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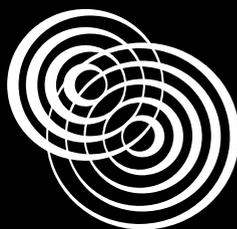
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

## THE BORDER

### Bus fuss

#### Migrants didn't board school's Route B, but they do ride jet skis

Migrants seeking to cross the border into the United States have used a great many means of transportation: jet skis, UTVs, vans with FedEx stickers, construction vehicles, SUVs with unauthorized Border Patrol decals, and even a Jeep that scaled a border wall ramp. Recently, a new and alarming vehicle of choice seemed to emerge: a school bus loaded with children.

On August 28, parents in the Jamul-Dulzura Union School District were shocked to learn that migrants had approached their children's school buses on Highway 94. In an email to families, Superintendent Liz Bystedt informed them that a group of migrants had even tried to board one of the buses. "Good morning, Route A and Route B Families," the email read. "It just came to my attention that this morning, a group of migrants tried to board Route B at one of the stops on the way back towards school." Bystedt then added that Route A had encountered a similar situation on the previous afternoon in the same area. Border Patrol, the sheriff's office, and the CHP were notified, and the incidents were brought under investigation.

The sheriff's office concluded that after speaking with witnesses, there was no evidence that the migrants intended to forcefully stop or enter the school buses. "At no point



Smugglers used a vehicle resembling a Border Patrol SUV with official-looking stickers.



A Jeep got stuck trying to scale the border fence.

area, sometimes using vehicles that resemble school buses. And while most online reactions expressed alarm over the migrants' actions, some commenters empathized. One user, joseperezsr420, remarked, "They confused the school bus with the big white bus the Feds use to transport them away from the border."

Jeremy, a firefighter and long-time Jamul resident, saw a screenshot of Bystedt's email circulating on Facebook, and was surprised he hadn't received it, since his child attends school in the same district. (Jamul is located about 20 miles east of downtown San Diego

and 24 miles northwest of Tecate, Mexico.) "I saw the screenshot online and wondered why we never got notified," he said. Jeremy also shared the screenshot on his social media and sent it to his friend, Mario Escovedo at CBS 8 News in San Diego. The story quickly gained attention across the U.S. and beyond. Only then did Jeremy receive the



"Man, I knew we should have taken the bus." Jet ski border crossers being apprehended at Sunset Cliffs.

did anyone other than the students attempt to board the bus or even come close to it," its statement read. The sheriff's office also noted that it's common for volunteers and charitable organizations to operate in the

district's official email about the bus incident.

During our interview, Jeremy and I perused screenshots of online posts showing a Jeep stuck on a ramp after scaling the border wall and another showing a vehicle resembling a Border Patrol SUV with official-looking stickers. He added, "I've also seen videos of [migrants] coming in on boats and jet skis." *911 Video News* reported on September 4 that U.S. Customs Maritime Patrol agents tracked a jet ski entering U.S. waters illegally from Baja. The jet ski headed toward Point Loma, where law enforcement was waiting. Three individuals were apprehended after attempting to flee up a staircase at Sunset Cliffs. Migrants have also arrived by other means, including pangas, pontoons, and sailboats. On August 29, a sailboat carrying five undocumented individuals landed at North Island near two docked aircraft car-



The city reckons the average cost per 911 call response is \$486.83 (fees included).

riers, reported *911 Video News*.

Jeremy noted, "Twenty years ago, you'd rarely see them, but now they walk the streets without much concern and get picked up by waiting cars just a few miles away." After reflecting on the situation, he told his eight-year-old son: "Some people come here for a better life, bringing their families with them. But others, like young men from the military or gangs, may have different intentions."

MIKE MADRAGA

EL CAJON

### "911, what's your non-emergency?"

#### City weighs options for dealing with crush of calls from care centers

El Cajon officials say the city is being swamped by 911 calls that aren't real emergencies — meaning, no one leaves in an ambulance or requires medical aid. Many of them come from skilled nursing facilities or psychiatric care homes. The city has 20 licensed group care facilities, which accounted for over 2700 such calls over the last fiscal year. On average, 7.5 calls per day summon the city's six engine, truck, or squad companies. Twelve of the top twenty addresses the fire department visited last year were group homes (the city calls them "congregate care facilities.") There were also 372 lift assist requests, most coming from private homes. "They have a huge demand on our services," city manager Graham Mitchell said at a recent meeting as the city council weighed options on how to end what they call "misuse" of public resources.

It's not always a simple matter of ignoring certain requests, however, especially when fragile seniors or mental health crises are involved. And California law requires licensed facilities to call 911 "if an injury or other circumstance has resulted in an imminent threat to a resident's health." However, the city wants skilled-care facilities to rely more on their own staff, rather than emergency services. The proposed solution? Giving the group homes a "bank" of calls. If a home goes over the allotted number, then fees kick in. How much? The city is considering charging according to the aver-

age cost per call: \$486.83. That reflects the amount of time for a captain, engineer and firefighter to respond; wear and tear on the vehicle; the actual 911 call the city gets charged for by Heartland; and another fee on top of those. If the city approves the idea, they'll be among the first to do so, Mitchell said. "We have not discovered anyone who's doing this right now. We would be on the cutting edge."

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Prior efforts to curb the call volume via educational outreach failed in 2022, after a city-conducted study showed that about 44 percent of calls from congregate care centers were non-emergencies. And the

911 system as part of their business plan," Mitchell said. Avocado Post Acute, a 120-bed nursing home with a record of abuse and neglect, had the most calls per bed at 324, but was one of six that decreased its call volume after 2022. Fourteen others have increased since then, some dramatically: VOA Carlton G. Luhman Center for Supportive Living, for example, went up 670 percent. (One of the challenges is the industry's extremely high

**"The minute they get a bill for \$29,000, now they have some incentive to do the low hanging fruit."**

city has already tried carrots as opposed to sticks, councilmember Phil Ortiz pointed out. Mitchell agreed that penalties would encourage some facilities to purchase new equipment, hire more staff, or make other needed changes. "The minute they get a bill for \$29,000, now they have some incentive to do the low hanging fruit."

The 2022 study revealed stark differences among the operators, about half of which were "heavy users." One facility had less than 10 percent of its 911 calls classified as non-emergencies, while three others were over 65 percent. "We have this range of operators, some of which are relying on the city's

turnover of operations staff, Mitchell added.)

Next, the city will seek feedback from operators as they consider how to charge the \$486 fee. Another option discussed by the council involved charging just \$243 per call for each call over the median number for all facilities. An appeal process was also considered, since many calls deemed non-emergency will likely be challenged.

Some of the facilities will just pass the costs along, objected councilmember Michelle Metscher. "I hate to see private pay patients get stuck with the extra bills, because I know that's what they're gonna do."

SHEILA PELL

## UNDER THE RADAR

### U-T's strange volleyball days

There was a time not long ago that the *Union-Tribune* was the mouthpiece for San Diego professional sports. In those old days, the paper hustled mightily for the Chargers, denying for two decades that the team and its billionaire Spanos family owners (of Stockton) were secretly planning to yank the team out of San Diego in favor of moving to a far more lucrative Los Angeles gig. Critics, including onetime city councilman **Bruce Henderson**, who dared speak the



Bruce Henderson: pilloried for warning of coming Chargers exodus.

about the scheme were pilloried in cascades of the paper's sports columns and editorials. Now comes the San Diego Smash, a pro volleyball team that has been linked to the head of the U-T's latest owner, Florida-based vulture capital outfit Alden Global Capital. The Smash received its rollout to the public via a September post on Instagram. "INTRODUCING TEAM SAN DIEGO SMASH," said the post. "Women's Duo: Toni Rodriguez & Geena Urango Men's Duo: Chase Budinger & Miles Evans. The San Diego Smash will make their debut on WEEK 1 at The UCLA Tennis Center on September 14th - 15th." The newspaper puffery role was reserved for Alden's *LA Daily News*, which introduced the new team to its readers on September 12, then reported on the Smash's initial outing versus the newly formed LA Launch at UCLA's Los Angeles Tennis Center two days later. "The Launch and the Smash gave fans the first three-set match of the AVP league season. It didn't disappoint as the teams were tied 14-14 in the third set, before Chase Budinger and Miles Evans were able to snag the victory for the Smash, relying on their experience to carry them through the final points."

For some reason though, the news failed to make the U-T, which reported nothing about the team's existence or successful up-the-road debut. Odder still, a full-page September 18 display ad touting an event that is set to be the Smash's first San Diego appearance doesn't mention the team at all. Rather, the copy touts something described only as "AVP LEAGUE WEEK 3, SEPT. 28- 29, VIJAS ARENA, SAN DIEGO, CA," without once using the word "volleyball." Reads the ad's headline: "AVP, SEE YOU ON THE SAND!" Otherwise the U-T has maintained radio silence. What gives? It could have something to do with avoiding any embarrassing coverage of AVP, otherwise known as the Association of Volleyball Professionals, which has been owned by sports gambling giant Bally's Corporation, which in 2021 acquired AVP as a way to grow

its sports betting platform. But a shakeup could soon be in the works, with the July news of a proposed multi-billion-dollar takeover of Bally's by global hedge fund Standard General. As a result, insiders speculate that Bally's may be ready to dump its expansive portfolio of so-called interactive sports assets, including AVP, as is demanded by other hedge funds with holdings in the company.

Enter Alden's honcho **Heath Freeman**, who in addition to being a widely vilified staff cutter at Alden's chain of American newspapers, including the U-T, owns a Pro Bull Riding league team called the Florida Freedom, according to the PBR website. Since that acquisition, reported to have happened in December 2022, the U-T has been running full-color display ads for the PBR similar to those now appearing for the AVP. Freeman has been on a sports spending binge of late, with plans to start a BIG3 professional basketball team in Miami, Florida next year. "BIG3 is a 3-on-3 professional basketball league co-founded by producer, actor, and music legend Ice Cube and entertainment executive Jeff Kwatinetz," per a June 17 online news release by the Sidley law firm. "Freeman will take ownership for the 2025 season." Continues the release: "He is also executive chairman of the AVP, the premier beach volleyball league in the world."

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KIEN

### Public employees pay for their higher pay

Campaign coffers for Measure E, San Diego mayoral Democrat **Todd Gloria's** bid to kick up the city's sales tax a point, continue to pour in from city hall special interests. Latest big givers include the Building Industry Association of San Diego County PAC, with \$10,000 on September 16, and Manpower of San Diego, owned by water board chairman **Mel Katz** and partner **Phil Blair**, with \$10,000 the same day. The Sycuan casino-and-downtown-hotel-owning tribe came up with \$25,000 on September 12. The tribe's Singing Hills Golf Resort gave \$9,500 on the same day, as did the Sycuan Tribal Development Corp. Labor union AFSCME Local 127 Issues PAC gave \$5,000 September 11. A whopping \$500,000 came September 16 from Save Neighborhood Services Now, a political action committee funded by the San Diego Municipal Employees Association, a public employees labor group expected by many to benefit from higher pay if the measure is approved...The Building Industry Association of San Diego County PAC came up with \$151,000



Mel Katz wants to raise your taxes.

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### Trolley Tim talkback

"Trolley Tim" (silly fake name) has declared that I am "someone who never rides the trolley..." because my experiences on the trolley in the late afternoon from the north do not match his ("SD as bad as LA?," Letters, Sept. 11, 2024). If it didn't happen while "Trolley Tim" was on the trolley, that I guess that means it's fake news, misinformation, or however he chooses to discredit my account. (I must wonder what the heck I am doing with a Pronto app loaded on my phone...hmmm.) I never said, BTW, trolley avatar, that the trolley was "filled to the brim" with "undesirables" (your word, Timmy, not mine, so why the quotes?).

I mentioned that when

homeless people bring in carts, wagons, bikes, etc. that these large items take up a great deal of space, making it difficult to safely stand inside a packed car. As further evidence that "Trolley Tim" has poor reading comprehension and retention, he attempted to create an us-versus-them dynamic against me, a "someone" he claims to "pity." I have zero "disdain" for the "thousands of riders that use our transit system each day." Why would I? I am among those "thousands," which is how I know what I, for one, have seen and experienced.

It's clear that this guy calling himself what sounds like the title of a children's story book is attempting to shame me. I got news for you, Tim Timmy. That never ever works with me. Smarter guys than you, with real names, Mr. "Trolley Tim," have tried, I will add. Hey, one more thing, "Trolley Tim." Do you have a Pronto app that you have to load funds to, or do you ride for free? Asking for a friend. We have a bet going, I won't tell you how I'm betting.

Laurie K  
East Chula Vista

## Under the radar

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for an independent campaign committee backing GOP ex-San Diego mayor **Kevin Faulconer's** challenge to incumbent Democratic county supervisor **Terra Lawson-Remer** on September 17...San Diego city council Democrat **Marni von Wilpert** got \$5000 on July 2 from trash service vendor Waste Management of Sun Valley for her favorite charity Equity California, per a July 16 disclosure filing with the city clerk's office...Looks like Toni Atkins, the San Diego-based state Senate Democrat who is facing off against a formidable list of competitors to get elected as California governor in 2025, will get some big money help from a California construction union. On September 11, a new independent campaign committee calling itself Working Families Support Toni Atkins for Governor 2026, sponsored by Carpen-

ters filed with the California Secretary of State's office. Principal officer **Pete Rodriguez** of Los Angeles is Executive Secretary Treasurer/CEO of the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters... On September 16, an outfit calling itself San Diegans for Fairness filed a disclosure report revealing it spent \$22,000 on "Digital Ads" and \$4944 for text messages boosting the reelection bid of San Diego city councilman **Steve Whitburn**. The money behind the group, per the disclosure, includes wealthy Todd Gloria aide and real estate mogul **Steve Cushman** (\$10,000) on August 24, Sycuan Citizens for Good Government (\$5000) on August 4, along with \$25,000 from the Downtown Partnership PAC on September 10.

— Matt Potter  
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### The Pronto problem

A few months ago, MTS instituted a new payment system for their buses, one that enabled its Pronto machines to take credit cards as payment. But there was no formal announcement. When MTS switched from the Compass card to the Pronto system in 2020, they started letting riders know about the change an entire year in advance. There were flyers everywhere. For months, they held Pronto card events at various trolley stations. There were tables set up; people were handing out free cards and helping disabled

those types of things.” The other, dressed in yellow, said that he’d heard about it a month ago, but “my scanner still can’t check the credit cards, so if someone tells me they paid by card, I have to take their word for it.” (I actually asked multiple employees, and received multiple answers as to when they found out the change had taken place.) Soon after, I saw a man tap his entire wallet on the Pronto scan pad. Before the change, individual cards had to be removed and scanned. No more.

Why is this a problem? Because I began

“There have been lots of people calling customer service to complain about this. You should call them too.”

people like me register for disabled passes. They touted the benefits of being able to pay in advance. Electronic banners and recorded announcements on the bus informed us of the upcoming change.

But this time? No flyers. No mention in the MTS newsletter. I did notice on September 2nd that there was an electronic banner announcing that the Pronto machines could now accept credit cards — even though the change had taken place in early August. It said there was information on the Pronto website. No regular rider ever visits that site; they visit the SD511 MTS site, which has information about routes, arrivals, and departures. And at least some MTS drivers and support workers were not informed of the change. In early September, I was on my way home when I encountered two security guards, checking passes. I asked when they learned about the credit card capabilities. One of them, dressed in blue, replied, “I’m sorry, I don’t really follow

finding strange charges on my credit card statement, charges for \$2.50 to Pronto. How were these charges being made without my being aware of it? I was baffled. Then it hit me. I buy a monthly disabled bus pass every month. But for almost a month, ever since I noticed that the machines no longer required individual card swipes, I had been swiping both my bus pass and credit card — along with my other cards — over the Pronto machine. It was marvelously convenient to not have to shuffle through cards when I got on the bus — I usually have stuff in my hands, and my disability means that I have pain executing fine finger movements, so it felt like an answered prayer. But what I didn’t know was that the machine had the power to charge my credit card, never mind my bus pass.

I contacted my credit card company to dispute the charges. The lady who helped me laughed when I explained the situation. All of a sudden, the machines can scan more than

one card at a time? What’s going on? All of a sudden, it’s no longer important to pay in advance? You can just pay with your card? Then why did I see the “Credit cards now accepted” announcement replaced with “Make sure to buy your Pronto cards and load enough value to get home” after a recent Padres home game? Why not let riders know that San Diego has caught up with cities like Chicago when it comes to paying for mass transit?

On Sept 7th, I noticed that SDSU was having some kind of festival celebrating the football game

outside the stadium, and that MTS had an information table set up with a water bottle give away and at least three informational pamphlets on their table. None of them mentioned the credit card changes. I asked the representatives what they knew about the credit card situation; one girl told me she thought it started a month ago. I mentioned what happened with my credit card, and she said, “Oh yes, that’s happening to a lot of people. There have been lots of people calling customer service to complain about this, so you should call them too.” Lots of people? Why didn’t they do something about it after just one or two?

I headed to the trolley platform and saw two young MTS passenger support girls. I

asked them if they knew about the credit card changes. The girl responded, “Oh my God, it’s so strange, I only found out about it 2 weeks ago. I feel so stupid working here and not knowing. But at the same time, we noticed that MTS didn’t tell any of the workers about it. It’s all been word of mouth, through the grapevine.” Why didn’t MTS tell its passenger support team, whose sole job it is to help passengers buy Pronto cards and pay their fares? They are always there whenever there is a special event, eager to assist new riders unfamiliar with the system. How can it be that they were not informed? That’s when I saw a line of 15 SDSU students in front of the Pronto machines, waiting to buy a Pronto card. No one from passenger support was telling them that standing in line was not necessary, that they could just tap their credit cards.

After that, when I boarded the 936 bus at SDSU I decided to ask the driver when she found out about the change. She said she did not work for MTS, that she drove for Transdev, a company with which MTS contracts. She said she started driving only three months ago, but that she knew about it from her first day of work. I was shocked that this had been going on for three months, and kept asking her if she is certain about that timeline. I told her what happened to my cards, and she said, “Oh yeah, I know what you are talking about. A passenger told me six weeks ago that the same thing happened to her.”

