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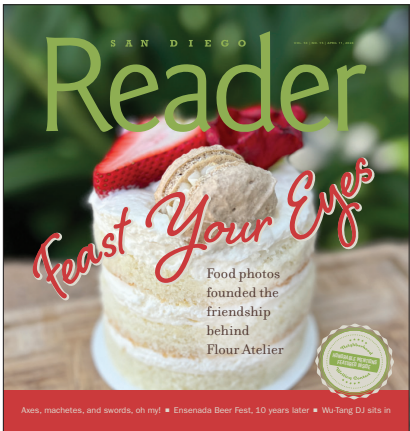
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

MEAN STREETS

## Blade switch

**Perpetrators replace their swords with axes, machetes**

Last year, swords seemed to be the big blade of choice for San Diego's criminals. In October, news outlets reported a samurai sword-carrying man in Carlsbad, which brought out the SWAT team to intervene. A month prior, in City Heights, another man reportedly packing a sword stole a child's scooter. "My brother chased him down and got our stuff back," the scooter rider's father wrote on NextDoor. And in July, news outlets covered the story of a 63-year-old woman who was "scalped" with a sword at the Officer Jeremy Henwood Memorial Park in City Heights.

This year, axes and machetes seem to be gaining in popularity. Last week, Lonnie T. of Normal Heights posted photos on NextDoor of "18 cop cars" surrounding a white truck at the Arco gas station at 33rd and El Cajon Boulevard, and wondered, "What's going on?" Linh Mai posted the answer online: "He [allegedly] carjacked someone with an axe in Balboa Park, and they tracked the vehicle to the gas station. The K9 jumped through the window and bit him, and the cops arrested him." I direct messaged Mai, and she said that she was "watching the whole time" as the police "shot the pepper balls" through the truck's window. The man was arrested.

On March 20 in La Mesa, a man holding a machete was captured on a Ring security video hanging out in front of homes. A concerned neighbor called the police.

And on the weekend of March 10, an axe-carrying man wearing a red face cover and a hoodie was captured on multiple Ring and Blink cameras as he prowled Hillcrest and Mission Hills, checking doors of homes and peeking through car windows.



Axe wielder on Ring app.

"I posted Friday night about a man with an axe," posted one local online. "He came to my door at 10:40 pm; he tried to open someone else's door at 12:30 am and was seen at another complex at 6:00 am. I called police, and the person at 12:30 pm called the police. The police told the second person no one had called before, which I did. Last night, Saturday, he was back and seen three more times on Ring videos in Mission Hills. Cops have been notified again Saturday night and did nothing. They apparently made contact with this individual and talked to him, [but] he went back on prowling."

MIKE MADRIAGA

ENCINITAS

## Date disaster

**Something weevil this way comes**

Flat-top palm trees aren't a new species; they're the leftovers of an invasive weevil's feeding frenzy. And they're all over Encinitas. The scraggly remnants of those once-lush Canary Island date palms are the visible signs that the South American palm weevil — a non-native "snout beetle" — has settled in North County. It has been munching its way north for some time, preferring date palms, but happy to settle for avocado and citrus. "It's one of the ugliest bugs I've ever seen in my life," said mayor Tony Kranz when the city council met to discuss their counterattack. "They walk in a way that really intimidates me a lot. Their back end is up high. And they move very slowly. It looks like a little robot."

Inland, the Coachella Valley is home to a thriving date palm industry. And fruit growers throughout southern California are keeping tabs on the bug's spread. Since the weevil was first detected in San Ysidro in 2011, it has built up a body count of about 20,000 trees. And



The axe may be enough to get you the truck, but it won't help too much with the cops.

recent victim Encinitas has been particularly hard-hit. In January 2023, the city had 280 Canary Island date palms in the public right-of-way. After dozens were removed due to infestation, it's down to 236. (Mission Bay is another battleground.)

Biological control, a method that uses a pest's natural enemies like predators, parasites, and pathogens, is years away in development, said arborist Katrina Burritt, who has worked in the field in San Diego since the infestation

tree's crown coats the tissue the pest attacks and kills the bug. But chemical treatment is a last resort for cities like Encinitas that enjoy healthy bee populations, as the chemical is highly toxic to the pollinators. Treatment occurs four times per year, and overlaps many plants' blooming season, city staff said. But the city settled on option three; treating only palms identified as heritage trees. The city has just one: the postcard-perfect palm that casts its tropical sliver of shade over Moon-



CREDIT: PALM SPRINGS LIFE

This man very much hopes to see no weevil.



CREDIT: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS/ ARCHAEOZODONTOSAURUS

Palm Weevil

began. For now, palms must be treated with chemicals if the city wants to save them, Burritt said.

A consultant for Encinitas came up with three possible treatment options. The first involved no chemicals — an approach favored by many locals — and removal of infested palms. The second — treating every Canary Island date palm — would result in the lowest tree mortality. A chemical applied to the

light Beach. (For each option, pruning the trees from November through April — the overwintering period of the weevil — was recommended during dry weather, when tree mortality is highest.)

Council members suggested turning away from non-native species wherever possible to encourage more natural pest resistance. The city's only native palm, *Washingtonia filifera*, is less susceptible to infestation, but most palm species are considered at risk. So far, the others haven't been a target. And controlling the weevil population won't be simple. The city counts public trees, but has no idea how many are on private property. "We could guess that there are a lot more privately owned than public," said councilmember Bruce Ehlers. "So if we treat our 1/4 [or however many are in the public right-of-way], 'there's still a whole bunch of bugs' munching their way through the trees. 'We're not gonna control this through our actions — and we don't have the ability to make private people do it, either.'"

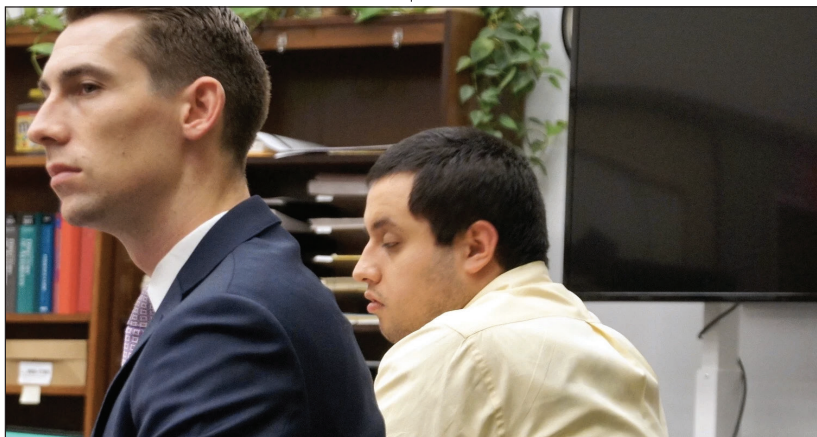


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According to Burritt, as the Canary Island palm population dwindles, the threat will shift to other trees, from palms to avocados and citrus. “They [have] hit the *Phoenix canariensis* first, and as the population declines, they will start moving on to other species.”

SHEILA PELL



Wilschke and Flores. Just because you have the right to an attorney doesn't mean you won't want to kill him.

OCEANSIDE

## Third time for harm

### Slow justice for man who attempted to kill police officer

Last February, Roberto Ignacio Flores, 32 — who was convicted by two different juries of the attempted murder of an Oceanside cop, only to have both convictions overturned — made a plea deal in which he

admitted his guilt. On March 7, he was sentenced to 18 years in California State prison.

In June of 2017, Flores drove his car into Brad Hunter, a motorcycle cop who had pulled a driver to the side of the road; Flores abandoned his damaged car, and was apprehended within minutes. He insisted on a speedy trial every time he appeared in court, and a jury convicted him of attempted murder that same year. After that first trial, Flores was sentenced to 29 years to life. But his conviction was overturned in 2019, and

a California appellate court gave him a new trial, finding that his defense attorney should have presented Flores' preferred defense: that he was not even driving the car. Instead, the defense had argued that Flores mistakenly struck the officer.

A second jury declared Flores guilty of the same charges in 2021, and Flores was *continued on page 4*

# UNDER THE RADAR

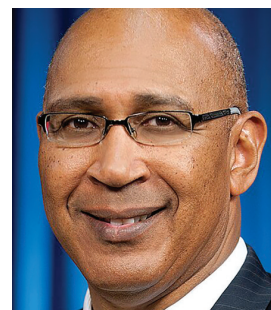
## UCSD's simultaneous skin time

Are UCSD doctors violating university policy by conducting simultaneous operations in the institution's array of surgical suites? “The Policy defines Overlapping Surgery as an operation or procedure in which the actual operating time overlaps with the actual operating time of another operation or procedure performed by the same surgeon,” says a newly-posted November 6, 2023 report by the university's department of Audit & Management Advisory Services. “However, the key and critical components [of the operation] do not overlap.” If they do, it's called concurrent surgery, a big-no, the document says. “Overlapping surgeries that are reasonably expected to be concurrent (where critical elements of the two cases will be occurring simultaneously) are expressly not allowed except in [emergency] situations.”

Says the report, “Based on our review, we noted instances where documentation of the requirements for transparency, identification of backup surgeon, or presence for key and critical portions [of a given operation] was not always present in the files reviewed, or did not always conform to the Policy.” A chart included in the audit report defines “Skin Time” as the period between the first incision and the complete closure of the surgical wound. The period of time in the operating room before Skin Time is called “Patient Prep Time” and, afterwards, “Clean Up Time,” per the report. Of 29 surgeries that were “judgmentally selected” by auditors from UCSD operating room records over the period

available, or that a backup surgeon has been designated to oversee the non-critical portion of the procedure.”

The report goes on to say that “perioperative Services is still in its early stage of monitoring compliance and has not included consideration of billing in their monitoring process.” In addition, “we also noted some areas where policy interpretation was inconsistent, including whether Skin Time is considered key and critical, which can impact the determination of whether a case is concurrent.”



Christopher Holden: from Sempra score to settling.

## Sempra's political charity

California Assembly Democrat **Christopher Holden** has agreed to pay an \$18,000 penalty to the state's Fair Political Practices Commission to settle a case involving “approximately 94 charitable payments (of \$5000 or more) — totaling approximately \$1,576,500 — made

to the California Legislative Black Caucus Policy Institute,” per a stipulation agreement approved by commissioners on March 21. The list of big corporate donors to Holden's cause included Sempra Energy and its subsidiary SoCal Gas, which each kicked in \$7500 in November, 2017. Notes the document, “Payments made at the behest of elected officials — including charitable donations — are a means by which donors may seek to gain favor with elected officials.” Sempra is currently battling a citizens initiative drive to put the proposed public takeover of its San Diego Gas & Electric subsidiary on the ballot for voter approval.

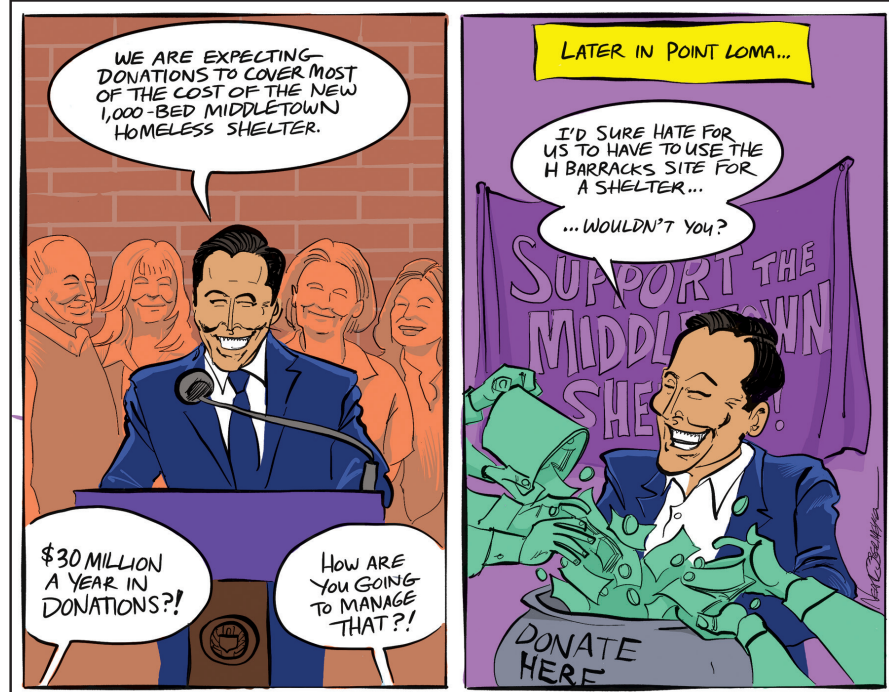
In August, 2018, per a company news

release, SDG&E hosted Holden and California state senator **Pat Bates** in its “state-of-the-art” Weather Center in Kearny Mesa. “Holden and Bates are both keen to learn about partnerships we've built with academia, fire agencies and others to create predictive computer programs that allow us to forecast the spread of fires and pre-stage resources accordingly,” the release said. The non-profit Black Caucus policy institute,

ultimate beneficiary of Sempra's contribution, “raises money to provide scholarships for high school students who need financial assistance to attend college,” per the document. “At the time, Holden served as Chair of the Legislative Black Caucus and as Chair of the Institute,” says the FPCC document. “The payments were made in 2017 and 2018 by more than six dozen donors to the Institute at Holden's behest, in his capacity as Chair of the Insti-

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## Neal Obermeyer





## LETTERS

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**Oceanside short-term rental guy David Fischbach attracts enemies**

Neighborhood News, March 12, 2024

The woman said “the police don’t show up” so why did the reporter call “code enforcement” for comment? Code enforcement aren’t the Police Department.

—Code reader

Which walkways at Cassidy St are closed? We go there every day and the stairs and beach access are open.

—Beach access expert

The stairs lead down to riprap, not the beach.

—Beach bum

Fischbach has gotten away with multiple code violations in several coastal towns for years. Seems like the cities

just look the other way or he builds up to code and changes things after the city is gone. His integrity is questionable, to say the least.

—Something smells Fischy

**Alden sale of Baltimore Sun stirs up Union-Tribune flight of fancy**

News Under the Radar, Jan. 24, 2024

“Meanwhile, Union-Tribune acting letters editor Laura Castañeda, who has been the paper’s deputy editor of editorial & opinion since the Soon-Shiong days, used her X account on January 15 to bemoan the kind of reader feedback the paper has been getting of late. “Very little diversity, folks. Scares me.”

Scares her so much the UT canceled their comments section entirely. Thus silencing the voices

—Former UT Subscriber

RE: “Atkins switched to the race for governor, for which she can use all the campaign funds collected for her Lt.

a breakdown in the attorney-client relationship. The appellate court declared there was irreconcilable conflict, and the attorney-client relationship became “non-existent” because Flores stopped speaking to his own attorney. The appellate court declared that Flores had a fundamental mistrust of counsel and ordered a new, third trial, which had been expected to begin this month.

As part of the plea deal, Flores admitted purposely driving his car into Officer Hunter, and to committing this crime while out on bail for a previous felony. Plus, he admitted to being a felon unlawfully in possession of a firearm. In the plea, Flores agreed to a “stipulated” term of 18 years in state prison. “It just gives a certain prison term rather than a life sentence which subjects him to parole board hearings,” prosecutor Keith Watanabe explained. “He will get out, and there won’t be a parole hearing. Not sure when, since we can never predict the credits by the prison anymore.”

