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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

LAKESIDE

## Hydrant horror

Why couldn't the fire department stop the blaze?

On May 26, Lakeside's Lisa Zouhar woke up to a fire at her home on Shamrock Lane by Woodside Avenue. She, her husband, and two dogs made it outside, but she said she lost her home and everything in it. She also said she believes part of her home could have been saved if the firefighters who responded to her 911 call weren't delayed in their efforts to secure a water supply.

According to a Lakeside Fire Protection District incident report, more than half of the home was on fire when firefighters arrived. "There was no way to make an interior fire attack safely. This was a defensive fire... Resident was at the garage with a garden



"What do you mean you're out of water? My house is on fire!"

ran out of water before it was connected to that hydrant.

Davis added, "The 4-inch water supply cap was not readily openable. The firefighter made the switch from the 4-inch port to the 2.5-inch port on the hydrant and was able to get water from the fire hydrant to the engine that was pumping the hose lines on the fire... the incident commander reported the water

Drinking Water. That state board declined to confirm his statement and referred me back to the local jurisdiction.

Johnze said before the May 26 fire, the hydrant in front of TNT Locksmith was last serviced more than three years ago, in February 2021. "At that inspection all three caps were removed, inspected, lubricated, and one was replaced as it was missing at that time of inspection. All other functionality of the hydrant was verified as in good or better condition... Fire hydrant caps are typically made

hydrant in this scenario is about 30 years old and it would be financially irresponsible to replace a working, fully operational, part of our infrastructure."

"There's a big disconnect on what's being said," homeowner Zouhar said. "We are currently seeking legal counsel about this."

ERIC BARTL

THE TRACKS

## Trolley terror

Did victim's wheelchair wheels get stuck in the tracks?

A little before 1 pm on May 22, a person was struck and killed by an MTS trolley in South San Diego, according to *619newsmedia*. That same day, San Diego MTS tweeted, "#MTSAlert Please expect delays along the Blue Line South between Palm and Iris at the 27th St. grade crossing due to police activity."

No official reports were made afterwards, but locals commented on *619newsmedia*'s Instagram post in the comment section. "It was a man on an electric wheelchair," wrote Alicia. Palmak9kennels added, "It's right next to the police station... They need to upgrade that crossing. I cross with my kids all the time, and my kid's stroller gets stuck in between the tracks. I can only imagine the poor guy being stuck and not being able to move." One e.m.i.l.y.blessed commented, "I used to work for MTS, and weekly had to put all the MTS news clippings in a binder for the head folks to read. A lot of the accidents were people

A neighbor confirmed, "The fire truck ran out of water. It took forever for them to get water again while the house was burning down in front of them."

hose trying to put the fire out. He had to be removed by [a deputy sheriff.]" According to the report, the engine crew assigned to the role of fire attack pulled a 2.5-inch hose line on one side of the house and a 1.75-inch hose line on another.

Zouhar said, "We heard the chief say, 'We are out of water.' My husband replied, 'What do you mean, you ran out of water? My house is on fire!' Our neighbors offered their pool, but were told the truck didn't have the tools to pull water from there. And the hydrant down the road wouldn't open. There was no water for at least five to seven minutes. The battalion chief was on the phone with the water district and they told him they hadn't maintained that hydrant in ages."

A neighbor confirmed, "The fire truck ran out of water. It took forever for them to get water again while the house was burning down in front of them."

Lakeside fire marshal Jeremy Davis explained that while the fire attack crew went into quick attack mode on the fire, another crew laid a 4-inch hose from the fire hydrant in front of TNT Locksmith on Woodside, east of Shamrock (less than a block from the fire), but the 500- gallon tank in the engine

supply was down for less than a minute."

Davis claimed that the Lakeside Water Department told him the hydrant is an older style that will be up for replacement. He said, "All public fire hydrants within the Lakeside Fire Protection District are maintained by their respective water districts. [Lakeside Water] fire hydrants receive an annual to biennial inspection and maintenance, and are replaced as needed." He pointed to the California Fire Code, which states, "Fire hydrant systems shall be subject to periodic tests as required by the fire code official." He didn't clarify whether his two-year standard for hydrant maintenance is the legally required standard, pursuant to fire code. And I did not get an answer as to why the four-inch hydrant cap was not readily openable.

Much of what the fire department said was contradicted by the water department. Lakeside Water District operations superintendent Quinn Johnze said, "The Lakeside Water District completes preventative maintenance on each fire hydrant every 4-5 years." He said that this maintenance standard — more than double the time given by fire marshal Davis — is provided by the State Water Resources Control Board-Division of



"They need to upgrade that crossing. I cross with my kids all the time, and my kid's stroller gets stuck in between the tracks."

of cast iron and the threads they attach to are made of brass. This is done to make sure that caps cannot become 'rusted' together, as brass will not rust."

He further said the hydrant passed re-inspection five days after the fire, May 31. "Lakeside Water District has no plans to replace the hydrant in the near future as the average lifespan of a wet barrel hydrant can range anywhere from 50-100 years. The

trying to beat the trolley."

Rick Dixon has been riding the trolley since the 1980s. He saw the Instagram post regarding the May 22 accident, and told me, "I've seen wheelchairs almost get stuck. It depends on the tire of the wheelchair." On June 8, Dixon sent me photos of the tracks by Seaport Village and the convention center; some of the tracks' grooves were wider

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than others.

"If he's was in an older wheelchair with thinner wheels, he could've got stuck," a man named Don Franco told me in a recent interview. "I rode the trolley on June 4 and took my mountain bike. My tires can't get stuck in those [tramway] tracks; my tires are too thick. But them old school 10-speed tires are another story."

In February, the *Times of San Diego* reported that a cyclist "believed to be in his 70s" was struck by the trolley where Dixon took the photos. While there was no update on the cyclist's name or whether he survived, the *Times* reported that authorities said he was "suffering from injuries to his head and legs." Reddit commenter Some-Highlight-9470 wrote that he saw the accident happen. "I was waiting to turn on First when this happened...I think he was trying to beat the trolley but couldn't make it in time, the trolley was moving really slow but still was a significant impact and he was dragged along a bit by the trolley. I called 911 immediately and people seemed to be on the scene quick. I really hope he's okay; he seemed instantly unconscious."

Last year, Jannell Greene, 43, was reportedly hit and killed by the trolley while skateboarding on Noell Street north of the San Diego Airport.

MIKE MADRIAGA

## SAN MARCOS

### A goat for Elon

"I thought I was in a video game."

On December 5 of 2022, 36-year-old Alexander Belinsky sneaked onto a three-acre San Marcos property on Seaforever Drive. The owner was home, and she phoned the Sheriff to report that there was a stranger in her yard asking about her dog. The 60-year-old woman called her dog to her, and the stranger ran from the yard. The next day, the same man came back and assaulted her goats. A little after 3 pm, the woman and her 79-year-old husband heard one of their goats screaming and went outside to investigate.

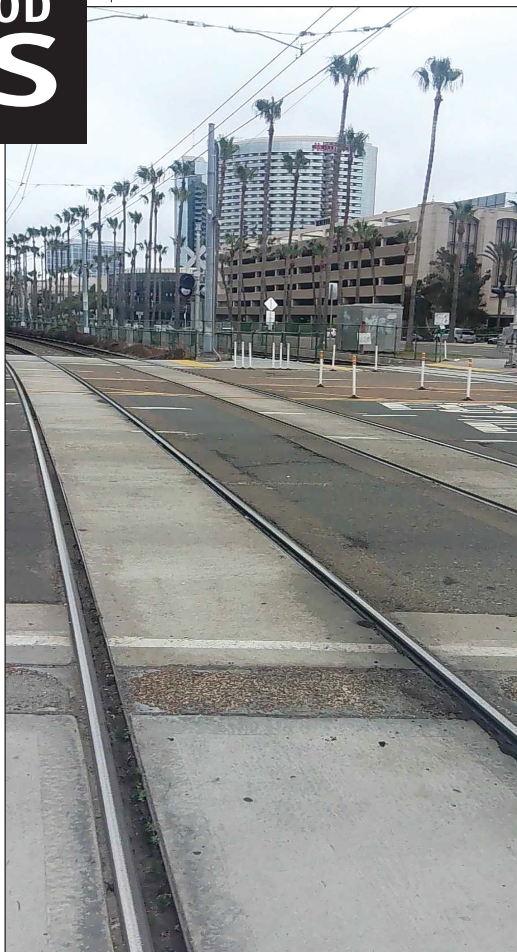
According to defense attorney Ryan Cannon, Belinsky — 6 feet 3 inches tall and a robust 250 pounds — was attempting to corral one of the couple's goats. In the defense attorney's version of events, the woman of the home came outside to tell Belinsky to

stop what he was doing and to leave the property, "Mr. Belinsky replied that he was only doing what Elon Musk had instructed him to do." According to the defense attorney, the gate of the goat pen was opened, and that was when the 79-year-old man got knocked down. Belinsky continued trying to catch a goat while the woman followed, carrying a stick and telling him to leave. "Mr. Belinsky was able to grab hold of one of the goats and slung it onto his back while he walked to the front of the property," the defense attorney stated. "Mr. Belinsky believed that he was being instructed by Elon Musk to capture a goat, bring it to the top of a nearby hill and sacrifice it."

At the front of the property, Belinsky noticed a dune buggy parked under a carport. He threw the goat into the passenger seat and secured the animal with a seat belt, head-first in the seat. Then he tried to start the buggy, but discovered it was out of gas. He then demanded that the homeowner fill the gas tank so he could make his exit with the captive goat. "By this time, (homeowner) had gone back inside of his home and retrieved a .22 caliber rifle," defense attorney Ryan Cannon stated in court papers. One version of subsequent events stated that the stranger approached

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Dixon sent me photos of the tracks by Seaport Village and the convention center; some of the tracks' grooves were wider than others.



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## UNDER THE RADAR

**Homeless tackled** A non-profit foundation tied to a controversial giant San Diego-based healthcare staffing outfit has come up with \$75,000 for mayor **Todd Gloria's** San Diegans Together Tackling Homelessness effort, according to a February 20 behesting disclosure filed by the mayor's office. The gift-giver, the Torrey Coast Foundation, which has net assets of \$303,352,893 per the group's 2022 federal disclosure filing, was founded and run by **Alan Braynin**, the president and CEO of Aya Healthcare Inc.

The Torrey Coast Foundation was first known as the Braynin Family Foundation until its name was changed in January 2021. The bulk of the foundation's cash hoard has been handed out to cancer research projects, including \$4,500,000 to the Entertainment Industry Foundation's Stand Up to Cancer drive in 2022.

In recent years, Aya has been fending off class action cases brought by so-called travel nurses, who argue their pay was slashed abruptly in mid-contract as Covid waned. "To fill travel nursing roles, 'healthcare facilities utilize intermediary staffing agencies to employ the travelers, negotiate pay rates, and schedule assignments,'" reads an April 27, 2023 opinion in the case by Federal Judge **Roger Benitez**.

Citing plaintiff's brief, the opinion continues: "Hundreds if not thousands of nurses employed by Aya across the country have reported experiencing mid-contract pay reductions after starting an assignment with Aya, with many reporting that Aya reduced their pay multiple times within the same assignment or slashed their pay by more than 50% or more than originally promised." Benitez dispatched the case to arbitration. An Aya spokesperson has called the allegations "demonstrably false," according to a September, 2022 *Newsweek* account.

Regarding the destination of the Torrey Coast foundation's \$75,000 Gloria behest, the city's website explains: "The City of San Diego does not have the resources to solve the homelessness crisis alone. It is a humanitarian crisis and a burden every San Diegan must share. It will take all of us doing something collectively to make a meaningful difference. The ultimate goal is that all 1.4M residents contribute something to assist every stakeholder group."

**Parting a sea of red ink** Exodus Recovery, Inc., currently negotiating a single-source contract to operate a 16-bed psychi-

atric hospital at Tri-City Medical Center in Oceanside for San Diego County, received a negative Fiscal Compliance Review from Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller **Arlene Barrera** last year. "Our review noted significant areas of non-compliance, which impact Exodus' ability to ensure county funds are appropriately used to provide [mental health] program services and resulted in a significant amount of questioned costs," according to a March 22, 2023 memo from Barrera to LA

County Supervisors. The document reported that Exodus "charged \$2,975,760 in inadequately supported expenditures, including \$1,839,772 in inadequately supported related party expenditures," and further, "did not provide adequate documentation to support the total salaries paid to the chief executive officer and chief operating officer recorded in the agency's general ledger, and whether the salaries were

accurate and reasonable." The memo went on to say that "if Exodus does not immediately resolve the \$2,975,760 in questioned costs and correct the significant non-compliance issues noted in this report, DMH should consider placing Exodus in the county's Contractor Alert Reporting Database."

In a February 15, 2023 response to the review, Exodus Recovery CEO **Luana Murphy** wrote, "Exodus both disagrees, agrees and partially disagrees with the recommendations made by the auditor-controller contained in the report and either has taken or will take corrective action to address the recommendations as detailed in the attached Agency

Action Plan/Response. At the same time, however, Exodus believes it has been wrongly maligned by this process given Exodus' exemplary record of service to the county when nobody else was willing or able to provide these services."

Added the response: "The county, both before and after the time encompassed by the referenced audit, has repeatedly sought Exodus' services because nobody else was able

or willing. For this, Exodus was dragged through a tortuous multi-year audit that should have been simple and routine and not one that included assertions of wrongdoing based upon clearly inaccurate factual assumptions."

San Diego behavioral health director **Luke Bergmann** told the *Union-Tribune* three weeks ago that his department "has worked with Exodus since 2008. Most recently, the

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Alan Braynin's outfit made a healthy donation to fight homelessness.



Luke Bergmann hopes Exodus will stay.



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### Diet data disputed

I recently read your article, ("What Gets Lost in a Road Diet", Cover Story, May 30, 2024) in the *San Diego Reader*. I appreciate the effort you put into exploring the complex issue of road diets and their impact on urban communities. However, I noticed a few points that I believe are contrary to scientific evidence and would like to offer some feedback for your consideration.

1. Climate change concerns: the critique of road diets as a "misguided war on cars fueled by climate change concerns" overlooks the broader benefits of pro-

moting alternative transportation. Encouraging biking and walking not only addresses environmental goals but also public health. According to the American Public Health Association, increased active transportation can lead to significant health benefits, reducing the risk of chronic diseases and improving overall community well-being.

2. Impact on traffic congestion: The article implies that road diets contribute to increased traffic congestion and frustration among drivers. However, evidence from cities that have implemented road diets indicates that they often maintain or even improve traffic flow. For instance, a study by the Federal Highway Administration found that roads with reduced lanes can accommodate similar traffic volumes with fewer conflicts and delays, thanks to better organization and reduced speeding.

3. Safety and head-on collisions: in the article, it is mentioned that residents feared

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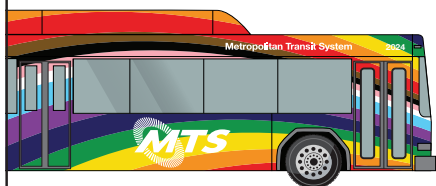
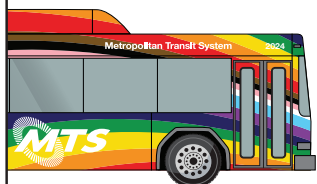


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Jeanne Schinto, APRIL 12, 2001

## The Great Families Who Created This Town Are Still Angry

"I'd rather have a monarchy than a republic. The majority of people here cannot rule themselves. We *Californios* didn't support the idea of the Mexican republic. This sentiment got passed down in subtle ways. We've never celebrated Cinco de Mayo. Nor do we celebrate September 16, Independence Day. I believe that a monarchy is a way of connecting the individual to the past."

Bill Manson, NOVEMBER 14, 1996

## Indians in Debt

Low wages put Indians in an "ongoing cycle of debt." *Rancharos* would lend them food, then required work to repay the "loan." The

cost of food was so inflated, the Indians owed weeks of labor for the donation (one Indian worked one month to pay off \$2). An Anglo traveler in 1834 observed that, on the *ranchos*, "the stock was herded by Indians, who cost them but a trifle more than they eat."

Jeff Smith, JULY 13, 2000

## Forgotten Romance Gave Us "California"

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Pio Pico with his wife

"strongest island in all the world," called California, also on the Indies' "right hand." It had "steep cliffs and rocky shores."

Jeff Smith, SEPT. 6, 2001

## How People Lived in Old Town

"The sale of whiskey outstripped all other items in popularity. Customers purchased it by the drink, bottle, demijohn, keg, and

cask." In second place, tobacco: "Most of the men, and some of the women smoked; almost every account showed sales of tobacco." Spices rank high. "In an age of no refrigeration, spices were a necessity to preserve foodstuffs and make them palatable. It's no coincidence that Mexican dishes we enjoy today are highly spiced."

