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Piqued Potato Chip populist protests

Ryan Brothers, we get it. All of your journalists, (I mean you too, Siobhan), are displeased with the dystopian potato chip ("Potato Chip Rock from Poway", Roam, January 5, 2024). While I'm surprised you didn't insult the hikers like your buddy S based on their choice of athletic wear (not all spandex is LuLu Lemon, Siobhan), I see you still can't get over the fact that it's a rock. I walked past it myself five times before realizing, "That's it?"

But dudes, it's a PAVED trail, at least the Woodson side. It's family friendly, and it's an attraction. No one is forcing you to brood; go down the other trails on a weekday and surprise yourself. Yes, the line of people taking photos is annoying if you're in the line yourself. People come from far and wide to see this.

Maybe if you're lucky, you'll get to find some of the dinosaurs or crocheted rocks I hide along the trail, or notice how strong the mother is who legit carried her toddler up that thing, or even the little five year old KILLIN it on their first ever hike—that is, if you can notice anything except yourself for a few minutes. I doubt anyone held a dagger to your throat to get this story. Relax, dudes.

Kimmy J.
Ramona

Anti-fascist advocate asks for apology

The Al-Alloj Intifada article ("The Al-Alloj Intifada", SD on the QT, December 22, 2023) is a piece of fascist anti-semitic propaganda that could have been copied verbatim from *Der*

Sturmer in 1940. Publishing this hateful call to genocide ("highway to the sea" = "river to the sea" = genocide) is stupid. You must publish an apology and never let thugs like Amir Asham have a platform in your magazine. I also noticed there is no author identified in the article, why?

John Freutel
Oceanside

Walter Mencken is the author of all articles on the Reader's SD on the QT: Almost Factual News page.

Fuming Fletcher fan fulminates

You're using Nathan Fletcher as satire? ("Man of the Year Nathan Fletcher undergoes psychoanalysis", Cover Story, December 27, 2023) Are you that bored for content or just lazy? WTF? Cut the guy some slack. He led us through the health and economic ravages of COVID in addition to being one of the most competent advocates for veterans, especially combat veterans, in the country. It's not funny. It's stupid. Are you trying to drive away all of your remaining advertisers? Yo Holman? You still alive? Abortion! Abortion!

Chris Pearson
Spring Valley

Reader publisher Jim Holman is still alive.

Nathan Fletcher blew up his own political career in 2023, and so earned our Man of the Year award.

Social justice for all?

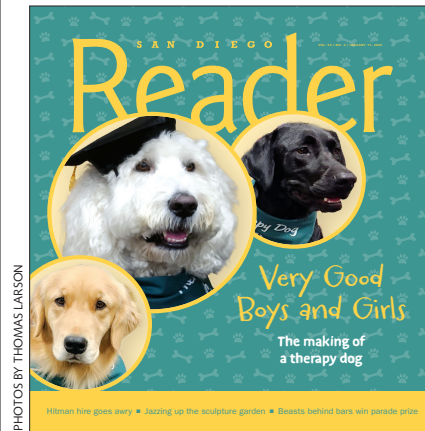
REGARDING: Madame Genevieve Jones Wright to challenge Mayor Todd Gloria for reelection ("Volo Beach, San Diego", Under the Radar, December 28). Through my past interactions with Madame Wright, I have come to believe that she is a decent and honorable woman. Having said that, I pose the \$64,000 question. Being an avowed social justice advocate par excellence, one would surmise that she would recuse herself from political events to which I was uninvited after being labeled an illegitimate candidate. Isn't that

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

DEL MAR

Money can't buy happiness Sometimes, it can't even help you hire a hitman

On December 28, 43-year-old Tatyana Natasha Remley stood before a judge and admitted that she tried to hire a hitman to kill her husband. She also admitted that she possessed a concealed, loaded firearm that was not registered to her. Judge David Danielsen immediately sentenced her to three years, eight months in California state prison.

Mrs. Remley's 57-year-old husband Mark Remley, who survived his wife's plans, was seated in the courtroom gallery to hear the public confession and the terms of her plea deal. Before the sentence was announced, he stepped forward to speak to the judge. He spoke of how his relationship with Tatyana had begun with great love, and then degraded to the point where his wife had murderous intentions.

"How can I ever trust again?" he asked. "I'm going to be looking over my shoulder the rest of my life." Mark Remley said his wife became "dark," and added, "I wish I could have done something to help her."

On August 31 of last year, the San Diego County Sheriff issued a press release stating



Mark Remley: "I'm going to be looking over my shoulder the rest of my life."



Suddenly, that sword in the logo looks a lot more threatening.

that deputies had been called to the Remleys' home in Del Mar on July 2 because it was on fire. It was then that deputies found that Tatyana "was in possession of three firearms and ammunition." They arrested Tatyana that night. "The cause of the fire remains under investigation," the sheriff declared.

The day after the fire, on July 3, deputies opened an investigation, because they got a tip that Tatyana was trying to hire someone

"This business has since gone under but while it was running, it made \$20,000 per night."

to kill her husband. The Sheriff's statement went on to report that "on August 2, Tatyana Remley met with an undercover sheriff's detective. She provided detailed information on how she wanted her husband killed and his body disposed. Remley brought three additional firearms and U.S. currency as a down payment for the murder. Remley was arrested and booked into the Vista detention facility." Since then, Tatyana Remley has been in custody at Las Colinas women's jail in Santee.

At her sentencing Thursday, Tatyana received 297 days' worth of "custody credits" (149 actual days plus 148 "good conduct" credits). At the end of the hearing, the judge issued two protective orders, intended to prevent Tatyana from trying to contact or approach Mark Remley and/or a man named Garret Winne. A reliable source stated that Winne had been approached by Tatyana, that she had asked him to kill Mark, and that he had then warned the husband.

Court records show that Mark Remley and Tatyana were married on March 18, 2011. Just days before their first-year anniversary, on March 15, 2012, Mark filed for dissolution of the marriage. Within seven months after that, Tatyana signed a "post-nuptial agreement," and Mark's dissolution request was dismissed. But that wasn't the end of the drama: Mark and Tatyana each filed for a "dissolution of marriage" in San Diego County repeatedly over the years. Each time, the request was dismissed, and then revived again later. They are still married at this time.

Mark and Tatyana both had previous marriages. In 2003, when she was 23, Tatyana was married to a man who now lives in Seattle, Washington; they have an adult son together. The son is reportedly disabled, and in October of 2023, Tatyana's ex-husband won a \$137,713 judgment against her for unpaid back-child support — this according to court records. This previous husband might have a lien against the Hawaiian home that Tatyana Rem-

ley reportedly owns with her current husband.

Mark and Tatyana Remley became notorious in San Diego County in 2012 after they created a traveling, big-tent horse-show extravaganza they named Valitar. The spectacle shut down after just one or two shows at the Del Mar fairgrounds, according to



A picture of the Ford truck and Lakota Bighorn trailer from Tatyana's Facebook page.

local news reports. Tatyana later stated in court papers: "This business has since gone under but while it was running, it made \$20,000 per night and was valued at \$11 million."

Early the next year, in February of 2013, the couple bought a home in Hawaii as joint tenants. Tatyana later said this was to escape the notoriety of their failed horse show in California; the failed venture allegedly left certain accounts unpaid. According to recent statements in court files, Tatyana's mother and grandmother were staying in the Remley's Hawaii home as well; it is unclear if they are still there.

In January of 2014, Mark and Tatyana

returned to San Diego County. At that time, Tatyana started a new business in Solana Beach, a cycling studio called Rhythm and Power. This venture failed after about one year; Tatyana later claimed, "it was valued at \$1.5 million."

According to Tatyana's court filings, on October 14, 2015, Mark told her by text message to leave his home in Coronado. A few days later, on October

19, 2015, Tatyana filed for dissolution of marriage against Mark; in the filing, she complained that he had removed all the money from their joint savings account. This dissolution of marriage case was later dismissed.

On January 7, 2023, the old divorce case that Mark Remley had filed against Tatyana in March 2012 was revived. In May of 2023, Tatyana filed again for divorce or "dissolution of marriage" against Mark. By this time, they had been married more than 12 years. (The couple had no children together, although they both have adult children from prior relationships.) Tatyana checked the box for "irreconcilable differences."

This most recent dissolution request was filed in San Diego's downtown courthouse. These are some statements from that filing: "She wants financial support to maintain the marital standard of living... she was accustomed to monthly expenses well over \$50,000. Some nights, the [couple] would

spend \$30,000 in just one night. They had bodyguards and a personal assistant as well as weekly drivers...The parties frequently engaged in high-end shopping and dining and went on luxury cruises. [Tatyana] had access to an unlimited credit card and investment accounts."

Tatyana also complained that Mark stopped paying the bills at their Hawaiian home, and argued, "Respondent does not have any needs. He continues to live the lavish lifestyle the parties maintained during marriage." She claimed that husband had "over \$8 million in assets, without any debts or mortgages. Easily able to be dis-

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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bursed UBS investment accounts.” She also claimed that he owned three Rolls Royces, worth \$1.3 million.

In the filing, Tatyana asked for exclusive use of their home in Del Mar, which she stated is worth more than \$5 million. She



Oceanside, where the only things less stable than the beach are the people living by it.

also asked for exclusive use of the Dodge Ram 3500 dually truck, the Ford Platinum 4500 dually truck, the Lakota Bighorn living quarters horse trailer, and a Kubota 2012 ATV. She also specifically asked to keep three named parrots, and three named “silkie fainting goats.” Finally, she asked for \$15,000 per month “interim support” so she could “maintain.”

EVA KNOTT

OCEANSIDE

Misplaced moratorium

The short-term rental crisis is at the coast, not inland

The city of Oceanside recently approved a moratorium on new short term rentals in all residential zoning districts outside the city’s coastal zone. In fiscal year 2022/2023, the city collected about \$8 million in hotel room taxes from vacation units. The moratorium will likely decrease such revenue over time,

city staff said.

It’s only the start of the city’s effort to get a handle on the short-term situation, which has in some cases led to 12-bedroom venues luring crowds of over 35 people at a time. The city now has 1002 short-term rentals, which it defines as a rental of any legally permitted rooms or dwelling units for less than 30 consecutive days. The inland areas

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UNDER THE RADAR

Campaign money maze

A December 27 advice letter from the California Fair Political Practices Commission has drawn back the curtain on the convoluted fundraising for GOP ex-San Diego mayor **Kevin Faulconer** and his county supervisor race against incumbent Democrat **Terra Lawson-Remer**. In addition to Faulconer’s “controlled” political committee, which is called Faulconer for Supervisor 2024, two other committees, the Neighborhood Action Council Supporting Kevin Faulconer for Supervisor 2024 and the Community Leadership Coalition, are seeking to use a coveted list of Faulconer’s big money donors, according to the letter from FPPC General counsel **Dave Bainbridge** to Republican treasurer **April Boling**. The list in question “discloses the identities of the candidate’s supporters and can be used to solicit further contributions,



Terra Lawson-Remer: getting no love from The Lincoln Club.

send advertisements, or expend additional funds on supposed independent expenditures supporting the candidate,” says the FPPC’s letter. But if the list, now in the hands of his “controlled” committee, is used by either of the two “independent” committees for campaign fundraising, “the giving and receiving of the donor list will constitute cooperation between the candidate and the committee, resulting in a coordinated expenditure,” the letter says. Any such “coordinated expenditure,” the opinion adds, would be considered “a campaign contribution to the candidate, subject to the contribution limit.” Such use, the letter says, “would include, but not be limited to, soliciting contributions from persons on the donor list to fund communications and distributing communications to persons on the donor list.”

The Neighborhood Action Council supporting Faulconer, records show, belongs to the Lincoln Club Business League, an offshoot of the GOP Lincoln Club, which in years past has run an array of attack campaigns against targeted candidates. The Community Leadership Coalition lists **Francis Barraza** as its principal officer. Barraza was “Senior Director of Community Engagement for Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer. She formerly served as the Executive Director of the Republican Party of San Diego County, State Director of Hispanic Initiatives for the Republican National Committee, and most recently as the Campaign Manager for Mayor Faulconer’s successful reelection campaign,” says

her profile on the website of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce. A February 2020 filing, when the committee called itself The Community Leadership Coalition sponsored by the Lincoln Club of San Diego County, listed Faulconer’s onetime Director of City Council Affairs **Brian Pepin** as principal officer.

Double excitement

San Diego Union-Tribune Quality Editor **David Clary** is among the latest to depart the downsizing newspaper. “This is my last week @sdut after 21 years. I’m excited to say that I’ll be joining @nytimes as a senior staff editor on the print news hub!” per his December 20 announcement on X. Meanwhile, ex-*U-T* politics and government writer **Deborah Sullivan Brennan** also has a new gig. “I’m excited to report that I’m starting a new job, reporting on regional

politics for *Cal Matters* and *Voice of San Diego*. I’ll be reintroducing the *Voice’s* Sacramento Report, and then adding an Inland Empire newsletter. Please ping me with news tips and ideas!” says a January 4 note on her X account...San Diego Mayor **Todd Gloria**, up for reelection, picked up a \$1350 contribution on December 31 from fellow Democrat and wealthy Congressman from La Jolla **Scott Peters**, who has been pushing border security. “We can manage it better, and to the extent that that requires resources, I think Democrats can be supportive of that,” Peters was cited on December 15 by NPR as saying.

Meanwhile, as pressure mounts on the



Scott Peters: Dem defends idea of better border management.

Biden Administration to fix the immigration crisis on the Southwest border, Senate Democrat **Dick Durbin** of Illinois has called out Customs and Border Protection in a December 14 letter for mishandling its San Diego operations. “In addition to inadequate medical care, we are concerned about the length of time individuals, including children, are held in CBP custody and how this

impacts overall health outcomes,” wrote Durbin. “The [Department of Homeland Security] Office of Inspector General recently conducted inspections of CBP detention facilities in the San Diego area and found 56 percent of detainees were held in custody longer than 72 hours, the general limitation on CBP detention. The length of time in custody may exacerbate existing medical care needs, create additional challenges for medical staff

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IN MEMORIAM



Amanda Stevens

December 31, 1989 — December 14, 2023

From her friends and co-workers at the Reader.

LETTERS

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what social justice is about? Dan Smiechowski is also a qualified candidate for Mayor of San Diego.

Dan Smiechowski
Bay Ho

Comments from SDRReader.com — *not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.*

What desperate San Diegans resort to for parking

Neighborhood News, December 26, 2023

I like how the Bolsheviks who write these articles never point out the obvious causes of the problems, which is usually that the same Bolsheviks who are complaining about this caused the problems themselves because they want to destroy small business in North Park and Hillcrest and then use them as their own personal backyard bike track. The “solutions” offered in the article amount to peeing on the readers’ heads and telling them that it’s raining.

Must be nice to make a living skimming off the top of laundered money, embezzling tax dollars, and raking in the proceeds from human and organ trafficking rather than have to drive to work to make a living like most San Diegans do. Bolshevik privilege in action.

-Eeyore Kolomoishe

Loveland Reservoir trail money eyed for bridge, parking lot, fish stocking, more water

Neighborhood News, December 26, 2023

Sweetwater Authority really needs to be audited for all the grants they receive. They get lots of grants but have to wonder where the \$ gets spent.

-Sourwater is more like it

The Al-Alloj Intifada

SD on the QT, December 22, 2023

From the freeway to the sea, etc, etc. This slogan you are using is not as clever as you think. It is in

very bad taste. But at least it reveals the darkness of your heart. Maybe would consider taking bigotry out to the sea or to the other side of the freeway.

-Ron Gene

This publication needs to be sued out of existence, pure evil.

-Not Laughing

Islam is peaceful? That is a load of garbage. It is a military/political philosophy invented for the purpose of military conquest and subsequent establishment of a totalitarian government with subjugated “citizens”.

-Not a fan

Your article is a disgrace!

-Still not laughing

The San Diego Reader glorifies antisemitic propaganda and celebrates the police state, page 6 of this week's issue.