I have always been fond of MTS and of riding the bus. But all this has changed me. From now on, I’m keeping my credit cards in my pocket when I board the bus. ■



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# Bombs in the backcountry

## Risky Wasteland

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By Ernie Grimm, SEPT. 6, 2001

## Bury My Bait at Bombay Beach

The Salton Sea has become a wildlife habitat for 350 species of birds. The sea has helped to replace bird habitat that has been lost elsewhere in California to agriculture, housing, and industrial development. Many ducks, geese, and shore birds use the sea as a stopover when migrating along the Pacific fly way. If the fish in the Salton Sea die, the birds will have to find someplace else to go — but there may not be anyplace else available.

By Steve Sorensen, MAY 1, 1986

## Hot Place in the Sun

"The county understands we're an agriculturally based community. We have a high unemployment rate, and we under-

stand that some of the people are hard put to make a living. The standard of living there [at the Slabs], though it may not be as good as you or I are used to, is certainly better than living on the street. It's a little warmer, a little cleaner, and maybe a little more humanitarian..."

By Steve Sorensen, MARCH 10, 1988

## Heaven Sent

"Last year this one guy, Eddie, was coming off the range with a load of scrap when the planes started coming over. He jumped out of his truck and started running. The planes thought his truck was one of the targets, and they dropped a live 500-pound bomb right into the bed of his truck. Eddie was lucky. He took some shrapnel in his leg,



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When ordnance is "too nasty to be transported," Albritton and his team blow it up where it lies.

walked off the range, and had his old lady pull it out."

By Steve Sorensen, FEB. 28, 1991

## Prehistoric Gas Station an Eyesore?

It's the newer Old Highway 80, built in 1932, that Miller's fronts. A visit to the site reveals two things: the buildings are

in better shape than they appear to be from the interstate, but the mess of rusted car parts, broken timbers, old refrigerators, and twisted sheet metal surrounding the buildings looks even worse from close range. Yet Caldwell beams with pride as he walks up to the rock house that once served as a roadside diner.

By Ernie Grimm, MARCH 20, 2003

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# William "Bill" Paul Kidder

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William "Bill" Paul Kidder passed away at home on August 25, 2024. Those closest to Bill called him Billy. Billy was born on March 18, 1954 in Minneapolis, Minnesota to Jay T. Kidder, Sr. and Dorothy Foster Kidder. The youngest of three sons, Billy had an adventurous childhood under the watchful eye of his parents and his older brother Jay "Tom" Kidder and Robert "Bob" Kidder. After High School, Billy joined the United States Army, working part of that time in the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Billy worked for Pillsbury bakery and then opened a record store in Minnesota after his honorable discharge from the Army. Billy, always the adventurer, moved to San Diego, California in 1975. He responded to an ad placed by Bill Day in *The Reader*, a local paper, looking for a guitar playing singer. When Billy showed up at Bill's house in his red Ford van, Bill quickly realized Billy was like a walking encyclopedia of music and artists dating back to the 40's and on, and he had a P. A. system! Billy played with the band, naming it "Whitewater," for several years, playing casual parties mostly for the love of the music.

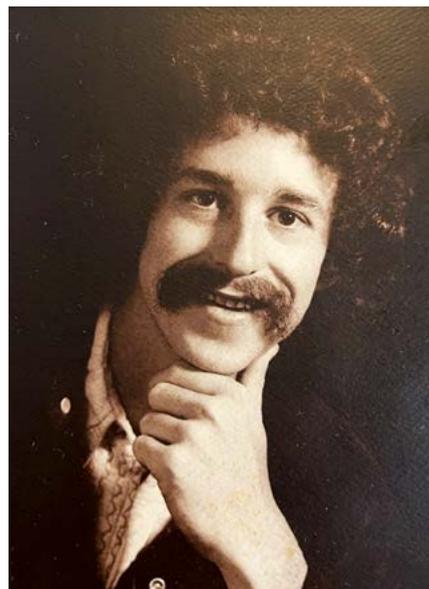
Billy went on to own several businesses including a house painting business, and real estate in Arizona and California. Around this time, he met Frank Laxton, his next-door neighbor who came to hear the band. Frank soon joined Billy in his businesses and worked with Billy and became a dear friend and caretaker for Billy until the end. Around that same time, he met Jeff Malmgreen, who was his roommate for over thirty years in total. Several years later, Billy met Larry Asher, a bass guitarist and he joined the band; The circle of friends grew in the 1980's to include Michael Woosley (guitar), Kenny Fantor, (guitar), Harold Siegwart, a general contractor who worked on Billy's real estate and Amy "Brandy" Davis, who joined Bill's painting business. Ever the entrepreneur, in his later years, Billy collected and sold rare books ranging from the Wizard of Oz, the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew, to gothic horror. He was a prolific reader and could talk about any subject with ease with friends and strangers alike. He loved art, music, traveling, watching cartoons



and the Disney Channel, H.P. Lovecraft and Jules Verne.

Billy's Thursday night barbecues became a staple event for over twenty years. The circle of friends would play music before and after the meal. It was a welcome break from the busy lives they all led. They would go around the circle and each one would start a song and the rest would play along. Michael Woosley and Bill had a special musical connection with blue grass music.

While he had no children of his own, he was ever present in the lives of his niece Becky and nephew Jason to offer encouragement and support. Over the years his companion dog Scully, golden retrievers Jake, Toots and Angel and later in life his cats Tugs, Mr. Crumpet, Cream, Pip, Baby, Inky, and Tawny were his constant companions. He loved his brothers Tom and Bob and was always there to support and encourage them. In his later years his father Jay stayed with Billy who cared for him until his death. Billy had a major health event in 2019 and a heart surgery in 2020, which limited his travels. But he still enjoyed the company of friends and had ongoing connections online to many publishers and collectors and



continued his adventures through the books he read daily. The family is ever grateful to the Veterans Administration and Dr. Brunhilda Thorstidotter for saving his life.

Billy worked hard, was fair to everyone he worked for and with, and took care of and provided a livelihood for many. He was the "glue" that held together his family and the circle of friends over the years. He had a heart of gold and could strike up a conversation with anyone. He had

immense compassion for friends, acquaintances and family, often letting others live in his homes when they needed a hand. He loved God and did not have a drop of hate in his heart for anyone. His travels and adventures will remain legendary, providing a source of great joy for all those fortunate enough to go on an adventure with him.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents Jay and Dorothy, his brothers Tom and Bob, and lifelong friend Larry Asher. He is survived by his nephews Jason (Robin) Kidder and their daughter Alison, nephew Tom (Sarah) Nitschke and children Samantha, Tenzen and Priya, niece Rebecca Kidder (Steve Brings Plenty)

and children (Cody, Sid, Stevi, Karlyle, Kallison, Tully, Madisyn, Connor), and many friends who became his brothers and sisters.

It is said, that if you have one true friend that has your back and never judges or betrays you, you are blessed. Bill was that friend for so many.

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# A Man, A Plan, A BANANA?

**MOST PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE** power lines unless there's a problem with them. And as a kid, I was like most people — until my dad pointed up at the lines as we drove the backroads of suburban Philadelphia and said, "Hey look up there. You see dad's spacers?" My grandfather, an engineer, was also an inventor. The spacers he invented kept power lines at a consistent distance from one another. They were constructed using a material called faience, similar to porcelain. (Even though the faience spacers would last longer, they were eventually phased out by less durable plastic spacers.) As inventions go, they weren't that exciting. What *was* exciting was the inventing itself: an idea that became a creation that became a product that others felt was worth purchasing.

Many San Diegans probably don't realize that WD-40 was invented here. The go-to remedy for silencing squeaky hinges, lubricating moving

parts, preventing grimy tools from rusting, and oh yes, breaking down that awful adhesive residue left behind by retail price tags was invented for the Rocket Chemical Company (later the WD-40 Company) circa 1953. Its original purpose was to prevent the outer skin of early intercontinental ballistic Atlas Missiles from corroding. But by 1958, it was being sold to consumers in San Diego, and it became a commercial product in 1961. The company currently has a net worth of \$3.4 billion — that's a whole lot of silenced squeaks.

The following four local inventions may not take off the way WD-40 has, but they all serve a unique purpose and fill a specific void — an empty space in the world of products that their creators recognized and remedied.

#### The Genteel Trail Bell

Chris Lacy owned a company that marketed trade shows and the tech industry, but he knew that world was in decline. He wasn't exactly racking his brain for an idea that would bring in some extra money, but he knew that he could probably use a

second income at some point in the future. He lives near the beach in Encinitas with his wife, and they both surf often. But, as he explains it, "the surf is not always good." So about 15 years ago, the couple took up mountain biking. "We ride all the trails all over San Diego and are super into it," he says. "One day, we were out on the trail, and we were riding, and we came up behind some hikers. There are usually two ways you pass hikers. You either ring a traditional dinger bell, or you yell, 'Passing on the left!' Let's just say that we rang the traditional dinger bell in this situation, and the people kind of got angry at us. They gave us a look. They didn't say anything, but you could tell that they were annoyed that we came up and rang a bike bell right behind them to say, 'Hey, we're right here!' When you do that, or when you yell 'Passing on the left!' there's almost an implications that you are asking that hiker to step aside. Saying, 'Hey, I'm moving fast on a bulky object that could injure you. Get out of my way.' And it's not that you're saying that,

but the other person on the trail — which might be a hiker, equestrian or another biker — they perceive it that way. So after that encounter, my wife and I were talking and saying, 'Regular bike bells just don't do it on a trail,' and yelling 'Passing on the left!' has almost the same effect. We were like, 'If only there was a bell that was a little nicer. That didn't sound aggressive. What would a bike bell like that be like?'"

They met some mountain bikers who were using cowbells or sleigh bells. These seemed less annoying to the hikers, but proved perhaps more annoying to the riders themselves, since they were always dinging. "At that point, we said, 'What if there was a cowbell that you could turn on or off depending on the situation?' We pretty much went home immediately and out to the garage and started trying to hack the concept. It turned out to be a little harder than we thought. The first year, we just hacked around. I would order parts — just simple dinger bells on Amazon or cowbells — and then I would go in my garage

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Chris Lacy says “The first year, we just hacked around. I would order parts — just simple dinger bells on Amazon or cowbells — and then I would go in my garage with pliers, hacksaws, blow-torches, wire, cables and everything else, just trying to come up with a mechanism for how to get this thing to turn on and off.”

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After a year of garage experimentation, they had a good idea of how they wanted the bell to work, but it was still a far cry from a finished design; something sleek, functional, and reasonably inexpensive to manufacture. In 2013, they hired an engineer to help refine their ideas. Lacy

estimates that they went through 30 to 40 versions of the bell before they arrived at the final product. The bell would eventually be constructed of “reasonably thick” solid brass. “The reason we wanted it that way is basically that the larger the bell and the thicker the brass, the richer the sound,” Lacy says. “We felt like since it was something that people were going to be listening to a lot, and also that it was something you really wanted to use to communicate in a very pleasant

and positive way to other trail users, that the sound really needed to be good.”

In 2014, the first Timber Mountain Bike Bells went on sale to the public. They were the first bike bells that could either ring continuously or be switched on and off. Sales grew organically. “The great thing is that the product makes itself known,” Lacy says. “It’s not a quiet product that sits there in the corner, which people forget about. People are out on the trail, and they hear

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Timber Mountain Bike Bells were the first bike bells that could either ring continuously or be switched on and off.

somebody with our product and say, ‘Hey, what’s that?’ They answer, ‘Oh, it’s this cool bell I got and here’s how it works.’ Honestly, that is probably where most of our growth has come from. Just from people talking about it on the trail.”

Since 2016, Timber Mountain Bike Bells have generated enough sales to support Chris and his wife. “I think when we started this, I think we thought the end game was selling,” Lacy explains. “The truth is, we kind of like doing it. It makes us happy. We’re reaching the age when people do retire, but if you have a gig that allows you to do what you like to do, go surf in the morning and take vacations and spend time with family and friends, and yet have a vocation that you enjoy — it’s not too bad. We’re in a happy place running the company.”

#### Helping Hats

Sean Adler grew up in Del Mar and graduated from Torrey Pines High School. Afterwards, he attended the University of Colorado and graduated with a degree in corporate finance. When he moved back to San

Diego, he landed a job as a money manager, but the gig didn’t entirely satisfy him. “Numbers and math are great,” he says, “but I have an artistic side, too.” Adler began logging random ideas when they came to him “at the weirdest times of day or night.”

“I had this idea in 2016 when I was a single guy,” he explains. “Maybe I didn’t have a lot of things on my plate at that time. I knew that the tape on the bananas wasn’t meant to preserve them, and most people don’t realize that. I was trying to figure out ways to make them last longer. I tried duct tape and tin foil, and Saran Wrap, and all those methods just don’t look good on the kitchen counter, and they are also bad for the environment. So when the pandemic happened, and I was stuck working from home, that was really my chance to launch one of the businesses and ideas that I had.”

The idea eventually became Nana Hats. Beneath the hat’s cute, crocheted exterior, usually in the shape of some critter or other, lies the product’s secret weapon — a silicone cap which extends the counter life of your

bananas. Adler claims that he has seen a bunch last for two weeks when Nana Hats are placed on the stems right way. This is because the Nana Hats act as a barrier to contain the ethylene gas (a plant hormone that can cause fruits to ripen) that bananas naturally release. That release ramps up significantly as bananas ripen — which explains how pristine, yellow fruit can quickly transform into brown, gooey globs in such a short span of time.

Picking the correct silicone proved to be a tricky task. “We wanted to use something that was stretchy,” he explains. “So, we tried different materials. With silicone, there are all different types of hardnesses for how stiff or stretchy you want it to be. There were so many different materials that we played with, because if it’s too stretchy, they can’t get the silicone out of the cavity. It gets stuck in there. If it’s too hard, then it will just rip when someone tries to stretch it. There was so much tinkering with the design and the material. We chose a BPA-free, surgical-grade silicone. That’s silicone you would see in hospitals.”

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What Adler initially assumed would be a weekend project turned into a ten-month endeavor with tooling done overseas and injection molding. “We had people knitting and crocheting and machine-woven designs and lawyers and patents and trademarks...it’s just insane. I was all-in when I filed the patent because that’s a big commitment financially, and I knew I had to see it through,” he says. He eventually dropped six-figures into his self-funded adventure for something that looked “so simple and easy to do.”

Once they were manufactured, Adler experienced rapid success on social media. “When you are scrolling on Instagram you are going to stop scrolling when you see a picture of a hat on a banana,” he says. “I don’t care who you are. It’s the best scroll-stopping material.” He had some early success landing Nana Hats in some grocery stores and mom and pop retail gift shops, and then Nana Hats got mentioned in a kitchen gadgets segment on *Today With Hoda & Jenna*. “I had no forewarning, and I was totally caught off-guard,” he explains. “I didn’t know what was happening. You see all these sales coming in to your website and you are like, ‘What’s going on? There’s something happening right now, but I don’t know what’s happening.’” Adler’s grandmother called him from the East Coast to inform him that she had just seen his product on the Today Show. She was likely watching as well when Adler appeared on *Shark Tank* in November of 2022, and she watched her grandson strike a deal with Lori Greiner and Peter Jones.

Adler recently struck



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**Sean Adler recently struck a deal with Kroger that will land Nana Hats in four northwest states inside Fred Meyer grocery stores. If they do well there, they could eventually make it to local Kroger stores such as Ralphs and Food 4 Less.**

a deal with Kroger that will land Nana Hats in four northwest states inside Fred Meyer grocery stores. If they do well there, they could eventually make it to local Kroger stores such as Ralphs and Food 4 Less. “They just got delivered to their distribution center in Washington two days ago,” he says. “It will be a little while until they make their way to San Diego stores. But I am optimistic and confident it will do well. They are gonna be hanging off the banana racks. It’s actually hard to get it into the stores. It’s interesting. I never thought it would be this difficult, but it is a trailblazing product.”

#### Coyote Confounder

“I’ve always enjoyed working with things and inventing things and making things,” Paul Mott explains. “I was a mechanic as a young man, and then when I finally decided I didn’t want to be a mechanic, I went to college. I got a master’s degree in computer science, so I had a nice job here in San Diego doing software development. I did that for many

years, and then I went off and started a motorcycle company with a buddy of mine. We did that for a few years, but it all fell apart in 2009 with the economy crashing.”

Mott returned to the world of software engineering. Fast-forward to 2014: after working at home all day, he would often take his three small dogs out for a walk. Sometimes, these strolls would be at his local dog park in Scripps Ranch. It seemed like a safe place to walk his loyal pets off-leash — until one September evening, shortly before sunset, when a coyote brazenly snatched up one of his dogs. “The dog was actually behind me, and I heard a little yelp, and I turned around and saw her in the jaws of this coyote,” he explains. “At that point, the damage was already done before I even realized it was happening. He carried her away.”

“I’m a pretty good runner, but he carried her up into an SDG&E pipe storage yard. I don’t know if you can imagine being in a video game where there are these pipes that are 50 feet long and stacked up as tall as you, and you are

running through this hallway and you can just kind of see down the lengths of where these pipes are stacked. It’s like a maze.” The coyote escaped with his beloved Buffy, but Mott didn’t simply mourn his loss. The tragic event spurred him into action.

“At some point, I realized that if I am ever going to have any peace of mind ever again, we’ve gotta have some kind of a solution to this problem,” he says. “So, I started analyzing everything I had witnessed the coyote do. I realized that like any

other complicated system, all you have to do is break one part of it and it all falls apart — introduce a point of failure. So I just started thinking, ‘What could I have done? If there was anything that could have existed to make this coyote let go of my dog, what would it be?’”

His original thought: protect the dog by utilizing a sudden burst of electricity, in the same manner that an electric dog collar would work. To harness the electricity to the dog, Mott devised a stab-resistant vest made of Kevlar. “These ideas just started popping into my head,” he says. “Then I thought, ‘Let’s put spikes on it and make it cover the whole body. Let’s cover everything.’” Paul worked with his wife Pamela on designs for the vest, and eventually they started strapping early versions onto their dogs to wear during their walks.

“Sure enough, other people saw it and they started going, ‘Well, that’s pretty cool. Can you make one for us?’” Mott says. “We started thinking that maybe other people would want to do this, so we would start a little

shop on Etsy and just make a few and sell them here at the house.” Those days in 2016 and 2017 were the start of what would become known as the CoyoteVest, and the company has morphed from a makeshift operation run out of a garage to a business with locations in Scripps Ranch, Oceanside, and Orange County. Along the way, CoyoteVest also popped up on *Shark Tank* in 2019. In this case, no deal was struck but Mott mentions that they still see sales bumps whenever reruns of the episode air. An even larger boost came from a viral video of a man defending his small dog from a coyote. The encounter ended with the owner picking up the coyote by his tail and tossing the animal into a dumpster. At the very end of the clip, he showcases his small dog — now outfitted in a brand new CoyoteVest.