Jeff Smith, AUGUST 12, 1999

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## LETTERS

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a rash of head-on collisions following then implementation of advisory bike lanes on Gold Coast Drive. While concerns about safety are valid, multiple studies have shown that road diets generally result in a reduction in crash rates. According to the Federal Highway Administration, road diets can reduce overall collisions by 19-47% by calming traffic and making roads safer for all users.

I hope you find this information helpful. Road diets are indeed a topic of debate, but it is crucial to consider the comprehensive research and data supporting their benefits. Thank you for shedding light on this important subject, and I look forward to reading more of your work.

Joe Ippolito  
Serra Mesa

## Belushi vs. Bishop blooper

I think you got your Bishops

mixed up ("Elvin Bishop at the Belly Up", Live Five, June 13, 2024). Stephen Bishop is the one from San Diego who got his guitar bashed by John Belushi. Elvin had the hit song "Fooled Around and Fell in Love". The other two songs mentioned were by Stephen. Otherwise love reading the *Reader* every week.

John R.  
Chula Vista-Eastlake

## Even Sanford nods

Jay Allen Sanford's Live Five is misinformation ("Elvin Bishop at the Belly Up", Live Five, June 13, 2024). Elvin Bishop doesn't sing, he just plays guitar. Steven Bishop was playing acoustic guitar in *Animal House* and his hits are "On and On" and "Save it for a Rainy Day." Not Elvin Bishop. Please check Mr. Sanford's certificate for music knowledge. As a Baby Boomer, everyone knows the difference between Steven and Elvin. Rookie move Mr. Sanford.

Peter Charest  
San Diego

It's "Stephen Bishop," not "Steven Bishop." But thank you for your kind attention in this matter. — Ed.

## Blast from the past

No news isn't good news if its to maintain access to philanthropic donations alleged to be a "war-chest of jewels" courtesy of the Gildred Foundation ("Tom Gildred's Wife Carolina, Goes to NY Courts", City Lights, July 26, 2017). The *San Diego Reader* insists on publishing a one-sided story, optimizing online prints of an expired one-sided story and lack of coverage of up and coming news reports as long as it is not focused on butter-cupping the names involved.

The *San Diego Reader* in its reporting of Tom's alleged unethical conduct is focused only on a 2017 lawsuit in New York, *Gildred v Foster*, instead of the current lawsuit in San Diego Superior Court: *Foster vs Gildred*. It is fear to state this is a form of unethical

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county chose the provider to run its two community-based crisis stabilization centers in Vista and Oceanside." Regarding the proposed \$9.6 million San Diego County contract, Bergmann was quoted as saying, "To have a provider that has a long history of weaving community supports into their work, and that has a history of doing acute psychiatric care, feels promising."

**U-T union-less** Workers at the *Union-Tribune* aren't among those at eight newspapers owned by Alden Global Capital who got a collective bargaining agreement last week. "Six years later, we finally have a contract with Alden Global Capital," said Suburban Chicago Tribune Guild unit chair and member bargainer **Wendy Fox Weber** in statement released by the AFL-CIO. "The company fought us every step of the way, and everything in that

contract is thanks to the work of a dedicated group of member bargainers. I am honored to have helped bring it to ratification." Like the *U-T*, the Alden papers used to belong to Chicago-based Tribune Publishing, a former public company taken private by Alden in May 2021.

But the *San Diego* paper was bought by LA billionaire **Patrick Soon-Shiong** in 2018; he sold it to Alden a year ago next month. Back in June 1998, the *U-T's* then-editor **Karin Winner** urged workers to throw the newspaper union out of the plant, arguing that publisher Helen Copley would reward them with better salaries and a host of related benefits if they did. Winner's promises proved empty, and instead, union-less, the *U-T* has careened from one out-of-town owner to another before reaching its nadir under cost-cutting Alden last year.

"*Orlando Sentinel* workers have secured a union contract for the first time in the newspaper's 148-year history, establishing two years of raises, protecting our retirement plans and

overall setting the foundation to build a stronger newsroom," Cristóbal Reyes, a member of the *Orlando Sentinel* Guild and joint bargaining committee, said in a statement after the two-year contracts at each of the Alden papers were announced, according to a June 5 report by the *Orlando Business Journal*.

"The agreement includes 6% across-the-board raises, maintenance of 401K matches for all employees currently participating, guaranteed severance pay if a reduction of force happened and a notice requirements for layoffs," the account says. Meanwhile, back at the *U-T*, the paper's website morphed into a version run by other Alden papers last week, apparently marking another break from the *Los Angeles Times*, which is still owned by Soon-Shiong.

— Matt Potter  
(@sdmattpotter)

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## LETTERS

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journalism standards for the reasons: constantly glossing over Tom Gildred's alleged misdeeds.

This letter to the editor requests that the *San Diego Reader* stops recycling lies, and focuses more intently on obtaining the truth.

Michael Foster  
Rancho Santa Fe

*The San Diego Reader article in question focuses on the 2017 lawsuit and not the more recent lawsuit because it was written in 2017. The Editor is not aware of any mention of Tom Gildred since then. — Ed.*

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### Filipinos and Mexicans struggle for power in National City

Cover Story, June 5, 2024

We who grew up in National City don't see the Mexican vs Filipino as a real issue. We grew up going to the same schools and formed real relationships. We have a tight-knit community.

This is an outsider's view — typical of someone like Jose Rodriguez who has only lived here 10 years, most of the time trying to change our city for his own political gain. (He has been running for office for all of those 10 years).

But, if we want to talk about Filipino representation, this council, including Jose Rodriguez and Ditas Yamane, have a great opportunity to appoint Gil Ungab for Port Commissioner.

He is highly qualified and this appointment by the National City mayor and council would make him the 1st Filipino Port Commissioner, representing National City.

They now have the ability to do what they claim has prevented Filipinos from holding office. Everyone should be watching, it is in their hands now.

—Mona Rios, former National City Councilmember

The fatal flaw in this article is that it takes for granted the words of Jose Rodriguez, a wannabe career politician who didn't grow up in National City. He is actively trying to change our city for the worse for his own agenda to make up his lack of roots.

That this guy gets to lay out both the political history of National City, and the experience of our Filipino community unchallenged is ridiculous.

Districts were a power grab that Rodriguez willingly supported for his own ambitions. It makes it easier for him to remain on the council and run every two years for mayor. Even now, as he is actively running for re-election, it's no secret that if elected he'll spend most of his time scheming to run for mayor in two years. That's also why he actively supports turning our city into a charter city to allow for primaries, and why he's using his \$100K slush fund for self-aggrandizing PR campaigns like sketchy turkey giveaways and \$47K contracts for his political friends to get his name out there.

The statement that the biggest reason that Ditas Yamane lost because she is Filipina is spin that benefits this narrative.

It should have been analyzed and questioned.

In all of those earlier races, Yamane ran as a conservative in a city that was already largely Democratic. As late as 2020, she touted the endorsement of the Lincoln Club and Mayor Ron Morison. Which is likely why she came in fourth place behind Ms. Delos Santos, another Filipina candidate. Perhaps if Yamane had received the support of the Democratic Party that she had in 2022, she may have been on the council sooner.

It certainly looks like Yamane tried to sue the city to get on the council,

and finally got her wish with the help of districts and a shift to the left. After all, her support of the Slush Funds seem counter to her earlier campaign claims of financial prudence based on her business experience.

—Flaw identifier

^ Yamane and the former NC mayor were given an opportunity to participate in this story and declined. When you don't participate, you allow others to shape the narrative. Rodriguez shared his views on the history of National City but the main source was a Mexipino professor from San Diego who wrote a book on the subject.

Adam

### San Diego Audubon knocks city's density maps

Neighborhood News, May 28, 2024

*Washingtonia filifera*, the "Mexican fan palm," is not invasive. It is in fact the only palm native to San Diego and North America.

—Fan of fan palms

### Coyote tracks in frail San Diego avocado grove

Cover Story, Mar. 13, 2024

I grew up in this area from 1972-1980. I swam in the hidden away pond with my friend and her family that owned the property until 1980 (relocating to Southern Oregon) and I to Colorado and Montana until 1987. We rode horses playing tag in the orange groves next to the avocado groves and explored Elfin Forest, hiked over and through the sage.

Thank you for your sharing of your experience and the familiar things that brought me back to my simple childhood growing up in the still untouched canyons and secret life in backyard I was blessed with growing up in an area of North County where 90% is now erased by urban development resembling the UCSD area of La Jolla's inland.

—Elfin Regular



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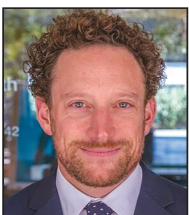
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# Deported, Not Defeated



## Call center drama in Tijuana

“The new girl already quit,” said my girlfriend as she climbed into my car after work. “She only lasted two weeks and said she couldn’t handle it anymore. Nothing against me, she said the workplace was too much.” My girlfriend is the head recruiter in a call center in Tijuana; she’s been there about a year. Her call center pays better than some others, but employee retention is still an issue. The new girl was supposed to help her out, but decided that the work conditions were too poor

and the interview process was too lengthy. She cited “general mismanagement” as her reason for leaving. That’s one term for it, though not the one I thought of when my girlfriend showed me security video of her breaking up a fight. “They said I was crazy for jumping in like that,” she told me. The fight was supposedly over a stolen phone, but in reality, it was a drug and money dispute. She jumped in when she saw the bigger guy hitting the smaller one.



At least her job seems secure: there is an endless thirst for new call center agents. The call center employs over 200 people. My girlfriend interviews and applies basic English and computer tests to an average of seven people daily. The test also measures personality, grammar, math, and listening-oral skills. Almost all applicants are deportees with better English skills than Spanish. Five out of seven usually make it to the next phase to get hired. Without asking them directly, she has to figure out if the person she is interviewing was deported for a violent crime.

Besides working as a recruiter and peace-maker, my girlfriend acts as a therapist; she has a *Licenciatura* in psychology (similar to a Bachelor's degree). I dubbed her job "*La Escuelita*." From what she tells me, it seems like she works with middle school children instead of adults. Every time I pick her up, I hear about a new drama. Hook-ups and romance in the office (plus sex in the bathrooms). Pizza parties

to boost morale gone wildly wrong. An elevator declared off limits, ostensibly for the sake of employee health (in reality, it was malfunctioning). A request from the boss for all employees to wear a costume the whole week of Halloween, and to get their faces painted for Día de Muertos.

It could be worse. At some places, it is worse. I asked users on a Reddit thread to share their worst call center stories. Here is part of one response: "They played us the recording of a client asking the girl who attended to him not to hang up — until the guy came, and the girl realized by his moans and hung up. Poor girl still worked there and got agitated every time they gave that to the new recruits. In another, my supervisor and 'the client' sold pot to the agents on Fridays, and next to the call center there was a 'little store' (and not an Oxxo type) that accepted food vouchers for products. And it didn't touch me, but they told me that a little boss in the one that rhymes with 'Hell-

Vista' was twisted in a bathroom with a high school girl giving him a hard time."

Ads for call centers are common on Spotify and YouTube and social media. All of them claim to be the coolest, most fun call center in the city. In one of the ads, the big call center TaskUs offered free craft beer. The only requirement was to listen to a recruiter. Posing as a potential employee, I went to the Cerveza Insurgente taproom with my girlfriend for a couple of free beers. We got to the taproom on 4th Street and Avenida Revolución at around 8 pm. A man wearing a LizardBear mascot outfit danced outside the bar as other members of TaskUs invited us in. In the opposite corner of the brewery, there was a pool of blood from a man who had been shot dead hours before. They gave us a small notepad with notepads and a plastic ball with the company's logo emblazoned on it, as well as two drink tickets, and instructed us to go to the back of the bar to meet with our recruiter.

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This is what I learned: The base salary is 3700 pesos a week after taxes (around \$220). It also includes 220 pesos' worth of food stamps per week, medical and dental insurance, educational incentives, an on-site gym, free parking, 21 days off per year, a wellness center, cafeteria discounts, and an on-site nurse. The office has 650 seats and they call it "The Oasis;" it is open 24/7. The job consists of nine hours daily with a one-hour lunch break. The work is divided between answering the phone, online chat, and emails. They have more than 15 clients, including one popular hotel-like service (I guessed it was Airbnb, but the recruiter only smiled and said she couldn't tell me). About 75% of the clients are customer soft sales, and the others are legal clients.

"¡Pues un montón!" (most of them) said the recruiter when I asked her how many deportees worked at TaskUs. Deportees don't just have superior English skills; they also have a better understanding of American culture. If

a customer calls from Houston and the call center agent was deported after living in Texas, he can connect with the customer in specific ways that relate to Texans, via sports, food, or general knowledge.

**First contact with 1Click** I met Luis Esparza in June of 2022; he wanted me to take photos of his staff at 1Click Contact Center, which he founded. He hired me again to take pictures at the company's Christmas *posada* at the Red Room restaurant inside the Xolos soccer stadium. "I'm going to say this in English because my Spanish is *no bueno*," said Luis at the beginning of his speech to his employees. "Like many of you, I am deported. What you don't know is that I have a Master's in Human Behaviorism..." Luis continued with his life story speech, followed by his vision for the company's future.

A little while later, I sat down with Luis in his office in Zona Río (near the Statue of Lincoln) to get a more complete account. He looked younger than his 50 years. "My fam-



Luis Esparza: a long way from Michigan, but still wearing blue and yellow.

ily migrated when I was only eight months old," started Luis. "I was born in Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico way back in 1973. From Juarez to Michigan." That explained the blue and yellow color scheme for both his business and his office. "My whole life I was raised in the U.S. in a Mexican household, but much integrated with the American lifestyle. We never spoke Spanish, but we understood

it for our mom. My dad got a job at Ford Motor and got to the US a lot sooner than us. After he got established, he brought the family with him. My older sister and I are the only ones not born in the U.S.; my other three siblings were. I went to Clintondale High School, where I was the starting quarterback for three years. From there, I got a partial scholarship to Ferris State University in Big Rapids. I played quar-

terback there and got a degree in psychology."

He soon discovered that "psychology doesn't do much unless you get your master's," so he got into real estate. "A professor persuaded me to get into human behaviorism. I got my Master's degree from Wayne State University and continued to excel in the real estate field in the Detroit metro area. A couple of life changes happened and I'm suddenly in Mexico."

**"Aggravated" aggravation** Wait, what? "I was always a resident alien," Luis explained. "That was one of my biggest problems. I could apply for my citizenship, I was married, and I was part of the community. I never looked at myself as a resident alien, I bleed American culture. I love being Mexican too, but I never looked at it like that. Even when I was married, my wife said, 'Get it over with; get your citizenship so we never run into an issue.'"

It became an issue when Luis got arrested. "I got into a bar fight in 2012. Things escalated. The assault charge turned into aggravated felonious assault. Because there was a weapon, which was a beer bottle. You can't strike someone in the head with a beer bottle. Everything was handled smoothly and professionally. I was given probation for a year, and I was dismissed in four months. But when my probation officer was signing off on me, that's when he said, 'Wait a second, are you a U.S. citizen?' And I was like, 'No...' He goes: 'I always thought you were a U.S.

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citizen. Do you have your Green Card or your alien resident card? Let me make a copy of this real quick.”

When the probation officer made a copy of Luis’ identification and documents, he was flagged by immigration. “My assault charge was aggravated. It was reduced from a felonious assault to a Class A misdemeanor, but they kept the word ‘aggravated.’ And if an assault charge is aggravated, it is an automatic deportation. Because they look at you like a violent individual. I didn’t know this, or I would have tried to get it dismissed and never heard from immigration. Two months went by, and everything was fine. I had just finished my divorce and moved to a new home down the road, probably 15 minutes away from my other home. I had 50% custody of my 3 children and wanted to be nearby.”

And then one day, “I saw three black Yukon trucks parked outside with blacked-out windows. After maybe two or three minutes, I heard a knock and the doorbell. I thought it was a new neighbor or something, but it was a very tall guy who said, ‘Hi, we’re looking for Luis Esparza.’ And I said, ‘That is me.’ He looked back at the other guys, and then looked at his paperwork that said I was dangerous. I was in my shirt and tie, looking all nerdy. They looked all surprised and asked if they could come in. I said absolutely. They asked for my paperwork and then said: ‘We are from INS, Immigration. This is regarding your case. Luis Esparza, just so you know, we are

arresting you right now. This is a warrant for your arrest and now you are subject to deportation.”

