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#### **Del Mar wife living rich** sentenced for trying to kill rich husband Neighborhood News, January 1, 2024

What! No mention of "Vladimir" Eva? Shotty Work Eva!

-Disappointed in Descanso

#### Oceanside squeezes shortterm rentals inland - but what about the beach? Neighborhood News January 2, 2024

What happened to property rights? The busy body tyrants should have no say in how people use their property.

-Logical Person I would have agreed with you back when property was affordable for the middle-class. As usual, too many bigger players got greedy and ruined it for everybody else.

Housing should be as permanent a place to live as possible before it is anything else. Anybody who considers housing investments first and housing second deserves what they get. Now all those greedy owners are cashing out and nice neighborhoods are being transformed into boxy, soul-less 6-plexes and 8-plexes, towers full of new housing (with 1 or 2 "affordable" units complete with their own apartheidstyle separate entrances). Some of those sellers will move to Idaho or Texas, and then ruin those states with their Bolshevism as they have ruined California.

Bolsheviks really do consider non-Bolsheviks "cattle," and will not stop their greedy destruction of neighborhood character, even in their own traditionally Bolshevik neighborhoods like Hillcrest and North Park. The way they see it, they don't mind destroying even their own neighborhood character as long as other Bolsheviks also get to profit from it. Then those Bolsheviks, having made it, all get together and worship an effigy of Larry Fink. And who couldn't love a guy with a name like "Fink?" Teamwork at its finest! -Mossad Maxwell and her

**Prostitute Politicians** 

#### **Escondido man gathered** 2500 Engelmann acorns this year

Golden Dreams, January 3, 2024 There's a wonderful short book called The Man Who Planted Trees, by Jean Giono. It's about a man in France who planted many oak acorns over a span of many years and how he transformed the world into a better place. The book is full of beautiful wood engravings by Michael McCurdy.

Thank you Jim Crouch for being such a wonderful person to do this wonderful gift to all of us and for the environment.

-Zell Lundberg

#### **Matthew Phillips finds** Instagram success with a waterfall effect Blurt Music News, January 4, 2024

Dude is gonna make it big!!! -Phillips Phan

This article is so well written. I love how it shows the talent and hard work of Matthew to achieve his career within the music industry. His journey and hard work is an inspiration to not only me but others as well. I can't wait to see what he has in store for his fans in 2024.

-Sarah I Thanks for getting our trails shut down. -Bothered hiker

Thanks for putting your Batman stickers everywhere. -Superman loyalist

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# NEIGHBORHOOD

By Reader stringers

#### DEL MAR **Paradise alley** gets permission But naysaying neighbors note violations

Last week, the Del Mar city council voted 3-2 to let the local homeowners responsible for the lush greenery that has overtaken an unimproved alley to continue their gardening efforts. The council allowed Tanya Young and Michael McManus to keep an encroachment permit — first granted in 1988 — for a driveway, retaining walls, and landscaping installed in the previous decade in the alley beside their home.



erately set out to turn the public alley into their private backyard. "The applicants have illegally taken over the alley as their own yard," McNulty said. They planted "a row of 20-40 foot tall trees on our property line," graded the alley, installed retaining walls, and added drainage and "planter beds of all types." They even put up outdoor dining tables and chairs, complete with overhead café lighting, in two patio seating areas they

"Planted a row of trees right on our property line in the public alleyway, even though it was clearly forbidden. Which includes blocking us access from our own property, of course, not just from the end of the alley."

According to a staff report, the McManuses claimed the alley was closed in 1975, when in fact it has not been closed or vacated. (However, a different unimproved alley two homes to the east *was* officially closed to vehicles that year.) Staff then recommended denial of the permit for violating code and private encroachments into city rights of way, which span about 70 feet of the alley west and north of the improvements previously approved. "The reason for these paper alleys is the ability to have space between properties," said Councilmember Dave Druker, who voted no, along with Councilmember Dan Quirk.

However, aside from an impenetrable thicket of arundo, councilmembers who walked the area around 919 Klish Way (several long blocks east of Camino Del Mar and Tenth) described a welcoming oasis in the public right of way. So did many residents, who called the plantings and public access "beyond incredible." Rather than encroachment, they argued that the McManuses were taking care of the space, curbing erosion and beautifying the alley.

But that's not how neighbor John McNulty — who wants the vegetation and other additions removed — sees it. In a letter to the city, he claimed the McManuses delib-

#### had created.

McNulty said there are two distinct problem areas. The first is the southerly 100 feet of the alley where the McManuses had been granted the aforementioned encroachment permit. Despite its limited scope, they "planted a row of trees right on our property line in the public alleyway, even though it was clearly forbidden." He argued that they weren't allowed to block public use of the alley — "which includes blocking us access from our own property, of course, not just from the end of the alley."

He added that a second area where the McManuses have "egregiously violated the rights in the public alleyway" is north of the section designated in the 1998 permit, where they were never granted rights. This is where the garden walls, irrigation, drainage, and outdoor dining went in.

In August, 2022, the city issued a violation after receiving a complaint about hedges, rose bushes, ornamental plants, and private patios that had cropped up without city approval. The McManuses sought a permit to retain the new encroachments, but then offered to remove the foliage and patios to abate the violation. The city agreed, with some added conditions, only to have the applicants file an appeal of the approval. In the final iteration, the McManuses wanted to revise their application to retain all the encroachments they had agreed to remove.

In order to grant approval, the city council had to find that that the changes would not endanger public safety, interfere with a city right of way, impact community welfare, or convert a significant slice of public property to private use. Ultimately, the council agreed to height limits on the hedges and the thinning of some of the greenery, as well as a tree count.

As debates over private views, climate action, and the benefits of trees keep raging, the city is also embarking on a two-phase update of its decades-old Trees, Scenic Views and Sunlight Ordinance.

SHEILA PELL

#### Improvement, encroachment, potato, potahto.

#### ON TWO WHEELS Pee Wee redux

Tribute bike taken as pilferers persist

The hit 1985 film *Pee Wee's Big Adventure* chronicled oddball star Pee Wee Herman's crusading effort to recover his stolen bicycle. So it was either fitting or outrageous when, shortly before New Year's Eve, Joy Boe's Pee-Wee-themed black Retrospec Beaumont bike was stolen from her yard in Hillcrest. "It has Pee Wee Herman stickers on it and a Pee Wee-inspired lion ornament on the front handlebars," she told me. "And it has a vintage metal collapsible basket on the rear wheel." Fortunately, her Pee Wee Herman doll was not in the basket at the time of the theft. Still, she said, "I'm very sad, because I'm a huge fan of Pee Wee."



Why is this man smiling? Because his \$3000+ e-bike hasn't been stolen — yet!



Like Pee Wee, Boe was both frantic and determined in her efforts to find her missing bike. Part of that effort involved sharing photos of herself with it, in hopes someone would spot it on the street and

get in touch. "Contacting Revision\_SanDiego on Instagram would be the best form of contact," she noted.

Just a day or so before Boe's bike was nabbed, a woman named Kayla A. saw a man on her Ring.com app walk up to her home's patio in La Mesa. The guy was scoping out her bike. "This man, who is clearly the same man from an incident in April, attempted to steal our bikes [already]," she posted online. "He first came up to check what kind of locks we had, then went back down the stairs to get the correct tool. Please be careful and watch out for him!" During the ordeal, Kayla screamed into her device and scared the lurker away.

Other online commenters said they had employed similar tactics. Chula Vista cyclist John Peters opined that it "might slow down bike theft if more people had motion sensors

attached to their cameras overlooking their bikes."

Bryan Hance is the co-founder of BikeIndex.org, "the most widely used and successful bicycle registration service in the world, with over 1,183,000 cataloged bikes, 1,610 community partners and tens of thousands of daily searches." He said that in 2023, 331 bike thefts were reported on the BikeIndex app within 25 miles of downtown San Diego, compared to 409 the year prior — and that was just among bikes registered with the non-profit. (Of those 331, just 19 were recovered.) The last one of those 2023 thefts was a doozy: a 2021 Super73 S2 electric bike, which retails new for over \$3000, was stolen in Mission Valley. The victim noted that their "garage was opened by someone hacking our signal to open garage (likely Flipper Zero) at 1:26 am."

Hance says that "E-bikes are more often targeted because they are more useful and are of higher value to the fence, so thieves love them. The vast majority we see get fenced on Offer Up and Facebook Marketplace. Nothing is going to change unless these services get it together and do something about the massive sea of stolen goods, including bikes, being fenced on their platforms. They're letting junkies, thieves, and addicts get rich by fencing stolen goods left and right on their services."

In September of last year, Justin H. found his stolen bike for sale on Offer



Boe: "Thank God the doll was not on the bike when it was stolen.... I'm a huge fan of Pee Wee."

Up. "With the help of a friend and the La Mesa PD, I was able to arrange a meeting with the thief and recover my bike. The police rolled up right as he took the bike off the top of his car."

It seems that roof racks on cars are fair game lately. In late November at Balboa Park, a bike was stolen from the roof rack of a car *while the victim was still in the car*. The victim reported that they "didn't realize what was happening till [the thief] was biking away with it," before noting that the bike was "extremely sentimental. Was my dad's, has very clear markings including my name on it."

A few days later, a woman named Karen posted on NextDoor, "My husband parked in the Lemon Grove Home Depot to run in and purchase something. When he came out of the store, he saw a fat man stealing his bike off his bike rack in broad daylight. He yelled and whistled, but no one did anything to stop the thief. My husband ran but could not catch up with the guy."

MIKE MADRIAGA

#### UNDER THE RADAR

**HELIOS hits and misses** Costly

new high-energy laser weapons — installed and tested on San Diego-based ships — aren't being used against deadly Houthi drones and rockets in the Red Sea, causing consternation in the Defense Department, according to a January 2 account by *Defenseone.com*. "The Navy isn't having much trouble swatting down the Houthis' Iranian-made drones, even when they're launched by the dozen. But the Pentagon is beginning to worry about using \$11 million interceptor missiles to take out drones that can cost as little as a few thousand dollars," per

the story. "That price disparity is why the military started seeking lasers and other directed-energy weapons, which promise cheap, all-but-unlimited 'm a g a zines' to intercept drones in large numbers." A December 20, money on beefing up the Navy's laser strategy remains a longstanding issue. "The issue for Congress is whether to modify, reject, or approve the Navy's acquisition strategies and funding requests for shipboard laser development programs," notes the Congressional Research Service report. "Decisions that Congress makes on this issue could affect Navy capabilities and funding requirements and the defense technology and industrial base."

Land rush A key advisor to UCSD's 21st Century China Center is married to



one of the biggest foreign owners of U.S. real estate, per a January 8 dispatch by *LandReport.com*. **Chrissy Luo** and her husband **Tianqiao Chen**, a Chinese online gaming baron, have been snapping up American forest land

2023 Congressional Research Service report says costs of the so-called HELIOS lasers and other laser systems the Navy fancies still loom as a barrier to wide deployment, though you might not guess that from the PR push put on by the Navy and its contractor two years ago. "Lockheed Martin has installed the first operational anti-missile laser aboard a San Diegobased destroyer for testing over the coming year," the *Times of San Diego* wrote on August 19, 2022. "The HELIOS laser was installed on the USS Preble and integrated with its sophisticated Aegis radar and fire-control system during maintenance at Naval Base San Diego.

Lockheed Martin describes the laser as 'a transformational new weapon system, providing deep magazine, low cost per kill, speed of light delivery, and precision response.' Published reports indicate the weapon can be used to both 'dazzle' and destroy cruise missiles, drones and small boats. A post on the destroyer's Facebook page said the ship is now 'the most lethal warship in the US Navy!'"



bought a huge chunk of it.

But was the hype real? Maybe not, at least according to the Congressional Research Service's recent analysis. "There are still technical challenges to scaling lasers up to be able to hit targets, particularly fast targets," *Defenseone. com* writes. "While the laser beam itself is literally as fast as the speed of light, at current power levels, it takes multiple seconds of tracking to cause enough damage to take down a drone," Whether or not to spend more Colonial-style mansion had served as the official residence of the presidents of the University of Southern California for more than four decades." A January 8 Bloomberg account adds that Chen's "Oregon property makes him one of the biggest individual owners of American land by a non-U.S. citizen. Only the Irving family of Canada — No. 6 on the Land Report's

since 2015, says the report. "In 2018, he and

his wife paid \$39 million for the Vanderbilt

Mansion on East 69th Street in Manhattan.

Three years later, the Seeley Mudd Estate

in the Los Angeles suburb of San Marino

sold for \$25 million to unnamed buyers

who were later identified as Tiangiao and

Chrissy Chen. Built in 1934, the American

Irving family of Canada — No. 6 on the Land Report's list, with over 1.2 million acres of Maine timberland owns more." The practice of Chinese nationals buying up American property has become controversial, notes Bloomberg: "About 40 million acres of American agricultural land was

owned by non-U.S. interests as of 2021, according to the most recent Department of Agriculture, with entities from China owning the equivalent of .03% of all U.S. farmland. Some lawmakers have pushed for national rules restricting foreign investment in American agricultural property. The Senate voted in July to ban the sale of farmland beyond a certain acreage or *continued on page 12* 

#### LETTERS

continued from page 1 Christian Rock, Bedazzled Jeans and shirts, this dude is going places! Praise Jesus! -Flashy Christian THANKS FOR GET-TING OUR TRAILS SHUT DOWN... -Unhappy hiker

#### Potato Chip Rock from Poway Roam, January 5, 2024

You realize most of these Instagram-photo-searching people hike up the easier back side of the mountain? Not the 7-mile Lake Poway hike? We start the hike at 6 am when Lake Poway opens, preferably on a weekday. It's a glorious hike and view and you'll find

only 4-5 people at the top. -Hiking Truther

#### Family House of Pancakes' Persian quiche – the enduring omelet

Tin Fork, January 4, 2024 That fiesta omelette made me want to eat the photo! Dam, and real home fries, too! Those are hard to find these days. Those yucky sucky hash brown potatoes need to be banned by California law. WTG, FHOP! -Hungry in Santee

#### Man of the Year Nathan Fletcher undergoes psychoanalysis

SD on the QT, December 27, 2023 Nathan Fletcher has not yet tried the crypto and/or NFT scam, has he? Sounds like the right move to make, to

make lotsa moolah. Those crypto crooks make P.T. Barnum look like a threecard monte thief.

-Crypto Carl Nathan Fletcher has been the shadiest character for awhile. Shame on us for not seeing this, and voting this POS into office.

How has the beast, I mean Lorena Gonzalez, not divorce this guy yet. We need to send the Fletchers of the world back to Arkansas where he belongs. -Nick D

#### Can cheap housing and underground train co-exist on Del Mar Fairgrounds? Neighborhood News, Dec. 19, 2023

The route under the Fairgrounds has already been

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as too costly and environmentally threatening, especially as it's a very tiny loud-mouthed minority of hill-dweller Del Martians who were fine when the train ran on the beach. They need housing a heck of a lot more than appeasing the entitled people screeching like peacocks.

considered and rejected

-Hill Bill YIMBYs need to make up their minds. Are anyone who opposes their demands for more housing wherever and however their developer sponsors want to build it racists, haters or "entitled people screeching like peacocks"? I know that YIMBYs want to make the developers who fund them happy, but they should be a little more consistent in their name calling.

-Mickev Mouse

#### Jim MacDonald's cellphone captures over 2,000 local performances Blurt Music News, November 30,

2023

I had a favorite local band and a favorite guitar player, and I recorded many different songs from different venues over the last 35 years as a fan. The artist was rude to me, discouraged me from recording, did not thank me neither for tips nor support.