One interesting side-note: the original concept of the vest delivering an electric shock was eventually abandoned entirely, thanks to a conversation Mott had with a biologist who studied coyotes and their interactions with



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skunks. He informed Mott that the look of the skunks — specifically, the contrast of their colors and lines — were their primary defense. Mott recalls the biologist telling him, “You know what? This is probably freaking out the coyotes just because of the look of it. I think there’s a lot of biological stuff going on with this vest in the way that a coyote perceives it when they encounter it on potential prey,” Mott concludes. “It’s like playing a card game with the coyotes — telling them it’s a losing hand, don’t even try.”

#### The Waterman’s shifting season shorts

Greg Orfe and Wes Horbatuck met when they were undergrads at Elon

University in North Carolina. The two were roommates through all four years of college, then went their separate ways, with Orfe landing in D.C. and Horbatuck moving to New York. But both ended up moving to San Diego at the end of 2015. Orfe would begin to pursue a career in graphic design, while Horbatuck seemed like a natural entrepreneur. “It was the start of the remote movement,” Orfe says, “so we were living the California dream. We had our desks in our garage and a ping-pong table. We were just having a good time.” The two fully embraced the San Diego lifestyle and found themselves “in the water, surfing every day.”

“One day on the beach, we literally had that light-

bulb moment of, ‘I wish there was something that was in-between a whole wetsuit and a boardshort,’” Orfe explains. “This was because it was too cold for boardshorts, and just too warm for that wetsuit. We kind of ran with that idea, and I needed a project for design school to just brand a business from the ground up. I took that idea to class and by the end of the semester, we had a whole business pretty much mapped out. I had a logo designed, business cards...everything. Even though that wasn’t the business itself, it made us feel confident that this was something that could take on a life and have some legs to it. Then we ended up meeting the right people and



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What makes Greg Orfe and Wes Horbatuck’s Driftline “Driftie” boardshorts unique is that they incorporate a 0.5mm neoprene inner lining which is connected to an outer shell that resembles a traditional board short.

connecting with industry folk in the surf and apparel industries. It transpired from there.”

What makes Orfe and Horbatuck’s Driftline “Driftie” boardshorts unique is that they incorporate a 0.5mm neoprene inner lining which is connected to an outer shell that resembles a traditional board short. Horbatuck guesses that most San Diegans who enjoy water sports would use these when the water temperature ranges from 69-75 degrees. “From a Driftline standpoint, we have athletes that are in Florida in the summertime wearing our product and that water is in the 80s,” he says. “The reason is because it fills that chafing gap more than just being something that can keep you warm. We also have people who during the summer on Michigan lakes don’t want to wear a wetsuit and can handle the cold very differently than those in Florida. So, they will wear our trunks in low-60s water, because to them that is considered warm. So, ‘ideal’ is a huge range, depending on your location.”

And there are plenty

of different locations out there. “We have now sold at least one product in every state,” Horbatuck says. “So, someone in Alaska is rocking Drifties is some water sport.” The key may have been shifting Drifties from a core-surfer item to a product aimed at waterfolk of all types. “Surfing is definitely big for us, but I do know as a San Diego guy that core surfing can be intimidating for people,” he explains. “You realize that the majority of people who surf aren’t that core, incredible surfer. It’s the everyday person who just wants to get a little bit better at their water sport and enjoy their life on the water. I think what happened is that once we realized that, and then also, at the same time, during Covid watersports got really popular. We started to open our eyes to be like, ‘We are bigger than just surf.’” They mention an email from a customer that detailed a genius repurposing for the Drifties — a bathing suit that can keep a colostomy bag in place during a day at the beach. “He was able to wear shorts in the water at the beach without causing too much of a stir,” Hor-

batuck says. “He was really appreciative of that.”

All of the previous inventors in this story mentioned issues with others attempting to rip off their products. An interesting aspect of Drifties is that the manufacturing and design processes were so complex and demanding, that they are not too worried about someone cloning them. “From an actual, physical making of the product standpoint we have a utility patent, and it’s a really solid patent in the United States,” Horbatuck says. “So, we’re covered from a lot of standpoints. We are actively working to maintain that and extend it. We also went through sixteen manufacturers. You need a special kind of needle to work with this. Also, neoprene is not a cheap or easy material to get. You have to go over all those hurdles to even create one sample, and a lot of rip-off companies really just want to make cheap stuff that is easy to manufacture. If you want to create something that is true neoprene and very similar to our shorts, it’s not easy to rip off at all.”

—Dryw Keltz



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# Calendar

# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 26

### LAUREN ELYSE S: QUIET ALCHEMY

Local artist Lauren Elyse S. has worked for the past two years on pieces gathered



Liya, Divina, The Irie, Rome & Duddy, Iam Tongi, KBong & Johnny Cosmic, Artikal Sound System, Tropicdelic, Bumpin' Ugliers, Tunnel Vision, Doah's Daydream, and Dubbest.

**WHEN:** Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 27, 28, and 29, 5 pm  
**WHERE:** Mariner's Point, 3119 Mariners Way, Mission Beach. [bayfestsd.com/mission-bay-fest](http://bayfestsd.com/mission-bay-fest)

## Saturday | 28

### LA JOLLA ART & WINE FESTIVAL



under the theme "Quiet Alchemy." They feature scenes of San Diego and further afield, painted both *en plein air* and from memory. The representations reflect the artist's love of books, the small hours of night, and personal tableaux.

**WHEN:** 9:30 am to 6 pm.  
Through Monday, November 25.  
**WHERE:** Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library, 215 West Washington, Hillcrest. [sandiego.gov](http://sandiego.gov)

Come enjoy art, regional and international wines, craft beer and spirits, and family-friendly fun. More than 170 artists from across the U.S. and Mexico will display creations in painting, sculpture, jewelry design, fine glass, ceramics, woodwork, mixed media, and photography. The wine and beer garden will offer beverages from over 35

international wineries, local craft breweries, and craft distilleries. Participate in a silent auction, visit pet adoption stations, and enjoy live entertainment and music.

## Friday | 27

### MISSION BAYFEST

Locals Stick Figure, Iration, and Pepper headline this year's Mission Bayfest, a two-day island music festival featuring food trucks, vendors, and multiple stages. The bill includes Tribal Seeds, Cypress Hill, Wiz Khalifa. Z-Trip, Sansamotion, Vana



SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 & 29: TROLLEY DANCES

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29, 10 am to 6 pm  
**WHERE:** La Jolla Village Square. 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive, La Jolla. [ljawf.com](http://ljawf.com)

### TROLLEY DANCES

Trolley Dances was created by former artistic director Jean Isaacs to make dance accessible by taking art "to the people." Each fall, tour guides lead groups of audience members on and off the trolley to view original pieces of site-specific choreography. This year's Trolley Dances will be held on the green line beginning at Old Town, with stops at the Gaslamp Quarter and Seaport Village. Choreographers include Monica Bill Barnes, bkSoul with TranscendANCE Youth Arts Project, ConnectArte, Miroslava Wilson, and Jean Isaacs.

**WHEN:** Saturday, September 28 and Sunday, September 29, 10 am to 3 pm  
**WHERE:** 4009 Taylor St. Downtown. [sandiegodancetheater.org/trolley-dances](http://sandiegodancetheater.org/trolley-dances)

## Sunday | 29

### TASTE OF COLLEGE AREA

Take a self-guided tour of over 20 College Area eateries — including Ben & Esther's Vegan Jewish Deli, Corbin's Q, Eureka!, Handel's Ice Cream, Himalayan Yak & Yeti, Kuro Sushi, Majorette, Oggi's Pizza, Penelope's Mexican Food, Sala Thai, Scrimshaw Coffee, The Cravory, The Daily Grind Cafe, The Luau, Ultreya Coffee & Tea, and Woodstock's Pizza — and taste neighborhood favorites as you go! Complimentary trolley service provided by Old Town Trolley Tours.

**WHEN:** Sunday, September 29, 11 am to 3 pm  
**WHERE:** El Cajon Boulevard between 54th Street & 73rd Street and on the SDSU Campus. [collegeareasd.com/tasteofcollegearea](http://collegeareasd.com/tasteofcollegearea)



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# SHEEP AND GOATS

## I ANSWERED THE CALL

### Unity San Diego

**Contact:** 3770 Altadena Ave, San Diego 619-280-2501 [www.unitysandiego.org](http://www.unitysandiego.org)

**Membership:** 110

**Pastor:** Karla Lightner

**Age:** 67

**Born:** Evanston, IL

**Formation:** Unity Urban Ministerial School, Detroit, MI

**Years Ordained:** 4

**San Diego Reader:** *Why did you become a minister?*

**Pastor Karla Lightner:** I saw how Unity made a difference in my life and the life of my children. I adopted my grandsons when they were babies — ten months and four months old. It made such a positive difference, to be raised and

to live looking for the blessing in every situation and appreciating the best with gratitude. In that way, by allowing God to work through us is life-transforming. So I decided I wanted to help spread this message to other people. . . I started in youth ministry and started studies to become a certified spiritual educator. I kept praying about it and eventually got the call to do ministry full time.

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

**PL:** Our vision statement is to transform lives, to inspire people to make a positive difference in the world. Our mission is to empower personal growth through positive spiritual practices, inspirational music and community service.

**SDR:** *Why Unity?*

**PL:** In 2002, my daughter had run away, and a friend of mine told me about a church down the street from where I lived. My friend said it had a prayer ministry which, if you prayed, always works. I said, “Yeah right.” But when my daughter didn’t come home, I called the prayer ministry. My daughter came home the next day. I went to that church — it was Unity San Diego — and never left. We have a positive, practical, progressive approach to Christianity. We don’t worship Jesus, but follow him as our way-shower. We follow the love, the acceptance, and the other things he taught. We have five principles: 1) God is all good in all things every-

where. 2) I am naturally good because God’s divinity is in me and everyone. 3) I create my experiences by what I choose to think and what I feel and believe. 4) Through affirmative prayer and meditation, I connect with God and bring out the good in my life. 5) I do my best by living the truth that I know I can make a difference. These are Unity’s basic principles, and they have resonated with me for years. They’re simple and straightforward.

**SDR:** *What one book has had a vital influence on your ministry?*

**PL:** *E-Squared: Nine Do-It-Yourself Energy Experiments That Prove Your Thoughts Create Your Reality* by Pam Grout. This book combines



Karla Lightner

Unity principles, metaphysics, and quantum physics, and helps people understand through lab experiments that we shape our reality with our minds. Rather than take reality on faith, we can do these experiments to demonstrate that spiritual principles are as dependable as gravity and there is a positive, loving universe.

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

**PL:** Heaven and hell are here with us on earth, and death is nothing more than the opening or closing of a door; we go from one existence to another. We’re threefold people: body, mind, and spirit. We’re spiritual beings having a temporary human experience in a spiritual universe that is governed by spiritual laws. We believe our spirit is that everlasting connection to God, and that continues on after death. Our spirit lives on after death. We’re put on earth to take care of that spirit, and to learn how to live and love as Jesus taught.

— Joseph O’Brien

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## ART

**A Quirky Crafting Extraganza** Crafting party with everything you need to craft your heart out. Includes snacks and drinks. Sunday, September 29, 12pm; \$25. Divine Bubble Metaphysical Boutique and Healing Center, 4639 30th Street. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Art History Lecture** Golden Age of Dutch Art by Linda Blair Thursday, September 26, 7:30pm; \$16-\$21. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Cars & Crystals Art Show** Luxury Sportscar and Geode Inspired Collection Saturday, September 28, 2pm; Sunday, September 29, 1pm; free. Gallery Blu, 415 South Cedros. (SOLANA BEACH)

**Fusion: The Art of Scrap Weaving & Sculpture** This Free exhibition displays the works of repaired furniture made with our technique of wicker “kintsugi”, soft sculpture, and scrap weaving, after the week long experience. Light refreshments served. Saturday, September 28, 12pm; free. Revision, 8691 La Mesa Boulevard. (LA MESA)

**Helen and Newton Harrison: California Work Opening** The

Mandeville Art Gallery at UC San Diego presents Helen and Newton Harrison: California Work, a retrospective exhibition about the work of husband-and-wife team of Helen Mayer and Newton Harrison, who were among the earliest and most notable ecological artists. Saturday, September 28, 2pm; free. Mandeville Art Gallery, 9390 Mandeville Lane. (LA JOLLA)

**La Jolla Art & Wine Festival** The La Jolla Art & Wine Festival will be showcasing art, regional and international wines, craft beer and spirits, and family-friendly fun with more than 170 artists from across the U.S. and Mexico. Saturday, September 28, 10am; Sunday, September 29, 10am; free. La Jolla Village Square, 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**Painting Party** Enjoy a guided-painting experience. Thursdays,

4pm; Fridays, 4pm; Saturdays, 4pm; Sundays, 4pm; through Sunday, September 29, \$30. Art Scene West Seaport Village, 849 West Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Travis Luckhurst Misunderstood Monsters Art Showcase** Travis Luckhurst is a local San Diego artist whose Pop Surrealist approach has roots in fantasy and science fiction. His new collection, “Misunderstood Monsters” features charismatic creatures that entice emotional narratives. Saturday, September 28, 4pm; free. Hopnonymous Brewing, 7705 Convoy Court. (KEARNY MESA)

## AUTOMOTIVE

**Supercharged** Complementary valet, three-course seated dinner, signature drinks, hosted bar, world-class entertainment, fun surprises, and new exhibits featuring classics and exotic cars. Saturday, September 28, 5pm; San Diego Automotive Museum, 2080 Pan American Plaza. (BALBOA PARK)

## BEER

**AleSchmidt Oktoberfest Celebration** The Tasting Room will be transformed into a Bavarian Biergarten, overflowing with festive decorations and the spirit of Oktoberfest. Food Truck and Pretzels and Pints will be set up on our patio serving up German-style food. Live music from the Bavarian Beer Garden Band from 2 pm to 6 pm. Saturday, September 28, 1pm; free. AleSmith Brewing Company, 9990 Alesmith Court. (MIRAMAR)

**Craftoberfest 2024** Enjoy craft beer, delicious vendor food specials, and a ton of fun activities. Plus, there will be opportunities to win prizes throughout the event.

Thursday, September 26, 11am; Friday, September 27, 11am; Saturday, September 28, 11am; Sunday, September 29, 11am; free. Liberty Public Market, 2820 Historic Decatur Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

**El Cajon Oktoberfest** Oktoberfest in El Cajon is a family-friendly festival that began in 1972, promoting traditional German culture, including entertainment provided by our popular band Guggenbach-Buam, who join us from Baden-Württemberg, Germany. Enjoy folk dances, games, and contests, vendor booths, and let your youngsters go crazy in the Kids’ Zone! Friday, September 27, 4pm; Saturday, September 28, 12pm; Sunday, September 29, 12pm; free-\$15. German American Societies, 1017 S. Mollison Avenue. (EL CAJON)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Ally Carter: The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year** Warwick’s presents Ally Carter as she discusses and signs her new book, *The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year*. This event is free and open to the public. To ensure seating, reserve one book per person. Wednesday, October 2, 7:30pm; free-\$24. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**An Evening Memoirist & Speaker Zoro** An Evening with World Renowned Drummer, Memoirist and Speaker Zoro Monday, September 30, 7pm; free. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

**How to Improve Your Wellbeing** Join local San Diego author, Jaime Piñeda, as he discusses the relationship between brain, mind, and wellbeing. Saturday, September 28, 11am; free. Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. (ENCINITAS)

**K.C. Grifant, Brian Asman, and Jon Cohn** Meet three authors and discover their new horror releases. Saturday, September 28, 3pm; free. Artifact Books, 603 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

**Kenny G: Life In The Key Of G** Warwick’s and the University of San Diego’s College of Arts and Sciences and Humanities Center present Kenny G as he discusses his new book, *Life in the Key of G*, in conversation with Jeffrey Malcecki. Tuesday, October 1, 7pm; \$33-\$45. Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego, 5998 Alcalá Park. (LINDA VISTA)

**Leigh McGowan: A Return to Common Sense** Warwick’s presents Leigh McGowan as she discusses and signs her new book, *A Return to Common Sense: How to Fix America Before We Really Blow It*. Thursday, September 26, 7:30pm; free-\$30. Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Weekends with Locals: Shawnee Thornton Hardy** Weekends with Locals will be hosting Shawnee Thornton Hardy, author of *Yoga Therapy for Children and Teens with Complex Needs: A Somatic Approach to Mental, Emotional and Physical Wellbeing*. Sunday, September 29, 1pm; Warwick’s Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**America’s Boating Club: Piloting** Covering the basics of inland and coastal navigation on recreational boats using paper charts and GPS. Wednesdays, 6:30pm; through Wednesday, December 4, \$75-\$95. San Diego Yacht Club, 1011 Anchorage Lane. (POINT LOMA)

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**German American Societies**

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**Blossom & Bloom** Immerse yourself in a sound bath and take home wrapped florals. Sunday, September 29, 10am; \$35-\$39. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Brain Foods: How to Build a Better Brain** In this workshop, go over the top 10 foods for brain health for children and adults, learn some movements and exercises to help build a better brain, and get some recipes and ideas of how to eat these foods while also creating habits to make long lasting changes in your life and health journey. Instructor: Cham Edussuriya of HomeGrownUrban. Saturday, September 28, 10am; \$15-\$25. Wild Willow Farm and Education Center, 2550 Sunset Avenue. (NESTOR)

**Cooking Class: Handmade Ravioli** Learn the secret of creating Ravioli from scratch. Sunday, September 29, 5pm; \$59. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Cooking Class: Make Your Own Sushi** Learn how to create your own fresh sushi rolls like a pro. Saturday, September 28, 1pm; Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Cursive Handwriting for Teens 4 Week Class** For 12-18 year olds who want to learn or improve their cursive writing. Wednesday, October 2, 5pm; \$120. Strenger Studio, 2707 Congress St., Suite 1D. (OLD TOWN)

**Intermediate Copperplate Calligraphy 4 Week class** will provide the tools and techniques needed to advance your Copperplate skills. Thursday, September 26, 4:30pm; \$180. Strenger Studio, 2707 Congress St., Suite 1D. (OLD TOWN)