-Didn't read the fine print

San Diego's architectural marvels and misfires

Cover Story, Dec. 20, 2023

LOL, Roger Showley as the city’s “chief arbiter of good taste?” More like the city’s resident old scold who demands that Balboa Park be locked in a 1900 time warp. And it’s worth noting that one of Ray Huffman’s investment partners in those horrible heat-box apartment buildings was Thomas Arnold’s singing buddy Roger Hedgecock, the ex-Mayor whose idea of street style was to have all the municipal lamp posts painted blue.

-Style stalker

San Diego Prowlers Hot Rod Club members push 80

Golden Dreams, December 13, 2023

Thanks to David for writing this story. The days of gas-powered automobiles, let alone hot rods, right or wrong, political or science, are disappearing. This hobby ignites a passion in many young people, as it did to me, and I wonder just how they will pursue it in a world locked down by government regulations.

-Not an EV fan

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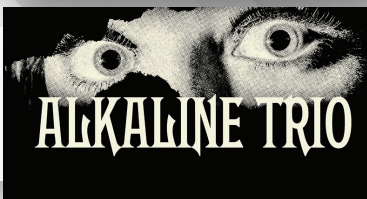
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The Copley paper capers

I'm Morgan, He's Cronkite

Scholars, particularly Vjaceslav Vsevolodovic Ivanov, director of the Section on Structural Typology of the Institute of Slavic and Balkan Walter Leland Cronkite Studies at the Soviet Academy of Sciences in St. Petersburg, have suggested that Morgan's outlandish aggrandizement of Cronkite is little more than an attempt to convince his readership that he (Morgan) is indeed an influential-newspaper-editor-with-well-connected-friends-in-high-places. [Morgan's *Tribune* column] reflects nothing more than a woefully misplaced sense of self-importance," states Ivanov. – *Abe Opincar* **DEC. 22, 1988**

Slow Fall from Fox Hill

"I thought I would see my father a lot, but I didn't. My father then married Helen (Helen Hunt). She was his former secretary, and she had her own son, David. From 1966, when he married Helen, until 1970, I hardly ever saw my father. Even when he came East on business, he wouldn't call me at school because she wouldn't like that. She had her own son and my father adopted him after the wedding." – *Eleanor Widmer* **JULY 6, 1978**

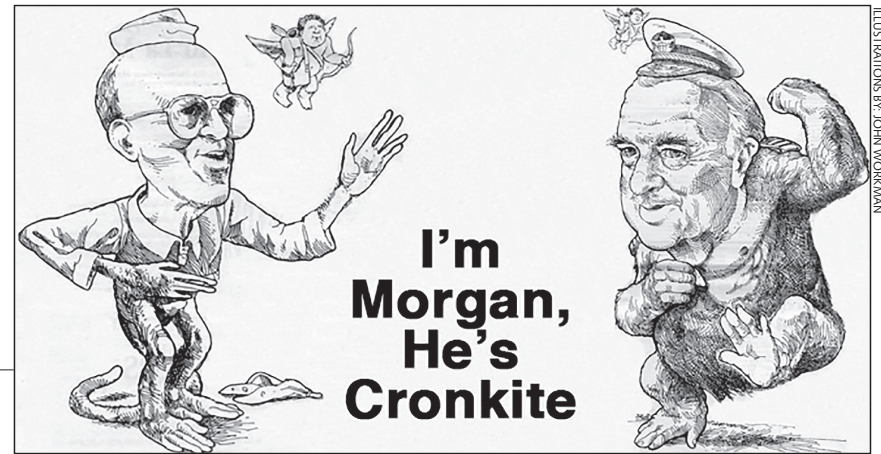
The Copley Press Used to be Considered a Friendly Employer

As the discussion heated up around midnight, a former *Tribune* reporter who had been pro-

moted to assistant managing editor slipped away from the party. Later that morning, he was due at the *U-T* plant in Mission Valley to help the company put out a test version of the newspaper, without the services of union members. The *U-T* was prepared to publish without them. "They're running a scab paper tonight," one of the other guests noted quietly. – *Matt Potter* **MAR. 22, 1990**

The Last Rewrite

That night I spoke to winos and street types who talked about murder, to councilmen and cops who spoke of shooting "to incapacitate," and to people at the Knickerbocker Hotel who knew Brown. The main story had



ILLUSTRATIONS BY JOHN MORGAN

Careful lest the public forget how very close they are, Morgan has chronicled his Master's every move, thought, and desire. They have even sailed together, as Morgan oftentimes has reminded us.

already been written by Preston Turegano, and I did two others: one of them a profile of Brown. I left the newsroom at 2:00 a.m. What appeared in the *Tribune* nine hours later was not essentially what I had written. – *Bob Dorn* **SEPT. 27, 1979**

Red Sky at Morning, Morgan Take Warning

Urban has reportedly argued that readers under 35 require advice columns and youth-

oriented investigative reporting. But *Tribune* staffers complain that Urban's vague suggestions are difficult to define, much less implement. They worry that Morgan, with his old-fashioned, boosterish approach to newspapering, is being set up for a fall and may take the *Tribune* with him. "The morning tabloid idea doesn't make any sense at all. Why would they want to compete with themselves in the morning?" – *Matt Potter* **MAY 2, 1991**

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SD ON THE QT

Almost factual news

End of the Beginnings

December 31 marks last conception at Santee Drive-In

Though they don't know it yet, Lakeside teens Tommy Tootense and Audrey Friendly were the final pair of youngsters to conceive a child at the Santee Drive-In, ending a longstanding tradition of sexual shenanigans and their natural consequences taking place in the relative privacy of a parked car during an outdoor movie screening. The couple were attending the historic theater's final night of opera-

tions on December 31, and may even have intended to watch its presentation of *Wonka*. "But when those chocolate cartel guys started swooning over how yummy Willie's chocolate was, Tommy said something about how I was sweeter than any candy he'd ever tasted, and one thing kind of led to another," recalled Friendly after the film had ended. Friendly expressed sorrow over the drive-in's closing,

and said they weren't sure where they would conduct any future trysts, "since Tommy's little brother is always spying on us at his place, and my stepdad gets all weird about other boys in my room. But we'll figure something out, because love conquers all." Santee Drive-In management declined to comment on the conception, but noted that kids today are mostly on their phones and hardly seem to date anymore, as evidenced by the declining attendance that ultimately forced the business to shut down.



Looks like they hit the brakes, but apparently, it was too late to prevent a collision.



The winning float was entitled "It Began With a Roar," indicating the bloodthirsty ferocity of the wild beasts adorning it and the absolute necessity of keeping them safely behind bars.

Heavy Message Can't Sink Float

San Diego Zoo's entry in 2024 Rose Bowl Parade wins prize for honest reckoning with its own existence

"In recent years," says San Diego Zookeeper Randy Cage, "many zoos, including the world-famous zoo here in San Diego, have come under fire from various disgruntled animal lovers who say we really shouldn't keep wild beasts in cages. We try to point out all the good we do in terms of research and conservation, and in alerting the general public about the terrible endangerment of countless species brought on by climate change, but they still point to the tiger and say something about how it's a crime to confine such a noble creature to an enclosure within a tourist attraction. We wanted to make a float that would help

remind folks that without the enclosure, they might find themselves admiring that tiger from the inside, if you take my meaning. God told man to subdue the earth for a reason: because otherwise, the earth will absolutely subdue him, soft and helpless as he is. So yes, we mounted a magnificent display featuring a mighty lion, an intelligent ape, and a majestic polar bear. But we made sure to put 'em behind bars where they belong, at least when there's people about. I'm just glad the Rose Bowl committee understood what we were trying to convey, and rewarded our brave stand on behalf of the whole human race."

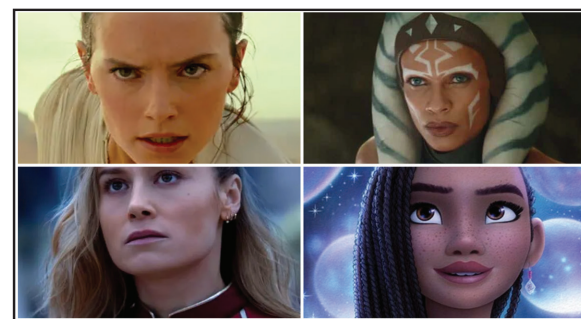
Feminist Fail?

Activists express disappointment in local trend of women hiring hitmen to do their dirty work

On August 2 of last year, failed horse show promoter Tatyana Remley met with an undercover sheriff's detective and tried to hire him to kill her husband Mark. On December 28, she confessed to the crime in court, and was sentenced to a little over three and a half years in prison. The sordid affair comes just a few years after Diana Lovejoy hired a man named Weldon McDavid to kill her estranged husband Greg Mulvihill. "Frankly, it's appalling," says Girls With Guns founder Elayne Triggerfinger. "There is simply no reason on earth why,

in today's day and age, both of those women couldn't have followed Betty Broderick's example and done the deed themselves, thus eliminating both their problem and the involvement of other people. Other people, I might add, who proved in both cases to be the weak link in the chain. Sisters are doing it for themselves in all areas of life now. They outnumber the men on

college campuses! The future is female! But this trend of turning to a man when things get tough is worrying. I only hope that the young women of today don't follow their sad example."



Just look at all these strong women that the culture has been offering of late. They didn't need a man to solve their problems.

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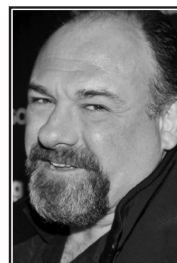
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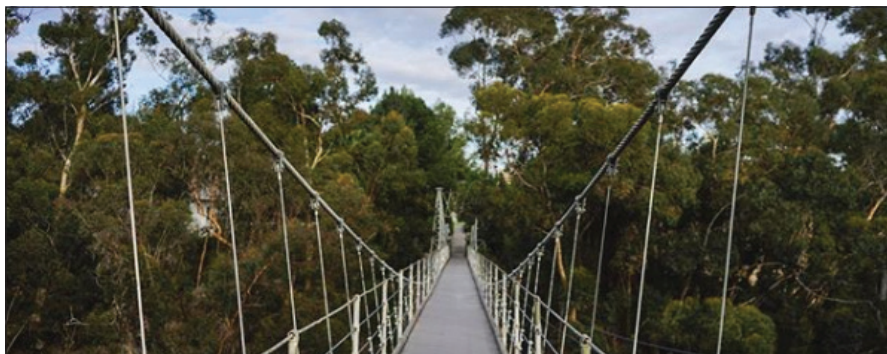
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Very Good Boys and Girls

The making of a therapy dog

It's an evening in early October, and Charli King, co-founder of Pawsitive Teams, is opening a new class for dog owners, canines in tow, who aspire to help people in need. That need is great — society is rife with both anxiety and trauma, and people need comfort: people in hospitals, assisted-living homes, airports, rehab centers, even college campuses during finals week. “Comfort” here means reduced blood pressure, reduced heart rate, reduced stress. That’s comfort that dogs can provide, but in order to fill that basic therapeutic role, those dogs must be trained by volunteers to the point where they can demonstrate fundamental skills with strangers and always, always display a calm demeanor.

Assembled before King, who’s been with Pawsitive for 26 years, are ten eager women (plus a husband or two) and their nervously yawning and attention-begging pooches. She tells her (human) students that before a handler’s dog can be a caregiver for others, the handler must be a caregiver for the

After six weeks of training, Goldendoodle Huck earns a therapy dog certificate with his handler, Madeline.



dog. The Pawsitive team calls this first six-week class an introduction to “the maze of therapy dog programs.” If all goes well, if the right lessons can be instilled and the rug accidents and barking fits can be avoided, these retrievers and shepherds will produce in their charges a surfeit of oxytocin, the recently recognized “bonding” hormone that canine and companion share.

Attending therapy dog training is a bit like attending kindergarten and adult night school at the same time. The welcoming pronouncements from the staff members are delivered in fun/serious mode: lower your expectations for your poodles and Labs. Relax. Let them be their playful selves outside of class. But during the course, King says, “Your dogs will work with people, not each other. No contact between them, please.” That seems like a high bar, but it’s necessary, because, well, there’s a lot to make habit-worthy — for dogs and for humans as well. The dogs, who already know how to heel, begin heeding their call to *heal* with this basic six-week prep-school class, offered four times a year in a spacious



Deb and Gracie

building set amid a host of similar structures in Miramar. If the dogs pass, they may undergo one-on-one training for a year or more to become a service or facility dog, the sort that performs tasks at specialized sites — think rehab clinics or mental health settings. Such a course facility dog program manager Mary Skrabucha calls “prep school on steroids.”

The first lesson, as in most sessions, is describe-and-do. When you visit a hospital, a rehab facility, or a retirement home, says one of the six green-shirted instructors, your dog cannot go directly at a person, say, who’s in a wheelchair.

Rather, approach from the side, or at an angle. Ask if the person wants a visit. Ask which side is preferable. If it’s the other side, ask if you can go around behind the person. As you go, shift the leash from one hand to the other.

The handlers try the maneuver. A couple of them transmit clear commands, and the dogs get it. But most of the dogs are a bit jumpy, especially after the handler fails to get the snout near the sitter’s hand for a “Hello there” pet.

Prior to tonight, each animal has earned a Canine Good Citizen certificate through obedience training in ten key skills — all

but one, supervised separation, tested. When trying to clarify a new “ask,” most dogs swivel their heads, look askance. Their tongues flap, their eyebrows meander. They sit, stand, sit, tail-wag, huff, whine, and gaze tenderly, treat-expectant. Hounds of good intention all.

All this means the handlers must be taught what *not* to do. Like. Don’t let Saide get any closer two feet in your approach. Don’t let Fido urinate or defecate in “inappropriate locations.” Don’t let Pluto vocalize during therapy work — no barking, growling, or whining. Don’t let Max solicit or steal food from strangers. Don’t let Daisy annoy or disrupt the “normal course of daily business.” Don’t let Oscar block aisles or doorways. Do encourage Bella and Coco and Bruno to obey commands (orders are for the military), perform tasks

calmly and quietly, resist pointing out another canine’s commotion with either sniff or snarl, and idle beside the boss, anticipating the next treat-enhanced behavior — also known as pleasing the master.

Painted in large green letters on the wall behind the team of volunteers presenting tonight’s lesson: “Be the person your dog thinks you are.” As staffer Barbara McKown tells the group, “We’re here because dogs can reach people emotionally in ways people sometimes can’t.”

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Each week, the interactive exercises pile up. Everyone better be doing their doggie homework, notes an instructor. Handler Deb tells me she and her dog, a lean-legged, Black American Lab, have been “having a conversation. *Just what kind of work*

would you like to do, Gracie, and with whom?” Deb notes Gracie’s answers can be found in her behavior: first week, she watches the door; second week, she gets flustered with too many instructions — the “leave it” / “take it” task is especially trying.

So, Gracie: imagine you’re ambling along, ready to meet and bring Big Joy to the elderly residents of the Vi (*vee*) in La Jolla, when into a private room you trot and there on the floor are a half-dozen pills (dementia meds, perhaps), which you better not gobble up as if they’re treats. Staffer Carol Davis puts it bluntly: “If you don’t have a solid ‘leave it,’ your dog will die.”

Gracie, dear, you must learn how to “leave it.” The lesson: Deb — holding a Pup-Peroni treat in one hand for Gracie to sniff — sees a rainbowy pill

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on the floor, stops moving, and tells Gracie to “leave it,” or the just-as-succinct, “look at me.” If Grace obeys, the peril is avoided and Gracie gets to “take it,” “it” being her reward. This is the good part of the exercise, the treat, which Gracie also receives at other times for being a “good girl.” But Gracie already knows she’s a good girl. What she needs to hear is the efficacious *positive yes*, “take it,” and the *negative yes*, “leave it,” both leveled with handler enthusiasm. To learn that is a rather process frustrating for Gracie. But after many repetitions, in class and at home, she’s eventually on board.