The band metamor-



phosed and changed members and I still supported, and tipped generously until one day the guitarist told me on the mike to stop throwing money, that I was rude.

I was throwing ten dollar bills at the feet of the keyboard player and the other guitar player because I wanted to make sure they got my tip to them, and my favorite musician in all of San Diego call me rude on the mike! This destroyed me, and I am still hurting from his insensitivity and meanness. I deleted every pic and video on my phone. I have not been to see him since. I miss the fun but am sure he does not miss me or even notice I am gone. -Insulted fan

How long do the Imperial Beach, Ocean Beach, Crystal, and Oceanside piers have?

Cover Stories, August 16, 2023 Re: Imperial Beach Pier. Both México and Coronado Islands (which are in Mexico) can be seen to the south. Coronado Island is visible to the north. -Island eyes

#### **Portion of Fiesta Island** to serve as Colony for the Unvaccinated

SD on the QT, October 8, 2021 Two years later, you sure look stupid.

-Not sure how comedy works

#### San Diego stupid

Cover Story, June 30, 2021 My first point I would like to make is your "story" about me (Carl Hershman). First of all none of what you wrote about me is true. You received your information from the city attorney's office. That attorney was fired because of his actions in my case. I sued the city of San Diego, San Diego Police Department and both the females who lied about me and other males in the office. The judge threw out their case and my case continued. I won and the city paid me \$50,000.00. -Carl Hershman

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# UNREAL ESTATE

We're all familiar with the Hotel del Coronado, right? The iconic landmark, opened in 1888, has long been the preferred San Diego home base for presidents, royalty, celebrities, and other well-heeled travelers. It's among the last of the Victorian-style beach hotels that used to dot the coast - most of them hastily erected by developers eager to lure land buyers to otherwise desolate locales.

The Hotel Del did inspire some construc-



Gilded era, gilded entry: the original Golden Arches?

tion on the peninsula, but it was completed right around the time the real estate market in San Diego began a decade-long tumble, so it ended up taking longer than investors would've liked to sell off lots in their new town. One of the survivors of that era, however, is currently up for sale, and billed in Zillow's listing remarks as the "quintessential Victorian beach house, an historic landmark known to locals as the 'red Victorian." The home at 1021 E Avenue was built around 1890 and "stands as an icon of timeless elegance and architectural pedigree," with the listing claiming it's "the oldest surviving Queen Anne Victorian on the island," behind only the Del itself. Shall we take a look?

We start our tour outside, looking at a house that is indeed quite red. I like the wraparound veranda and the detailed columns supporting the roof — craftsman touches often missing from the modern McMansions we spend a lot of time with here at Unreal. The vintage tone gets carried into the entry foyer, with its fir floors, gold-accented archway and stair balusters, and the massive brick fire-

place (relegated to modern duty as an oversized candle station). The teal paint on the walls and staircase risers adds a nice pop of color that's similarly lacking in newer builds. There's a powder room tucked under the stairs and a magenta sitting area off to one side, and we're told the double-hung wooden windows in the home hail from the original construction. That gives some weight to the claim that "every aspect reflects a bygone era of craftsmanship." We move along into a small blue dining room, and even though it's a touch on the dark side, I still like the boldness of putting actual color on the walls, especially a different color in every room.

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#### **GOLDEN DREAMS**

#### **The two Mary Beths**

What are the odds? Two women sitting next to each other. Strangers. They introduce themselves.

"Hi. I'm Mary Beth."

"Well actually, I'm Mary Beth."

Turns out they're *both* Mary Beth. And that's just the start: they have each been widowed, and each subsequently made a decision to break out, buy a truck camper, and hit the road. Become solo women road warriors, living out what had originally been a dream they shared with their husbands.

I'm meeting on a weekend morning with my good Scottish buddy Anni Klapka — also widowed, also active — and the two Mary Beths, to talk about the ups and downs that "unaccompanied" women encounter when they take to the open road. And take to it they have: MaryBeth the wellness counselor has driven the northeast and the West Coast. Mary Beth the retired SDSU nursing prof has trekked through Florida and up to Canada, with all points between, sleeping in a camper in strange parking lots, visiting desert campsites.

"You are so brave, going out on trips like these alone," says Anni to them. "I think it's wonderful. But for someone like me, I'd have to know there were stop-off places every two or three miles where they were checking my



Roadsters: MaryBeth Pappas Baun (with dog Auggie), and Mary Beth Parr.

pretty much my whole life," says Mary Beth Parr. "My husband and I backpacked. Then we got a pop-up tent trailer, then a bigger one, and then he passed away, and I had to sell the camper. But I still wanted to camp. I came across the Scout camper online, and bought it sight unseen. Then a month later, I got the truck, drove up to Oregon to pick up the Scout, and since then, it's been 30,000 miles of moving everywhere on the road. I love it. "

But what about the safety of a woman alone? "I went to an expo in May of 2021 in Flag-

MaryBeth Pappas Baun with her heavily modified Ford Transit.

tires, checking my speed, checking my water, checking my everything. If I could follow the Mary Beths in convoy, I would tear around behind them like a puppy dog!"

For the two Mary Beths, that decision to bust out of the isolation of widowhood and just go hit the road meant buying wagons. In Mary Beth Parr's case, it was a Scout camper, which piggybacks onto her Ford F-150 truck. Cost her about \$25,000. MaryBeth Pappas Baun spent around \$150,000, including customization, on a ModVan based on a Ford Transit.

"Why do I do this? Well, I've been camping

staff, Arizona," says Parr. "Got talking about safety. Things like, who's out there around you when you're camping? And the expo people were like, 'Oh, you need a gun.' And I said, 'I don't know if I could shoot anybody.' It comes down to this: as a nurse, I work to help people. So what can I have for safety? I have bear spray, which I can use as a weapon. I have a small taser. I have my keys to my car, which

will send out an alarm. And I try to make it so people don't know that it's just a woman in there camping."

"You put a blow-up dummy in the car," pipes in Scottish Anni. "You put a hat on it and make it look like it's a man. You sit it in the passenger seat, and you talk to it."

"But knock on wood and say my prayers, I've never had any issues where I've been afraid," continues Parr. "At one place in Arizona, I didn't feel comfortable, so I left a day early and I went on to the Vulture Mine, to Kofa, the King of Arizona mines. I was up there by myself too, but didn't have any issues. I think you can have more problems when you're around people, or if you camp someplace where you're thinking like, 'Should I really be camping here?' But mostly, people appreciate seeing a woman do this. The only ones who don't are my friends back home, into national parks."

Often, you can be parked close to comfortable housing but still be living, essentially, on the street. You do have to be adaptable. "My worst experience," says MaryBeth Pappas Baun, "was when I ran out of propane up in the mountains. My electricity died. It got really, really cold. My friend" — a lady who lived near where she was parked — "later said 'Why didn't you come into my house?' I said, 'I didn't want to disturb you.' So I started the car with the idea of finding an all-night propane place. But when you start the car, the battery recharges. So I just turned on the heat, put the passenger seat into recline, put Auggie the dog on my lap, flung the blanket over me, and curled over and went to sleep. That's a good thing about the Transit. It idles on a very, very low level and uses almost no gas."

"My worst experience?" says Mary Beth Parr. "I'd have to say camping in a high wind. Like, up in the desert, near Ridgecrest. Just me and those winds. Rock and roll! That and

"I think you can have more problems if you're around people. But mostly, people appreciate seeing a woman do this."

who are like, 'We don't know where you are.' So now I have an Apple Airtag, and if I'm going to be out of reach, I have a Garmin Mini, and you can push a button on it like an SOS. But I haven't had anybody making me feel uncomfortable. And if I do, I can always go in and lock the door. So many people advise me to carry a firearm. The trouble is, you can't take it into Canada. Other people say I should have a dog. I'm like, 'Well, a dog would be good, but you can't take your dog motorcycles buzzing by at six in the morning. But I didn't feel scared. I was just like, 'I want to go to sleep."

Best experiences, they agree, usually involve camping somewhere bucolic, far from the crowds. Mary Beth Parr's? "Dillon, Montana. Waking up beside a beautiful, peaceful, quiet creek. That's what this is all about."

"I wish I had the guts to do this," says Anni Klapka again. "All I've got is the money. Think I'll stick to cruise ships." ■



Independent: Mary Beth Parr with her F150 and Scout on the back.

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16-year-old Brenda Spencer shot and killed the principal and a custodian and wounded nine others at Cleveland Elementary School in 1979.



John Gardner abducted, raped, and murdered two young women, 14-year-old Amber Dubois in February 2009 and 17-year-old Chelsea King in February 2010.



James Huberty killed 21 people and wounded 19 others in the 1984 San Ysidro McDonald's Massacre. He was killed by a police sniper.

# SOME PEOPLE PRACTICE RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE

**YOU ARE MORE LIKELY TO BE MURDERED BY SOMEONE YOU KNOW THAN BY SOME-ONE YOU DON'T.** The latest FBI statistics show that fewer than 10% of the 20,000 people who were murdered in the United States in 2021 were killed by strangers. And yet, getting attacked and killed by a complete stranger remains reliable fodder for nightmares, horror movies, and true crime podcasts. These random acts of murder, former SDPD homicide detective Rick Carlson surmises, also tend to attract the lion's share of media attention, because they are typically more sensational. "In most murders, the victim and suspect know each other, and there's usually an ongoing issue, like domestic violence or a dispute over money or drugs," Carlson says. "But someone getting killed by a stranger usually occurs in a public place and is much more in the public eye — and more threatening to people who may be in the same situation, whether it's a homeowner, a business owner, or just a commuter on public transportation."

But even among "random" killings, there are patterns. Some are the result of home invasions that end in fatal confrontations. Sometimes bar fights turn deadly; in rare cases, so do roadrage incidents and neighborhood disputes. Only a small percentage of murders are truly random, truly baffling — simply, Carlson says, a case of bad luck, of being in the wrong place at the wrong time. An innocent bystander too close to a drive-by shooting, say.

The most sensational random murder in San Diego history, of course, is the San Ysidro McDonald's massacre, which occurred on July 18, 1984, at the McDonald's fast-food restaurant on the corner of San Ysidro Boulevard and Averil Road. Just before 4 pm, 41-year-old James Huberty walked into the diner, armed with a 9mm Browning HP semi-automatic pistol, a 9mm Uzi carbine, a Winchester 1200

12-gauge pump-action shotgun, and a cloth bag filled with ammunition. He began shooting, and in the 77 minutes between the time he fired his first shot and the moment he was was killed by a police sniper, Huberty managed to kill 21 people and wound 19 others, many of them children. The San Ysidro McDonald's massacre remains the deadliest mass shooting in California history. The restaurant was razed four years after the shooting and the land donated to the city of San Diego, which subsequently sold it to Southwestern College for a campus extension and memorial.

But over the years, there have been numerous other notorious murders in San Diego County, committed by other killers who had no connection to their victims. The January 29, 1979 Cleveland Elementary School shooting, in which 16-year-old Brenda Spencer shot and killed the principal and a custodian and wounded nine others, was later immortalized by the Boomtown Rats in the song "I Don't Like Mondays," after Spencer's response to police officers who asked why she did it. John Gardner's abduction, rape, and murder of two young women, 14-year-old Amber Dubois in February 2009 and 17-year-old Chelsea King in February 2010, was recounted in the best-selling book Lost *Girls* by Caitlin Rother. The December 24, 2013, slaving of Ilona Flint, her fiancé Gianni Belvedere, and Belvedere's brother Salvatore in the parking lot of the Mission Valley shopping center by a carjacker horrified San Diegans, because it occurred on the night before Christmas. And the rape and murder of Tiffany Schultz and five other San Diego women by Cleophus Prince Jr., aka The Clairemont Killer, between January and September 1990 made national headlines because it was one of the first instances in which DNA testing played a pivotal role in the serial killer's arrest and conviction.

Here are some other random murders that have occurred in the San Diego area in recent years. These are all crimes in which police found absolutely no connection between the killer and the victim.

# "I Don't Want to Use the Women's Room"

Saturday, November 14, 1998: Matthew Cecchi was excited. The cheery nine-year-old with the bushy brown hair and endearing gap-toothed grin was enjoying a campout at Oceanside Harbor with a bunch of other family members gathered there for a reunion. Little Matthew had driven down with his father Lou, mother Sharon, and his threeyear-old brother from Oroville, a town 65 miles north of Sacramento on the banks of the Feather River. There, his twin passions were baseball and Legos.

The day was a typical one for Oceanside at that time of year: hazy sunshine, warm but not hot. As afternoon turned into evening, the temperature dipped, but that hardly mattered to the kids, who were playing on the beach and playground next to the RV parking lot, on the narrow spit of land that separates the ocean from the harbor — a space that was (and still is) reserved for camping.

Matthew told his

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bystanders tried to revive Matthew and stop the bleeding, but with no luck. The boy died at the scene as his mother gently stroked his hair.

mother he needed to use

the bathroom. Accord-

ing to news reports, his

mother would later recall

her son saying, "Mom,

can I go into the men's

room? I don't want to

use the women's room."

An aunt, Gail Gerhard,

volunteered to accom-

pany him. She and the

boy walked to the near-

est restroom; the aunt re-

mained outside. As she

waited, she observed a

young man — whom she

later described to police

as a "teen-ager" — enter

the restroom and then

walk out a few minutes

later. Matthew was still

inside. The aunt began to

get worried and called his

name. No answer. When

she went inside to look

for him, she saw him ly-

ing on the floor in a pool

of blood, "bleeding from

an ear-to-ear slash across

his throat," according to

a CNN report. The aunt,

his mother and several

Just two days later, Los Angeles police arrested a 20-year-old transient, Brandon Wilson of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, as they were investigating the robbery and stabbing of a 40-year-old woman in Hollywood. Wilson made certain statements to police connecting him to the Oceanside killing, and also had in his possession the knife believed to have been used to slash young Matthew's throat. Wilson later confessed in court that after walking into the restroom, he grabbed the boy, slit his throat with a hunting knife, and stabbed him five times in the back as he stood at a urinal: "I did it. I'm guilty. I want to talk myself. I did it. I

killed him. I killed the little boy."

He underwent psychological testing and was described by a psychiatrist as delusional and grandiose. According to an NBC San Diego report, the psychiatrist testified that "Wilson believed God had called him to be His special emissary.... Moments before Cecchi's killing, Wilson passed up two potential victims on the beach because he believed they weren't pure enough. Then he heard little Matthew say he needed to go to the bathroom. Wilson felt that Matthew's soul was offering himself to him and this was the person he was supposed to kill and sacrifice, the psychiatrist testified." Wilson was found guilty of first-degree murder with special circumstance and given the death penalty. He was sent to





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death row in San Quentin prison. On November 17, 2011 — 13 years after the murder, virtually to the day — he was found hanging in his cell.

Matthew's legacy: The Matthew Cecchi Public Safety Act, passed by the county Board of Supervisors, which calls for family restrooms in all renovated or newly constructed county parks.

#### The Man with the Demon Tattoo

It was supposed to be a pleasant spring vacation in Oceanside. Katherine Parker, 54, lived with her husband Albert in Lincoln, a suburb of Sacramento. The pair had traveled around California for years in a motorhome and loved to spend winters in sunny Southern California. In early April 2009, the two drove down to Oceanside to visit relatives. They stayed at an RV park near the coast highway. On this particular trip, they were taking it easy: Katherine had just had lap-band surgery and was recovering from a fall that had caused internal bleeding.

