dramas and later brought to the New World and Alta California by the Spanish missionaries, La Pastorela recreates the long trek of those first shepherds to the holy site of the nativity. Directed by Soledad Escobedo, this family event is filled with humor and music.

SUNSHINE BROOKS THEATRE, 217 N. COAST HWY., OCEANSIDE. 760-433-8900. 7PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

**Love Letters**

Stars of stage and screen Matthew Broderick and Ellie Kemper perform in support of La Jolla Playhouse. *Love Letters*, a Pulitzer Prize finalist for Drama, is a dramatic staged reading comprised of letters exchanged between two friends over a lifetime. Andrew and Melissa, both born into wealth and position, begin their correspondence in childhood with birthday thank-you notes and summer camp postcards. Their letters continue through boarding school and college years while they are romantically attached and later through their individual marriages and careers. As the actors read the letters aloud, an evocative, touching, frequently funny tale unfolds in which what is implied is as revealing and meaningful as what is actually written down.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM MONDAY, DEC. 4.

**Man & Moon By Siena  
Marilyn Ledger**

Aaron is a transitioning man and Luna is a 12-year-old girl with a deep passion for outer space. Together in the lobby of an Oncology Unit, they learn how to wait as they navigate their changing bodies and circumstances within the expanse; this is a story of friendship. Produced in partnership with Help Texts. By Siena Marilyn Ledger, directed by Desirée Clarke Miller.

MOXIE THEATRE, 6663 EL CAJON BL., SUITE N, ROLANDO. 858-598-7620. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

**The Marvelous Wonderettes**

Four friends - Betty Jean, Cindy Lou, Missy, and Suzy - step onto the stage to entertain their classmates with their renditions of beloved songs. Celebrate the female voices of the era, featuring classic songs such as "Lollipop," "Dream Lover," "It's My Party," and "Respect," among others. Written and Created by Roger Bean.

POINT LOMA PLAYHOUSE, 3035 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-800-5497. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS.

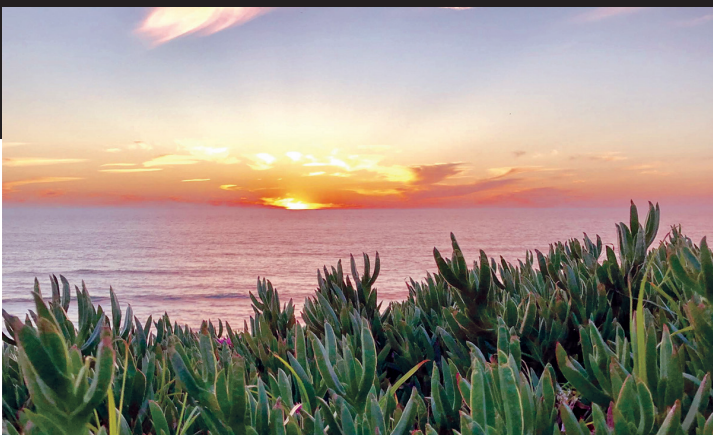
# OUTDOORS

## Earliest sunset of the year, Green flash is real, Moonrise far north

**San Diego's Earliest Sunset (4:42 pm) Occurs December 3,** a date that does *not* coincide with the shortest day (winter solstice – December 21) because of factors relating to the non-circular shape of Earth's orbit around the sun and the tilt of Earth's rotational axis. (Because of the elliptical orbit of the earth, when the earth is closer to the sun, its orbit is quicker. Because of the rotational axis of the earth, a solstice occurs when one of the poles is leaning towards the sun, while an equinox occurs when neither pole is leaning towards the sun. Our clocks are set so that every day is exactly 86,400 seconds, but in reality, the solar day can be up to 22 seconds shorter or 29 seconds longer than 24 hours.) Early December is a good time to view the setting sun from the spectacular vantage point of Cabrillo National Monument at the tip of Point Loma. During most of the year, you can't do that, since sunset occurs well after the park's closing time of 5 pm.



THE GREEN FLASH ON A CLEAR HORIZON TAKEN AT SUNSET CLIFFS



SUNSET FROM DEL MAR POWERHOUSE PARK

### The Fabled "Green Flash" At Sunset Or Sunrise Can Sometimes Be Seen On Crystal-Clear Days In December And January.

At the instant the sun's upper rim is last visible at sunset, and also at the instant when it is first seen at sunrise, a flash of emerald-green color may be observed, especially on a flat horizon. Physicists explain this peculiar phenomenon as due to color-dispersion (as in a prism) and scattering of sunlight through the earth's atmosphere. Binoculars (or a small telescope) are helpful in spotting it. For green flash hunting at sunset, any site with a view of the ocean horizon suffices. For the sunrise green flash, any spot overlooking the low desert (Sunrise Highway in the Laguna Mountains, for example) is good.

### On Tuesday Night, The Moon Rose Just About As Far North On The Horizon As You Will Ever See It.

The moon was at the northernmost part of the ecliptic, at the Gemini-Taurus border. You might never see it rise that far north again, at least not when it's that close to full. It stood 4.3° north of the ecliptic itself — less than 1° from the its greatest possible ecliptic divergence. And its orbit was inclined to the ecliptic by 5.14°. (That farthest-north side of the moon's orbit precesses westward around the entire ecliptic with a period of 18.6 years.) Everything lined up on Tuesday night, and the almost-full moon rose where the north edges of both tilts nearly coincided.

**San Diego Opera: El  
Milagro del Recuerdo**

Mariachi opera *El Milagro del Recuerdo* (*The Miracle of Remembering*) is a prequel to 2013's *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna* (*To Cross the Face of the Moon*). In a small town in Michoacán, Mexico, two women, Renata and Lupita, are raising their families while their husbands, Laurentino and Chucho, work as braceros in the United States. Laurentino manages to come home for Christmas, but his return enflames an ongoing argument with Renata about his long work trips. Will Laurentino's desire to support his family overshadow Renata's efforts to keep her family together in a rapidly changing world? This new mariachi opera lovingly explores family traditions in the face of life-changing decisions. Sung in Spanish, this opera marks the welcome return of vocalist Vanessa Alonso. She is joined by mezzo-soprano Claudia Chapa, mezzo-soprano Guadalupe Paz, Mezzo-soprano Sishel Claverie. The music is composed by Javier Martiez, son of Pepe Martinez who was the musical director of the mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, and the composer of the first two mariachi operas, *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna* and *El Pasado Nunca se Termina*.

SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. +16195701100. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

**Trying to Break a Leg**

In his one-man theater show, Patrick Combs relates his year-long roller-coaster of dreams and disastrous attempts at creating his first theater show.

CITY HEIGHTS PERFORMANCE ANEX, 3791 FAIRMOUNT AVE., CITY HEIGHTS. 619-641-6103. 7PM THURSDAY.

## MOVIES

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

**The Holdovers** — It's tempting to call director Alexander Payne's latest a kind of *Dead Poets Society* for grownups. Not that Peter Weir's film was childish. But Payne's is definitely adult. There's the obvious similarity

of setting: a private school for boys in New England, filmed with aching loveliness and care. But here, it's the '70s. The American innocence of *DPS*'s '50s has been seen to by the war in Vietnam, which has claimed the life of Curtis, the ambitious son of school cook Mary Lamb. And there is the similarity of dynamic: the story concerns the relationship between a teacher who loves the classical tradition (Robin Williams' John Keating had Horace and his aspirational cry of *Carpe diem*, Paul Giamatti's Paul Hunham has Marcus Aurelius and his stoic love of virtue despite the circumstances) and a student with a strained familial situation. But Dominic Sessa's Angus doesn't want to chase his dreams and act, he just wants to go home for Christmas — and maybe avoid getting booted into military school. Both teacher and student are sour, sullen, surly, sarcastic, and smart In a way that wins them few admirers — and with reason. The two wind up trapped together for the holidays, and it's a testament to both actors that the clash between them happens so gradually that it's hard to notice until it's obvious. (Giamatti has a ball here as a glass-eyed grump, but he's a known quantity.