**Intro to Copperplate Calligraphy: 6 Week Class** Copperplate is the most commonly recognized traditional calligraphy script, making it a must-have for every calligrapher. Thursday, September 26, 9am; \$360. Strenger Studio, 2707 Congress St., Suite 1D. (OLD TOWN)

**Learn To Make Flower Waters** Craft your own potions for medicine and magic. Thursday, September 26, 6:49pm; \$25. Divine Bubble Metaphysical Boutique and Healing Center, 4639 30th Street. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

**Lunch & Learn: Assessing Options for Senior Care** This talk will guide you through the process of assessing your options for care, insights on the different types of care, what to consider when making decisions, and how to ensure the best possible quality of life. Thursday, September 26, 12pm; free-\$15. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Meditation, Awareness & Awakening** Class hosted by Turiya Dhara Saturday, September 28, 11am; free-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Meditation: Expanding Consciousness with Sound** Hosted by Teresa Thursday, September 26, 7pm; free-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma

Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Plein Air Techniques** Drawing and Painting the Figure in the Landscape with Pat Kelly Friday, September 27, 9am; \$120-\$140. 18 and up. La Jolla Shores, 8200 Camino del Oro. (LA JOLLA)

**Sip & Script: Beginners Calligraphy Class** - Monday, September 30, 6:30pm; \$75. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

**Sound Bath Healing** This sound healing bath session incorporates body scan meditation, intention setting, and the use of vibrations such as crystal bowls, chimes, Native American Pueblo drum and Shamanic Amazon flute and Shiwido to create the perfect environment to relax your mind and body. Thursday, September 26, 2:30pm; \$15-\$20. La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Boulevard. (LA JOLLA)

**Stand Up Comedy Class** Join our six week stand up comedy workshop, and develop a 5 minute set that you can perform at open mics and live shows! Every week will be an interactive workshop that will cover different topics. For more details please email Jesse Egan @ jesseegancomedy@gmail.com Saturday, September 28, 12pm; Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**The Art of Public Speaking** Free class for the military Sundays, 12:30pm; through Sunday, September 29, free. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Theater Games Workshop with Aretha Sills** Open to players of all experience levels, we'll explore these games and exercises that inspire theatrical improvisers to get out of the head and into the present time without any expectation of performing or being "on." Monday, September 30, 7pm; \$75-\$100. 18 and up. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

## COMEDY

**4th Friday Comedy** Hosts Gene Levin and Carol Johnson. Friday, September 27, 7:30pm; free. Spacebar Cafe, 7454 University Ave., Suite A. (LA MESA)

**Adrift: Aquatica 2035** In the future, a mega submarine full of passengers becomes trapped and loses contact with the surface. The characters must come to grips with reality and how to get out. An over-the-top drama played for laughs. Friday, September 27, 8:30pm; \$15-\$30. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Alyce Chan** Alyce is a hilarious comedian who finds the humor in the chaos of parenting. With a knack for turning everyday family moments into sidesplitting stand-up routines, Alice has quickly become a favorite among parents everywhere. Sunday, September 29, 6pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop

Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Dov Davidoff** Combining hyper ADD with an amusingly acute take on things, Dov Davidoff puts on a high intensity stand-up show, making him an audience favorite. Friday, September 27, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, September 28, 7pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, September 29, 7pm; \$28. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Franco Escamilla** - Sunday, September 29, 7:30pm; Open Air Theatre, 5500 Campanile Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

**Gen X-Rated Comedy** The Gen X-Rated comedy showcase will feature some of the best San Diego comics who experienced the 80s and 90s firsthand. Saturday, September 28, 7:30pm; \$18. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Ismo** AS SEEN ON: "ISMO", Conan, NBC's "Last Call with Carson Daly" & more! Thursday, September 26, 8pm; Friday, September 27, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, September 28, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Jeff Dunham** Get your dose of Funner funny when Jeff Dunham takes The Events Center stage! Saturday, September 28, 8pm; Harrah's Resort Southern California, 777 Harrah's Rincon Way. (VALLEY CENTER)

**Jonathan Kite** From 2 Broke Girls Thursday, September 26, 8pm; \$10-\$25. 21 and up. Union Kitchen & Tap Pacific Beach, 832 Garnet Avenue. (PACIFIC BEACH)

**Julia Rose** Julia Rose is an American actress, comedian, and musician best known for her role as "Crystal Baskets" on the television series "Baskets" starring Zach Galifianakis from "The Hangover." Saturday, September 28, 10pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Kevin Sullivan** Kevin Sullivan is a Los Angeles-based stand-up comedian and content creator. Sunday, September 29, 8:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Ladies & Tangents** From the ladies who brought you Sad B\*tch Island, Jeri & Ciara are thrilled to present CAMP TANGENTS! A granola alternative location for your next menty b. Live and in a city probably nearish you, the Ladies & Tangents Podcast is bringing the adventure of the woods to the stage. Tuesday, October 1, 7pm; \$29-\$65. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Muy Funny** The Muy Funny comedy show will feature the best Latino comics from all over the country, providing the ultimate Latino experience in San Diego. Sunday, September 29, 6pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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**Nick Colletti** With his natural charm and raw talent, Nick Colletti is quickly emerging as one of Hollywood's most dynamic and sought-after comedians and personalities. Thursday, September 26, 8pm; \$25-\$35. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Radel Ortiz** AS SEEN ON: TikTok, Instagram, Gut Punch & more! Sunday, September 29, 7pm; \$25. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Roast Battle** Direct from The Hollywood Comedy Store, the OFFICIAL ROAST BATTLE returns to The La Jolla Comedy Store! Two comics go head-to-head for three rounds in a boxing-style no holds barred battle of insults. Wednesday, October 2, 8pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**Sketch Night** Mockingbird's sketch comedy team brings you homegrown laughs in its all-sketch comedy show. Thursday, September 26, 8:30pm; \$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

**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. This is the show that will allow you to say, "I remember seeing them at the La Jolla Comedy Store way back in..." Thursday, September 26, 8pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

**The Nerds of Comedy** A night of comedy filled with nerd, and pop culture references. Friday, September 27, 10pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

**Two Hot Takes Podcast: No Takes Left Behind** Join host Morgan Absher and her team of co-hosts as they scavenge Reddit, listener write-ins, and the rest of the internet to give their hot takes on the juiciest dating, relationship, life, and AITA stories. Wednesday, October 2, 7pm; \$35-\$75. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

# OUTDOORS

## Ground fog expected, Chinese flame trees, Santa Ana season

**Dense Ground Fogs Are A Trademark** of the onset of autumn along San Diego's coastal strip. The fogs arrive during the night and early morning hours when the moist marine air that has settled in valleys and low areas is chilled below the dew point. These ground fogs are distinct from June Gloom, the low overcast that usually blankets the coastal strip on late-spring and summer mornings.

**Chinese Flame Trees Are Starting To Display** colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park, and Lake Murray



A CHINESE FLAME TREE IN FULL BLOOM IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.



SAN ELIJO'S DOUBLE PEAK LOOKS LIKE ISLANDS IN THE FOG.

Boulevard through San Diego's San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego's ornamental trees will continue to remain drab until November, the onset of "autumn" botanically.

**Late September Signals The Beginning** of Santa Ana winds, which may continue intermittently through the winter. Early Santa Anas are often responsible for coastal San Diego's hottest and driest days of the year. Records show that 62 percent of the days at Lindbergh Field with 90-degree readings or higher have occurred during the months of September and October. The desert-like days are a consequence of dry air from a high-pressure area centered over Nevada or Utah moving across Southern California's coastal mountains toward a low pressure area offshore in the Pacific Ocean. West of the mountains, the air sinks as it rushes toward the coast, heating (by compression) about 5 1/2 degrees Fahrenheit for every 1000 feet of descent. During a full-blown Santa Ana, gale-force winds rake the foothills downwind of the mountain passes, and San Diego's coastal communities often experience temperatures that are among the nation's highest.

## DANCE

**Ballet Collective SD: RESONANCE** a melodic evening of diverse contemporary ballet works by local choreographers Tylor Bradshaw, Reka Gyulai, Holly Meacham, Whitney Edwards, and Emily Miller with Guest Choreographer Holly Curran (Metropolitan Opera NYC). Saturday, September 28, 5pm and 7:30pm; \$45-\$85. Baker-Baum Concert Hall, 7600 Fay Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**S P A C E Rising Alliance Residency Showcase** the final

presentation from Resident Artists Briele Melahn & Giovanna Francisco, Emily Sutherland & Jenna Wu-Cardona, and Karina Wilson & Patrick Li. Friday, September 27, 7pm; Saturday, September 28, 7pm; **free**-\$20. City Heights Performance Annex, 3791 Fairmount Avenue. (CITY HEIGHTS)

**Trolley Dances** Each fall, tour guides lead groups of audience members on and off the trolley to view original pieces of site-specific choreography. More than 50 community and company dancers perform at various sites. Tour Info: This year's Trolley Dances® will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept.

28th & 29th on the Green Line trolley. Tours will begin at Old Town with stops at Gaslamp Quarter and Seaport Village. Saturday, September 28, 10am; Sunday, September 29, 10am; \$25-\$40. 4009 Taylor St. San Diego, CA.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**12th Annual Business Expo** Attendees enjoy free food samples provided by local restaurants, many local vendors, raffle prizes, and live music from a local group. Thursday, September 26, 4:30pm; **free**. Lomas Santa Fe Country Club, 1505 Lomas Santa Fe Drive. (SOLANA BEACH)

**79th California State Assembly District Candidate Forum** The Spring Valley Community Alliance (SVCA), in partnership with New Seasons Church, is pleased to invite the community to attend a Candidate Forum for the 79th State Assembly District candidates, Colin Parent and LaShae Sharp-Collins. This Candidate Forum will provide the community with a vital opportunity to hear from both candidates on the issues that matter most to the residents of Spring Valley and the broader 79th District. Monday, September 30, 7pm; **free**. New Seasons Church, 2300 Bancroft Drive. (SPRING VALLEY)

**GrowthCLUB San Diego: 90 Day Business Planning Event** Work a Full Day With a Business Coach and Walk Away With a Real Plan. During this event, you'll learn strategies and techniques to propel your business forward. Friday, September 27, 8:30am; \$99-\$599. Centerville Conference Center, 3131 Camino Del Rio North. (MISSION VALLEY)

**San Diego Bonsai Club Fall Show & Sale** The 59th annual Fall Bonsai Show and Sale of the San Diego Bonsai Club features more than 50 unique bonsai of various sizes and species illustrating this ancient art will be on display during the two-day event. Room 101. Saturday, September 28, 10am; Sunday, September 29, 10am; **free**. Casa del Prado, 1650 El Prado. (BALBOA PARK)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Baja Night** Chef Itze Behar will present a nine-course meal centered around the cuisine of Baja California, with each dish created by Chef Itze herself. Sunday, September 29, 5pm; \$139. Black Radish, 2591 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**Dinner & Wine Series** Enjoy indulging in creative process, storytelling, and Orin Swift Wines with a 5-Course Dinner Menu crafted

by Chef Lance Repp, Chef Manny Perez, and Pastry Chef Adriana Peralta. Evening Hosted By Julie Starner, Market Development Manager for Gallo Wines Southern California. Saturday, September 28, 6:30pm; **free**-\$200. 21 and up. Cove House, 8030 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Oceanside Vegan Food Festival** 100+ vendors including Pizza, Burgers, Sushi, Donuts, Nachos, Dumplings, Loaded Fries, Gyros, Tamales, Wings, Noodles, Cookies and more. Saturday, September 28, 12pm; **free**. Oceanside Civic Center, 300 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

**Opera Dinner Show** Enjoy opera performances and Italian cuisine. Wednesday, October 2, 6:30pm; \$65. Divo Diva Cafe, 3650 5th Ave #104. (HILLCREST)

**September Coffee Tasting** Go on a journey through the world of coffee with baristas. Friday, September 27, 3pm; \$17. OX Coffee, 8590 Rio San Diego Dr., Suite B. (MISSION VALLEY)

**Whiskey & Wine Party** The flavors of the deep South and Northern California converge at this West coast BBQ bash. A nod to the property's horse ranch heritage, this southern-style feast under the stars features a menu of comfort food favorites washed down with whiskey, bourbon and wine tastings. Sample whiskeys and personal reserve bourbon as live music and

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## FOR KIDS

### Local Heroes Storytime:

**Poway Sheriff** Meet the local heroes from Poway Sheriff. All children are welcome. Thursday, September 26, 10:30am; **free**. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

**Trail Tykes** Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, the Trail Tykes free program includes a read-aloud story, and a craft/activity or a short walk with MTRP Foundation staff and volunteers. Please register @ [mtrp.org/trailtykes/](http://mtrp.org/trailtykes/) to reserve your space. Wednesday, October 2, 3:30pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

## FUNDRAISERS

### Golf Tournament & Luau of Hawaii

Raising funds and awareness about the recent fires. Saturday, September 28, 8am; \$50-\$600. Lake San Marcos Resort, 1750 San Pablo Drive. (SAN MARCOS)

### Pickleball Fundraiser Tournament

Do Something Now provides bikes to underprivileged kids in orphanages, families who have no transportation, and healthcare workers to heal many people in remote places. Sunday, September 29, 8am; \$65. Pickleball Training Center, 14343 Silverset Street. (POWAY)

## LECTURES

### An Evening with Henry Winkler

From his breakout role as The Fonz on *Happy Days* to becoming acting coach Gene Cousineau on HBO's comedy *Barry*, Henry Winkler has decades of success as an actor, producer, and director. Winkler is a *New York Times* bestselling author, recently releasing his new memoir, *Being Henry*. Join Henry Winkler as he shares inspirational lessons from his life and career. Thursday, September 26, 7pm; \$72-\$150. David and Dorothea Garfield Theatre, 4126 Executive Drive. (LA JOLLA)

### Intersections: Opera & Musical Theater

Enjoy an exploration of the parallels between these two beloved art forms. Collaborating with CSU San Marcos' own professor Dr. Ching-Ming Cheng and professional theater actress and singer Caroline Nelms, both will lead the audience on a journey through the intersecting worlds of opera and musical theater. The concert will highlight pieces that share common characters or storylines, offering a fresh perspective on familiar narratives. Friday, September 27, 7pm; **free**-\$10. CSU San

Marcos, 333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road. (SAN MARCOS)

## NATURE

### Birding Basics Class

Join MTRP Trail Guide and experienced birder Winona Sollock for an educational bird identification class. Increase your enjoyment of Nature by learning 5 simple techniques to identify birds at a glance. You will also learn how to use a field guide, so bring one along if you have it. Classes meet at the Visitor Center in Classroom A. Saturday, September 28, 1pm; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

### Guided Nature Walk

Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended, but the morning walk is not so hot. Walks are canceled if raining. Saturdays, 9:30am; through Sunday, September 29, **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

### Guided Nature Walk

Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk. Walks are free and open to the public, with no camping or reservations required. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Saturday, September 28, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

### Weekly Guided Nature Walks

Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces and some involve steps, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Cooler temperatures make for a great experience. Walks are canceled if raining. Wednesday, October 2, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Back To School Pop Up Shop/School Supplies Drive

Local Small Business Market: Shop a curated selection of products from local artisans and entrepreneurs. Saturday, September 28, 12pm; **free**. Rogue Parkour Gym., 8050 Ronson Road. (KEARNY MESA)

### Filipino American History Month Celebration

Copley Library and the Filipino Ugnayan Student Organization (FUSO) celebrate Filipino American History Month with Dr. Allison Tintiangco-Cubales, a distinguished professor in the College of Ethnic Studies at the San Francisco State University. Wednesday, October 2, 6pm; **free**. James S. Copley Library, 1134 Kline Street. (LA JOLLA)

## SPOKEN WORD

### Visiting Writers Series: Reading by Anna Gazmarian

Enjoy a reading by author Anna Gazmarian as part of the 2024 M.A. in Writing Visiting Writers Series. Anna Gazmarian (author of *Devout: A Memoir of Doubt*) holds an MFA in creative writing from the Bennington Writing Seminars. Wednesday, October 2, 7pm; \$10. Point Loma Nazarene University, 3900 Lomaland Drive. (POINT LOMA)

## SPORTS & FITNESS

### 4th Annual Ping Pong Tournament

The winner of this 32 bracket, co-ed competition will go home with the Golden Paddle and a WWE Style Championship Belt. Friday, September 27, 6pm; **free**. Ocean Beach Woman's Club, 2160 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

### San Diego Wave FC vs. Portland Thorns

Saturday, September 28, 7pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

### Swing & Sip Social

Join a celebration of women's golf with food, drinks, and fashion. Enjoy complimentary food and drinks while you hit the latest clubs with fitting advice from in-store experts, or join a group lesson for skills practice with other golfers. Thursday, September 26, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. Golf Galaxy, 3235 Sports Arena Blvd Suite B. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

## THEATER LISTINGS

*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.*

### A View From the Bridge

The program informs us that playwright Arthur Miller first wrote this near-perfect drama as a one act verse play, and if that wasn't tip enough that he's reaching for the heights and depths of Greek tragedy here, the lawyer/narrator actually mentions Greece — in connection with Sicily, from which our immigrant characters, legal and otherwise, hail — in his opening monologue.

The monologue's subject is the law: the American version, in

which we settle for half and civilization muddles along, and the more ancient, less codified, and definitely more violent version that might have been enforced by the cliffs of Siracusa long ago. The play's subject is Eddie Carbone, the sort of monster part into which actor Richard Baird has been ripening for some time now. Eddie is a longtime longshoreman, old enough to both savor his achievements — he's kept his promise to his dead sister to raise her little girl Catherine — and reckon with his mistakes — he's let his fatherly concern mushroom into something less...distant. ("You're walkin' wavy. You gotta keep yourself more.") He is, as the lawyer puts it, "as good as he had to be," a man with a code and a worldview. And you know what tragedies do to good men, their codes, and their worlds.

Baird is the sort of actor who can dominate a stage with his controlled ferocity, but he knows how to keep his presence in check, and even if he didn't, he has a powerful cast to bang up against. (There are no disappointments, but Margot White as Eddie's wife Beatrice and Coby Rogers as his unwitting rival Rodolpho stand



**A View from the Bridge: Hey, wasn't the forbidden fruit an apple?**

out; she for her bravery in battling Eddie's demons, he for his easy embodiment of everything that summons them.)