On Friday, April 3, Katherine was excited.



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Her eight-year-old granddaughter was flying out for an Easter visit, and this was the first day she felt good enough to venture out for some shopping. In the afternoon, she drove to the El Camino North shopping center, a huge strip mall that stretches from El Camino Real all the way west to Jefferson Street. Her destination was the Hallmark store, located in

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a little plaza next to Toys 'R' Us. (The toy store is now the Burlington Coat Factory; the Hallmark space is now occupied by a nail salon.) Shortly after 4 pm, Parker walked out of the Hallmark store and crossed the plaza into the parking lot, headed toward her car. As she opened the driver-side door, a man ran up to her and asked her for money. When she refused, he

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grabbed her from behind and slashed her 10 times with a knife in the face, neck and stomach as startled shoppers looked on. He then threw the knife and lay down on the ground, arms out, where he waited for police to arrive. Parker was airlifted to a nearby hospital, where she died shortly after her arrival.

Eric Russell Andreasen, a 37-year-old resident of Oceanside with a demon tattoo on his right arm, was convicted of first degree murder in March 2011, and two months later was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. His defense attorney had argued that Andreasen suffered from schizophrenia and had psychotic episodes and religious-based delusions. But the prosecution, according to a San Diego Union-Tribune article, argued that Andreasen had a history of aggressive panhandling, sometimes threatening people who wouldn't give him money. Prosecutors

successfully convinced jurors that he killed Parker in a fit of anger over her refusal to hand over any cash.

#### No mercy

Two days after Christmas in 1986, Cara Knott was driving home from her boyfriend's house in Escondido. The 20-yearold blond and bubbly San Diego State University student lived with her parents in El Cajon, and she was headed southbound on Interstate 15 toward I-8. Before hitting the freeway, she had filled up her 1968 Volkswagen Beetle with gasoline, and now that she was finally on the road, she was eager to get home.

All of a sudden, there were flashing lights behind her. Officer Craig Peyer of the California Highway Patrol directed her to pull over on the unfinished Murphy Road offramp. She did as instructed. Peyer parked his patrol car behind her and, wielding his long flashlight, approached her vehicle. What happened next is unclear. All that is known for certain is that Cara never made it home that night. Her father, clearly worried, retraced her route, and in the early morning hours spotted her white VW near the old Highway 395 bridge off I-5. He called the police, and they soon found her body, 65 feet below the bridge, in a dry creek bed. She had been bludgeoned and strangled to death with a rope.

Just two days later, the local NBC television news affiliate broadcast a segment in which reporter Rory Devine rode along with Peyer and interviewed him about safety tips for travelers whose vehicle suddenly becomes disabled, forcing them to pull off the road. The 36-year-old Peyer, in full CHP uniform, was eager to talk safety. He urged anyone whose car breaks down on the freeway to pull over to the side of the road, lock all the doors and wait for law enforcement. "It's better to be in the safety of your vehicle," he said on camera. "Anything can happen...being a female, you could be raped...robbed, if you're a male...all the way to where you could be killed. Once you get into that other person's car, you're at their mercy."

Watching Peyer being interviewed, some observers noticed what appeared to be scratch marks on the officer's face. After the segment was broadcast, nearly two dozen phone calls were made to police, mostly from women, saying that Peyer had pulled them over at or near the same spot. He was friendly, they said, a little too friendly. That made them uncomfortable. Some callers reported that he stroked their hair and shoulders. An internal investigation revealed many more such stops, along with other evidence pointing to Peyer as the culprit. Two and a half weeks after Knott's death, the highway patrolman was arrested and charged with her murder.

At trial, prosecutors said they believed Peyer had a flirtatious interaction with Knott, who threatened to report him for his inappropriate actions. When he tried to grab her, prosecutors believed, she scratched at his face, prompting Peyer to beat her with his flashlight and strangle her to death with a rope. He then pulled her out of the car and threw her body over the edge of the abandoned bridge into a ravine.

Peyer was brought to trial, but in February 1988 a judge declared a mistrial because jurors could not agree on a verdict. A second trial was promptly held, and this time, Peyer was found guilty of murder. In August of that year, he was sentenced to 25 years to life in prison. Two San Diego Union reporters, Lisa Petrillo and Joe Cantlupe, wrote an excellent book on the Peyer case, Badge of Betrayal: The Devastating True Story of a Rogue Cop Turned Murderer. Peyer is next up for parole in 2027.

#### "Can I help you?"

Extraordinary Desserts first opened in 1989 at 2929 Fifth Avenue on Banker's Hill. It featured a wide assortment of sweet treats, from ice cream and sorbets to tarts, pies, cobblers and bread puddings. It soon became a popular date night spot, as well as a place where couples out on the town could meet



Cara Knott was murdered by Officer Craig Peyer of the **California Highway** Patrol in 1986. Peyer is next up for parole in 2027.

after a meal at Mister A's or any of the area's other fine-dining restaurants for a spectacular dessert.

On the evening of December 30, 2006, Michael Fineman and his wife Thuy met up with another couple, Anthony and Carole Koveleski, at Extraordinary Desserts. They judiciously studied the menu and engaged in animated conversation before selecting their choices and ordering. Fineman, 44, ran a homeredesign business and had three young children. As the two couples chatted on, they were startled by a man they had never seen before who walked up to their table and start staring at them. He was slight, with thinning brown hair and bad teeth; he was dressed casually and had a backpack. The two couples had no idea who the stranger was, but as he stood there, staring, he made them extremely uncomfortable. Fineman asked the stranger, "Can I help you?" The stranger mumbled something back but continued to stand by their table, staring. Annoyed, Fineman summoned a waiter, who promptly escorted the man out.

About five minutes later, just before 9:30 pm, the man returned, walked up to the two couples, pulled out a handgun, and shot both men before running out of the restaurant. Police and paramedics arrived almost immediately. Fineman, who had been shot three times in the head, was pronounced dead at the scene, just moments after the shooting. Koveleski was rushed to the hospital and eventually recovered. The two women were uninjured.

A news report on the crime, with surveillance video capturing the moments just before the shooting, spurred a witness to come forward. He had seen the suspect and jotted down his license plate number. A search soon ensued for 45-yearold Ralph Garbarini, a construction worker from Jackson, an old gold-mining town in the Sierra foothills. Garbarini had come to San Diego just one month before the shooting and was reportedly living in his truck, a brownish gray 1990 Toyota pickup with a plywood camper shell painted to look like a rock formation. The manhunt went nationwide. The case was even featured on the TV show America's Most Wanted. Then, on March 13, 2007, Los Angeles Police received a call from two security guards who said a truck matching the description of Garbarini's camper was parked on a residential street just off Hollywood Boulevard. The truck was put under surveillance and when Garbarini approached the vehicle about three hours after the initial call had been received, he was arrested. It was later revealed

that Garbarini had a history of paranoid schizophrenia. He pleaded guilty to murder and in April 2008 was sentenced to 75 years to life in prison, with an additional life term in prison with the possibility of parole. The trial had been delayed twice, once to determine Garbarini's competency and a second time when he attempted suicide while in jail.

At the sentencing hearing, Fineman's widow Thuy told Fineman that her children frequently cried for their father, and spoke about the incredible feeling of loss she dealt with. "Michael was a good man, a wonderful father and a loving husband," she said, according to a San Diego Union-Tribune story. "Our hopes and dreams are all gone." Koveleski and his wife said they continue to be plagued by anxiety whenever they are out in public, despite therapy and medication.

A "horrifying scream"

One of the most re-

cent random killings is the June 19, 2023 stabbing death of Chi Cao, a 65-year-old grandmother, in the Central Avenue Mini Park. Located in the heart of the central San Diego neighborhood of City Heights, the mini park is a tiny patch of land sandwiched between Central Avenue and Interstate 15. It's roughly the same size as the adjacent skate park - a small expanse of lawn between a playground and some picnic tables. Cao frequently rode her bike along Central Avenue and exercised in the little park near her home, a two-bedroom bungalow she shared with her daughter, son-in-law, and the couple's two small children. She was a frugal matriarch, collecting cans and sending the money to another daughter and grand-

child still living in Vietnam, from which she had emigrated in 2015.

On the morning of Monday, June 19, Cao headed out on foot to the park for her morning walk, picking up recyclables on the way and chatting on her cell phone with a friend. The morning air was still cool; the sky a hazy blue. According to a Go Fund Me page set up by a family friend, Cao was still on the phone, oblivious to any danger, "when an unprovoked man in broad daylight came up and fatally stabbed her multiple times in the neck. After hearing Chi's horrifying scream, her friend on the phone immediately contacted Chi's family, as there was no response on the other line. A neighbor who recognized Chi also ran to her home and rang the doorbell multiple times to inform the

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family. Chi fainted on the sidewalk in front of a neighbor's home. The neighbor found Chi's body lying lifelessly in a pool of blood and contacted the police." It was shortly before 8:30 a.m.

Nine hours later, police arrested 23-year-old Silveinusi Hamala, who lived with his family a few blocks from the park. He was charged with firstdegree murder. At his first court appearance, Hamala did not enter a plea because his defense attorney questioned his competency to stand trial. He was subsequently found to be competent and returned to court on October 24, where he entered a not guilty plea. His next court appearance is scheduled for January.

#### Short Takes

Saturday, July 5, 1986 was a hot summer day in the College area of San Diego. Dona Shenkman, 47, had just left the bank in what was then the College Grove Shopping Center and was walking to her car when she was jumped by a man with a knife who grabbed her purse and then began relentlessly stabbing her. About 15 bystanders witnessed the attack by the man, later identified as 30-year-old Anthony Robert Salas. Before he put down the knife, Salas stabbed himself in the upper left chest area, piercing his own liver. He was rushed to Mercy Hospital in Hillcrest. Shenkman died from her injuries. Salas' fate is unknown; there were no further news stories about any trial or conviction.

Martin Andara, 68, rode the trolley from his home in Santee to the Old Town station bright and early on New Year's Day 2022, headed for work at a Ralph's supermarket in Pacific Beach. While he was walking to a connecting bus shortly after 6:15 am, a man walking ahead of him abruptly turned around, punched him, and then pushed him in front of a freight train rolling along the tracks next to the walkway. Andara died on the scene of severe head trauma. Surveillance video led police to 27-year-old Ryan Rukstelis, who was arrested three days after the attack. Rukstelis pleaded guilty to murder in June and in September was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. The two had been on the same trolley for about 30 minutes, but never interacted.

Justice Boldin was excited. He had just gotten a job as a parking valet for Ace Parking, and was assigned to the Pendry Hotel in the Gaslamp Ouarter, where he soon made friends with a bellman and other service workers. On the night of April 22, 2021, around 10:30 pm, the 28-year-old Boldin was standing near the hotel's J Street valet stand when 34-year-old Travis Sarreshteh walked up to him and, without a word, shot him dead with a "ghost gun," an unserialized and untraceable firearm he had bought online and assembled at home. He then proceeded to gun down four other passersby, although none of them were killed. In January 2023, he was sentenced to 175 years to life in prison for killing Boldin and four more life terms for the other shootings. According to court documents, the rampage began just 10 minutes after Sarreshteh's former girlfriend broke up with him.

On August 14, 1976,

Rock. The warm San Diego sun agreed with the little girl, as did the proximity to the beach — a far cry from her home in Kankakee, Illinois, on the rural plains outside Chicago. It was a Saturday afternoon. Aleta's grandmother asked her to walk over to a nearby store and buy her an afternoon newspaper. Aleta happily agreed — and that's the last time her grandmother saw her. Three days later, Aleta's body was found off Pomerado Road. She had been sexually assaulted. Aleta was later buried at El Camino Memorial Park beneath a headstone that read "Our Precious Sunshine." The case remained unsolved until 1982, when the daughter of Louis Felton May Jr., a registered sex offender who lived in Escondido, told police her father — who died in a motorcycle crash in 1978 — had confessed to the abduction, rape and murder just two weeks after the crime. Police were skeptical but gave the woman a lie detector test, which she passed.

nine-year-old Aleta Sue

Grosenbach was visiting

her grandmother in Bird

- Thomas K. Arnold

#### **Under the** radar

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value to people or businesses from China, Russia, Iran and North Korea, but the measure wasn't ultimately signed into law. Almost half of all states have some sort of restrictions on foreign ownership."

At UCSD, Chen's wife Chrissy Luo advises the university's China Center on a host of policy matters, according to the center's website, which says members of the board she sits on act "as informed advisors on issues of importance to the center as it continues to expand its international scope and efforts and provides advice on strategy, fundraising, policy and business engagement." Chen and his wife are most noted in the United States for giving \$115 million to CalTech in Pasadena for brain research, a move that drew criticism from some Chinese quarters. A May 15, 2017 report by China Development Brief noted, "Chen's donation to an American research institute ignited widespread discussion in China, with many arguing that he should have donated to institutes in his own country. When asked what considerations he made in choosing Caltech as a recipient of his donation, Chen told reporters that he favored institutions that occupied the most optimal and unique positions in the field of neuroscience, while responding to critics that the 'lack of funds for Chinese neuroscience is not my fault." In July of last year, Susan Shirk, UCSD China Center's head honcho since its 2011 inception, was replaced by Victor C. Shih... The San Diego Association of Realtors, which runs one of the nation's largest multiple listing services, has finally hired a new CEO and director of its wholly-owned San Diego MLS: longtime Realtor insider Saul Klein. The move comes after the departure of previous CEO Mike Mercurio, said by a July 2023 lawsuit to have "collected unearned vacation pay, purchased luxury items on SDAR credit cards and sold them on eBay in [a] long-running embezzlement scheme," per a July 27, 2023 KFMB account of the litigation, filed by four former association executives. In a statement reported by Housingwire.com on January 5, Klein said, "I am thrilled to once again participate in the operation and growth of the [Multiple Listing Service] at this critical period in the history of MLS nationwide." Matt Potter

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national tour debut came from winning a *Road To Mayhem* contest) and fivepiece metal band Fraxures.

WHEN: Thursday, January 18, 7:30 pm WHERE: Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue, Linda Vista. *brickbybrick.com* 



planet near the moon. The Orion Nebula and the Great Galaxy in Andromeda are reasonably visible objects on a bright night,

> as is the Double Cluster in Perseus. Viewing begins at dusk. Rain or cloudy skies cancel the event.

WHEN: Friday, January 19, 5 pm to 8 pm WHERE: West Sycamore Mission Trails Regional Park, 17160 Stonebridge Parkway, Scripps Ranch, *sdaa.org* 

## Saturday | 20

#### JURASSIC QUEST

Walk through this exhibit and observe a gaggle of life-size animatronic dinosaurs: Apatosaurus, Spinosaurus, T-Rex, and a 50-foot-long Megalodon. Interact with trainers and baby dinos, and watch a live raptor show. Check out the dinosaur rides,

a giant fossil dig, inflatables, fossil science exhibits, and the "Triceratots" soft play area.

WHEN: Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21, 9 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar. *jurassicquest.com* 

#### WOOD: A FURNITURE SHOW

The Escondido Arts Partnership presents its fourteenth exhibition highlighting works created in wood, sponsored by Murphy's Fine Woodworking. Wood workers from the California region submitted examples of contemporary furniture, art furniture, traditional furniture, veneering, wood carving, marquetry furniture, wood sculpture, and wood turning to the exhibition. A special exhibit will showcase woodworks by the late First Lady Rosalynn Carter.