The California prison website now shows that Roberto Ignacio Flores is in the Centinela prison, and that he will first be eligible for parole in December of 2031.

EVA KNOTT

Governor bid.”

What a sleazy money hustler Atkins has become. I applaud her work on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community, but her acceptance of contributions appears to represent her flawed ethics.

—Pro LGBTQ+

**Quince Apartments at Spruce and Maple will tower above Bankers Hill**

Neighborhood News, Oct. 17, 2023

I think this is a beautiful project. Most developers would have not have gone to such great lengths to design such a dynamic building. They build cheap and sell.

—YIMBY

**Cancellation of East Village Target is tip of the iceberg**

Neighborhood News, Oct. 24, 2023

This is the beginning

of the end for stores.

Everyone will shop online instead. Safer, often cheaper, and door to door service.

—Kate Obvious

**Rains worsen San Diego’s most dangerous dam**

Neighborhood News, April 4, 2023

About 3 schools in the washout area. Can’t believe the city.

—Thinking of the kids

**The fight against 5G cell towers moves to Oceanside**

Neighborhood News, March 17, 2020

Amazing, and good work. Not good though that the corrupt telecom lobbyist on the city counsel was promoted to mayor.

—#not good enough

## Under the radar

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tute. This case was opened after Holden filed the late reports on his own initiative, and after the late-filed Form 803 behested payment reports were provided to the Fair Political Practices Commission by the Assembly Rules Committee.”

### Big money grudge

State Coastal Commissioner Dayna Bochco of Los Angeles came up with a \$10,000 contribution to the gubernatorial campaign of state Senator Toni Atkins on March 29, a freshly filed disclosure report says. The wife of wealthy TV producer Steve Bochco once pulled aside Los Angeles Times writer Steve Lopez to lodge a complaint. “She was irked by a column of mine, and she told me so,” wrote Lopez in August 2016. “I’d written about a political fundraiser for the incoming state Assembly speaker, Anthony Rendon. It was hosted by, among others, Bochco and a hired gun who represents developers seeking commission approval for their projects. Other lobbyists/consultants were there, too, as were reps from companies with projects in play. Some of them wrote checks to the incoming speaker,

who would have the authority to appoint new coastal commissioners. It was all way too cozy and an example of why we should all fear the clout and political connections of those who want to build on what’s left of the undeveloped coast.”

Not to worry, Bochco told Lopez, who wrote, “Bochco often commutes to commission meetings in her husband’s private jet, along with other LA-based commissioners. Some commissioners hold or aspire to public office, and the unpaid job is a great way to build connections with potential donors, deal-makers and others. But Bochco isn’t running for anything, so far as I know, and I wondered why she took on a job that eats up a lot of time and brings no shortage of second-guessing.” Lopez reported that Bochco told him, “I can’t defend any given behavior that may have crossed a line. But she stuck up for her colleagues. She conceded that some are more political than others, but added: ‘I don’t think any of us is in the sway of anybody.’”

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Portrait of the influencer as a young man: Pablo Gastelum brings his acumen (and his audience) to Ensenada.

## Beer man and food guy explore Ensenada

Ten years ago, someone snagged me a ticket to the Ensenada Beer Fest, and I attended, boldly resolving to sample every brew being poured. It didn't take long for me to realize the quixotic nature of my quest, yet I pressed on, eventually managing around 30 samples — roughly a quarter of my goal. But even a losing effort has its consolations, so when the Fest offered me couple of press passes for this year's event, I contacted my friend Pablo Gastelum, who is making a name for himself as a brutally honest food critic on TikTok (pablo\_rgg, 139K followers). "If you got tickets, I rented a house for 8 people, and I'm driving down," he replied.

Pablo showed up at my place in Tijuana on Friday morning in his red Mustang. We picked up his childhood friend Bryan and made Ensenada in under an hour. The Airbnb was 10 minutes south of the city: a rickety, three-story, three-bedroom house with plenty of space for a party. After drinking a *caguamón* each (40 oz beer) in a nearby bar, we took an Uber to the Fest.

We got to the parking lot of the Riviera Cultural Center close to 4 pm. They were still announcing the winners of Copa Cervecería del Pacífico — over 260 breweries and over 1000 samples of beer had been judged before the festival, which boasted more than 120 breweries as well as over 30 food establishments, plus a plethora of bands and DJs

on 5 different stages. Our first food stop was at Exxe, an Argentinean *choripanes* (hot dogs) joint. "It's dry and shitty," said Pablo as he threw it in the trash after one bite. Brutally honest! The first beer was better: Straight to Haze from Cardera Brewery — one of my favorites and winner of five medals this year alone. The beer server recognized Pablo from his TikTok and murmured, "*A ti te conozco*." Pablo chugged his beer as Bryan recorded, as young influencers are wont to

jokingly asked if he had some. He took out a gigantic Ziploc bag and gave me a handful. "Be careful, they are powerful," his girlfriend warned me. In my drunken stupor, I thought WWHSTD? (What would Hunter S. Thompson Do?) I dropped a couple of mushrooms in an unknown hazy IPA and drank it in one gulp. The night turned as hazy as the beers.

We were back at the Airbnb by 9 pm after a stop at Oxxo for energy and sports drinks

## In my drunken stupor, I thought WWHSTD? (What Would Hunter S. Thompson Do?)

do. The head brewer at 93' Beer, Abraham "el Ham" Rodríguez, was spray painting a black canvas, and when he recognized Pablo, he handed over the can like a proper fanboy. He then gave us two full pours of beer: their gold-awarded Cream Ale, and their Hazy IPA.

We kept jumping from stand to stand, trying tasters and getting full free pours thanks to Pablo's minor celebrity status. Colmena (one of the favorites), Laguna Mental, Santa Clara, Pocima, Teorema, Averno, Cuatro Palos, Edens Sins, Fauna, Cardera, and more. Before it was dark, I was already a dozen beers in and was ready to pass out, *a la* ten years ago. But once night fell, I saw a friend who grows magic mushrooms. I

and two twelve-packs of Tecates. Then we Ubered to La Bête Noire, a pretentious bar in Bodegas de Santo Tomás. The night started to play like a Terry Gilliam movie in my mind. They handed me a beer that I recognized as Astillero IPA by Agua Mala, but it could have been another Tecate. We jumped barricades to walk through the destroyed streets of Ensenada and headed to La Camorra, a bar known for its alternative after-parties. On our way there, I noticed that the smoked fish shop Ahumadera del Pacífico had been demolished. I had always made a point of swinging by to get some smoked tuna snacks, and now it was gone. Ensenada is changing as rapidly as Tijuana. I almost cried. Pablo didn't give a fuck.

Close to midnight, some cute DJ was playing house music at La Camorra as we settled in with a bucket of beers and a pepperoni pizza. Forty minutes later, the beer was gone but the pizza remained untouched. We took it to go. A few steps after leaving the bar, Pablo had a slice and said, "*Está culerísima*." Declaring it garbage for the camera, he tossed it on the ground. Bryan picked it up, ate a slice, and gave it to a homeless guy nearby. We walked through the crowded and noisy nightlife of downtown Ensenada toward Husong's Bar, the oldest cantina in Baja. It was too crowded to go in. The nearby alternative was "Bar Mutualista," a bar from 1919 that I had

never been to. It too was too crowded to get a table, but a mustachioed gentleman let us join him near the entrance. The bar was lively and colorful, with people playing pool and others singing karaoke. Every table had a bucket of beers. Pablo texted his fans while Bryan danced with a chubby local.

We went back to La Camorra for more Tecates at 1:30. I sat and slowly nursed a beer, feeling exhausted. The Uber that took us back got lost several times, but we finally made it back to the Airbnb at 3:11 am. I woke up the following morning at 11:00 am feeling like shit. We went to Casa Marcelo for breakfast. Pablo ordered a couple of Victoria beers, Bryan had a tall glass of orange juice, and I went for coffee and water. For the three to share, we got *lengua en salsa verde*. Pablo thought it was trash, calling it too acidic. I thought the plate needed more *lengua* and fewer *nopales*. They also served us complimentary bread and Ramonetti cheese from a ranch in Ojos Negros. Again, Pablo disliked it. I thought it was bliss.

Back on the road, we stopped for more beer in Wendlandt at El Sauzal, winner of four medals at the festival. Pablo kept on drinking, so I ordered their gold-medal IPA, Flying Jerry. *When in Baja...* But Bryan got the catch-of-the-day tostada and water. As the rain started to head our way, at around 4 pm, Bryan got fed up, asked for the keys to the Mustang, and said he was driving us back. ■



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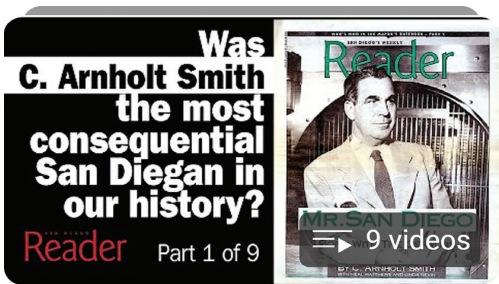


**Bill Manson – author of  
Tin Fork, bargain food  
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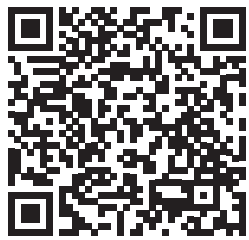


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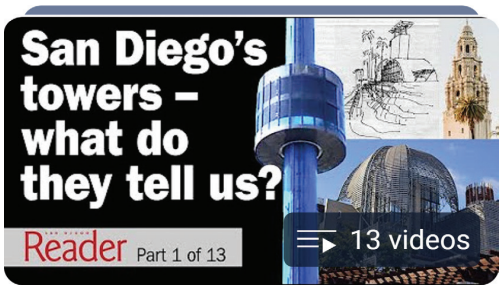


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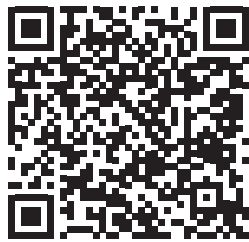


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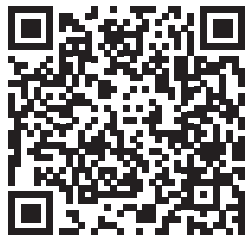


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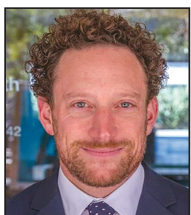
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# All Together at the Beautiful View Apartments



I live at the Bella Vista Apartments with my mother and my daughter and my mother's white cat. It is a small one-bedroom apartment with all the things necessary for a dignified life. But the thing is, I am not supposed to live here. It's supposed to be just my daughter and my mother and her cat. Those are the only names that the office knows about. But my daughter is here, and my mother needs help, so here I am.

Actually, it's not only the three of us living in this very small apartment. There is also my brother and his girlfriend. Too many people for such a small place. But that is what happens when rent goes so high: adult siblings, living together with their mom, like it is not supposed to be. At least now I know that you can learn to live all jammed in a small place, with your things always packed or loaded into your car, and no privacy.

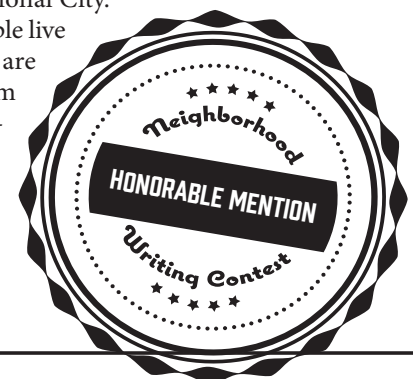
My brother and his girlfriend sleep on the living room sofa bed. He came one day and said, "I'll stay for a while," and now his girlfriend is also here. Places to rent are too expensive. Not the best of lives. My daughter has a twin bed in my mother's bedroom, and some space for her things in the closet. The good part is that she has to keep it tidy and learn to be organized. My mother has a king-size bed. I'm so glad, for that is where I sleep too. I have only a tiny place to put my things, so I keep only my work clothes. I work in San Diego, and I am always working.

How did we get here? When she was 14, my daughter decided to live with my mother, who was at the time living alone after her divorce. Covid was not much of a threat anymore, and schools had just reopened. Both of us used to live in Mexicali, in Baja California, just on the border with Calexico. But when the pandemic hit,

schools everywhere closed, and she had to attend school online like everybody else in the world. She didn't like it. So as soon as schools opened in San Diego, she wanted to come live with her grandmother, as she was born here but had never lived in the United States. I stayed alone in Mexicali for a whole year before I decided to come after her.

Bella Vista Apartments are located at South 47th Street between the 805 and Logan Ave. The apartment complex is in the city of San Diego, but it is very close to National City.

A lot of people live here. There are one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments, and it is mostly for





seniors. I see hardly any children. There is a playground next to the office, but I have never seen anybody playing there. The girls at the office are nice people. They know everybody and I absolutely believe they have noticed all the people living here that are not supposed to. But they don't say anything. I really like it here, because you don't hear loud music, or loud children, or loud mothers for that matter, and it is clean. Maintenance here is quite something. The gardeners are always Mexican, and sometimes they wake you up with the noise of grass being cut and the smell of it. I really like it.

Actually, now that I think about it, there is some noise. Our next door neighbors are quite noisy. They like rap music and smoking weed and having friends and family over. But I don't mind them, and neither does my mom. When I first got here, I wondered if she knew what so many of her neighbors were smoking. She doesn't seem to care; she really believes in being respectful to neighbors. "Smells and music don't bother me," she says. So I guess they are okay.



Author Irish Bojórquez

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So my mother lives in this one-bedroom apartment. "Why is it that you don't live in a two bedroom place?" I once asked her. She replied, "I once wrote my name on a list to get a bigger apartment, only it was not my name on the list, but that of my ex-husband. It happened that once, when we were at the office, I asked for a bigger place, and the lady there asked me to write my name on the list. But at that moment, I was busy writing down a check, and it was easier to ask him to sign us up, so he wrote down his name. Eight years later, we are divorced, and he lives in a two-bedroom apartment and I am still in the same one."

The place in which we live is located on the east side of the complex. The parking lot is almost al-

ways empty, because only residents are allowed to park there. Outside on the street, a lot of cars park — a sign that a lot of people live here. And some people even live in their cars. I've seen some of them just go into some relative's apartment, I guess to use the bathroom. Life is hard for those who don't have enough money for a place of their own.

Luna is my mom's white cat. This place has become Luna's kingdom. There are several cats living at Bella Vista, but their owners don't allow them to go out. Luna does go out, and she strolls all over the place with an air of certainty that she is beautiful and unique. Everybody knows her. And she really nails the cat walk. But once in a while, she runs for her life. Sometimes, there are stray cats that chase her, and even go into the apartment to steal her food and beat her up.

One day, I was coming from work, and my mother was upset because she said that an orange male cat, huge and frightening, came in, bothering Luna and going after her food and pissing all around,

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marking territory. When I first saw him, I was amazed at how huge and beautiful he was. I was wondering who he belonged to, or how he had survived. But still, I had to make him go away, so I put some water with a little vinegar in a spray bottle and whenever we saw him, we sprayed him all over. That made him stop going after Luna and into our house. I never saw him again.