The lupine Sessa is the revelation; it's a gutsy move putting him in a theater watching Dustin Hoffman, but it's no accident.) And while *DPS* Keating had to learn the price of his principles, Hunham's work has more to do with finding the limits of their value. Payne is happy to amble; there are points where you may feel the 2 hour, 13 minute runtime. But he's always going somewhere, and the destination is worthwhile. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes** — Oh, so *that's* what the *Star Wars* prequels were trying to do: trace the downward trajectory of a man from a good guy in a bad situation to a bad guy in a good situation — thanks in part to a healthy dose of heart-breaking loss. And director Francis Lawrence & Co. get it done in just one movie, even if it is long and tripartite. Alas, the third part is the weakest, even as it must do the most heavy lifting by giving us the Fateful Moment of Turning. (A slip of the tongue? Really?) But even it is not without its pleasures, thanks in no small part to the cast of characters and the casting of those characters:

Peter Dinklage and Viola Davis are equally arresting in their roles as reluctant teacher and mad scientist, respectively. The excellence in casting extends to the leads: as the future President Snow, Tom Blyth is magnetic, as he must be if he is to attract the viewer who is at the same time recoiling at his project: mentoring a poor soul from one of the rebellious outer districts in preparation for a fight to the death in the Hunger Games. The story here is strong enough to stand on its own, but of course, it is a prequel, and there is a grimy pleasure in seeing the clunky early iterations of the later Games' slick social machinations — especially Jason Schwartzman's sideshow precursor to Stanley Tucci's fabulous Master of Ceremonies. Other pleasures are purer, such as delighting in Rachel Zegler's turn as gypsy songstress Lucy Gray Baird. (Her first performance is her weakest, but by the time the figurative songbird is facing literal snakes, she's downright soulful, and the songs have been properly woven into the narrative.) Overall, it's a pleasant surprise: an expansion of a completed story that doesn't feel like a cynical cash grab. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



# 2023 HOLIDAY EVENTS GUIDE

## THE NUTCRACKER

1100 Third Avenue

### DOWNTOWN

There are many, many Nutcrackers out there. If you haven't seen this one, then maybe it's time. The day may come when the San Diego Civic Theatre is no more; architects are already busily drawing up plans for the Civic Center's future. Don't miss

your chance to say "Remember when?" in a couple of decades. The Golden State Ballet performs this classic story of Clara and her beloved Nutcracker Prince, accompanied by musicians from the San Diego Symphony playing Tchaikovsky's immortal score. Tickets \$25-\$69. December 15-24.

## NOEL NOEL

22 Marina Park Way

### EMBARCADERO

Experience the return of Noel as she and her friends search for Santa and the magic that he brings to the season (in addition to the magic that The Shell brings to San Diego's waterfront). New to this year's performance will be featured guest vocalist Devin DeSantis. It's a

program full of Christmas classics, sing-alongs, holiday cheer and jolly spirits. The concert will be led by guest conductor Christopher Dragon and Director Jonathan Gilmer, and it features the return of the San Diego Symphony Orchestra, the San Diego Master Chorale, and the San Diego Children's Choir. Bonus: special Holiday-themed treats and drinks will be





available for purchase in the Prebys Plaza! Tickets \$22-\$95 December 15-17.

## AN IRISH CHRISTMAS

868 Fourth Avenue

### DOWNTOWN

The Irish are more than besotted bog people! Join the Kerry Dance Troupe at The Balboa Theatre for this festive Irish celebration that combines music-making, storytelling, dance and laughter to make up an unforgettable Irish Christmas. With Riverdance stars, the glorious music of the uilleann pipes, Irish flutes, bodhrans, Celtic fiddles and plenty of soul, you can be certain of a warm Irish welcome! In true *ceilidh* style, the passionate performers enjoy every second of the on-stage revelry, helping to melt those winter blues. Tickets from \$55. December 16.

## ENCHANTED VILLAGE

12526 Campo Road

### SPRING VALLEY

Take a walk and experience a festival of trees and lights at Noah Homes' Annual Enchanted Village. You will be surrounded by a million dazzling lights, brilliantly lit trees, magical cottages, light tunnels, live entertainers, and more. You can even take a photo with Santa! Proceeds benefit Noah Homes, a nonprofit for people with developmental disabilities such as Down syndrome and autism. Tickets \$19.99 adults, \$12 children. December 15-22.

## LIGHTSCAPE

300 Quail Gardens Drive

### ENCINITAS

The story goes that Martin Luther invented the Christmas tree when he was walking through



Gingerbread House Decorating Party on December 16

the woods, looked up, and saw stars through the branches — the light of heaven amid the things of earth. And look: another dazzling year of Lightscape is just around the corner! Featuring exciting new installations along with returning fan favorites, this one-mile loop has

been reimagined to surprise and delight visitors. Merging nature and art, the San Diego Botanic Garden will come to life at night with festive sights and sounds for all to enjoy. Tickets start at \$20 for children and \$32 for adults. Now through January 1.

## SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS

Various locations

### THE WATERFRONT

This year's theme is Christmas Traditions Around the World, so maybe we'll get a Kram-pus-themed barge lit up like a bat out of hell! But probably not. The

San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition brought to San Diego by the boating community. The event brings more than 100,000 San Diego residents and visitors to the shores of San Diego Bay each year to see approximately 80 lavishly decorated boats. Hooray boats! Free. December 10 and 17.

## CHRISTMAS DAY CUDDLE PARTY

Location to be revealed

### OLD TOWN

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CHRISTMAS

Mon, Dec 11 & Tue, Dec 12

7:30P | BALBOA THEATRE

[SANDIEGOTHEATRES.ORG](http://SANDIEGOTHEATRES.ORG) | [TICKETMASTER.COM](http://TICKETMASTER.COM)

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## Just a Fan gaining fans

Just a Fan Recording Local Music is the name of Jim MacDonald's YouTube channel; it boasts over 2000 cell phone videos of live performances by local artists, 586 subscribers, and around 191,000 views. MacDonald

recorded Brown at downtown's IZOLA Bakery in January 2022, he arrived early enough to film opening acts such as Tyler Neuenwander. After that, Teddy Neeleman, the guitar player from The Hallucinogenic Heart and Strawberry Jam, was driving by when he



Jim MacDonald, a modern-day scribe of the Scene.

resides in Ocean Beach, and in 2019, he started walking over to the Farmers Market bandstage on Wednesdays to check out performers like Yvonne Brown of the Kings. MacDonald says he loved Brown's singing and was just mesmerized. "Her voice was soulful, full of emotion, and made babies cry," he recalls.

MacDonald wanted her music for himself, but she did not have any CDs for sale at the time. She did give him her "@fre3sty13" hashtag so that he could find her on Instagram and YouTube, but he was disappointed to find only audio files there. So he decided to start recording her himself with his Google Android phone, and that was just a Fan's genesis. He began by putting the videos on his Google Drive and sharing them with Brown on Facebook Messenger; she then suggested uploading them to YouTube as well. MacDonald went on to record Brown on 600 cellphone videos over two and a half years.

When MacDonald

spotted MacDonald on foot, leaving Peoples Market in OB. As MacDonald waited to cross the streetlight on the corner of Sunset Cliffs and Voltaire, Neeleman told him, "Our band is having our first gig at the OB Template, and we're looking for someone to record the show." MacDonald agreed. "They reminded me of a psychedelic Rolling Stones or Ten Years After in 1969," he recalls. "I was in heaven." Then, when MacDonald saw the Verigolds were putting on a show at Winstons with Loose Strings, he decided to film them as well, and one band led to another.

If MacDonald thinks he's going to like a performer, he'll track them on social media, show up to a gig, film them with his phone, and create a playlist. Usually, it's only then that he contacts the performer to send them footage. He says the responses have always been positive, though some performers want him to keep videos private because they worry their creative content is not good enough. As for

his technique, MacDonald doesn't just stand around with his phone; instead, he focusses on various band members. He adds that he never drinks when he records, because he likes to stay focused on getting good footage and avoiding distractions. "Not even a sip of beer."

He notes that "most bands that I have already recorded don't directly ask me to record their shows, but they tell me about upcoming gigs and say they'll put me on the guest list." His YouTube channel is not monetized. However, groups such as Easy Wind, Wild Lotus, Clapton Hook, and Mystery Train have paid him to film their shows. "My YouTube channel is a hobby, and I do it for fun. It's an excuse to see great music. I record music that I want to listen to, because I listen to my channel every day. I also love that the musicians really appreciate what I do, and they tell me all the time. I think it's great that they use my videos to promote themselves and that they like to watch the videos I've recorded of their shows. I love seeing lots of views and gaining more subscribers, because it means that what I am doing has value to other people as well. Sometimes, I introduce myself at shows, and people are surprised to meet me because they watch my channel and have been to some of the shows I recorded. Sometimes, I reach out to bands to ask them about their music and tell them about my channel, and they already know who I am, or bands that I reach out to say they watch my channel."