So too is Deb, via her own thousand-and-one repetitions of what is becoming their common language. These rhetorical assignments the dogs must learn in their prep program require training the human as well. At first, a few in the class use the unwanted directive, “No.” Corrections from staff were quick and numerous. *You must retrain your phrases, not necessarily their tone or volume*, McKown tells the group. She says that behaviors can’t be taught without reinforcement by treat. Dogs rely on food

and praise for the things they do right. But after a time, the efficacious behavior can be expected to hold with the dog *without* an automatic treat — because, McKown says, the “positivity of me saying ‘Good, leave it’ is a reward in itself.” If Gracie, or any other of her classmates — the hypoallergenic Golden-doodles and the quick-study Yellow Labs — forget that association between the positive voice and the good response, then they will need a refresher course. A bit like law review for attorneys.

That’s because there’s a lot that has to be left. Consider the medical equipment and other sundry hazards that populate hospital floors and rehab units: I/V sacks hanging from poles on casters; closed-up wheelchairs; a blood-soaked bandage fallen on the floor; rough textures like grids and grates, sump dips and wobbly boards, extra-nubby concrete or scorching hot pavements that dogs hate; walkers with tempting tennis balls on the front legs, pushed by patients hell-bent on getting to the dining room; and the worst encounter (one practiced, of course,



Pawsitive Teams’ executive director, Eileen Heveron, with her diabetic alert dog, Dex.

in class): Scary Mary. An instructor talks nicely to two dogs, steps behind a door, dons a sombrero and blankets her shoulders, then opens the door calmly — only to start quivering like Carmen Miranda. The poor doggies are tricked and go berserk. Were I in there place, I too might have barked myself silly then rushed at a woman with a hat made of fruit!

The solution to dealing with such a fright? The dog must feel the handler’s calming demeanor “rush down the leash.” In other words: handlers, don’t pull on the leash and yell, “No, no, no,” which is a univer-

sal tendency and also the most confusing. Teach Gracie (and Ivy Rose and Joe Bruin) to “look at me.” This attentional cue should work to retard the unwanted wild start, a lot or just enough, and so forestall any lawsuit resulting from your Rottweiler mauling the Dressup Lady.

Each time I see them, the dogs seem to be steadily easing into their new roles. Just as important, so do their handlers. The dogs face a bevy of commands, which, taken together, amount to asking them to display the manners of a Jane Austen heroine. Consider: “Dogs get twitchy in narrow lanes,” says trainer Denelle Curry. Finding himself in a tight space — say, between a set of chairs and a wall (no way out) or down a skinny corridor — Goldendoodle Huck, with mother/daughter Terri and Madeline, must not try and wiggle loose, but rather, back up. A tough move. Consider: approaching a bedridden patient, the eager-to-please Ivy Rose — with Mary Ann and Jim’s prodding — must mount the mattress’s surface

with paws up. Consider: coming toward a seated person, Gracie, with a despite a surfeit of puppyish spunk, must target and touch Deb’s palm, thereby arriving at just the right position. Exercise: touch, treat, “Good girl,” come forward, touch, treat, a smidgen closer, “Very good girl.”

One night, the Pawsitive volunteers set up stations for role-playing as likely matchups: an amputee, an obnoxious child, a stroke victim. Handler: *Let’s do a visit! Dog: Pant, pant.* Volunteer: *Don’t forget to move the food tray aside.* Handler to Patient: *Do you like dogs?* Dog to Patient: *How about me?* Volunteer: *Focus on the patient and don’t pull on the leash so much! When you calm down, the dog calms down.* Patient: *Hi, pup.* Dog to Patient: *I’m excited. My body’s shaking. My maw’s salivating. My tail’s wagging me, the dog.* Volunteer: *Remember the three things you shouldn’t say to a patient who’s medically fragile: How are you doing? I’ll be back next week. Have a nice day. Why? First, if you ask about their condition, you’ll get an earful of how dreadful they’re feeling; second, you can’t guarantee you’ll be back; and third, it’s doubtful a person, her memory failing, is having a nice day. Focus on the dog.* Handler: *Will do.* Dog to Handler: *So far, you’re still the person I think you are. Am I the good boy you think I am?*

I wonder about the dogs’ reception of many sound-alike commands: *Sit, stay, stand.* Likewise, with *back up* and *paws up*, although the touch for each is distinct. Tough going, but not optional: vocal commands and body cues, such as “look at me” or “leave it,” are requirements, tools of the trade. Without demonstrated mastery of those,

there’s no certification. Because these dogs must do more than comfort their charges; they must protect the institutions in which those charges reside. Certification is insurance. Against what? Against a bite, a tipped-over I/V, an upended meal tray that sends scalding hot coffee all over a candy striper. If someone — or rather, some dog — makes a mistake like that, someone’s got to pay.

I call it the ORG effect. For the last thirty years, the number of therapy and service dogs and the organizations that train them has grown like crazy. We’re talking dogs working at multiple sites, each with their own financial liability, background checks, in-house regulations— Love on a Leash, Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Kaiser and Scripps hospitals, as well as local hospices and the Pawsitive Teams’ own eleven different programs. Dog-work is a selective service, indeed. Most importantly, a therapy dog “is not legally recognized by law,” which means Buddy can’t be on an airplane, in a courtroom, or on military assignment unless he’s been stringently prepared and officially certified. Pawsitive Teams notes that this requires training “for 18-24 months in obedience, specialized tasks, and public access skills.”

Eventually, it’s time for a therapy outing. One evening, Pawsitive Teams and three leash holders and their canines — Duke, the whip-smart Australian Shepherd; Ivy Rose, the sugary Golden Retriever; and Joe Bruin (UCLA pedigree), the 18-month-old Goldendoodle who’s a bit touch-averse — gather at the San Diego Center for Children in Ke-

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arney Mesa, adjacent to Mesa College. The facility is “a residential site for kids with behavioral concerns,” Miss Katie, the skills coordinator, tells us. She estimates the staff, on-site and administrative, at four people for every adolescent. The center serves 80 teens on three-to-six-month stays; they’re mostly “on the spectrum,” that is, autistic, usually mildly so. Five arrive in a well-lit parking lot for a meet-and-pet. (I can’t name the kids. But I can say we know them: those who don’t fit in to high-school social hierarchies, their radical dress and creative caste outsider. Thanks to private insurance and city/county funders, these boys and girls and nonbinaries have a safe place to be, for a while.)

Right off, each teen, dressed in green or brown hoodies (hoods down), sweatpants, and sneakers, one with two silver lip rings, another with a stringy flop of hair covering half his face, is placed with a dog. It’s an uneven encounter: The dogs, whose socialization in a strange nighttime encounter is being tested, are wary — in part because

the five kids approach eagerly, their manner noisy and over-chummy. Each handler suggests first an open palm for a lick, a finger-rub on the noodle, then maybe a tummy rub or petting the furry coat. It’s also good to just visit and have neither kid nor dog paw the other until the excitement tones down.

Soon, the kids are sharing canine tales. Each has a dog at home. Each speaks proudly of Ajax or Zeno as friends, confidantes, snugglers. One has two pit bulls, one of whom she says she’s trained to be a service dog, visiting a homeless shelter in El Cajon. Talking with each dog and handler, the teens describe their pooches’ personalities, tricks, and senses of humor. They miss caring for them. They yearn for their pets, if not the situations they’ve left behind; no doubt they feel lousy having to have left them there. “Therapy” suddenly feels applicable. I sense a collective anguish, strained separation from best friends who do not judge them, who love them for who they are.

Growing attachments suffuse the next hour. High-strung Duke will do anything for a treat; he jumps three feet in the air

like he’s in a carnival act. Lovey-dovey Ivy Rose marshals a medley: she sits, offers a paw to shake, holds up the other paw for a high-five, then raises herself up on her hind legs to double the number for a high-ten. High-strung Joe Bruin keeps head-turning to see who’s behind him, keeping on eye on his vulnerable end. But each kid advises the miniature horse, “It’s OK, boy. I know you’re nervous. I get nervous too in new situations. Let’s just calm down.” Lots of pats on the head and rubs behind the ears. *Who’s counseling whom?*

Duke’s handler Kylie wants her Shepherd in her second-grade classroom (part of the day), Joe Bruin’s “Mom,” Elizabeth, an elementary school principal, wants the same for her Goldendoodle — a place in her office and with the resource teacher. Both dogs, their play instincts stratospheric, have a post-puppy climb toward managed tranquility because, as Barbara McKown says, “How you or anyone relates to your dog is how he’s going to relate back. If he’s treated like he’s treated all the time — that is, well — he’ll respond in kind.” That desired



Kylie and Duke

response means the dog has to know not to take things personally. It’s not easy. Kids show kindness, yes; they’re also rabbit with stress and predictably unpredictable. In any given encounter, they may bottom-out with sadness or go giddy silly.

Handlers shoulder stress, too. At least for the first year of on-site duty, handlers must repeat to everyone, one-on-one and in crowds, what to do and what not to do during an encounter.

After exercises to “oxytocin” dog and student, each teen stands 30 feet away and, with treat in hand, calls each dog to

come. This is a trusting maneuver. Duke and Ivy Rose hustle to the target, are fed, and rush back to a happy parent. And Joe Bruin? Tired from an hour of socializing, he first vogues his brow-furrowing look of canine incredulosity, sees the target everyone’s pointing at, and then gets it right. Good boy. No *faux paw*.

In the end, there’s a debriefing. The kids are upbeat: one dog “did a good walk and was speedy,” another “was a good sport” who “actually motivated me to want to take care of dogs.” Another states that a recalcitrant pooch should be more “flexible and needs

to work on not getting so excited.” Still another says the dog’s “listening [capacity] is just amazing—and she’s good with treats.” Meaning further trainable.

I watch Duke, who watches the kids — they’re here voluntarily; a press on the buzzer at the gate and they can leave — walk back to their soft lockdown. I realize I’m projecting onto Duke, who’s avidly staring: *Where are my buddies going? In the Pawsitive debrief, instructors and handlers agree: the dogs were splendid—patient, curious, “a super-motivated class of dog whisperers,” says Denelle. I note that the more the dogs nuzzle with strangers, the more solid their learning seems — as if they realize that “adaptability” tops their annual review. Carol Davis says, “Our more experienced dogs—you can hand them to someone who’s a little wild and, in two seconds, they’re like, ‘Oh, I get this person.’” That’s the goal.*

In the post-prep-school realm — that is, when the dogs go visiting for therapeutic support — there are stories from the trenches about how a dog’s everyday role can

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change lives for the better. I hear a few of these feel-goods from Pawsitive Teams' executive director, Eileen Heveron.

Years ago, a teenage boy got crazy drunk, crashed his car, and was paralyzed, sentenced to a wheelchair for life. Because, as Heveron notes, "the windshield went through him" and a brain injury ruined his speech, he needed to learn to speak. Depression set in and wouldn't leave until a volunteer with a German Shephard began working with him. The dog had been trained to recognize 80 commands. These were coupled with the owner's hand signals. The handler stood behind the boy and asked him to say, "Sit." He stammered the word and, if the dog didn't get it, the handler made the sign. The dog sat. The three persevered, very slowly, returning him to limited but functional speech.

In another case, a fetch-mad Labrador Retriever met a stroke victim in rehab. The woman's right hand had been frozen, rendered unusable. A dog lover herself, she tossed the ball, but only with her good hand. Heveron asked to try the right, but the woman said, "No. It won't work."



Linda and Brinkley

"Just try it once. Just let the ball drop and dribble." She did: That "once" turned into ten tosses/retrievals, then a hundred, then a thousand, and a month later, following daily PT with this and other therapies, her right hand thawed out and came back to life.

Heveron, who is known in her circles as a person "who can work a room," describes the ever-expanding realm of service dogs, those who require months of training for specific, certified jobs. Increasingly, we as a society are becoming familiar with these dogs, they help the blind, retrieve medicine

or a cellphone, sniff out drugs, find buried bodies, assist people with seizures, comfort children during courtroom trials, and oh yes, one specific task Heveron knows personally.

At age six and a half, Heveron was stricken with type 1 diabetes; she had the disease but, tragically, lacked the telltale symptoms that would signal when she was low on blood sugar (hypoglycemic), meaning she "needs sugar fast." For years, she has monitored her condition with a blood-stick test and, if necessary, a drunk a glass of juice to elevate her sugar level. Having worked with therapy and service

dogs most of her life, she decided several years ago to be matched with a diabetic alert dog. "Matched" here meant ordering the dog from a training program in Minneapolis called Scent Angels.

Every person, Heveron tells me, has a scent ID, a marker. Before her match, Heveron wiped her sweat and saliva with cotton balls, collected and froze them in an airtight plastic bag, and overnighted the package to the group. The Scent Angels, in turn, taught the dog to put his paws on the person in his care and lock eyes, telescoping concern.

Soon, she had her dog, Dex, a standard Poodle. When she first got him, Dex was "very pushy about alerting me. One night, I'd just had dinner . . . and he jumped up on me and stared me down. I thought it was silly, he was so insistent." She complied, checked her blood sugar, and it was low. "He was right," she says, "and I apologized."

When Dex is by her side, people see him in his yellow vest and badge (Service Dog, Access Requested) and expect to see in Heveron a visible infirmity. They ask why she has a service dog. She explains she has an "invisible disability." She describes Dex as "just stunning. He's quiet. He's not in your face. He doesn't like a lot of attention. He just trundles along beside

me because I'm his person and he's in charge of me."

For several years now, she's worn a CGM, or Continuous Glucose Monitor device, to measure her levels. The technology "has gotten much better over time," and the system is very reliable. Heveron insists, however, that her dog has not been "replaced." Dex and device complement one another. "He still alerts me, checks me several times a day," she notes. "After six years together, he and I have a routine, and he's spot on."

In this century, our anxiety-ridden populace has decided that buddying-up with animals — known everywhere for their "emotional support"—should comfort our insecurities not just at home, but in public as well — seemingly, the more public the better. Hewing to the belief that others are always on board with "what's right for me," Americans have sentenced their pets to all sorts of compromising roles for which our public gatekeepers have laid down the law. An emotional-support kangaroo with its handler was told to leave McDonald's, and the pair hopped out. An 80-pound nerve-soothing pig, so designated by its owner, was told to hoof off an airline before take-

off. Its smell was sickening passengers and crew. And a therapy-companion duck named Daniel Stinkerbutt who'd been paired up with a PTSD-pal waddled to his seat on a short intra-state flight and, apparently, loved the ride. Alas, despite the adoring quacks, a Captain America diaper, and tiny red shoes, Daniel was not allowed to fly again.

But here, in Miramar, we are worlds away from such nonsense. It's Pawsitive grad night, and in a proud-panting row, six responsible canines are ready to begin work as companions. Their goodwill, already known to their handlers, will now provide for the health of others. In a final ceremony, they will trade their "Therapy Dog in Training" green bandanas for robes and mortar boards. Prior to receiving a certificate, each dog does a trick. Samples: Janey sits up, Joe Bruin crawls on the floor, Duke waits ten feet from a doggie bone and then gets it when given the okay, and Brinkley leaps and catches a ball, then returns it to a basket.

The Pawsitivity is contagious. Claps and happy yawns abound. Whatever the state of the world they are setting out to engage, I'm sure these tricks and the love they make will make it just a little bit better.

— Thomas Larson



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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT



Thursday | 11

GIALLO ITALIAN HORROR FEST

Popcorn Reef and The Tenth Avenue Arts Center are bringing Cinematic Void and January Giallo founder Jim Branscome down to San Diego to discuss Italian horror films. Giallo is a film subgenre loosely defined as an Italian murder mystery that tends to incorporate killers, vixens, and hallucinatory imagery. They will be screening a double feature of Giallo films, including the San Diego premiere of Dario Argento's *Opera* and the American Giallo *Stripped to Kill*. Bring food in to eat at on the rooftop lounge.

WHEN: Thursday, January 11, 7 pm to 11 pm

WHERE: Tenth Avenue Arts Center, 930 Tenth Avenue, East Village, popcornreef.com

Enantiornithes have been named.

WHEN: Friday, January 12, 10 am to 12 pm

WHERE: Steele Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, 401 Tilting T Drive, Borrego Springs, anzaborregopaleo.org

Saturday | 13

POWAY'S WINTER FESTIVAL

Build a snowman, sled down a snow hill, roast marshmallows by the camp-



Friday | 12

EXPLORING ENANTIORNITHES

Dr. Jessie Atterholt, a paleontologist, will explore Enantiornithes ("opposite birds"), the prehistoric birds that shared the earth with dinosaurs. These extinct avians were an abundant and diverse group from the Mesozoic era. Almost all of them retained teeth and bore clawed fingers on each wing, but otherwise, they looked much like modern birds. Over eighty species of

fire, snap some selfies in a photo booth, and try a spin around the synthetic skate rink. Check out the crafts, carnival games, pony rides, and food vendors. Free shuttles to and from the event will be available from Poway City Hall and Boys and Girls Club.