There are coyotes in the area. Once, I was talking to a friend who was dropping me off after work in the parking area, and we saw a huge coyote walking around. That was when it hit me: we have coyotes living all around, and obviously, they eat cats and dogs and anything they can find. I told my mom, but she refuses to lock Luna up. “She must smart up”, she says. And she does. The other day, she was chased by not one but two young coyotes, and she ran like hell.

Now, I should explain that every first floor apartment has this little patio surrounded by a green fence where people can keep their things, or plants, or whatever. My mother likes to have



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plants and a round table with a shade and some chairs. That’s where she drinks her coffee in the mornings. She is alone and listens to her favorite music: “Alexa...” We are all out to work or school. Her best of times, she says. Well, one day, Luna came running through the patio all scared, her

white, beautiful, long hair all bristled up. She was being followed by these two handsome young coyotes. They were too small to jump the fence, so they went away. I went out to look at them. I like coyotes: they are beautiful and smart. But I never want them to eat our Luna, of course. Perhaps

they already ate that huge, orange cat. I definitely hope not.

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I mentioned that our next door neighbors smoke pot. A lot of people here do. They are a couple; she works all day, so she is never home, and when she is, she talks on the phone so loudly and turns the TV on so loudly and cooks and laughs. She is a very noisy lady. He is in a wheelchair and is much older than she is. He is always here, and he smokes a lot. “Let the man have his marijuana in peace” is all my mom says. They are nice people with a lot of family too. He is hardly alone. A lot of times, they have family over — “just like us” mother says. Everybody has the right to look for a space to stay during the night. They also have a white cat like we do, but theirs is male and with short hair. He is huge and beautiful, but

they never let him out. It is a shame. I would really like to pet him.

There was another couple that lived across the walkway. But they split up. “She went with another man and left me,” the man explained while he was giving away his beloved plants. “Now I can’t live here no more.” But he took his cat. Another white cat. So there was a time when there were three white cats in three apartments together. So unusual. I wouldn’t know who’s got a cat if it weren’t for the nice people from an organization that gives food to house cats. Every three weeks, there’s a knock on the door, and when you open it, there is a bag of cat food — and some cans, too. Sometimes, you even get a toy. They are definitely going to heaven. Cat heaven, at least.

Sometimes, I have to take the trolley to go to work, so I walk up 47th

Street towards Logan Avenue and wait at the corner for the 3 or 955 buses that take me to Euclid trolley station — one corner for the 3 bus, another corner for the 955, and sometimes another corner for the 955 but towards the 8th Street trolley station. That usually happens when I am headed towards San Ysidro and Tijuana.

Once, I was waiting there when this man came along and stood right next to me and started saying a lot of things that, honestly, I couldn’t understand. I tried not to appear frightened, so I stayed casual. He got mad and started saying all sorts of bad words. I said something in Spanish so he would believe I didn’t speak English and leave me alone. When the bus came, I got in and sat down. As he appeared to be a street person, I thought he would not get on the bus, but he did, and stood next to me. The only thing I understood was “Bitch this” and “Bitch that.” It didn’t matter. It must have been a mental health case — one of so many here in San Diego. I guess he got tired, because he got off the bus. I’ve seen him again a couple of times, and he seems to recognize me, but he hasn’t bothered me again.

Homeless people are everywhere. I mean, I would be homeless if it weren’t for my mom and her Section 8 government help. I would have to go back to where I am from. But in San Diego — and I guess in a lot of places — it is almost impossible to pay rent. There is this guy who lives in this old truck outside Bella Vista; he parks it on 47th street. He is polite and clean. He’s got lots of things on his truck that he collects from everywhere,

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but he is always cleaning and making everything look, I suppose in its own way, nice. At least he tries.

Once, I was throwing away some trash, and I also had a bag with things that someone at work gave me. I left it next to the recycling bin for someone to take. As I walked toward my car, I heard someone calling

me, and it was this man. He was carrying the bag, believing I had lost it, I suppose. I told him I didn’t want it and that he could keep it, but I also told him that it was full of women’s things — creams and hair spray and perfume and some lady clothes. He took it with him, only to give it away to some of his female ac-

quaintances, I later found out. So righteous and polite. I started looking for him and saying hello. That lasted for six months until January 27 of this year, when he suddenly disappeared. I was driving home, and when I pulled towards the parking lot, there he wasn’t. Only an empty space where he had parked his truck for all those months. I felt sad. Where could he have gone? To park on some other street, I suppose.

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“Why do they wear pajamas to school?” I asked my 17-year-old daughter one day as we were waiting for the green light at 47th and Imperial. I was taking her to school. She doesn’t dress that way at all; being raised in Mexico, that would be out of the question for her.

“I don’t know!” she replied. “Why would you ask me that!?” I find it very odd, a little disgusting perhaps, but I understand that fashion among American teenagers is almost impossible to comprehend for a lady like myself.

“Just don’t ever do it, please,” is all I can say. “Ewww!” she shrugs.

She doesn’t like it when I snoop too much into her life. I guess kids suddenly grow up and expect us parents not to be worried, but I worry. She walks sometimes towards Lincoln High School. And I worry. She walks back to the house and I still worry, but I have to keep that to myself and hope that she takes really good care of herself, and that the neighborhood — all those people we see on a regular basis — stands behind her. Like the nice lady that sells the most delicious tamales in San Diego. She smiles a lot and starts selling her tamales on 47th Street at 5 am, and by eight she hardly has any. Working people always know where the good food is.

My mother has been living in Bella Vista Apartments for 12 years now, and my daughter, almost three years. I have

been here for only two years, but I have seen lots of things. There are lots of people here. There is this apartment where an old couple live that has a Christmas decoration on the door. It is there all the time. I mean all the time, like June, July, August. Every year. All the time. There is this old man who can hardly walk, but he still rides his bicycle to go nobody knows where, and he likes to sharpen knives. So my mom takes hers to him once in a while, and he happily sharpens them, no charge. He is a sweet old man who lives alone. “I must go and pay him a visit soon,” says my mom, “I am afraid he falls and no one notices.” That is the thing with this kind of community. You think you live alone, but you really don’t.

Once, we received a package that wasn’t ours. The mail person

had made a mistake. So I took it to the right address in the complete opposite part of Bella Vista. Although it was part of the same complex, it felt strange. The lady was so relieved; she had thought she had lost the package, and it was full of medicine. I like to be of service.

My mother loves to cook. Sometimes, she gives some of her food to take this man who is her friend. They talk about his illnesses and his daughters. Mom likes to keep an eye on him. He also cooks, but my mom doesn’t like his food. He is from the very southern parts of Mexico. Too foreign for her taste, as she is from Sonora. You can’t change old people. Sometimes, we hear a knock at the door and there is our other neighbor, the one in a wheelchair, asking for some food. She gives him a plate proudly. “He’s

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starving, the poor man, he is always so alone," she claims. We tell her not to worry too much for him, because he eats well at his house. His wife cooks, too. But we know he can't resist the smell and goes and asks for some of my mom's Mexican cuisine. We know he is not starving, he's just got the munchies. There is this young man who is always washing his car in the parking lot. I have never seen him do other things. Just washes his car and listens to rap music almost every day. Perhaps he also lives in a crowded apartment.

I also like to watch the crows. There are lots of them. I like to believe they know me, because I am always calling them. I like them. They are incredibly smart, and I really think they recognize me. That is what I like to believe.

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your car, you must be very careful, because the street has these little hills that don't allow you to see very well whether or not a car is coming, and the cars tend to go fast. So there have been accidents.

I was living here when a man was hit and killed by a passing car. He was crossing the street towards his car early in the morning when suddenly a speeding car appeared and killed him instantly. It was awful. His crying young wife had to move out. They were new at Bella Vista. "This already happened some five years ago," said my mom. "Son, don't park across the street please, it is so dangerous," pleads my mom to my brother. He is not allowed to park his car inside the parking lot. Neither is his girlfriend. They are not allowed to live here. Neither am I, but here we are.

I once saw a hit and run. I was walking towards the bus when I saw a truck hit a car that was parked on the street. He drove away and I couldn't see the plates. I stayed for a while to see if someone came out, but nobody seemed to notice. So I went away. I didn't



**Our next-door neighbors are quite noisy. They like rap music and smoking weed and having friends and family over. But I don't mind them, and neither does my mom.**

have much information to give anyway.

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It is so easy to believe that people are all the same. But they are not. Once you live in a community like this for some time, you learn to see differences between personalities, backgrounds, cultures. You meet people who don't talk to you, ever, and you meet people who talk a lot. Some people just say hello, and some people become part of your life. Living in

Bella Vista Apartments, I have come to see that in San Diego, everybody can come from another country, another culture — it widens your eyes and mind a lot.

Once, I met a woman in the parking lot; she was parked right next to where I was parking, so we made some small talk. I had already seen her a couple of times. She was with a young woman, very attractive, with the darkest skin I had ever seen. The woman told me that the dark-skinned girl was her daughter. "How can your daughter be so dark and you are not?" I asked her. That night, we talked a lot. I learned her name, and that her father was Mexican but her mother was black and that she was my exact same age. It is always a pleasure to see her around. I really like her.

But my favorite person in all of Bella Vista Apartments is this lady named Rosie. She lives upstairs from my mother, just above her. Rosie lives alone. She is my height, approximately five feet tall, but she must weigh half of what I do. I have

never seen her outside her apartment. Rosie makes noises all night long, and sometimes all day long. She is intriguing. My mother claims she never hears a peep out of that apartment, but I know she is just being polite.

When my brother first arrived, he was all upset. "The lady upstairs makes a lot of noise all through the night!" he said. "I'll go and talk to her!" My mother asked him not to, because she likes it to keep it cool with the neighbors, but my brother couldn't take it anymore. So he went upstairs. Nobody knows what happened next, but he never complained again. "Let her be," was all he said. When he and his girlfriend are out of town, I sleep in the living room, and I hear the noises he complained about. A chair is being pushed, steps, someone dancing and jumping, more loud steps. It is impossible to know just what is going on.

The first time I listened to all that noise, I thought of going upstairs, too. I was so mad at her. But then one day I saw her.

As I was coming from work, tired and hungry, I saw this beautiful, tiny old lady, with the widest of smiles and brightest of eyes, looking out of her window right at me. "How are you sweetie?" she called to me. I heard her musical voice and couldn't help but wonder how this nice, small and polite lady could make all that noise! And all through the night!

Next time I saw her, I was coming from the laundry room, carrying lots of clothes. There she was, in her window again. "Do you need some help sweetie?" Every time I see her, it is the same. "Do you need something sweetie?" "Can I help you sweetie?" "You look so nice today sweetie!" "Do you need me?" But every time, just when I am about to answer, she disappears. She never waits for an answer. But she leaves this glow that covers you for the whole day. The days that she appears has become my lucky days. She is like a unicorn. Mysterious, selfish, and so beautifully strange that she gives you this weird magical feeling.

I wonder what her story is. I know she never goes out. I know she can't stay still. I know she doesn't sleep, at least not at night. And once, I saw this very handsome man, all dressed up, looking like a professional with a good job or something like that. He was carrying some grocery bags, and took a key out of his pocket and opened her door. The only thing I can think of is that he is her son. I have only seen him once. But now I know someone cares for her. I also care for her, but I have never got the courage to go upstairs. And I like it like that.

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More than 120 local craft vendors and emerging brands will set up shop in La Mesa Village. There will be gourmet

food trucks, floral stands, live music performances, Instagram-able photo ops, styled lounges, craft stations, and kids' activities. Plus, spring-inspired food, drink, and shopping specials at the local storefronts in the Village. All attendees who complete a scavenger hunt throughout the event will be entered into a raffle for prizes.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 11 am to 7 pm

### Saturday | 13

#### LIVING WITH COYOTES

Take in a presentation by Project Wildlife rehabilitation specialist Kelly Wallace on the natural history of coyotes. Learn about how they are rehabilitated, how they interact with other predators, and how best to coexist with them. The nature center also has a collection of taxidermy animals, displays, resources, and a kids area. The lagoon can be seen and experi-

enced from a nature trail on the north side. The public walking and hiking trail is about 1.6 miles long.

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 13, 10 am to 11 am  
**WHERE:** Batiquitos Lagoon Nature Center, 7380 Gabbiano Lane, Carlsbad.  
[batiquitoslagoon.org](http://batiquitoslagoon.org)



SATURDAY, APRIL 13: LIVING WITH COYOTES

**WHERE:** La Mesa Village, Spring Street at La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa.  
[sandiegomade.org](http://sandiegomade.org)

### Sunday | 14

#### BEACH & BAY HALF MARATHON

Run through beaches, bays, resorts, and sweet spots like Sea World, Belmont Park, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Sail Bay, and Crown Point. After you cross the finish line, there will be a bayside festival with live music, a craft beer garden, a vendor village, and an awards ceremony for top finishers.

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 14, 6:30 am to 2:30 pm  
**WHERE:** Tecolote North Playground, 1344 East Mission Bay Drive, Mission Beach.  
[sandiegobeachandbayhalfmarathon.com](http://sandiegobeachandbayhalfmarathon.com)



#### ROLANDO STREET FAIR

Visit over 100 vendor booths showcasing artists, makers, and local businesses. Relax in the beer garden featuring local craft beers and a view of the main stage. Kids Zone with inflatables, climbing walls, games, and crafts.

Performers include School Of Rock San Diego, Euphoria Brass Band, Smoke & Mirrors Soundsystem, Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra, and Western Standard Time Ska Orchestra with Jesse Wagner-Eitan of the Aggrolites.

**WHEN:** Sunday, April 14, 10 am to 6 pm  
**WHERE:** Rolando Blvd. between El Cajon Blvd. & Solita Ave, Rolando.  
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## ART

**Revival: an Exhibition Celebrating Recycled Art** All art pieces on display include recycled or reclaimed elements, and/or show appreciation of the magic of springtime. This exhibition will feature works by two Artists in Residence: Environmentalist Sydney Pitcher, and Sculptor, Kelsey Wilson. Saturday, April 13, 12pm; **free**. Revision, 8691 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

**Solo Exhibition: Ambika Thiagarajan** Through the vibrant colors and intuitive gestures of her semi-abstracted land and seascapes, Ambika Thiagarajan's work invites viewers to explore the depths of their own perceptions and feelings. Sunday, April 14, 1pm; **free**. FIVEart Studio & Gallery, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd Barracks 16, Suite 206. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Spring Art & Wine Walk** The Art & Wine Walk is a free event that will feature an array of artistic expressions, including paintings, ceramics, photography and more. Saturday, April 13, 3pm; **free**. 21 and up. Forum Shopping Center, 1923 Calle Barcelona. (CARLSBAD)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Amor Towles: Table For Two** Warwick's, in partnership with Writer's Symposium by the Sea, presents Amor Towles in conversation with Dean Nelson: *Table For Two* Tuesday, April 16, 7pm; \$32-\$42. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

**Distinguished Author Series: When Your Family Says No** The Maury & Lillian Novak Distinguished Author Series: When Your Family Says No. Laya Mar-

# OUTDOORS

## Mustard turns hillsides yellow, Star Jasmine's sweet perfume

Mustard, a Non-Native Plant More Like a Weed than a wildflower, will soon be blooming profusely on grassy slopes all along the coastline of San Diego County. An old story, probably apocryphal, tells of the padres scattering mustard seed along the El Camino Real so that the bright, yellow mustard blossoms would help them find their way in future spring seasons. More likely, the plant was introduced to



STAR JASMINE IS VERY FRAGRANT AND IS KNOWN TO ATTRACT BEES



WILD MUSTARD GROWS ALMOST EVERYWHERE ON EARTH, INCLUDING THE NORTH POLE

western North America in the form of seeds carried in the hay used to feed livestock brought in by the early settlers.