Today, he uses the iPhone 13 Pro Max for his recordings. But he does not film every show he attends. Elements like wind may muffle the sound, or, if it's too crowded, he may not find a good spot from which to record. "Sometimes," he notes, "the fans get annoyed [by my cellphone], so it can be difficult to record, even though I'm often working with the band's approval and adding value."

— Gabriel Garcia

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**SON OF KANE** at Winstons

NOV 30



2022 San Diego Music Awards Best New Artist nominee Son of Kane is fronted by Evan Yearsley, who spent a decade playing drums behind his mom, the late local blues hero Candy Kane. Having also played on her records and written songs with her, his own band has released singles such as "Cry For You" and "Creepy Love." The OB bill includes rising blues guitarist Anthony Cullins, aka The Fallbrook Kid.

**LADY DOTTIE & THE DIAMONDS** at Golden Island

DEC 1



Originally a gospel singer, Dorothy Mae "Lady Dottie" Whitsett's career includes performing with Kool and the Gang and Clarence Carter. Since moving from Atlanta to San Diego in 1984, her band (including former members of GoGoGo Airheart) has won multiple San Diego Music Awards for Best Blues and Best Blues Album. Her Mira Mesa set will include classic blues and jazz covers.

**MIKAN ZLATKOVICH** at Book & Records

DEC 1



Born a musical jazz piano prodigy in Kosovo, in the former Yugoslavia, Mikan started his professional jazz career as a teenager. Citing Ahmad Jamal as a major inspiration, his credits include gigs with Tony Scott, Clifford Jordan, Chet Baker, Ernie Wilkins, Anthony Wilson, Willie Jones III, and Charles McPherson. He'll perform a career-spanning set in Bankers Hill.

**JOHNNY DEADLY TRIO** at Bogey's Pub & Grill

DEC 2



With influences based in American roots, surf, dark blues, jazz, and wild rockabilly, Johnny Deadly Trio features Aidan Norcross, Eddie Montoya, and Bryan Gyselbrecht. They've become a regular presence on local stages such as Pine Valley House, Patrick's Gaslamp Pub, Hennessey's, Henry's, and the Princess Pub. Their Miramar set comes at the end of a west coast tour.

**JUST IN CASE** at the Casbah

DEC 4



Originally based in southern New Jersey, punk rockers Just in Case released their self-titled full-length in 2008. They recently dropped a new EP, *Roll With the Punches*. The Little Italy bill includes North Park-based indie punk band Hardly Human and Covid-era queer-core newcomers LoudMouth, who dropped a self-titled EP in August.

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# THE GONZO REPORT

## Lost Boys, weird show

Corey Feldman gets out there at The House of Blues

Years ago, I watched a full band open for comedian David Cross at 'Cane's in Mission Beach. I thought it was the most unusual opening act/ headliner combo I had ever witnessed — at least until I was subjected to a full screening of the 1987 film *The Lost Boys* as the warm-up act for Corey Feldman's concert at the downtown House of Blues. For those not in the know, Feldman was a 1980s child actor best known for the aforementioned *Lost Boys*, *The Goonies*, *Stand By Me*, and *License to Drive*. Those in attendance who may have been unaware of or forgotten this were then treated to a not-so-abridged intro video that detailed his entire career. One interesting fun-fact was that, at some point, he had collaborated with Ringo Starr.

If I had stumbled upon this stage randomly at a festival, I would have had no clue as to the type of artist that was about to perform. The

crowd was all over the map, with old headbangers, punks, squares, and even a random female in a white fluffy jacket that came equipped with its own working light bulbs. This audience seemed like a true cross-section of the American experience, and what's more American than witnessing a mixed bag of U.S. citizens launch their cell phones into the air to record a former child star performing his first song of the night? The fact that this song happened to be called "Comeback King" was the cherry on top of the cultural sundae.

The somewhat bombastic song (which featured a guest rapper who I momentarily thought might have been fellow former child star Todd Bridges) was followed by "Arm Me With Love," a fun little chugging rock song that seemed inspired by The Beatles. Feldman played a harmonica during his vocal breaks, and the crowd seemed to dig it. The funk-guitar infused "Raising the Vibration" was followed by "Something In Your Eyes," Feldman's first single, which he performed at the 1989 Nickelodeon *Kid's Choice Awards*. Of course, that vintage footage was showcased on the big screen.

So: the first four songs seemed to go pretty well, and the audience was enjoying themselves. But it was at this point that Feldman stepped



Corey Feldman: an entirely different dimension of rock and roll weirdness.

away from the spotlight and let the other four members of his band take turns on lead vocals. The songs themselves shifted from originals to (not great) covers of songs that had (of course) been featured in Feldman's 1980s movies. The female keyboardist sang "The Goonies 'R' Good Enough" from *The Goonies*, and the drummer sang "Stand By Me" from the film of the same name. Feldman played drums during "Stand By Me," and stayed behind the kit to knock out a cover of The Beatles' "Why Don't We Do It In The Road," which he sang as well. He also made sure to alert the audience as to how difficult it was to sing and play drums at the same time.

Seeing as how a sizable chunk of the audience started heading towards the exit during this song, it seemed like a good time to reflect

on how incredibly weird this show was. I had seen Devo the previous weekend, a very weird Ohio band that stumbled upon fame in the late '70s. But this Corey Feldman show was an entirely different dimension of rock and roll weirdness. The Michael Jackson dance moves, the sparkly jackets and numerous wardrobe changes, actor Jamison Newlander (one of the Frog brothers from *The Lost Boys*) featured as a guest vocalist, Feldman's dismay over his guitarist tuning up at one point, and his between-song story about a San Diego "Lost Boys Ball" gig getting cancelled because the venue's roof caved in. And, above all else, the intense fascination that Feldman seems to have for his days as a child actor. It's a trait that many of those who showed up likely shared, and one which Ashley, a 38-year-old woman in attendance, summed up for me as people "just wanting to see Corey Feldman in real life." She added, "I would say this is made for people who watched *Lost Boys* in, like, elementary and middle school probably."

As far as musical nostalgia trips go, it was about as out there as you could get — so unique and original in its own strange way that it had a performance art appeal to it. Was Feldman's over-the-top rockstar persona authentic, or an act? If it was an act, was it the greatest performance of Feldman's career? Prior to the band hitting the stage, I asked an attendee named Tom what he thought the show would be like. "Probably not good, but it will be fun." He nailed it. ■

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**Alejandra's Fine Mexican Food & Cantina:**  
Friday, 7pm — Alex Elisabeth.

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

**Bellamy's Restaurant:**  
Thursday, 6:30pm — Helena Holleran.

**Belly Up Tavern:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Luna. \$25-\$44.

Friday, 8pm — Southall. \$22-\$39.  
Sunday, 7pm — Coco Montoya.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Jimi Hendrix Celebration. \$16-\$28.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Brawley and Buzz Campbell & the Heartaches. \$13-\$23.

**Bogey's Pub and Grill:**  
Saturday, 7pm — Johnny Deadly Trio. Free.

**Books & Records:**  
Friday, 7pm — Mikan Zlatkovich. Free.

**Brick by Brick:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Madball and Dare. \$20-\$25.

Friday, 7:30pm — Fermentor Album Release. \$12-\$15.  
Saturday, 8pm — Shred For Dime Tribute Show. \$10.  
Sunday, 5:30pm — Fadrait and Cranial Detriment. \$12-\$15.

**Cannonball:**  
Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Violet.

**Carruth Cellars Liberty Station:**  
Tuesday, 5pm — Adrienne Nims. Free.

**Casbah:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Oh He Dead. \$15-\$18.  
Friday, 7:30pm — Mondo Cozmo and Blair Gun.  
Saturday, 8pm — Poison Hearts A.C. and Millionaires.  
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**Duck Foot Brewing Company:**  
Saturday, 7pm — The Gravities. Free.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Nochebuena: A Christmas Spectacular. \$20-\$95.

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Friday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.  
Saturday, 6pm — Jesse Johnson.