WHEN: Saturdays, 4 pm to 7 pm, through February 23. WHERE: Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue, Escondido, *escondidoarts.org* 





# Friday | 19

STARS AT WEST SYCAMORE

Join members from the San Diego Astronomy Association to view the nighttime sky through telescopes under a 70 percent gibbous moon. Jupiter is the bright



#### **Lifepoint Church**

Contact: 5480 Lake Murray Blvd., La Mesa (619) 776-9834 www.lifepointsd.com Membership: 100 Pastor: Tony Orlando Age: 50 Born: La Mesa **Formation**: Bethany College (closed in 2011), Santa Cruz Years Ordained: 17

San Diego Reader: What's your favorite subject on which to preach?

Pastor Tony Orlando: I would look for my subject in the Epistle of James. It's the most practical book on Christianity—faith without works is dead (James 1-2), taming the tongue (Jame 3-4), temptations and trials (James

#### HOW TO SEND US YOUR

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

#### ART

Anatomy in Art Book Signing Celebrate the publication of Ken Goldman's book Essential Human Anatomy for Artists. Ken has taught at the Athenaeum School of the Arts since 1986. Sunday, January 21, 2pm; free. Athenaeum Art Center School of the Arts, 1955 Julian Avenue. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**Poway Library Knitting Group** Spend the afternoon with fellow knitting enthusiasts! All are welcome, including beginning knitters, although no formal instruction is provided. Bring your own supplies. A partnership with the San Diego Knitting Guild. Monday, January 22, 1pm; free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

5). That's a good default,

although you can't go wrong

with any of the gospels, of

course. Among these topics,

faith without works is dead is

the crux of the book. It's such

a great theme to apply; it's

not what you believe about

Jesus nor what you do for

Jesus, but the two have to

**SDR**: What is the mission of

**PO**: We have a three-fold

mission: Embrace, Adopt,

and Equip. With every one

of those, we are walking life

together. That's both during

the good and the bad. It's

easy to walk with someone

when things are going well,

but harder when there is

trial and conflict...We chose

be coupled together.

your church?

The Salty Series: Material Intimacies Concerts on the Third Friday of every month feature experimental music curated by a local artist. Performance artists will offer durational and staged works as portals of liminality, disruption, and soft ferocity. Friday, January 19, 7:30pm; \$10. 18 and up. Bread & Salt, 1955 Julian Avenue. (BARRIO LOGAN)

#### AUTOMOTIVE

Cars & Coffee Discounted admission price or partake in the completely free event outside with coffee and donuts (while supplies last) for guests to enjoy while browsing the wide array of vehicles. The public is also invited to bring their own cars to display in the parking lot. Sunday, January 21, 7:30am; free. San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza, (BALBOA PARK)

our name Lifepoint so that it would be like a compass, pointing our lives in the right direction as we walk life together. We embrace culture where we find it, through service. We equip people so they can go and grow in their relationship with the Lord. Then they raise someone else to embrace, adopt and equip. **SDR**: What one book has had the greatest influence on your ministry?

PO: On a matter of practical help more than spiritual, one book is especially good for us in our culture today, which is so fast-paced. It's a book that helps us honor the Sabbath, to see it as a true day of rest-and I'm

#### BOOK SIGNINGS

Author Talk with Lisa Bronner & Soap Scrub Craft Join us for an Author Talk with Lisa Bronner, learn about her new book, Soap & Soul, and make a soap scrub craft. \*For the craft, sign-up required. Sign up in person or call 858-513-2900 (Ages 18 and over) Saturday, January 20, 2pm; free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Author Talk: Jaime A. Pineda Join local San Diego author Jaime A. Pineda as he discusses the relationship between brain, mind, and well-being. Thursday, January 18, 1pm; North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

Luncheon with the Author: Nita Prose Coronado Public Library, in partnership with the Friends of Coronado Public Library and Warwick's bookstore, will host Nita Prose for an intimate luncheon with the author as well as a sign-

guilty of not honoring it so well at times too. We get so caught up in the busyness of life and even rationalize it: "I'm doing what I'm doing for the Lord." It's John Mark Comer's The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry: How to Stay Emotionally Healthy and Spiritually Alive in the Chaos of the Modern World. The author helps draw margins for pastors to avoid burn-out. If you don't take a sabbatical—or a Sabbath—the Lord will give you one, and it will be on his terms. So take a sabbatical that you know you can do, whether it be a weekend a month or a week in a year. It's been a big struggle in my ministry-drawing those margins of rest.

ing of her new book, The Mystery Guest: A Maid Novel. Wednesday, January 24, 11:30am; \$40. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. Nita Prose: The Mystery

Guest, A Maid Novel Warwick's will host Nita Prose as she discusses and signs her new book, The Mystery Guest: A Maid Novel, in conversation with Matt Coyle. Wednesday, January 24, 7:30pm; free-\$29. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, (LA JOLLA)

(CORONADO)

Soo Jin Lee & Linda Yoon: Where I Belong Warwick's will host Soo Jin Lee and Linda Yoon as they discuss and sign their new book, Where I Belong: Healing Trauma and Embracing Asian American Identity. Tuesday, January 23, 7:30pm; free-\$29. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Weekends with Locals: Julia Fulton Weekends with Locals will be hosting Julia Fulton, author of The Bridal Path. Sunday, January 21, 1pm; free. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

#### **CLASSES &** WORKSHOPS

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. Monday, January 22, 12:30pm; free. 18 and up. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Essential Oils Aromatherapy** Workshop Patchwork workshop will include a quick introduction of the benefits of essential oils but



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

**PO**: When you die, you either go to heaven or hell. At some point, we're going to be judged for our works, what we've done. We don't try to preach someone into heaven or out of hell, but heaven and hell are real places. At Lifepoint, we don't

will focus on showing ways you can incorporate aromatherapy into your everyday life. Tickets include a flight of wine and \$10 off any bottle of your choice. Beginner class, no previous experience required. Sunday, January 21, 1pm; \$55. La Mesa Wine Works, 8167 Center Street. (LA MESA)

German Bilingual Storytime Join us for German Bilingual Storytime! All children are welcome. Enjoy books, songs, in both German and English. Geared toward children 3-5 year-olds. Saturday, January 20, 10:30am; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

Hand Rolled Sushi Class Learn how to create your own fresh sushi rolls. Sunday, January 21, 5pm; free-\$59. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

#### Macrame Dream Catcher Craft

Workshop Learn the art of creating your own unique Macrame Dream Catcher with all supplies ready to make your personal macrame creation including hoops, rope, feathers, and other embellishments. No previous experience required, beginners to experts welcome. Wednesday, January 24, 6:30pm; \$45. Mike Hess Brewing Ocean Beach, 4893 Voltaire Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Mythology Workshop Series** for Tweens & Teens Gods, Monsters, Heroes, and Immortals: Do you love reading action-packed myths of heroes, quests, monsters, and villains? Register online, and then pick up your free copy of the book Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes by Edith Hamilton from the Mission Valley Library. Recommended for children ages 9-14 Monday, January 22, 4pm; free. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**On-Farm Composting Course** Composting on your farm, ranch,

take anything out of the Bible but we also don't embellish what is in the Bible. "Anyone who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Those who acknowledge this fact through serving the Lord, either their entire life—or even on their deathbed after not serving the Lord their entire life—are in heaven. I hold onto that scripture as the filter of who makes it and who doesn't. I believe everyone is going to have a chance to call on the name of the Lord and make that decision to serve him and be saved.

– Joseph O'Brien

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or large property is an ideal way to manage crop residues, manure, and other organic waste while creating a stellar soil amendment. Saturday, January 20, 9:30am; \$25, International Equestrian Center, 16911 Gunn Stage. (RAMONA)

San Diego Fixit Clinic Fix your items for free. RSVP is required for item repair with the Fixit Clinic Coaches. Please note: this is a 55+ community. Saturday, January 20, 10am; free. Mount Miguel Covenant Village, 325 Kempton Street. (SPRING VALLEY)

Social Media Phishing The "How to work a computer" class topic is Social Media Phishing. Thursday, January 18, 10am; free. 18 and up. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

#### COMEDY

Amir the Amiracle Amir the Amiracle is a resident comedian at the LA Comedy Club inside The Strat in Las Vegas. His musical comedy style is like Dimitri Martin meets Chris Rock. Thursday, January 18, 7:30pm; Friday, January 19, 7:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Brad Williams Brad Williams started doing stand-up comedy as a teenager and has been touring successfully ever since, routinely selling out prestigious venues all over the country and world. Saturday, January 20, 7:30pm; \$26-\$395. 18 and up Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Comedy Heights PG13 stand-up comedy show. January 20 Jay Light with Lisa Gilbert, Alex Clark, Elie Rickler and Host Al Gavi, January 27 Natasha Collier with Colton Harpie, Kurt Swann, Dederick Scott and Host Al Gavi. Saturday,

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January 20, 8pm; \$5. Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Friday Night Flix Two live "movies" will be improvised before your eyes. Suggestions taken from the audience and prizes given away. Friday, January 19, 8:30pm; \$7-\$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Giulio Gallarotti Giulio Gallarotti is a New York City based standup comedian, actor, host and podcaster. He made his Netflix standup comedy special debut on *Pete Davidson Presents: The Best Friends* in June 2022. His podcast, *Oops*, is regularly listed on the iTunes top charts. Friday, January 19, 7pm and 9:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Hank Green AS SEEN ON: Tik-Tok, Instagram, Crash Course, SciShow and more! Sunday, January 21, 7pm; \$40. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Jordan Thewlis & Jeff Dean Jordan Thewlis is a Bay Area based comedian and writer originally from Los Angeles. Saturday, January 20, 7:30pm and 10pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Kelsey Cook AS SEEN ON: Comedy Central's This is Not Happening, EPIX's Unprotected Sets, NBC's A Little Late with Lilly Singh, Greatest Party Story Ever on MTV, YouTube's "The Hustler" & more! Thursday, January 18, 8pm; Friday, January 19, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, January 20, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Kevin James Thornton Kevin James Thornton has built a loyal following with his hilarious, heartfelt and occasionally cringey moments of self reflection (with a splash of autotune) about growing up gay in a religious community. He has over 2 million followers on Instagram and TikTok with combined views nearing a billion. Wednesday, January 24, 8pm; \$30. 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 19, 10pm; \$5. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Michael Palascak 2 item min purchase per person (food and/or drink). Friday, January 19, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, January 20, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$5-\$40. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Mojo Brookzz** It was the "Mr James" (Sugardaddy) character that proved to be one of Brooks' first major breaks online. The performance takes place in the Main Room. Thursday, January

# OUTDOORS

# January and February are rainiest months, wild lilac begins to bloom

**Highest Monthly Rainfall** totals in San Diego are most likely to occur in January and February (about 1.9 inches each, on average) according to weather-service statistics. If low temperatures accompany the typical Pacific storms of this period, there's a chance of snow in the mountains, including a very slim chance of snowfall as far west as the coast. Only during the months of December and



BEAUTIFUL SAN DIEGO MOUNTAIN LILAC (CEANOTHUS CYANEUS)

18, 7pm; \$25-\$35. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Tanael Joachim** TJ is a Haitian born stand-up comedian who is currently based in New York City. He has made appearances on *Gotham Comedy Live* (AXS TV) and *Good Day New York* (FOX5). TJ has a very laid back, smooth, and conversational style. He jokes about race, society's idiosyncrasies, and the inherent contrast between life in Haiti and America. Wednesday, January 24, 7:30pm; \$20.21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

#### DISCUSSION GROUPS

**2024 Intersections** The 2024 Intersections series is co-curated by a number of influential San Diegans with ties to the arts and culture community: Rebecca Jade, Damian DeRobbio, Kamau Kenyatta, and Yale Strom. Friday, January 19, 7pm; \$25-\$35. UC San Diego Park & Market, 1100 Market Street. (EAST VILLAGE)

Stephen King's Thinner Screening & Cast Reunion Attending the event are director Tom Holland, stars Robert John Burke, Joe Mantegna and makeup Artist Vincent J. Guastini. Screening will include a retrospective Q&A discussion on their careers in filmmaking and a limited meet and greet. Saturday, January 20, 4pm; \$20-\$30. Star Theatre, 402 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

#### FOR KIDS

Disney On Ice: Frozen and Encanto Step inside Disney stories like never before at Disney On Ice presents Frozen & Encanto! Hosted by Mickey and Minnie, sing along and celebrate the power of love at Disney On Ice – the show everyone will be talking about! Thursday, January 18, 7pm; Friday, January 20, 11am, 3pm and 7pm; Sunday, January 21, 11am, 3pm and 7pm; \$20-\$120. Pechanga Arena Boulevard. (MDWAY DISTRICT)

Inside Look at SeaWorld San Diego During Inside Look, which is included with park admission, park visitors will have special access to areas of the park normally not open to general park guests, including the Rescue Center, as well as all-new opportunities to hear from animal care specialists about the park's belugas and otters, see jellyfish up close, and learn about rescued animals. Saturday, January 20, 10am; Sunday, January 21, 10am; SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

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 19, 7pm; Saturday, January 20, 2pm; Sunday, January 21, 2pm; \$18-\$20. Casa del Prado Theatre, 1600 Village Place. (BALBOA PARK)

#### LECTURES

**Columbian Exchange: The Positives** Culinary Historians of San Diego will present "Columbian Exchange: the Positives," with Barbara Baxter. Her main interest is in wine, whose history is naturally interlinked with food. The event will be followed by a tasting and chat with Barbara B Saturday, January 20, 10:30am; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Old Seeds, New Ground: Growing Christianity in the 3rd Millennium The San Diego School of Christian Studies invites you to the next Who Is My Neighbor? lecture: Old Seeds, New Ground-Growing Christianity in the Third Millennium What's the future of Christianity in America? Following the dynamic lecture will be an opportunity for discussion during a light lunch. Saturday, January 20, 10:30am; \$10. First United Methodist Church of San Diego, 2111 Camino del Rio South. (MIS-SION VALLEY)

**The Pope at War** The Secret History of Pius XII, Mussolini and Hitler featuring David Kertzer Thursday, January 18, 5pm; **free**. UC San Diego Library, Geisel Library, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)



A COLORFUL PALETTE REFLECTED ON KEARNY VILLA ROAD AFTER A RAIN STORM

January have traces of snow ever been recorded at San Diego's National Weather Service station.

*Ceanothus*, Or Wild Lilac, a late-winter- or early-springblooming native plant, could blossom profusely this month or next. Heavy rains and protracted periods of abundant sunshine produce the most extravagant displays. Blue and white-flowering varieties of *ceanothus* are common wherever native sage-scrub and chaparral vegetation grows, from the bluffs of Torrey Pines to the edge of the Anza-Borrego Desert.

**The Moon**, just past its first quarter phase, is only 3 to 4 degrees from Jupiter. They will be the two brightest things in the evening sky this week.