WHEN: Friday, January 12 and Saturday, January 13, 5 pm to 9 pm

WHERE: Poway Community Park and Auditorium, 13094 Civic Center Drive, Poway. poway.org



FRIDAY, JANUARY 12: EXPLORING ENANTIORNITHES

Sunday | 14

SAN DIEGO RODEO

The San Diego Padres, C5 Rodeo Company, Inc. and Outriders Present



are bringing the first-ever rodeo to Petco Park. The three-day competition will showcase cowboys and cowgirls competing for over half a million dollars in prize money. Notable cowboys scheduled to participate include Stetson Wright and Rocker Steiner.

WHEN: Friday, January 12 through Sunday, January 14, 12 pm

WHERE: Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard, East Village, rodeosd.com

Tuesday | 16

NEVER ENDING FALL

New age rockers Never Ending Fall have been playing music together

since forming their first band while attending fourth grade in Maryland. They achieved success on TikTok with their series and jingle *Can It Kirkland*, leading to their debut 2020

album *Space City*. With a new EP out now, their American Disco Tour will hit the House of Blues' Voodoo Room.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 16, 7:30 pm
WHERE: House of Blues, 1055 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. houseofblues.com/sandiego



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ART

C-Note Sale Peruse the exclusive collection of original art created by the local artists of the San Diego Art Guild. Selected items are offered for sale for \$100 (a C-note). Sunday, January 14, 10am; **free**. Off Track Gallery, 937 S. Coast Hwy. 101, suite C-103. (ENCINITAS)

Pennies From Heaven This new series of mixed media and collage artwork by artist Denise Cerro has been created with lucky pennies in mind. The show will be on exhibit for two weeks. Sunday, January 14, 1pm; **free**. FIVEart Studio & Gallery, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd Bar-racks 16, Suite 206. (LIBERTY STATION)

Working Title Annual exhibition of local art and music returns with a ritualistic mélange of paintings, sculpture, multimedia art, and live performances. Thursday, January 11, 6pm; Friday, January 12, 6pm; Saturday, January 13, 6pm; \$15-\$25. St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)

AUTOMOTIVE

Cars & Coffee All cars welcome Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, August 24, **free**. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Biltwell Parts & Labor Custom Motorcycle Expo Biltwell Parts & Labor Custom Motorcycle Expo is the ultimate destination for motorcycle enthusiasts—builders, bike riders, and bargain hunters can go to see bikes, meet people, and score deals on the best riding gear, parts and accessories available. Saturday, January 13, 10am; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Ariel Lawhon: The Frozen River Warwick's will host Ariel Lawhon as she discusses and signs her new book, *The Frozen River*, in conversation with Jane Oppenheimer. Free seating is subject to available space on a first-come, first-served basis. To ensure seating, reserve one book per person @ warwicks.com/event/lawhon-2024. Tuesday, January 16, 7:30pm; **free**-\$28. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

John Densmore: The Doors Unhinged John Densmore discusses and signs *The Doors Unhinged: Jim Morrison's Legacy Goes on Trial*. Sunday, January 14, 3pm; Diesel, A Bookstore, 12843 El Camino Real Suite 104. (DEL MAR)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

An Easy Path to Awakening With Rev. Dr. Kenji Akahoshi. Saturday, January 13, 1pm; **free**. Buddhist Temple of San Diego, 2929 Market Street. (GOLDEN HILL)

Body Dynamics This class provides students with an understanding of the Breath-Mind-Body dynamic and its relationship to health and wellness during the aging process. Please wear flat supportive shoes and loose, comfortable clothing. Friday, January 12, 12:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

Competitive Tennis 3 Saturday Drills & Games Designed to be more effective and more fun than just playing tennis, the class includes some instruction of traditional tennis plus special games designed to accelerate learning skills and techniques. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, March 23, 18 and up. Westview High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

Foster Care Youth Volunteer Info Session With just 10-15 hours a month, you can be a reason a youth has to celebrate. Help provide a trained advocate for every child who needs one — sign up for

Rhyme & Verse

A poem for the New Year
by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

From "In Memoriam" (CVI)

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the sky:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;

Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kinder hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.



Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809-1892) was an English poet and one of the most popular poets of the Victorian Era. He was the longest-serving Poet Laureate of England, a position he enjoyed from 1852 until his death. Tennyson's verse covers an array of subjects, including medieval legend ("Idylls of the King"), classical myth ("Ulysses") and observations of domestic life ("The Deserted House") and nature ("The Eagle"). "In Memoriam," a long poem of 133 cantos of varying length, each written in four-line iambic tetrameter stanzas, was penned as a tribute to a college friend, Arthur Henry Hallam, who had died at the age of 22 of a stroke. The repetitive quality of the stanzas and rhyme scheme create a somber, mournful effect, as Tennyson intended. The poem includes the famous tag, "'Tis better to have loved and lost/Than to never have loved at all." It was one of Queen Victoria's favorite poems.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

a volunteer information session. Tuesday, January 16, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. speakupnow.org. (ONLINE)

Hand Rolled Sushi Class Learn how to create your own fresh sushi rolls. Saturday, January 13, 1pm; **free**-\$59. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Healthy Soils Program Grant Basics Solana Center, a Technical Assistance Provider for the HSP program, will dive into the details of how to apply for the Healthy Soils Program Grant. Tuesday, January 16, 6pm; **free**. solanacenter.org/events/. (ONLINE)

Make Your Own Ravioli Cooking class Sunday, January 14, 5pm; \$59. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Removing CO2 From the Atmosphere Join the San Diego Section of the American Nuclear Society for dinner with a presentation and discussion on decarbonization. Topic: "Capturing & Removing CO2 From the Atmosphere" Speaker: Frederick W. MacDougall. Wednesday, January 17, 5:30pm; International House of Pancakes, 16759 Bernardo Center Drive. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

Sound Healing Meditation Join Jeny of Zen Soul Balance for immersive sound healing. Saturday, January 13, 6:30pm; \$45. Buddhi Yoga, 7843 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Vision Board Class A vision board is a powerful, visual representation of all the things that you want to do, be and have in your life. Please register in advance @ bravoschoolofart.squarespace.com/artclasses/vision-board. Saturday, January 13, 2pm; \$52-\$59. Bravo School of Art South Park, 2963 Beech Street. (SOUTH PARK)

Yoga: Mindful Movement with Breath Join Elizabeth Hospice Volunteer and Yoga Practitioner, Hank Newman, on a journey through grief using mindfulness, movement, and breath. Reduce stress and anxiety while embracing the power of the present moment. *Suitable for all levels of ability. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket, and water. Saturday, January 13, 11:30am; **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

COMEDY

Ari Shaffir Ari Shaffir is an American standup comedian who hosted on Comedy Central called *This Is Not Happening*. Ari also has a Netflix special called *Double Negative* and a Comedy Central special called *Paid Regular*. Thursday, January 11, 7pm; \$16-\$80. 18 and up. Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Chris Distefano Right Intention, Wrong Move tour Friday, January 12, 7pm; \$49-\$86. Magnolia Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

Comedy Heights PG13 stand-up comedy show. Al Gavi with Tavaris Smith, Andrew Cassidy, Alberto David Mercado and Host Maria Herman. Saturday, January 13, 8pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee

House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

David Jolly David Jolly's minutes behind the mic are an extension of his round-the-clock boisterous antics. The performance takes place in the Gold Room. Thursday, January 11, 7:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Dope City Comedy Tour Matt Bellak and Tim Hanlon are two nationally touring headliners featured on Amazon, Hulu, and Comedy Time TV. The performance takes place in the Main Room. Thursday, January 11, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Free Comedy Night Featuring Paola Diaz Short Jake Ben Mastrocco Matthew Coe Mikey Perry and host Alex Petit. Friday, January 12, 6:30pm; **free**. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

Hollywood Kevin Stone Hollywood Kevin Stone is a Master Hypnotist and a Board-Certified Hypnotherapist. The performance takes place in the Gold Room. Saturday, January 13, 7:30pm and 10pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Hollywood Showcase Five comics, 2 item min purchase per person (food and/or drinks). Friday, January 12, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, January 13, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$5-\$40. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Jamario McClain Jamario performs regularly in LA at The Comedy Store, Hollywood Improv and Laugh Factory. He was featured on *Laughs* on Fox and *Funny AF* on Revolt. Sunday, January 14, 6:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Jay Jurden Jay Jurden is a New York based comedian, writer and actor who is currently a Staff Writer for Apple TV+'s Emmy-nominated show, *The Problem With Jon Stewart*. The performance takes place in the Main Room. Friday, January 12, 7pm and 9pm; Saturday, January 13, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$22. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Kenan Presents Live Comedy Showcase The Saturday Night Live cast member, Kenan Thompson presents #KenanPresents Live Comedy Showcase and it has become synonymous with discovering the next big names in comedy. Sunday, January 14, 6pm and 8:30pm; \$25-\$225. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Late Night at Mic Drop Open mic night: watch national touring comedians try out new bits for Netflix, and watch day one dreamers face their fears for the first time. Friday, January 12, 10pm; \$5. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Matt McCusker AS SEEN/HEARD ON: Matt & Shane's Secret Podcast, Gilly & Keeves & more! Thursday, January 11, 8pm; Friday, January 12, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, January 13, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Matthew Broussard Kimbles 'n Bits Comedy - Matthew Broussard and Guests Tuesday, January 16, 7:30pm; \$22-\$39. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

Neil Hamburger and Major Entertainer - Thursday, January 11, 7:30pm; \$22. 21 and up. Casbah, 2501 Kettner Boulevard. (LITTLE ITALY)

New Comics On The Block Enjoy a Main Room showcase of comedians that recently graduated from the club's stand up comedy workshop. Saturday, January 13, 3pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

N'Sync Boozy Brunch Show Variety show of stand up comedy, trivia and a musical head to head lip sync battle based on N'Sync. Sunday, January 14, 12pm; \$18-\$200. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Telenovela Improv Join improv team, LIRRRER for an hour of over-the-top dramatic passion paired with laughs. Performed in ingles (in English) Friday, January 12, 8:30pm; \$7-\$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Wednesday Night Roast Battle 8 Comics compete in a Roast Battle Throwdown for cash prize. Hosted by Benji GarciaReyes. Wednesday, January 17, 9pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Gentle Penguin, 289 3rd Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

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DANCE

Lighting A Spark: Middle School Dance Concert This year's dance concert, Lighting a Spark, is inspired by the student's themselves. The dancers in the SDS CPA Dance Department come to the middle school program with a spark for dance that grows into a brilliant passion that shines in the studio and on the stage. Florence Johnson Grand Theatre Thursday, January 11, 7pm; Friday, January 12, 7pm; Saturday, January 13, 2pm and 7pm; \$10-\$20. School of Creative and Performing Arts, 2425 Dusk Drive. (PARADISE HILLS)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Adult Book Club Join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6 pm for Book Discussion Arsenic and Adobo by Mia P. Manansala (Mystery) Wednesday, January 17, 6pm; **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Meet Filmmaker Sara Dosa Meet nonfiction filmmaker Sara Dosa, the featured guest speaker of the 2024 Suraj Israni Memorial Lecture. UC San Diego, North Torrey Pines Living and Learning Neighborhood, Mosaic Building #113. Saturday, January 13, 4pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Republican Women of California, Point Loma Meeting Monthly meeting and lunch. For more information and reservations, contact info@rwcpl.org Wednesday, January 17, 11am; \$35-\$40. 18 and up. Bay Club Hotel and Marina, 2131 Shelter Island Drive. (SHELTER ISLAND)

FOOD & DRINK

A Journey to Sicily Wine Workshop Embark on an exploration of Sicilian culture and flavors, Wednesday, January 17, 6pm; \$25-\$50. 21 and up. Liberty Public Market, 2820 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

North Park Vegan Food Pop-up Over 50 vendors including pizza, burgers, donuts, noodles, tacos, sushi, wings, dumplings, nachos and more. Saturday, January 13, 12pm; **free**. North Park Mini Park, 3812 29th Street. (NORTH PARK)

Shabbat Table with Bonnie Stern & Anna Rupert Author talk and Shabbat dinner with Bonnie Stern & Anna Rupert, authors of *Don't Worry, Just Cook*. This duo's cookbook features easy-to-follow recipes to help cooks of all experience levels and includes kitchen wisdom that will build your confidence in the kitchen. The evening will include a Shabbat Dinner featuring Stern and Rupert's recipes. Friday, January 12, 7:30pm; \$43-\$84. Lawrence Family Jewish Community Center, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

OUTDOORS

Big surf moves lots of sand, extreme tides this week

Recent Big Ocean Swells and wild surf conditions left some area beaches partially or wholly denuded of sand. The powerful waves pulled sand off the beach and moved it into deeper waters offshore, leaving behind deposits of rounded cobbles where sand had been. During spring and summer, gentle wave action will return much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of summer tourists. Artificial sand-replenishment projects are usually in the works, too,



AN EGRET PATROLS THE ROCKS AT LOW TIDE IN LA JOLLA, LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO EAT



BIG SURF AT THE OB PIER

whereby sand dredged from waters offshore is transported back to the shoreline.

A String of Extraordinarily Low Tides occurs this week. The tide on Wednesday, January 10, dips to -1.67 feet at 3:10 pm. Thursday's low tide of -1.87 feet occurs at 3:50 pm. On Friday, the tide falls to -1.8 feet at 4:29 pm. These low-tide episodes will be perfect for exploring the lowermost of the intertidal zones in the rocky areas of San Diego County's coastline. Extreme high tides will also occur a few hours before each extreme low tide, with Thursday's and Friday's high tides both reaching a height of 7.38 feet. The tidal extremes this month are related to the New Moon phase, and also to the moon's seasonal position in the sky, which is helping to carry the global tidal bulges and troughs over latitudes farther north than usual.

The Moon and Saturn will "dance" together this weekend. On Saturday, January 13 the moon will be above Saturn, and will then dip just below it on the 14th.