**Farmer & the Seahorse:**  
Thursday, 4:30pm — David Shyde.  
Friday, 4:30pm, Sunday, 11am — Danielle Angeloni.

**Fast Times:**  
Friday, 7pm — West of 5. Free.  
Saturday, 7pm — Blame Betty. Free.

**Golden Island:**  
Friday, 6pm — Lady Dottie & The Diamonds. Free.

**Hillel of San Diego at SDSU:**  
Friday, 6:30pm — Christmas Concert. Free.

**Hilton Del Mar:**  
Friday, 6:30pm — Orion Song.

**Holding Company:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Please Ask for Paul. Free.

**Hotel Republic San Diego:**  
Tuesday, 11am — Cobby Brzeski. Free.

**House of Blues:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Jeremy Zucker. \$27-\$327.  
Thursday, 7pm — La Goony Chonga. \$15.  
Friday, 7:30pm — Beauty School Dropout. \$79.  
Friday, 7:30pm — Highly Suspect. \$71-\$247.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Haste The

Day and Emery & The Almost. \$45-\$172.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Hot Mulligan and Heart Attack Man. \$68-\$147.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Skid Row and Buckcherry. \$39-\$187.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Blu Eyes. \$23.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Enanitos Verdes. \$63-\$351.

**JAI at the Conrad:**  
Thursday, 6pm & 8:30pm — Flor de Toloache. \$58-\$73.

**L'Auberge Del Mar:**  
Thursday, 5pm — Marelle.  
Friday, 7pm — Jemille Violet.  
Saturday, 7pm — Jonny Tarr.  
Sunday, 11am — Rachel Jay.  
Wednesday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

**La Mesa Wine Works:**  
Sunday, 2pm — Garza Sextet. Free.

**La Valencia Hotel:**  
Thursday, 5:30pm — Christian Taylor.  
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

**Magnolia Performing Arts Center:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Tower of Power. \$36-\$249.  
Saturday, 7:30pm — WAR. \$35-\$250.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Zoso. \$25-\$75.

**MiraCosta College:**  
Wednesday, 7:30pm —

MiraCosta Symphony Orchestra: Celebrate the Season. \$8-\$10.

**Mission Bay Resort:**  
Thursday, 6pm — Orion Song.  
Friday, 5pm — Farrah Camu.  
Saturday, 5pm — Johnny Martin.  
Monday, 5pm — Marelle.  
Tuesday, 5pm — Christian Taylor.

**Moonshine Beach:**  
Wednesday, 6:30pm — Joshua Taylor & the Unscene. \$15.

**Morgan Run Resort and Club:**  
Friday, 5pm — Jesse Johnson.

**Music Box:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Rebel Star.  
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Monday, 7:30pm — Aterciopelados. \$35.

**My Yard Live:**  
Friday, 6pm — Dueling Piano Night. Free.

**Navajo Live:**  
Friday, 8:30pm — Sandollar. \$8-\$10.

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Friday, 7pm — Nathan Welden.  
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**Nova SD:**  
*Friday, 9:30pm — PhaseOne. \$15.*

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*Friday, 7:30pm — Enjambre. \$27. Saturday, 7:30pm — The Menzingers. \$37. Sunday, 7:30pm — Me First and The Gimme Gimmes. \$39-\$62. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Devendra Banhart. \$32-\$52.*

**Pal Joey's:**  
*Friday, 8pm — Blame Betty. Free.*

**Panama 66:**  
*Thursday, 6pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.*

**Pechanga Arena San Diego:**  
*Monday, 7pm — Rod Wave. \$44-\$224. Wednesday, 7pm — Depeche Mode.*

**Pilgrim United Church of Christ:**  
*Saturday, 7:30pm — Hiroya Tsukamoto Concert. \$15-\$18.*

**Point Loma Community Presbyterian Church:**  
*Sunday, 5pm & 7pm — Christmas Concert: Festival of Carols. Free.*

**Poway Center for the Performing Arts:**  
*Saturday, 7:30pm — Jake Shimabukuro. \$30-\$90.*

**Rustic Root:**  
*Tuesday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.*

**Soda Bar:**  
*Friday, 9pm — Dang: A Soulful Electronic Dance Night. Free. Saturday, 8pm — Harry Styles vs One Direction. \$19. Monday, 7:30pm — The Veldt and Cold Gawd. \$19. Tuesday, 7:30pm — Lindsey Alderman & Ishi. \$19. Wednesday, 7:30pm — Cathedral Bells and Haunt Me. \$19.*

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*Thursday, 7:30pm — CloZee. \$40. Friday, 7pm — Mora. \$60. Saturday, 7pm — Eem Triplin. \$25-\$125.*

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*Sunday, 12:30pm — Gospel Brunch ft Eddie Baltrip & Fulfillment. \$62.*

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**Winstons Beach Club:**  
*Thursday, 9pm — Anthony Cullins and Son Of Kane. \$10.*

UPCOMING SHOWS

**All Souls' Episcopal Church:**  
*December 10 — Messiah vis á vis El Mesias G.F. Handel Messiah (Spanish)*

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

The real magic of the Christmas season

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror, the first Sunday of Advent — also known as the start of the Christmas Season — is upon us. This is, by far, my favorite time of year, even though the sun is directly in my eyes whenever and wherever I’m driving.

Advent is all about preparation. We are to prepare our hearts and minds to receive the salvation that was promised. In Christianity, salvation comes in the form of the baby Jesus. In paganism, it comes from the rebirth of the sun on December 25th. The reason I am constantly quinting is that the sun is descending in the southern sky. It will con-

tinue to descend until December 22, when it will enter its grave. It will stay there until December 25, which is the first day the sun can be observed to be moving back north. (Yes, this gets muddled with Jesus rising from his grave after three days.)

Whatever your belief, this remains a season of reflection upon themes of rebirth and salvation, home and hearth, family and faith, culture and value. The music for this season reflects these topics, but is all based on the Christian tradition.

Although technically outside the liturgical weeks of Advent, J. S. Bach’s *Wachet Auf* has come to be a staple

of the season. The text is taken from Matthew chapter 25, in which ten virgins are awaiting the arrival of the bridegroom. Five are wise and have brought extra oil for their lamps, while five are foolish and have not. The bridegroom is late in arriving, and the five foolish virgins miss him because they have to go back to town for more oil.

In this season, we plan and prepare for the arrival of the beloved — be they family or friend. We decorate, we bake, we purchase, we wrap, we wait for the moment when the beloved will arrive.

The primary piece of Advent music is the ancient



Christmas lights herald The Light of the World. (Image created with Adobe Firefly AI)

hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” The text hails from the monastic traditions of the 8th or 9th Century. The tune is from 15th-Century France.

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel;  
That mourns in lonely  
exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

This is a season to rejoice, even if we find ourselves mourning in lonely exile. Salvation will come to us. We do not go find it. This is a season of both preparation and waiting. We must prepare and then wait. That is the magic of Christmas.

Classical Music this week

**La Jolla Symphony & Chorus: By the Hearth Community Sing** Enjoy a community sing-along concert that celebrates the joy of the season. Led by Music Director and Chorus Conductor Arian Khaefi, come together to sing Handel’s work. Sunday, December 3, 2pm; \$20-\$43. Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD, 9500 Gilman Drive.

**Lillian Gordis plays Bach** The San Diego Early Music Society is pleased to present American-French harpsichordist Lillian Gordis in her San Diego debut. She will perform four Preludes

and Fugues from Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavier book II and the 6th partita BWV 830. Sunday, December 3, 7:30pm; \$10-\$25. St. Paul’s Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue.

**Opera À la Carte San Diego Holiday Extravaganza** Enjoy holiday favorites: from Handel to the “Hanukkah Song” with some figgy pudding in between. You will see some familiar faces and some new singers accompanied by Michele Scanlon. Sunday, December 3, 7:30pm; \$25-\$35. New Village Arts Theatre, 2787 B State Street.

**San Diego Opera: El Milagro del Recuerdo** Mariachi opera *El Milagro del Recuerdo* (*The Miracle of Remembering*) is a prequel to 2013’s *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna* (*To Cross the Face of the Moon*). This new mariachi opera lovingly explores family traditions in the face of life-changing decisions. Sung in Spanish, this opera marks the welcome return of vocalist Vanessa Alonso. She is joined by mezzo-soprano Claudia Chapa, mezzo-soprano Guadalupe Paz, Mezzo-soprano Sishel Claverie. The music is composed by Javier Martiez, son

of Pepe Martinez who was the musical director of the mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan, and the composer of the first two mariachi operas, *Cruzar la Cara de la Luna* and *El Pasado Nunca se Termina*. Friday, December 1, 7:30pm; Sunday, December 3, 2pm; \$43-\$245. San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue.

**Soeng-Jin Cho** Soeng-Jin Cho was brought to the world’s attention in 2015 when he won First Prize at the Chopin International Competition in Warsaw, and his career has rapidly ascended since. Sunday,

December 3, 5pm; \$114-\$138. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue.

**Sonja Morgan** Sit Down with Sonja Tuesday, December 5, 7:30pm; \$53-\$172. 18 and up. Observatory North Park, 2891 University Avenue.