**Star Jasmine's Sweet Perfume**, exuded from clusters of small, white flowers, will continue to scent San Diego's spring breezes until sometime in June. Not a true jasmine, or *Jasminum*, star jasmine belongs to the genus *Trachelospermum*. In both public and private spaces, it has been widely planted as both an ornamental ground cover and a trellised vine.

**The Waxing Crescent Moon Hovers High** over the western sky after dark this week. There's nothing exceptional about this...but check out what lies right below the moon. Use binoculars to scope out the slender moon and the glittery stars of the Pleiades cluster.

tinez's life was planned for her by her Orthodox family, one of seminary school, arranged marriage, and an expectation that she would bear as many children as possible. Thursday, April 11, 7pm; \$20-\$25. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Hiking Your Feelings with Sydney Williams** Join Sydney Williams, a wellness advocate and wilderness guide, for a book signing and discussion of her latest book *Hiking Your Feeling: Blazing a Trail to Self-Love*. Part inspirational memoir, part practical guide, it offers a toolkit to turn your pain into power and become the best version of yourself. Sunday, April 14, 2pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Memory Garden: An Interactive Storytime** An afternoon featuring author Zoe Ghahremani and illustrator Susie Ghahremani on the occasion of their new book, *Memory Garden*. This free and open-to-the-public family-friendly event will feature a storytime, a guided interactive illustration lesson, and a hands-on gardening activity for kids. Saturday, April 13, 12pm; **free**. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Philip Fracassi Book Signing** Author Philip Fracassi returns with his new story collection *No One Is Safe*. Enjoy a reading and signing of this great new collection of futuristic noir mysteries, science fiction thrillers, alien invasions, and old-school horror tales. Saturday, April 13, 3pm; **free**. Artifact Books, 603 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Weekends with Locals: Thomas M. Wing** Weekends with Locals will be hosting Thomas M. Wing, author of *Against All Enemies*. Sunday, April 14, 1pm; **free**. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Writer's Symposium by the Sea: Anne Lamott** Warwick's, in partnership with Writer's Symposium by the Sea, will host Anne Lamott as she discusses and signs *Somehow: Thoughts on Love* in conversation with Dean Nelson. Monday, April 15, 7pm; \$22-\$32. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Craft Class: Puff the Magic Dragon** How to sew a Suffolk puff (aka yoyo) and create a flower pin. Saturday, April 13, 10:30am; \$5-\$10. Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**De-schooling Your Mind: Create Unique Homeschooling** Homeschooling may conjure images of a parent sitting next to a child at the kitchen table, recreating the classroom setting using a textbook at home. But this is only one way to homeschool. You'll learn ways to break away from the traditional mold of classroom education, focusing on creativity, flexibility, and play. Tuesday, April 16, 6pm; **free**. Mission Valley Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Perfume Making** Craft your own signature scent under the guidance of in-house French Perfume Designer, Jil Croquet. Ages 14 and up, all materials and tools provided, and the cost of materials is included in the workshop fee. Sunday, April 14, 9am; \$120. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

## COMEDY

**Bob Hansen: Minus One** Former San Diego Pro Wrestling Heavyweight Champion Bob Hansen headlines the Gold Room. Having just filmed his *Dry Bar Comedy* special, spending his comedy career half in NYC-half San Diego, Bob has featured for "Rowdy" Roddy Piper, Jay Mohr, and Sammy Shore. Thursday, April 11, 6:30pm; \$20. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Hannah Einbinder AS SEEN ON:** HBO Max comedy series, HACKS, NBC & more! Wednesday, April 17, 8pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Jenn Sterger** Comedian. Actress. VO artist. Gym rat. Nerd. Recovering Playmate & two time *Maxim* Hot 100 model. Premium content creator. Professional tomboy. Friday, April 12, 7:30pm; \$20. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Pablo Francisco AS SEEN ON:** MADtv, Howard Stern, Comedy

Central, Bits & Pieces, They Put It Out There, Ouch! & Pablo Francisco/Rachel Mohlin w/Beyoncé & Jay-Z! Thursday, April 11, 8pm; Friday, April 12, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, April 13, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Shindig Show** Headliner Tom Arnold. With Matt Grisat, Cory Coogan, Carol Johnson, Richie Spychala, Andrew Dean Pearson, Pamela Wardrip, Rick Martinelli, Doc Opp and Gary Robinson. Wednesday, April 17, 8pm; Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Sofía Niño de Rivera** - Saturday, April 13, 7:30pm; Magnolia Performing Arts Center, 210 East Main Street. (EL CAJON)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**2024 Women's Spring Conference** HOPE, the Path to Peace: Keynote Speaker will be Pastor Kristie Grimaud of Ramona United Methodist Church. Hosted by First Congregational Church of Ramona's Women's Fellowship. Saturday, April 13, 8:30am; **free**. \$20. First Congregational Church of Ramona, 404 8th Street. (RAMONA)

**Panel Discussion: The State of Jazz** Featuring Melonie Grinnell, Kamau Kenyatta, and Charles McPherson Wednesday, April 17, 11am; **free**. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

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## FOR KIDS

**Disney On Ice: Mickey's Search Party** Your favorite Disney characters return to San Diego through innovative technology and transformative performances. Thursday, April 11, 7pm; Friday, April 12, 7pm; Saturday, April 13, 11am, 1pm and 7pm; Sunday, April 14, 1pm and 5pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

**Rady Children's Wild Walk-about** Witness the magic of the San Diego Zoo before the gates open to the public at the inaugural Rady Children's Wild Walk-about. This experience takes kids and families on an adventure with captivating animal encounters, hands-on activities, and a special Wildlife Explorers Basecamp celebration. Sunday, April 14, 7am; San Diego Zoo, 2920 Zoo Drive. (BALBOA PARK)

**Starry Night Cinema & Resource Fair** Kids of all abilities explore captivating activity stations, including the Light Saber Creation Station, underwater Nemo Sensory Tent, enchanting Olaf Snowball Toss, a magical Wizarding World and more. As dusk settles in, *Finding Nemo* will be screened. Saturday, April 13, 5pm; free. Salvation Army Kroc Center Gym, 6753 University Avenue. (ROLANDO)

## LECTURES

**Photojournalism of Birding** Rigdon Currie was born in Atlanta, GA. An engineer from GA Tech with a Harvard MBA. His leisure passion has been birding and has visited 85 countries and seen over half of the world's species. Many of these trips are preserved in videos, some of which he will share. Saturday, April 13, 1:30pm; free. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

## NATURE

**Amble Clothing Earth Day Beach Clean-Up** In honor of Earth Day, make a positive impact by keeping our beaches and ocean clean. First 15 volunteers to arrive will receive a free hat. Complimentary breakfast burritos to the first 25 volunteers. Torrey Pines North Beach (Tower 5) Sunday, April 14, 9am; free. Torrey Pines State Beach and Reserve, 12600 N. Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Discovery Table: Bird Nests** Stop by the Discovery Table in the Visitor Center Lobby to learn all about bird nests from MTRP Trail Guides. See if you can match different bird eggs to the correct bird nests! Discovery tables are set up on the second Saturday of every month. Saturday, April 13, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Guided Nature Walk** Join an MTRP Trail Guide on a guided

nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park. This is a good time to see the river running strong. You will hike one of these scenic trails: The Oak Grove Loop showcasing majestic coast live oaks and rare Engelmann's oaks. The Visitor Center Loop highlighting coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and riparian woodland habitats. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturdays, 9:30am; Sundays, 9:30am; Wednesdays, 9:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

**Horticultural Tours: Kate Sessions & Balboa Park, Part 1** Named the "Mother of Balboa Park," Kate Sessions had a major impact on the flora of San Diego at the turn of the century and continues to influence the plants seen today. This walk explores one of her "hidden gardens" from when she had a nursery/experimental demonstration garden in Balboa Park. Meet at the Kate Sessions Statue located one block east of 6th and Laurel Street. Saturday, April 13, 9:30am; free. Balboa Park Visitors' Center, 1549 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Kirtan & Chanting For Peace** By Spirit Soul and friends in the Common Room. Saturday, April 13, 6pm; free. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, Hillcrest, 298 West Arbor Street. (HILLCREST)

**Pagan Pop Up Market** A free outdoor eclectic market once a month every 2nd Sunday with local vendors offering crafts, art, jewelry, altar items, apothecary supplies, gems, crystals, candles, vintage clothing, tarot readings and lots more. Sunday, April 14, 12pm; free. Emerald Hills Park, 5601 Bethune Court. (EMERALD HILLS)

**The Bulls of Sant'Agata Charge Little Italy** Over 20 new, classic, and rare "Italian bulls," better known as Lamborghiniis, will fill India Street between W. Fir and W. Grape Streets from 3:30pm to 6:30pm for an evening with souped up rides and musical entertainment for the whole family to enjoy. Sunday, April 14, 3:30pm; free. India Street between W. Fir and W. Grape

## SPOKEN WORD

**Local Tales from Long Ago** Second Sunday Concerts presented by the Storytellers of San Diego. Sunday, April 14, 4:30pm; free-\$5. 21 and up. Twisted Horn Mead & Cider, 1042 La Mirada Court. (VISTA)

**San Diego Poet Laureate Jason Magabo Perez** Through poetry, performance and video, San Diego Poet Laureate Jason Magabo Perez explores the poetics of memory as an act of anticolonial future-making. USU Ballroom Monday, April 15, 6pm; free-\$5. CSU San Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

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## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Jiu Jitsu World League** Jiu Jitsu World League is a competitive Brazilian Jiu Jitsu organization that ranks fighters through a series of tournaments using innovative technology and event services. Saturday, April 13, 8am; Sunday, April 14, 8am; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**San Diego Legion Rugby** The San Diego Legion take on the NOLA Gold at Snapdragon Stadium. Sunday, April 14, 1pm; \$20-\$152. Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Yoga: Mindful Movement** Instructor Hank Newman RTY 500 lead a class focused on mindful movement with the breath. Suitable for all levels of ability. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket, and water. Wednesday, April 17, 3pm; free. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

## THEATER LISTINGS

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

### I Love You Because: Modern Day Musical Love Story

A modern love story told through the eyes of four New Yorkers as they navigate the minefield of love in a big city. After two disastrous breakups, Marcy and Austin find themselves working together to reunite Austin with his girl-

friend, but naturally, things don't go as planned. Underscored by fun and witty music, *I Love You Because* shows us what happens if you let go of your expectations and open your heart to what life really has to offer. Based on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

TRINITY THEATRE COMPANY, 1640 CAMINO DEL RIO NORTH SUITE 129, MISSION VALLEY. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Ordinary People

Conrad Jarrett had an older brother named Buck, and now Buck is gone. What's left of young Conrad's family, with his successful, well-intentioned father and his beautiful, organized and remote mother, is in terrible jeopardy, as is Conrad himself. They are all "ordinary people" and each is fighting a hard battle. This play goes to the essence of a young man, his friends and family, their relationships and survival.

POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM SUNDAY.

### Ride

It's 1985, and Annie Londonderry wants to discover if a woman can ride a bicycle around the world. The problem? She's only ridden one twice! As Annie and her unwitting secretary Martha share unbelievable adventures across four continents, they learn that no matter how far we ride, our past is always right behind us. This production includes strong language.

OLD GLOBE - DONALD & DARLENE SHILEY STAGE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 7PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Stew

As the play begins, Mama, still in her housecoat, sings the old hymn, "This is the day, this is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made." Sweet, except pay attention to that repetition. Also to her reaction when the neighbor's dog starts barking:

"I'm gonna kill that dog. Cut it up and cook it." A bit violent and even unsettling, especially given that Mama is making stew here in the kitchen. Well, not just Mama. Her daughters Lillian and Nellie are on hand — Lillian for the first time in a long time — as is Lillian's tween daughter Lil' Mama, and Mama's real job is to tell them what to do and why they're doing it wrong.

But don't let my talk of ominous hints and familial tensions fool you: Common Ground Theater's revelatory co-production with Scripps Ranch may not be a comedy, exactly, but it is *funny*. Funny in the layered, interior way that families are funny. The humor keeps conflict from boiling over — most of the time — but it also inflects ordinary interaction. Now and then there are explicit jokes, as when the younger generations start to mirror Mama's familiar speeches. But mostly, it's hidden in the cock of head and look in eye and tone of voice — "None of your business" delivered without venom or condescension, but with an almost friendly warmth. It's people being natural with one another — really, a marvel of acting all around.

Why is Mama making stew? Well, It's for a very important occasion at the church, and things need to be done sooner than later, and why is the phone always ringing, and why isn't Lillian's husband here yet and what's wrong with Nellie's belly, and...? Well, if you believe Mama's claim that *Richard III*, for which Lil' Mama is auditioning, is really all about the women, then you might want to pay attention to the speech that everybody practices. SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Willy Wonka Jr the musical

The adventures of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory features the enchanting songs from the 1971 film, in addition to a host of fun new songs.

THEATRE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, 7960 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SUITE 240, LA MESA. 7PM FRIDAY, 2PM SATURDAY & SUNDAY.