Family Discovery Walk: Wildlife Habitats Join MTRP Trail Guides for a family-oriented adventure learning how the habitats in Mission Trails support a diversity of wildlife and discover how water influences them. Meet in the Kumeyaay Lake Camp ground dayuse parking lot. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, January 20, 1pm; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra

NATURE

**Grief Walk** The Elizabeth Hospice is hosting a free monthly walk for people grieving the loss of a loved one. This easy-paced walking group offers participants an opportunity to share with others, walk in silence, or dedicate the walk to a loved one. Saturday, January 20, 9:30am; **free**. Lake Murray Reservoir, 5540 Kiowa Drive. (SAN CARLOS)

Trail. (SANTEE)

Guided Bird Walk: Grasslands & Spring Canyon Join MTRP bird walk leaders for a guided bird walk in the Grasslands and Spring Canyon area of the park. Meet in front of the Ranger Field Station in the East Fortuna Staging Area off Hwy. 52 and Mast Blvd. in Santee. Bring binoculars if you have them. Walks are canceled if raining. Friday, January 19, 8am & Saturday, January 20, 8am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park East Fortuna staging area, Mast Boulevard at SR-52. (SANTEE)

**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. The trails highlight coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and riparian woodland habitats. Walks start from the Visitor Center, are free and open to the public, with no reservations required. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturday, January 20, 9:30am, Sunday, January 21, 9:30am & Wednesday, January 21, 9:30am & Wednesday, January 24, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Hike: Wellness-Focused (Sober) Community Building Kickoff 2024 by building friendships and fellowship with a community of wellness-focused (sober) peers! Join a an easy-to-moderate ~3 mile hike. Through this experience, you'll engage in a wellnessoriented, sober experience that will support you to live a thriving life. At the start and end of the hike, space will be created for participants to connect intentionally with each other for at least a few minutes. Saturday, January 20, 10am; free. Sweetwater River Trail

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

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Bears With A Mission Teddy Bear Show & Sale Free show featuring artists, vintage teddy bears/animals, raffles, door prizes, and light refireshments. Saturday, January 20, 10am; free. Courtyard Marriott at Liberty Station, 2592 Laning Road. (POINT LOMA)

#### **SPORTS &** FITNESS

**Monster Energy Supercross** Experience the intense action of the world's most demanding sport live and in-person at Monster Energy AMA Supercross. Saturday, January 20, 5pm; \$40-\$240. Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MIS-SION VALLEY)

SCEGA California Classic Invitational Women's Gymnastics **Meet** The premier gymnastics meet located in sunny SoCal is one of the finest with over 2,000 gymnasts competing from all over world at this foreign sanctioned meet! Friday, January 19, 8am; Saturday, January 20, 8am; Sunday, January 21, 8am: Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, (DEL MAR)

#### 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.

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,

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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

others less so, serve to give the claim

some weight. They certainly don't



Mean Girls: Ladies and gentlemen, your 2024 edition of the Plastics.

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.  $\star\star$  (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Holdovers** — It's tempting to call director Alexander Payne's latest a kind of Dead Poets Society for grownups. Not that Peter Weir's film was childish. But Payne's is definitely adult. There's the obvious similarity of setting: a private school for boys in New England, filmed with aching loveliness and care. But here, it's the '70s. The American innocence of DPS's '50s has been seen to by the war in Vietnam, which has claimed the life of Curtis, the ambitious son of school cook Mary Lamb. And there is the similarity of dynamic:

the story concerns the relationship between a teacher who loves the classical tradition (Robin Williams' John Keating had Horace and his aspirational cry of Carpe diem, Paul Giamatti's Paul Hunham has Marcus Aurelius and his stoic love of virtue despite the circumstances) and a student with a strained familial situation. But Dominic Sessa's Angus doesn't want to chase his dreams and act, he just wants to go home for Christmas - and maybe avoid getting booted into military school. Both teacher and student are sour, sullen, surly, sarcastic, and smart In a way that wins them few admirers - and with reason. The two wind up trapped together for the holidays, and it's a testament to both actors that the thaw between them happens so gradually that it's

hard to notice until it's obvious. (Giamatti has a ball here as a glass-eved grump, but he's a known quantity. The lupine Sessa is the revelation; it's a gutsy move putting him in a theater watching Dustin Hoffman, but it's no accident.) And while DPS' Keating had to learn the price of his principles, Hunham's work has more to do with finding the limits of their value. Payne is happy to amble; there are points where you may feel the 2 hour, 13 minute runtime. But he's always going somewhere, and the destination is worthwhile. (2023) - M.L.  $\star \star \star$  (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Mean Girls** — If the original *Mean* Girls was a gentled version of Heathers - and yeah, that's probably unfair, since films should be allowed to stand or fall on their own merits, but for viewers of a certain age, the similarities were simply too salient to ignore, what with the plucky outsider sidling up to but ultimately taking down the trio of gorgeous Gorgons who run things around this here high school - then Mean Girls 2024 is a gentled version of the 2004 original. High school can be a desperate time; no one here feels desperate. The girls just aren't as mean. The social hierarchies just aren't as brutal. The betrayals and losses just aren't as devastating - and it's not just because we may have seen them before. It may be because the world has gotten meaner in the meantime. Social media has made the notion of a secret "Burn Book" full of nasty comments about one's adolescent peers positively quaint; today, you could just make an anon account and broadcast your bile to all and sundry — to the point where maybe you'd get back





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to the suicidal darkness of Heathers! But no, the book is still here, still somehow wreaking havoc even as it has lost the power to accuse someone of, gasp, homosexuality. Here, Janis is out and proud; her animus toward the popular Plastics has to do with a failure of allyship - which is rather less potent as motivations go. In place of the poison, this version has songs, which is probably what you're here for, since they provide the "new twist" promised on the poster. Some of them are great fun and actually help move the story along — the wildly energetic "Revenge Party" is a positive delight. Others work like anthemic music videos — Regina George's spooky/ sinister "Someone Gets Hurt," Janis's poptimist "I'd Rather Be Me." But a number of them — "Meet the Plastics," "What's Wrong With Me?" etc. — do little more than raise subtext to text, and the performances aren't always rendered with enough feeling to make them feel worthwhile. Never thought I'd be able to say that about a teen musical. (How's that for mean?) (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 beat 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)

#### THEATER LISTINGS

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#### All Bark, No Bite

Charlotte and Eugene live a quiet, no-nonsense lifestyle surrounded by sudoku and argyle. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SINDAYS

#### The Cocktail Hour

Step into the world of *The Cocktail Hour*, where wit meets warmth in a play that weaves sharp humor with



Intimate Apparel: When the wedding takes place halfway through the action...

heartwarming moments. Play by

A.R. Gurney, directed by Jaeonnie

CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 129, MIS-

SION VALLEY. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS,

The Crucible by Arthur Miller

A classic portrait of one man's strug-

gle toward grace is set in the scorch-

ing 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 pas-

sion and obsessed with revenge, ruth-

less 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 Kil-

roy, Amy Dell, Matt Sayre, Katia Sky,

Bryn Williams, Darlene Cleary, Jerry

Young, Rielle Jarrett, Floyd Strayer,

LAMPLIGHTERS COMMUNITY THEATRE,

5915 SEVERIN DR., LA MESA. 619-303-

5092. 8PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS,

Yvonne Nguyen

2PM SUNDAYS

TRINITY THEATRE COMPANY, 1640

Davis-Crawford.

2PM SUNDAYS

#### Frozen JR.

A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humor, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart! Music and Lyrics by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez Book by Jennifer Lee It is presented through a special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). OLD TOWN TEMECULA COMMUNITY THEATER, 42051 MAIN ST., TEMECU-LA. 866-653-8696. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

#### **Intimate Apparel**

What's the harm in dreaming? Funny you should ask. Playwright Lynn Nottage's story, written after she discovered a photo of her own greatgrandmother and started wondering about the person in the picture, gives us a woman who has had a bellyful of reality, to the point where just being able to support herself as a seamstress feels like a miracle. Even so, she has

managed to keep a grander dream alive: to someday save enough to open a beauty parlor for her fellow black women in turn-of-the-century New York, a place where they can have some comfort in this life. But hearts are hungry things, with appetite for any number of fond fantasies. even late-in-life love. And when the letters start to pour in from a lonely canal-digger in Panama, well, hope is a powerful drug. (Plus, he writes like a gentleman.) But while there is an air of culmination to their eventual meeting, it is by no means a conclusion, and reality has a way of setting in. It's a tough tale, carefully engineered to break nearly every heart on display, some more than once. Still, as director Jasmine Bracey notes, it's not a tragedy - a broken heart is not the same as a broken person. And now we come to the inevitable clothing metaphor, one that touches on the fact that of course, a play is itself a fantasy, blunt reality gussied up the way lingerie fancifies a prostitute. Nottage's expertly rendered dialogue serves as the shapely corset that lets the actors cut the required figure, but it's still up to them to perform, and that's the real wonder here. Lead Nedra Snipes, in particular, manages the daunting task of playing someone simple but deep, terrified but determined, and perhaps most daunting of all, human but good. It is a grace to watch her.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 8PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 8PM WEDNESDAYS.

#### North: The Musical

North: The Musical is a new production, written and produced by Ashli St. Armant, that reflects the optimism, bravery, wonder and suspense of freedom seekers. Follow Lawrence and his mother, Minnie, as they escape the Deep South and travel North through the Underground Railroad. POWAY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING

ARTS, 15498 ESPOLA RD., POWAY. 858-748-0505. 6PM SATURDAY. Outside Mullingar

#### Outside Mullinga

Pulitzer Prize winner John Patrick Shanley's rustic comedy about Anthony and Rosemary, lovelorn farmers in rural Ireland. LAMB'S PLAYERS THEATRE, 1142 ORANGE AVE., CORONADO. 619-437-0600. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

#### Peter Pan

Ovation Theatre is proud to present a reimagining of the Tony Awardwinning 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 THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATUR-DAY, 2PM 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 wellloved 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 VIL-LAGE PL., BALBOA PARK. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY & 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.











LIVE NATION

the inside track

Reverance for the Reverend Reverend Stickman left for the great gig in the sky on December 22 of last year, at the age of 59. "He put his music on the sidelines to play with others," says Jenene Lambert of her friend and bandmate. "Even though he

would achieve every time we played as much as we could in the real world. He taught me over the years about the power of unexpected kindness, and the grace of giving yourself the chance to not always be perfect, musically or otherwise." This grace extended



wanted to do his stuff, he just went with the flow and went to wherever he was needed." Going where he was needed resulted in several collaborations with January Avalanche, Cathryn Beeks, Sandi Shaner, and others, while his original compositions were recognized by both music lovers and judges at a 2011 songwriting competition at Humphreys. Born Mark Schmitt in Denver, Colorado, he became known as Reverend after submitting a fee to officiate a friend's wedding.

He was openly spiritual, but not religious, stating, "Spirituality is something we can all feel. Religion divides us from each other." This stance enabled the Reverend to be open to making connections beyond music. "We would spend countless hours before and after gigs and on long tour rides discussing so many philosophies," says friend and collaborator Bahman Violin. "We shared the love of trying to make ourselves better, in every way possible, always striving to learn from our mistakes, grow through challenges, and be in the 'flow state' that we

Recalls Violin, "We won a grant in 2019 from UCSD to put on a full live theater show with our original music combined with poetry and narration to describe the refugee experience. We worked for a whole year on that production, and were rehearsing the anthem of the musical, which was an all-original composition by Reverend. There's a video captured of him not even three notes into the song, with the full band and singers, and at that moment you see Reverend stopping the music to say, 'I'm so sorry, it's just when I wrote this on a paper napkin, never did I think we would be here. You all sounded so good. I'm so

ever. We barely were able to

swallow the first sip, but we took a second, only because

we were so tired. We took a break, and I said, 'Man this

is awful, huh?' And lightning quick, as if in a script on a

sitcom, he retorted, 'Yes, how-

ever, it has made me nervous?

I had my sides splitting at

An avid Padres fan,

games with Bartosik, both

"Padres playoff games in

2022," Bartosik recalls. "We

got tickets, but the Reverend had an annual Baja music trip

he did every October. So I'm

at the games and, every time

something happens, he texts me. He's watching on TV in Cabo. We went to over 50 Padres games together over

the past few years. I may miss going to games with Rev more than playing music."

at the stadium and remotely.

Stickman loved to watch

that one."

sorry, give me a minute.' Nothing could better describe his humbleness and amazing soul in one moment."

While his death leaves an empty space in the music scene and an incalculable depth of grief for those closest to him, there is this consolation: the Reverend did what many claim they aspire to do. He left the world a better place than he found it for his having been in it.

— Spike Steffenhagen

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to his fellow musicians as well, as noted by saxophonist Bob Bartosik. "Rev was always kind and encouraging other musicians. We had a couple players on More Than Blues" - nominated for a 2014 San Diego Music Award — "that he invited back a second time to redo their parts that didn't quite work. I was more of the 'Let's get somebody else' type. He taught me to be forgiving and give people second chances."

Reverend Stickman, RIP.

Described as always in the moment and never in a hurry, The Reverend's in-thenow mindset made for some humorous memories. "We played a bar in Del Mar," says Lambert. "We got all loaded at setup before we realized he forgot his guitar! We had to call our friend Charlie Imes, who lived down the road, to bring us one."

Shared stories from the road, such as Violin's recollection of some shared horrible gas station coffee, are a testament to Stickman's ability to make fun of trying situations. "When we got in the car and took a sip, it was by far the most god-awful bitter coffee



JAY ALLEN SANFORD

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#### TRAVEL AGENTS at Mr. Peabody's



Founded in Solana Beach circa 1987 and largely influenced by the psychedelic sounds of the late '60s and early '70s, the Travel Agents specialize in jam band music by the likes of the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, the Allman Brothers, and Quicksilver Messenger Service. They're frequently tapped to open for touring headliners such as Spirit and Big Brother & the Holding Company.

#### **CORAL BELLS** at Duck Foot Brewing Company

JAN 20

**JAN 19** 



Miramar brewery Duck Foot has been hosting live music latelyL Deadhead jams, bluegrass nights, and occasional original local band showcases. This free edition is headlined by acoustic rockers Coral Bells, featuring members from Oklahoma, Boston, and Imperial Beach. The band took home a 2021 San Diego Music Award for Best Americana or Country Album, for their full-length *Treehouse Tapes*.

#### AMINIATURE and NO KNIFE at the Casbah

JAN 20 AND 21



The Casbah's 35th anniversary celebration month continues with a two-night stand featuring reunited locals a Miniature and No Knife. a Miniature were a 1990s alternative band, while No Knife combined aspects of math rock, post-hardcore, and other indie rock. The January 29 show also features Holy Tears and UK Wongs, while the January 21 performances will be opened by sets from Sunbendr and Nanobel.

#### LINDA MAY HAN OH QUINTET at Athenaeum Music & Arts Library

JAN 21



Jazz returns to La Jolla's Athenaeum for the annual series of winter concerts in the Joan & Irwin Jacobs Music Room. The January 21 edition features the Glass Hours quintet, fronted by standup bass star Linda May Han Oh, known for playing with Pat Metheny's band. Upcoming installments include jazz guitarist Gilad Hekselman on January 28, keyboardist James Francies on February 4, and Berlinbased pianist Benjamin Lackner on February 28.

#### **PINBACK** at the Casbah

JAN 23 AND 24



The next two-night reunion at the Casbah's 35th anniversary celebration is being headed up by Pinback, formed in 1998 by singers, songwriters, and multi-instrumentalists Armistead Burwell Smith IV (also known as Zach Smith) and man-of-a-thousand-bands Rob Crow. Besides Crow and Smith, the group has included at least a dozen other locals over the years. The bill includes one of Smith's other groups, Systems Officer, which has included members of Goblin Cock, Thingy, Mr. Tube, and Octagrape.



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## Healthy pulse, flowing blood

A sasscore soiree at the Che

December 17: I was moving a little slower than usual that Sunday afternoon. Hangover? Nah. More likely lethargy. But after stirring up a quick kratom-and-water cocktail, I perked up like a proud poppy and texted SeeYouSpaceCowboy's manager to organize a sit-down with the band. They would be playing the second show of their two-night residency at UCSD's Che Café in La Jolla that evening, and we agreed to meet about an hour before the opening acts. I splashed some coffee on top of the kratom for good measure; I knew I'd be needing more than standard voltage running through the body's circuits in order to keep up with a sold-out house. And booze was off the menu at the sober venue.