**World Ballet Series: The Nutcracker** The most favorite Christmas classic of all is coming to the Balboa Theatre this Holiday Season and you are invited to the show! Sunday, December 3, 2pm and 6:30pm; \$35-\$95. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue.

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**Aquarius Bar & Grille:**  
*December 10 — Mark Fisher’s High Noon Dead Set*

**Baba Coffee:**  
*December 8 — The Soto Six*

**Balboa Theatre:**  
*December 9, December 10 — Jingle: The Super Gay Sing-along December 11, December 12 — Million Dollar Quartet Christmas*

**Barefoot Bar and Grill:**  
*December 8 — Jarred Matthew December 9 — Gabriele Dagrezio*

**Bellamy’s Restaurant:**  
*December 7 — Shea Givens December 9 — Orion Song*

**Belly Up Tavern:**  
*December 7 — Dustbowl Revival December 9 — Common Sense December 10 — Never Die Young: James Taylor Tribute December 13 — The Venice Christmas Show*

**Bogey’s Pub and Grill:**  
*December 9 — Jenny & The Tramps*

**Brick by Brick:**  
*December 7 — Wild the Coyote and Devora December 8 — Bell Witch and Otay:Onii December 9 — Gravesend, Kommand, Greenwich,*

Apparition  
*December 10 — Diesel Boy and Versus the World December 11 — Mutoid Man December 12 — Jarhead Fertilizer and Phobophilic December 13 — Possessed and Nunslaughter*

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:**  
*December 21, December 22, December 22, December 23, December 23 — City Ballet’s The Nutcracker*

**Cannonball:**  
*December 7 — Kai Kalama*

**Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens:**  
*December 7, December 8 — Casa Nutcracker Ballet*

**The Casbah:**  
*December 8 — Depeche Mode Memento Mori After Party December 9 — The Woggles and Alvino & the Dwells December 12 — Taking on Water and The Drearies December 13 — Jeffrey Martin and Anna Tivel*

**Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center:**  
*December 7 — Holiday Open House*

*December 9 — Voices of Our City Choir*

**Crafted Culture:**  
*December 8 — Johnny Martin*

**Crafted Culture at Monsaraz:**  
*December 22 — Jemille Vialot*

**Duck Foot Brewing Company:**  
*December 7 — Dead Head’s Night December 9 — Anthony Cullins December 11 — Bluegrass Mondays December 12 — SD Jazz Collective December 16 — The B Sections*

**Duke’s La Jolla:**  
*December 8 — Anthony Kauka Stanley December 10 — Joanna Gerolaga December 12 — Jehua Evans December 15 — Orion Song December 17 — Keni Yarbro December 19 — Anthony Kauka Stanley December 22, December 26 — Russell Paihinui*

**Encinitas Community and Senior Center:**  
*December 9 — North Coast Symphony Holiday Lights Concert*

**Encinitas Elks Lodge:**  
*December 10, December 17, December 24 — Marty Conley’s Big Band Express*

**Epstein Family Amphitheater:**  
*December 9 — The Klezmatics: Happy Joyous Hanukkah December 13 — Manhattan Transfer*

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:**  
*December 9 — Johnny Martin*

**F6ix Niteclub:**  
*December 7 — TakeOver Thursdays*

**Farmer & the Seahorse:**  
*December 7 — David Shyde December 8 — Gabriele Dagrezio December 9 — Andrew Pena*

**Fast Times:**  
*December 9 — Tequila Mockingbirdz*

**Fishtank:**  
*December 12 — T is 4 Techno*

**Golden Island:**  
*December 8 — Cobby Brzeski*

**The Grand-Ritz Theater:**  
*December 16, December 17 — Sounds of the Holidays*

**Grossmont College:**  
*December 8 — Viva España*

**The Holding Company:**  
*December 8 — Noise Pollution and Float Like a Buffalo*

**House of Blues:**  
*December 7 — Mammoth WVH December 8 — The Struts and Mac Saturn December 9 — Father and Ethereal December 9 — Emo Night Brooklyn December 10 — The Slackers December 10 — Butcher Brown and Cartoons December 13 — milk.*

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
*December 8 — Blame Betty*

**JAI at the Conrad:**  
*December 10, December 10 — Matthew Whitaker Quartet*

**Josie’s Hideout:**  
*December 9, December 10 — Backcountry Music*

**The Kensington Club:**  
*December 15 — Little Holiday Show*

**Kensington Community Church:**  
*December 16 — Stellarum’s Festival of Christmas*

**L’Auberge Del Mar:**  
*December 7 — Marelle*



December 8 — Orion Song  
December 9 — Jarred Matthew  
December 10 — Helena Holleran  
December 13 — Brandon Diaz

**La Jolla United Methodist Church:**  
December 10 — The Colors of Christmas Concert

**La Jolla Woman's Club:**  
December 10 — Le Salon De Musiques

**La Mesa Wine Works:**  
December 16 — Blame Betty

**La Valencia Hotel:**  
December 7 — Jemille Vialot  
December 8 — Keni Yarbro  
December 9 — Whitney Shay  
December 9 — Jesse Johnson  
December 10 — Orion Song  
December 14 — David Shyde

**Lime In The Coconut:**  
December 7 — Islander  
Thursdays

**Madison:**  
December 10 — Latin Jazz  
Sunday  
December 12 — Jazz Night

**Madison High School:**  
December 13 — Sparkle Jolly  
Twinkle Jingle Holiday Show

**The Magnolia Performing Arts Center:**  
December 8 — Tommy  
Emmanuel and Jerry Douglas

**Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD:**  
December 9, December 10 — La Jolla Symphony & Chorus: New Beginnings

**MiraCosta College:**  
December 7 — MOJO in Concert  
December 11 — PopRox Live  
December 12 — Frequency Jazz Ensemble Winter Concert

**Mission Bay Resort:**  
December 9 — Helena Holleran  
December 11 — Andrew Peña  
December 12 — Ben Powell  
December 13 — Keni Yarbro

**Moonshine Beach:**  
December 8 — Pat Green

**Morgan Run Resort and Club:**  
December 8 — Rachel Jay

**Music Box:**  
December 8 — Take On Me  
December 9 — Simp City  
December 10 — The Eagles  
Ronstadt Experience  
December 13 — Western

**New Village Arts Theatre:**  
December 12 — Opera á la Carte  
San Diego Holiday Extravaganza

**Nick & G's:**  
December 8 — Matt Heinecke

**Observatory North Park:**  
December 9 — The Dresden Dolls

**Panama 66:**  
December 13 — Castellanos Jam Session

**Pechanga Arena San Diego:**  
December 8 — Depeche Mode

**The Pour House:**  
December 8 — Blindfold Monks

**The Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:**  
December 8 — SD Symphony & The Airborne Toxic Event

**Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church:**  
December 9 — Messiah vis á vis El Mesias G.F. Handel Messiah (English)

**San Diego Marriott Del Mar:**  
December 8 — Jonny Tarr

**San Pasqual Wine Bar and Gallery:**  
December 9 — 8 East Band

**Seabird:**  
December 10 — Keni Yarbro

**Side Yard:**  
December 9 — Andrew Peña

**Soda Bar:**  
December 7 — Your Neighbors  
December 8 — Healy  
December 9 — Codeine  
December 10 — Rosa Rossa and The Slashes  
December 11 — Ben Parks and Aly Rowell  
December 12 — Breaking Sound  
December 13 — Headphone,  
Blushtone, Sweater Weather

**Star Repertory Theatre:**  
December 22, December 23,  
December 23 — Amahl & the Night Visitors Holiday Opera (English)

**Sycuan Casino:**  
December 20 — The Irish Tenors  
December 28 — Straight No Chaser

**Sycuan Live & Up Close Theatre:**  
December 16 — Jessy J

**Tidal:**  
December 9 — Jonny Tarr  
December 23 — Helena Holleran

**UC San Diego Park & Market:**  
December 7 — Intersections  
Concert: The Slavic Soul Party

**Viejas Arena:**  
December 8 — Pierce The Veil and L.S. Dunes  
December 15 — Queens of the Stone Age

**Waterbar:**  
December 7 — Jemille Vialot

**Whistle Stop Bar:**  
December 10 — CD Ghost, Primer, Trit 95

**Winstons Beach Club:**  
December 7 — Source Band and Mind Cell  
December 9 — Grateful to the Core  
December 9 — Half Hour Late  
December 10 — Krampus Day  
December 10 — OB-Oke Karaoke  
December 11 — Electric Waste Band  
December 12 — Anonimuss Rose  
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December 15 — Shakedown  
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*The sweetness of all those tamarind candies makes it feel like a guilty treat*

**T**his already the season. And already, I've been eating way too much gunge! Need less fat, more fruit, veggies, nuts, twigs.