Just before the end of the first act, our narrator laments, in true Greek fashion, that he can

see what's coming, step by inevitable step, and that brings us back to the "near" in "near-perfect." Because this isn't a one-act verse drama, it's a two-act prose play, and here and elsewhere, the narrator demonstrates his

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superfluity. He says what he needs to say about the uneasy relation of “the law” to “what’s right” in his capacity as a character in the story. As a narrator, he articulates profundities that are already on display — and in his closing remarks, his confusing comments work to blunt the action’s considerable force. Still, it’s a triumphant production of an American classic.

NORTH COAST REPERTORY THEATRE, 987-D LOMAS SANTA FE DR., SOLANA BEACH. 858-481-1055. 7PM THURSDAY, 8PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAY, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY, OCT. 2.

### Agatha Christie’s Murder on the Orient Express

Or, *What Could Be Funnier than Child Murder?* Well, not quite, but still. Playwright Ken Ludwig knows that familiarity breeds... maybe not contempt, but perhaps a certain lack of enthusiasm — even if you are working with the greatest detectives in the genre. What to do to liven things up? Bring on the laughs! It worked with audiences when he adapted Sherlock Holmes’ spookiest case into *Baskerville*, so why not here, for Agatha Christie’s terrible tale about the reverberations of violence and the murkiness of justice? (Perhaps because it’s a terrible tale about the...oh, never mind.)

But comedy does help with coping, and Ludwig and the Globe deploy the gambit with consid-

erable skill, first by giving us the awful murder that begins the action in movie form, so that it’s formally separated from the antics of the actors on-stage, then by having Belgian detective Hercule Poirot play it almost entirely straight throughout, and finally by backing off the funny bits as the play progresses toward its undeniably weighty conclusion. And oh yes, fair play: the broadest broad in the bunch, the moneyed Minnesotan, has good reason to act the way she does.

The setting for this murder mystery is justly famous — a seemingly disparate group of passengers on a luxurious train that has been stopped in its tracks by a blizzard — and the Globe has done that setting justice. (The revelation of the train’s dining car marked the first time I have ever heard an audience applaud a set change.) The wintry surroundings, projected around the ingenious interiors, contrast splendidly with the purpled luxury on display.

The murder scene itself is also famous: a riot of wounds, a mess of clues. Poor Poirot has a lot of slogging through to do. Good thing the lovely doctor who assists him notices that the deceased’s cheek is red, as if he had been slapped earlier. How can she tell? “Because I slapped it.” Ho ho! Still, it gets confusing when, just after one character wishes eternal damnation on

the dead man for what he did before he died, another character runs screaming from the stage like a frightened chicken, and everyone...laughs?

Finally, Ludwig might have worked a little harder on Poirot’s penultimate speech, in which he first accuses the killer of playing God and then invokes the deity’s blessing upon him.

OLD GLOBE - DONALD & DARLENE SHILEY STAGE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 7PM THURSDAYS, 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS.

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SCRIPPS RANCH THEATRE, 9783 AVENUE OF NATIONS, SCRIPPS RANCH. 858-578-7728. 7:30PM FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### The Outsider

Ned Newley doesn’t even want to be governor. He’s terrified of public speaking; his poll numbers are impressively bad. To his ever-supportive Chief of Staff, Ned seems destined to fail. But political consultant Arthur Vance sees things differently: Ned might be the worst candidate to ever run for office. Unless the public is looking for... the worst candidate to ever run for office. A timely comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy.

POWPAC, 13250 POWAY RD., POWAY. 858-679-8085. 8PM FRIDAYS, 2PM & 8PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS.

### Primary Trust

Kenneth, a 36-year-old bookstore worker in a small upstate New York town, spends his evenings sipping mai tais at the local tiki bar with his best friend Bert. When he’s suddenly laid off, Kenneth faces challenges he has long avoided—with transformative and heart-warming results. Primary Trust is a touching story of new beginnings, old (and new) friends, and finding the courage to see the world for the first time. Winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. LA JOLLA PLAYHOUSE, 2910 LA JOLLA VILLAGE DR., UCSD. 858-550-1010. 7:30PM THURSDAY, 2PM & 8PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 7:30PM TUESDAY, OCT. 1.

### The Rocky Horror Show

The most extraordinary thing about Cygnet’s production of Richard O’Brien’s sex-soaked sci-fi sendup *The Rocky Horror Show* is its casting of the huge and handsome Nathan Madden as the sweet transvestite from Transsexual, Transylvania, Dr. Frank ‘n Furter. Frank has been “making a

man with blond hair and a tan” up in his lab, the sort of fellow who doesn’t need dynamic tension to look good in a Speedo. But while it’s true that Josh Bradford’s Rocky is a marvel of definition, the good (bad) doctor dwarfs and outshines him — especially in heels and drag makeup.

It’s a bold move, one that works as well as it does mostly due to Madden’s manner: how can someone so substantial seem so...mercurial? But It lends a more sinister cast to the act of Rocky’s creation: this is not the work of a tortured little alien from an androgynous planet who is seeking to create a masculine ideal, a god whom he might worship even as it services him. No, this is a pretty plaything made for a monster of control — much prettier than the previous one, who gets carved up with a chainsaw when he breaks out of cold storage.

And that brings me to the *second* most extraordinary thing about the show: for all its famed on-stage naughtiness (the raciest bits are done in silhouette), it’s wildly straight about its morality. Rock and roll really does lead to sexual excess and ultimate destruction (poor Eddie). Alien dudes who dress in women’s clothing really are out to corrupt and destroy decent Americans (poor Brad and Janet). Using surgery to pursue perfection really does lead to a crisis of identity (poor Rocky). And you really can’t get by with the living-my-truth mantra of “Don’t dream it, be it” (poor Frank).

But at least you can have campy comedy, catchy tunes and a killer floor show! Oh, and also the cheerful incorporation of the audience responses — though not the props — created for the musical’s film version. There are no telephones in castles!

CYGNET THEATRE, 4040 TWIGGS ST., OLD TOWN. 619-337-1525. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 2PM & 7PM SATURDAYS, 2PM SUNDAYS, 7PM WEDNESDAYS.

### Shakespeare in the Park: The Tempest

Vanguard at Westminster Theatre presents William Shakespeare’s *The Tempest*, directed by Mark C. Petrich.

WESTMINSTER THEATRE, 3598 TALBOT ST., POINT LOMA. 619-224-6263. 7PM FRIDAY, SATURDAY, & SUNDAY.

## MOVIES

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

**Alien: Romulus** — Well, that was a surprise. The plan seemed clear enough: over the course of *Prometheus* and *Covenant*, the *Alien* franchise had gotten a little too far from its nightmarish roots — body horror, monster scares, and corporate malfeasance giving way to existential searches for meaning, the war of creation vs. creator, and well yes, corporate malfeasance. (Some things never change.) So here comes horror aficionado Fede Alvarez to co-write and direct a movie that will, if not reboot, then at least reset things. Bring on the throat rape, the bursting chests, the phallic threat and dread of pregnancy. Most of all, bring on the fear that made the first one so successful despite (because of) the rarely glimpsed xenomorph. And then, whoopsie! There is effective horror here, but it doesn’t rear its head until very late in the game. Before that, what we’ve got is an artful blend of much of what has come before. Alvarez has done his homework, though maybe a little too well: there is a studied air to things that saps some of the viscerality out of all the viscera. (At least there are plenty of practical effects.) A scene in which our brave band of young would-be space raiders must traverse a room full of Facehuggers that are built to respond to sound and changes in temperature — stay frosty, indeed — seems like the sort of thing that our man ought to relish, a chance to make us hold our breath in sympathy. And yet...meh. The

surprise is that the stronger stuff is in the idea department: the rejiggering of the corporate malfeasance, the shifting of humanity’s relation to its androids. An effective, engaging outing, sadly marred by the resurrection of a dead character that sends us into an uncanny valley more unsettling than many of the film’s more intentional horrors. 2024. M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

**The Substance** — Writer-director Coralie Fargeat’s long and lurid cautionary tale — anything so laden with body horror must surely be cautionary, right? — very much wants to have its cheesecake and eat it, too. Which is to say, the film treats the Awful Truth that Showbiz (the people who make it and the people who consume it) worships youth, and is mildly horrified by aging, while at the same time slaving over that selfsame youth and jabbing that mild horror with a needle full of nightmare juice. The story concerns Elisabeth Sparkle (Demi Moore, who seems to have watched Gloria Swanson in *Sunset Boulevard* and declared, “Hold my beer”), an actress who won an Oscar in her youth, grew famous enough to rate a star on the Walk of Fame, and then aged gracefully into a gig doing a fitness show on TV. (Paging Miss Fonda?) Now she’s turning 50, and surprise, surprise, the network brass wants someone younger. Somehow, our heroine is shocked — she never thought it would happen to her, even though that’s been the story since forever. Live by the body, die by the body. But hey now, here’s an underground lab that’s offering — free of charge, for some reason — a solution: a substance that will allow Sparkle to shine again: seven days as herself, seven days as ingenue Sue (Margaret Qualley, in a turn that screams “star” much louder than “actress”). She cheerfully sets out to replace herself, but even though both parties are constantly reminded that “You are One,” it gets hard for them not to resent each other. The story feels like it’s headed somewhere harrowing and haunting, but then it takes a hard left into insane violence. It’s not that it doesn’t make sense, it’s just that it turns a tragedy into a spectacle. All the wince-inducing stuff that came before — the merciless close-ups on aging flesh, the needles plunging into thinning skin, the accelerating moral and physical decay — gets drowned in a sea of arterial spray. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)



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## Angel sings for Saints

Angel Mariscal had a short-lived stint playing the piano when he was in elementary school. “The teacher would be, like, ‘Play this,’ and then I would want to go outside to play with my friends. So, that didn’t last. After that, it was the acoustic guitar, and I stuck with that.” Eventually, he became so proficient that his teachers basically told him they couldn’t teach him anymore, so he plugged in and started playing electric. He had a cousin: Emiliano Garcia, a drummer who shared his passion for music. “In 2017, we were like, ‘Hey, I play music. You play music. Let’s start a band.’ We kind of did it as a duo. I wrote some songs like ‘Let It Out.’ It wasn’t really until a year or two years after I graduated from high school

that I started thinking about being in a band. I just wanted to make music and put it out.”

The first Los Saints singles (the aforementioned “Let It Out” and another song titled “Extraterrestrial”) popped up on the streamers in 2019. At that point, the group was still a duo, and Mariscal, with some help from Garcia, was just dipping his toe into the songwriting seas. Before then, he would simply listen to music on his phone and, as he says, “try to freestyle on my guitar” and record it on his phone. “I was like, ‘This sounds cool; this could be a song.’ But I really started writing music when I joined up with my cousin. He’s the one that taught me, ‘This is what a verse is. This what a chorus is.’ Structural stuff.”

The duo became a trio in late 2019 when Gianluca Exposito joined on lead guitar. Soon after, they were ready to start gigging. “We were gonna have a show as a three-piece,” Mariscal says. “Me as the singer and rhythm guitarist and Emiliano on the drums



Los Saints, ascending.

and Gianluca on the lead guitar. I had made some backing tracks for the bass. We got offered a show. We confirmed it and everything. We were, like, ‘Dude, this is going to be our first show. It’s going to be a sick house show.’ And then it was canceled when Covid came around.”

The three-piece became one of the many local bands that had the performance rug pulled out from under it when the pandemic hit. Their live debut was delayed until they hosted a show on Fiesta Island in August 2021. They played a 20 minute-long set: the two singles and a handful of songs that hadn’t been released yet.

By 2022, they had recorded a self-funded, five-song EP (*Welcome to Confusion*) that got picked up by Encinitas-

based ENCI Records. They started gigging more after the EP garnered some positive accolades from the likes of *Under The Radar* and *Alternative Press*. And later that year, the trio started working on the songs that would form their recently released debut LP, *Certified*.

The album proved to be the swansong for Exposito’s tenure with the band. After the recording was completed, he offered his bandmates a fitting farewell present: his replacement guitarist. “Jorge

Vazquez was introduced to us by Gianluca when he was leaving the band,” Mariscal says. “He was in another band called *Undead Sunset*. When Gianluca brought it up, he was down. This is definitely a permanent setup.”

Another new guy entering the Los Saints (musical) fold is bassist Greg Ortega, an early supporter of the band who also shot a video for their song “Found You Somewhere.” “I asked Greg if he wanted to be the bassist for the band. He was like, ‘I’ve never played

an instrument before, but I love music, and I love you guys as friends. So, I’ll do it.’ He just picked it up last year and he has been getting down. Playing a show for the first time two months after just picking up the bass takes a lot of courage.”

Mariscal says the band is hoping to tour next year, and just continue writing and recording. “Right now, we just really want to release more music,” he says. “I have been getting my demo songs down, so we have a lot of new stuff ready.”

— Dryw Keltz

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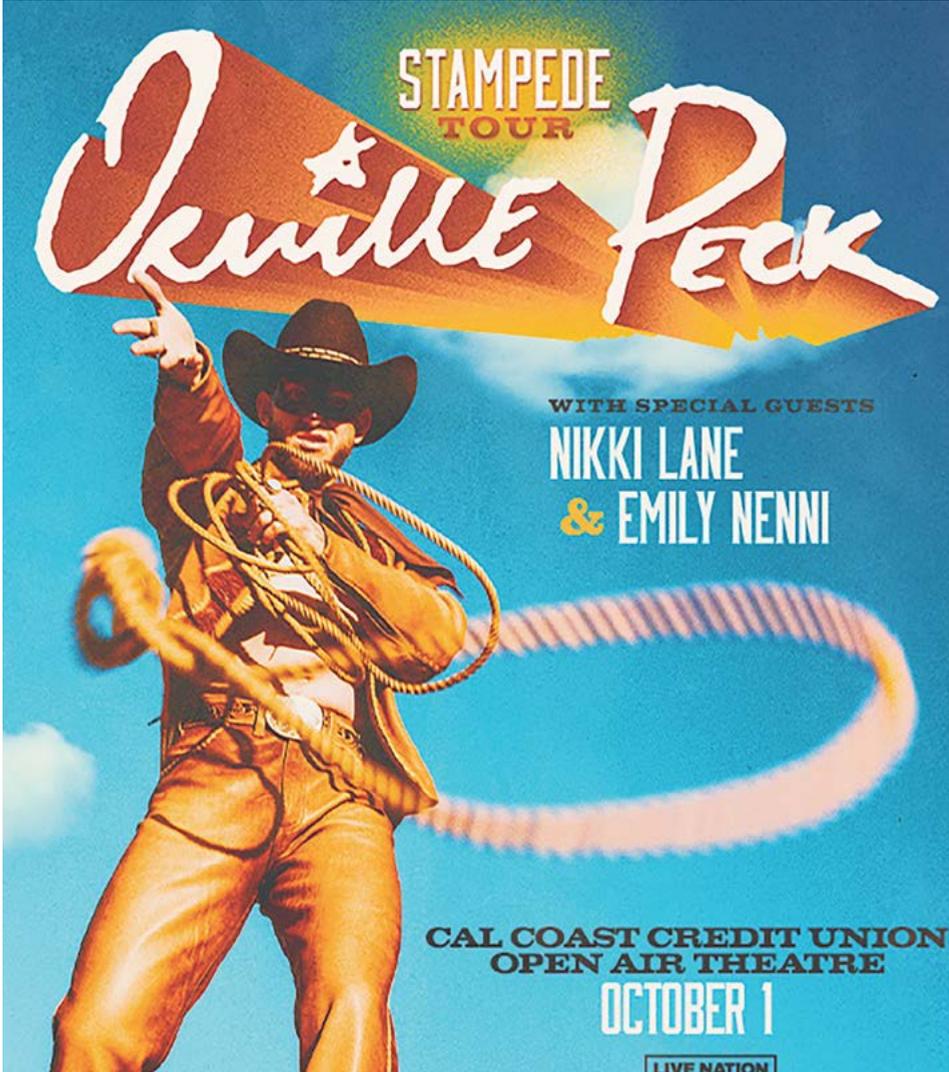
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## SEN K at the the Casbah

SEPT 27



Sen K features Eric Nielsen (of psychedelic-noise groups High Mountain Tempel and Maquiladora) and his wife Krista Bentley aka Krista Kansas (once from a Lawrence, Kansas band called Showertrick). Their recently-released debut album of experimental rock music *Allele* (Nielsen's first new first record since 2015) was recorded at Singing Serpent with Ben Moore. The bill is headlined by Acid Mothers Temple and the Melting Paraiso, with opening support from Spirit Mother.

## HEADPHONE at Navajo Live

SEPT 27



Headphone was founded in 2014 by Morgan McRae (who studied piano and business management at St. Louis University) and Philip Cullin. Their debut album *Sector 1* was followed by *Clouds of Scattered Noise*, with both records earning positive reviews and landing them steady local gig work. The San Carlos bill also includes The Gravities.

## IRATION at Mariner's Point

SEPT 28



This year's Mission Bayfest runs three days and features several local acts among the headliners, including island music stars Iration on Saturday, September 28. Other acts slated to appear include Pepper, Stick Figure, Tribal Seeds, Cypress Hill, Wiz Khalifa, Z-Trip, Sansamotion, Vana Liya, Divina, The Irie, Rome & Duddy, Iam Tongi, KBong & Johnny Cosmic, Artikal Sound System, Tropicadelic, Bumpin' Ugliers, Tunnel Vision, Doah's Daydream, and Dubbest.

## BLAISE GULD at Farmer & the Seahorse

SEPT 29



Singer-songwriter Blaise Guld first earned local notice fronting rock-n-reggae group Mad Traffic, later signing with Blindspot Records and releasing a number of solo works. His album *Past Forward* was nominated Best Pop Album at the 2014 San Diego Music Awards.

## NICKEL CREEK at Pechanga Arena

OCT 1



Opening for Kacey Musgraves will be the reunited local bluegrass-Americana family band Nickel Creek, featuring Chris Thile (mandolin) and siblings Sara Watkins (violin/fiddle) and Sean Watkins (guitar). Their 2023 album *Celebrants* was nominated for Best Folk Album at the 66th Annual Grammy Awards, and they received the Lifetime Achievement Trailblazer Award at the 2023 Americana Music Association Honors & Awards. Also appearing on this stop of Musgraves' Deeper Well Tour will be Father John Misty.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Jason Mraz. \$75-\$132.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Sue Palmer & Her Motel Swing Orchestra. \$12-\$21.