Hanging at a table in the Cafe's courtyard, I began choppin' it up with the hometown act. For Connie Sgarbossa, frontwoman of SYSC,

the back-to-back weekend shows were a homecoming of sorts. Sgarbossa's ties to the Che go back to her teenage years, when she volunteered for the collective that operates the independent campus venue. "It blew my mind that a place like this existed," she said. "I'd get out of school, take the bus down here, run a show, go home, sleep, go to school the next day. This place formed a lot of who I am today. It taught me a

lot about community, radi-

cal politics, and music in general." The rest of the metal/sasscore group (Ethan Sgarbossa, AJ Tartol, Taylor Allen, and Timmy Moreno) told me that the previous bands they played with had all taken the stage at the Che at some point. And SYSC was essentially birthed at the Che, having played their first-ever gig there in 2017.

"They just can't shut this place down," I said, looking around anxiously.

"They've tried many times," Sgarbossa noted. "That's why I came back to join the collective again. I can't dedicate as much time as before, but it's amazing to be back in this space. It means so fucking much to me."

Following our hang, and with some time to kill before the show started, I took a walk



SeeYouSpaceCowboy, back to the place they were born.

up to the Theatre District. While standing outside the La Jolla Playhouse, I watched the sun take its final bow, ducking away behind an unlively little forest of UCSD campus trees. A long December night had crept in. Beneath a flickering street lamp, a young couple huddled together while waiting for the show to start. Although fans of the Che, they both said they wanted more shows and venues in San Diego. I had to agree that San Diego does at times get overlooked when it comes to punk/hardcore tour stops. Fortunately, the Che holds a healthy pulse, even as other area venues are nearly on life support.

As for the lineups, both Saturday and Sunday nights were hand-curated by SYSC. They said they now have the freedom to make those kinds of calls. Given that, they wanted to hook up the homies instead of plugging some other band to help push tickets. Sunday night's lineup included Stateside, One Way Mirror, and the San Diego debut of Roman Candle.

Once inside the space, I found my friend/ co-worker Vania as SYSC took the stage. Sgarbossa asked everybody to move up. We listened and obeyed. I knew damn well what was about to go down once they started playing, but Vania was a little oblivious. In an instant, we were swallowed in the vortex of a Che Cafe mosh pit. The kratom and coffee had worn off long ago. I was sputtering. My right groin muscle was howling for mercy. The unforgiving pit didn't give a single fuck. I was eventually spit out like a piece of chewed up bubble gum. I watched from the outside as Vania got bounced around like a pinball. In my decrepit state, I felt powerless to help. She eventually pinged towards me and found her way out. "Well, that was an ordeal," she said rather calmly.

After the set, Vania said she wanted to check out SYSC's merch table outside. While she was buying a T-shirt, Connie Sgarbossa rushed to the table. She was holding a marker for signing autographs, but her attention was on getting back inside to administer first aid to a fan whose face was busted open during a visit to the pit. The rock star was truly a Che Cafe volunteer once again. All in a weekend's work. 🔳

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#### THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

#### Athenaeum Music and Arts **Library:** Sunday, 7:30pm — Jazz at the

Athenaeum. \$40-\$172.

**Barefoot Bar and Grill:** Friday, 6pm — Orion Song

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

#### **Belly Up Tavern:**

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Thursday, 7:30pm — Cayucas & Matt Costa. \$18-\$32. Friday, 8pm - The Aggrolites. \$20-\$35. Saturday, 8pm - Led Zepagain. 2024 \$26-\$46 Sunday, 6:30pm — Marc Cohn. 18, Tuesday, 7:30pm — Victor Wooten & the Wooten Brothers January \$35-\$62 Wednesday, 8pm - Young Gun Silver Fox and The Silvertone. \$27-\$49 **Books & Records:** Friday, 7pm - Kaylee Die Daugherty. Free. San

Saturday, 7pm - Kat

**Sunday**, 11am — Nightshade

Shoemaker. Free.

Friday, 7:30pm — The Cab Calloway Orchestra. \$35-\$75. Cannonball: Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.

Friday, 9pm — Emo Nite. \$21. Saturday & Sunday, 7:30pm aMiniature and No Knife. Monday, 7:30pm — Y La Bamba. \$22 Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:30pm - Pinback.

Thursday, 7:30pm — Jjuujjuu

Navarro & The Cloudmakers.

Friday, 7:30pm — The Salty

Series: Material Intimacies. \$10.

*Thursday*, 7:30pm — Fear Factory and Orbit Culture. \$25-

Saturday, 7:30pm - Days N

Sunday, 7:30pm — Gorod,

Wormhole, Hath. \$15-\$18.

& Scorpion Child. \$15-\$18.

Daze and Sister Wife Sex Strike.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Fatso Jetson

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Escuela

Grind and Take Offense. \$15-

**California Center for the** 

Arts, Escondido:

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Bread & Salt:

**Brick by Brick:** 

#### **Duck Foot Brewing** Company:

Thursday, 6:30pm - Dead Heads Night. Free.

Saturday, 7pm - Coral Bells. Free. *Tuesday*, 7pm — SD Jazz Collective. **Free**.

Duke's La Jolla: Sunday, 4pm — Keni Yarbro. Tuesday, 4pm — Kai Kalama.

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa: Thursday, 6pm — Jackie Foster. Saturday, 6pm — Farrah Camu. Tuesday, 6pm — Helena Holleran Wednesday, 6pm — Puro

#### Feeling Farmer & the Seahorse: Thursday, 4:30pm - Freddie

Walton. Friday, 4:30pm - Blaise Guld. Saturday, 11am — Alex Elisabeth Sunday, 11am - Sean McCole.

Golden Island: Friday, 6pm — Paul Combs. Free.

#### **Holding Company:**

Thursday, 7:30pm - Immortal Technique. \$25-\$30. Friday, 7:30pm - Mickey Avalon, \$27 Saturday, 7:30pm — Ignite, DPI, Authentic Sellout. \$15-\$20. Sunday, 4pm - Tha Alkaholiks: Tash, E-Swift Featuring King T. \$30-\$60. Wednesday, 7pm - Pink Talking Fish: Day 1. \$20-\$27.

#### House of Blues:

Thursday, 7pm — Arden Jones.

\$24. Thursday, 8pm - DJ Shadow. \$53-\$209 Friday, 7pm — Glen Matlock. \$41. Friday, 7:30pm - Little Jesus. \$20. Saturday, 7:30pm - Daniel Donato, \$27 Saturday, 7:30pm — Gasolina Reggaeton Party. \$19-\$48.

JAI at the Conrad: Friday, 6pm & 8pm — Tatiana Eva-Marie, \$58-\$73.

L'Auberge Del Mar: Thursday, 5pm — Marelle. Friday, 7pm - Jarred Matthew. Sunday, 11am - Farrah Camu.

La Valencia Hotel: Thursday, 5:30pm - David Shvde. Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro. Saturday, 11am — Jackie Foster. Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin. Sunday, 11am — Kai Kalama.

#### **Magnolia Performing Arts**

Center: Friday, 7pm - Prince Again: Tribute to Prince. \$15-\$125.

#### **Mission Bay Resort:** Thursday, 5pm - Keni Yarbro.

Wednesday, 5pm - Marelle.

Saturday, 5pm — Kai Kalama. Sunday, 5pm - Jarred Matthew. Monday, 5pm — Jehua Evans. Tuesday, 5pm — Puro Feeling.

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Thursday, 9pm — Hickory Wind Band Friday, 9pm - Travel Agents.

#### **Museum of Making Music:** Tuesday, 7pm - James Hill & Peter Luongo Ukulele Experience. \$30.

**Music Box:** Friday, 8:30pm — Queen Nation. \$25-\$65. Saturday, 7:30pm - Ozomatli. \$37-\$97 Sunday, 7pm — Amber Liu. \$30-\$150. Wednesday, 7:30pm - Slick

Rick. \$35-\$40. Nate's Garden Grill: Saturday, 12pm - Tinkersmith. Free

#### Navajo Live:

Friday, 8pm — Marco Mendoza and Stone Horse. \$30. Saturday, 8pm - Easy Wind. \$12-\$15. Wednesday, 7pm - Matt Miller and Bryan Dilionnis. \$5.

Nick & G's: Friday, 6pm — Matt Heinecke. Saturday, 6pm - David Shyde.

**Observatory North Park:** Thursday, 7pm - moe. \$50. Friday, 7pm — Mayer Hawthorne. \$41-\$123.

Parg Restaurant: Friday, 8pm — Crankdat.

Rustic Root: Tuesday, 6pm - David Shyde.

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#### Saddle Bar: Thursday, 8pm — Classic Rock.

Free San Pasqual Wine Bar and Gallery: Saturday, 7pm — Barrel Room Sessions: The Water Spots. Free.

Soda Bar: Thursday, 7:30pm - Marlon Funaki. \$15. Friday, 7:30pm - Peach Cooler and King Julian. \$15. Saturday, 7:30pm - Pleasure Pill and Uni Boys. \$12. Monday, 7:30pm - Auz Fontaine, Free. Tuesday, 7:30pm - Tre Burt.

\$21 Wednesday, 7:30pm - Native Sun. \$12.

#### Soma:

Friday, 6:30pm - Blue Hour and The Band Cope. \$10. Saturday, 6:30pm — Gingfest. \$10. Wednesday, 8pm — Isaiah Rashad. \$44-\$150.

#### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas:

Friday, 7pm — Hutchins Consort: Bach and Rock. \$10-\$40.

Tio Leo's: Thursday, 7pm - Gino & the Lone Gunmen, \$10.

**Topside Terrace Kitchen &** Bar: Friday, 6pm — DJ Kiwi. Free. Sunday, 11am — Mercedes

#### Moore. Free Wednesday, 6pm — Erika Osuna. Free.

Vin de Syrah Wine Parlor: Saturday, 7:30pm — '90s Prom.

Winstons Beach Club: Friday, 9pm — Wall of Sound. Saturday, 9pm — Blu Egyptian and The Diz.

#### 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 28, February 4 — Jazz at the Athenaeum

#### **Balboa Theatre:** January 27 — Benise January 28 — The Life & Music

of George Michael

#### **Barefoot Bar and Grill:** January 27 — Freddie Walton February 3 — Christian Taylor

Bellamy's Restaurant: January 25, February 1 — Jake Taylor Smith

**Belly Up Tavern:** January 25 — Moontricks January 26 - ALO and Sway Wild January 28 — Cowboy Mouth January 31 — The Third Mind Ft. Dave Alvin February 1 — Digable Planets and Kassa Overall February 2 — Billy Nation: A Tribute to Billy Joel February 3 - Dead Man's Party February 5 - Rickie Lee Jones February 6 — Leo Kottke February 7 - Blind Boys of Alabama and Bobby Rush

**Birch Aquarium at Scripps:** February 5 — Hullabaloo

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February 3 — Evan Honer February 3 - Club '90s Presents Justin Bieber Night February 6 — Trousdale

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La Valencia Hotel: January 25 — Helena Holleran



#### IMMORTAL BEAUTY

#### **Bare ruined choirs**

I was speaking with a friend who is a music professor and a choir director. One of the institutions he works for would like him to build a bigger choir program, a thing which he is definitely capable of doing. The problem is, they aren't paying him for the time it would take to build such a program. Therefore, he is doing what he can with the time that he has - what more is possible?

Why music isn't considered a core subject — the way reading, writing, and arithmetic are — is beyond me. Of all the subjects taught in schools, music is perhaps the only one that most of us interact with on a daily basis. Not a day goes by that we don't hear music. Even if we don't set out to hear any, we will still hear a tune in a commercial, or in an elevator, or in a grocery store, or in the annoving car next to us at a traffic signal. It's with us always: many of us will have music played at our funerals. But no, let's not bother teaching it.

Some of the greatest experiences of my entire

January 26 — Keni Yarbro January 27 — Shea Givens February 1 - Christian Taylor February 2 — Keni Yarbro February 3 — Jesse Johnson

**Light Box Theater:** January 27, January 28 — Bastien und Bastienne: A Chamber Ballopera

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life have taken place while standing on a stage, singing as loudly or as quietly as I possibly can, alongside dozens of other people doing the same thing. It is intoxicating — and the scale doesn't matter. The effect was the same when I was in

iunior high choir, high school choir, college choir, and then finally, over 20 years with the San Diego Opera Chorus. At each stage, I had the same amazing experiences in both rehearsals and performances. (I've never been in a band or an orchestra, but I assume the experience is similar.)

As my friend and I spoke, I felt my temper rising. When I moved to San Diego in 1991, there were several massive church choir programs: at La Jolla Presbyterian, at Mission Valley United Methodist, at St. James by the Sea, and at First Presbyterian, to name just a few. The first time I heard Verdi's Requiem was at First Presbyterian in downtown San Diego in 1993, and it was awesome. I knew people who sang in church choirs who were atheists. but they loved singing in a

#### choir, and that was the best place to go to sing, so they went. There is nothing like singing in a great choir.

**BY GARRETT HARRIS** 

Those church programs are now a shadow of what they used to be. Most of them used to have a hundred singers or more. Not now. A few years ago. I filled in at a rehearsal at First Presbyterian for the tenor section leader. There were about 25 people there, and they weren't singing Verdi's Requiem. What happened? We all know what happened. Music was systematically removed from schools.

#### **Classical Music this week**

**Hutchins Consort: Bach and** Rock Enjoy J.S. Bach paired with arrangements of great rock & roll, including a new rock tune, "Rain Cried Softly" by Gregg Young. Friday, January 19, 7pm; \$10-\$40. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Encinitas, 890 Balour Drive.

Maxwell String Quartet The Maxwell Quartet from Scotland, who met as postgraduate students at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, will play a demanding concert of Haydn's String Quartet in E-flat and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 14 in C-sharp minor with the

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added charm of "Work Songs"folk songs from Scotland they have arranged. A preconcert talk will occur at 6:30pm Sunday, January 21, 7:30pm; \$15-\$55 Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street.

**SD Symphony Jacobs** Masterworks: Hadelich Plays Sibelius Chilean conductor Paolo Bortolameolli opens this orchestral showcase with Chilean composer Miguel Farías' brilliantly explosive Estallido. Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto presents an ambitious glimpse into the soul of a troubled composer. Grammy

February 4 — Tyler F. Simmons February 5 — Ben Powell February 6 — Jemille Vialet February 7 — Helena Holleran

#### **Mission Valley Library:** February 7 — Hullabaloo Kids

Concert **Moonshine Beach:** February 7 — Priscilla Block

Morgan Run Resort and Club:

January 26 - David Shyde Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

January 25 - Brenda McGonagle January 26 — Yarp Yacht Rock January 27 — Halo Effect January 31 — Mariachi Wednesday with Rafael Renteria February 1 — Susan McCrea February 1 — Free Martini Band February 3 — Tube Amp'd February 7 — Mariachi Wednesday with Rafael Renteria

#### **Music Box:**

January 25 - ericdoa and Bixby January 26, January 27 — La Santa Cecilia January 28 — Maybe I'm Amazed January 29 — Phora January 31 — Reverend Shawn Amos and Joe Marson February 1 — Fucked Up and Superchunk *February 2* — B Side Players 30th Anniversary Celebration

her from developing what could be a rich and full musical life

To be fair, California State Proposition 28 does provide additional funding for music and the arts. But from what I've heard, finding gualified teachers is difficult and the going is slow.