His heart dropped in his chest. “This had to be a joke.” It was not. Luis was locked in Monroe County jail for two days, and was then taken to an immigration dome in Monroe. Most people who are there get deported in a week. Luis managed to get bonded out after five days. Seven days later, he was back in court. “The judge said very nice things about me, but added, ‘Unfortunately Mr. Esparza, I cannot change the immigration laws, I’m a federal judge, I have to uphold the laws. Mr. Esparza, please stand.’ The courtroom was packed. It’s still emotional for me. My mom started crying behind me. My daughter was there and my siblings. They all saw me get deported.”

#### Welcome home?

Luis had five days to get his things in order. He reported to immigration at 6 am and was flown to Texas in a 747. During the flight, he was “shackled, like in the movie *Con Air*. Hitting Mexico is a whole different... thing... It took a while for it to sink in,” Luis doesn’t remember what city in Texas he was deported from, but he does remember that by 2011, he was back in Mexico. “I had a cousin that picked me up to take me to Juarez, help me get my papers and all that,” continued Luis. “But it didn’t work well with the family I was living with. Though they are family, *primas y tías*, I hadn’t seen them since I was a little kid and I was now a grown adult. They started asking for money. I got frustrated. I didn’t feel comfortable.

“I talked to my mother and her husband and they had family in Tamaulipas. They had a *rancho*, and said, ‘You are going to be more comfortable.’ I went down to the *rancho*. And it was the poorest environment I’ve been in in my life. It was shocking. They were the happiest people I’ve ever seen, but eating beans for breakfast, lunch, and dinner is not for me. I was there for seven long weeks. I was trying to decide where to go in Mexico to make a home, and at the time my brother was living in San Diego because he was in the Marines. That influenced me to move to Rosarito.”

#### Calling for help

With the income he had saved and the help of his brother, Luis moved to Rosarito in 2012 and bought a sports bar. He decorated the bar with Michigan sports memorabilia and called it the Que Paso Bar. It was not a success. “There were days that I would make 200 pesos total on sales when you have rent of \$2000 a month. I realized there was no money in bars in Rosarito. It was sad. I was probably in the worst stage of my life. I was just drinking and partying. I was going through all the cash I had, so rapidly, and it hit me: *What the fuck are you doing with your life?*”

Luis closed his bar after a few months. He had a friend who worked in a call center and told him to apply, but no call center wanted to hire him. “When I went, I got discriminated against... sort of. Because my education was so much higher. They were intimidated. The general manager and higher-ups were

scared of me, so they wouldn’t hire me. ‘Too advanced, this is not for you,’ they would say, but what the fuck am I supposed to do?” The ones that did offer work didn’t pay enough. “I applied for Bimbo [Bakeries], for a sales manager on the American side. I had all the credentials to work for them but here’s the thing, my Spanish is horrible. They were offering me 25,000 pesos salary, which is good money here, but they didn’t hire me because of my Spanish.” His experience was not unique. Many deportees speak better English than Spanish. Many barely speak any Spanish, and get mocked for being *pochos*.

Finally, he got a break. “One day I was in Plaza del Zapato and I was having a drink, and a *güero* from California was there. I was talk-

ing to someone, and he overheard me and said “You have excellent English, do you want a job? I just started a call center down here.” I told him no one wanted to hire me. He offered to hire me.” Luis took the job for 1200 pesos a week in 2014, around USD \$60 at that time. “I went from sales agent to manager and overseeing HR, then director of operations. I get this industry, but I’m not happy. As I kept growing and learning, I used my degree. How can I run this? How do I manage all these people and persuade them?”

He got another job, where he learned how to run a business and also met his current fiancée. But there, “Me and my managing partner were bumping heads a lot. There were struggles. Bottom feeders. They were doing whatever

they wanted. People were coming stoned or on crystal meth. They fight over 20 pesos. Only crackheads fight for something like that, and the call center allowed it and laughed at it. We had an incident one day when two individuals got into a fight. One of them left and came back with a gun. I wasn’t there but my fiancée was there.” That was the end of that.

#### Starting over with a start-up

In 2017, with around \$1500 USD, Luis started his own operation: a business process outsourcing company. Four girls and a few computers. The first client, from the makeup industry. The next, a year later, a dental office. Then a telemarketer. Four employees became 12, 12 became 25. “It felt good having them working for me getting them paid well

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and all that stuff.” Then Covid hit, and he found himself back down to his original client in the makeup business.

“A good six months with just one client. It was difficult, me and my girlfriend just bought a house and now this. Holy crap, we had to re-budget.” But he survived, “and over the past four years, it just kept escalating. We have 13 clients right now. Customer service, tax support, BPO [business process outsourcing], things of that nature.”

His call center boomed, and 1Click moved to a bigger office in his current building in Zona Río. “We help veterans with their VA and now we are doing immigration. We do all the intake when they start the file. When I spoke to the law firm, they were surprised that I knew that much about immigration. I told them I was deported. I said, ‘If you don’t want to do business with me I understand.’ They were like ‘No, on the contrary, we want to do business with you.’”

It helps that he keeps drugs out of his workplace, and that he’s stuck

around. “What we project, from my attorneys, is that there are at least 100 call centers in Tijuana including those that are not registered. A lot of them pop up and are gone. Americans that have cash. They throw a call center here, or whatever at it, rent a building, and two months later, something happens and they are gone. Some people work there and get good money in the first weeks, but then they disappear. No stability. They disappear and take your money.”

#### Looking back, looking ahead.

Things are good enough now that he can think about the long-term. “I’m at a crossroads in my life. I just turned 50 in December. I take good care of myself. Not sure what I want to do moving forward. I can’t do this industry for two or three more years. My goal is to give this to my fiancée, soon to be my wife. I built it well and she can manage it. What I want to do is be a mentor for businesses. See what they are doing wrong and show them my expertise. I have a great client from Den-

mark, and he has been recruiting me. He wants to send me all over Europe or Mexico.”

Though Luis has succeeded in Mexico, he still thinks of his family back in Michigan. “I have a great relationship with my son. He just became a father so I just became a grandpa. He is not with the girl who had the baby, so he is learning to co-parent, so he talks to me. My granddaughter is six months old. My oldest daughter I barely talk to. She is 25, she is about to get engaged, and she is a producer for Channel 5 News in Michigan. My youngest daughter is 19, so she is in party mode. The messages I get are, ‘Can I get \$100? Please, daddy? Love you.’ She is in college; she wants to become a make-up artist. With my ex-wife, it was terminated ugly so we don’t talk. But as soon as my son graduated from high school, in 2019, he came to visit me. One of the best days of my life. It took me nine years to see him.”

They were lonely years. But they did not embitter him. “I miss taking my kids to

a baseball game on a Tuesday. That’s what I miss the most. I’m a big sports guy. I used to be a season ticket holder for the Lions and also at the University of Michigan. I missed their national championship, and Michigan sports is at its peak right now. Outside of that, I don’t miss

anything else. I accepted Mexico as my home. When my son visited me, he liked it, and was like, ‘Dad, this is great. You are looking good, and this looks good for you.’ His approval made me feel good. When I see my numbers, and what people say about us, and I see where I came from. I

started the business with roughly \$1500, and now see where I am. This is a very tough industry, but if you do it the right way and you care, you can be successful. You are going to be knocked down, but if you persevere, I love it, bro. It’s difficult, but I got through it.”

— Matthew Suarez

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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and put his hands on the elderly man, and this caused the gun to go off. In any case, one bullet blasted into Belinsky’s belly. After he was shot in the stomach, “Mr. Belinsky took the rifle away from (homeowner) and then sat down on the ground and began complaining of pain from the gunshot wound. Eventually Mr. Belinsky wandered into the home and collapsed on the floor.”

When Sheriff’s deputies arrived, Belinsky told them he was “on a mission for Elon Musk” and “needed a goat to sacrifice on the highest hill in the area,” according to statements in court files. One week

“Mr. Belinsky believed that he was being instructed by Elon Musk to capture a goat, bring it to the top of a nearby hill and sacrifice it.”

later, Belinsky was arraigned; he was informed of multiple felony charges and pleaded not-guilty to all, including abuse of elders, abuse of goat, theft, and robbery. The next month, defense attorney Ryan Cannon filed papers asking for “diversion” for Belinsky. In this way, the defendant would avoid jail or normal adjudication through the courts.

Belinsky said he started using marijuana at 16, and that “weed is my drug of choice. I would use it daily if I can. I feel that it has many health benefits. It relaxes me. It is a stress reliever. It’s my self-medication.



Belinsky: “I remember it relatively well but I was psychotic at that time.”

When I use marijuana, I don’t have a desire to use alcohol or anything else.” Further, he said, “My use of alcohol is a problem because I’m a binge drinker.”

Belinsky had an explana-

Prior to the goat incident, Belinsky had been arrested for stealing beer from someone’s house, and had once broken into a car in the parking lot of Palomar hospital. “I was in the parking lot,” he recalled. “I saw this Tesla car. I knew it was a game, and so I busted the window. I can’t decide if that was delusional. It seemed so real. Anyway, I was sure I was part of this game. I bashed the car. Security came up and I ran off.” Documents in court files state that Belinsky is single with no children and receives SSDI disability payments. He was born in San Diego and grew up in La Jolla “We had everything I ever needed,” he said. His mother is 72 years old, and his father died at 63 of cancer. He does not like his older brother, who is seven years older. “He always picked on me.”

Judge Michael Washington granted Belinsky the mental health diversion that defense requested. The elderly couple was granted a restraining order to keep Belinsky away from their property; that court order expires in December of 2027.

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# Calendar

# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 20

### MELT-BANANA AND BABYBABY EXPLORES

Since forming in 1992, Japanese noise rockers Melt-Banana have become



MELT-BANANA

known for playing extremely fast punk mixed with experimental electronica and pop-based song structures. The duo has released ten albums and toured worldwide, and they're about to release their first new full-length in over a decade. The bill includes Babybaby Explores, Tomato Flower, and Squid Pisser.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 20, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Music Box, 1337 India Street, Little Italy. [musicboxsd.com](http://musicboxsd.com)

### GEORGE GEARY: MADE IN CALIFORNIA, VOLUME 2

Warwick's welcomes George Geary for



GEORGE GEARY

a discussion and book signing of *Made in California, Volume 2: The California-Born Burger Joints, Diners, Fast Food & Restaurants That Changed America, 1951-2010*. Some of the California-born restaurants and food chains covered in the book include: Ruby's Diner, Panda Express, Claim Jumper Restaurant and Saloon, Famous Amos Cookies, The Cheesecake Factory, California Pizza Kitchen, Noah's New York Bagels, Wetzels Pretzels, and Pinkberry.

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 20, 7:30 pm

**WHERE:** Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue, La Jolla. [warwicks.com](http://warwicks.com)

## Friday | 21

### FULL MOON HIKE: MOUNT WOODSON POTATO CHIP ROCK

Full Moon Hikes are designed for all ages and most hiking levels; they're also pet-approved.

The group will hike to Potato Chip Rock on Mount Woodson in order to take in its stellar views of San Diego. Mount Woodson is a moderate-strenuous trail that is paved but steep. The group will take their time up the trail to ensure everyone stays close together. Glow sticks provided.

**WHEN:** Friday, June 21, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

**WHERE:** 16310 CA-67, Ramona. [campbum.com](http://campbum.com)



## Saturday | 22

### SAN DIEGO SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES

Come for the massed bagpipe bands, Scottish athletics, kids' area, sheepdog trials, Highland dancing, food, arts, and

Scottish clans area. For those who are 21+, join the crowd in the shaded beer garden for whisky tasting. Military & first responder discounts available.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23, 9 am to 5 pm

**WHERE:** Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista. [sdhighlandgames.org](http://sdhighlandgames.org)

## Tuesday | 23

### LAO FOOD FESTIVAL

Indulge in the rich flavors of Laos with traditional food, live music, food demos, and 50+ vendors. Visitors can expect to find food stalls selling a range of traditional dishes, from savory noodles and meat to sweet desserts. An evening concert at the park will feature a live band, DJ, and international and local performers.

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 22 and Sunday, June 23, 11 am to 6 pm

**WHERE:** Mira Mesa Community Park, 8575 New Salem Street, Mira Mesa. [laofoodfestival.org](http://laofoodfestival.org)



FRIDAY, JUNE 21: FULL MOON HIKE: MOUNT WOODSON POTATO CHIP ROCK



# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### Missiongathering San Diego

**Contact:** 8693 La Mesa Blvd., La Mesa 619-354-3993  
www.missiongatheringsd.org

**Denomination:** Disciples of Christ

**Membership:** 85 (Attendance: 30-40)

**Pastor:** Braeden Storkersen

**Age:** 30

**Born:** Fullerton

**Formation:** Antioch Bible College, Temecula; Meadville Lombard Theological School, Chicago; Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, MA; Claremont School of Theology, Los Angeles

**To Be Ordained:** September 2024

**San Diego Reader:** What is your favorite subject on which to preach?

**Pastor Braeden Storkersen:** The Sermon on the Mount, which expresses a radical love and inclusion. Jesus speaks about loving not just your neighbor but your enemy as well. It's

so challenging to love not just the people who think, look and live like us, but also loving people who live differently and think differently from us. That is one of Jesus's most challenging and compelling messages.

**SDR:** What's your main concern as a member of the clergy?

**PS:** Some Christian churches are tending toward nationalism. There's a hyperfocus on this unholy merging of God and country. The call of following Jesus Christ is one that loves truly all people, and any time you blend nationalism with following Jesus, there is going to be an exclusive lens applied to one's faith. We have seen people be horrendously racist, homophobic, transphobic, pro-war, and idolizing presidential candi-

dates or presidents over one's actual messiah, one's actual Christ. Christian nationalism poses a threat to church and to society at large...My church tries to be part of the larger movement in our preaching and conversations to move away from Christian nationalism and seek to be a more inclusive community.

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

**PS:** We strive to be a progressive, inclusive community of Christ's followers dedicated to growing in faith, living a full life and teaching justice for the good of our world. We take the Christian traditions seriously, but we also embrace science, reason, history, and different perspectives on ultimate truths. So we have this interfaith respect and ap-

proach. We're committed to embracing our doubts, asking the large questions of life and allowing our beliefs to evolve and grow over time. We believe our faith calls us to action to bring about justice and equity in the world for everyone, and that in our diversity we best reflect God's creativity, beauty and design. So we seek to embrace and celebrate folks of all backgrounds—ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, socio-economic backgrounds...truly everything. Ultimately, we're Christian, rooted in the teachings and example of Jesus. We draw from scripture each week and apply it to our particular context.

**SDR:** Why Disciples of Christ?

**PS:** We're a non-creedal de-



Braeden Storkersen

nomination, which means there's no creed but Christ. Everyone follows Jesus together but there is no comprehensive list of dogmas and doctrines that each church and each member needs to believe. That really captured the heart of Christ for me.

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

**PS:** I do believe in heaven. We experience an eternal ex-

istence that is free of suffering and pain and is full of love and beauty. Where I diverge from many Christians is that I do believe that every single person will one day experience heaven or some form of heaven, regardless of religious tradition or what they've done in their lives. Naturally, then, I don't believe in the eternal view of hell, fire and brimstone, that many Christians submit to. God's love is more radical, inclusive, and far-reaching than we are comfortable with. So as Jesus says to love our enemies, even the people we consider enemies God loves, and there will be redemption and restoration for them as well.