Monday, 7:30pm — The

Wallflowers. \$55.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Hot Tuna.

### Brick by Brick:

Thursday, 7:30pm — In The Mourning, Longwinded, Loser Parade. \$15.

Friday, 8pm — Strung Out, Adolescents, A Wilhelm Scream. \$28-\$32.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Zombie Composer's Cut By Fabio Frizzi. \$30-\$75.

Sunday, 7pm — Deicide and Krisiun. \$30-\$35.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Hippie Death Cult, Kadabra, Nebula Drag. \$15-\$20.

### Cannonball:

Thursday, 5pm — Kai Kalama.

Tuesday, 5pm — Jemille Vialet.

### Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Illuminati Hotties and Daffo. \$20-\$22.

Friday, 7:30pm — Acid Mothers Temple and the Melting Paraiso. \$20-\$25.

Saturday, 7:30pm — LSD & the Search for God. \$25-\$30.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Nerf Herder. \$18-\$20.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Carbon Leaf. \$28.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Goodnight Texas and Madeline Hawthorne. \$18-\$20.

### Che Café:

Tuesday, 6:30pm — Fentanyl, Mexican Coke, Therapy. \$12-\$15.

### Cordova Bar:

Thursday, 8pm — DJ Jalil. Free.

Saturday, 9pm — DJ Sergio. Free.

Sunday, 6pm — Hot Club De Clermont. \$5.

Wednesday, 8pm — Orion Song. Free.

### Coronado Library:

Friday, 1pm — Autumn Concert Series: Vania Pimentel. Free.

### Duke's La Jolla:

Friday, 3pm — Orion Song.

Sunday, 4pm — Keni Yarbro.

Tuesday, 4pm — Kekoa.

### Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

Friday, 6pm — Johnny Martin.

### Farmer & the Seahorse:

Saturday, 11am — Kinnie Dye.

Sunday, 11am — Blaise Guld.

### Golden Island:

Friday, 6pm — Aaron Lind & His Organ Trio. Free.

### Guggenheim Theatre:

Friday, 7pm — Intersections Concert Series: Kittel & Co. \$25-\$35.

### Harrah's Resort Southern California:

Tuesday, 8pm — The Cult.

### Holding Company:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Twista.

### House of Blues:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Franc Moody.

Friday, 9pm — Broadway Rave.

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Sunday, 7pm — Mon Rovia.

Sunday, 7:30pm — Nikka Costa.

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### Humble Heart:

Friday, 7:30pm — JVK.

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Friday, 8:30pm — Groove is in the Heart. \$15.

### Humphreys by the Bay:

Friday, 7:30pm — Hoodoo Gurus.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Nate Mercereau and André 3000.

### Jacumba Hot Springs Hotel:

Friday, 8pm — The Stevenson Ranch Davidians. Free.

Saturday, 8pm — Mark Sultan of the King Kahn & BBQ Show. Free.

### Julian Town Hall:

Saturday, 7pm — Spirit of the Mountains 2. \$20-\$25.

### L'Auberge Del Mar:

Friday, 7pm — Jemille Vialet.

Saturday, 7pm — David Shyde.

Sunday, 11am — Marelle.

Tuesday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.

Wednesday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

### La Jolla Community Center:

Friday, 8pm — Fourth Friday Jazz Series. \$25-\$35.

### La Valencia Hotel:

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

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# THE GONZO REPORT

## Oxford commas, aliens, and sparring superheroes

### The conversation hops at IB's The Salty Frog

"I'd lose that if I were you," WeAreJackStrong bassist/vocalist Gregg Oliver advises me. He's referring to my faith in humanity, specifically, the place of creators in a world where Artificial Intelligence has evolved from pervasive to invasive. I'm amused by the contradiction: such a pessimistic view for a man who created a band that references a fictional character who is meant to be all of us, writing songs about dealing with the stressors of life and, with support, emerging stronger. Then again, he thinks the Oxford comma is cool. It is not. Neither is it hip, bitchin, or useful.

I'm mulling over all this at The Salty Frog in Imperial Beach, where the band has started their set. To my ears, the sound is perfectly balanced. (Not surprising, given the combined

experience of house soundman Chris and drummer Mitch Grant, the founder of SEAS Productions, a full-service audio/visual company based in Oceanside.) The place is situated in a quiet area; many of the surrounding stores and eateries are closed, either because of the late hour or the latest economy. The bar's clientele has changed over the years, from a Navy SEAL hangout, suitable for sailors on shore leave, to non-military locals who come to hear live music and grab a drink. But the interior still retains signs

of its former military focus: a wall painting depicts three muscular anthropomorphic frogs in Navy gear, seated around a table and drinking. No amphibians are drinking tonight, so I check out the back part of the bar, where two humans are playing pool. I wait to see if they transform or maybe let a little "ribbit" escape their mouths, but they just keep playing.

I grab some pics and footage before stepping outside again, where I'm still able to hear the music while I get my nicotine fix and chat with Jacob, the doorman for tonight. He tells me that patrons are always respectful; they come here for the music and to socialize. There's an immediate connection as we dive into punk rock history and discuss our favorite bands. His friend is looking at my arms, checking out my ink, studying the lines and shading. He's an artist named Chris, and we bond over my KISS tattoo, discussing the finer points of their second release, *Hotter Than Hell*. He



**WeAreJackStrong: no-frills classic rock, few covers, and plenty of camaraderie.**

shows me a comic he's drawing for his son: a story of Superman vs. The Hulk that visually samples several styles of the icons' renderings through the ages. They're battling through their own histories.

Jacob tells me I have to check out bartender Brandy's 3D tattoo, and I belly up to the bar to do so over a Diet Coke. The body art doesn't have its full effect without 3D glasses, however, and I suggest she carry some around for dorks like me who want to see the alien pop out of her skin instead of a red and blue image. It's a cool tat, though, and it leads to an impromptu education on all things extra-terrestrial. Brandy is well-versed, and I tell her that I'm skeptical, but want to believe, because, when I look around at the carbon-based life forms around me who were the fastest swimmers, I figure there's got to be more intelligence out there.

As WeAreJackStrong winds up their first of two sets, I grab Oliver for a video interview.

SPIKE STEFFENHAGEN

We play a game called "Justify" — the musician is challenged with something and has to justify it. Jaco Pastorius needing only four strings when Oliver uses five and the second "g" in his first name elicit matter-of-fact answers. It's only when the Oxford comma gets brought up and he justifies it with "bacon, and eggs" as opposed to "bacon and eggs" that things get more animated.

Following the interview, Oliver introduces me to several members of bands such as Birds Kill Bugs,

hyping up the others in the musical community that make nights like this possible. Soon Oliver and his group (drummer Grant, guitarist/vocalist Dan Scott and sax/flute/ keyboardist Jay McGuerty) are set to play another set of no-frills classic rock. And though they "threatened" a night of all original music, a cover of Nick Lowe's "Peace Love and Understanding" done Elvis Costello-style breaks that streak. Before they play, a man named David, carrying his dog Lola, stops the band and thanks them for playing live music, and he also thanks Jacob for having a place where original artists can play.

There are few things better than a night filled with music, great conversation, three-dimensional aliens, art, and a friendly dog. Whatever their relative intelligence vis-a-vis aliens, I'm glad the people I interacted with won the swimming race when they were sperm. And fuck the Oxford comma. ■

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Wednesday, 7:30pm — Rakim. \$34.

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Friday, 8pm — Headphone and The Gravities. \$7-\$10.  
Saturday, 8pm — Bastard Sons and Fast Trax. Free.

**Nick & G's:**  
Friday, 6pm — Matt Heinecke.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Grupo Firme.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Los Angeles Azules.  
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Orville Peck and Nikki Lane.

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Thursday, 5pm — Uptown Rhythm Makers. Free.

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Tuesday, 7:30pm — Cult of Venus. \$19.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Bombargo. \$19.

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Sunday, 7:30pm — Ziggy Alberts.

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Sunday, 7:30pm — Lucinda Williams and Mike Campbell & The Dirty Knobs.

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Sunday, 6pm — Kalapana 50th Anniversary Celebration Concert.

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**Thornton Winery:**  
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Thursday, 7:30pm — Nicki Minaj.  
Wednesday, 7:30pm — Grupo Frontera.

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Thursday, 6pm — Ben Benavente.

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**Whistle Stop Bar:**  
Friday, 8pm — Fake Fruit. \$15.

**Winstons Beach Club:**  
Friday, 9pm — Easy Wind.  
Saturday, 8pm — The Candlebombs and Revelation 69. \$5.  
Saturday, 4pm — Weener Pigs.  
Sunday, 4pm — Hillandale Drive.

## IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

### Gramophone's Puccini gaffe

The prestigious classical music publication *Gramophone* recently listed their 10 greatest Puccini singers of all time. There were a few omissions that raised my ire, along with a few inclusions that made no sense whatsoever. It may seem strange to get worked up over a list of greatest singers, but opera fandom is itself operatic. I've seen grown-ups shout each other into a frenzy over lists of the greatest NFL quarterbacks, and I find that to be entirely appropriate. Shouting isn't encouraged within opera, but *squillo* that projects to the back of the house certainly is.

The *Gramophone* list starts with Enrico Caruso and Claudia Muzio, as it should, but then moves on to tenor

Beniamino Gigli. Gigli was certainly a great singer, but as a singer of Puccini, he was more effective in roles such as Rodolfo from *La Boheme* and Pinkerton from *Madama Butterfly*. However, he does belong on a list of great Puccini.

Baritone Tito Gobbi is next. I find it difficult to include any bass or baritone on a list of great Puccini singers, simply because there is only one truly great baritone role, which is Scarpia from *Tosca*. It is fair to include him because he was a fantastic singer, but there are a few sopranos and tenors that could have been inserted instead.

There is no way to deny that Renata Tebaldi was a fantastic singer of Puccini. She excelled in multiple

roles, such as Mimi from *La Boheme*, *Tosca*, and Cio-Cio-San in *Madama Butterfly*.

Next up are Mirella Freni and Luciano Pavarotti. These two are included as a team, and that makes sense. Their recordings of *La Boheme* and *Madama Butterfly* are definitive. However, I would not include Pavarotti as a great Puccini singer, because these are the only two roles that fit his voice and I prefer other tenors in these roles. For example, I prefer Jussi Bjorling as Rodolfo and Carlo Bergonzi as Pinkerton.

Soprano Reata Scotto cannot be denied, but tenor Placido Domingo does not belong on this list. He is a good Cavaradossi in *Tosca* and a great Dick Johnson in *Girl of the Golden West* but Franco Corelli is better



Not every great opera singer is automatically a great Puccini singer.

in both roles. And Corelli is not on the list. He should be right here in place of Domingo. Corelli owns the roles of Cavaradossi and Calaf in *Turandot*.

The final singer on the list is...Jonathon Tetelman? No. Maria Callas should be on the list, based on her *Butterfly* and *Tosca*. Mario del Monaco and Giuseppe di Stefano would have been better choices. Birgit Nilsson should be on the list, if only for her *Turandot*. (There are

no great Turandots on the list, by the way.)

Perhaps *Gramophone* got to the end of the list and realized none of these singers, except for Domingo, is still living, and they wanted to include a current singer. In that case, a separate list of current great Puccini singers would have made sense. The sad fact of the matter is that there are currently no "greatest of all-time singers" of any type currently on the world stage.

## Classical Music this week

**Ballet Collective SD: RESONANCE** a melodic evening of contemporary ballet works by local choreographers Tylor Bradshaw, Reka Gyulai, Holly Meacham, Whitney Edwards, and Emily Miller with Guest Choreographer Holly Curran choreographed to a wide range of musical offerings, with special guests The Hausmann Quartet and other musical collaborators. Saturday, September 28, 5pm and 7:30pm; \$45-\$85. Baker-Baum Concert Hall, 7600 Fay Avenue.

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October 5 — Beatles vs Stones  
October 6 — Tim Flannery & The Lunatic Fringe

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October 3 — British Lion and Tony Moore's Awake

October 4 — A.A. Williams  
October 5 — D.O.A. & Single Mothers  
October 6 — Drowning Pool and A Killer's Confession

**California Center for the Arts, Escondido:**  
October 4 — San Diego Tijuana International Jazz Festival

**The Casbah:**  
October 3 — Pixel Grip  
October 5 — Subhumans  
October 6 — Field Guide

**Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center:**  
October 6 — Anat Cohen Quartetinho

**Epstein Family Amphitheater:**  
October 4 — Aoife O'Donovan

**Frontwave Arena:**  
October 5 — Cake

**House of Blues:**  
October 3 — Nicki Nicole  
October 4 — The National Parks  
October 5 — The Longest Johns  
October 5 — Sub-Radio  
October 6 — Cydeways and Wide Eyed Kids

**Humphreys Backstage Music Club:**  
October 5 — Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival

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October 4 — Allen Stone

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**Jacobs Music Center:**  
October 4, October 5, October 6 — Jacobs Masterworks: Time, 3 Movements for Orchestra

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October 5 — The Falling Doves

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October 5 — KK's Priest and Accept

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October 5 — Mildlife  
October 6 — Infinite Floyd

**Navajo Live:**  
October 4 — Anesthesia and Hey! Ho! Let's Go!

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October 4 — Tom Jones  
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October 4 — Tower of Power

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October 4 — A Boogie Wit da Hoodie

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## Hongyuan Kebab takes Korean BBQ for a spin

*Hongyuan Kebab*; 4681 Convoy St ste E, San Diego. Sometimes, it feels like half the food I've ever eaten, I tried for the first time in the Convoy District. That was certainly the case when I walked into Hongyuan Kebab, a recent addition to the small but mighty strip of restaurants including Tajima Ramen, Steamy Piggy, The Friendly, and Song Hak Korean BBQ.

Like Song Hak, Hongyuan Kebab is a Korean restaurant where you cook your meat in your seat, browning some assortment of beef, pork, and seafood on a tabletop grill. However, this place differs from that one in some key ways. For one, the signature options here consist of lamb and squid. For another, the equipment provided is less a tabletop grill and more of a tabletop rotisserie.

Look closely at the skewered meats that arrive at your table and you'll see the metal skewers have little round gears at one end. The teeth on those gears correspond to a little moving track along one side of the grill—as the gears turn, the skewers turn the meat, giving it a succulent, even spit-roast.

I wanted to try pretty much every meat available—okay, that's a lie: I had no interest in the beef aorta, lamb kidney, or abomasum (tripe). But with options including spare ribs (\$27), squid (5 skewers for \$18), and lamb ribs (4 for \$30), some choices had to be made. Each order of a particular meat contains a fair amount of that meat (there are no combos here), meaning this is a really a place for a group of four or more, so people can order and share.

I stuck to the standard lamb (10 skewers for \$27) and pork belly wrapped mushrooms (8 pieces for \$17). The lamb proved excellent — for this alone, I would recommend the place — but the texture of pork belly and mushroom combo didn't benefit from the rotisserie treatment in the same way. I ordered and ate it because I felt like I needed to add something at least vegetable-adjacent to my meaty meal.

To that end, I also ordered a half-ear of corn (\$4), which was also cooked at the table, but without the rotisserie action. Hongyuan is not entirely about food cooked yourself. Some dishes — such as the lamb ribs and a whole squid (\$25) — are cooked in the kitchen, then brought out to your table, ready to eat (maybe to toss on the grill if you want to add some char).

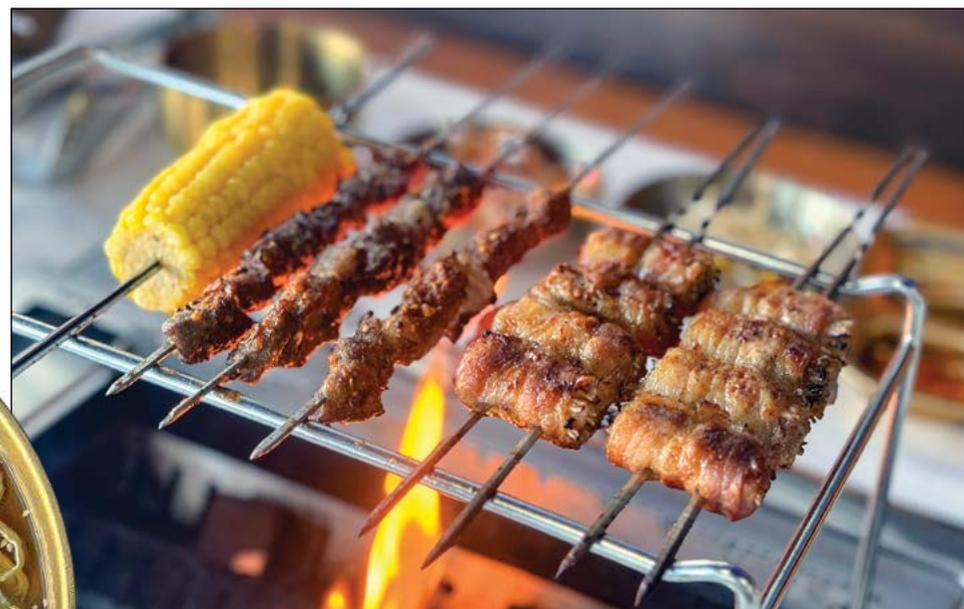
Then there's a dish that intrigued me because I'd never

seen it before: *Naengmyeon*. It's a noodle dish that has roots in North Korea—a first for me—and which is apparently a big deal in its capital, Pyongyang.



**Naengmyeon ("cold noodles"), served in ice cold broth with veggies, meat, and boiled egg**

Obviously, noodles aren't something you'd fire up at your table, and especially these noodles. *Naengmyeon* translates as "cold noodles," and they



**Left to right: corn, lamb, and pork belly-wrapped mushrooms**

are indeed served cold, along with meat, vegetables, and half a boiled egg — in a broth so cold there are little icebergs floating around in it.

I've had cold *japchae* noodles at Korean restaurants before — and the occasional cold ramen — so I had some understanding of how refreshingly cold noodle dishes go down on a hot day. But, served hot or cold, *japchae* features potato starch glass noodles served without sauce or broth (or rather, as the internet tells me, the noodles soak up any sauce). *Naengmyeon*, on the other hand, features some kind of quite chewy buckwheat noodles, and the broth steps up that sense of refreshment with a somewhat surprising

hit of vinegar.

It's not a bad side dish, considering how much meat will likely wind up at your table, slowly turning over the flame on your tabletop.