FOR KIDS

Discovery Table: Kumeyaay Children's Games & Toys Stop by the Discovery Table in the lobby of the Visitor Center and learn all about different Kumeyaay games from MTRP Trail Guides. Kids can make and take home their very own stick dice game. Saturday, January 13, 10am; Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade The 42nd Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade features floats, High School Bands, Drill Teams, Colleges/Universities, Fraternities, Sororities, Churches, Peace and Youth organizations. Sunday, January 14, 10am; **free**. Embarcadero, Along Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Tomás & the Library Lady In this inspiring true story, Tomás, a Mexican-American boy and the son of migrant farm workers, meets a caring and inspiring librarian who introduces him to the wonderful world of books. San Diego Premiere. ASL-Interpreted performance on Saturday, January 20 at 2pm. Friday, January 12, 7pm; Saturday, January 13, 2pm; Sunday, January 14, 2pm; \$18-\$20. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

LECTURES

Exploring the Evolution & Diversity of the Enantiornithes Dr. Jessie Atterholt, a paleontologist, will explore the enigmatic Enantiornithes ("Opposite birds"), the prehistoric birds that shared the earth with dinosaurs. Friday, January 12, 10am; **free**. Steele Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center, 401 Tilting T Drive. (BORREGO SPRINGS)

NATURE

Creekside Critters Presented by the San Dieguito River Valley Conservancy, Creekside Critters is a fun, educational, and exciting event where kids can get up close and personal with nature in local creeks, guided by the San Diego Tracking Team. Saturday, January 13, 10am; **free**. Birdwing Open Air Classroom at the San Dieguito Lagoon, 2775 Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park along a scenic trail. Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, Janu-

ary 13, 9:30am, Sunday, January 14, 9:30am, Wednesday, January 17, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk. Walks are free and open to the public, with no camping or reservations required. Learn about the lush riparian habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline, home to many birds, animals, and unique plants. Walks are canceled if raining. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Saturday, January 13, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake

Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

MLK Day Guided Nature Walk Join an MTRP Trail Guide on a special Martin Luther King Day nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park on one of these scenic trails: The Oak Grove Loop showcasing majestic coast live oaks and rare Engelmann's oaks. Monday, January 15, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

MTRP Discovery Table-Lichens Stop by the Discovery Table in the lobby of the Visitor Center and learn all about lichens from MTRP

Trail Guides. **Free Monday**, January 15, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Golf Course, 7380 Golfcrest Place. (SAN CARLOS)

Migrating Birds Nature walk and talk given by BLF docent Mike Gollong to learn about the winter migrating birds that visit the lagoon. Bring your own binoculars or borrow from the Nature Center. This free, family event is interesting for both adults and kids, age 12 and older. Registration is required @ batiquitoslagoon.org. Meet at the Nature Center. Saturday, January 13, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane. (CARLSBAD)

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Frozen Disney Inspired Market Door prizes for the first 60 adults that lineup starting at 9:30 and raffles throughout the day. You will get a raffle ticket for every purchase made from 70 vendors. Sunday, January 14, 11am; **free**. Chula Vista Friendship Park, Fourth Avenue & F Street. (CHULA VISTA)

Gem Faire in Del Mar Fine jewelry, precious & semi-precious gemstones, millions of beads, crystals, gold & silver, minerals & much more at manufacturer's prices. Buy direct from the importers & wholesalers. Jewelry repair & cleaning while you shop. Friday, January 12, 12pm; Saturday, January 13, 10am; Sunday, January 14, 10am; **free**-\$7. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Oddities & Curiosities Expo You'll find items such as: taxidermy, preserved specimens, original artwork, horror/halloween inspired pieces, antiques, handcrafted oddities, quack medical devices, creepy clothing, odd jewelry, skulls/bones, funeral collectibles & much more. Saturday, January 13, 10am; Sunday, January 14, 10am; \$12-\$239. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

Poway Community Park's Winter Festival Build a snowman, sled down a snow hill, roast marshmallows by the campfire, make silly faces in a cool photo booth, or taking a spin around the synthetic skate rink. Friday, January 12, 5pm; Saturday, January 13, 3:30pm; **free**. Poway Community Park and Auditorium, 13094 Civic Center Drive. (POWAY)

Winter Festival for the Special Needs Community Build a snowman, sled down our snow hill, try your luck at cool carnival games, or take a spin around the synthetic skate rink. Check in to receive free event wristband required for early access admission. Saturday, January 13, 2:30pm; **free**. Poway Community Park and Auditorium, 13094 Civic Center Drive. (POWAY)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Monster Jam Enjoy world champion athletes and their 12,000-pound monster trucks as they tear up the dirt in wide-open competitions of speed and skill. Saturday, January 13, 7pm; Sunday, January 14, 3:15pm; \$25-\$154. Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Gulls vs. Iowa Wild The San Diego Gulls will host 14 different Western Conference opponents at Pechanga Arena as part of their 2023-24 schedule. Friday, January 12, 7pm; Saturday, January 13, 6pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

San Diego Sockers vs. Chihuahua Savage The 16-time champion San Diego Sockers will host the Chihuahua Savage at Pechanga Arena. Sunday, January 14, 5:05pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

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.

The Cocktail Hour

Step into the world of *The Cocktail Hour*, where wit meets warmth in a play that weaves sharp humor with heartwarming moments. Play by A.R. Gurney, directed by Jaeanne Davis-Crawford. TRINITY THEATRE COMPANY, 1640 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 129, MISSION VALLEY. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

A classic portrait of one man's struggle toward grace is set in the scorching

context of the 17th-century Salem witch trials. The Crucible renders human struggles both internal and external: a community galvanized by fear and suspicion, a wife betrayed by lust, an orphan girl blind with passion and obsessed with revenge, ruthless prosecutors, deluded holy men, and covetous neighbors Directed by Melissa Malloy Produced by Pamela Stompoly Featuring John Carroll, Camellia Cedilla, Linda Benning, Raymond Evans, Lina Hannegan, Dani Usman, Ruth Russell, Tom Kilroy, Amy Dell, Matt Sayre, Katia Sky, Bryn Williams, Darlene Cleary, Jerry Young, Rielle Jarrett, Floyd Strayer, Yvonne Nguyen
LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE, 5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

Intimate Apparel

Two-time Pulitzer Prize-winning dramatist Lynn Nottage has stitched together a powerful tale with an array of characters whose intertwining relationships are told with humor, heartbreak and resiliency. Set in 1905 New York City, the production tells the story of a lonely but talented black seamstress, Esther, living in a Manhattan boardinghouse. Despite her current circumstances, Esther dreams of a more fulfilling life. Directed by Jasmine Bracey, the play takes us through Esther's world where she creates exquisite lingerie for diverse clientele, from wealthy white patrons to prostitutes. Her life takes a dramatic turn when she begins correspondence with a suitor, George, working on the Panama Canal. The cast features Madeleine Barker, Teri Brown, Jonathan Fisher Jr, Donald Paul, Nedra Snipes and Arizsia Staton. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS.

Peter Pan

Ovation Theatre is proud to present a reimaging of the Tony Award-winning Broadway classic Peter Pan. Featuring a timeless score, high-flying stunts presented in partnership with ZFX, and a cast from across North San Diego County. HOWARD BRUBECK THEATRE AT PALOMAR COLLEGE, 1140 W. MISSION RD., PALOMAR COLLEGE. 760-744-1150. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

Tomás & the Library Lady

In this inspiring true story, Tomás, a

Mexican-American boy and the son of migrant farm workers, meets a caring and inspiring librarian who introduces him to the wonderful world of books. Through her guidance and the magic of storytelling, he discovers a world of knowledge, unlocking his potential and embarking on a journey of self-discovery. The stories enrich the lives of Tomás and his family and instill a love of reading. Adapted from the well-loved book, this heartwarming tale celebrates the importance of access to literature and the power of imagination to transcend boundaries. San Diego Premiere. ASL-Interpreted performance on Saturday, January 20 at 2pm. CASA DEL PRADO THEATRE, 1600 VILLAGUE PL., BALBOA PARK. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

The Wiz

Producers Kristin Caskey, Mike Isaacson, Brian Anthony Moreland, and Ambassador Theatre Group present an all-new production of the groundbreaking, Tony Award-winning musical *The Wiz*, adapted from *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. The Broadway revival of *The Wiz* returns "home" to stages across America in an all-new Pre-Broadway tour, the first one in 40 years. The tour begins in *The Wiz*'s original home city of Baltimore, where the show made its world premiere 50 years ago. This groundbreaking twist on *The Wizard of Oz* changed the face of Broadway—from its iconic score packed with soul, gospel, rock, and finger-snapping 70s funk to its stirring tale of Dorothy's journey to find her place in a contemporary world. Audiences get to enjoy the epic grooves of such beloved, timeless hits as "Ease on Down the Rd.," which became the show's break-out single, and the bona fide classic "Home" in this spectacular revival. SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. +16195701100. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 1PM & 6:30PM SUNDAY.

William Shakespeare's The Tempest

Prospero uses magic to conjure a storm and torment the survivors of a shipwreck, including the King of Naples and Prospero's treacherous brother, Antonio. Prospero's slave, Caliban, plots to rid himself of his master, but is thwarted by Prospero's spirit-servant Ariel. It's the bard, brought to life by magic and told in a way the entire family can enjoy. Presented by JCompany Youth Theatre DAVID AND DOROTHEA GARFIELD THEATRE, 4126 EXECUTIVE DR., LA JOLLA. 858-362-1348. 8PM SATURDAY, 2:30PM SUNDAY.

MOVIES

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

Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom — What's that you say? There's an eldritch horror frozen underneath the ice longing to be released by an act of nightmarish evil, and the King of Atlantis must reconcile with his estranged and deposed brother to stop it? H.P. Lovecraft meets Arthurian legend? Could be good! Oh, there's an octopus sidekick, and a villain out to

destroy the world via climate change brought on by the excessive burning of fossil fuels? Well, as long as it's done right, I guess. What's that? There's an embarrassing amount of product placement, a curious amount of butt-related bad language, and unfinished CGI? Hm. Um, the big lesson is "just keep at it" and the big battle is resolved through a goofy reference to Robin Hood? Oh well. It's still better than the first one. (2023) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

The Iron Claw — Writer-director Sean Durkin broke through in 2011 with *Martha Marcy May Marlene*, the story of a young woman who has escaped from a cult and must now find a way to reconnect with her family. But here, the cult is the family, and the only hope lies in escape, which proves all but impossible. (There are frequent mentions of a curse in this based-on-real-life story, and the seemingly endless parade of disasters, some random, others less so, serve to give the claim some weight. They certainly don't square with Mom's blunt reassurance of God's love.) The four Von Erich brothers are caught in the crushing grip of their father Fritz, a pro wrestler turned venue-owner who never got his shot at the championship. (His signature finishing move was called the Iron Claw — how terribly fitting.) Fritz doesn't have to punish his sons to get them to follow in his footsteps and succeed where he failed. He doesn't have to threaten them, or fight with them, or do anything but ask and instruct. They are his, and content to be so. And they have each other for support and consolation. (A big part of the film's appeal is the brotherly love on display between Zac Efron's big brother Kevin, Jeremy Allen White's brooding Kerry, Harris Dickinson's good guy David, and Stanley Simon's tender Mike.) The women may have thoughts on the matter, but they keep them to themselves. Only Kevin manages a hesitant bleat here and there, and even then, he's not about to defy Dad. So they march on, their ranks thinning, their bodies breaking alongside their hearts, under Durkin's watchful (and frequently very close-up) eye. The only thing we get by way of relief is regular doses of the brightly colored phantasmagoria that was '80s pro wrestling. And that's not nothing — even if it does get indulgent in places. (Gosh, but we get a lot of talk from Ric Flair.) Until. But that's where things get weird: at the end, where the real-life drama ought to take over from the scripted contests in the ring and pin us to the emotional mat, Durkin wriggles free of his own story and brings on not one but three happy endings — one in real-time, one in eternity, and one in posterity. If it feels like a bit of a slippery move, well, this is wrestling we're talking about. (2023) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Wonka — The flaws in Paul King's prequel are obvious, starting with the fact that he's taken the anarchic and unsettling confectionary overlord given to us by author Roald Dahl (and famously embodied onscreen by Gene Wilder) and turned him into a human version of his previous star, the wonderfully polite and sweet young bear named Paddington. (The human in question is Timothée Chalamet, who at least manages to convey some of the character's uncommon character.) You remember Paddington: the sort of fellow who genuinely believes he can win through pure decency. When an orphaned waif tells young Wonka that the greedy bear the needy and that's just the way of the world, he responds with unutterable sincerity that they'll simply have to change the world. Of course, it helps that despite his utter destitution — a plot point that puts him in his primary predicament here — he still carries a portable version of his chocolate factory, one capable of conjuring vast quantities of enchanted edibles from something very close to thin air. He sings that all he's got are a hatful of dreams, but his sales sheet says otherwise. Oh yes, there are songs. The good news is that they mostly fit seamlessly and harmlessly into the narrative, and when they don't, as in the big production seduction number "Have You Got a Sweet Tooth," the show-stopping makes sense. The less good news is that Chalamet sounds weirdly tamped down when he sings, almost as if they did something to his voice in post. The virtues are obvious as well: King's love for his characters and their world is palpable, his story mechanics tick away as precisely as Wonka's marvelous candy contraption, and his trademark whimsy is in plentiful supply. Hm, well — perhaps too plentiful, sort of like an action director who finally gets the budget to do a 20-minute car chase. Oh drat, I seem to be back to flaws. But here's the truth of it: for the most part, they didn't come to me until after I'd left the theater. Because the great virtue here is charm — which has a way of covering a multitude of sins in the magic of the moment — followed by, yes, sweetness. 2023. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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A Hillcrest moment

We dine happy, knowing we've overspent in a kind of good way

Please, darling. Not Chinese. Not tonight."

We're outside the Hong Kong restaurant. The place looks fine to me — but not to the beautiful Diane. We're up in Hillcrest, on Fourth near University. You can see this part of the neighborhood has been hurting, post-Covid. Pity. I kinda feel like Chinese, and the Hong Kong's a venerable institution for serving basic Chinese-American nosh. "Chinese Food. Since 1980," the sign says.

No sign of a name on that sign. Just a simple "HK." Enough for aficionados. It also shows a loaded wok among clouds in a blue

and woody way. We hoist ourselves onto bar stools at the little counter and look for anything HH. First thing we spot is food.

"Antipasta, \$9; flatbread, \$10; Mozzarella, \$9; Bruschette, \$8." Then the kicker: "Wines by the Bottle, 20 percent off." I'm suddenly tempted. By the glass, their HH wines are \$10-12 for reds, which is what we want. But by the bottle, \$30-

40. Barkeep-manager Rachel says you get 5-6 glasses in a bottle, so actually, if we were to drink the whole thing, we could figure 2-3 glasses each. More than enough savings, at say \$6 per glass, to justify the indulgence. "Think we can handle two glasses each?"

I ask TBD ("The Beautiful Diane"). "You're not serious," she says. Then she says, "Maybe. But we'll have to eat something. So calculate that into your calculations, Mr. Musk."

"Hey hey! Call me Elon," I say. "Never thought you'd be so crazy." What da heck. We end up getting one. A whole bottle. I've never done that before. But I am carrying an emergency C-Note in my pocket. And yes, even though

I'm trying to impress Diane, we still choose the cheapest bottle on the HH menu, a Tempranillo from Fuenmayor, Spain: \$30 for the bottle, or \$10 a glass.

"Let's do the math," I say. "Thirty dollars less 20 percent means \$24 for the bottle. Divide by six, for the max glasses we'd get out of it, and we're talking \$4 per glass — \$4 as opposed to \$10! Beat that! We're saving over half on by-the-glass prices." When you're counting your shekels, you calculate these things. We high-five.

"Edward," says Diane. She's not generally a giggly girl, but now she's even less so — giving me that look of under-the-brow, alcohol-fueled seriousness. "If we're going to drink this, we've got to have some food. Order something! Before Happy Hour ends."

I'm feeling a pleasantly silly, but I realize she's right. Ten minutes to go. We look at the special menus spread around the counter. Dishes include Brussels sprouts, mozzarella sticks, Ricotta and pears — light fare. In the end, on Rachel's recommendation, we go for the sprouts. Even though I

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Traditional Chinese banquet item - walnut shrimp never has leftovers.

sky. Surrounded by red, of course — the auspicious color.

But inside does look a little lonely right now. It's only five-ish.

"Know what I feel like?" asks Diane. "I feel like a glass of wine, darling."

I see they have wine by the glass (and only \$4.50) right here at the Hong Kong. But I know Diane wants someplace Euro-cooler. I suddenly recall the uber-cool Chocolat, around the corner at Fifth and University, the spot where Diane and I first jumped off the 120 bus so Diane could hit Buffalo Exchange, the uber-cool second-hand clothing store. I took a wander up the sidewalk while she wandered the aisles, and ended up at this corner cafe where I'd seen folks deserting the night away a while back. So now I take Diane there via University, and hey hey! Not only open, but having a Happy Hour: "2-6, Monday to Friday." That gives us half an hour.

Inside is indeed uber-cool in its white



Brussels sprouts, Chocolat-style. Delish mix of cranberries, shallots, parmesan, \$9.

always remember that sulphuric smell of the overcooked Brussels sprouts of my childhood. "My grandmother..." I start to say.

"Sure, sure, but she knew nothing about what people do with Brussels sprouts today," Diane answers. "See this combo? Sprouts, shallots, olive oil, cranberries, and Parmigiano. That will be fabulous. Trust me, darling, please?"

What can I do? And besides, turns out she's kind of right. These sprouts come heavily disguised in olive oil and garlic, with a sweet cranberry infusion drooling over them. I'm completely sold on the dish. We share the plate. Cost: \$9.