Award-winning soloist Augustin Hadelich performs this intimate and demanding work. Friday, January 19, 8pm; Saturday, January 20, 8pm; Sunday, January 21, 2pm; Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.

Tony Siqi Yun The Canadianborn pianist Tony Siqi Yun recently made his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra performing Robert Schumann's Piano Concerto under the baton of Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Sunday, January 21, 3pm; §33-\$58. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue.

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February 3 — Too Many Zooz and Cloudchord February 4 — Fleetwood Max February 7 — Sleepy Pearls and Milli Shaw

#### My Yard Live:

January 28 — Classic Rock February 2 - Dueling Pianos

Navajo Live: January 27 - Into The Void, Bastard Saints, Avadan January 29 — Cosmic Strife and Red Roulette

Nick & G's: January 26 — David Rosales January 27 — Farrah Camu

Normal Heights United Methodist Church: January 26 - Songwriter Sanctuary One Year Anniversary

#### **Observatory North Park:**

January 26 - Club '90s: Lana Del Rey Night February 2 — The Disco Biscuits February 7 — Corinne Bailey Rae

Panama 66: January 25, February 8 — Uptown Rhythm Makers

Parq Restaurant: January 27 — Dre Sinatra

Pechanga Arena San Diego:

January 26 - Cody Johnson

#### **Pilgrim United Church of** Christ:

January 27 — Cindy Lee Berryhill & John Kruth

**The Pour House:** January 25 — Hi-Five Ghost and Amerikan Bear

**Poway Library:** January 31 — Ukulele Jam Session

Poway's Irish Pub: February 2 — West of 5

The Quartyard: January 27 — Twin Tribes and Urban Heat

**Riviera Supper Club &** Turquoise Room: January 28 - JiveChops

San Diego Civic Theatre: February 2, February 4 — San Diego Opera: Don Giovanni

San Elijo State Beach: February 3, February 4 — Camp Shred

#### San Pasqual Wine Bar and Gallery:

January 27 — 90MPH

Soda Bar: January 25 - Christopher January 26 — The Lagoons January 28 — Greg Koch January 29 — Auz Fontaine January 31 — Tanlines *February 1* — The Paranovds February 2 — Creature Canyon and Lead Pony February 3 — True Loves February 4 — Comfort Club and Blue Hour February 5 — Yuma Abe

February 6 — Crushed February 7 — The Bones of J.R. Jones

#### Soma:

January 26 — Erratic Impulse and Messy Hera January 27 — Explosions In The Sky *February 3* — Kaivon

#### The Sound:

January 25 — Poolside January 26 - Dark Star Orchestra January 30 - Herb Alpert & Lani Hall February 2 — Portugal. The Man February 10 — Baile De San Valentin

#### Sunshine Brooks Theatre:

January 27 — Gregory Page: Back to Paris

#### **Topside Terrace Kitchen &**

Bar: January 26 - DJ Dominik Wintner January 28 — Cobby Brzeski January 31 — Jonesy Jones February 2 — DJ Jenny Pocket February 4 — Kaylee Daugherty February 7 — Amanda Portela

#### The Tower Bar:

January 27 - Hi-Five Ghost and Dream Burglar

#### Waterbar: January 25 — Ben Benavente

Winstons Beach Club:

Ianuary 25 - Yellowman and Soul Syndicate January 26 - Band of Gringos January 27 - South Bay Roots Night January 28 — OB-oke Karaoke January 29 — Electric Waste Band February 4 — OB-oke Karaoke February 5 — Electric Waste Band

# January 30, February 6 — Jazz Night



Lime In The Coconut: January 25, February 1, February 8 — Islander Thursdays

Little Italy Food Hall: January 31, February 7 — Live Music & Wine Wednesday

Madison:

The Magnolia Performing Arts Center: February 7 — G3 Reunion Tour **Mission Bay Resort:** January 25 - Keni Yarbro

January 26 — Michael LeClerc January 29 — Farrah Camu February 1 — Keni Yarbro February 2 — Jesse Ray Smith February 3 — Jenny Teator



# **New Lao location**

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## So Saap grows its Lao restaurant, and we all benefit

*So Saap, 4134 University Ave., San Diego.* A party of ten sits down at the next table, just after my first slurp of broth from the boat noodle soup, and right before the fish platter arrives.

I've been exploring the menu at So Saap for going on three years now; however, it's a long menu, and a lot of this stuff remains new to me. And as much as I've tried to evangelize the Lao restaurant, it's remained one of San Dego's best kept secrets. For one thing, Lao cuisine hasn't yet gained the visibility of its regional cousins, Vietnamese and Thai. And it couldn't have helped that So Saap's original location was all but buried behind a Lincoln Park tire shop, and little bigger than a postage stamp. A party of ten would have just about filled the whole place, split among separate tables.

But now? So Saap recently moved into a significantly larger space on University Avenue in City Heights, just off the 15 freeway. And as the dinner hour gets under way, all the extra seating seems to be coming in handy. Customers keep rolling in and delivery orders keep going out. The four young women at the next table tell me they work nearby and have already become regulars. So I guess the secret is out.

And the larger space makes any day of the week

a good time to try what used to be a Tuesday special: the *pun pa*. That would be the fish platter, which starts with a whole fried tilapia (\$24 for one, \$36 for two). The fun of this platter goes way, way beyond the fish. In fact, I can't recall any single entree that's accompanied by so many different ingredients. *Pun pa* is a fish wrap. A criss-cross of slices across the top of the fish allow you to pinch away a piece of flesh with a leaf of cabbage or lettuce. I'm told cabbage is more conventional, but both are provided.

Also provided: sliced preparations of Thai eggplant, lemongrass, tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, red onions, slivers of ginger, roasted peanuts, dill, cilantro, and vermicelli rice noodles. Technically, it doesn't take an engineering degree to fit everything into a single bite, though it would probably help. Adding to the joy are two choices of dipping sauce. With so many vegetables, leafy and otherwise, you could almost get the same experience from making a robust salad. But you could never fit all the ingredients on a fork. Heck, I'm surprised they could all fit into the original So Saap location.

Fans living near that first location needn't worry too much — the space has been taken over by Kin Saep. Though a different restaurant, Kin Saep's menu remains similar to So Saap's, including a mix of Lao specialties, popular Thai dishes, and an abundance of fine vegan options.

Thanks to an allergy, I tend to worry about shrimp paste being slipped into Thai curries, but at So Saap I'm able to order with abandon:



The Pun Pa fish wrap platter: fried tilapia with a litany of vegetables

*Panang* curry? *Khao Poon* curry noodles? I just order the vegan alternative, and feast. Even the fish sauce is vegan. Lately, my favorite is a basil eggplant stir fry, with fried tofu as the protein. As a result, So Saap has sneakily become one of my favorite vegan restaurants.

There's even a vegan alternative for the boat noodle soup, which is pretty huge, given that Thai boat noodle typically features several forms of beef, tripe, and broth made using pork or beef blood. But I've finally decided to get over any squeamishness about trying the real thing. And right away, I realize this relative of phở tastes impressively complex, its rich, brown broth warmed by notes of star anise and, I suppose, beef blood. Or, put another way: beef.

I figure, if I can get over my jitters and enjoy blood-infused broth, the rest of San Diego can overcome whatever insecurity may be keeping them from developing a taste for Lao food. Now that So Saap boasts a more central location and larger dining room, it's past time this becomes a local staple.

-Ian Anderson



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# HAPPY HOUR

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Barrio Star: Monday, Wednesday-Sunday, 3-5pm: \$6.50 beer and wine. \$8.50 margarita, Sangria, michelada, \$18 margarita flight, \$5 a la carte tacos. Tuesday, 3-close: \$6.50 beer and wine. \$8.50 margarita, Sangria, michelada, \$18 margarita flight. \$5 a la carte tacos

#### **BAY PARK**

Off Shore Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks. Saturday, 9pm-close: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks.

#### CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Tower 13: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Tower Blonde, Tower IPA, Calidad Mexican Lager, \$5 house margaritas and house wines, \$7 La Marca Prosecco Splits and food specials.

#### CARLSBAD

20 Twenty at Westin Carlsbad: Tuesday-Friday, 4:30-6:00 pm: \$2 off wells, signature cocktails, and wines by the glass. \$10 off cheese and charcuterie.

#### CHULA VISTA

Shake & Muddle: Tuesday-Friday, 4pm-6pm: \$2 off all signature cocktails, \$8 house red & white wine, limited \$5 draft beers.

Vogue Tavern: Monday-Friday 3-5pm: \$5 all draft beer pints, well cocktails, Patron shots, micheladas, Jameson shots, burgers, kielbasa sandwiches. Sunday, 9-11pm: \$5 all draft beer pints, well cocktails, Patron shots, micheladas, Jameson shots, burgers, kielbasa sandwiches.

#### **CITY HEIGHTS**

Alcove Wine & Beer: Monday-Friday, Sunday, 4-7pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

#### CLAIREMONT

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**BOOZE NEWS** 

#### Brewing for good

"The story actually dates to 2019 before we were open." recalls Jamie Minotti, managing partner at My Yard Live, which recently released 4 Wise Dudes Winter IPA, a collaboration with 4DUDESBREW. "I received an email from a woman who was advocating for her son to get an internship with us. She shared that she had seen an article about My Yard Live Beer Co. opening, and that her son James Zoul, who had a love for beer, had been looking for a place to intern, and ultimately work. James, who has been with us now since our first training day with him in 2019, has Down

syndrome. The pandemic and the years have passed, and James has continued to be a key team member in moving us toward the organization we have strived to become in the community."

The 7% ABV IPA marks the fourth time My Yard Live has partnered with 4DUDESBREW. which is made up of four adults with developmental disabilities - Zoul and three of his friends since childhood, Nick Bahen, Mike Roth, and Matt Zimmerman. It was brewed with Centennial, Amarillo, and Chinook hops to provide a balanced, hop-forward flavor with citrus and tropical notes upfront, giving way to a resinous and piney taste. An addition of crystal malts provides both a sweetness to balance out the abundance of hops and an amber hue.

Past collaborations include 4DUDESBREW West Coast IPA in December 2021, Ouatro Amigos MX Lager in May 2022, and Hazy Dudes Hazy IPA in February 2023. Quatro Amigos was so popular that it is being re-brewed to become part of My Yard Live's core lineup, and will soon be available in cans.

While the collaboration has been fruitful on the beer side, there is more to it than that. Minotti expounds, "I have a background in education and human services, and my father was a special education teacher and ran a camp for people with special needs, so I grew up with, and around, people with special needs my whole life. When



4DUDESBREW and My Yard Live: working together.

releasing that first beer, we had lots of guidance from the 4DUDES' parents and support team. We wanted to make sure we were respecting them and the process as a whole. Our Brewmaster, Shaggy, was militant in making sure the guys were involved in the process - from choice of style, to hop selection, to cutting and pouring malt bags. This isn't, nor was it ever, about selling beer; it's about ongoing efforts that we hold dear to our mission and offering an outlet

for the 4DUDES to show just how cool they are as people and community members. This is why a portion of the proceeds of the sales go into a fund, and the 4DUDES decide to what organizations and causes they would like to donate."

After 4 Wise Dudes Winter IPA is tapped, Minotti estimates that just under \$15,000 will have been donated to charities of the 4DUDES' choosing, including REINS Therapeutic Horsemanship Program, ALS Foundation, Big Shrimp Foun-

dation, Southern California Care Community, and the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation.

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#### CORONADO

Little Frenchie: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm: \$20 off all Champagne and sparkling bottles, \$7 Apple Cinnamon Spritz, Kronenbourg 1664 Lager, glass of Louis Perdrier Brut or Rose France NV, Sauvignon Blanc, Famille Dubard "Coeur du Mont", Vin de France, Rosé of Carignan/Syrah, Moulin de Gassac, Languedoc, Grenache/Syrah, Mattes-Sabran, Corbieres, \$20 glass of champagne of the month. \$8 Arpège Egg, \$12 Pommes Maxim, \$5 Pommes Frites, \$8 bone marrow roti, \$12 half Frenchie dip, \$15 3 cheese board, \$15 le burger, \$15 French onion soup

#### DEL MAR

The Goat: Daily, 7-9 pm \$3 beer, \$2 tacos, \$3 off all menu items

#### DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Gaslamp Fish House: Daily, 3:30-6:00pm: \$4 Fireball shot, Mc-Cormick bourbon, shot of Torado Silver tequila, \$5 craft beer on tap, vodka soda, select wine by the glass, \$7 skinny margarita, select signature cocktails

#### Gaslamp Tavern: Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$2 off drafts, wine, specialty cocktails, \$5 wells. \$2 off appetizers

Greystone: Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 4-6:30pm: Whole dedicated menu for happy hour

Johnny WAHOO! Golf Bar: Monday, \$5 house drafts, \$6 all other drafts, \$7 well cocktails, \$2 off

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#### EAST VILLAGE

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday, 7-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails. Fridav-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails.

#### ENCINITAS

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 well cocktails, house wine, domestic draft

#### ESCONDIDO

Brigantine Escondido: Daily 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, well drinks, featured wine, \$5.75 house margarita.

Vintana Wine + Dine: Daily, 3-5pm: \$8 martinis and appetizers.

#### HILLCREST

Tacaliente: Daily, 4-8pm: \$3 beers, \$5 elotes. \$1.79 fish tacos, \$1 off combination plates.

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#### LA MESA

Brigantine La Mesa: Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off well drinks, drafts, featured wines, \$4 glass sparkling wine, \$5.75 margaritas, \$6 happy hour red wine, happy hour white wine.

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. Sunday, 11am-2pm: \$4 Bloody Marys, \$5 Champagne.

#### LAKESIDE

Eastbound Bar & Grill:

Tuesday-Friday, 2-5pm: \$2 off all

#### LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: Daily, 4pm-7pm:

house cocktails, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 micro drafts

\$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails. LIBERTY STATION

#### **Bottlecraft Liberty Station:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 Original 40 Tell Me Mo Pale Ale can, \$4 Three Sons amber ale can, \$6 Original 40 porter draft, \$7 house white

or red, \$8 Boulevardier cocktail.

#### LITTLE ITALY

Cloak & Petal: Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$5 sake, \$7 glasses of wine, \$10 specialty cocktails. \$3-\$6 appetizers, \$10 specialty rolls.

King and Queen Cantina: Daily, Noon-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$4 beer bottles, \$7 well drinks, wine, sangria, \$8 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9.

#### MIRAMAR

**Duck Foot Brewing Com**pany: Monday, 12pm-8pm: \$4 pints with Grotto membership card Tuesday, All day: \$12 two Fish Tacos and pint of draft beer Thursday. Save 20 percent on Growler and Grumbler fills

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Coaster Saloon: Monday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks. Tuesday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and El Jimador shots, \$5 well drinks, house margarita. Wednesday, 3pm-6pm: \$1 off all IPA, \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and Fireball shots, \$5 well drinks, Thursday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, Mission Blonde draft, Polish Pie shots, \$5 well drinks. Friday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks, Captain Morgan, Jack Daniels, Jager shots, Saturday, All day: \$15 Champagne bottles. Sunday, All day: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$12 Champagne bottles.

#### MISSION HILLS

Cardellino: Tuesday-Sunday, 5-6pm: \$5 dirty martinis, Aperol spritzes and Negroni, \$5 wines by the glass, \$5 draft beers.