—Ian Anderson

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## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9017013

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 08/20/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Snevk Media

Located at: 1923 Dartmoor Drive, Lemon Grove, CA 91945, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 1923 Dartmoor Drive, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Registered Owners Name(s): Francisco Javier Vallejo Mendez

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Francisco Javier Vallejo Mendez 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024 - 9018327

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 09/09/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Brain Cloud b. By Brain Cloud

Located at: 1262 Kettner Blvd Unit 503, San Diego, CA 92101, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 1262 Kettner Blvd Unit 503, San Diego, CA 92101

Registered Owners Name(s): UAM Cloud Associates LLC

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

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Registrant Name /s/ Adrian Drummond, Manager Corporation/LLC Name UAM Cloud Associates LLC 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9018260

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 09/09/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Restoration Handyman Services b. Elite Restoration Handyman Services

Located at: 191 Jamul Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91911, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 191 Jamul Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91911

Registered Owners Name(s): Edrios Corp.

This business is conducted by: A Corporation. The first day of business was 09/06/2024.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Dante Garcia Agüero, President Corporation/LLC Name Edrios Corp. 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24

## STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No.: 2024-9018266

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 09/09/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s) To Be Abandoned: a. Rios and Moran's Company

Located at: 101 Jamul Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91911, San Diego County

The Statement of the Fictitious Business Name(s) Referred to Above was Filed in San Diego County On 11/10/2022 and assigned File no. 2022-9024770

Mailing Address: 101 Jamul Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91911

Fictitious Business Name is Being Abandoned By: Carmen Rios

This business is conducted by: An Individual.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Carmen Rios 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9018793

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 09/17/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Acid Media

Located at: 1286 University Avenue #105, San Diego, CA 92103, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 2720 W Victory Blvd, Burbank, CA, 91505

Registered Owners Name(s): Acid Media LTD Liability Co.

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Emilio Rodriguez, COO Corporation/LLC Name Acid Media LTD Liability Co. 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24, 10/17/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9017892

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 09/03/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Pins of the Father

Located at: 717 W California Ave Unit 10, Vista, CA 92083, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 717 W California Ave Unit 10, Vista, CA 92083

Registered Owners Name(s): Verrhonnica Jackson

This business is conducted by: An Individual. The first day of business was 09/03/2024.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Verrhonnica Jackson 9/26/24, 10/3/24, 10/10/24, 10/17/24

## NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF RICHARD H. SMITH

Case No.: 24PE001968C

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL COURTHOUSE, 1100 UNION ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92101

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of (specify all names by which the decedent was known): Richard H. Smith, also known as Richard Harold Smith

A Petition for Probate has been filed by Heidi J. Smith in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego.

The Petition for Probate requests that Heidi J. Smith be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: October 10, 2024 Time: 1:30 pm, Dept: 503

The address of the court is the same as noted above.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: Michael Sweetman, Attorney for Petitioner Heidi J. Smith

Published: 9/26/2024, 10/03/2024, 10/10/2024

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9017774

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 08/30/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. 3 Kings Auto Body and Paint

Located at: 7268 1/2 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, CA 92115, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 7269 Mohawk Street, San Diego, CA 92115

Registered Owners Name(s): Juan Carlos Hurtado

This business is conducted by: An Individual. The first day of business was 08/30/2024.

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Juan Carlos Hurtado 9/12/24, 9/19/24, 9/26/24, 10/3/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9017458

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 08/27/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Indigo Fox Healing

Located at: 2180 Garnet Ave, San Diego, CA 92109, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 4028 Loma Alta Dr, San Diego, CA 92115

Registered Owners Name(s): Karen Lynn Herbert

This business is conducted by: An Individual. The first day of business was 08/27/2024.

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Registrant Name /s/ Karen Lynn Herbert 9/5/24, 9/12/24, 9/19/24, 9/26/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9017354

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 08/26/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Galvan Motor Cars

Located at: 4118 Lewis Street, Oceanside, CA 92056, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 4118 Lewis Street, Oceanside, CA

Registered Owners Name(s): Jose Antonio Galvan

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

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Registrant Name /s/ Jose Antonio Galvan 9/5/24, 9/12/24, 9/19/24, 9/26/24

## FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9017397

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 08/26/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. Pilates Journeys

Located at: 2970 Fifth Ave, Suite 320, San Diego, CA 92154, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 1780 Saltaire Pl, Unit 112, San Diego, CA 92154

Registered Owners Name(s): Pilates Journeys LLC

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

I declare that all information in this statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true any material matter pursuant to Section 17913 of the Business and Professions code that the registrant knows to be false is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (1,000).)

Registrant Name /s/ Mascha Schinske, Managing Member Corporation/LLC Name Pilates Journeys LLC 9/5/24, 9/12/24, 9/19/24, 9/26/24

# A scratch of yellowfin to the south – Striped marlin near the Coronado Islands – Lobster season begins this Friday

**Dock Totals 9/15– 9/21:** 3540 anglers aboard 163 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 2009 bluefin tuna (up to 198 pounds), 22 bocaccio, 1477 bonito, 1 cabezon, 1905 calico bass, 6 dorado, 11 halibut, 169 lingcod, 1246 rockfish, 289 sand bass, 226 sculpin, 375 sheephead, 4 striped marlin (2 released), 2 triggerfish, 1202 whitefish, 3 white seabass, 27 yellowfin tuna, and 521 yellowtail.

**Saltwater:** Yellowfin tuna and dorado are still basically a no-show this year within 50 miles of Point Loma, most likely due to cooler water along the coastal side of the California current and few storms to push warmer water north during hurricane season along the Baja Peninsula. That said, the *Top Gun 80* had a nice score of 276 yellowfin during a 5-day run with 17 anglers aboard. I did not add those to the counts, as I only total the half to three-day counts for consistency as many of the mid- and long-range boats do not publish their totals. Blackfin Sportfishing running out of Punta Banda near Ensenada did report a scratch of small yellowfin early in the week, but that bite seems to have died down. For the larger yellowfin and great wahoo fishing, the typical fall bite is far south off the Ridge and Alijos Rocks off the southern half of the Baja Peninsula, where long-range boats have been doing great.

Bluefin tuna continue to bite well from near San Clemente Island to the outer banks, and with most of the boats concentrating their efforts there, fewer boats are fishing south along Baja, where there have been reports of a decent yellowfin bite off Ensenada by the local operations, which are also scratching up a few bluefin as well. When the tuna or yellowtail aren't cooperating, or when limits are caught with time left, rockfish and lingcod are being targeted with success to add some variety to the overall catch.

White seabass have been biting well along the coast and near the islands in recent weeks, but that action has been slowing a bit. Maybe as the full moon wanes they will start biting again, but for now, white seabass have been a pleasant surprise on trips mostly targeting calico bass, sheephead and yellowtail just off the kelp edges. The big surprise this week, however, has been a showing of striped marlin.

Last Sunday, the six-pac boat *Reel Champion* caught and released two stripers within one-day range of Point Loma, and the *Sea Watch* boated two later in the week on consecutive days near the Coronado Islands, also on full-day runs. We usually see striped marlin in the counts only on longer trips along southern Baja or during warmer El Nino years in our area. Striped marlin



**Stoked angler with one of two striped marlin caught on two consecutive trips near the Coronado Islands while fishing aboard the *Sea Watch* running out of Seaforth Sportfishing.**



**A football yellowfin tuna caught while fishing with Blackfin Sportfishing out of Ensenada made this angler's day.**

do have an endothermic organ that allows a broader temp range, but they typically spend their time further south on this side of the Pacific where the main currents run north to south — as opposed to the opposite in the western Pacific, where they are heavily fished by commercial fleets.

Though striped marlin are mostly concentrated in the central and eastern Pacific, historically, Japan and China catch more of them than any other country in the western Pacific, with peak total metric tons around 18,000 for each country from 1964 to 1969. Since then, there has been a downward trend to under 2000 metric tons by 2011 and just about 1000 metric tons over the past few years. Striped marlin are the most widely distributed billfish in the Pacific, ranging in a horseshoe shaped arc in the north central Pacific Ocean.

Though most recreational anglers release them, striped marlin are eaten in most places where they are commonly found. Striped marlin are caught recreationally in Mexican waters where commercial take is not allowed, and U.S. commercial fleets

catch several hundred metric tons in warmer years, but much less than their counterparts in the western Pacific — again, due to the clockwise circulation of currents in the Pacific that keeps the majority of striped marlin far to the south on the west coast of North America.

Living an average of 11 years, older striped marlin can be high in mercury, and it is recommended to eat the fish only once per week. Larger species that live longer lives while preying on baitfish that often migrate near industrialized nations tend to have higher mercury concentrations. The tiny amounts of heavy metals in each baitfish eaten accumulate in the predator species, as mercury does not naturally process out once ingested. That said, I have eaten marlin (both blue and striped) in jerky, soft smoked, and in tacos, and it was excellent.

Lobster season is set to begin this Friday, September 27 at 6 pm in Southern California waters. Make sure to meet the licensing and other requirements before heading out to target the tasty bugs. Those pursuing lobster need to have their CDFW Spiny Lobster Report Card and California sport fishing license. An Ocean Enhancement Validation is also required unless you have a one or two-day license. Spiny lobster can be taken only by hand by SCUBA and free divers. For those hooping from piers, only two hoop nets can be used. Boaters may have 5 hoop nets per person with a maximum of ten nets on each boat. Hoop nets cannot be set before the official season start time, so hold your horses until 6 pm Friday. Please visit the CDFW website for all rules and regulations for taking lobster, the fines for infractions can be very stiff. Whether the beach, bay, lake, or offshore, they're out there so go out and get 'em!

## DANIEL POWELL

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## REAL ESTATE

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**BRITISH LION BAND** Steve Harris at Brick by Brick on October 3rd & 7th. Whiskey A Go Go demo release soon. He quit Iron Maiden.

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playful. Growing with my kids. Born on August 1st. Litter box trained. Soft and solid foods trained cathjohn076@gmail.com

**BICHON FRISE PUPPIES** They have been dewormed, vaccinated and of course checked by the vet. Father and mother are both present. Mother is short-haired and nicely spicy by nature Father is long-haired and very calm by nature. text for details at (619) 736-3594

**BLUE FRENCH BULLDOGS** Stunning French bulldog puppies for sale. Our girl had very gorgeous 2 boys and 1 girl. She is our family pet, never had any health issue, she is excellent mum and doing incredible job looking after her puppies. text at (619) 736-3594, RHF:\$450



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**BERNESE MOUNTAIN DOG** Hey there! I'm brad, we're bubbly, male and female Bernese Mountain Dog! I'm great with kids and love to snuggle. I will come home to you with shots and worming up to date and micro text at (619) 736-3594

**BOSTON TERRIER PUPPIES** Puppies will be ready to leave for their new homes around now they will be vet checked, micro-chipped, wormed fleas and vaccinated. All puppies will be kc registered and will leave us with a contract, text at (619) 736-3594

**FEMALE AND MALE PUG** they has the most terrific and affectionate nature they will clean/lick you which is typical of this breed. Loves a fuss, loves cuddles and loves a sofa or bed to chill out on. Very clean in the house. Fully house trained. text (619) 736-3594. \$450

**FOX TERRIER PUPS** Very smart, well socialised, raised around the house with other dogs and children. Puppies leave vet checked, microchipped, vaccinated, wormed from 2 wks and flea prevention treated. text at (619) 736-3594

**GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPS** Golden Retriever Pups. 12 weeks old. Kc registered golden retriever pups. Pups will leave full pedigree. kc registered. Wormed fleed and microchipped text at (619) 736-3594. \$450

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**MALTESE PUPPIES** They are 3 months old and have a pedigree and the required vaccinations. They have a good and loving character. They are eager to learn. For more details text at (619) 736-3594. Price \$400

**POMERANIAN PUPPIES** Hi we have for sale beautiful full KC Pomeranian puppies. Mum lives with me. These puppies will be small size Pomeranian. Puppies will be vet checked and full the wormed, microchip. text (619) 736-3594

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## HELP WANTED

**FINANCIAL ANALYST** (Req# IIC1498) in San Diego, CA. Provide support in area of all capital mkt activities (e.g. debt issuance & share repurchase), investments, insurance & financial risk mgmt./hedging & global treasury ops mgmt. Telecommuting permitted within the area of intended employment. Reqs Masters. \$65,936 - \$95,756/yr. Email resumes to illumina, Inc at ReviewofResumes@illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

**FINANCE: METER MAINTENANCE WORKER I/II** \$31.38 - \$45.41 Hourly. Must have experience in installing, repairing, inspecting and testing backflow/cross connection devices and water meters. Ability to read and work from civil improvement plans and standard drawings. Veterans and transitioning military welcome. Please visit our website www.otaywater.gov for requirements and to apply online. EOE

**SR DEVOPS ENGINEERS** Automaton Inc. (dba RADAR) w/ HQ in San Diego, CA seeks Sr DevOps Engineers (multiple openings). Duties may be performed anywhere in the US: Create, maintain, & iterate on CI/CD processes for cloud software for new & existing services; & work w/ dev team to strengthen apps & env security, rec & apply engg stds & best practices, & provide tooling to make dev workflows more secure. REQ: BS in Comp Sci/Info Sys, Comp/ElecEngg, or related tech discipline plus 7 yrs progressive post-Bacc DevOps exp (will accept MS in stated fields plus 5 yrs post-Bacc DevOps exp). Exp. must incl 5 yrs: at least 1

major cloud provider (AWS, Azure, or GCP); proficiency w/ scripting languages as Python, Ruby, Shell and yaml constructs; exp w/ 1 or more of Nodejs, Java, Go, Python, Ruby. Exp. must incl 4 yrs: building pipelines with Docker Compose / Docker swarm, Kubernetes cluster deployment, cluster design, & sizing; at least 1 containerization tech (Docker or LXC Containers); deploying & supporting apps & microservice/serverless architectures; at least 1 CI/CD deployment tool (Atlassian, Jenkins, Bamboo, CircleCI or cloud native); GITOPS; at least 1 infrastructure-as-code & config management for VMs and containers (Terraforms, Ansible, Chef, Puppet, saltstack or comparable tooling); at least 1 monitoring tool (like Prometheus, TICK stack, Icinga, Sensu, Elastic, Logstash/Filebeat, telegraph). Exp must include 1 yr: open-source databases, cloud-native databases; building out solutions with Vault / Consul for secret and configuration management; networking concepts, VPN and VPC constructs in cloud; familiarity with at least 1 Operations tools (like Pagerduty, CloudWatch, Datadog, Sentry); and cloud infrastructure security best practices. Wage range: \$171,080 - \$175,000. Email CV to dana@goradar.com, Ref #SNSM24.

**LEAD STE** Automaton Inc. (dba RADAR) w/ HQ in San Diego, CA seeks Lead STE. Duties may be performed anywhere in the US: Design & implement test strategies that for all aspects of wireless system to improve performance; Develop automation framework for end-to-end system software testing; Investigate, apply root-cause analysis, & recreate reported system software defects; REQ: MS in CompSci/Info Sys, Comp/ElecEngg, or related tech discipline plus 4 yrs QA/Test Engg exp (will accept BS in stated fields & 6 yrs QA/Test Engg exp); Exp must incl 4 yrs: working w/ cloud, Python, Git, Jira, Confluence (or similar Wiki software), Jenkins (CI/CD); test case & framework automation (e.g. Pytest); test automation scripts using Python; test case design, planning & execution, & debugging issues; setting up & debugging comp networks, & TCP/IPs; and 1 yr exp. w/ virtualization technologies. Email CV to dana@goradar.com, Ref #AG814. Wage range: \$165,000 to \$215,000 per year

**SYSTEMS INTEGRATION SCIENTIST 2** (Req# IIC1495) in San Diego, CA. Design, execute & analyze experiments in fast-paced environment. Design complex experiments containing appropriate controls to anticipate potential prob. MS+1yr rtd exp. \$94,474-\$114,000/yr. Email resumes to illumina, Inc at ReviewofResumes@illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

**SR. DEVOPS SUPPORT ENGINEER** (Req# IIC1496) in San Diego, CA. Wok w/global team enrgs to deliver enterprise class DevOps tool chains to the business. Design, implement, support & provide guidance on efficient use & appls of DevOps tools for various proj. Telecommuting permitted. BS followed by 5yrs rtd exp. \$152,479 - \$165,000/yr. Email resumes to illumina, Inc at ReviewofResumes@illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

**SR. PRODUCT SUPPORT ENGINEER** Becton, Dickinson and Company seeks a Sr. Product Support Engineer in San Diego, CA to analyze, replicate, drive and resolve product related issues; Hybrid in-office/remote position; Reqs. MS+2 or BS+5 yrs. exp. Salary range for position: \$128,369.75 - \$177,300.00. To apply mail resume to Becton, Dickinson and Company, Attn: BDHR- DT, 3750 Torrey View Ct. San Diego, CA 92130, OR submit a resume to https://www.cajobs.ca.gov/vosnet/Default.aspx, OR submit a resume to https://bdx.

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**HANDYMAN WANTED (MIRA MESA)** I am seeking a handyman whom I will pay cash to do some maintenance and repairs on my San Diego (Mira Mesa) house when he has time available. email: mhsandiegocar@yahoocom. phone (858) 322-9795

**PERFESSIONAL HOUSING CLEANING AND PERSONAL AIDE NEEDED** Christian born again job opening in Mission Valley area 92108. Please call seven days a week after 3:15 PM daily or text anytime. \$18.50/hr. Paul Guyer at (619) 871-1122.

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**CAREGIVER NEEDED** Full Time/Part-time caregiver needed in National City area. Must be a licensed driver and have a CPR Card. Please call (619) 894-6954 and leave a message.

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**IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICE CAREGIVER** ASAP Mission Valley lady looking to hire a in home supportive service caregiver to work 2-3 Saturdays per month. 8 - 10 hours per day. A car is not necessary. Condo needs deep cleaning. I have emphysema. Blinds and windows need to be cleaned, pulling stuff out and organizing and light cooking is also needed. Please leave your name and number by calling (619) 269-3434 before 5 pm. Long term employment. Must be able to follow instructions.