— Joseph O'Brien

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## ART

**21+ Night** Step into a realm of magic and curiosity as WNDR Museum comes alive at night. Explore the multi-sensory experience that is WNDR Museum during extended hours along with live music, drinks and snacks. Thursday, June 20, 6pm; \$25. 21 and up. WNDR Museum, 422 Market Street. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Carlsbad Village Association Art in the Park** Enjoy 130 local and regional fine artists for a

unique one-day, open-air art show. All artwork is juried, and patrons can meet the artists in their booths the day of the event. Sunday, June 23, 9am; Carlsbad Village, 2930 Roosevelt Street. (CARLSBAD)

**Escondido Art Association Summer Solstice Soiree** With an Italian theme, the event will include music by Sacha Boutros, dinner provided by local restaurants, a wine tasting by Fraticelli Wines and a limited art auction. Friday, June 21, 5pm; \$15-\$45. Churchill House, 140 West 3rd Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Media Arts Exhibition: A Spectrum of... Place** The one-night-only event, "A Spectrum of... Place" will feature the winning selections from Getty's statewide teen photography exhibition, "Getty Unshuttered Open Call" alongside select and winning works from OTL's San Diego-based "Voice Out: A Youth Media Arts Exhibition." Saturday, June 22, 5:30pm; free. Bread & Salt, 1955 Julian Avenue. (BARRIO LOGAN)

**Summer Learning for Adults Resin Jewelry** | June 22, 2024 Make your own stylish resin jewelry with Toshwerks \*Registration required. Saturday, June 22, 2pm; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Summer Nights at Comic-Con Museum** Comic-Con Museum's new after-hours event series features an interactive evening of cosplay, competitive puzzling, games, craft-making, friendly competition, and more. Friday, June 21, 6pm; Comic-Con Museum, 2131 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

## AUTOMOTIVE

**Carlsbad Cars & Coffee** - Saturdays, 7am; through Saturday, December 28, Behind Pelly's Fish Market in the Ralph's parking lot (CARLSBAD)

**Escondido Cars & Coffee** All cars welcome Sundays, 8am;

through Sunday, August 24, free. Kit Carson Park, 3333 Bear Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

**Point Loma Cars & Coffee** Where enthusiasts of vehicles of all makes and models gather and share our passion of cars on beautiful Shelter Island, next to the waterfront near the Bali Hai restaurant. Trucks and motorcycles included! Saturdays, 7:30am; through Saturday, December 28, Shelter Island parking lot, right next to the Bali Hai (POINT LOMA)

## BEER

**Big Night Out Bar Crawl** One, all-access ticket to entry and drink discounts at 10+ bars and nightclubs. Saturday, June 22, 7pm; 21 and up. Gaslamp Quarter, Fifth Ave., between Broadway and Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Debut: Making Waves Blonde Ale** Debut of a collaboration brew by California Wild Ales, OB Brewery, and OB Women's Club. Friday, June 21, 5pm; free. Ocean Beach Brewery, 5041 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**A Luncheon with Dawn Tripp** The Friends of the Coronado Public Library will host Dawn Tripp for an intimate luncheon with the author as well as a signing of her new book, Jackie. The \$40 ticket includes lunch and a hardcover copy of the book. Friday, June 21, 11am; Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**Claire Lombardo: Same As It Ever Was** Warwick's presents Claire Lombardo as she discusses and signs her new book, *Same As It Ever Was*, in conversation with Jason Blitman. Tuesday, June 25, 7:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Comic Creator Signing: KJ Kaminski** Meet local comic creator, KJ Kaminski (*Sophia Saturn*, *The Resistants*). All the Big Blue Comics releases will be available. KJ will sign anything at no extra charge. There will be some fun giveaways and a special raffle with signed collectible prizes. Saturday, June 22, 12pm; free. Comics Stronghold, 1906 Oceanside Boulevard. (OCEANSIDE)

**Eric Blehm: The Darkest White** Warwick's presents Eric Blehm as he discusses and signs his new book, *The Darkest White: A Mountain Legend and the Avalanche That Took Him*. This event is free and open to the public. To ensure seating, reserve one book per person. Wednesday, June 26, 7:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**George Geary: Made in California, Volume 2** Warwick's presents George Geary as he discusses and signs his new book, *Made in California, Volume 2: The California-Born Burger Joints, Diners, Fast Food & Restaurants That Changed America, 1951-2010*. Thursday, June 20, 7:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Weekends with Locals: L.M. Twist** Weekends with Locals will be hosting L.M. Twist, author of *Louis Mie and the Trial of Haute-faye*. Sunday, June 23, 1pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Zibby Owens: Blank** Warwick's and The San Diego Writer's Festival will host Zibby Owens as she discusses and signs her new book, *Blank*, in conversation with Anastasia Zadeik. This event is free and open to the public but to ensure seating, reserve one book per person @ [warwicks.com/event/owens-2024](http://warwicks.com/event/owens-2024). Monday, June 24, 7:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Air Plant Terrarium Craft Workshop** Learn to make a Air Plant Terrarium. Each ticket includes everything you will need to make 1 large 6" terrarium including air plants, sand, gravel, dried flowers and all the tools you need. Wednesday, June 26, 6:30pm; \$45. Mike Hess Brewing North Park, 3812 Grim Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**All Things Chocolate Baking Night Series** Delve into the art of creating a rich Chocolate Bread Pudding. Friday, June 21, 6pm; \$60. Sweet Petite Confections, 3582 Mt. Acadia Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**Chord Craft Seminar, Guitar Workshop** This comprehensive Guitar Workshop combines the best of beginner and intermediate classes. Wednesdays, 6pm; through Wednesday, July 24, \$200. 18 and up. Mid-City Community Music, 4011 Ohio Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Cooking Demo with Chef Nikki** Mastering Pie Crust for Sweet and Savory Recipes Delve into the fundamentals of crafting the perfect pie crust, from choosing the right ingredients to mastering rolling and shaping techniques. Tuesday,



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June 25, 2pm; \$30-\$40. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Cribbage** Join us for a fun and friendly game of Cribbage. Bring your own board if you have one. All levels are welcome. Instructions will be provided. Fridays, 10am; through Friday, June 28, **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**DJ Redlite's Beat Lab** Over four weeks, you'll dive into the essentials of entertainment, beat matching, turntable techniques, and DJ software. Monday, June 24, 6pm; \$100. 18 and up. Mid-City Community Music, 4011 Ohio Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Deep Stretch Yin & Sound Bath** This is a therapeutic stretching class that weaves harmonious sound waves into the yoga practice for an immersive exploration of mind-body wellness. Tuesday, June 25, 6:30pm; \$40. Buddhi Yoga, 7843 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Expanding Consciousness with Sound** Meditation hosted by Teresa Thursday, June 20, 7pm; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Friday Writers II** For intermediate to advanced writers. Friday, June 21, 10:30am; \$90-\$110. 18 and up. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Full Moon Sound Bath** Join Jeny Dawson of Zen Soul Balance at Sacred Sound of the Soul as she welcomes you to June's Full Moon, known as the Strawberry Moon. Saturday, June 22, 4pm; \$50. Nature & Science Medicine, 531 Encinitas Boulevard #107. (ENCINITAS)

**Guitar Workshop Plus** This year's Guitar Workshop Plus includes daily classes, clinics, ensemble and student performances, and evening concerts. June 23-26, 12pm; Sheraton Mission Valley, 1433 Camino Del Rio South. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Herbal First Aid** With urban foraged plants. Wednesday, June 26, 6:49pm; \$15. Divine Bubble Metaphysical Boutique and Heal-

ing Center, 4639 30th Street. (NOR-MAL HEIGHTS)

**Learn to Fly Radio Controlled Aircraft Free** The Palomar Radio Control Flyers are hosting free flight lessons. Airplanes provided, register online. Mondays, 5pm; through Wednesday, August 28, **free**. Johnson Field, Pankey Road. (FALLBROOK)

**Macrame Flower Wall Hanging Craft Workshop** Learn the art of creating a Macramé Wall Hanging with a floral twist. Includes step-by-step instructions, choice of ring or stick, along with all of the supplies. Finish off your masterpiece with adding a floral touch to your piece. Tickets also include a flight of wine and \$10 off a bottle of your choice, No previous experience required. Sunday, June 23, 1pm; \$55. La Mesa Wine Works, 8167 Center Street. (LA MESA)

**Music Production Workshop** Step into the world of music production with an immersive workshop. Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, July 24, \$200. 18 and up. Mid-City Community Music, 4011 Ohio Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Novel Characters** This workshop will focus on the development of authentic characters. Friday, June 21, 10am; Wednesday, June 26, 10am; \$125. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Piano Parlor Instrumental Workshop** This introductory course invites you to explore the essentials of piano performance, from reading music and navigating keys to crafting captivating chords. Tuesdays, 6pm; through Tuesday, July 23, \$200. 18 and up. Mid-City Community Music, 4011 Ohio Street. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Pound: A music & movement class** Join instructor Cynthia Demorest for an hour of music and movement. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes and bring adequate hydration. Participation is voluntary and you will be asked to sign a liability waiver. Thursdays, 11:30am; through Thursday, June 27, **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Preschool Play** Come and enjoy sensory and educational activities for preschoolers. Fridays, 10:30am; through Friday, June 28, **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Tai Chi** Tai Chi fitness class with gentle physical exercise and stretching. In the case of inclement weather, the class will be canceled. Fridays, 10am; through Friday, June 28, **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Zumba Inclusive** Zumba fitness class adapted for adults of all abilities. In the case of inclement weather, the class will be canceled. Mondays, 10am; through Monday, June 24, **free**. 18 and up. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

## COMEDY

**85 South Show** With over two million subscribers on YouTube, over half a billion independent views, and 150,000+ live show tickets sold, the 85 South Show has completely changed the comedy industry. Saturday, June 22, 7pm; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Belle Rêve: An Improvised Tennessee Williams Play** Belle Reve is an improvised theatre company focusing on plays in the style of Tennessee Williams. Friday, June 21, 8pm; \$15. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLCREST)

**Beth Stelling** - Wednesday, June 26, 7:30pm; \$22-\$39. 21 and up. Belly Up Tavern, 143 S. Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Chula Vista Comedy Club** Hosted by Benji GarciaReyes. Wednesday, June 26, 9pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Gentle Penguin, 289 3rd Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

**Craig Robinson** AS SEEN ON: NBC's "The Office", Knocked Up, This Is The End, Hot Tub Time Machine, Hot Tub Time Machine 2, Mr. Robinson on NBC, Ghosted on FOX & more! Thursday, June 20, 8pm; Friday, June 21, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, June 22,

7:30pm and 9:30pm; 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Ellen DeGeneres** - Thursday, June 20, 7:30pm; Balboa Theatre, 868 Fourth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Jesus Trejo** Jesus Trejo is one of the fastest rising names in the stand-up comedy scene. Trejo filmed his first hour stand-up special for SHOWTIME in 2020. He can be seen recurring on the Netflix series MR. IGLESIAS, and in roles on ALONE TOGETHER and TEACHERS. Friday, June 21, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, June 22, 7pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, June 23, 7pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Kings of Late Night** Jay Leno, Arsenio Hall, and Craig Ferguson. Friday, June 21, 7:30pm; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**LGBTQ Comedy Show** Taylor Spencer and Mike McCalla present the Gays, Theys, and Baes Comedy Show. Sunday, June 23, 7pm; \$8-\$15. Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

**Late Night at Mic Drop** We invite all COMEDY LOVERS to be apart of the most exciting Friday Night Open Mic in the city! Watch national touring comedians try out new bits for Netflix, and watch day one dreamers face their fears for the first time. Thursday, June 20, 9:30pm; \$5. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Moses Storm** - Friday, June 21, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; Saturday, June 22, 6:30pm and 8:30pm; \$5-\$40. 18 and up. Grand Comedy Club, 340 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**Pretty Funny Women** Created by veteran comedian, Lisa Sundstedt in 1995, Pretty, Funny Women is the longest running all female stand up show in the world. Wednesday, June 26, 8pm; \$25-\$30. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**The Best of San Diego** The Best of San Diego is San Diego's longest running local showcase that has helped launch the careers of some of the top comedians in the industry today. Thursday, June 20, 8pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Tuesday Night Potluck** Tuesday Night Potluck is the show where anyone can go up and try their hand at stand up comedy. Tuesday, June 25, 7pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

## DANCE

**An Evening of Ballet** Pointeworks' An Evening of Ballet: Immerse yourself in the world of ballet and witness the incredible feats that the human body can achieve, with live music and works by a cast of all female choreographers. Thursday, June 20, 8pm; \$35-\$98. Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Pointeworks Inaugural Performance** Experience this female-led program celebrating innovative women across creative fields including choreography, music, design, and visual art—each work as distinct and unique as each Choreographer. Thursday, June 20, 8pm; \$35-\$95. Baker-Baum Concert Hall, 7600 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**iLuminate** iLuminate is the fusion of technology and dance. Saturday, June 22, 7:30pm; Sound, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Fantastical Fiction Forum** Discuss fantasy, horror, and science fiction in a friendly, inclusive group. This month, discuss *Alice Isn't Dead*, by Joseph Fink. Tuesday, June 25, 6:30pm and 6:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**Hangout Hub** Enjoy assorted board games, adult coloring pages, puzzles, even Legos to unleash your creativity. Open to all adults, 18 years and older. No need to sign up. Saturday, June 22, 3:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Rancho Penasquitos Library, 13330 Salmon River Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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Saturday, June 22, 6pm; \$30-\$33. 21 and up. Mom’s Chicken & Waffles, 3112 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

FOOD & DRINK

**2nd Annual San Diego Lao Food Festival** Indulge in the rich flavors of Laos with traditional Lao Food, live music, food demos, 50+ Vendors, and more. Saturday, June 22, 11am; Sunday, June 23, 11am; Mira Mesa Community Park, 8575 New Salem Street. (MIRA MESA)

**Agave Fest** Enjoy live music and other entertainment beneath the palm trees while exploring a curated selection of 100% Agave-based Tequila and Mezcal spirits, poured directly from expert tequila distilleries. Friday, June 21, 6pm; \$95. Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa, 9700 North Torrey Pines Road. (LA JOLLA)

**Crab Boil** Indulge in 1.5 lbs. of Cajun-style Snow Crab, combined with Andouille Sausage, Jumbo Shrimp, Corn, and Potatoes. Thursday, June 20, 6pm; Duck Dive, 4650 Mission Boulevard. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Elements of Nature Dinner Series: The Nature of Earth** Celebrate the summer solstice at The Nature of Earth Dinner with a bespoke welcome cocktail and a five-course menu showcasing seasonal tomatoes, Fresno peppers, peas, zucchini, and more. Wednesday, June 26, 6:30pm; \$95-\$165. VAGA Restaurant & Bar, 2100 North Coast Hwy 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Feeding San Diego Food Pantry** Feeding San Diego is hosting free food distributions at your local library. Receive dry goods and fresh produce at this walk up distribution. Please bring your own bags and/or a wagon or cart to transport the items. Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis. Wednesday, June 26, 3:30pm; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Luau Party: A Celebration of Kāiʻāina** Enjoy Polynesian dishes, while enjoying live performances from Te Rahiti Nui and Taupou Samoa. Friday, June 21, 7pm; \$25-\$129. Kona Kai Resort & Marina, 1551 Shelter Island. (SHELTER ISLAND)

**Tequila Tasting & Food Pairing Event** Enjoy a night of food and tequila pairings in partnership with CaliFino Tequila. Thursday, June 20, 6pm; \$40. 21 and up. 20/Twenty at Westin Carlsbad, 5480 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**The Desmond Winemaker Dinner Series** With DAOU Vineyards Wednesday, June 26, 7pm; \$200. 21 and up. Desmond, 1047 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

**Summer Camp Ages 6-11** Three Acts of Goodness Overnight Summer Camp Ages 6-11. Application Deadline: June 15th. Saturday, June 22, 10am; Sunday, June 23, 12am; free. San Diego Buddhist

OUTDOORS

Ocean temps are climbing, the highest sun, the lowest moon

**Ocean Water Temperatures are Rising** into the mid- or high 60s this month, perhaps to reach the low 70s in July or August. The usual early-summer cool weather along San Diego’s coastline, disappointing to many tourists, is mostly caused by the sluggish warming of the ocean water. The payoff will come later: as the ocean gives up heat absorbed during the sunny summer months, we’ll enjoy warm days and evenings well into autumn.

**The Summer Solstice occurs at 1:50 pm on June 20.** That’s when the sun will reach its highest point in the sky, rising from its leftmost position and setting at the year’s rightmost spot on the horizon. The summer solstice marks the first day of summer for



“STRAWBERRY MOON” AND SUMMER SOLSTICE OVER THE HOTEL DEL CORONADO AND SHORES.



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the Northern Hemisphere as well as the longest day of the year. San Diegans currently enjoy approximately 14 hours of daylight, in contrast to the 10 hours we get in December. Anytime this week or next, try checking your shadow at 12:50 pm. (the local daylight time in San Diego currently equivalent to astronomical noon). The sun is then only 10° south of being directly overhead and so casts near-vertical shadows. A lesser-known consequence of the summer solstice is that our twilight periods are longer. Evening and morning twilight periods are now lasting more than 90 minutes.

**June 21 Brings June’s Special Solstice Full Moon.** While on June 21 will see the sun reach its highest point in the sky, June 21 will bring the moon to its lowest. Because of this year’s extreme tilted orbit, this particular full moon will be lower in the sky than we will see it for the next 18 years. If you can stay awake until around 1 am on the night of June 21-22, check out the heavenly body’s proximity to the horizon. And because the Moon is so low, it will also appear bigger than ever due to “Moon Illusion” — an optical illusion in which the moon appears larger than usual because the eye contrasts it with earthly objects such as houses, trees, etc.