## MOVIES

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

**Dune Part Two** — Lawrence of Arrakis meets Dr. Sandworm, or, *How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bene Gesserit*. Paul Atreides, who left the green and pleasant land of his home planet for the desert wastes of Dune, finds himself eager to avenge the death of his royal father at the hands of the rival House Harkonnen (with a little help from a subtle and sinister Emperor). The best way to do that is to harness the "desert power" of the native Fremens. And the best way to do that is to convince the religious skeptics among them that what he wants is their freedom, and the true believers that what he wants is to fulfill the prophecies about a savior from another world. Yes, his visions warn him that the latter might spark a holy war that kills billions, and yes, he's pretty sure that the prophecy is just something cooked up by his mother's religious order to further their own ends — but dang if he doesn't keep doing stuff that makes him look like The Man. He chooses the right name, he rides a huge sandworm, he...well, he does what saviors do. By this point, it should come as no surprise to learn that director Denis Villeneuve is very good at shots and scenes that capture scale and scope — big images for big stories for the big screen — and he keeps the long and layered story rolling along like windswept dunes in a desert. He's a little less sure-handed when it comes to getting up close — maybe too many close-ups of stars Timothée Chalamet and Zendaya, and maybe too few conversations to illuminate Paul's (gradual?) acceptance of his destiny — and the action at the very end saps the impact of what's come immediately before. (It plays almost like a TV teaser: tune in next time!) Anyway, about those references to '60s classics at the outset: the real news here is that our hero is not exactly a good guy. His father may have been noble, but his father was also defeated. The result is a blockbuster space opera that plays like a downbeat drama — we're a long, long way from that famous galaxy far, far away. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Immaculate** — Michael Mohan delivers a fun if flawed twist on the old argument between faith and science — specifically, which one gets to save the world, and what salvation looks like, anyway. It helps that it's lovely to look at, and not just because of big-eyed star Sydney Sweeney. (If

Elisha Christian's camera doesn't quite leer at her — for shame, this is a devout young religious sister we're dealing with here — it certainly does a lot of beholding.) Christian has a whole world of wonderful visuals in the old Italian convent for old Italian nuns at which Sister Cecilia has arrived — what with the reliquary holding one of the nails that pierced Christ, the pristine countryside stretching for miles in every direction, the catacombs upon which the whole place rests — and he makes the most of his setting. But getting back to the that bit about "fun if flawed." The fun is the flaw, or rather, the lack of it. This is a horror film in which divine rape is treated as a miracle, and in which the second coming is hastened in highly unorthodox fashion, but for much of the runtime (and her mysterious pregnancy), Sweeney is content to shed silent tears over her predicament instead of making legitimate war on the patriarchy. And when the Enemy is revealed, he utterly flubs his big speech. What should be a declaration of war on heaven is instead pitched as a twisted sort of piety. It's as if the film doesn't see the glorious silliness in a woman taking perpetual vows on her first day at the film's outset, or in attempting to make her escape in the midst of labor pains. By the end, you get the feeling that Mohan was so intent on making the (admittedly bonkers) final moments hit that he tried to tamp down everything that came before. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Love Lies Bleeding** — What is there to say? That Kristen Stewart can act — that she can inhabit a character perhaps more naturally than any actress of her generation? Okay. That if you want some raunchiest talk and desperate, grindy onscreen sex in the current cinecultural climate, you're more likely to find it between same-sex partners? Okay again. That Ed Harris' face has become such an unforgetting landscape of craters, caverns, and ravines that it spookily echoes the brutal desert outside of town in which the bodies have been piling up to these many violent years under his bug-lovin' reign? I say again, okay. And one last affirmative: there is good grit and texture here — perhaps exemplified by the loving attention paid to the world of women's bodybuilding — and a nasty, unsentimental reality that makes the loopy fantasy imagery at the end either a triumphant break from or a goofy undoing of all that's gone before. (The audience at the screening laughed heartily; I'm not sure that was the effect for which the story was going.) But after all that, there isn't much more to say, except that bad people tend to do bad things, and that whatever happens to love, lots of people wind

up bleeding as a result. Not exactly a revelation. Once you get the interior ugliness of everyone involved, you may be able to chuckle at some of the violence, ha ha. (2024) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Monkey Man** — Early on in director, co-writer, and star Dev Patel's madcap mashup of a movie, his protagonist Kid sets out to buy a gun. "You like *John Wick*?" asks the salesman. "This is the same gun he had, except made in China." You know: a cheap knockoff. A cleverly self-conscious pre-emptive strike against those who might dismiss this revenge drama — with its black suits, its secret sets, its exotic clubs, and its long, loving depictions of brutal hand-to-hand combat — as *John Wick*, except made in India. You know: a cheap knockoff. Because it aims to be much more than that. The revenge sought here is against the man who killed Kid's mother — but since that man was the local chief of police, and since the killing was part of a brazenly corrupt land grab by evil forces operating under the guise of restoring Mother India — well, one mother quickly starts to stand for another. And even more than that, as evidenced by the juxtaposition of word and image during our hero's moments of whispered prayer. (Who really makes you happy?) Which moments bring us back to that "mashup" bit: the scenes between mother and son look and sound like Terrence Malick's *Tree of Life*. Other scenes recall Guy Ritchie cheekily working the collision of higher and lower classes. And yeah, there's some *John Wick*-y stuff. (Why yes, our club is hosting an event honoring India's next president, but no, none of our security guards have guns, so all disruptions will need to be resolved with punching; why do you ask?) It makes for disconcerting, uneven ride, sort of like a tuk-tuk that is mysteriously equipped with turbo, threading its way through the streets before slamming on the brakes so as to avoid crashing into a little girl. About those streets: they — or rather, the suffering they contain, and the blunt sympathy with which Patel depicts it — are the film's real strength. That, and the rich imagery and theme provided by the traditional story of Hanuman — the original Monkey Man. Much stronger than his order of transgender warriors in exile, who talk of their devotion to a god who is both creator and destroyer, but don't seem to teach our hero much beyond rope-a-dope rhythm. (The Cruel Tutelage of Pai Mei this ain't.) Their leader mentions fighting with purpose; that much, the Kid already had. (2024) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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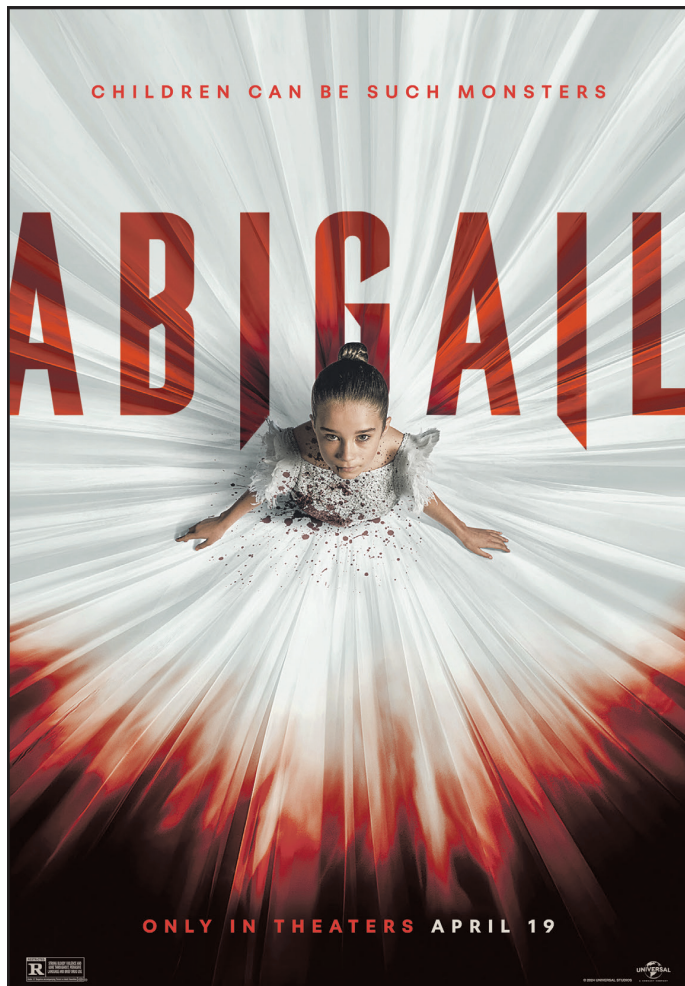
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the inside track

that reading your own poetry is like smelling your own farts,” says singer/songwriter, producer, and published poet Darius Degher. For some reason, I imagine the noxious fumes flowing into and then being served in a brandy snifter. *Sniff sniff!* “You know, they have lyric-writing contests, and the winner is usually a Nashville songwriter who can say something pithy about romance in three verses and a chorus. That’s not really what interests me most”

I mention Roger Waters and David Bowie, and he acknowledges their influence. "That kind of bold risk-taking is what I hope happens in my own lyric-writing, too. Though of course, it's hard to know what your own lyrics are like." When I request a lyric sheet, Degher seems sur-

"But, hey," says Degher, "I do write pop lyrics now and

and because I wanted to hear what my songs sound like with real singers singing them. So I wrote the songs, recorded all the instruments, and then they sang on the tracks when they were home on holidays. It's just me doing my mad-scientist writer-producer thing, with the girls as vocalists. Like that Avicii guy. Except we're all in the same family."

Mexico Borderline” covers a song from their dad’s album



and the next generation.

Given that the man is so passionate about words, it surprises me to learn that he has also released instrumental surf music. But then, I realize the ocean is a source of inspiration, and he describes surfing as “pure fun.” It’s not surprising that many of the themes on his latest record concern the environment — with lyrics more akin to a protest punk album than granola munching pseudo-hippie music — demonstrating a clear passion for protecting the earth and his beloved Encinitas. You can see that approach on the new album in songs like “Open Question,” with lyrics like, *Is there some central mystery in intermolecular space? Are there multiple dimensions in any given place? What is really lurking at the center of the earth?*

"I suspect that approach is what's gotten me the critical notice that I have had over the years," says Degher. "Interestingly, most of that praise came before I got a master's degree in poetry-writing in England and taught creative writing for years. So, these days, I'm even more focused on the craft side of things. And, you know, I also write *poetry-poetry*, without music, which has been published in many literary magazines, and a poetry collection." Sounds much better than sitting around smelling one's own farts.

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## PETE "POPS" ESCOVEDO at Music Box

APRIL 13



Iconic percussionist Pete "Pops" Escovedo made several albums with the Carlos Santana band and with his daughter Sheila E, as well as recording and performing with an epic array of talents including Prince, Herbie Hancock, Dionne Warwick, George Duke, and Boz Scaggs. In what's being billed as Escovedo's final San Diego concert, he'll be accompanied by Myron McKinley, who served as Musical Director for Earth Wind & Fire.

## ROGER CLYNE & THE PEACEMAKERS at Ramona Mainstage

APRIL 14



Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers blend punk rock, country-western, and mariachi influences, a balancing act which has enabled them to become a top concert attraction which has notched over two dozen Belly Up appearances. The bill includes Farm Truck, whose album *Sadie* was nominated Best Americana/Country Album at the 2023 San Diego Music Awards.

## ORION SONG at Duke's La Jolla

APRIL 16



Orion Song is a solo performer who got his start writing acoustically off of a baritone ukulele. His music melds old and new hip-hop and R&B, with tastes of trap, lo-fi, jazz, and soul. Not conforming to one genre, he cites diverse inspirations such as Justin Timberlake, Usher, Nujabes, Bryson Tiller, and Craig David.

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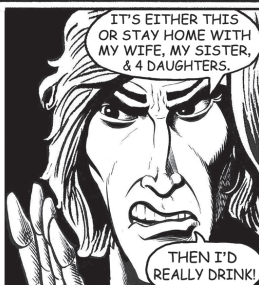
APRIL 17



Jeff Berkley made his mark locally as both a producer and one half of Berkley Hart. He has a new Jeff Berkley & the Banned album called *Tumbleweed*, with a single and video now available for the track "Even the Cowboys." He'll be introducing the new music in Solana Beach on an all-local bill that includes Dead Rock West, Kimmi Bitter, Jerry Raney, and more.

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April 20 — Brandon Diaz

**Belly Up Tavern:**  
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April 19 — Z-Trip & Friends  
April 21 — Grateful Shred

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April 21 — Kaylee Daugherty

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April 24 — Better Lovers and SeeYouSpaceCowboy

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April 18 — Israel Maldonado

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# THE GONZO REPORT

## Faded, not fading

### ONYX pays a visit to Pacific Beach's Break Point

Pacific Beach on a Friday night is not usually my cup of tea. Tad youthful on those streets. However, it's not often that ONYX performs there. As a matter of fact, it was their first time ever. The stage was set at Break Point on Garnet. Break Point is family-owned by Mike and Amy Lee. It took over the space from the now-defunct Mannikin, Emerald City, Plan B, and Johnny V's.

I arrived as the sun was setting. First person I encountered was one of their promoters, Tommie Zam. He seemed happy to see me. "Dude, we got so much cool shit going on here! The owners are friendly, open to Reggae, Hip Hop, and skate events." He introduced me to various people as the *Reader* guy. Then a voice

out of the crowd: "Hey, you know Jake Peterson?" It was Hip-hop artist Don Elway. I do know him. He writes for this column as well — and recently, he wrote about Elway. "Jake is my man!" said Elway before speeding off on his motorcycle. As he left, a guy who goes by Guero rolled in with a USPS box, proclaiming, "I got goodies" — a jar full of joints, a jar full of buds, and some cookies. He then pointed at a bald Hispanic guy wearing a black baseball cap: Michael Gabriel, one of the performers on the bill, has his own cannabis company, Abuelitas. "Long story short, my dreams are coming true," Gabriel said, passing me a joint. "I'm an artist with my own cannabis company." All this action and smoking and I hadn't made my way inside yet. Stoned was the way of the walk to the bar.

Once inside, I ordered a Pabst Blue Ribbon from my bartender Mikey for \$5. As I was enjoying my beer. Bakes was just finishing up his set. Head chef Suga Bear came up to me to say hi and tell me about some of his food. "Fish



Something worth recording: DJ Symphony spinning behind ONYX's Fredro Starr

Fry Fridays, brisket, and my world-famous chicken wings. I cook soul-based food!" After he walked off, a bewitching platinum-haired woman and her friends sat next to me. We got to talking; it turned out her name was Nori and she also ran a local cannabis company: Smyle Co. Through the high, I was sensing a theme. She invited me to a drum circle on Sundays in Balboa Park. I ordered another Pabst. This time, bartender Travis hooked me up for \$2.

DJ Wake&Bake was spinning old school NWA jams as I wandered about, noting the honeycomb shapes on the walls filled with

greenery and flashing lights that changed colors. If bowling is your thing, there were four bowling lanes, shoe rental included. Closed for the event this evening.

Michael Gabriel and his entourage came on next. After they finished, it was time to head outside for fresh air and whatever else might be fresh out there. Right as I walked out: "Gabriel!" It was Michael Gabriel, holding up a joint and motioning for me to come join him. I noted that he could perform almost any genre of music because of his flow and falsetto voice — even hard rock. He said, "Bring it on!" As we were discussing the future, a big dark figure moseyed up to us: DJ Symphony. I found myself standing with him, Michael Gabriel, and a photographer whose name I didn't catch. At one point, the photographer looked at me and said, "I'm going to give you a hint. Wu-Tang Clan is in San Diego!" He pointed across Garnet at the big Wu-Tang Clan sticker on the window of Cuts DJ Academy. "Wu-Tang is here in San Diego!" I inquired as to what he was talking about. "You got to be fucking stupid!" he boomed. "You're standing next to DJ Symphony, the DJ for GZA and Wu-Tang Clan! You got to be fuckin' stupid!"

It got a little quiet as I weighed my  
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*April 19* — Brandon Diaz

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*April 24* — VNV Nation

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**Poway Library:**  
*April 20* — Día De Los Niños: Hullabaloo

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# IMMORTAL BEAUTY

## The wisdom of Bach

I have often considered myself to be the most awful sort of philistine when it comes to musical taste. That is to say, I have a general misunderstanding of music. I know what I like, but I know not why. I do not have a natural inclination to the nuts and bolts of music. (I might be tempted to say that I’m not interested in the nuts and bolts of *anything*, but that isn’t the case. I dare you to ask me how to swing a golf club. You’ll get an entire hardware store full of nuts and bolts. Although, I do base everything on feel as opposed to technical feedback.)

I can perhaps explain this by a look to my lack of musical education at an early age.