A fresh taste in my mouth.

And yet I've got that hungry hollow feeling as I hike up University near 70th. Could do with a late morning snack. Lessee: *Hmm. Healthy healthy... wait, could this place do it?* It's a little green and orange joint at one end of the 5-Star Market & Liquor store: Chuchee's Fruterteria. Touts "Smoothies, fruit



**Elote is corn on the cob with mayo, cotija cheese, hot sauce and Tajin. Wicked healthy.**



**Tostitos underneath round out the sweet-sour tastes. Eat while crispy!**

bowls, *chamangos*, milk shakes, *Tostilocos*." Yes, with a "k." Hmm. Curious. But I'm more curious about the *Tostilocos* themselves. So I head inside to an orange- and yellow- and cream-colored room, with one major art piece on its side wall: a painting of a shiny Granny Smith apple, two watermelons, two cherries and a lone strawberry. Plus, they have real fruit laid out in front of it. Guess that tells you what this place is all about.

"Can I help you?" says this man who appears from the kitchen behind. Name's Margarito. Huh. We don't have this male version of "Margaret" in English.

"Just looking for something to eat," I say.

"We have breakfast all day," he says. He points up to the menu board. At the top, it's all drinks. "*Raspados*," it says. These are Mexican shaved ice drinks, but healthy, like mango, pecan, guava. Each goes for \$6.50.

Then, energy and diet juices at \$7.50, like the "Multigreen" with OJ, pineapple, celery and cactus leaves. Or the "Raise the Dead," which is a combo of orange juice, beets, carrots, and celery, plus salt and lime.

Great, but just drinks. Me want stomach-stretching food. They do have all-day breakfast choices, which are tempting because of the good prices. For \$5.25, you can get a bagel or croissant stuffed with egg, ham, and cheese. Or hey, for \$3.75, a bagel with cream cheese, or a PB&J sandwich. I almost go for that. Except now I see more to explore: non-brekky items, including the Sandwich Special, with pork *lomo*, ham, and cheese for \$8.95, and the Hawaiian (with ham, pineapple and cheese), or the green or tuna salad sandwiches. Each costs \$7.25.

*Tortas* are a little more expensive. The pork *lomo* plus ham and cheese *torta* is \$12.95, and so is the chipotle special, with roast beef, turkey and cheese. Of course, they'll be way bigger than the sandwiches. Cheapest *torta* is the tuna at \$10.25.

One thing I like already: Margarito puts his prices up top, nice and bold. But what I'm looking for is *Tostilocos*. Aha. Here they are, under "Munchies."

"*Tostilocos*?" I ask Margarito. "What exactly are they?"

"Well mine have Tostito corn chips on the bottom. You have to eat them quickly, while they are still crisp, because on top, I put *cueritos* [uncooked pickled pork skin strips], the *rielitos* [tamarind candies],

Japanese *cacahuetes* [peanuts], *pepino* [cucumber], *jicama* [Mexican turnip], with Tajin [seasoning made of chilies, lime and salt], and the *agridulce* salsas — sweet and sour sauces [made from pickled fruit like plums, apricots, and mango], and a little lemon juice."

Wow. So much to taste. So I go for the *Tostilocos* (\$7.75), and oh, an *elote*, corn on a stick, covered, Margarito says, in mayo, cotija cheese, hot sauce, and Tajin (\$5.75). I'm wondering if he's going to bring the *Tostilocos* out sprawling on a ripped-open bag of Tostitos, the way they do on the street. Whatever, it sounds like a beautiful *agri-dulce* mess. When it comes, it comes in a polystyrene box, super loaded with white *cueritos*, yellow-shelled *cacahuetes*, and maroon tamarindo candies, all stained with squirted-on Mega red *chamoy* salsa, and La Botanera salsa *picante*. "*La mera mera!*" says its label. "The real deal!" But next to it, I see the Mexican Secretariat of Health has placed

prominent warnings. "Excessive sugars" and "excessive sodium." Good to see. Do we do that?

The Japanese peanuts are the second most important pleasure. They snap in your mouth and deliver umami soy-coated nut flavors. But the most important flavor-add has to be that limey, salty Tajin. Along with the salsas, it helps disguise the already vinegary but definitely raw pork skin strips. The skins and the *jicama* and cucumber also team up to keep the hot flavors in check, along with the Tostito corn chips. Of course, the sweetness of all those tamarind candies makes it feel like a guilty treat. And yet this is a beautiful collision of tastes, and yes, I'd say fresh and healthy! As long as you don't eat it three times a day.

It turns out that *Tostilocos* is a Tijuana invention. In the 1990s, Javier Rodriguez got impatient on the street when he wanted to eat stuff on top of his Tostito chips. He ripped open the bag, jammed items on top, splashed on some salsa, and ate it there and then. His messy but beautiful idea has spread like wildfire. There's a rebel thing going on.

The Japanese peanuts are another story: what can be Japanese about peanuts? A lot, it seems. Turns out that Yoshigei Nakatani invented his own take on them. He was living in Mexico City way back in 1945 when he lost his job making mother-of-pearl buttons. The authorities thought his boss might be a Japanese spy and closed the business down. Yoshigei needed to think fast. He had kids to feed. He decided to make *mamekashi*, peanuts

coated in a layer of flour dough and then deep-fried. They reminded him of his homeland. He added different flavors and spices. He sold them on the streets of Mexico City. Now Japanese *mamekashi* are everywhere. Why? Because they are so dang delicious.

The *elote*, of course, is scrumbos too. More than I need. But at this price (about \$13 for everything), I feel like I'm paying, well, peanuts. Japanese peanuts. ■



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**EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT ABOUT THE MONEY** it's about the money!

**IF YOU CHANGE** from the Padres to secular name, wouldn't you have to change the name of the city?

**TO JOEY VASTOLA** I miss you every moment that you are away and fall deeper in love with you when we are together. Thank you for being the love of my life. Love squeaks.

**EVERYTHING IS** about the money.

**TO THE LOVES OF MY LIFE** Gina & Christina. Thank you for loving me unconditionally. You light my life. I love you, Athena.

**ULY DAY:** happiest of solar returns to our most incredible Uly! Purée and Sofa and friends had a very special get-together, we camped in the desert to celebrate.

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**BEULAH** thinking about getting rid of my hutch.

**SOON ISN'T SOON ENOUGH** I miss you so much. I want to see you. 10843 jamestranx2x2@gmail.com

**TO FLABBERGASTING** for some unknown reason, I think you are talking to me. But that can't make any sense. Can it?

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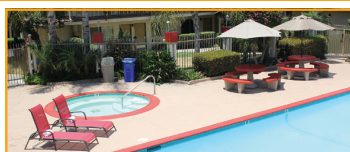
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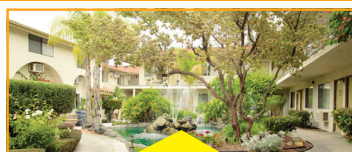
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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site ([www.lawhelpcalifornia.org](http://www.lawhelpcalifornia.org)), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center ([www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp](http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp)), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

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# Winter blues beginning to settle in? Bluefin are still around – Trout season open at all local stocked lakes by December 2nd

## Dock Totals 11/19 – 11/25:

982 anglers aboard 45 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 408 bluefin tuna (up to 150 pounds), 28 calico bass, 2 halibut, 48 lobster (53 released), 54 perch, 61 rock crab, 3373 rockfish, 81 sand bass, 41 sanddab, 237 sculpin, 41 sheephead, 1 triggerfish, and 292 whitefish.

**Saltwater:** Though it is starting to feel like winter, with dorado and yellowfin heading far south of the short-range fleet, bluefin tuna and rockfish continue to be the main catch for boats working in U.S. waters from around San Clemente Island south to the Corner, while boats venturing further south have been finding some willing yellowtail off San Quintin and along the coast of Baja California. Again, there were no lingcod in the counts with the boats working the deep rockfish from the allowed 300 to 600 feet in depth, as lingcod prefer water from 90 feet to 330 feet. If you want lings or yellowtail, trips heading into Mexican waters are your best bet. There were also no yellowtail in the counts for trips up to 3-days this past week, though the long range fleet has been getting a few in the northern half of their trips along the Baja coast, and some private boaters scored on yellowtail near the middle grounds at the Coronado Islands.