LECTURES

**AAAS-Pacific Division Science Conference** The American Association for the Advancement of Science – Pacific Division presents speakers from across the natural, physical, social, and health sciences – as well as engineering and artistic/humanistic aspects of science. Thursday, June 20, 9am; \$50-\$95. University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Healing the Astral Body** Conducted by Neil Mintz Associate Teacher at Spiritual Arts Institute. Thursday, June 20, 6:30pm; \$20. 18 and up. Spiritual Arts Institute, 527 Encinitas Boulevard. (ENCINITAS)

NATURE

**Farm Tour Adventure** Enjoy educational and historical farm tours with outdoor recreational activities. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, June 30, \$22. Fort Cross Old Timey Adventures, 4425 Highway 78. (SANTA YSABEL)

**Full Moon Hike: Mount Woodson Potato Chip Rock** Full Moon Hikes are fun for

all ages and most hiking levels, plus hikes are pet-approved with glowsticks provided. Friday, June 21, 6:30pm; free. 16310 CA-67, Ramona, CA 92065

**Guided Nature Walk** Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk. Walks are free and open to the public, with no camping or reservations required. Learn about the lush riparian habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline, home to many birds, animals, and unique plants. Walks start from the Campground Entry Station. Thursday, June 20, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

**Sierra Club Seal Society Walk & Talk** Join the Sierra Club Seal Society for a free talk and walk to see sea lions and their newborn pups. Saturday, June 22, 2pm; free. Mangelsen Images of Nature Gallery, 7916 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Antiques, Collectibles & Bottle Show & Sale** Colorful, unique and rare items will be for sale. Saturday, June 22, 9am;

free. Al Bahr Shrine Center, 5440 Kearny Mesa Road. (KEARNY MESA)

**Hawaiian Cultural Fest** Celebrating Community: Kalei’s Kitchenette marks its first anniversary with a Hawaiian-flavored Cultural Fest. Enjoy cultural performances like an ukulele circle, live hula dances, and the Lion Dance, along with family-friendly activities such as face painting and a photobooth. Saturday, June 22, 11am; free. Radiant Life Church, 10060 Carmel Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**San Diego County Fair** With a nod to nostalgia and a focus on fun, the 2024 Fair will give our yesteryears another moment in the San Diego sun. Thursday, June 20, 11am; Friday, June 21, 11am; Saturday, June 22, 11am; Sunday, June 23, 11am; Wednesday, June 26, 11am; Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Summer Sundays** Free live musical performance by 3 Car Garage. Free car club exhibit featuring Pick-Ups Limited. Free “Sand Bucket” craft activity for children ages 12 and under along with free face painting and free balloon sculptures. Sunday, June 23, 5pm; free. Village Walk at

EastLake, EastLake Parkway at Miller Drive. (EASTLAKE)

**Teen Service Learning** Candle Making, create your own candle. Thursday, June 20, 4pm; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Temecula Sunset Market** The Temecula Sunset Market is a celebration of local community, culture, art, food, live music, and handcrafted treasures. Wednesday, June 26, 5pm; free. Town Square Park, 41902 Main Street. (TEMECULA)

SPOKEN WORD

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

**Scottish Tales and Legends** Enjoy tales and legends of Scotland with Storytellers of San Diego. Friday, June 21, 7pm; free. 18 and up. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)



## SPORTS & FITNESS

**San Diego Legion Rugby** The San Diego Legion play the Houston Sabrecats at Snapdragon Stadium. Sunday, June 23, 3pm; \$20-\$152. Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

**San Diego Padres vs. Milwaukee Brewers** Featuring the 619 Aloha Shirt Giveaway, Theme Game: German Heritage Celebration, Party in the Park, Theme Game: Mexican Heritage Celebration, Padres House Band, Theme Game: Irish Heritage Celebration, KidsFest and Kids Giveaway: Rookie Plush Pillow. Thursday, June 20, 6:40pm; Friday, June 21, 6:40pm; Saturday, June 22, 4:15pm; Sunday, June 23, 1:10pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**San Diego Padres vs. Washington Nationals** Featuring a Postgame Fireworks Show and the Ha-Seong Kim Bobblehead Giveaway. Monday, June 24, 6:40pm; Tuesday, June 25, 6:40pm; Wednesday, June 26, 1:10pm; Petco Park, 100 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

**San Diego Scottish Highland Games** The best of Scotland in SUN Diego! Join us for the Annual San Diego Scottish Highland Games: Massed bagpipe bands, Scottish athletics, kids' area, sheep-dog trials, Highland dancing, food and arts, Scottish clans area and more! Saturday, June 22, 9am; Sunday, June 23, 9am; \$5-\$20. Brengle Terrace Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive. (VISTA)

## THEATER LISTINGS

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

### The Ballad of Johnny & June

Love is a burning thing Country music royalty Johnny Cash and June Carter remain to this day one of the most famous couples of the 20th Century. Created with the support of the family and told through the eyes of their son John Carter Cash, this new musical covers it all: their childhoods, their 1956 meeting at the Grand Ole Opry, the storied on-stage proposal in 1968, and the soaring highs and whiplash lows of fame, life on the road, addiction, arrests, controversies, marriage, family and devotion.

LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 1PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7:30PM

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

### Camelot

A smart production of a great musical: unobtrusive direction, solid casting, and inventive staging. Camelot *sounds* like a big show — King Arthur, Lancelot, the knights of the Round Table, the creation of the chivalrous order, the transformation of England, *war*, fer Pete's sake — but North Coast Rep, cheerfully bowing to the necessity of its intimate dimensions, hews close to the famous story's heart: the friendships of a King. And really, that's the genius of the story, because where else can the personal and political — the very big and the very small — so intimately intermingle...and conflict? (Arthur, having grown up under the wise tutelage of Merlin the wizard, wants to change "might makes right" to "might for right," and that's a lovely idea for a king to have, but even a king must reckon with the tortuous and tempted human hearts within his household, and himself.) So even though there are often only one or two people onstage, none of the bigness is lost. Quite the opposite: the small-scale interactions feel enlarged: the temptation to personal betrayal is at the same time the temptation to treason, and more — the temptation to raze a civilization. It's thrilling stuff, and surprisingly painful after the crazy fun of the first act, when Lauren Weinberg's spirited Guenevere has giddily daydreamed about the romantic frisson of having men fight over her, Brian Krinsky's imposing Lancelot has modestly proclaimed his perfection, and Jered McLenigan's Arthur has risen to his moment. And yet, wasn't the pain portended by all that came before it: the queen's love, the knight's power, the king's dream? The singing Is mostly strong all 'round — so much so that they might have dropped the mics — but special mention might be made of Weinberg's, which must serve so many moods: now lilting, now saucy, now richly melancholy. NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### The Color Purple

Based on the novel by Alice Walker, book by Marsha Norman, music & lyrics by Brenda Russell, Allee Willis, and Stephen Bray, directed by Kandace Crystal, musical direction by Leigh Scarritt, choreography by Alyssa "Ajay" Junious. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Fat Ham

The 2022 Pulitzer-winning, Tony-nominated sensation Fat Ham is a fresh and funny take on Shake-

speare's *Hamlet*.

OLD GLOBE - DONALD & DARLENE SHILEY STAGE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 7:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### High School Musical the Musical

Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical comes to life on our stage featuring some of San Diego's most talented young artists! Troy, Gabriella and the students of East High must deal with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing their classes and extracurricular activities. It's the first day after winter break at East High. The Jocks, Brainiacs, Thespians and Skater Dudes find their cliques, recount their vacations and look forward to the new year. Basketball team captain and resident jock, Troy, discovers that the brainy Gabriella, a girl he met singing karaoke on his ski trip, has just enrolled at East High. They cause an upheaval when they decide to audition for the high school musical that is being led by Ms. Darbus. Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well. Disney's High School Musical is fun for the whole family.

THEATRE FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS, 7960 UNIVERSITY AVENUE SUITE 240, LA MESA. 7PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY.

### Nine, the Musical

Celebrated but impetuous film director Guido Contini, succumbing to the pressures of filming his latest film epic, suffers a midlife crisis which blocks his creative impulses and entangles him in a web of romantic difficulties in early-1960s Venice. One by one, women from his past and present — including his mother, his wife, his mistress, and his leading lady — haunt, instruct, scold, seduce and encourage him until this Casanova finally learns to grow up. Based on the 1963 autobiographical film *8½* by Federico Fellini. Music and lyrics by Maury Yeston and an inventive book by Arthur Kopit. Directed by Blake McCarty. CORONADO PLAYHOUSE, 1835 STRAND WAY, CORONADO. 619-435-4856. 8PM FRIDAY.

### Pásale Pásale

Get ready to embark on a journey into the heart of the Swap Meet with TuYo Theatre's latest production. "Pásale Pásale" comes back from the sold-out workshop in the 2024 La Jolla Playhouse W.O.W. Festival and joins TuYo Theatre's record of successful immersive plays like "On Her Shoulders We Stand", illuminating the contributions of Latinas during WW2 in San Diego, and "Las Cuatro Milpas", celebrating the iconic Barrio Logan restaurant. Set against the backdrop of the bustling Bayfront Swap Meet, "Pásale Pásale" transports audiences into a vibrant world where laughter, music, and

solidarity reign supreme. When Señor Muchacos decides to raise vendors' fees, a wave of anxiety sweeps through those already struggling to make ends meet. However, amidst the uncertainty, audiences become active participants in the journey towards self-determination, standing in solidarity with the vendors as they navigate the challenges ahead. BAYFRONT CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL, 830 BAY BL., CHULA VISTA. 6:30PM THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS, & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

## 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.*

**Furiosa** — Just as Tom Hardy's taciturn Max was not the dramatic center of director and co-writer George Miller's hyper-kinetic *Mad Max: Fury Road* — that honor went to Charlize Theron's rebellious Praetorian Furiosa and her mad quest to find a paradise in the wasteland — so that same Furiosa is not the center of the more reflective but still wildly mobile prequel *Furiosa*. This time, it's Chris Hemsworth's hook-nosed, ambitious and vicious, frequently weird and somewhat less frequently wise gang leader Dr. Dementus who gets the sidelong spotlight. Dementus just wants what's best for his people, even if he himself is doomed to despair, now that the endlessly warring world has taken those he loved and left him with just a stuffed bear for comfort. And what's best for his people, as far as he can tell, is for little captive Furiosa to tell him where he can find her Edenic home — the sort of place where fruit trees still grow, even after humanity has all but wiped the world clean in its mad embrace of violence. Talking of which, Dementus kills Furiosa's mom in an effort to get the location, thus giving our big-eyed heroine her raison d'être for much of the rest of the film. But before he can get the girl to talk, he stumbles into the unholy trinity of *Fury Road*'s makeshift civilization — The Citadel, Gastown, and the Bullet Farm — and the mental wheels start turning. Phew! That's a lot of plot just to set the scene — small wonder the thing runs two and a half hours. And yeah, some of that scene-setting involves surprisingly clunky special effects/sound work — how exactly do people chat in a sandstorm? But once the gears catch and things get rolling, literally and otherwise, the ride is by turns thrilling and fascinating, a brutal, complicated struggle of conflicting interests and strategies leading to a desert showdown that is...well, a word on that. It's talky, and it slams the action to a halt, and it sounds very much like an authorial statement: Dementus throwing off his eccentric speech and vocabulary and revealing the dark heart of the *Mad Max* saga. But it also makes way for a nasty, batty, but strangely redemptive segue into *Fury Road*'s story. Make it epic, indeed. — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



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**Inside Out 2** — Nine years ago, Pixar took us inside the mind of young Riley to meet her emotions: Joy, Sadness, Anger, Fear, and Disgust. At the end of the film — spoiler! — after Joy has learned she can't just repress Sadness and take the helm at all times, she dismisses the expanded Riley mind console's puberty alert, saying "It's probably not important." Ha ha, and yeah, sequel incoming. Three big changes brought on by the necessity to go bigger. 1: instead of helping Riley grow up and accept change, the big challenge now is creating her core identity via experiences that form beliefs. 2. Friendship island looms much, much larger than family island in the conscious landscape. 3: The puberty alarm finally sounds, and heralds the arrival of a new team: Anxiety, Embarrassment, Envy, and Ennui — oh, and Nostalgia. (This is Pixar, after all, and making parents remember what it was like to be a kid is key to the brand.) Anxiety, wondrously voiced with just the right level of twitchy intensity by

Maya Hawke, is the troublemaker here: Riley is off to hockey camp, and needs to think about forging a future. Once again, Joy finds herself struggling to remain at the forefront — a struggle so fraught that at one point, Joy cries. Should that be possible? Doesn't that make Joy Sadness? No matter: the original team isn't the point here — we get precious little anger from Anger, fear from Fear, etc. And even amongst the newcomers, there's precious little drama: Envy doesn't do the damage she should, and Embarrassment is weirdly brave when it counts. It's all about Anxiety, with an appropriately brief cameo from Ennui. There's plenty of invention at the granular level: the battle within the Projection Room is smart, the sar-chasm is funny, and the stream of consciousness is cute. But the story is very much the same, starting with Joy's doomed decision to dump bad experiences in the back of the mind. And if the emotions are more complicated, then the resolution is more convoluted, save for the blunt

declaration of Joy's fate. It's funny and sweet, but that's all. (2024) — M.L. ★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**I Saw the TV Glow** — Jane Schoenbrun's followup to *We're All Going to the World's Fair* has been hailed as a breakthrough cinematic treatment of gender dysphoria. Maybe so, but it's a good enough piece of art to bear multiple interpretations; for your humble correspondent, it played an almost shockingly effective evocation of *How Things Felt*, back before the internet made cult followings into malignant mobs, and more importantly, back before we — the collective we — put aside childish things and let adulthood take hold. Before the mundane obscured the magical. Maddy and Owen are miserable middle-schoolers; she because Dad is loud and violent, he because Dad is cold and controlling. They bond over and take comfort in watching *The Pink Opaque*, a show that is supposedly for kids, but way too complicated and creepy for that to be true. The show's heroines are up against Mr. Melancholy, a moon man whose chief weapon is self-forgetting. Hardly the enemy of children; more like the enemy of childhood. After the show gets cancelled, Maddy disappears; her reappearance years later forces a reckoning. What she says is impossible; what she asks is terrifying. And yet, Owen says early on that he knows something is wrong with him, and Justice Smith's performance makes that clear. Whether it's anything more than simply being a person is less so. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**Thelma** — There is a moment near the middle of writer-director Josh Margolin's geezer crowd-pleaser



**Thelma:** An action-packed quest for justice.

that perfectly melds its sometimes desperately disparate tones, namely: a touching but not too sweet meditation of aging, its attendant losses, and the right response to both and a funny but not too far-fetched riff on *Mission: Impossible*. (If Tom Cruise refuses to age, why not June Squibb, or at least her nonagenarian character, Thelma Post?) The widow Post has been scammed via phone, but she has an address where she's sent the money, and stops off at her very old friend Mona's for some equipment to aid in its recovery. She finds her old travel buddy much diminished, content to sit in her chair, watch birds

on TV, and wage a losing but worthwhile war against the encroaching roaches. There is sadness and not a little horror at Mona's plight, but there is also steel in her voice and a sparkle in her eye when she acknowledges her enemy and says that she must choose her battles. Choosing a battle of her own, Thelma sneaks upstairs to execute her version of Cruise dropping through the ceiling to steal a computer disk. Drama, meet action-comedy. For much of the rest of the film, however, it's back and forth between one or the other. Both are largely successful if you don't push them too hard, which should be easy enough: this is

a movie that works hard to please, and often succeeds. The old-folks tech — iPhone compatible hearing aids, life-alert bracelets, a sweet electric scooter, etc. — is put to good use, as are the old folks themselves. Squibb is almost unbelievably lively and sharp, and Richard Roundtree serves as a fine, sober counterpoint to her "age is just a number" attitude. Fred Hechinger as the grandson is smartly employed for the sake of cross-generational appeal; he may be a bit of a failure, but the film's flubbed ending isn't his fault. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



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## Surf rock scion makes 'em sway

Tourmaline is a legendary surf spot nestled between Windansea and North Pacific Beach; longboarders flock to it for its mellow break. So if you're familiar with San Diego surfing culture, you'd probably think that a band named The Tourmaliners would be into surfing. And you'd be right, as guitarist Deven Berryhill confirms. "The drummer, John [MacElwee], and I are the ones that continue to surf. Matt [Clowmintzer], our bass player, grew up in Point Loma, so he surfed and all that. Joe [Dameron], our guitarist, went to La Jolla High School and is from Bird Rock, so he grew up surfing. We all have surfing in our DNA." The band's sound reflects that.

Further, surf music's reverb-drenched guitars likely played a larger role in Berryhill's upbringing than they did for most of the other kids on his block. His father, Bob Berryhill, is a founding member of The Surfaris and co-author of their hit "Wipe Out." "I was just so enamored by my dad's playing that I loved it from the minute I heard it as a small child," he says. "The whole surf music thing for me was easy to enjoy because it was fun — and that was what music was for me. I didn't know much other stuff until I went out and discovered it on my own."

Though he's a native of Orange County, the majority of Berryhill's musical journey took place here in San Diego, starting when he chose to attend Point Loma Nazarene College (now University).

There, he put together a campus band called Transcendence, and followed that with a couple of solo albums, work as a session musician, touring with a Canadian band called The Cry, and eventually forming a surf music trio with his brother and drummer



Tourmaliners want to make you smile.