Like many in my generation, the movie *Amadeus* had a profound and, in my case, lasting impact. After seeing it around the age of 16 or 17, I headed over to our dormant upright piano and began to compose. I hunted and pecked out a little tune and gave it some harmonies that I liked. I showed my opus to the choir teacher, who inadvertently laughed out loud at the sight of it. After apologizing, she recommended I take her music theory class, since I clearly had no concept of something called a key signature.

I took the class — and struggled. I took music theory in college, and struggled there as well. Halfway through my second year of theory, I dropped my music

BY GARRETT HARRIS

major and took up the much more useful philosophy major. That is where I have remained — a philosophy major who listens to music and sings in the choir.

My taste in music did not evolve in the structured manner of a student studying an instrument. It evolved based on what I happened to like at the moment and what operas had a chorus in which I could sing. I went from Mozart to Tchaikovsky to Beethoven to Handel to Schubert to Mahler to Puccini to Bruckner, to Wagner, to Victoria to Verdi to Borodin, to Brahms — but never truly to Bach. Until now, 35 years later.

Of course, I knew and liked Bach’s popular pieces such as *Air on the G String*, *Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring*,



Bach: music for a certain age?

*Sheep May Safely Graze*, and that one Cello Suite that gets played all the time for anything and everything. It was also impossible to avoid Bach while on the choir circuit.

I went and heard Jeremy Denk perform *The Goldberg Variations* and I liked it, but have I listened to it since? No, and it wasn’t because I was busy listening to the *St. Matthew’s Passion*.

I have always respected Bach, but I’ve never *felt* Bach in the same way I have other composers.

Bu now, as the fires of youth begin to wane, I have begun to feel the wisdom of Bach’s music. Wisdom is an attribute I don’t associate with other composers, and I believe *The Art of the Fugue* has something to teach me that isn’t necessarily the fugue.

## Classical Music this week

**Abel Selaocoe & Manchester Collective** This joyful and energetic evening weaves African music, Danish folk songs, and classical music like you’ve never heard it before. Award-winning cellist Abel Selaocoe and the chamber ensemble Manchester Collective perform everything from works by Haydn and Berio to traditional songs from Africa and Europe. Sunday, April 14, 7pm; \$43-\$78. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue.

**Amarcord: In Aeternum** The San Diego Early Music Society presents the return of the German vocal quintet amarcord. The Leipzig-based group—founded by five former

members of the Thomanerchor at St. Thomas Church, where J. S. Bach served as director of music—will present a program of sacred music by Josquin des Prez. Sunday, April 14, 7:30pm; \$10-\$50. St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, 743 Prospect Street.

**Jacobs Masterworks: Lang Lang by the Bay** Otto Tausk, conductor Lang Lang, piano JOEY ROUKENS: 365 TCHAIKOVSKY: Suite from Swan Lake, Op. 20a BERLIOZ: Le corsaire Overture, Op. 21 SAINT-SAËNS: Piano Concerto No. 2 in G minor, Op. 22 Friday, April 12, 7:30pm; Rady Shell at Jacobs Park, 222 Marina Park Way.

**Jesús Florido & Giovanni Piacentini** Violinist, composer, educator and producer Jesús Florido and composer, guitarist, and educator Giovanni Piacentini will celebrate a multitude of musical traditions that span the globe with a variety of genres from pop, classical, rock, jazz, Latin, and more. Saturday, April 13, 7pm; \$35-\$40. Museum of Making Music, 5790 Armada Drive.

**Quatuor Ébène** Attending a concert by the Quatuor Ébène is a musical and sensual happening. Since their unprecedented success at the 2004 ARD Music Competition, the group has won numerous awards, including being the first ensemble ever to

be honored with the Frankfurt Music Prize. Friday, April 12, 7:30pm; \$46-\$83. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue.

**SD Symphony Jacobs Masterworks: Lang Lang Plays Saint-Saëns** Dutch conductor Otto Tausk leads Igor Stravinsky’s enchanting *Firebird Suite*. The program opens with Joey Rouken’s thought-provoking 365 measures of beguiling twists and turns that take on different guises, from impressionist-like textures to minimalist passages, and references to pop and jazz. And at the end of work, listeners arrive exactly at the point where the piece started... not unlike a year

cycle of 365 days. Lang Lang will be performing Camille Saint-Saëns’ *Piano Concerto No. 2*. Friday, April 12, 8pm; Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.

**SD Symphony Jacobs Masterworks: The Firebird** Dutch conductor Otto Tausk leads Igor Stravinsky’s *Firebird Suite*. The program opens with Joey Rouken’s thought-provoking 365 — 365 measures of beguiling twists and turns that bring you back to where it all began. Enjoy the *Swan Lake Suite* by Piotr Tchaikovsky for an afternoon of music for ballet. Sunday, April 14, 2pm; Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall, 750 B Street.

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*April 18* — Dogs in a Pile  
*April 19* — Vana Liya  
*April 20* — League of Sound Disciples

# THE GONZO REPORT

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response. “You’re right; sometimes I’m fucking stupid.” The right call: people laughed. DJ Symphony then jumped to my defense. “He’s not stupid; I can tell by the way he talks. And he’s a writer.”

I missed Ric Scales’ performance because of all the action happening out front. A little commotion

started on the sidewalk, due to the arrival of ONYX. I saw Ras Mike discussing some logistics with rapper Fredro Starr. That gave me a chance to introduce myself. Ras Mike told Fredro I would be writing about the show. Fredro, joint in hand, orange vest on torso, sunglasses in place, asked, “What you going to write about?” I responded, “To be determined.” He took a big hit of his joint and said, “I like that.” I asked him when they would start touring again. “We never stopped touring! We’ve been touring 30 years straight with a couple breaks. Also got three

boys to raise.” Then his manager Bosston Rob whisked him away to go perform. Fredro came out, saying they were going to start off with the smooth shit, and started with “Throw Ya Gunz.” Sticky Fingaz came in looking mean, with a rough voice to match. DJ Symphony was covering for this show, so it was fitting the hear the Wu-Tang/ONYX song “The Worst.” New York City was in the house. The energy intensified as the show went on, and when they finished off with “Slam,” they had everyone jumping, just like in the ‘93 MTV video. After

the show ended, Fredro and Bosston Rob hung out and mingled for a bit. Then Fredro said, “I want to go smoke now,” and off into their fog they went. Bosston Rob was kind enough to chat with me a few days after the show. I was curious what brought ONYX to Break Point in Pacific Beach. “Ras Mike made it happen. We worked with him last year. The overall feeling it was a successful show: no drama, we got paid, and hopefully everyone made it home safely.” His positivity was welcome, and he was right. ■



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## At Flour Atelier, cupcakes are in full bloom

Flour Atelier, 4240 Kearny Mesa Rd #116, San Diego. "Look at those pretty flowers!" I hear, followed by, "Oh! There are pretty cupcakes too!" I'll hear some version of this conversation several times in the fifteen minutes I'm seated outside Flour Atelier, a recently opened shop next door to Mitsuwa Marketplace, the Japanese grocery store in Kearny Mesa.

Customers coming out of the grocery are marveling as they walk past, and I'm marveling with them. I'm trying to take pictures of a half dozen of those cupcakes, and finding it more challenging than usual to resist putting down my camera and just eating everything already.

This new bakery arrived with a compelling backstory. In search of creative outlet, Chrisell "Selly" Gonzales Nguyen spent four years baking

photogenic cakes in her garage, and taking orders through Instagram, building a loyal following in the process. One of those followers turned out Evelyn Itsumi Ozburn, a Japanese-American

who expresses herself through floral arrangements. When Selly started posting vacation photos from Japan, Evelyn knew just the café she should visit, and sent a message. That sparked a fast friendship, a creative kinship, and eventually, a business.

Together, they have launched a brick and mortar bakery, café, and boutique florist, named with both a flower pun and the twenty-five cent word for an artist's studio. But even sweeter than the wordplay at Flour Atelier, are the cupcakes. These include familiar flavors, such as chocolate or carrot cake. But most are unique and beautiful to behold,

often accented by an edible flower.

Even the aforementioned Milo chocolate cupcake (\$8) brings intriguing touches, from the



A three layer white cake with Berries, flower, and macaron



A sampling of deliciously artsy cupcakes from Flour Atelier.

contrasting bright pink of the blossom perched on top, to the graham cracker crumbs sprinkled over a malted cream frosting made with Milo, a malted and fortified chocolate malt powder, made by Nestle, that we're told is popular throughout Southeast Asia. All the chocolaty satisfaction, with a twist either nostalgic or novel, depending on where you're coming from.

Flour Atelier's nut-free pastries frequently reference the owners' respective backgrounds and interests in this manner. Gonzales Nguyen combines a pair of culinary staples from her Filipino culture in the Ube Leche Flan (\$7.50), a cupcake flavored and colored by the archipelago nation's popular, purple sweet potato. It's capped with the shop's signature buttercream, which is topped with a miniature circle of flan, which in turn is topped by an icing flower of ube jam. Conversely, there's Itsumi Yuzu (\$7), relatively understated with a matcha cake, and a single, tiny bloom centered on a spread of yuzu cream, infused with Japanese citrus and peppered with more of the powdered green tea.

If I'm forced to pick a favorite, though, it has to be the Halo-Halo Especial, named for a colorful shaved ice dish layered with colorful sweet treats such as jellies, sweet beans, and fruit. In cupcake form, Flour Atelier delivers a creamy, rainbow polka dot cake made with evaporated milk, filled with flan, iced with ube cream, and topped with sweet beans, cubed jelly, and a candy straw.

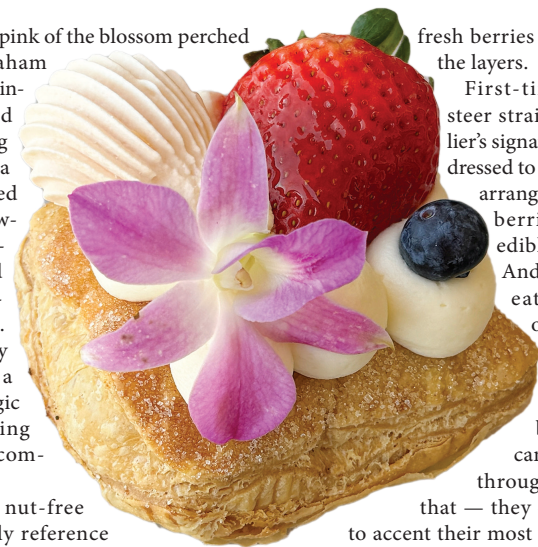
It's perhaps the most unexpected delight in a glass counter filled with them. Tough decisions include whether to pair your Mostra roasted coffee with a calamansi or lavender cheesecake tart (\$8); the traditional or ube crème brûlée (\$9); or a positively statuesque triple layer white cake (\$10), the flower atop it arranged alongside a strawberry and macaron. Spoiler alert:

fresh berries are tucked between the layers.

First-timers may want to steer straight into Flour Atelier's signature puff pastry (\$6), dressed to impress with artfully arranged dollops of cream, berries, merengue, and edible flower, of course.

And I'm here to tell you eating the flowers is optional. And when longtime fans show up — the ones who backed the nascent bakery's Kickstarter campaign and ordered through Instagram before that — they order custom cakes to accent their most memorable celebrations. It's easy to understand why: they get much the same artistry as you'll find in the cupcakes, but on a bigger canvas.

—Ian Anderson



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**JOHN BOY** Boo-boo and me. Thank you for letting us stay at your place and for everything you do for us. We love you very much. Thank you Michelle and boo-boo.

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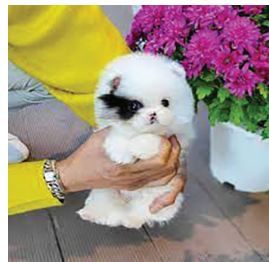
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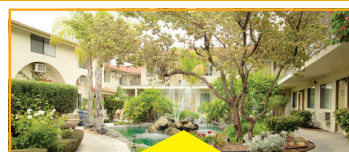


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**LOOKING FOR 1990 OR OLDER** Ford cargo van, fgross0421@gmail.com.

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**RESEARCH ASSOCIATE** (San Diego, CA) – Perform assay in cell-based format & biochemical assays. Req MS in Biochem, Cellulr & Molecrl Bio, Biomedcl Engg, or Biotech + skills & knowldg in Biologcl Macromolecules, Protein/ligand Binding, Cell-cell Interactns, Gene Delivery, Stem Cells Engg, Polymer Synthesis/processg. Range: \$78k-\$85k/yr. Send r s w/ code QIW003 to HR, HD Biosciences, 6122 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, CA 92121.

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**ENGINEERING POSITIONS** \$86,649.99 - \$168,027.44 Annually. Otay Water District is seeking two full-time Sr. Civil Engineer, Associate Civil Engineer, or Assistant Civil Engineer I, II. Are you a Civil Engineer who can design water/wastewater infrastructures in a time sensitive manner? Do you possess exceptional problem-solving skills? If so, we would like to hear from you. The ideal candidate will administer and evaluate consultant proposals and bids and assist in drafting and finalizing proposals and contract documents for bidding and award. All positions require a bachelor's degree in civil engineering or a closely related field. Visit our website www.otaywater.gov for more details and to apply online. Open until filled. EOE

**SERVER SUPPORT TECH** Same Day Computer Repair of San Diego Inc is seeking to hire a Server Support Tech w/ BA in Computer Information System (or fgn eqv). Candidate will be required to provide support to corp clients for their networks, servers & database; deliver expert ass. for custom software solutions (remote & on-site); diagnose and resolve motherboard component faults and conduct thorough hardware troubleshooting; resolve software problems, ensure optimal perfor. & functionality; perform server installation/configuration; exec. virus removal procedure; provide remote access and troubleshooting for client; develop test disaster recovery plan; and investigate net problems. Salary: \$62,000.00/year. Mail CV to Rodney A. Perry at 3052 Clairemont Dr, Suite 12, San Diego, CA 92117.

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**POULTRY MANAGER** Demler Brothers LLC seeks Poultry Manager in Ramona, CA. Qualified candidates must have at least a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science, Veterinary Medicine, or related; one year of management experience in the food/animal production industry. Salary range: \$103,085 Interested candidates should submit a resume & cover letter to HR, Demler Brothers LLC, 25818 Highway 78, Ramona, CA 92065.