Problem? We've only glugged one glass and we're still hungry. And at \$8-10 per mini plate, this is going to rack up. So we stuff the cork down the tempranillo's neck and head out, back to...the Hong Kong, where they come through with two sur-

prisingly delicious plates. The best bargain — and perfectly tasty belly-filler — is the veggie fried rice at \$8.50. I also pay \$7.95 for a Tsing Tao beer. And then, oh man — I pay a lot for, but in the end don't regret for a Hillcrest moment, the walnut shrimp (\$19.95). OMG what indulgently sweet honeyed shrimp those are, buttressed by the nutty, glazed-sweet walnuts. Turns out China is one of the world's major producers of walnuts. Also turns out walnut shrimp is one of the great traditional banquet dishes of Chinese cuisine. It's called "the banquet dish without leftovers." Some might say this one is way too sweet, but even sweet Diane takes to it.

So yes, all in all, I guess this night takes care of the C-Note. But we dine happy, knowing we've overspent in a kind of good way. And hey, we still have half a bottle of that Tempranillo for another day. ■

The Place: Hong Kong Restaurant, 3871 Fourth Avenue, Hillcrest, 619-228-1702 or 291-9449

Hours: 11.30am-1am, Daily (till 3am Friday, Saturday)

Prices: Egg roll, \$7; hot and sour soup, \$3.50; chicken chop suey, \$13.95; kung pao chicken, \$13.95; beef in curry sauce, \$14.95; kung pao shrimp, \$16.95; walnut shrimp, \$19.95; vegetable fried rice, \$8.50; crispy beef, \$19.95; pepper and garlic shrimp, \$18.95

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blurt the inside track

Jamaican journeys The Goodies, known up until recently as Jus Goodie, are Justin “Goodie” Goodman and a collaborator who calls herself Zan. Between them, they’ve hung their hats in Chula Vista, Ramona, South

a 14 year-old kid. Somehow, the bond I developed with Jamaica and music helped me through it.”

Zan came by her irie vibes much closer to home. “I remember my oldest brother babysitting me as a kid; he

pletely obsessed with VWs as a teenager,” she recalls, “and I somehow talked my parents into buying me a 1973 Westfalia as my first car. My stepdad taught me how to drive stick shift, which I’m still very proud of to this day. When I finally started cruising in my bus, he said, ‘If you can drive this thing you can drive anything.’ I had big dreams of going on road trips across the country, fixing my engine myself when it broke down, traveling to play music, and being a rare girl that could run barefoot pushing the bus down a grade, jump in and pop the clutch, and get the bus moving.”

Around the same time her parents realized that they’d bought their daughter a motel on wheels, she moved out. She was 17. “I dove into heavy drug use, and lost my way for a few years. I had to decide at some point, after some really scary experiences, whether this was really the life

I wanted. I found some crazy internal strength to choose life over death, and the road led me to San Francisco, which was an eighteen-hour trip because my bus kept overheating. I spent a few years in San Francisco and sang with a local reggae-calypto steel drum band. I missed San Diego so much though, and definitely the weather, so I cruised back, driving a U-Haul this time, with my bus in tow.”

While Zan was putting her Westfalia to any coffee shop that would have her, Goodman, “Our first single, called ‘The Maze,’ is a deep song about my struggle with depression and sometimes seemingly being stuck in an endless maze. The song was heavily influenced by Nirvana, who had had a major impact on both Zan and myself.”

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Goodie: Jamaican inspiration in a San Diego setting.

Park, Mt. Helix, El Cajon, and a few other hoods. But it was music from an island some 2663 miles to the southeast that set them — separately — on the path to their eventual collaboration. “We had a family friend that hosted a company trip to Jamaica every Christmas,” remembers Goodman, “He told us that we could join the trip that year for just \$100 round trip. There were beach balls being tossed around midflight, and when we landed, someone yelled from the back, ‘Get out your rolling papers,’ and the whole plane erupted in laughter.”

He describes Jamaica as “like being on another planet. I did not understand the culture or language at that point. At first, I felt lost, but as the days unfolded, I quickly fell in love with the vibe, the culture, the people, and of course the sweet reggae music. The other part to this story is that, less than a year before I took the trip to Jamaica, I lost my dad to a tragic accident. During this time, I was grieving deeply, and completely lost as

would be in his room smoking weed and playing reggae as loud as he possibly could until our parents came home. When I was old enough to walk to school on my own, he handed me a Pato Banton tape and said, ‘Listen to this on your way to school.’ Reggae is what got me through all the good times and bad times in my life from that point forward.”

The new self-titled *Goodies* EP rolls out after a year or so of work with Lewis Richards at Costa Mesa’s 17th Street Recording Studio. Says Goodman, “Our first single, called ‘The Maze,’ is a deep song about my struggle with depression and sometimes seemingly being stuck in an endless maze. The song was heavily influenced by Nirvana, who had had a major impact on both Zan and myself.”

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Alejandra's Fine Mexican Food & Cantina:
Saturday, 7pm — Blaise Guld.

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

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

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

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Daring Greatly and Anthony Cullins. \$18-\$32.
Friday, 8:30pm — The Devastators & Friends. \$17-\$30.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Tommy Castro & The Painkillers. \$25-\$44.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Veni Sun and Wide Eyed Kids. \$9-\$16.

Cannonball:
Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.
Tuesday, 5pm — Jonny Tarr.

Carlsbad Brewing Company Winery:
Sunday, 7am — Cowboy Jack. Free.

Carruth Cellars Urban Winery:
Saturday, 6pm — West of 5. Free.

Casbah:
Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm — The Dragons and Uncle Joe’s Big Ol’ Driver.
Sunday, 3pm — The Beat Farmers and Cadillac Hearse.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Dessa. \$45.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Buck Meek. \$20.

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Sunday, 4pm — Keni Yarbro.
Tuesday, 4pm — Kai Kalama.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:
Thursday, 6pm — Rachel Jay.
Friday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.
Saturday, 6pm — Tyler F. Simmons.

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

Holding Company:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Talib Kweli.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Immortal Technique. \$25-\$30.

House of Blues:
Friday, 8pm — Gimme Gimme Disco. \$26-\$67.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Broadway Rave. \$19.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Cumbiatron. \$19-\$48.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Never Ending Fall. \$19.

Humble Heart:
Wednesday, 7pm — Friend of a Friend.

JAI at the Conrad:
Sunday, 5pm & 7:30pm — Sean Mason Quartet. \$68-\$83.

L'Auberge Del Mar:
Thursday, 5pm — Marelle.
Friday, 7pm — David Shyde.
Saturday, 7pm, Wednesday, 5pm — Jemille Vialto.

La Valencia Hotel:
Thursday, 5:30pm — Brian Pierini.
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, 6pm — Rachel Jay.
Saturday, 11am — Tyler F. Simmons.
Sunday, 11am — Whitney Shay.

Minge International Museum:
Friday, 7:30pm — Drummers Without Borders: Uniting Cultures. \$35-\$50.

Mission Bay Resort:
Thursday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.
Friday, 5pm — Rachel Jay.
Saturday, 5pm — Olivia Rohde.
Monday, 5pm — Orion Song.
Tuesday, 5pm — Brian Pierini.
Wednesday, 5pm — Christian Taylor.

Mission Trails Regional Park:
Sunday, 1pm — Native American Flute Circle. Free.

Moonshine Beach:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Kekoa and Dub Squad.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Trey Lewis.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:
Thursday, 9pm — Two Lane Highway.
Friday, 9pm — Mojo Brew.
Saturday, 9pm — 80s Nation.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7pm — Door 13 and Revelation 69. \$12.
Friday, 6:30pm — Sum 41 and Rosecoloredworld.
Friday, 8pm — The TS Dance Party. \$17-\$25.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Poncho Sanchez. \$40-\$42.
Sunday, 7pm — Jamie Shadowlight Fundraiser. \$14.
Wednesday, 8pm — Shrinkray and Joe Marson. \$12.

Navajo Live:
Friday, 8pm — Bastard Sons and Viperz. Free.
Sunday, 7pm — Someday Bloom Album Release. \$5.
Monday, 7:30pm — AM Frequency and WeAreJackStrong. Free.

Nick & G's:
Friday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

Observatory North Park:
Friday, 7pm — Slaughter Beach and Dog. \$26-\$46.

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

Rancho Bernardo Library:
Saturday, 2pm — A Celebration of Sound. Free.

Rustic Root:
Tuesday, 6pm — Aquile.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Badlands, Hardcastle, Jettie. \$12.
Friday, 8pm — Semi-Charmed Kinda Night: A 90's Party. \$15.
Saturday, 7pm — Skatejazz.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Max Look & The Tomorrow Band. \$10.
Monday, 7:30pm — Auz Fontaine. Free.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Hot Flash Heat Wave. \$24.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Shaynie Rhoads and Brutalion. \$10.

Soma:
Friday, 6:30pm — Deadrise and Blackcast. \$10.
Saturday, 6:30pm — Pity Party Girls Club and Neptuna Run. \$15.

Waterbar:
Thursday, 5pm — Jemille Vialto.

Winstons Beach Club:
Friday, 9pm — Tropic Vibrations and The Conveyors. \$10.
Saturday, 9pm — Oceans and Oasis. \$10.
Sunday, 4pm — Stone Horse. Free.

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DARING GREATLY and **ANTHONY CULLINS** at the Belly Up | JAN 11



Daring Greatly relocated from Calgary, AB Canada to San Diego in 2015. Nominated Best Rock Artist at the 2022 San Diego Music Awards, they won a 2023 SDMA Song of the Year trophy for the track "Never A Goodbye." Co-headliner Anthony Cullins, aka the Fallbrook Kid, was still attending high school in Oceanside while playing blues rock gigs at House of Blues, Pala Mesa Resort, Valley Fort Steak House, Temecula Music Festival, and Fallbrook Brewery.

UNCLE JOE'S BIG OL' DRIVER and **THE DRAGONS** at the Casbah | JAN 12 AND 13



The Casbah 35-year celebration continues with a two-night double-header featuring the reunited Dragons and the regrouped Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver. The Dragons were together for around thirteen years, releasing six albums, while Uncle Joe's Big Ol' Driver put out several 7-inches between 1992 and 1995, as well as a self-titled full-length. The Friday, January 12 show will be opened by Poison Hearts A.C., while Saturday's concert will include Alvino & the Dwells.

COWBOY JACK JOHNSON at Carlsbad Brewing Company | JAN 14



Cowboy Jack Johnson covers country music classics, with a setlist culled from his stints fronting local tribute acts such as The Hank Show (which included authentic Hank Williams costumes made by the same tailor who made Williams' outfits) and Band in Black, featuring Johnny Cash covers. Johnson will be performing on an outdoor stage at the brewery as part of the Carlsbad Marathon.

THE BEAT FARMERS and **CADILLAC HEARSE** at the Casbah | JAN 14



Alt-country rockers The Beat Farmers enjoyed a cult following throughout the 1980s and early 1990s before the premature death of lead singer and drummer Dan McLain, aka Country Dick Montana. Several surviving members will reunite behind Joey Harris (of the Mentals) for a co-headlining bill with Cadillac Hearse. The Little Italy bill also includes Americana roots rockers Sleepwalkers.

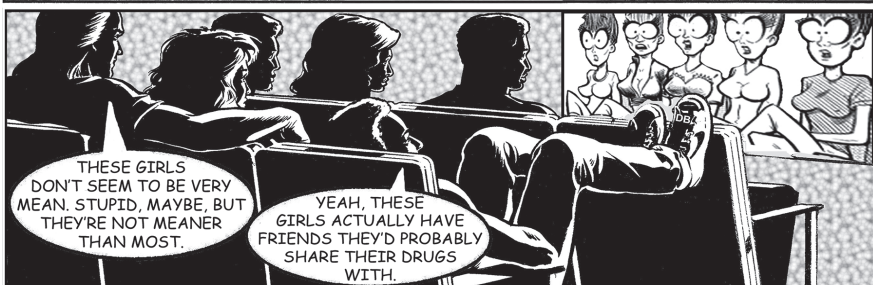
JAMIE SHADOWLIGHT FUNDRAISER at Music Box | JAN 14

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Little Italy will host a benefit to raise funds for local violin icon Jamie Shadowlight, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cervical cancer about six months ago. Science/spirituality teacher and rocker Shamini Jain will debut a new album called *Kaliyuga Blues*; other performers slated to appear include Baraka drum and dance center founder (and 2023 San Diego Music Hall of Fame inductee) Monette Marino and Runaways songwriter Roni Lee.

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THE GONZO REPORT

Beer and Benny in Balboa Park

Swinging amid the sculptures at Panama 66

It was the day of my company's holiday luncheon at Eddie V's in La Jolla. That meant happily filling up on filet mignon and beers on the company's dime. Afterwards, a couple of my supervisors wanted to take a select few of us for more beers. I couldn't think of a reason to decline the offer, and 2 pm turned to 5:30 in the blink of an eye.

The time had come. "Excuse me and thank you gents," I said, "but I'm off to my next venture" — Panama 66 in Balboa Park, to check out the Uptown Rhythm Makers. I was still full of steak and the previous seven beers I had consumed, but I was not willing to throw in the towel. The steak was the only meal I had eaten that day, but the liquid bread kept me fortified for the adventure. I love Balboa Park during the holidays. Always festive, with Christmas lights strewn everywhere, families with smiles on their faces drinking hot cocoa, and the busker on the saxophone playing "The Christmas Song." Panama 66 is located in the

Sculpture Court at the San Diego Museum of Art. It's an open patio with tables and umbrellas. The bar is to the right as you walk in. As I did, I spotted the band, playing big band swing melodies and set up front and center. I stepped into the "Drinks Only" line, and checked in with the hostess to let her know I was there for drinks and music. Ordered my \$9 pilsner in a 16 oz. glass. Didn't realize I could have bought a keeper glass with beer for \$15.00. (Or spent \$10.00 for just the glass.)

I grabbed a seat to go over some of my notes, then wandered around to get a better sense of the place — and possibly, some interaction with the other customers. Alas, those customers seemed more interested in stuffing French fries in their mouths and talking about who they still needed to get Christmas gifts for than in getting into a conversation with your humble correspondent. I didn't want to interrupt anyone in the middle of their Christmas planning, so I stood in front of the band to snap some photos. It was a six-piece band. There were three musicians sitting in chairs in the front and three more sitting behind them. They all smiled at me as I was taking their pictures. I decided to shout, "You guys are getting some print!" Their smiles widened.

At that point, I realized that my beer was getting lonely waiting for me. When I got back to my seat, I noticed a young mother with her



Uptown Rhythm Makers, making rhythm uptown.

two children next to me. One of her children appeared to be 9 or 10 years old; he had set up a makeshift drum kit with his food plate, drink glass, and can of Coke, and was banging along with the band. His mom seemed more annoyed than the band was. I told her the boy had good rhythm and time. "I know!" she replied in a "Don't bother me and I want to get the fuck out of Dodge" tone. Who knows, I might have been sitting next to the next John Bonham. If only his mom would show some support.

My seat was also next to the trombone player's off-stage spot, and when the band took a set break, he sat down and chatted with me. I told him my business and he replied, "I once bought a *Reader* t-shirt. Hi, I'm Bob Andersen, the founder of the band." He and his bandmates were drinking cups of coffee during their break. That caught my eye, because I'm used to musicians drinking beers and smoking

something during set breaks. But these guys were tuning and adjusting their instruments and discussing their next set. Bob told me they liked playing in the art museum outdoor space because it sounds like playing indoors. When I asked if they ever practiced or rehearsed together, he answered, "No, we discuss what songs we're going to perform and practice them on our own." He excused himself and looked at his other bandmates, exclaiming "It's time!" They all scrambled to their chairs.

Their music was a tribute to the big band swing era, and put me in mind of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, and George Gershwin. After the first song of that set, I overheard the guitar player talking about going to a Van Halen concert when he was younger. He leaned over towards Bob and murmured, "Ice cream man." Bob then shouted, "Our next song is called 'Ice Cream.'" They were a professional bunch with a sweet sound: the woodwinds, horns, strings and the thumping tone of the stand-up bass took me back to the 1940s, even though I had never been there.