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

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**DOMESTIC GODDESS SEEKS WORK!!!** I'm a mature female who is seriously struggling & in huge need of cash paying gigs, especially of domestic variety (such as cleaning, cooking, laundry, pet care, etc). Nothing illegal, inappropriate or illicit please! No super heavy lifting! Contact me ASAP sandiegolady13@gmail.com

**LOOKING FOR P/T OR F/T WORK** as Barback, Busser, Cook or Dishwasher. Please text me at (619) 922-4944.

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

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**WANTED: FREE WASHER AND GAS DRYER** North Park area. Trying to help out a disabled senior neighbor. You can call (619) 846-4247.

**BUYING GARBAGE PAIL KIDS CARDS** Cash for 1st and 2nd series Garbage Pail Kids (1-83 a & b) and full sets, unopened boxes. San Diego local. (832) 651-8302 / ashscoot@aol.com

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**SOLAR PANELS WANTED NEW & USED** I am looking for solar panels & inverters that are reasonably priced or if they are old I will haul them away for free so they don't end up in the landfill, I am setting up an off grid system, I am looking for a large quantity. (760) 746-7209

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**SEARCHING FOR OLD TUBE STEREO** I am an Electronics hobbyist, and I am looking for

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**LOOKING FOR OLD 73 FLEET WOOD RIVER/82 CADILLAC SEVILLE** Want to buy a used old Cadillac from the 70s. My phone number is (760) 559-6760 Doesn't have to be perfect just has to run. I need it for transportation to and from medical.

**WANTED BOAT RENTAL** Heavenly optimistic wisdom in exchange for boat rental for fun filled fabulous film festival fundraising. Please contact Lucky@irisheddiemurphyfilms2024@gmail.com. 941 Orange Avenue, Ste. 427, Coronado, Ca 92118

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**CAR WANTED** Looking for low cost transportation to get to work. Call Daniel Peterson at (619) 634-2755

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**WILL PAY CASH** \$2 Sale on all Records, DVDs, CDs, and Clothing. Thousands of each are in stock. Will also buy Records, DVDs, CDs, and Clothing. North Park. 3939 Iowa Street #2 92104, (858) 382-7396 Thur-Sun 8 am - 6 pm

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**I BUY VINYL RECORDS** all types, great prices paid. We don't just buy 2-3 records, we buy your whole collection. Call (619) 250-3088.

**OLD SINGER SEWING MACHINES** Singer 221 Sewing Machine. (619) 279-7833. Text me pictures of what you have

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**CASH FOR COMIC BOOKS** Money, Money, Money! I pay cash for old comic books. Mark (619) 933-6275

**WANTED:** Speakers, amps and other old stereo gear! The most cash paid always! Brands like JBL, Altec, McIntosh, Marantz and more! Call 1(619)-303-8031; e-mail JBL@cox.net.

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**FREE FURNITURE (MIRA MESA)** I am giving away totally free these 4 comfortable pieces of furniture, all in good shape ; 2 overstuffed sofa chairs, 1 small sofa, and 1 reclining lounge. Please phone me and come see them. email: mysandiegocar@yahoo.com, phone (858) 322-9795

**GARAGE SALE 10/5 & 10/6** Community-wide garage sale Saturday and Sunday from 7am-12pm in 4S Ranch HOA. Take I-15 to Rancho Bernardo Road. Neighborhoods are north and south of Rancho Bernardo Rd intersection with 4S Ranch Pkwy. Look for garage sale signs!

**ESTATE SALE** Furniture, collectibles, cameras, movie memorabilia and more. \$10-\$100 (760) 757-5445

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**4 BEAUTIFUL NEW INTERIOR DOORS** Premium knotty alder, solid wood, mfg. by Craftsmen In Wood in Arizona, 1-3/4" x 3' x 8", no hinges or handles, they are extra doors from my remodel. I paid \$1,500. each. Selling for \$750/each. Call (760) 746-7209.

**BOOK COLLECTION: 570 BOOKS** 238 hardcover & 67 softcover, about 264 cookbooks, some hardcover & some softcover, selling all for \$390. No haggle price, (760) 746-7209.

**LG STAINLESS STEEL APPLIANCES** Refrigerator 18 ft., electric stove, dishwasher; like new condition. everything \$495 or best offer. (619) 208-2210

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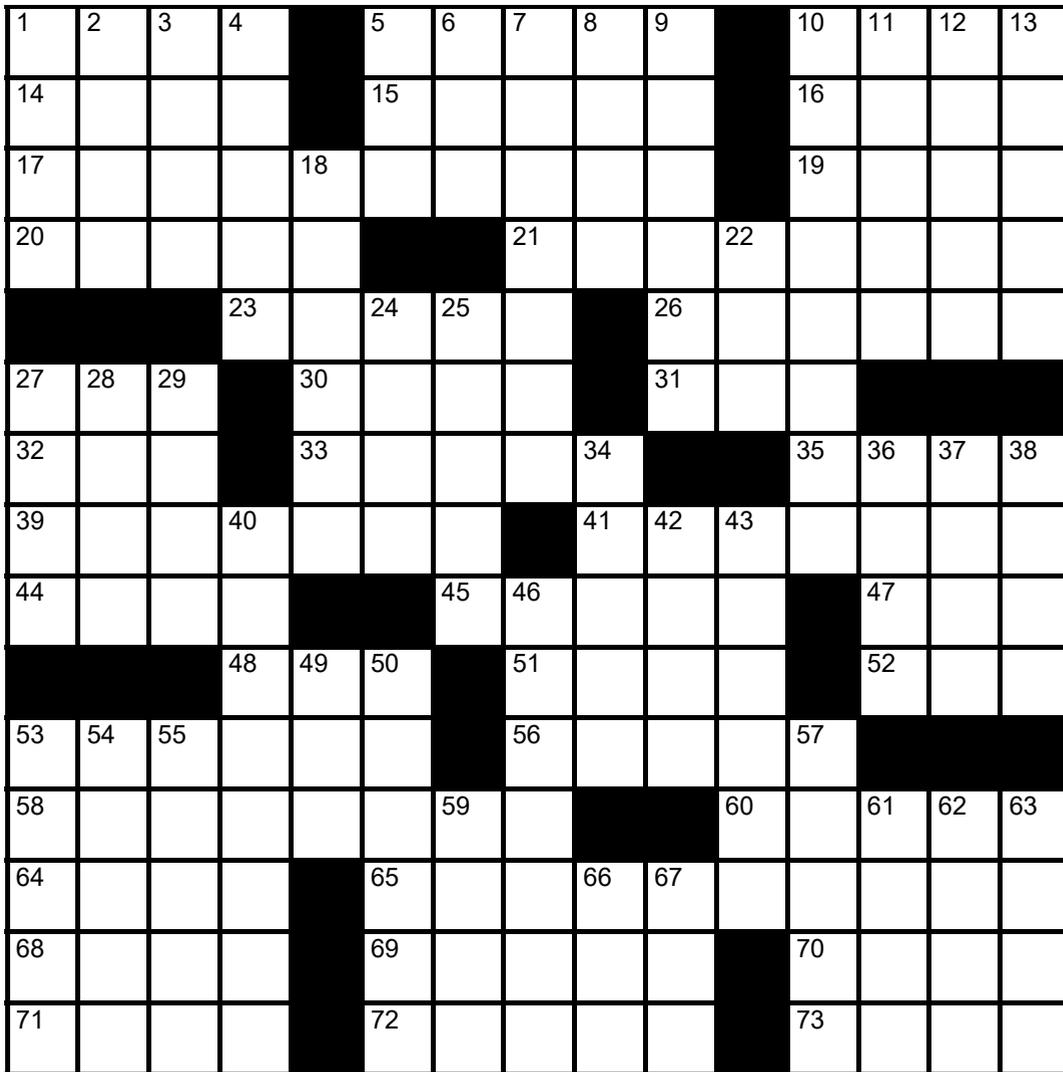
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# CROSSWORD



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## Across

- 1. Morse code symbol
- 5. Suffix meaning "lover"
- 10. 1950s poem with the phrase "pingpong of the abyss"
- 14. Penne \_\_\_ vodka
- 15. \_\_\_-Leste (U.N. member since 2002)
- 16. Like some arguments
- 17. French businessman with a politically controversial namesake cosmetics company
- 19. Sextet halved
- 20. \_\_\_ Hawkins Dance
- 21. Historic Tampa neighborhood known for its cigar factories
- 23. Little nitwit
- 26. Came down
- 27. "Après \_\_\_, le deluge ..."

## Down

- 18. Prepare, as leftovers
- 22. Light beam
- 24. Film director Kazan
- 25. "The Daily Show" correspondent Chieng
- 27. Past and future portrayer of Kamala on "SNL"
- 28. Move like molasses
- 29. Cake decorator
- 34. Computer admin
- 36. Clears
- 37. Expert
- 38. Albatross, in some literary works
- 40. Open-top car
- 42. "From hell's heart I stab at \_\_\_" ("Moby-Dick" quote)
- 43. Factory that makes mosaic

- 30. Succulent plant
- 31. "Danny and the Dinosaur" author \_\_\_ Hoff
- 32. Bronx-born member of Congress, familiarly
- 33. Pork \_\_\_ (convenience store snacks)
- 35. Therefore
- 39. NHL Hall of Famer Steve who led the Detroit Red Wings to three Stanley Cups and is now their general manager
- 41. Element #39 (1 of 4 named after the same Swedish village)
- 44. Flying start?
- 45. Mario character hatched from an egg
- 47. Dr. behind Beats headphones
- 48. Consumed
- 51. Dramatist Coward
- 52. Japanese flag symbol
- 53. Sword-and-\_\_\_ (period film genre)
- 56. Fencing swords
- 58. Peruvian-born 1950s singer with a Guinness-certified five-octave range
- 60. Car wash step
- 64. Decisive defeat
- 65. Tropical plant with oils used in perfume
- 68. Land area
- 69. Tougher to come by
- 70. Sacha Baron Cohen persona
- 71. 1/168th of a week
- 72. "\_\_\_ it goes"
- 73. Drains energy

## Down

- 1. Makeup of a week
- 2. Edison's middle name
- 3. Winter transport
- 4. "Rumour \_\_\_" (hit song by Adele)
- 5. Hrs. accrued for vacation, in many workplaces
- 6. "Drank water too fast" sound
- 7. "Really looking forward to it!"
- 8. "Stay" singer Lisa
- 9. Baseball misplays
- 10. Drink popular with fall leaf-watchers
- 11. Former senator Hatch
- 12. Rider-\_\_\_ (popular tarot deck)
- 13. Christopher who played Doc Brown

- 46. Minimal poker draw
- 49. Letter after sigma
- 50. Pet-loving "Tiny Toon Adventures" character
- 53. Dark-skinned wine grape
- 54. Old Exxon competitor with a torch logo
- 55. Pacific island nation that had one sprinter in the 2024 Olympics
- 57. George Eliot's "\_\_\_ Marner"
- 59. Actor Alda
- 61. Disney feline
- 62. Tiny cut
- 63. Carton purchase
- 66. "Metroid" console
- 67. Miracle-\_\_\_ (garden product)

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:



# SUDOKU

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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

## EVIL:

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**Awesome!**

— Poor Crumbs. The now-famous corpulent cat, named for his ability to eat, was found in early September in the basement of a hospital in Perm, Russia, the *New York Post* reported, where the staff had given him a steady diet of cookies and soup. When he was discovered, he weighed more than 37 pounds – about three times the average size for a cat – and was unable to support his weight to walk. Crumbs (or Kroshik, in Russian) was moved to the Matroskin Shelter, where workers put him on a strict diet and exercise regimen – apparently not his cup of tea, as he tried to escape on Sept. 11. Rehab expert Ekaterina Bedakova said Crumbs was "extremely displeased" when, during his escape attempt, he got himself stuck in a shoe rack and couldn't get out. But she was enthused about his effort because it demonstrated that he's a "very active guy."

**Precocious**

— A family in Bedford, Ohio, reported their Nissan Rogue and their 8-year-old daughter missing around 9 am on Sept. 15, the Associated Press reported. Police learned that witnesses had seen a small child driving nearby, but it wasn't until they checked the parking lot at Target, about 13 miles away, that they discovered the car. The girl was inside the store; she told officers that she had hit a mailbox during her journey, but otherwise it went fine. Authorities were weighing whether any charges would be filed.

**News You Can Use**

— In Japan, the number of people aged 100 or older has hit a new record – 95,119, AFP reported on Sept. 17. Most of the centenarians are women, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications noted. The world's oldest person, Tomiko Itooka of western Japan, is 116. Japan's oldest man, Kiyotaka Mizuno, 110, told local media that he has "no idea at all about what's the secret to my long life."

**Inexplicable**

— Beaches along the Atlantic Ocean in Delaware, Maryland and Virginia were closed to swimmers by authorities on Sept. 15 after mysterious medical waste started washing up, *The New York Times* reported. The trash included syringes and needles, used feminine hygiene products and plastic cigar tips. "We currently have no idea where it came from and will not be speculating about a source," said the National Park Service office at Assateague Island National Seashore. They were unsure how long beaches would remain closed. "We recommend wearing shoes on the beach and avoiding the ocean entirely," warned Joe Theobald, director of Emergency Services in Ocean City, Maryland.

**Saw That Coming**

— Norton Havoc, 32, can now "smell colors," they said, after blowing their nose in the shower and dislodging a Lego block that had been stuck inside for "at least 26 years," the *New York Post* reported. Havoc

posted that they suffered from "multiple breathing issues" after the childhood incident; at the time, their mom tried to extricate the piece with tweezers, to no avail. "I can breathe out of this side of my nose now, and it's fantastic," Havoc said.

**The Way the World Works**

— Vacaville, California, resident Ken Wilson is VERY careful about his consumption of electricity. "I was being very vigilant on this," he told KMAX-TV. "Every day that I go to work, I turn the breakers off." He also purchased a device that tells him how many watts of energy his appliances use. But recently he noticed that his bill was higher than normal. Wilson has lived in an apartment, unit 91 of his building, for 18 years. After Wilson called PG&E to come out and check his meter on Sept. 10, he discovered he's been paying for unit 90's electricity usage for years. PG&E admitted the mix-up and said it is "fully committed to rectifying the situation." Wilson said he hopes the story can help others with similar problems.

**Explosive!**

— Magnet fisher and YouTuber Dani Dip pulled a provocative find out of the Saint Joseph River in South Bend, Indiana, on Sept. 1, ABC57-TV reported. "We believe this is a 175mm Howitzer round from like a stationary cannon back in the day," Dip said. "It took four people to pull this big two-foot round over the wall to safety so it wouldn't fall back in and potentially go off." The South Bend Police Department said further

testing would be necessary to make sure the charge is not live. "We're just here to help and clean out the river and see what we can find," Dip said.

**More News You Can Use**

— About 40 feet off the coast of Miami Beach, the world's first underwater cemetery is already home to about 1500 "placements," *ClickOrlando* reported on Sept. 17. The Neptune Memorial Reef's community resource director, Michael Tabers, said the area had already been designated for an artificial reef when "a group of businessmen in the area ... had the idea." The reef was built "from an artist's conception of the Lost City of Atlantis;" customers' remains are mixed with water and then formed into road columns, archways or depictions of local sea life, such as starfish or seashells. Then the coral grows around them. "We have sea turtle placements; those are some of our more popular ones," Taber said. The reef has already been extended once, but when it fills up, "we will launch the next phase," he said. Coral reef conservation activists are thrilled; the reef provides hard surfaces that help coral to thrive. And loved ones can also dive to visit their family members' resting places.

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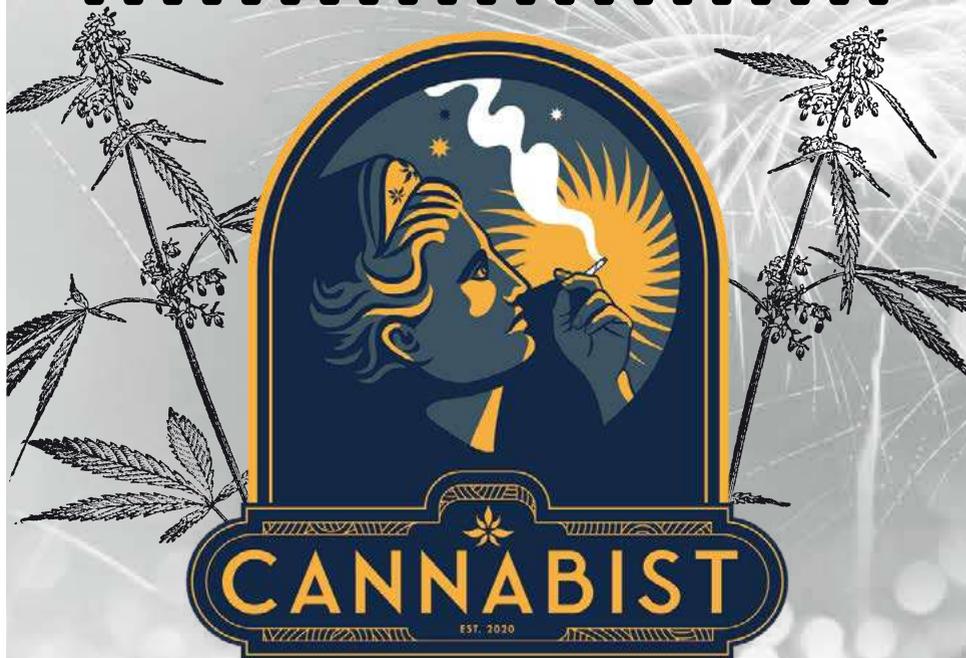
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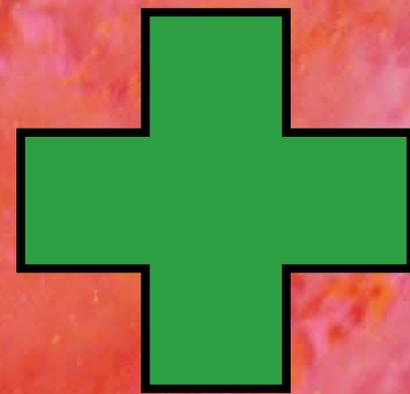


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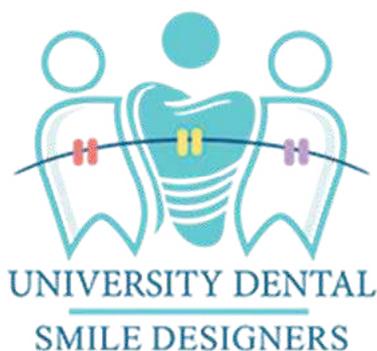
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