**HOUSE KEEPER NEEDED MONTHLY** For a woman in San Diego. A one bedroom condo. Looking for deep cleaning including windows, blinds, the bathroom, the kitchen, help organizing stuff, moving furniture from one side to the other. Note I get donations for my house keeper each month and will pay \$70 for the whole job each month. Please leave your message at (619) 269-3434. No text. Thank you

**CIVIL LITIGATION ATTORNEY NEEDED** for case law, esstopal case. Ronald (619) 536-5619

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**BABYSITTER/NANNY** Seeking a nanny to assist me with my 3 year old son, he is a wonderful ball of energy, very social, inquisitive and lots of fun. I would like someone to encourage his curious mind, engage in stimulating activities. Email resume to rcheney60@gmail.com

**MOCK JURY FOCUS GROUP** Need local San Diego volunteers for an in-person focus group, 4/13 from 11:00am to 1:00pm, \$75 per person and complimentary food/drinks. Please fill out this survey to be considered: forms.gle/irJHQW-yWC86PehVH9 jurydeliberators@gmail.com

**PRESCHOOL TEACHER RAMONA, CA** CCC of Ramona is seeking a qualified preschool/ school age teacher to join our teaching staff. Must have a strong work ethic, able to communicate professionally with children, staff, & parents. Pay rate \$16-19.00/hr. Email resume to ccc@tccramona.org (760) 789-3329

**NOW HIRING A FEMALE CAREGIVER** Active retired gentleman needs help with daily routine. Position requires enrollment: www.sdihsspa.com. 5 hrs/ day. Mon Wed Fri. Morning. \$20+/HR. SD Rancho Bernardo. Ad is not for other services or offers. (858) 360-0388 text only

**LIVE IN CAREGIVER** European; women only. You need to be helpful, love taking care of home and elderly people. Cook Vague, some cleaning and shopping. Would love to be there for you. Phone number is (619) 573-0434

**IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICE** Do you have a in home supportive service current certificate. A nice older lady in San Diego would like to hear from you. She needs help and is offering two different shifts: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM, or Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM T. This is for a long term position. The tasks include help with medication, weekly shopping trips, house keeping like cooking And other errands. Flexible and willing to work with you. Please call Carmen to set up an interview (619) 488-0822.

**MECHANIC** Experienced auto mechanic needed. Full time. Call Ismael, (619) 237-1043.

**TRUCK DRIVERS** Local transport companies are looking for truck drivers with two or more years of experience. Requirements: Binational Federal License or CDL, Mexican Passport (mexican drivers), Visa B1/B2 or Residence card, ID or INE, Birth certificate, CV/ Resume. Omega Compliance Solutions LLC. (619) 312-1545.

## JOBS WANTED

**CAREGIVER SERVICES OFFERED** I have over 4 years experience in caregiving in home care and facility care. I would prefer nightshift please call Lisa (858) 226-9613

**SEEKING WORK IN A CHURCH** 63 year old ex military man seeking work in a church in San Diego. Looking for part time work or light duty work. Please call Travis (619) 389-0550

**FULL TIME JOB WANTED** by High school/College graduate healthy 64 male southern Californian. Reliable transportation. Seeking steady full-time employment in Miramar, La Jolla, Solana Beach, Carlsbad, north county. Dale Hauskins (858) 401-2973.

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**WANTED: CHRISTIAN THEMED ITEMS** of anything to make or help my small chapel a better or more holy place to be in. (207) 265-6640

**MEDICAL MARIJUANA SPONSOR NEEDED** by disabled veteran. Please call Andrew at (619) 306-3646. Thank you. Needed for medical issues

**LOOKING TO BUY OLD DRUM SETS** I pay cash. Any old Band Instruments. Text me pictures or call (619) 279-7833

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**WILL PAY CASH** For records, CDs, DVDs, and clothes. Professional Singing Lessons available. Musicians Wanted. Call Jeff Clark, 858- 382-7396.

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**LOOKING FOR OLD TUBE STEREO** I am searching for that old Tube Stereo that your Dad used to play. These Stereo Components were made in America, in the early 1960's, by such Companies as Fisher, Scott, McIntosh, Dynaco & more. I pay Ca\$h, so please call Jack (619) 296-3100 / jack22@cox.net





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**FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

**File No.:  
2024-9001895**

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Recorder/County Clerk County  
of San Diego:  
**01/25/2024**

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. Del Toro Loan Servicing**

Located at: **2300 Boswell  
Road, Suite 215, Chula Vista,  
CA 91914, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 2300 Boswell  
Road, Suite 215, Chula Vista,  
CA 91914

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Private Lending 360 Inc.**

This business is conducted by:  
**Corporation. The first day of  
business was 12/01/2006.**

I declare that all information in  
this statement is true and cor-  
rect. (A registrant who declares  
as true any material matter  
pursuant to Section 17913 of  
the Business and Professions  
code that the registrant knows  
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Registrant Name /s/  
**Andrew Louis, CEO**  
Corporation/LLC Name  
**Private Lending 360 Inc.**  
3/28/24, 4/4/24,  
4/11/24, 4/18/24

**FICTITIOUS  
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Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. Joshua Tree Plant Adop-  
tions**

Located at: **731 Zanzibar Ct,  
San Diego, CA 92109, San  
Diego County**

Mailing Address: 731 Zanzibar  
Ct, San Diego, CA 92109

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Robert Leo Craig**

This business is conducted by:  
**An Individual. The first day  
of business was 01/01/2019.**

I declare that all information in  
this statement is true and cor-  
rect. (A registrant who declares  
as true any material matter  
pursuant to Section 17913 of  
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Registrant Name /s/  
**Robert Leo Craig**  
3/28/24, 4/4/24,  
4/11/24, 4/18/24

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**03/20/2024**

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. JB Resources & Trading**

Located at: **1610 San Ferdi-  
nand, San Diego, CA 92154,  
San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1610 San Fer-  
dinand, San Diego, CA 92154

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Anderson Jeanbaptiste**

This business is conducted by:  
**An Individual. The first day  
of business was N/A.**

I declare that all information in  
this statement is true and cor-  
rect. (A registrant who declares  
as true any material matter  
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dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/  
**Anderson Jeanbaptiste**  
4/4/24, 4/11/24,  
4/18/24, 4/25/24

**ORDER FOR PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS/CITATION**  
**Case No.: 37-2022-00050956-CU-CO-CTL**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego**  
**CENTRAL DIVISION, HALL OF JUSTICE,**  
**330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY  
(Name, state bar number, and address):  
Bradley J. Pizer, SBN 123404  
Pizer & Associates, P.C.  
9201 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 105, Beverly Hills, CA 90210  
TELEPHONE NO.:310-843-9729 FAX NO.: 310-843-9619  
ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Plaintiff, Northrop Grumman Federal Credit Union

PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER  
Northrop Grumman Federal Credit Union

DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT/CITEE  
Gabriel Diaz aka Gabriel Diaz, III

Upon considering the evidence, consisting of an application and declara-  
tion as provided in Code Civ. Proc. § 415.50 by the plaintiff/petitioner,  
and it satisfactorily appearing therefore that the defendant/respondent/  
citee, Gabriel Diaz aka Gabriel Diaz, III, cannot be served with reasonable  
diligence in any other manner specified in the Code of Civil Procedure,  
and it also appearing from the petition/complaint that a cause of action  
exists in this case in favor of the petitioner/plaintiff therein and against  
the defendant/respondent/citee and that the said defendant/respondent/  
citee is a necessary or proper party to the action, or that the party to be  
served has or claims an interest in real or personal property in this state  
that is subject to the jurisdiction of the court, or the relief demanded in  
the action consists wholly or in part in excluding such party from an inter-  
est in such property: NOW, on application of Northrop Grumman Federal  
Credit Union, plaintiff/petitioner.

**IT IS ORDERED** that service of said summons/citation in this case be  
made upon said defendant/respondent/citee by publication thereof in  
San Diego Reader, a newspaper of general circulation published at San  
Diego, California, and/or by publication thereof in a newspaper of general  
circulation outside this state at designated as the newspaper most likely  
to give notice to said defendant/respondent/citee; that said publication  
be made at least once a week for four successive weeks in the manner  
prescribed in Gov. Code § 6064.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of said summons/citation, of  
said complaint/petition, and of the order for publication in this case be  
forthwith deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage-paid,  
directed to said defendant/respondent/citee if the address is ascertained  
before expiration of the time prescribed for the publication of this  
summons/citation and, a declaration of this mailing or of the fact that  
the address was not ascertained to be filed at the expiration of the time  
prescribed for publication.

Date: 03/22/2024  
Blaine K. Bowman, Judge/Commissioner of the Superior Court  
Published: 4/4/24, 4/11/24, 4/18/24, 4/25/24

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME**  
**Case No.: 37-2024-00011556-CU-PT-CTL**  
**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego**  
**330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101**

Petition Of: **Suzette Montellano**  
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Suzette Montellano** filed a petition  
with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

**a. Suzette Montellano to Suzette Havens**  
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear  
before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why  
the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person ob-  
jecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection  
that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before  
the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to  
show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objec-  
tion is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Date: **04/25/2024**  
Time: **8:30 am, Dept: 61**  
The address of the court is the same as noted above.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* must be published at least once each  
week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the  
petition in a newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: **San  
Diego Reader**

**NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE ABOVE DATE, SEE ATTACHMENT.**

Dated: **03/13/2024** **Maureen F. Haliahan**  
Judge of the Superior Court.

ATTACHMENT TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME (JC  
FORM #NC-120). NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN  
THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The court will review the documents filed  
as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for Change of Name  
(JC Form #NC-120). If all requirements for a name change have been  
met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been  
received (required at least two court days before the date specified), the  
Petition for Change of Name (JC Form #NC-100) will be granted without a  
hearing. One copy of the order Granting the Petition will be mailed to  
the petitioner. To change a name on a legal document, including a birth  
certificate, social security card, driver license, passport, and other identi-  
fication, a certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or  
Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and  
for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be required.  
Contact the agency(ies) who issues the legal document that needs to be  
changed, to determine if a certified copy is required. A certified copy of  
Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Changing Name  
and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth  
Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be obtained from the Civil Business  
Office for a fee. Petitioners who are seeking a change of name under the  
Safe at Home program may contact the assigned department for informa-  
tion on obtaining certified copies. If all the requirements have not been  
met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written  
order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set  
a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. A  
RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN  
OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holi-  
days) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to court on the specified  
date. The court will notify the parties by mail of a future hearing date. Any  
Petition for the name change of a minor that is signed by only one parent  
must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to  
Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must  
be filed with the court.  
Published: 3/21/24, 3/28/24, 4/4/24, 4/11/24

**FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

**File No.:  
2024-9005624**

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks  
Recorder/County Clerk County  
of San Diego:  
**03/12/2024**

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. Sanderson Home and Yard  
Services**  
**b. Rose Point Legal Services**

Located at: **2305 Historic  
Decatur Road, Suite 100, San  
Diego, CA 92106, San Diego  
County**

Mailing Address: 4629 Cass  
Street, #179, San Diego, CA  
92109

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Steven Philip Anderson**

This business is conducted by:  
**An Individual. The first day  
of business was N/A.**

I declare that all information in  
this statement is true and cor-  
rect. (A registrant who declares  
as true any material matter  
pursuant to Section 17913 of  
the Business and Professions  
code that the registrant knows  
to be false is guilty of a misde-  
meanor punishable by a fine  
not to exceed one thousand  
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Registrant Name /s/  
**Steven Philip Anderson**  
3/21/24, 3/28/24,  
4/4/24, 4/11/24

**FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME  
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**File No.:  
2024-9002624**

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks  
Recorder/County Clerk County  
of San Diego:  
**02/05/2024**

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. City Of Palms Construction**

Located at: **1924 Sagewood  
Dr, Oceanside, CA 92056,  
San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1924 Sage-  
wood Dr, Oceanside, CA 92056

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**William Felton**

This business is conducted by:  
**An Individual. The first day  
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Registrant Name /s/  
**William Felton**  
3/21/24, 3/28/24,  
4/4/24, 4/11/24

**FICTITIOUS  
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**File No.:  
2024-9006142**

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks  
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**03/19/2024**

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
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Located at: **615 E. Pioneer  
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Registered Owners Name(s):  
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Mailing Address: 2300 Boswell  
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Registrant Name /s/  
**Andrew Louis, CEO**  
Corporation / LLC Name  
**Private Lending 360, Inc.**  
4/11/24, 4/18/24,  
4/25/24, 5/2/24

**FICTITIOUS  
BUSINESS NAME  
STATEMENT**

**File No.:  
2024-9006721**

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks  
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of San Diego:  
**03/26/2024**

Fictitious Business Name(s):  
**a. Mabel Transformations,  
therapy and coaching for  
individuals and families, Inc.**  
**b. Mabel Transformations Inc.**  
**c. Mabel Transformation Inc.**  
**d. Ivana Sindolic LMFT, LPCC**

Located at: **1902 Wright Place  
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92008, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1902 Wright  
Place Suite 200, Carlsbad, CA  
92008

Registered Owners Name(s):  
**Mabel Transformations,  
therapy and coaching for  
individuals and families, Inc.**  
This business is conducted by:  
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of business was 03/07/2024.**

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Registrant Name /s/  
**Ivana Sindolic, President**  
Corporation / LLC Name  
**Mabel Transformations,  
therapy and coaching for  
individuals and families, Inc.**  
4/4/24, 4/11/24,  
4/18/24, 4/25/24



# Bluefin disappear but should soon return – Good yellowtail bite down south – Lake level lowered at Lake Jennings for repairs

## Dock Totals 3/31 – 4/6:

889 anglers aboard 36 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 65 bocaccio, 1 calico bass, 20 halibut, 6 lingcod, 4098 rockfish, 90 sand bass, 33 sanddab, 200 sculpin, 17 sheephead, and 262 whitefish.

**Saltwater:** There was quite a leap in rockfish numbers over the previous week, even with a couple unfishable days for the fleet due to weather on the week of the rockfish opener in U.S. waters. The concentration of efforts

for the deeper-dwelling groundfish eased pressure on the sculpin and sand bass that tend to haunt shallower more inshore areas, so those numbers dropped substantially. This is no real surprise, though going from a few hundred fish to over four thousand is an impressive change, especially with new limits reduced from four fish to two fish for vermillion rockfish.

What was surprising was the disappearance of bluefin tuna from the grounds off northern Baja to the Corner. What looked to be the beginning of an excellent bite, with fish to nearly 200 pounds, turned to *nada* in the span of two days. Given the choppy, rolling seas, which meant fewer boats getting out looking for them, a drop of numbers was expected, but that they seemed to just drop out of sight even for the spotter planes sent out to locate schools is a bit confounding. Some folks think maybe the weather or bait movement drove them deeper, as the bluefin's endothermic system allows it to feed throughout the water column regardless of temperature changes.

That said, very few bluefin were metered, and those that were seemed tight-lipped and did not hit the jigs or baits offered them. As bluefin tend to work their way up the line as spring progresses toward summer — when they can be found further north around the high spots off San Clemente Island out to the Cortez and Tanner banks — maybe they are north of where they were looking. But either way, I have confidence they will show again soon. After all, we didn't get any in the counts until mid-April last year, so this year's bite, which came within striking range of the 1.5-day boats in March, was a bit early. As the seas settle and more trips get out there, we should see them in the counts this week — or at least by the time folks get their taxes done.

The weather also accounts for the lack of yellowtail in the reports, though *pangeros* working out of Ensenada south to past Bahia Asuncion have been getting steady action on the powerful jacks. With that going on, the 1.5- to 3-day trips coming up will probably concentrate their efforts first



**Blackfin Sportfishing** out of Ensenada has been scoring well on yellowtail when conditions allow.



The trout bite is still on, as exemplified by San Diego angler **Tracy Hartman** with a nice golden trout scored from the kayak at Lake Hemet.

on bluefin, and if that produces no action, they'll go coastal and target yellows. Anglers are often more finicky than the fish, and with the bluefin missing in action, ticket sales will probably drop on those trips, but in every season, there will be that trip folks regret not taking. With the prospect of loading up on yellowtail and rockfish if no bluefin are found, it seems likely that only bluefin-or-nothing diehards will await more favorable reports.