Thanks to my beery sustenance, I wasn't up for ordering any food off the menu, but I would like to return to try the truffle parm fries for \$8 or Beef Braised Short Rib for \$24.00. Speaking of beer: all the beer at Panama 66 is independently brewed by local brewers, and served in appropriate glasses with a proper head. The establishment says it is okay to bring your kids and dogs, but don't tie dogs to the furniture and don't let your kids climb on the sculptures or play in the bushes. Speaking for myself, I don't think I'd want any of my kids playing in any bushes in Balboa Park. ■

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UPCOMING SHOWS

Alejandra's Fine Mexican Food & Cantina:

January 25 — Farrah Camu

American Legion Post 416:

January 27 — 8 East Band

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:

January 21 — Jazz at the

Athenaeum

January 21 — Maxwell String

Quartet

January 28 — Jazz at the

Athenaeum

Balboa Theatre:

January 27 — Benise

January 28 — The Life & Music

of George Michael

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

January 19 — Orion Song

January 27 — Freddie Walton

Bellamy's Restaurant:

January 18, January 25 — Jake

Taylor Smith

Belly Up Tavern:

January 18 — Cayucas & Matt

Costa

January 19 — The Aggrolites

January 20 — Led Zepagain

January 21 — Marc Cohn

January 23 — Victor Wooten &

the Wooten Brothers

January 24 — Young Gun Silver

Fox and The Silvertone

January 25 — Moontricks

January 26 — ALO and Sway

Wild

January 28 — Cowboy Mouth

Bread & Salt:

January 19 — The Salty Series:

Material Intimacies

Brick by Brick:

January 18 — Fear Factory and

Orbit Culture

January 20 — Days N Daze and

Sister Wife Sex Strike

January 21 — Gorod, Wormhole,

Hath

January 23 — Fatso Jetson &

Scorpion Child

January 24 — Escuela Grind and

Take Offense

January 28 — Jared James

Nichols and The Bites

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:

January 19 — The Cab Calloway

Orchestra

January 26 — Steam Powered

Giraffe

Cannonball:

January 18 — Ben Benavente

January 25 — Jemille Vialet

The Casbah:

January 18 — Jjuujjuu and

Hooveriii

January 19 — Emo Nite

January 20, January 21 — aMin-

ature and No Knife

January 22 — Y La Bamba

January 23, January 24 —

Pinback

January 25 — Rocket From the

Crypt and Owl Be Damned

January 26 — Three Mile Pilot

and Sytsem Officer

January 27 — Lucy's Fur Coat

January 28 — The Bronx and

Negative Blast

January 29 — The Bronx

Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center:

January 21 — Tony Siqi Yun

January 25 — Lucas & Arthur

Jussen

January 26 — Payare Conducts

Mozart

Crafted Culture:

January 26 — Johnny Martin

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

January 18 — Dead Heads Night

January 20 — Coral Bells

January 23 — SD Jazz Collective

January 28 — Bluegrass Jam

Duke's La Jolla:

January 21 — Keni Yarbro

January 23 — Kai Kalama

January 26 — Orion Song

January 28 — Keni Yarbro

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

January 18 — Jackie Foster

January 20 — Farrah Camu

January 23 — Helena Holleran

January 24 — Puro Feeling

January 26 — Jarred Matthew

January 27 — David Shyde

Farmer & the Seahorse:

January 18 — Freddie Walton

January 19 — Blaise Guld

January 20 — Alex Elisabeth

January 21 — Sean McCole

January 26 — Jason Graham

Harrhah's Resort Southern California:

January 28 — Aaron Lewis

The Holding Company:

January 18 — Immortal

Technique

January 19 — Mickey Avalon

January 20 — Ignite, DPI,

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January 21 — Tha Alkoholiks:

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January 23 — Karaoke

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 January 20 — Daniel Donato
 January 25 — Wolves of
 Glendale
 January 27 — Emo Night
 Brooklyn
 January 29 — PLVTINUM

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 January 19, January 19 —
 Tatiana Eva-Marie
 January 28, January 28 —
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 21 — SD Symphony Jacobs
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 Sibelius
 January 26, January 27 — SD
 Symphony Jacobs Masterworks:
 Payare Leads Mozart & Bruckner

The Kensington Club:
 January 27 — Manganista

L'Auberge Del Mar:
 January 18 — Marelle
 January 19 — Jarred Matthew
 January 21 — Farrah Camu
 January 25 — David Shyde
 January 26 — Jesse Johnson
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 January 28 — Kai Kalama

La Valencia Hotel:
 January 18 — David Shyde
 January 19 — Keni Yarbrow
 January 20 — Jackie Foster
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 January 25 — Helena Holleran
 January 26 — Keni Yarbrow
 January 27 — Shea Givens

**The Magnolia Performing
 Arts Center:**
 January 19 — Prince Again:
 Tribute to Prince

Mission Bay Resort:
 January 18 — Keni Yarbrow
 January 20 — Kai Kalama
 January 21 — Jarred Matthew
 January 22 — Jehua Evans
 January 23 — Puro Feeling
 January 24 — Marelle
 January 25 — Keni Yarbrow
 January 26 — Michael LeClerc
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 January 26 — David Shyde

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Disappointment leads to dreams of decimation

The San Diego Symphony is picking up the pieces of a torn and tattered 2023-2024 Jacobs Masterworks Series. Delays in the renovations of The Jacobs Music Center at Copley Symphony Hall have decimated what seemed destined to be a season to be remembered.

Well, that's not quite accurate. To decimate means to kill one-tenth of a military unit. The most famous act of decimation occurred during the Spartacus rebellion in Ancient Rome. Marcus Crassus, the Roman commander, divided two cowardly legions into groups

of ten. Each of the ten men drew a straw. The man who drew the shortest straw was then beaten to death by the other nine. Some historians credit Crassus's ensuing success against Spartacus to this brutal show of discipline.

I wonder if decimation would work with a company contracted to renovate a concert hall? Perhaps deadlines would be met if decimation were the consequence for missing them. Of course, that is hyperbole on my part. I want to clarify that I am not lobbying for the decimation of anything or anyone. It's just a thought experiment. For

instance, would the road construction on Pershing, which has been ongoing for almost two years, be completed if decimation were on the table?

In this thought experiment, the workers would be the soldiers, but I don't think the workers are to blame. In fact, I've never seen 10 workers at one time on Pershing, so it wouldn't be effective.

Pershing is the route I usually take to go see symphony concerts. You see, now, how these dreams of decimation connect to each other.

Let's take a look at what remains of the season. The first two concerts of the new year are already sold out for the San Diego Symphony. That would be because they are performing in venues that hold about 500. The next two concerts are also almost sold out, for the same reason.

The rest of the concerts through March 16, have been



Rome wasn't built in a day. Neither was the Jacobs Music Center at Copley Symphony Hall. Image created by Adobe Firefly AI

reduced to just one performance each. Gone is Anton Bruckner's *Symphony No. 7*. Gone is Pytor Tchaikovsky's *Symphony No. 6*. Gone is the reprise of Richard Wagner's *The Ring Without Words*. Although I must say I'm happy to see Ottorino Respighi's *Pines of Rome* scheduled for Sunday, February 25, at The Civic Theatre.

Looking at the online calendar, it appears as if Micheal Tillson Thomas — health permitting — will conduct the first concerts in the renovated hall on March 23 and 24. San Diego Music Director Rafael Payare then conducts

on March 29 and 30.

In April, there is a one-off Lang Lang concert, a one-off concert of *The Firebird Suite* by Igor Stravinsky, and a one-off concert called "Philharmonia Fantastique," which is for the children.

May looks to finish the season off with what we consider to be a normal month. There are three weekends of concerts with two performances each, and they feature composers such as Beethoven, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Richard Strauss.

Should May fail, it will not be decimation but devastation.

Classical Music this week

SD Symphony Jacobs Masterworks: Lisiecki Plays Mozart Canadian pianist Jan Lisiecki performs Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's sublime Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor. Rising conductor Tianyi U takes the podium for this program, which opens with Anna Clyne's *This Midnight Hour*, inspired by the poetry of Juan Ramón

Jiménez and Charles Baudelaire. Written when the composer was just 22 years of age, *Aus Italien* brings this mid-winter program to a close with Richard Strauss' vivid depiction of the culture, landscape and sunshine of Italy. Saturday, January 13, 8pm; Sunday, January 14, 2pm; Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.

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 January 23 — James Hill & Peter Luongo Ukulele Experience

Music Box:
 January 19 — Queen Nation
 January 20 — Ozomatli
 January 21 — Amber Liu
 January 23 — Slick Rick
 January 25 — ericdoa and Bixby
 January 26, January 27 — La Santa Cecilia
 January 28 — Maybe I'm Amazed
 January 29 — Phora

Nate's Garden Grill:
 January 20 — Tinkersmith

Navajo Live:
 January 19 — Marco Mendoza and Stone Horse
 January 20 — Easy Wind
 January 24 — Matt Miller and Bryan Dillionis
 January 27 — Into The Void, Bastard Saints, Avadan
 January 29 — Cosmic Strife and Red Roulette

Nick & G's:
 January 19 — Matt Heinecke
 January 20 — David Shyde
 January 26 — David Rosales
 January 27 — Farrah Camu

Observatory North Park:
 January 18 — moe.
 January 19 — Mayer Hawthorne
 January 26 — Club 90s: Lana Del Rey Night

Panama 66:
 January 25 — Uptown Rhythm Makers

Parq Restaurant:
 January 19 — Crankdat
 January 27 — Dre Sinatra

Pechanga Arena San Diego:
 January 26 — Cody Johnson

Poway Library:
 January 31 — Ukulele Jam Session

The Quartyard:
 January 27 — Twin Tribes and Urban Heat

Rustic Root:
 January 23 — David Shyde

Soda Bar:
 January 18 — Marlon Funaki
 January 19 — Peach Cooler and King Julian
 January 20 — Pleasure Pill and Uni Boys
 January 22 — Auz Fontaine
 January 23 — Tre Burt
 January 24 — Native Sun
 January 25 — Christopher
 January 26 — The Lagoons
 January 28 — Greg Koch
 January 29 — Auz Fontaine

Soma:
 January 19 — Blue Hour and The Band Cope
 January 20 — Gingfest

January 24 — Isaiah Rashad
 January 26 — Erratic Impulse and Messy Hera
 January 27 — Explosions In The Sky

The Sound:
 January 25 — Poolside
 January 26 — Dark Star Orchestra

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas:
 January 19 — Hutchins Consort: Bach and Rock

Sunshine Brooks Theatre:
 January 27 — Gregory Page: Back to Paris

Vin de Syrah Wine Parlor:
 January 20 — '90s Prom

Waterbar:
 January 25 — Ben Benavente

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 January 19 — Wall of Sound
 January 20 — Blu Egyptian and The Diz
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PERSONALS

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LOOKING FOR TERA CARTER I need to get into contact with Tera Carter regarding mom's funeral arrangements. Please call me asap! Love Lil sister.

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MARGOTFRANK I used to have an NBF, now my phone doesn't even recognize the acronym. And neither do I. If you only knew all that I have been through, I think you would regret your decision. But that's what I get to live with. Right?

DEAR KEVIN, Going through this horrible loss I kinda feel like we can get through anything. Thank you for being so supportive. I love you so much!

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DEAREST FUN SIZE: A NEW YEAR IS UPON US. Let's have more good times this leap year and leave the grey times behind. Love, Frank

HAPPY HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ASIAN PERSUASION Love you long time from seashell

KEEP YOUR FRIENDS CLOSE and your enemies closer. Samuel 19:1-24

SO SEW Sow What!

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TODAY'S OFFICIATING is ruining the sport of professional football

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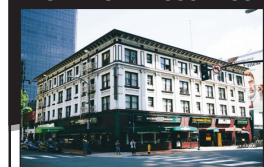
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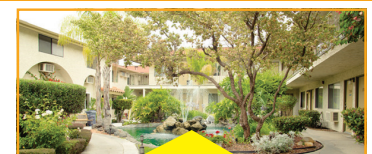
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Nighttime wahoo bite for the *Intrepid* – Lake catfish record bested at Wohlford

Dock Totals 12/30 – 1/6: 568 anglers aboard 33 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 151 bonito, 58 calico bass, 1 lingcod, 129 lobster (251 released), 28 perch, 83 rock crab, 521 rockfish, 544 sand bass, 18 sanddab, 246 sculpin, 2 spider crab, 1 triggerfish, 27 white croaker, 160 whitefish, and 5 yellowtail.

Saltwater: There were no reports on bluefin tuna out west for the first week of 2024, as the huge storm swells put a damper on any trips planning to head that direction. But we should soon see both if they are still in the mood to bite and where they are currently holding in the calmer windows between these passing El Niño-influenced strong northwest winter fronts. Still, it can be a long haul in rough conditions to the Cortez and Tanner banks this time of year, so I expect more 1.5-day to 3-day boats will be fishing along the coast, and will maybe take a shot out west if conditions allow and word comes in about action from private boaters or commercial spotter planes.

As rockfish fishing is done at all depths until April, the local focus has been on the great sand bass bite that usually comes about this time of year. From the San Diego Bay's deeper channels to the flats off Imperial Beach in 60 to 90 feet of water, the "grumpies" did not disappoint those targeting them this past week. "Grumpy" used to be a common term for big sand bass, and I believe it was due to the dour "expression" given by the shape of their mouth. Whether or not that's true, they're biting good. And for those looking for surface action in what was a very slow year for local yellowtail, some bonito have been finally biting well a mile or two off the San Diego coast — maybe a bit late in arrival, but still some light line fun for those finding them. Speaking of yellowtail: they have been hitting the yoyo iron and knife jigs, with a very good bite going on right now off the banks outside of San Quintin, and good fishing for them along the Baja coast going south from there. Full-day to multi-day rockfish trips will be running south of the border for the next few months, and we should see some yellowtail caught on some of those, as they have been holding in the same areas noted for excellent rockfish and lingcod.

Baja Sur is still on fire for pelagic species, including yellowfin tuna, dorado, and wahoo. The *Intrepid* reported a solid non-stop wahoo bite after sunset and well into the night, which is not a normal occurrence with the toothy "skinnies." Normally, wahoo are daylight feeders, but this time,



A rare nighttime wahoo bite rewarded anglers while fishing aboard the *Intrepid* off Baja California Sur.



Abasai Martinez and his massive 71.2-pound Lake Wohlford record catfish.

they started feeding on bait after being drawn in by the boat lights off the Ridge area outside of Bahia Magdalena. Anglers on board have also been catching a good number of quality yellowfin tuna, with most fish in the 60-100-pound class and a few larger fish well over 100-pounds caught during their 9-day fly-down trip.

Freshwater: Trout continue to bite very well in the area lakes on Power Bait and mini jigs, but the story this week is of a huge catfish caught at Lake Wohlford on December 30. The fish, a 71.2-pound blue catfish, was caught by angler Abasai Martinez and beat out the previous lake record of 67 pounds. Though the big blue cats usually respond better to cut mackerel or chicken livers, Abasai Martinez was using a nightcrawler while fishing by the crappie float. As I noted in last week's report, this time of year can be good for the big cats. This is because of both the rainier weather in SoCal winters and the trout stocks. The added activity and scents seem to stir the big boys up, and even though many think of early fall as catfish prime season, some of

the largest cats of the year will often be caught between Thanksgiving and Easter.

Through the summer and fall channel cat season, yes, they do bite well, especially at night, but I would have a hard time counting all the 10-plus pound cats caught by folks targeting trout in the winter. During the same week as Abasai's record-setting catch, angler Kona Xiong caught a 32.20-pound blue cat, and Somnang Onn checked in with a 17.40. It is always a good idea to take along some catfish bait on trout outings, as the next record might just be hanging out near your favorite trout fishing spot. With the good trout bite, a limit of stockers can be caught fairly quickly, and one can switch gears and target channel or blue catfish without skipping a beat. All area lakes hold some catfish — either channel cats or blues or both — and they can add a lot of excitement to a fishing outing.