Further south off Baja California Sur on the Pacific side, wahoo, dorado, and yellowfin tuna have been showing well for folks fishing out of the Bahia Asunción area and on down to the Ridge outside of Bahia Magdalena. Grouper fishing in the lagoons has been very good for both broomtail and gulf grouper for those anglers staying inside, along with some impressive snook in the mix. Dorado and yellowfin tuna have been the main catch in the southern Sea of Cortez off the East Cape to Loreto, while further north, sierra and cabrilla have been biting well for both shore and boat-based anglers from Gonzaga Bay to Puerticitos.

For the local half-day boats, calico bass, sculpin, and sheephead continue to bite well inshore for the short runs to the kelp beds off Point Loma and La Jolla, while sand bass and a few halibut are showing on the sand flats off Imperial Beach. For those who want to put some “bugs” on the table, the evening lobster trips have been finding a good ratio of keepers on their hooping outings along the outer stretches of San Diego Bay to Zuniga Jetty.

Surf fishing for barred surfperch, spotfin croaker, and California corbina has been good



Happy anglers with a good-sized wahoo caught while fishing aboard the *Intrepid* near Alijos Rocks off Baja Sur.



Temecula fishing guru and content creator Tracy Hartman with a fat lightning trout caught just north of San Diego County at Lake Hemet.

lately along county beaches, though moreso the further north one goes. With sandcrabs all but gone for the winter, go-to baits have been strips of mackerel, squid, and lures. Plastic grubs on a Carolina rig, Kastmaster spoons, and castable crankbaits such as Lucky Craft's 110 Flash Minnow have been working best for those pitching lures just beyond the break. Inside the bays, spotted bay bass and halibut have been biting well, with the spotties biting more along the edges of the deeper eelgrass, and around docks and channel edges. Halibut have been laying in holes and depressions in slightly deeper water and have been biting slow and low presentations of plastic grubs, swimbaits, and live or fresh-dead sardine or anchovy drifted along the bottom, bounce-ball style. Keeping the bait down and slowly moving has been the key to success.

One note on the saltwater scene: the 520-pound broadbill swordfish caught back on October 27 by angler Mason Karafa, fishing with Brother's Sportfishing has been certified as the new California state record, beating the previous record from 2003 by 80 pounds. Congrats to Mr. Karafa and Brother's Sportfishing; it was a very impressive deep-drop catch, considering it took only an hour and a half to get the beast to gaff. Swordfish battles can last several hours, even on heavier line, and are noted for their back-breaking strength among the anglers who normally target them.

**Freshwater:** Trout season has officially arrived in San Diego area lakes, with lakes Dixon and Poway holding their openers this weekend. On Friday, December 1, Poway will open after being closed November 29 and

30 to let the 2000 pounds of freshly-stocked trout settle in. On Saturday, December 2, Dixon Lake opens their season with 4000 pounds of stocked trout. The rest of the area lakes that stock trout have already opened their seasons, including Chollas, Cuyamaca, Hemet, Jennings, Miramar, Murray, and Wohlford, all with trout plants in mid-November. Note: Miramar is closed to all but shore-based anglers due to an algae bloom. Powerbait and mini-jigs have been the go-to methods for success on these stocked rainbow and lightning trout.

For those trying to get into the holiday mood, Santee Lakes is holding their annual holiday drive-thru light show, December 1-28 from 5:45–8:45 pm, featuring over 100,000 Christmas lights in displays around the park. This will be after fishing hours, and all who wish to cruise the light displays will need to have a ticket in hand to enter, including those camping or staying at the lake cabins. The required tickets at \$19.99 plus a \$1.50 processing fee per carload of up to 8 people can be purchased on their website. They're out there, so go get 'em!

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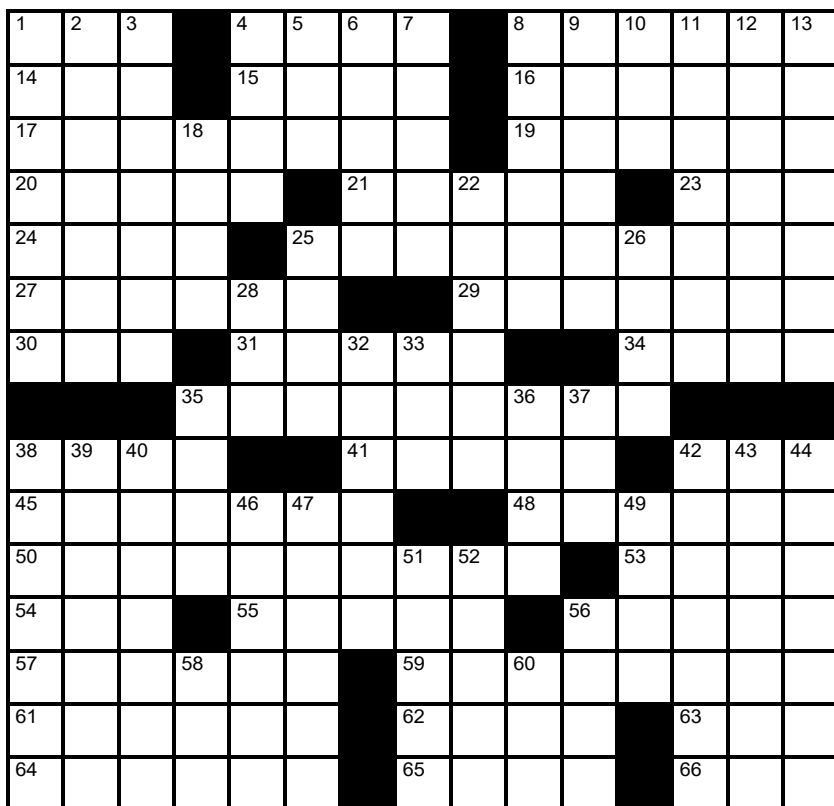
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## Across

1. WaPo alternative  
4. Smooch  
8. Lewinsky who once tweeted “#NationalInternDay cannot. believe. that. is. a. thing.”  
14. Christmas tree lighting reaction  
15. “I get it, I get it!”  
16. Pride : lions :: crash : \_\_\_\_  
17. Feed a line to rapper B?  
19. Sauces made with basil and pine nuts  
20. Stravinsky and Sikorsky  
21. Hatch succeeded by Romney  
23. She, in Lisbon  
24. Ginger at a sushi bar  
25. Give the ax to soccer star Chastain?  
27. They may be seen on slides  
29. Like a chasm  
30. “Everybody Hurts” band  
31. Canoodles, in Cambridge  
34. Danson and Turner  
35. TV host Goldberg when she appears on a billboard?  
38. Subj. for Neil deGrasse Tyson  
41. Man in black  
42. D&D or WoW, e.g.  
45. Old-style hackers  
48. Real  
50. Rapper Minaj after she’s

been canonized?

53. Lead-in to “di” or “da” in a Beatles song  
54. Brain and spinal cord: Abbr.  
55. Wind turbine part  
56. Elephant of kids’ books  
57. Short round of tennis  
59. Emulate Don Juan ... or a phonetic hint to this puzzle’s theme  
61. Find new actors for  
62. Oklahoma city  
63. “Ctrl” singer  
64. It’s a thing  
65. NASCAR legend Earnhardt  
66. In great demand

## Down

1. Reward for being close?  
2. “Up for it?”  
3. Mathematical proposition  
4. Amazon wrappers?  
5. Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s country: Abbr.  
6. “Me too!”  
7. Go fast  
8. Onetime Dr Pepper rival  
9. “The Gift of the Magi” author  
10. Grafton’s “\_\_\_\_” for Noose  
11. Like action thriller films  
12. Stereotypically lenient  
parent  
13. Lights into  
18. Bed with bars  
22. Logician’s asset  
25. \_\_\_\_ shui  
26. Italian wine region  
28. “\_\_\_\_ was saying ...”  
32. Admits to a mistake  
33. 4, on a phone keypad  
35. WWII light machine gun  
36. California town that sounds like a greeting  
37. Campaign-backing grp.  
38. Fig. on a college application  
39. Doherty of “Heathers”  
40. Divide into three parts

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S PUZZLE:

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# SUDOKU

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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK’S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

## MEDIUM:

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



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## LETTERS

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dearly (they miss her terribly and love her so very much).