#### MISSION VALLEY

Lazy Dog: Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm and 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine. Asian pear martini. Friday, 3-6pm: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Sun day, 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini.

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Monday, Noon-3pm: \$2 off all pints. 5-9pm: 25 percent off all kombucha pints. Tuesday-Saturday, Noon-3pm: \$2 off all pints.

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#### Pygmy in peril

My trusty canine sidekick Flash Gordon and I were heading up the beach twoard the point after a rain squall to check out the fishing on the third day of the new year. I'd heard from a friend there were bonito there, near the Boca of Bahia San Quintin, that were being caught from shore just the day before. Due to the rain and recent high tides flooding 'Lake Peterman' between the dunes and Cielito Lindo where we were staying, we couldn't take the shortcut, so we had to drive our trusty old Jeep around through Pabelón, where there is usually a dry entry through which just about any vehicle can access the beach. From there, on any tide lower than three feet above the mean, one can easily drive along the hard-packed sand in the littoral zone all the way to Punta Azufré at the bay mouth.

When we got to the stretch of beach in front of the Hotel Misión Santa Maria, I saw what I thought was a freshly stranded dolphin and stopped to snap a shot. Usually, stranded dolphins float up dead, and I figured that however it died, the corpse had been pushed up by the storm the night before. But as I focused to take the picture, I noticed the tail fin moving slightly. My first thought was that the receding water had made the fin move. Then I saw the pectoral fin move and realized it must still be alive. I quickly took off my shoes and rolled up my sweats, left Flash in the car so he wouldn't cause the creature any more stress and ran the fifty yards to the animal.

Upon closer inspection, my first thought was, 'This is no dolphin.' It had a bulbous head, a small mouth, and small teeth that I could see only on the bottom jaw. Kind of like a pilot whale, but flatter, and with a smoother head. The tiny dorsal fin was concave and much further back than any dolphin fin I had seen. It was breathing through the single blowhole on its head, and the eyes were clear. The small whale was about 6.5 feet long and looked like it weighed maybe 350 pounds. Getting it back into deep enough water was going to be a task, but I had to try. I think most people would.



At first, I thought it was a dead dolphin. I was wrong on both counts.

I found a little blood on my hands and realized the whale had a couple small cuts toward the tail, maybe from a net. At that point, there was nobody on the beach but a lone local — still a ways off, but pedaling his bike up the beach toward us. Folks often come out on a dropping morning tide after a larger swell for the easy pickings — usually pismo clams and "caracol," or turban snails, that are churned out and tossed up on the beach by the larger waves.

Speaking of waves: as each one in the next couple sets rolled in, I was able to move the whale out bit by bit, closer to deeper water. But when the swash receded. I could see there was still a bit of work to do, as the water was maybe three inches deep at the low point. Still, the waves were pushing the swash high enough to almost float the whale, and certainly enough to reduce the weight sufficiently to gain some ground with each push of water. After about fifteen minutes, I was about halfway to a point where I figured the whale could try to swim, and I saw the guy on the bike was watching with interest. He walked over and said, "Man, that thing could feed ten or twenty people for a week."

The whale let out a breath and the man then realized the animal was alive. Without hesitation, this kind man - who had been dry and out for some easy clamming — began helping push the whale out. We quickly managed to get it into deep enough water and aimed out to sea, and the whale actually began swimming through the inner break. But then it turned and swam back to the beach. This happened five or six more times before it finally seemed to get the idea and tried heading straight out through the outer break. By then, maybe a dozen patrons of the Hotel Misión had gathered, and a small cheer arose as my helper and I, both tired and soaking wet, high fived.

Alas, during the last push, the whale exhaled a bit of foam with a slight pinkish hue. I had little hope of it surviving. I still didn't know what species it was exactly, and wished I'd taken more photos, but the rescue seemed more important at the time. I thanked my helper and headed for the point, feeling good but not optimistic. After a couple of hours fishing - well, me fishing, Flash rolling in the sand and laying in the shade of the Jeep - we headed back with some surf perch in the ice chest. No luck on the bonito, but a couple of the surf perch would make some good ceviche and the rest would go to a friend who loves them fried whole in a *disco* — basically a wok-type pan with a built in drain rack that can be heated over coals or by a cebolla, which is an onion-shaped burner one attaches to a hose that is fed from a propane tank.

Then I spotted it: there on the beach, maybe fifty yards west of where I first saw it, was the little whale, still and cloudyeyed. Dead. I got a few pictures for ID purposes and we headed home. I posted the photos on *Talk Baja* with a request for identification while I searched 'small toothed whales' online. Soon I had two possibilities: a dwarf sperm whale or a pygmy sperm whale. The main differ-

ence between the two was the location of the dorsal fin. Dwarf sperm whales have a more dolphin-like dorsal about center body, and pygmy sperm whales have a small dorsal more rearward. So this was a pygmy sperm whale: a rarely sighted species about which little is known. (It wasn't even distinguished as a separate species from dwarf sperm whales until 1966.)

I sent an email to NOAA in case they were interested in noting the stranding or sending anyone to collect samples, then began reading up on the species. Two days after the rescue attempt, I went to check on the corpse. It looked as though someone had sawed off the lower half; maybe the person wanted the fluke for a yard ornament. What was left had been picked to the ribs by vultures and gulls.

The following are notes from NOAA's page on the species: Pygmy sperm whales are toothed whales named after the waxy substance—spermaceti found in their heads. The spermaceti is an oil sac that helps the whales focus sound. The whales use echolocation to locate prey. This means that, like bats, pygmy sperm whales use sound to navigate and "see" the world around them. They do so by producing sounds from their melons (or foreheads) that reflect off the objects around them, which the whales perceive as echoes.

Underwater noise pollution can interrupt the normal behavior of pygmy sperm whales, which rely on sound to communicate. As ocean noise increases from human sources, communication space decreases; the whales cannot hear each other, or discern other signals in their environment as they used to in an undisturbed ocean.

Like squid, pygmy sperm whales can produce a dark, ink-like liquid that helps them escape from predators. This "squid tactic" makes them unique among other types of whales — except dwarf sperm whales. Each pygmy sperm whale has a sac filled with dark liquid in its intestine. The whale can release more than 3 gallons of dark, reddish-brown liquid, or "ink," from this sac. The liquid creates a dark cloud in the water to help protect the whales when they feel threatened or are trying to escape predators.

-Daniel Powell



My lack of optimism was justified.

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#### Across

1. Roast battle hosts, for short **4.** Bumble profile maintainers? 8. Flight seat option 13." y Plata" (Montana motto) 14. Actress Mitra of "The Practice" **16.** National prefix 17. Lead character of "24" **19.** Feeling regret 20. Early Peruvian **21.** Nursery rhyme pie fillers ("four and twenty", they say) 23. Connect with

#### Down

**1.** Mint-garnished cocktail **22.** Pond fish **2.** They surround brains **24.** Fairy tale meanie **3.** Goal-oriented item? **28.** Come-\_\_\_\_ (enticements) **30.** Was the odd one out **4.** Royal sphere 5. Obsessive whale hunter of 31. "\_\_\_\_ de Replay" fiction (Rihanna's first single) 6. Biffed it **32.** Joining word 7. Creep around 34. Actress Adams 8. "He's right. Ain't no rule **35.** Sister of Chris and Stewie that says a dog can't play **36.** Division for "Hamlet" or basketball" movie "Hamilton" 9. Arctic First Nations **37.** Keyless car key **38.** Duran Duran hit of 1982 resident 10. Make Kool-Aid **39.** Former Viacom chairman **11.** Give for a bit Sumner **12.** Rowing machine units 40. 41. Reduce **15.** Took a curved path **18.** "WandaVision" actress **45.** Comic book artists

**25.** Barely achieve **26.** Rowboat implement **27.** George Burns title role **29.** Impersonated **30.** Spot for a soak **33.** Big name in circuses **36.** Loads 37. Ratio that's often 24 for film cameras 42. Like some salad dressinas **43.** Stracciatella, e.g. 44. 7'7" former NBAer Manute **45.** "the Walrus" (1967 Beatles tune) 48. Uno plus uno

-pitch softball

Dennings

**49.** Talk trash about **52.** Removes names from pictures, on some social media platforms **54.** To the letter **56.** Units where 24 = 100% **60.** Poodle plaquer **61.** Remain patient **62.** The NBA sets it at 24 64. Penny-pincher **65.** Vietnamese capital **66.** Burns downvote? **67.** Planetarium display baby (one 68. who's famous via family connections) **69.** Pre-album drops

\_\_\_\_ standstill 46. **47.** Swampland 50. Polar covering **51.** They may never have been higher **52.** Part that the ointment Bag Balm was designed for **53.** Depeche Mode lead singer David **55.** Short-lived gridiron org. revived in 2020 56. Legs, in film noir monologues **57.** "In memoriam" piece 58. Simpson who got into crosswords around 2008 59. Word before "Hammer time!" 63. A.F.L. merger partner

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The kitchen is a little odd. It looks like it was updated maybe 40 or 50 years ago, and while it's in good shape, I can't say I'm a fan of the laminate countertops or the cheap-looking cabinetry. There's not even room for a full-sized refrigerator, and the low ceilings — especially over the stove — make me feel a bit claustrophobic. I'm guessing these design flaws reflect an era in which the owner of a house like this would have hired a servant to do most of the cooking, which often meant treating the actual facilities for doing so as an afterthought, design-wise. I would have to change this if I lived here, but I'm not really sure how I'd manage it.

Moving on, we see another living room — this one much brighter, with creamcolored walls and lots of windows — before moving upstairs to peek inside a small bedroom and a very pink bathroom with a claw-foot tub, pedestal sink, and separate shower. Another seafoam bedroom has a cozy window nook, and I'm starting to notice the intricate original doorknobs as I hunt for a close-up of how, as the listing puts it, the "etched hinges showcase artistry rarely seen today."

Finally, we get to see an unfinished attic that, despite the steep pitch of the roof, still looks spacious and



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very much deserving of conversion into living space. I just don't know how we're going to get any furniture up through the tiny ladder hole.

Back outside, we finish our tour with a few photos of the backyard, which has enough room for an outdoor dining area and a patch of grass surrounded by oldgrowth trees that lend privacy. It's not huge, but it's big enough that I think I could just manage to maintain it without hiring a gardener. A few aerial shots round out the listing, highlighting the location: just a block from the beach on the peninsula's ocean side. Public records list

a Wohl and Hatcher family as the property's current owners. This is the first time it's been offered for sale in 26

years. The listing notes that the home recently received Mills Act approval, which means the new buyer will be able to take advantage of a property tax break in exchange for preserving the historical character. "A once-ina-generation chance to acquire a home steeped in history and charm, this is more than a place to live," the listing concludes. "It is a testament to Coronado's heritage and an invitation to be part of its legacy."

The E Avenue residence was listed for sale in mid-November; its asking price of \$3,625,000 remains unchanged to date. If you've got that kind of money and get the appeal of this home, please let me know what you do with the kitchen and attic, but also please leave everything else alone.

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#### **Unconventional Weaponry**

- The Laconia (New Hampshire) Daily Sun reported on Jan. 5 that police were called to the Market Basket supermarket in Tilton the day before after a "fruity fracas" broke out in the produce section. Social media posts indicated that a watermelon had been used in an assault, and Sgt. Andrew Salmon of the Tilton Police Department confirmed that his department is investigating. Salmon said one person went to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries "from being struck by a produce item." A worker who answered the phone at the Market Basket said, "We have been instructed not to say anything."

#### Awesome!

— Rodney Holbrook, a 75-year-old retired postman from Wales, had been noticing for a couple of months that small messes in his shed were being mysteriously tidied overnight, the BBC reported. So he set up a camera and caught a little mouse picking up pegs, corks, nuts, bolts and bird food. Holbrook aptly named the rodent Welsh Tidy Mouse. "Ninetynine times out of a hundred the mouse will tidy up throughout the night," Holbrook said. "I don't bother to tidy up now, I leave things out of the box and they put it back in its place by morning. I've added different things to the desk to see if they can lift it," he said.

#### Goals

 LuLu Lotus of Mississauga, Ontario, has earned a Guinness World Record for an impressive, if dubious, skill: she blew a 44.1-decibel whistle through her nose. United Press International reported on Jan. 9 that Lotus visited Aercoustics Engineering Ltd. to have her whistle measured in a special room. She said her 5-year-old son has recently discovered he, too, has a nose-whistling ability: "It would be a dream come true if he beat my record one day," Lotus said.

#### High Tech

- The story about the Alaska Airlines plane that lost a panel while flying at 16,000 feet is all over the news. But it's the little human-interest stories that really capture us: when the panel flew off and the hole gaped open midair on Jan. 5, someone's iPhone got sucked out and landed on a roadside in Washington state, *Yahoo! News* reported. Sean Bates, who found the phone, posted a photo on X showing the phone's intact screen and a battery life of 44% remaining: "Pretty clean, no scratches on it, sitting under a bush," he posted. Jennifer Homendy of the NTSB said all found phones would be returned to their owners.

#### What's in a Name?

Or a word? Wayne State University in Michigan has announced its 15th annual list of 10 "long-lost" words that should be resurrected, United Press International reported on Jan. 10. The Word Warriors program has identified "blatherskite" (nonsense), "curglaff" (the shock felt upon diving into cold water), "rawgabbit" (a person who speaks confidently but ignorantly), and "pawky" (having a cynical sense of humor), among others. Let's get together and twankle during our kaffeeklatsch!

#### That's One Way To Do It

- The Bean Monger, a coffee shop in Indianapolis, Indiana, next to a wedding venue site, was the site of a "pop-up" marriage on Dec. 31 -- with no prior notice that the happy couple and their guests were planning to converge, the New York Post reported. Twenty to 30 people, including an officiant, photographer and guests, crowded into the small store, where they treated the unsuspecting workers as if they were hired staff. "They were asking us to take coats, purses and watch personal items as if they had rented us out," one person said. The wedding party blocked the entrance to other patrons, and when a barista asked them to move, the photographer replied, "No, wait at least five minutes." The store typically charges \$500 for private events, which they have requested from the bride, but she deemed the amount "unreasonable."

#### Not Likely

Joao Pimenta da Silva, 71, of Minas Gerais, Brazil, repeatedly dreamed that gold lay deep under his home, the New York Post reported. To that end, over a year ago, he began digging a hole in his kitchen floor that ended up being 130 feet deep and about 35 inches in diameter. But on Jan. 4, Pimenta's dreams died when he lost his balance and plunged to his death at the bottom of the cavity. His neighbor Arnaldo da Silva tried to discourage the project, but Pimenta was convinced his dream would come true. In the fall, he suffered head injuries and broken bones.

- Roderick Jackson of Waskom, Texas, is suing Walmart for \$100 million - or "unlimited free lifetime shopping" at any location - in relation to a vague incident from an Omaha Walmart in March 2021. NBC News reported that Jackson alleges there was a "false pretense of shoplifting" that was a violation of his civil rights "based on race/color." Walmart responded that the suit is "almost identical to a lawsuit he filed against our company in 2021 that was dismissed." The earlier suit said he suffered emotional stress and pain from the handcuffs.

#### **Crime Report**

- A 32-year-old woman who had been arrested for assault in Boone, North Carolina, took her aggression out on the police car's backseat on Jan. 2, *The Charlotte Observer* reported. Boone Police Sgt. Dennis O'Neal said a "substantial amount of padding" had been chewed away, adding up to \$650 in damages. The department's Facebook post suggested they "may need to invest in Kevlar seat covers." Authorities were still deciding whether to charge her in connection with the car's damages.

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