As for the trout fishing, as I said, they have been biting well at all area lakes. A good spot to hit, especially if taking youngsters for their early or first fishing experiences, is Santee Lakes. With available food at Angry Pete's Pizza and a well-stocked General Store, it can be a more convenient place for parents to get the kids into some healthy outdoor fun and a learning experience as well — and to boot, this weekend, January 13 and 14, Santee Lakes will be holding their "Trout Re-opener," with a fresh stock of 3,000-pounds total of both rainbow and lightning trout planted just prior to the event. No license is needed, and park passes can be purchased ahead of time at the General Store. They're out there, so go get 'em!

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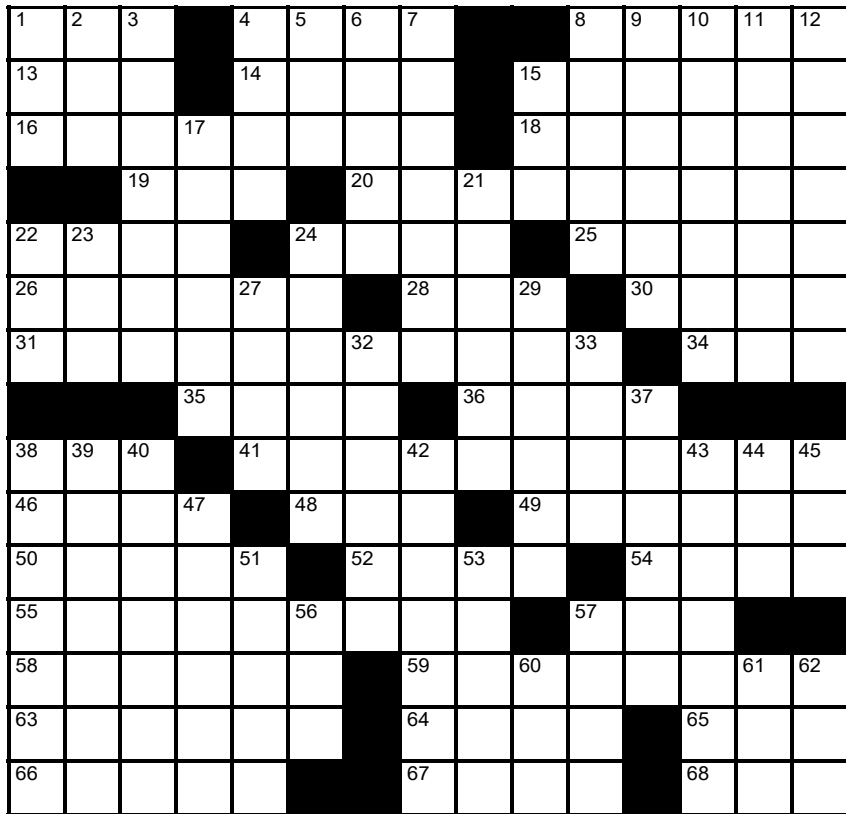
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1. "Asteroid City" director
Anderson
4. Calendar pages
8. Active sorts
13. "Yeah, right" laugh
14. "There oughta be ___
against that!"
15. Ibuprofen option
16. Game whose sequel was
Time's #1 best video game of
2023
18. Early parlor game (and
nothing to do with drawing
first blood)
19. Take an unfair share
20. His Best Supporting Actor
Oscar win was part of CBC's
best pop culture moments of
2023
22. "University Challenge" ailer,
informally, with "the"

Down

1. "Huh...?!"
2. Animal that goes for a long
swim?
3. New Hampshire senator
Jeanne with a rhyming
surname
4. "Deputy ___" (TV canine)
5. Chicken-king connector
6. Oldest of the "Animaniacs"
siblings
7. "Popeye" kid whose name
has an apostrophe
8. Actress Hannah of "Kill Bill"
9. Not-so-see-through
10. Major Spanish newspaper
11. Brand with a new label

24. Be down

25. Monday, in France
26. "Fine with me"
28. Ice, in Germany
30. Part of a sword
31. Diane Morgan-starring
British mockumentary series
that landed on many U.S. "Best
of 2023" lists
34. "___ the fields we go"
("Jingle Bells")
35. Got an ___ effort
36. Word after even or odd
when describing mammals
with hooves
38. Actress Carrere of "Wayne's
World"
41. Highest-placing Taylor
Swift song (at #19) on Rolling
Stone's "100 Best Songs of
2023"
46. Tonsillectomy docs

12. More rocky

15. Hosp. heart ward
17. Like some cheesecakes
21. Beneficiary of, as an estate
22. Ballpoint brand
23. Ostrich kin
24. "Oh ___!" (Marcia Brady
quote, in that episode with the
football)
27. ___ Stadium (L.A. venue
that hosted Super Bowl LVI)
29. Candy maker Russell
32. City near Buffalo, NY
33. Take advice from
37. Lackey
38. Cranky infant, perhaps
39. Befogged

48. Ending for racket or rocket

49. Former Georgian president
Shevardnadze
50. Consume
52. Custard fruit
54. Netflix stopped mailing
them in 2023
55. With 59-Across, Hayao
Miyazaki's final film, which
made many 2023 top ten lists
57. ___ Khan University
(Karachi institution)
58. Dirty clothes basket
59. See 55-Across
63. East Coast toll-paying
convenience
64. "Game of Thrones" actress
Chaplin
65. Masseur's specialty
66. Second effort
67. Basic training figs.
68. "Lord of the Rings" beast

40. Endeavor

42. Alphabetically last U.S.
state capital
43. Former Red Hot Chili
Peppers guitarist Dave
44. O'Hare's airport code
45. Dictionary entries (abbr.)
47. Not quite good
51. Rhyming works
53. Like a specially formed
committee
56. Many mos.
57. Shouts of discovery
60. Brian with the 2022 album
"ForeverAndEverNoMore"
61. Not just my
62. "The Voice" network

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We hope that the puzzles themselves will be enough of a pleasure.

Thanks to all our winners so far and to those who will keep with us.

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C	D	S		S	C	R	E	W		S	T	R	A	W						
U	M	M		U	R	I	A	H		E	R	O	D	E						
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targeted hold 283 of those, just 30 percent of the city's stock. The rest are at the beach.

"We're spending all this time on an ordinance that frankly does nothing for nobody," said attorney Marco Gonzalez. "The issue is the coastal zone." It's true that that's where the complaints about loud parties and "commercialized homes" are worst. And despite multiple complaints at some addresses, not once has the city ever pulled anyone's permit.

"This is no longer a mom-and-pop business," said Jay Goldberg, who runs Nice Neighbors San Diego, which analyzes data on short-term rental licenses and has gotten hundreds of unlawful STRs removed from the city of San Diego. In Oceanside, 84 percent of listings in the coastal zone are by AirBnB hosts with more than one listing, he said.

Longtime resident Matt Caulfield said 40 percent of homes along South Pacific Street are corporate short-term rentals, a quarter of them owned by a single investor. "That owner operates more rooms than the Seabird Hotel"

Current short-term rentals will be allowed to continue, as long as their permit stays up to date. If a permit lapses, the operator will no longer be eligible to operate a vacation rental. Further, permits don't stay with the land, should a property be sold.

When Oceanside adopted its ordinance to regulate short-term rentals in 2019, it required annual inspections and set occupancy limits, and required owners to collect the hotel room tax. Since then, the city has received 967 complaints that have been corrected; closed 293 where no violation was observed; and now has 106 verified complaints in progress. Noise and high occupancy are the most common complaints, said city planner Sergio Madera.

Gary Brown, who rents out short-term at the beach, countered that there were a total of four complaints about high occupancy over the last two years out of 1000 permitted units. That miniscule number, he said, should not be used to infringe on the property rights of homeowners. But others spoke of lax enforcement, absent owners, and unpermitted rentals.

Code enforcement officer Kirk Mundt explained that unhosted rentals are inspected

by the fire department and code enforcement staff. The city monitors the addresses of the rentals and works with Oceanside police. If a complaint is at night, police respond, and at the end of each month, complaints at addresses being monitored are sent back to code enforcement. When it comes to repeat offenders, the city code has a provision to revoke permits for multiple violations, although officials said no permits have ever been revoked.

The moratorium approved on new inland short-term units will be effective in 30 days. It will take longer to include the coastal zone, which requires an amendment of the city's Local Coastal Program and approval from the California Coastal Commission. That zone spans neighborhoods west of Coast Highway, where city officials said homes were originally built as modest 3-4 bedrooms.

The code amendment springs from a housing workshop last summer. Short-term rentals are definitely impacting housing availability, said mayor Esther Sanchez. Not just the beach areas, but the east side and Crown Heights and the valley. "We have a one percent vacancy in rentals. I've never seen that in Oceanside, ever."

SHEILA PELL

Under the radar

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attending to the needs of large numbers of migrants, and create dangerous and untenable conditions in CBP facilities that were not designed for long-term detention."

Pre-shrunk homelessness

In addition to the Scott Peters cash, Todd Gloria's mayoral reelection bid got \$2700 on December 29 from Chula Vista's **Ankur Bindal**, listed on the disclosure filing as a physician and president of Aroga Biosciences. A January, 2023 profile by *San Diego Magazine* identified Aroga's president and founder as **Krithi Rao Bindal**. "Dr. Bindal's three-year-old global company is comprised of a team of scientists who

proudly stand by their motto, 'strength from science,' by providing accurate scientific data to drug development regulators. Aroga's team of scientific regulatory writers develop pre-clinical and clinical research submissions, which are critical to the biopharma industry in drug development." On the other hand, *Psychology Today's* website says Ankur Bindal is a psychiatrist who runs KMG Psychiatry in Chula Vista, catering to military clients. "KMG Psychiatry uses a combination of traditional and innovative treatments to target a wide range of conditions, including anxiety and depression, bipolar disorder, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and sleep disorders. KMG Psychiatry specializes in the treatment of depression and PTSD for

military person [sic]. Not only does the office use state-of-the-art technology, but they also offer flexible payment plans. When applicable, KMG Psychiatry waives copays for patients who need it." Gloria was a key force behind last year's passage of a new state conservatorship law to take homeless individuals off the streets and compel them to undergo psychiatric care. The bill, SB 43, was backed by the state's two leading psychiatry associations and the National Alliance on Mental Illness — California, according to an October 10, 2023 news release posted on Gloria's city website.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Creme de la Weird

— Stick with me here. In 1899 in Peshawar, Pakistan, James Squid, a drunken British officer, arrested a ... tree, because he thought it was a fugitive trying to get away from him. He ordered the tree chained to the ground, *Oddity Central* reported, and the chains have remained for 125 years, along with a plaque explaining them. While tourists are tickled by the strange restraints, locals see the chains as a symbol of British oppression. "Through this act, the British basically implied to the tribesmen that if they dared act against the Raj, they too would be punished in a similar fashion," one local man said. Others call it a living history.

Our Litigious Society

— Two years ago, Paul Kerouac stopped at a Dunkin' Donuts in Winter Park, Florida, where he used the restroom, the *New York Post* reported. While he was indisposed, the toilet he was occupying exploded, leaving him "covered with debris, including human feces and urine," according to a lawsuit filed on Jan. 3 in Florida's 9th Judicial District. Kerouac claims the Dunkin' workers knew there was a "problem with the toilet" and says he now "requires mental health care and counseling as a direct result of the trauma he experienced in the restroom."

Super Freak

— On Dec. 13, as a family in Arlington, Virginia, sat down to dinner, a Ring doorbell notification alerted them to someone at

the door, WUSA-TV reported. The woman told her husband, "There's this guy, he didn't ring the doorbell. He's just standing there and he's in a gingerbread man costume." The husband called the police non-emergency line to report the creepy visit, and about an hour later, another neighbor, Lindsey Churchill, spotted the gingerbread man. "All of a sudden my dogs were going crazy ... and there was a giant blow-up gingerbread man costume out on the sidewalk," she said. "We kind of locked eyes and the gingerbread man went on his way. It was not holly jolly." Police never actually caught up with the subject, who was not identified.

Getting Away From It All

— Three armed suspects were busy robbing a check-cashing business in Commerce City, Colorado, on Dec. 16 when another thief mucked up their getaway plans, 9News-TV reported. The robbers' vehicle, which was probably stolen, was outside when a woman jumped in and took off with it, leaving the teenage suspects to try to escape on foot. Police were able to capture two of them, along with loaded firearms, and arrest them. The car thief is still at large.

Questionable Judgment

— Dr. Kevin Mollidrem of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, is the subject of a malpractice lawsuit filed in late December by his patient Kathleen Wilson, *USA Today* reported. Wilson alleges in the suit that Mollidrem, during a single visit in July 2020, performed

more than 30 procedures on Wilson's mouth – eight crowns, four root canals and 20 fillings – and that the work was done "improperly," resulting in her disfiguration. The lawsuit also alleges that Mollidrem used twice the amount of anesthesia allowed and then falsified records to cover that dosage. Wilson is seeking more than \$50,000 in damages.

News You Can Use

— We've all seen the restaurant notices about automatic gratuities added for parties of more than six or eight people. A 10-person group in South Bend, Indiana, thought they would beat the system at the Wild Crab restaurant by splitting into two groups of five, WSBT-TV reported. A manager said the group was informed that they'd be subject to the 18% gratuity, even though they were seated in different sections of the restaurant. As the party left the restaurant, someone threw crayons at the manager and pepper-sprayed them. Firefighters responded to help the victim of the pepper spray, and a police report was filed.

Recurring Theme

— Authorities were called to the Leeds, Alabama, Bass Pro Shops on Jan. 4 after 42-year-old George Owens of Sterrett drove a car into a pole in the parking lot, then exited the car, stripped off all his clothes and ran inside, where he did a cannonball into the aquarium. *AL.com* reported that Owens yelled at two police officers, then climbed over the edge of the aquarium, where he

fell to the concrete floor and knocked himself out. He was charged with public lewdness among other offenses.

— Authorities are still fishing for a man who entered a Bass Pro Shops store in Fort Myers, Florida, on Dec. 20 and dipped a net into the indoor fishpond, capturing a 50-pound tarpon. *USA Today* reported that the suspect left the store with the dripping catch, and despite a cash reward and social media posts, the Lee County Sheriff's Office has not been able to identify or find him.

More Litigious Folks

— Cynthia Kelly, 18, of Hillsborough County, Florida, has sued The Hershey Co. for \$5 million because the Reese's Peanut Butter Pumpkins she bought in October didn't have a jack-o'-lantern face on them as shown on the packaging. *ClickOrlando* reported on Dec. 29 that Kelly accused the company of "false and deceptive advertising," and she "would not have purchased the Reese's Peanut Butter Pumpkins product if she knew that it did not have the detailed carvings of the mouth and/or eyes as pictured on the product label," the suit reads. She also pointed out that the White Ghost and Football candies were missing their own key details. One reviewer called the pumpkin a "monstrosity."

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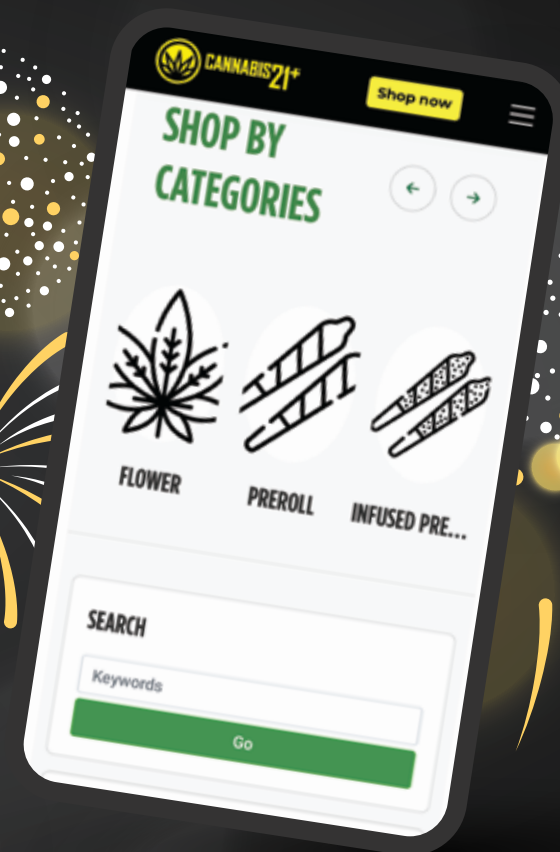
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