Jake Najor (Big Daddy Kane, TV On the Radio) called Ice Cream Headache.

Everything came full circle for Berryhill when he and his brother joined their mother and father in a family-band version of The Surfaris in the early 2000s. Surfaris shows became Berryhill's main live musical fix until Frank Sciuto, owner of Tio Leo's Mexican Restaurant, pitched him on playing Tuesday nights at his venue. "I said, 'Sure.' I had my own home Pro-Tools studio and I had been demo-ing some surf songs on my own for a while. But I didn't have a band yet, even though I told him I did. I did have a couple friends that I had been jamming with here and there, so I called them up."

Fast-forward about six years, and the band has released two albums of originals and an LP of Christmas covers cobbled together remotely during Covid. Berry-

hill is especially proud of their latest release, *Surfidia*, which is the first true studio representation of the live lineup the band has had since 2019. Released on vinyl via local Pacific/Sharawaji Records, the album is accompanied by a music video for the track "Swanky" featuring Eddie Angel from Los Straitjackets.

The band's debut LP, *Tourmaline Dream*, was, according to Berryhill, "mostly just me playing most of the parts with some fill-in guys...we just called it The Tourmaliners.") Berryhill is quick to acknowledge the importance of having the full band contribute their skills and ideas, and cites it as the key to *Surfidia*'s success — including its win for Best Rock Album at the 2023 San Diego Music Awards.

This fall, look for a new Tourmaliners live LP featuring songs recorded over two nights at, you guessed it, Tio Leo's. Until then, the band will continue to carry on their once-

a-month Tuesday residency at the venue and pop up at other clubs around town. "Our hope is that we can bring happiness and joy into every moment," Berryhill says. "We get people coming up to us at the merch table saying 'Man, you brought a smile to my face, I got up and danced.' We're really a dance band. It's not the kind of dancing you see down at a club on Garnet where they are playing EDM. It's rock and roll. At the same time, we played the 710 Club a couple weeks ago, and it was people in their twenties. A lot of them didn't even know what we were doing, but they got up and moved and had a good time to it. It's a music that crosses all cultures."

— Dryw Keltz

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# THE GONZO REPORT

SPIKE STEFFENHAGEN

## A tribute to TV tunes

Turning into the Brady Bunch at The Jazz Lounge

"I opened this club, so I can do what I want," says Leonard Patton from the stage at The Jazz Lounge. He's flanked by pianist Aimee Nolte and bassist Antar Martin (San Diego Jazz Quintet, Coast Bop Quintet, Antar Martin Aggregation), and he's saying this as part of his introduction for a musical set the likes of which likely wouldn't be performed at any other club: television theme songs.

When I first meet Patton before the show, the trio is in the midst of rehearsing. (They'll finalize the set later in the green room over a pizza from Milos, which is walking distance from the club.) Patton himself is not on the stage at this point. Instead, the prolific singer and Guinness record holder for most consecutive shows in a 24-hour period (70) is vacuuming the club floor and directing staff for preparations. He handles every aspect of the venue's operations, from the sound to the

meals, which are ordered in from Terra American Bistro (my order of rigatoni Bolognese is delicious). He belts out melodies and runs through vocal scales in between bits of conversation, and never stops speaking to his staff like they're members of a team. He smiles, confident that everyone's invested in a common goal, and his people move like a ballet company in the close quarters, avoiding collisions with pirouettes that would make Pittsburgh Penguin Sidney Crosby blush.

I wonder how the table seating is going to work in these cramped quarters, even as I try to count the number of times I've walked past the nondescript club — part of a strip mall that also houses Little Fish Comic Studios, a hair place called The Shop SD, and Aphrodite, a rave clothing store — without even noticing it.

As the room gets closer to full, the sound level rises; I hear a lot of talk at polite volume about topics ranging from veganism to the weather. Occasionally, music gets mentioned. Even with my rock concert-induced tinnitus, I can make out the discussions, a testament to both the acoustics of the venue and the manners of the patrons. Once the set begins, the conversation between songs shifts to banter between the musicians and the audience. It



Leonard Patton doesn't have to demand attention — he attracts it.

plays like an extension of Patton's interaction with the club staff, quietly signaling that nobody in the room is more important than anyone else, that we're all there for the same reason. It's weirdly reminiscent of those punk shows where the line between performer and patron gets blurred. But while punks form their own bands overnight out of pure adrenaline and passion, the musicians on this stage have been honed by decades of practice, and my cursory knowledge of theory tells me that they make the difficult look easy because of it. For his part, Patton doesn't have to demand attention; he attracts it with his presence while seated on a *cajon*, keeping the beat.

As for the TV themes themselves, the shared bonds within a room full of people whose childhood schedule was formed around

television transcends the nostalgia of actually hearing the songs that introduced their shows. Case in point: the shout of "it's on" interrupting playtime when Nolte shares a memory of her grandfather watching *All In The Family*, and witnessing Archie Bunker's transformation as the world around him changed. When the trio performs the show's opening song "Those Were the Days," Nolte channels Jean Stapleton's Edith Bunker, while Patton delivers the accompanying lines in his own distinctive voice.

As part of the tribute, they play "Suicide Is Painless" from *M.A.S.H.*, albeit without the depressing lyrics, in order to keep the mood upbeat. A wise choice, and appropriate, because the lyrics were heard only in the film, not on the television show that ran longer than the war it depicted.

Antar Martin doesn't speak often, instead letting his notes do the talking. But he receives a roar of approval when someone yells out "Law and Order," and he plays the opening by himself as Nolte and Patton laugh and applaud along with the audience. There's more laughter when he cites playing it innumerable times in high school as the reason for his instant recall.

After the set, the room seems just as populated, but not cramped. Art is transformative magic and has turned an anonymous strip shop to a cozy music joint, close quarters to intimacy, and strangers to friends. In the process, we all became the Brady Bunch for a short but mystical time. ■

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Friday, 8pm — Saved By The 90s and Radio Thieves. \$22-\$25.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Al Stewart. \$50-\$88.

**Black Cat Bar:**  
Friday, 8:30pm — Indica Decay and Sugar Brown. \$4-\$5.

**Books & Records:**  
Friday, 7pm — The Garners Trio. **Free.**  
Saturday, 7pm — Irving Flores. **Free.**  
Sunday, 11am — Brunch with Kaylee Daugherty. **Free.**

Wednesday, 6pm — Antar Martin & Ian Patrick Cler. **Free.**

**Brick Hotel:**  
Saturday, 8pm — Red & Ted. **Free.**

**Brick by Brick:**  
Saturday, 7:30pm — Wacken Metal Battle National Finals. \$12-\$15.  
Tuesday & Wednesday, 7:30pm — Death to All and Cryptopsy. \$35-\$40.

**Cannonball:**  
Tuesday, 5pm — Jemille Viate.

**Casbah:**  
Thursday, 7pm — Justin John Rodriguez and Sutton James.  
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Saturday, 7:30pm — Very Be Careful and Ritmos Tropicocosmos. \$20.  
Sunday, 7:30pm — The Dollyrots and Go Betty Go.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Eric Schroeder and Sam Ritchie. \$10.  
Wednesday, 8:30pm — Crashing Wayward, MotoKill, D99.

**City Heights Performance Annex:**  
Saturday, 11:30am — Music En La Calle. **Free.**

**Del Mar Fairgrounds:**  
Sunday, 7:30pm — Pancho Barraza.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Smokey Robinson.

**Duck Foot Brewing Company:**  
Thursday, 6pm — Keep On Duckin'.  
Sunday, 1pm — Sunday Bluegrass Jam.  
Tuesday, 7pm — SD Jazz Collective Jam.

**Duke's La Jolla:**  
Friday, 3pm — Orion Song.  
Sunday, 4pm — Keni Yarbrow.  
Tuesday, 4pm — Kai Kalama.

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:**  
Friday, 6pm — David Shyde.  
Sunday, 4pm — Jason Graham.  
Tuesday, 6pm — Tyler F. Simmons.  
Wednesday, 6pm — Kristi Krause.

**Farmer & the Seahorse:**  
Saturday, 11am — Jonny Tarr.

**First United Methodist Church of San Diego:**  
Sunday, 12:15pm — Pride Celebration & Concert. **Free.**

**Golden Island:**  
Friday, 6pm — The Grinnells. **Free.**

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## HEAVY HAWAII at Soda Bar

JUNE 21



Heavy Hawaii was formed in 2009 by guitarist Matt Bahamas (née Barajas), who formerly played in Fantastic Magic with future Wavves frontman Nathan Williams (who played mandolin). Heavy Hawaii were nominated Best New Artist at the San Diego Music Awards in 2010, and the band's video for "Boy Don't Drown" took home a trophy for Best Video at the 2021 SDMAS. The bill includes Keepers and Permissive Rot.

## WACKEN METAL BATTLE at Brick By Brick

JUNE 22



Established in 2004, the Wacken Metal Battle international band contest seeks to bring new talent from all over the world to local stages, with the winners performing in a large festival setting. The Linda Vista edition features Cascade Effect, Father Wolf, Versipul, Prime Prophecy, WarTroll, and Fadrait. The latter group, a progressive death metal outfit, won last year's Wacken competition, earning a trip to Germany to perform as representative of the USA.

## SAN DIEGO SMOOTH JAZZ FESTIVAL at Rady Shell

JUNE 22 AND 23



The sixth annual San Diego Smooth Jazz Festival features outdoor events and a wide variety of cuisine and drink selections, as well as a day of soft Lights Out-style jazz. Hosted by Eric Darius, the lineup includes Boney James, Gregory Porter, Kenny Lattimore, Spyro Gyra, Pieces of a Dream, Alex Bugnon, Will Donato, Blake Aaron, Jeff Ryan, and Greg Manning.

## TASHA SMITH GODINEZ at Musicians Union Hall

JUNE 23



La Mesa harpist Tasha Smith Godinez grew up in San Diego's East County and attended San Diego State for her bachelor's degree before heading off to France to study at the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. She returned to San Diego State for her master's and eventually became an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego. She will debut her album *A New Day* accompanied by Domenico Hueso on viola and electric bass, percussionist Christopher Garcia, and vocalist, Leonard Patton.

## DEATH TO ALL at Brick By Brick

JUNE 25 AND 26



Death To All features several former members of Death alongside players from Cynic, Testament, and Dark Angel. June 25 will find the band playing Death's entire *Scream Bloody Gore* album, as well as a selection of old school tracks from *Leprosy* and *Spiritual Healing*. The June 26 show includes *The Sound of Perseverance* album played in full. The bill includes Cryptopsy.

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**L'Auberge Del Mar:**  
Thursday, 5pm — David Shyde.  
Saturday, 7pm — Jesse Johnson.  
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Wednesday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

**La Jolla Community Center:**  
Friday, 7pm — Blues & Rock'n Roll Dance Night. \$15-\$25.  
Friday, 12pm — Concerts in the Courtyard. **Free.**

**La Valencia Hotel:**  
Thursday, 5:30pm — Shea Givens.  
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.  
Saturday, 6pm — David Shyde.

**Landings at Carlsbad:**  
Saturday, 6pm — West of 5. **Free.**

**Loews Coronado Bay Resort:**  
Saturday, 7pm — Tolan Shaw.

**Magnolia Performing Arts Center:**  
Tuesday, 7pm — Todd Rundgren.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Drive-By Truckers.

**Mission Bay Resort:**  
Thursday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.  
Friday, 6pm — Andrew Peña.  
Saturday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.  
Sunday, 6pm — Rachel Jay.  
Monday, 6pm — Marelle.  
Tuesday, 6pm — Blaise Guld.  
Wednesday, 6pm — Kai Kalama.

**Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:**  
Thursday, 8:30pm — Ghostriders Country Band.

## IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

### Singing the praises of choral king Robert Shaw

I've spent the better part of a week listening to recordings of Robert Shaw conducting choral masterpieces. While Shaw has not retained his status as a classical music household name, his recordings are definitely definitive when it comes to the chorus.

Strangely, in some of the more critically acclaimed recordings of these masterpieces, it sounds as if the chorus were an afterthought. Herbert von Karajan was the worst offender in this regard. But the chorus was primary when Shaw conducted a choral piece.

Shaw has something of a San Diego connection. He served as the music director of the San Diego Symphony for four years, starting in 1953. He also made guest appearances with the San Diego Symphony in the early 1990s. I dimly recall sneaking into one of his rehearsals with the Symphony at Brown Chapel on the campus of Point Loma Nazarene University. I'm not sure why the rehearsal was held there, because the acoustics in Brown Chapel

are God-awful — perhaps even satanic.

Shaw first came to the nation's attention in 1948, when his chorus performed Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* with Arturo Toscanini conducting the NBC Symphony Orchestra. Shaw immediately became Toscanini's favorite chorus master. The 1951 performance of Verdi's *Requiem* with Toscanini and The Robert Shaw Choral is a prime example of their collaboration.

From 1956 to 1967, Shaw was the assistant conductor to the legendary George Szell at The Cleveland Orchestra. During his tenure, he took over The Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and turned the volunteer group into a powerhouse. The evidence of their excellence can be heard in a 1967 performance of Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis*, with Szell conducting the chorus that Shaw prepared for him.

Shaw took on the mantle of music director for The Atlanta Symphony from 1967 to 1988. He recorded extensively on the Telarc

label. While his recording of the Verdi *Requiem* doesn't compare to Toscanini and his *Missa Solemnis* doesn't exceed Szell's, there are several fantastic choral recordings available from Shaw and Atlanta. The first one that comes to mind is Johannes Brahms *German Requiem*. I know this piece is supposed to belong to venerable Germanic geniuses such as Szell or Otto Klemperer, but the chorus is so damn good with Shaw. Also, soprano Arleen Auger is out of this world on Shaw's recording.

There is also an exquisite recording of the requiems by Gabriel Faure and Maurice Duruflé. The Faure



Robert Shaw: when he conducted a choral piece, the chorus was primary.

*Requiem* is one of the most performed choral pieces of all time, and Shaw's is special because — again — the chorus is perfect.

There are also two recordings worth hearing that we might not immediately identify as music that Shaw would perform. One is Gustav Mahler's *Symphony No. 8* and

the other is the *Vespers* by Sergei Rachmaninoff. If you've never heard either of them, Shaw's performances are the best place to start. Russian recordings of the *Vespers* can be raw and abrasive, but Shaw's choral sound is always smooth. And Mahler's Eighth is a beast, but Shaw's chorus is a beauty.

## Classical Music this week

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**Pechanga Arena San Diego:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Reik.

**Pour House:**  
Saturday, 9pm — Sol Remedy and Doah's Daydream. **Free.**

**Rady Shell at Jacobs Park:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Kool & the Gang.  
Saturday & Sunday, 5pm — San Diego Smooth Jazz Festival.

**San Diego Civic Theatre:**  
Friday, 7:30pm — Intocable.

**San Pasqual Wine Bar and Gallery:**  
Saturday, 7pm — Barrel Room Sessions: Dub Station Zero. **Free.**  
**Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve:**  
Saturday, 5pm — Summer Jams on Deck — Gregory Drilling.

**Soda Bar:**  
Thursday, 7:30pm — Kate Yeager. \$15.  
Friday, 7:30pm — Heavy Hawaii and Permissive Rot. \$10.  
Saturday, 8pm — Semi-Charmed Kinda Night: 90s Party.  
Sunday, 7pm — Twin Oaks and The Lylacs. \$15.  
Monday, 7:30pm — Sparta. \$29.  
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Thursday, 8pm — Lanco at the River.  
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Thursday, 6:30pm — Santee Summer Concert: Upstream. **Free.**

**Viejas Arena:**  
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# Mussel music

*“Looks more like a bistro than any bistro on Boulevard St. Germain in Paris.”*

It's not often that a restaurant commissions a song in honor of itself. But Marcos Luciano, the Mexico City-born restaurateur who took over Dobson's Bar and Restaurant from the man himself, Paul Dobson, decided the place's 40th anniversary was an event worthy of a musical celebration. He played it for me during a recent happy hour visit: *Come try our mussel bisque/It's our signature dish/Over one million sold/It'll touch you right down to your soul... At Dobson's, we treat you just like gold.*

A little cute, but it grows on you. Just like Dobson's. It's old-world but cool. No, wait — warm. Everything about the place is warm. This one Yelper I'm checking out, Ron W., nails it: “a two-story



Marcos Luciano, owner of Dobson's



Singapore visitor Denis Tse approves of his mussel bisque en croute.



Diana with her French Onion Soup. Just to prove it's not all about mussel bisque.

Shotgun Shack that has been Frenchified.” On the button, Ron! The space, long and narrow and divided by stairs, is “totally tricked out in Bistro Chic,” Ron writes, adding that it “looks more like a bistro than any bistro on Boulevard St. Germain in Paris.” It has the carved wood bar, the subway-tiled floor, the textured walls, and, well, the bistro feeling that Paul Dobson brought back with him from his time in France and Spain.