Sadly, my daughter was horrifically molested for approx 6 years of her life beginning at age 6. By age 14 she began drinking alcohol in an attempt to numb the pain from the sexual, verbal, and emotional abuse. Then at age 16 she got addicted to opiates after taking Vicodin when her wisdom teeth were pulled. She would later go on methadone and suboxone to treat her opiate addiction (again, this disease was due to her need to numb her traumatic pain and fear). She kept what happened to her suppressed in an attempt to cope, and out of the fear instilled in her by the man who molested her. This abuse altered the trajectory of her life.

The "disease of addiction" is a "disease," just like "Diabetes" (yet we don't blame and shame the people with that disease for eating too much), "heart disease" (yet we don't blame people for eating fattening foods, drinking alcohol, smoking cigarettes)... My daughter lost the daughter she loved so desperately and wanted to raise more than anything (despite her BF abandoning her and wanting her to get an abortion).

I watched my daughter break down holding her beautiful precious daughter in the mortuary. She wouldn't leave her, held her for hours bawling uncontrollably, talking with her... I didn't think my daughter would survive the tremendous pain she was feeling, the loss she had endured.

Then the DA charges her with a charge she knew she could never ever get a conviction on. People threatened to kill her on social media, they called her a "baby killer" (even spray painting it all across the whole side of her car). People were so utterly cruel, mean, and there was no such thing as "innocent

until proven guilty." These people had no idea what the circumstances were, nor did they care. They simply looked at the headlines across the news, newspaper, and media outlets such as yours.

And now that the murder charges are dropped, you seemingly have zero interest in publishing that (which is fact). Are you aware that the ME ruled her precious daughter's death as "accidental," not due to a murder. I would be happy to provide documentation and experts reports etc. to you if you are interested in updating your reporting with what actually happened. Even the Judge addressed her mental health issues, her disease of addiction, and the fact that she was molested.

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**News Under the Radar,  
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Corruption is theft from the people. It's a disgrace. These humans are at the core sick, sick, sick. We can only hope karma is real.

*-Hindu or Hindon't*

**City's Climate Action Plan  
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**Neighborhood News, Nov. 21, 2023**

Solar on the building if the stupid, corrupt CPUC had not passed the ruling to take away incentives for multi meter projects would have made electricity the cheaper alternative for the residents.

*-Theresa Acerro*

## Under the radar

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from his big-money portfolio in July. After his stealthy U-T exit, Soon-Shiong was mum, never saying how much (if any) cash he got from the new owner, controversial New York vulture fund Alden Global Capital, bane of editorial workers. Not so for his latest deal, linked to trendy artificial intelligence.

"DnaNudge, a medical and consumer genetics testing innovator and a spin-out of Imperial College London, today announced that it has signed a multi-million-dollar agreement with NantNudge, an entity whose mission is to drive genomics and AI to the point-of-decision," says a November 6 news release for the new venture. "NantNudge will develop, manufacture and supply transformative medical and consumer diagnostic and predictive software and services for improving a healthy lifestyle (diet and skin care) and for real-time PCR diagnostics for infectious diseases and cancer," per the announcement.

"A key focus of NantNudge is to establish regulatory approvals for point-of-decision

eases such as Covid, flu, RSV, tuberculosis, bacterial infections, and cancer risk — all to transform personalized treatment at the point-of-decision based on personal genomics signature. Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong, founder of NantWorks and NantNudge, stated: 'Professor Chris Toumazou and I have pursued a shared vision together for over a decade that the convergence of nanotechnology, engineering, and biology will transform our capability to derive real-time information from the human signal engine1 and transform decision making at point-of-decision. This genomics PCR device, I believe, will be an inflection point for capturing genomic signals on a very personalized basis and transforming how we work, live, and play. I am proud to have been associated with Imperial College of London for all these years, and I am excited that together with Chris and his team, we will accelerate the clinical adoption of this first-in-kind PCR device.'

— Matt Potter  
(@sdmattpotter)

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**Wait, What?**

— The Saucon Valley School District in Hellertown, Pennsylvania, and The Satanic Temple have come to an agreement, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reported. Earlier in 2023, the district had banned the temple from using its facilities at Saucon Valley Middle School to host the After School Satan Club (motto: Educatin' With Satan). But on Nov. 16, the district agreed to cover the temple's attorney fees and give the club the same access to facilities as "comparable groups." However, The Satanic Temple noted that they do not run the clubs in districts where there are no Christian-based religious programs; since the district's Good News Club appears to be defunct this year, the After School Satan Club will be on hold.

**Let This Be a Warning to You**

— Office Christmas parties are on the horizon, so take this cautionary tale to heart: Alana Bechioni filed a lawsuit last week in Los Angeles Superior Court over a Christmas party that went very sideways last year at a San Pedro, California, Taco Bell, where she worked at the time. KTLA-TV reported that Bechioni's manager invited her to the potluck staff party, and Bechioni brought a bowl of guacamole. When she arrived, she said, she realized her manager had "covered the windows of the restaurant with wrapping paper" and had covered the lobby cameras. She noted that the supervisor had provided alcohol and some staffers were "overserved." After stepping outside for a moment late in the evening, Bechioni returned to find a co-worker "having sex with

his wife in front of everyone at the party"; the wife was also kissing the manager and another female co-worker. Bechioni said she ran out of the restaurant but went back in to get her guacamole bowl, where she found the manager and co-worker vomiting, one in her bowl. Bechioni reported the incident to Taco Bell, and the manager and co-worker were fired, but since then she's been threatened and had her car windows shattered. Bechioni said she has suffered "actual, consequential and incidental financial losses"; her lawsuit names Taco Bell and the franchise owner, who she said "did nothing about the threats." Taco Bell says they "take these claims very seriously."

**Supernatural**

— According to the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, a number of "witch bottles," created to deter evil spirits, are washing up along Gulf Coast beaches, the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* reported on Nov. 20. The bottles are part of old-school spell casting; they contain objects including iron nails, rusty pins, hair and urine. Jace Tunnell of the institute thinks the bottles originate in the Caribbean and South America. "I've found around eight of these bottles and never opened one. I have five of them on my fence in the backyard since my wife won't let me bring them inside," he said. Tunnell said the bottles are intended to "draw in and trap harmful intentions directed at their owners."

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Three unnamed men were taken into custody

in St. Louis, Missouri, on Nov. 16 after accidentally locking themselves in a city jail known as the Workhouse, KSDK-TV reported. The Workhouse, a medium-security lockup, has been empty for more than a year; the trespassers had to call 911 after getting themselves trapped inside. After being sprung, they were arrested for property damage, burglary and stealing.

**Mystery Solved**

— Residents of Tees Valley in Northeast England have been flummoxed by about 1,000 small blue balls that have washed up on their beaches since mid-November, *Metro News* reported. The bright blue orbs are made of a rubberlike substance, and many people believe the appearance has to do with storms and strong currents disturbing a deposit of balls on the seabed. As it turns out, the balls are called Taprogge balls, after their manufacturer, and they're used to clean the local power station's pipes. Sometimes they get released into the sea, but station officials say there's been no release lately. "They do this every week, they go through with the balls. It's a closed system and the balls shouldn't escape," said Jacky Watson from the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust. "They are natural and will biodegrade but are still a hazard. We put the word out locally if people found the balls, they could let us know."

**Inexplicable**

— Tapacio Sanchez, 35, wasn't even a guest at the La Quinta Inn in Naples, Florida, when she started taking out her aggressions on the fire

suppression systems there on Nov. 18, WINK-TV reported. Managers at the hotel asked Sanchez to leave the premises, but instead she tampered with the HVAC circuit breaker, ripping out internal wiring, and damaged eight sprinkler heads. Next, Sanchez took off for the Olive Garden restaurant next door, where she was discovered in the restroom with a dog (not hers). Police said she was speaking gibberish. She was arrested; the dog was returned to its owner.

**Awesome!**

— At an adoption event on Nov. 11, the Anti-Cruelty Society, a Chicago animal shelter, had just one dog left: Elvis, a "3-year-old meatball," People reported. So the ACS took to Facebook to appeal for Elvis' placement: "Elvis was the only dog that didn't find a home during our Fall in Love adoption week. He met a lot of potential adopters ... Help us find Elvis a family to love!" Three days later, Elvis' dreams came true in a serendipitous way: Loren Michael Agron — who used to work as an Elvis Presley impersonator — and Drew Wilhelm took Elvis home. "Elvis has LEFT the building," the ACS announced. "We couldn't be happier for Elvis, who finally got his happily ever after!" The couple report that the canine king of rock has settled in nicely: "His personality is shining through so much." He may be nothin' but a "Hound Dog," but Elvis is not "Lonesome Tonight."

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