Given this year's wet and windy start to the season, that we got on them so early is impressive, and given the bluefin's migratory habits, it's safe to say that they are always out there somewhere within range. Its just a matter of locating a hungry school; then things can turn on a dime. Let's hope for that to happen sooner than later. Until then, you can always head over to fish vendors like Tommy Gomes at Tunaville Market and Grocery and get some fresh steaks, or even try some of his excellent dry-aged fish or fish sausage, made from species he sources fresh from the commercial boats. We San Diegans who love fresh fish on our tables are lucky to have not only an amazing fishery and sportfishing fleet, but also several vendors, including fishmonger Gomes and the folks at the Tuna Harbor Docks Market

at the Embarcadero on Saturdays.

**Freshwater:** Trout season is nearing its end here in the San Diego area, though fishing has been steady on the stockers for those targeting them. Lake Jennings will have their last plant of 1500-pounds of rainbow trout on April 15 and just received 1500-pounds this past week, so that is one of many options for those wanting to make the best of the last couple weeks of the season. Also, I should note that they will be dropping the lake level about 23 feet for access to needed repairs this month. With the drawdown, the stockers may be more concentrated, but some shoreline access may be limited.

As per their website notice: "The Helix Water District will temporarily lower Lake Jennings by approximately 23 feet starting in April. The drawdown will facilitate maintenance of the reservoir's outlet tower and allow for the construction of a new pipeline during the summer months to deliver water from the East County Advanced Water Purification Program to the lake starting in 2026. The lowering of the lake may impact access and activities in and around the lake at various times. Please go to [hwd.fyi/lake](http://hwd.fyi/lake) before you visit and read posted signs at the lake for updates regarding water levels and access to the fishing dock, boat dock, boat ramp and shoreline fishing. Helix will restore the lake to full capacity by November."

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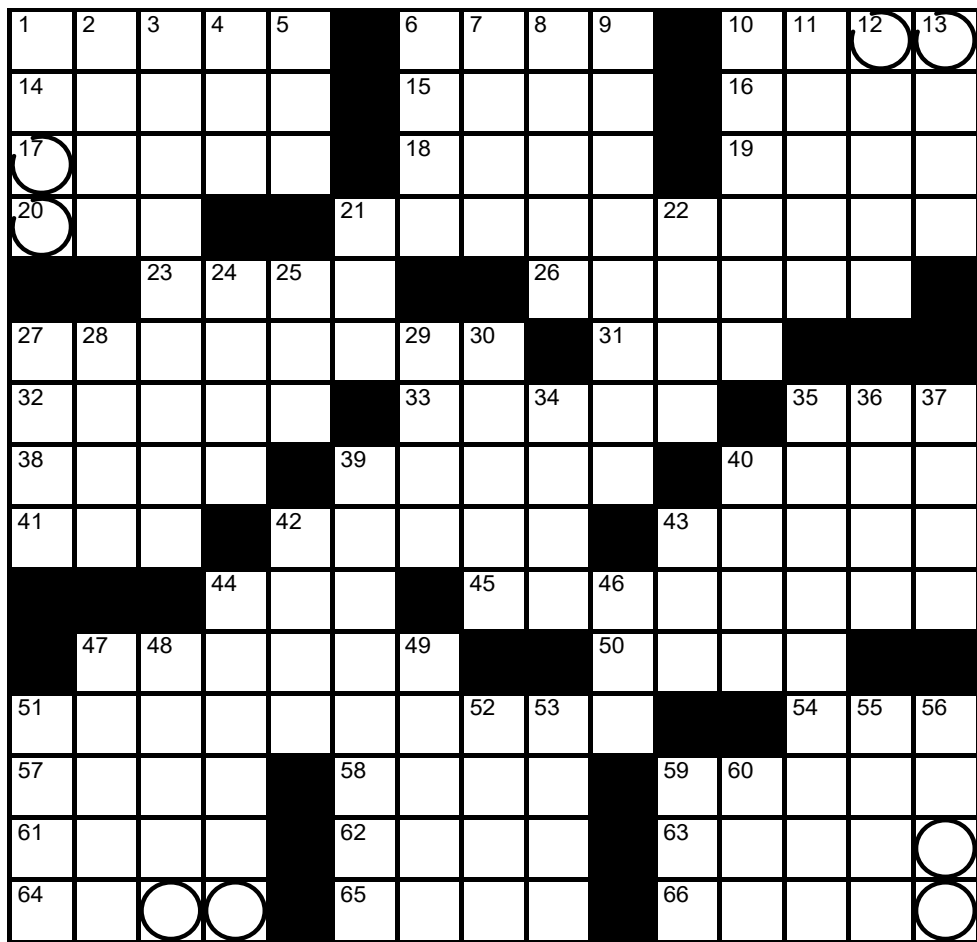
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## Across

- 1.** "Come Away With Me" singer Jones  
**6.** Declines, as support  
**10.** Former Queen of Jordan (and a hint to what's missing from 21-Across)  
**14.** Final Greek letter  
**15.** "Consarn it!"  
**16.** Lhasa \_\_\_\_ (breed from Tibet)  
**17.** Paris 2024 prize  
**18.** Taunting remark  
**19.** "Buenos \_\_\_\_!"  
**20.** Oh's predecessors  
**21.** Investment returns not realized because of factors like

expenses and fees

- 23.** "Insecure" Emmy nominee \_\_\_\_ Rae  
**26.** After-dinner party  
**27.** Like many eruptions  
**31.** Voters' choices  
**32.** Best case  
**33.** Playground equipment  
**35.** Method  
**38.** Word of caution  
**39.** Most high school students  
**40.** Nursery rhyme trio  
**41.** Gallery work  
**42.** Peek at the answers, say  
**43.** Jordanian ruins site  
**44.** Three in Italy  
**45.** Simultaneously

**47.** Of a heart chamber

- 50.** Cookie with a 2024 "Space Dunk" variety  
**51.** Stank up the joint  
**54.** Wayside lodging  
**57.** "Take \_\_\_\_ from me ..."  
**58.** In the thick of  
**59.** "We can relate"  
**61.** Prefix for rail or chrome  
**62.** Chess play  
**63.** Gambling mecca near Hong Kong  
**64.** Former Domino's Pizza mascot (and a hint to what's missing from 51-Across)  
**65.** Small wallet bills  
**66.** "... I'll eat \_\_\_\_!"

## Down

- 1.** Alaska gold rush city (and a hint to what's missing from 3-Down)  
**2.** "The \_\_\_\_" (1976 Gregory Peck horror film)  
**3.** Didn't say anything  
**4.** Palindromic Ottoman official  
**5.** "2001" computer  
**6.** Outer limit  
**7.** Runny French cheese  
**8.** Rum cakes  
**9.** Banned substances  
**10.** Lowest points  
**11.** Speak your mind  
**12.** "August: \_\_\_\_ County" (Meryl Streep movie)  
**13.** Monica's brother on

"Friends"

- 21.** Enthusiast  
**22.** Pool ball with a yellow stripe  
**24.** Jazz vocal style  
**25.** \_\_\_\_ Paradise ("On the Road" narrator)  
**27.** "Livin' La \_\_\_\_ Loca" (Ricky Martin hit)  
**28.** Product of pungency  
**29.** "Understood"  
**30.** Golf shoe gripper  
**34.** Enjoying  
**35.** Smoothly, as a successful plan  
**36.** Real estate developer's unit  
**37.** Rookie of the \_\_\_\_  
**39.** Destination in "Pee-wee's Big Adventure"

**40.** Dole (out)

- 42.** Baby's night spot  
**43.** KPH part  
**44.** Camera mount  
**46.** Amount of gunk  
**47.** "Star Wars" droid, familiarly  
**48.** Neighbor of a Tobagonian, informally  
**49.** Citrus with a zest  
**51.** Kendrick Lamar Pulitzer-winning album  
**52.** "\_\_\_\_ Talkin'" (Bee Gees #1 hit)  
**53.** Pindaric poems  
**55.** Hurricane-tracking agcy.  
**56.** In-\_\_\_\_ Burger (and a hint to what's missing from 35-Down)  
**59.** Steak-\_\_\_\_ (frozen beef brand)  
**60.** Speak

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— As the November presidential election looms, with incumbent Joe Biden, 81, and former President Donald Trump, 77, squaring off again, some American voters would like to see literally anybody else on the ballot – and Literally Anybody Else, of North Richland Hills, Texas, wants to give them that chance. A 35-year-old seventh-grade math teacher and U.S. Army veteran who legally changed his name from Dustin Ebey, the candidate says his goal is to inspire change. "America should not be stuck choosing between the 'King of Debt' (his self-declaration) and an 81-year-old," reads the declaration on Else's campaign website. "Literally Anybody Else isn't just a person, it's a rally cry." NBC-5 Dallas Fort Worth reports that Else needs the signatures of 113,151 registered voters who did not vote in the presidential primary by May 13 in order to run as an independent candidate.

**Sssurvivor!**

— We've heard of dogs and cats going missing, only to turn up at their owners' doorsteps weeks, months or even years later; now we can add snakes to that list. The BBC reported that the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were recently called to a residence in Spennymoor, County Durham, to rescue a 3-foot-long corn snake atop a garage roof; the snake had escaped a crow that attempted to carry it off. When a neighbor came by to see the rescued critter, she recognized it as her pet snake, Agnus, who had been missing for a year. RSPCA

inspector John Lawson was surprised the snake had survived out in the cold for so long. "The vet believes Agnus had gone into brumation mode, similar to hibernation, and her body had shut down in order to survive," Lawson said. Agnus received treatment for a respiratory infection before being reunited with her owner.

**Have It Your Way, Pal**

— Some people go to extremes to get a great deal, but on March 31, one disgruntled customer at a Burger King drive-thru in Willowick, Ohio, pulled a firearm on an employee who was trying to give him a discount on his breakfast items. The employee, Howard Vernon, 38, told WOIO-19 News that when he gave the customer his total, the man argued that it should cost more. "I'm, like, trying to explain to him that we had a promotion going on ... and he started cussing and getting all loud," Vernon said. The enraged man drove his gray Honda sedan out of the drive-thru but quickly returned, then stepped out of his car and pointed a gun at Vernon. After threatening him and calling him racial slurs, the man returned to his car and sped away. "It was about some bread and sausage sandwiches at 9 o'clock in the morning on Easter," Vernon said, "and you're that mad that you'd put a gun in somebody's face?" Authorities are still searching for the customer.

**Male Pattern Boldness**

— Hey, fugitives have feelings, too! After the Avon and Somerset Police posted a wanted no-

tice on Facebook on April 1 describing Daniel Kellaway, a wanted fugitive, as "white, about 5 ft. 9 in., of average build, with brown eyes, receding hairline," Kellaway (or someone claiming to be him) replied, "No need to mention the hairline, guys." A comment posted by the same account the next day reminded the police that Kellaway's birthday had passed since the information was compiled for the notice, and that he was now 29. Kellaway is being sought in connection with driving offenses, criminal damage and threatening behavior, so while social media users got a kick out of Kellaway's comical posts, authorities have warned the public not to approach him and to call authorities if he is spotted.

**Ghastly**

— After having lurked quietly on the shelves of Harvard's Houghton Library for the better part of a century, the philosophical meditation *Des Destinees de l'Ame* has undergone a facelift, according to a statement issued by the library in March. The book was acquired by the school in 1934, along with a note explaining the process of preserving human skin. The book's previous owner, an eccentric French bibliophile named Dr. Ludovic Bouland, claimed to have added the "human touch" (read: human skin) to his prize because "a book about the human soul deserved to have a human covering." The cover's origin could not be confirmed until 2014, and NBC News reported that this eventually led to an ethical review in 2023 and the recent decision to rebind the book in something less macabre.

**Youth Inaction**

— Young people are cutting loose and losing their blues in Cambodia, but rather than embracing the *Footloose* of it all, the Guardian reports that Prime Minister Hun Manet is cracking down on the source: vehicle owners and operators who replace their cars' standard horns with ones that blast popular tunes. So enticing are these familiar refrains that young Cambodians are literally dancing in the streets, which the prime minister says poses a traffic hazard. He has directed the ministry of public works and transportation, along with Cambodia's police force, to crack down on vehicle operators whose horns emit anything other than the standard honk.

— Students and parents at Alston Ridge Elementary in Cary, North Carolina, have been dealing with a unique carpool annoyance: an aggressive pest of a turkey. WTVD in Durham reports that the bird pecks at cars, windows, people – any perceived threat in "his" territory. "This was a young male turkey who probably was looking for a mate ... and was unable to find one," said Cary Animal Services Officer Beth Wilson. "He was trying to claim a territory, and I guess he decided the carpool lane was going to be it." Wilson predicts Lonely Tom will chill out – just as soon as his hormones die down.

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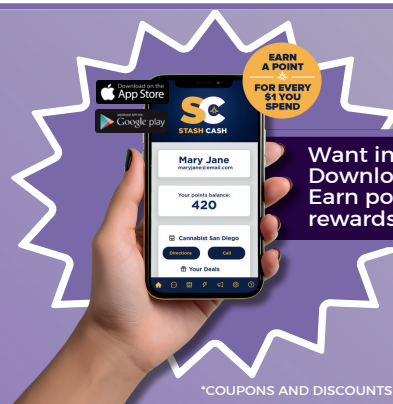
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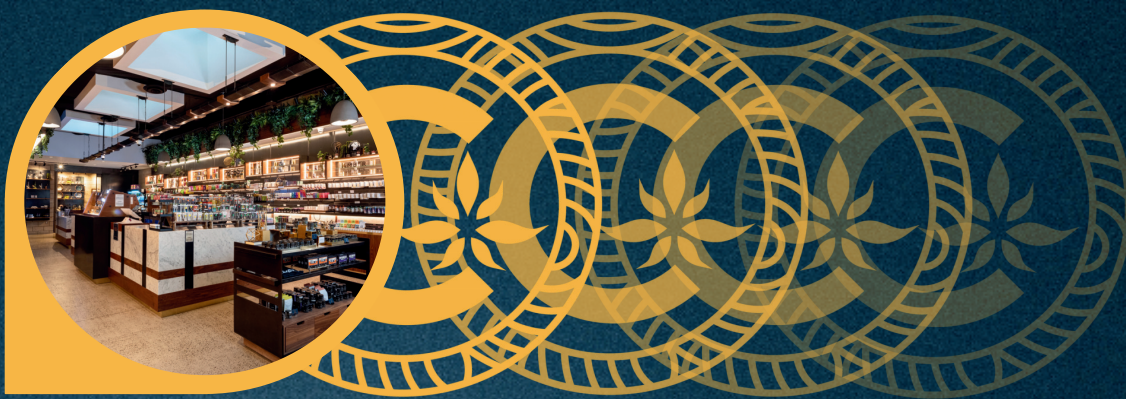


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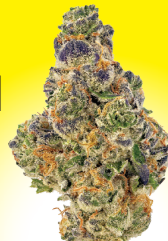
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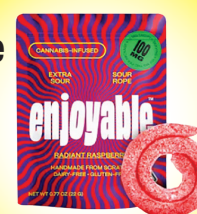
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