It was 1983, and Dobson was determined to create a *simpatico* businessman's lunch joint in the food desert that was Downtown. To provide something that this town's political, business, and chattering classes sorely needed: a place to sit down and, well, chat. “You may notice,” says Marcos, “we have no TVs. This is a talking bar. So when you come here, you get a nice drink, and...you talk! You talk to people. And that's what it's all about. There's not that many restaurants in downtown where you do that.” You also eat. Some might even argue that the real treasure Paul Dobson brought back from his bullfighting stints around Europe was recipes.

I meet up with Marcos the way you do at this place, simply because he's nursing a drink where the bar J-tails to the right. He's the owner now, but as he says, “it's still the same” as when Dobson owned it. “It's still Paul Dobson's mussel bisque, Mediterranean mussels. We're still with our beautiful menu. We're very famous for the mussel bisque. As popular as always. The sourdough bread is still the same. Everything is the same.” And it looks like everybody wants it to stay that way: a kind of Movers and Shakers Central that neither moves nor shakes with the times. Not that it's sleepy, mind you. Many's the Friday I have come in and found the place rockin' with way-articulate policy wonks, lubricated by likker, going at it over who said what that afternoon, or arguing some piece of legislation like this was the Supreme Court — if you were allowed to drink in the Supreme Court.

“As you can see,” says Marcos, “there are a lot of plaques on the walls, with the names of all the politicians you can imagine, from councilmembers to mayor.” I spot a plaque signed by Mayor Todd Gloria that starts, “Whereas Paul Dobson is a Distinguished Restaurateur...”

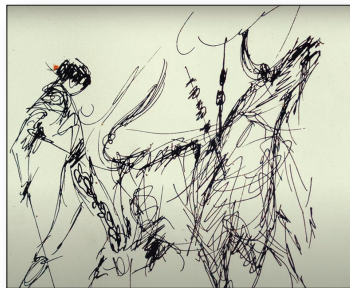
“But is it true,” I ask Marcos, “that you have sold over a million of those mussel bisques over the years? Really?” “Really.”

So cool for So Cal. I'm part of that million. I've also had the steamed Mediterranean mussels, which I love basically because they come swimming in that deee-lish coconut curry, garlic, and white wine sauce. Here at the bar during happy hour (4-7pm), they're \$18,

about the top price for HH. And of course, have to have snails. *Escargots a la Bourguignonne*, which I also love, go for \$14. But hey hey! That million-seller mussel bisque *en croute*, with lobster and shrimp in puff pastry, is yours for just \$10. And of course, that includes the long gloop of sherry they pour into the hole they make in the top of the *croute* when they bring it to the table. (The name “bisque”? Might come from “bis-cuit = twice-cooked.” Or maybe — jury's still out — it refers to mussels from the famously stormy Bay of Biscay. “*Croute*”? Think “crust.”)

Actually, Happy Hour has quite a rich posse of not-quite-cheap, but still attractive dishes: Dobson's Bar Room Burger on Brioche goes for \$14; Brie *en croute* with dried fruits and roasted beet salad is \$16; fish and chips, \$15; honey sriracha chicken wings, \$10; pizza, \$14; octopus tostada, \$16. Not the cheapest. But when I think about it, prices are zooming skywards in every restaurant in town, so maybe these are reasonable after all.

But here's the tricky bit: I've had to pop down



Paul Dobson was a bullfighter when he wasn't a restaurateur. One of his art pieces.



Finishing touch: Pouring the sherry into the hot mussel bisque.

to Kiwiland, so I call my friend Diana for state-side tasting assistance. “Lady Di! Feel like sampling some mussels in coconut curry at Dobson's? I need someone to tell me if they are up to scratch. Can you help me out?”

Silence. Then: “If I can bring a visitor from Singapore,” she says. “Denis. International business. Very sophisticated foodie. Has eaten all over the world. Can you handle that? In town tonight. Have to entertain.” Meaning, is Dobson's up to the challenge?

“Perfect!” I say. “Bring him on!”

Three hours later, my phone vibrates in my pocket. “Look at your messages!” Diana shouts down the line. “I'm taking video.” And now there's

a pic of this guy Denis, chomping into his mussel bisque's feathery golden crust. For a moment he says nothing, and then he breaks out a big smile across his face “Very delicious!” he says into the phone.

“As good as Singapore?” asks Diana.

“As good,” he says.

“Rare praise,” says Diana. “But what's that music?”

Marcos must have put the Dobson's song back on behind her. It comes right through. *Come try our mussel bisque/It's our signature dish/Over one million sold/It'll touch you right down to your soul... ■*

**The Place:** Dobson's Bar and Restaurant, 956 Broadway Circle, downtown, 619-231-6771

**Hours:** 11.30am-3pm daily (lunch); 4pm-9.30pm Dinner; happy hour, 4-7pm, Monday to Saturday; Closed Sunday  
**Happy Hour Prices:** Mediterranean mussels in coconut curry, garlic, white wine sauce, \$18; *escargots a la Bourguignonne*, \$14; mussel bisque *en croute* (with lobster, shrimp, puff pastry, cream sherry, \$10; Dobson's Bar Room Burger on Brioche, \$14; Brie *en croute* with dried fruits and roasted beet salad, \$16; fish and chips, \$15; honey sriracha chicken wings, \$10; bar pizza, \$14; octopus tostada, \$16

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**Barrio Star:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday,* 3:30-6pm: \$6.50 beer, \$8.50 wine, \$8.50 sangria, \$8.50 michelada, \$10 margarita, \$20 margarita flight, \$8 well drink, \$8 well shot. \$5 Tacos a la Carte, \$5 Barrio Cucumbers, \$8 Chicken Chipotle Wings, \$8 Pequeño Bowl. *Tuesday,* 2-6pm: \$6.50 beer, \$8.50 wine, \$8.50 sangria, \$8.50 michelada, \$10 margarita, \$20 margarita flight, \$8 well drink, \$8 well shot. \$5 Tacos a la Carte, \$5 Barrio Cucumbers, \$8 Chicken Chipotle Wings, \$8 Pequeño Bowl.

## BAY PARK

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

## CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

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

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

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

## CLAIREMONT

**Vinya:** vino + vinyasa: *Daily,* 4-6pm: \$6 pints, \$8 house wines, \$10 food items

## CORONADO

**Brigantine Coronado:** *Daily,* 3-6pm: \$1 off all draft beer, well drinks, and featured wine by the glass, \$4 sparkling wine glass.

## BOOZE NEWS

BY MATTHEW FLYNN

### Two breweries, two hops, one beer

Collaborations are common among many of San Diego's best breweries, but **The Original 40 Brewing Company** and **TapRoom Beer Company** have found a way to incorporate a little friendly competition into a cross-promotional tactic. Soo Breezy West Coast Pale Ale is a "Side-by-Side Trial Beer" that each brewery made using the same recipe — including the new Gambrinus IPA malt that, so far, had not been widely available — but with different Amarillo hops.

The Original 40 version of Soo Breezy added T90 Amarillo from Virgil Gamache Farms, while TapRoom used Flowable Amarillo from Totally Natural Solutions. Perhaps

the most notable difference between the two hops is that the T90 Amarillo comes in pellet form, while Flowable Amarillo is an extract.

Steven Terán, a brewer at Original 40, explains that the idea for the collaboration originated with the **Brewers Supply Group** (BSG), "The craft beer industry is an ever-evolving entity, and new products and/or procedures are always being put out to market for brewers to use outside of lab settings. Brewers Supply Group has been working with **Gambrinus Malting Company** to develop this new malt specifically tailored for IPA/hop-forward beers. When something like that happens, reps from these companies reach out to accounts to ask if they would be willing to incorporate a collaboration brew into their already busy brew schedule. The breweries that are able to accommodate have the opportunity to be one of the first people to try these new products and give performance feedback to the companies."

Both versions of the West Coast Pale Ale



The Original 40 version of Soo Breezy.

come in at 5.4% ABV and are golden yellow with a light orange hue. Original 40's Soo Breezy boasts a bouquet of tangerines and tropical citrus with hints of apricot and melon, along with a mellow pine dankness to balance it out. TapRoom's Soo Breezy, on the other hand, features a clean expression of pine and citrus rind and a subtle mango sweetness.

Both breweries located in North Park, a mere 1.5 miles apart, so it would not be difficult



Original 40's Steven Teran, brewing up something special

will be as eager as we were to try the two takes on the beer. We want to hear from everyone who visits San Diego's great craft beer hub of North Park."

Soo Breezy is available on tap at TapRoom and Original 40 and available in four-packs of 16-oz cans at Original 40.

For more craft booze news, see [sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news](http://sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news)

## DEL MAR

**Tocaya Modern Mexican:** *Monday-Friday,* 3-6pm: \$3 Cervezas, \$6 wine, \$2 off all margaritas. Select bites starting at \$2.

## DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

**Carnitas' Snack Shack — Embarcadero:** *Tuesday,* 3pm-5pm: \$8 well drinks, \$10 craft cocktails, \$2 off all draft beers. Three tacos for \$13 all day.

**Cheesecake Factory Downtown:** *Monday-Friday,* 4-6pm: \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

**Knotty Barrel:** *Monday, Friday,* 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines. *Tuesday,* 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines. Half off craft beer all day. *Wednesday,* 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, half off wine bottle all day. *Thursday,* 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, half off wine bottles all day.

**The Tippy Crow:** *Monday-Thursday,* 3-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary). *Friday-Saturday,* Noon-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary).

**Werewolf American Pub:** *Monday-Friday,* 3-5pm: Crappie Hour: Guests roll the dice and if they roll a "5" and a "3" they get 35% off their entire bill. Lowest number first. A guest can roll up to 66% off their entire bill.

**Whiskey Girl:** *Monday,* 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Stella, \$5 select wine, \$6 Don Julio Tequila. *Tuesday,* 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Dox XX, \$5 select wine, \$6 El Jimador Tequila. *Wednesday,* 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Firestone Walker 805, \$5 select wine, \$6 Sailor Jerry. *Thursday,* 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$3 Truly Hard Seltzer, \$4 wells, \$5 select wine, \$5 Patron Tequila.

## EAST VILLAGE

**Bay City Brewing Co East Village:** *Monday-Tuesday,* 3-5pm: Half off drinks. *Wednesday,* 3-5pm: Half off drinks. All night: Half off wings. *Thursday,* 3-5pm: Half off drinks. All night: \$15 pizza and a pint. *Friday,* 3-5pm: Half tab.

## EASTLAKE

**The Cheesecake Factory Eastlake:** *Monday-Friday,* 4-6pm: \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

## ENCINITAS

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

## ESCONDIDO

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

## HILLCREST

**Cork & Stem:** *Wednesday-Sunday,* 4-6pm: \$2 off wine & beer, \$35 bottle & board special, \$13 flatbreads.

## JACUMBA

**Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday,* 3-5pm: \$5 draft beers, \$7 house wine, \$8 mules, wells, and margaritas, \$9 shot-and-a-beer. \$5 off food menu. *Tuesday,* All day: \$5 draft beers, \$7 house wine, \$8 mules, wells, and margaritas, \$9 shot-and-a-beer. \$5 off food menu.

## KENSINGTON

**Kensington Brewing Company:** *Wednesday-Friday,* 4-6pm: \$1 off pints

## LA JOLLA

**Spiro's Mediterranean Cuisine:** *Daily,* 3-6pm: \$2 off wine and beer.

## LA MESA

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

## LAKESIDE

**Eastbound Bar & Grill:** *Tuesday-Friday,* 2-5pm: \$2 off all house cocktails, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 micro drafts.

## LEMON GROVE

**Dirk's Niteclub:** *Daily,* 4pm-7pm: \$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails.

## LIBERTY STATION

**Bottlecraft Liberty Station:** *Monday-Friday,* 3-6pm: \$3 Original 40 Tell Me Mo Pale Ale can, \$4 Three Sons amber ale can, \$6 Original 40 porter draft, \$7 house white or red, \$8 Boulevardier cocktail.

## LITTLE ITALY

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

## MIRAMAR

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

## MISSION BEACH

**Miss B's Coconut Club:** *Friday,* 3-6pm: \$7 daiquiris and mojitos.

## MISSION HILLS

**Shakespeare Pub & Grille:** *Monday-Friday,* 3-7pm: All draught pints (excluding cask, \$6 Anytime, and Black Velvet) and bottled beer \$1 off. well liquor \$4.50, \$5 house wine, appetizers \$5.95-\$7.95.

## MISSION VALLEY

**Cheesecake Factory Mission Valley:** *Monday-Friday,* 4-6pm: \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

## NORMAL HEIGHTS

**Sycamore Den:** *Daily,* 5-6pm: \$1 off draft beer, \$1 off wine, \$2 off specialty cocktails

## NORTH PARK

**619 Spirits North Park:** *Monday,* \$10 martinis all day. 3-6pm: \$8 draft cocktails, \$2 off any draft beer or wine or cocktail, \$60 cocktail towers, \$10 apps. *Tuesday, Thursday-Friday,* 3-6pm: \$8 draft cocktails, \$2 off any draft beer or wine or cocktail, \$60 cocktail towers, \$10 apps. *Wednesday,* 3-6pm: \$8 draft cocktails, \$2 off any draft beer or wine or cocktail, \$60 cocktail towers, \$10 apps. 3pm-close: \$30 New York strip, salad or soup and side. *Saturday-Sunday,* 9am-3pm: \$9 mimosas and brunch menu.

## OCEAN BEACH

**Lucy's Tavern:** *Monday-Friday,* 12pm-6pm: \$5 Espolon blanco, \$5 Mellow corn, \$5 Skrewball, \$1 off wells and pitchers. All day \$7 12oz PBR or BUD cans & mellow corn whiskey shot. *Saturday-Sunday,* All day: \$7 12 ounce PBR or BUD cans & mellow corn whiskey shot.

## OCEANSIDE

**Rockin' Baja Lobster — Oceanside:** *Monday-Friday,* 3-6pm: \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot, \$5.50 Jameson shot, house margaritas, \$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels, Grey Goose.

## OLD TOWN

**Home & Away:** *Monday, Wednesday-Friday,* 3-6pm: \$1 off glass of wine, draft and bottled beer, well drinks, \$3 to \$6 off specialty cocktails. \$2.75 tacos. *Tuesday,*

for people to visit each and do their own assessments of the differences between the two ales. Original 40's Head Brewer, Zack Kaplan, encourages precisely this, "We hope beer enthusiasts will head to North Park and try both versions of the beer. We would love for everyone to give us feedback, something we as brewers are always looking for. We always want to grow and improve for our fans."

Dan Cady, Head Brewer at TapRoom, agrees, "We just think there is something so cool about Soo Breezy. We hope everyone

3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

## PACIFIC BEACH

**710 Beach Club:** *Tuesday,* 6pm-close: 2 for 1 tequila shots, \$5 Margs, \$4 Dos XX & Pacifico's, 2 tacos for \$7.10. *Wednesday,* 7pm-close: 2 for 1 whiskey shots, \$5 chicken tenders. *Thursday,* 7:30pm-close: \$5 beers. *Sunday,* 7:30pm-close: \$7.10 slushies

## POINT LOMA

**Catalina Lounge:** *Monday-Friday,* 3pm-7pm: \$1 off beer & wine, \$5 Espolon blanco, \$5 Highest bourbon, \$5 Skrewball. All day \$7 Estrella lager & Mellow corn whiskey combo. *Saturday-Sunday,* All day \$7 Estrella lager & Mellow corn whiskey combo.

**The Wine Pub:** *Daily,* 4-6pm: \$5 craft beers on draft, \$5 select red and white wines.

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego:** *Friday,* All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24.

## SAN CARLOS

**Navajo Live:** *Monday-Thursday, Sunday,* 4-7 pm: \$3 well drinks, \$3 domestic beer, \$1 off all other alcoholic beverages

## SAN MARCOS

**Churchill's Pub and Grill:** *Monday-Friday,* 4-7pm: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells. *Sunday,* All day: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells.

## SOLANA BEACH

**Carruth Cellars:** *Monday-Friday,* 2-6pm: \$3 off glasses, \$5 off bottles of wine.

## UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

**Rare Society:** *Wednesday-Sunday,* 5-6pm: \$5 drafts, \$8 select wines and select cocktails. \$16 half-dozen oysters, \$32 one dozen oysters, other food specials.



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Fictitious Business Name(s): a. The Cutie Cart

Located at: 350 W. Ash St. Unit 802, San Diego, CA 92101, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 350 W. Ash St. Unit 802, San Diego, CA 92101

Registered Owners Name(s): PR In Person, Inc.

This business is conducted by: Corporation. The first day of business was N/A.

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Registrant Name /s/ Ann M. Duke, President Corporation/LLC Name PR In Person, Inc. 6/13/2024, 6/20/2024, 6/27/2024, 7/4/2024

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Located at: 5113 Alpine Pl. Ste. 150, Las Vegas, NV 89107, Clark County

Mailing Address: 5113 Alpine Pl. Ste. 150, Las Vegas, NV 89107

Registered Owners Name(s): Apex Reliability Services LLC

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was N/A.

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**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE CHANGE OF NAME**  
Case No.: 37-2024-00024418- CU, PT- CTL  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego  
330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: Lee Edwin Gargel FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: Lee Edwin Gargel filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Lee Edwin Gargel to Glassy Lee Legrag

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 objecting 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 objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

### NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: 07/10/2024

Time: 08:30 am. Dept: C-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: 05/28/2024

Maureen F. Hallahan

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 identification, 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 information 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 holidays) 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.

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# Spiny mole crabs can be great bait for larger surf perch – A somewhat odd but very productive week for San Diego fishing

**Dock Totals 6/9– 6/15:** 3280 anglers aboard 139 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 4 barracuda, 1539 bluefin tuna (up to 244 pounds), 85 bocaccio, 154 bonito, 1814 calico bass, 9 halibut, 2 lingcod, 2920 rockfish, 66 sand bass, 73 sculpin, 77 sheephead, 31 triggerfish, 143 whitefish, 6 white seabass, 1 yellowfin tuna, and 82 yellowtail.

**Saltwater:** The number of anglers topped 3000 for the first time in 2024 this past week, and the bluefin tuna did not disappoint. With the fish still mostly gathered from off the Corner to down outside of Ensenada and ranging from 40 to well over 200 pounds, anglers were either schooled, spooled, or they got a fish on the deck. On the boats that ran into schools mixed in size, there was about one fish landed out of every three fish hooked.

Thirty-one triggerfish were also caught this past week, which is an oddity considering the water temps have been cooler than they have been over the past eight or nine years at this time of year. Triggerfish are more commonly found in warmer marine climates like the Sea of Cortez, and usually show during El Nino years if they show at all. Even then, we might only get one or two in any given week. Conversely, there were six white seabass caught that were over their 28-inch minimum size limit, and thus kept. Though this is the time of year they do start showing, we typically see only one or two in the weekly counts from local sport boats, at least over the past few years. The one yellowfin tuna in the counts is also an anomaly for early June, though we did see one very early in the year when the bluefin were biting strong in March before they slacked off for a month or so.

The strong tenacious red tide that developed along Southern California beaches over the past couple of weeks has put a bit of a damper on surf fishing. Red tides typically occur when phytoplankton bloom as water warms in the spring. Usually, these conditions are very localized and will last only a week, but this year's event has been widespread from the Mexican border to the beaches near Los Angeles, and has been hanging around for more than two weeks. Some of these plankton can be bioluminescent and create quite a show for viewers at night: when waves crash or fish swim through the plankton, the stirred water will glow bright neon blue. This event has not been so dramatic, as the bloom in the San Diego area is not the type that creates bioluminescence. Sea foam has been appearing along the beach, which is an indication of the algae dying off. That should be a signal of the end of the red tides.

As these blooms tend to pull oxygen out of the water when they are thick enough, fish will evacuate the area for cleaner environments. Thankfully, there haven't been any mass die-offs of bait fish found on the beaches, which is a sign of a toxic bloom. Toxic plankton blooms can affect marine life in the food chain from tiny crustaceans all the way up to marine mammals and seabirds. That said, it is probably a good idea to stay away from eating mollusks or fish that feed primarily in the surf zone until the situation clears up.



Where there are sand crabs, spiny mole crabs can be found as the tiny sand crabs are a part of their diet.



A nice chunky Barred surf perch caught while using pieces from a spiny mole crab.

Further south, along the beaches of Northern Baja, there have been fewer blooms and surf fishing has been very good. We did have a little bit of stained water here off of San Quintín, but that only lasted a few days, and the perch bite has been more consistent with the tide and conditions than anything else. Surf perch primarily feed on sand crabs and small clams that they can manage with the crushers located between the mouth and stomach that break down the hard shells of their prey. Sand worms are also on the perch's diet, though they are not as thick in population as sand crabs are along the beaches in the littoral zone out to the surf break where perch feed.

Ghost shrimp can also make good bait for perch, even though perch typically do not feed on them as they live in calmer water in bay mouths and into the back bays where perch typically do not venture. However, ghost shrimp are excellent bait for many inshore species found in the surf zone,

the rub is that they are very delicate and hard to keep on the hook when casting. Some anglers use thread to tie them on, but I typically just run the hook through the middle of the head and body and out through the backside of the tail and then cast very gently. Another naturally found bait that I have found works very well on perch is the spiny mole crab. Spiny mole crabs are much larger than their sand crab cousins and feature spines along their forward legs and body that can be very pokey if you dig for sand crabs with your feet while fishing as I do. Unlike sand crabs, spiny mole crabs also have an impressive pair of claws that can pinch very hard.

I like to check the very highest point of the swash after the tide drops to see what bits and pieces might be there to indicate what the fish are feeding upon. And when I do, I find a lot of leg pieces and carapaces of spiny mole crabs. Since I was finding them while digging for sand crabs, I decided to give them a shot. I found they are actually loaded with meat from the legs to the body, and if broken down correctly can be strung on to the hook. By cutting the crab in half long ways then crossways between each pair of legs I can get six to eight baits out of each spiny mole crab. The trick is to crush the leg shells just enough to allow them to bend with the curvature of the hook. Then, beginning towards the end of the leg back to where the body would be, I then string the hook through, with the point poking through the chunk of meat where the leg joins the body.

I have found that bait selection tends to make a difference in the size of perch I catch. I get more smaller perch on clams and artificial baits like small grubs and gulp sandworms, while most of my larger fish are caught on big sand crabs with roe, larger artificial baits such as spoons and crankbaits, and spiny mole crabs. Though the latter are not as commonly found on San Diego beaches, I find them in good numbers every day I fish along San Quintín's sandy shores during the lower tide phases.

Whether fishing the beaches, bays or boats offshore, they're out there, so go get 'em!

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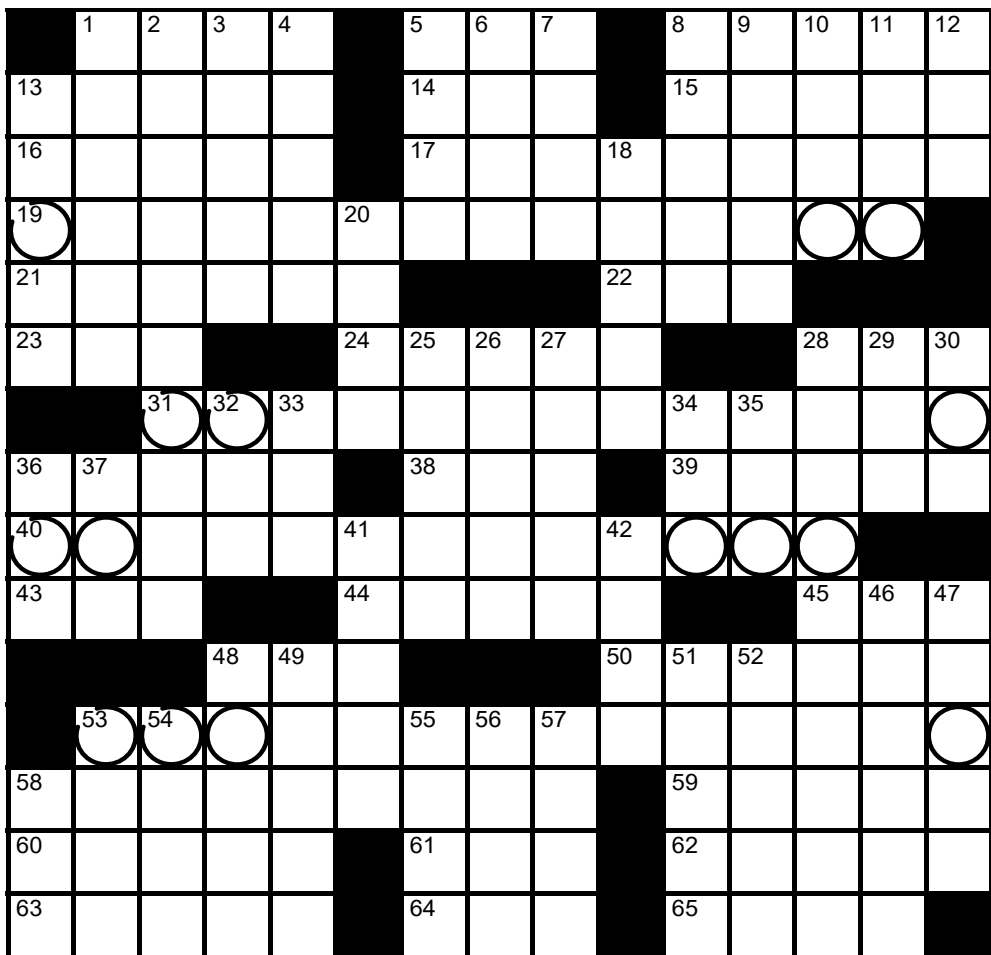
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1. Adoption org.  
5. Dallas player, for short  
8. Because of  
13. "Relax!"  
14. St. crosser  
15. Ambassador's assistant  
16. Religious leader's maxims (unrelated to late actor Robert)  
17. Fight back  
19. Night of amateur comedy or music, more formally  
21. 100% accurate  
22. Like the Woodsman of Oz

## Down

23. Hallow ender  
24. Licorice-scented herb  
28. TV network headquartered in Ottawa  
31. City between Cleveland and Akron which hosts an annual festival for multiple births  
36. All-encompassing  
38. Tire filler  
39. Schedule listing  
40. Shel Silverstein children's book that has drawn controversy  
43. Roll of grass  
44. More weird

45. "Grease" band \_\_\_\_ Na Na  
48. "Superstore" actor Feldman  
50. Be less strict  
53. Washington, for one  
58. Vince Gilligan, for "Better Call Saul"  
59. "Circle of Friends" novelist Binchy  
60. Native American emblem  
61. Long period of time  
62. Complete confusion  
63. Like some stares or brooks  
64. Miffed  
65. 'Rents, more rudely

## Down

1. "Ye Olde" establishment  
2. With feet turned in  
3. Gorillaz song "\_\_\_\_ Eastwood"  
4. Texas mission to "remember"  
5. "The Life and Slimes of \_\_\_\_ Summers" (solo performance from the host of "Double Dare")  
6. Positively profess  
7. Presidential bill blocker  
8. "New" capital  
9. Worker's organization  
10. Lemonheads lead singer Dando  
11. Carryall  
12. "\_\_\_\_ Como Va" (Santana song)  
13. Almost there  
18. More appropriate  
20. \_\_\_\_ instant

25. Anti-inflammatory drug acronym  
26. "\_\_\_\_ you, Nancy, from doing harm ..." (line from "The Craft")  
27. \_\_\_\_ pricing  
28. Green Bay Packers fan  
29. Recycling container  
30. Narrow bed  
32. Make like a happy tail  
33. "The Last King of Scotland" subject Amin  
34. Neighbor of Belg.  
35. "A Man Called \_\_\_\_" (Fredrik Backman novel turned into a Tom Hanks movie)  
36. "Dynamite" K-pop band  
37. 17th letter of the Greek alphabet  
41. Singer/songwriter Shepard who recurred on "Ally McBeal"

42. Not kosher, in Jewish dietary law  
46. \_\_\_\_ rancheros (Mexican breakfast)  
47. \_\_\_\_-ski (lodge lounging)  
48. President Martin Van \_\_\_\_  
49. Foe  
51. Transmission repair franchise with a "beep beep" ad  
52. "60 Minutes" reporter Lesley with an appearance in "Marcel the Shell With Shoes On"  
53. Arch location  
54. Eight, for starters?  
55. "Big-ticket" thing  
56. "You've Got Mail" director Ephron  
57. June honoree  
58. Dollar fractions, briefly

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**Creame de la Weird**

— On June 6, when Farida, 50, went missing from her village in South Sulawesi province in Indonesia, her husband and other residents started searching for her – but found only her belongings, the *Daily Mail* reported. They did, however, spot a "python with a large belly," village leader Suardi Rosi said. "They agreed to cut open the python's stomach. As soon as they did, Farida's head was immediately visible," he said. She was found fully clothed inside the python, which was about 20 feet long. Farida's husband, Noni, 55, lamented her fate: "I am forever sorry that I let my wife go out alone. If I had been with her that day, the snake would not have dared to touch her." Farida was taken away for a religious burial.

**Bright Ideas**

— The ancient statues at China's Yungang Buddhist Grottoes have taken a back seat to a new installation: timers installed above a row of toilet stalls in the women's restroom show whether the cubicle is occupied and, more controversially, how long the door has been locked. *CNN Travel* reported that the timers were installed to help mitigate the increased number of visitors: "We aren't setting a time limit ... It's impossible that we would kick someone out midway." But one user said, "I found it a little embarrassing. It felt like I was being monitored."

— On June 5, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, ex-mayor Cesar Maia, 78, took a seat to join a Zoom meeting of the city councilors, the

*Daily Mail* reported. Unfortunately, his seat was the toilet, and he was caught with his pants down on the video feed. Maia quickly brought his computer closer to his face, but his fellow councilors couldn't control their reactions. Pablo Mello, who was leading the meeting, is shown on the feed laughing into his hand before he asked Maia to "turn off the camera, please."

**Perspective**

— Real estate developer Sekisui House in Osaka, Japan, has announced that it will demolish a nearly completed new condominium building in Kunitachi, Tokyo Prefecture, because the structure is blocking neighbors' view of Mount Fuji. United Press International reported that the 10-story building was just weeks away from opening to new residents. "We were aware of the culture that values scenery, but we failed to consider it adequately," the company said. People who had bought condos will be compensated financially, they said.

**Animal Antics**

— Paisley Toten, 2, was riding in a pickup bed through the Fossil Rim Wildlife Center in Glen Rose, Texas, on June 1 with her parents when their interaction with the animals took an unexpected turn, the Associated Press reported. The family stopped their truck to feed a giraffe, but the giraffe nibbled instead on Paisley's shirt, lifting her several feet into the air. When Paisley's mom shouted, the giraffe dropped the tod-

dlar into her mother's arms, leaving her unhurt. After the incident, the park changed its rules to disallow riding in an open truck bed. Paisley got a stuffed giraffe from the gift shop for her trouble.

**End of an Era**

— If your July 4 traditions include watching Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Competition, steel yourself: Joey Chestnut is out. The contest in Coney Island has taken place since 1916; Chestnut has prevailed a total of 16 times, and every year since 2016, the *New York Post* reported. His record, set in 2021, was 76 dogs and buns. Sadly, Chestnut won't compete this year. Major League Eating (MLE), which runs the event for Nathan's, said Chestnut's recent deal with Impossible Foods to rep their vegan dogs was beyond the pale. "He's the Michael Jordan of competitive eating," a source said. "But imagine if Michael Jordan said to Nike, 'I love being the face of Nike, but I want to do commercials for Adidas, too.'" MLE commented, "It seems that Joey and his managers have prioritized a new partnership with a different brand over our longtime relationship."

**Crime Report**

— The Golden State Water Company in Los Angeles is installing locked shields over fire hydrants in some neighborhoods in response to a surge in thefts, CBS News reported on June 3. The company said the thefts happen daily; because the hydrants are made of iron and brass, company offi-

cials think they're being sold as scrap metal on the black market. Replacements cost \$3500 apiece; so far, the company has lost \$1.2 million. "It's mind-boggling that someone would just come into a neighborhood and steal a fire hydrant," said resident Krystail Cousins. "You're now putting a whole neighborhood in danger."

**Least Competent Criminals**

— Thanks to tracking devices in two Lamborghinis, a couple of car thieves are now in custody in Wyoming, KDVR-TV reported on June 12. The two supercars were stolen in Salt Lake City and headed east on I-80, where Wyoming State Patrol officers tracked them near Rawlins. When troopers caught up to them, one of the vehicles was going over 100 mph; both drivers were taken into custody.

— Christy Turman, 37, called 911 to let the Lee County (Florida) Sheriff's office know that she was trying to steal a car from a dealership, WFLA-TV reported on June 6. "I'm trying to steal a car that's not legally mine," she said on the call. "So y'all better come make a report." Sure enough, when deputies arrived, they found her getting out of a stolen Toyota Corolla. Turman said she was training in a game of Black Ops to nick the car, but she called authorities so it'd be legal. Joke's on her: she was arrested on trespassing charges.

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