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LETTERS

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Bluff battle continues

It may be a tired topic by now but, I want to respond to the two-issue feature story writer Thomas Larsen chastising readers for their comments about the bluffs collapse civil suit (“Reader writer fends off attacks on Encinitas cliff story”, Letters, Dec. 12, 2024). Larsen objects to the idea that Davis is looking for a payout, that didn’t he file the suit for the money. The problem is, the settlement is substantial and I have not read that he was donating the funds to a reputable charity. That would convince me that it was indeed “about beach safety.”

I didn’t read that Davis was using every penny of the money to promote “beach safety,” like an endowment set up to fund swimming lessons and junior lifeguard programs for youth in underserved, poor communities.

Larsen also used the language “...that the lifeguard told them to set up where they did,” meaning in the spot where the three women were buried alive. How dare he not at least insert the word “allegedly” regarding the lifeguard? I think that’s the part that I find most implausible, as well as offensive. Asking a lifeguard on any beach where would be a good place to put down their stuff is absurd. Reasonable beachgoers shouldn’t even be engaging lifeguards in any form of conversation, as it distracts them from their focus of watching the water!

I knew that even when I was a young person, and long before my own kids trained to be beach guards. Even mentioning that in a legal filing is preposterous. The

lifeguard’s role isn’t to recommend a place to set down your beach blanket! Even if he did tell them that, so what? They chose to set up where they did. Yes, it was a tragedy and lives were lost.

Blaming the lifeguard was, for me, where Davis and Larsen both lost any residual shred of sympathy or support. They were in the wrong place at the wrong time. They picked the wrong spot. Nobody, not even next of kin, should be cashing in on a lawsuit for a “struck-by-lightning” type disaster. It doesn’t bring anyone back and it encourages a litigious public to follow suit by filing suits. Look for the deep pockets and go for it.

Laurie K
Otay Ranch

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Memories of bonfires amid the pits off Palm

Close to Home, Dec. 20, 2024

The Jogger was John... He was also the Pidgeon man from 19th and Palm... He actually just passed away in the past two years...

-MHS Alum

Ginsberg thought I was an airhead, Vonnegut said I was ‘loose’

Cover Stories, May 17, 2023

Outstanding account of a struggling writer. Kudos to you Monsieur!

-French Snacker

Tom Gildred’s wife, Carolina, goes to NY courts

City Lights, July 26, 2017

In Less Than Weeks. A 40+ Year VET Bowman K. Blaine was reassigned in “Foster vs Gildred” to replace San Diego Superior Court Justice Officer Keri G. Katz. Judicial Officer Keri’s unexpected Retirement occurred less than weeks after her ruling in “Foster vs Gildred”. The ruling by all accounts amounted to a stunning insult to Prominent San Diego Businessman leader,

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

THE BEACH

Gone to the dogs

Does poochy peril mean no more shores?

On November 10–11, a rare bioluminescence event transformed the waves rolling into Ocean Beach into a neon blue spectacle. But while the glowing waves may have appeared magical to beachgoers, they posed risks to pets. According to the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, the algae blooms that cause the effect can make dogs sick if they roll in it, swim in discolored water, or ingest the water while playing.

Other threats to pet health are less natural. Last year, a four-year-old Weimaraner in Ocean Beach ingested several different drugs, as reported by ABC 10 News San Diego. “She was avoiding me and avoiding being touched” explained owner Kelly Wiehe. “Her pupils were dilating, and she wouldn’t go outside. She wouldn’t eat. She wasn’t interested in drinking any water.” Tests at the emergency vet revealed marijuana, methamphetamine, and Ritalin in the dog’s system.

Ironically, while contaminated water can harm dogs, their waste can also cause trouble.



When it comes to Fido, bioluminescence is beautiful but dangerous.

According to Imperial Beach’s official site, pet waste entering the storm drain system can lead to excessive algae growth, depleting the oxygen that aquatic life relies on.

Human waste is still another matter. On December 1, San Diego County’s Beach & Bay Water Quality Program issued bacterial exceedance advisories for several coastal spots, including Dog Beach in Ocean Beach. The closure extended 300 feet south to the San Diego River outlet, sending dozens of frustrated pooches and their owners to Fiesta Island for some worry-free playtime. (Well, almost worry free. In March, a dog reportedly died after ingesting rat poison allegedly left on the island.) And just a week before that, county health officials closed Coronado beaches because of high bacteria levels.

Some dogs that visited before the closure became ill. Maura R. wrote online that

her dog got sick after drinking seawater at Coronado Dog Beach. “He started vomiting within a few hours and is still sick today,” she reported. Paula W. added her own experience, saying her Doberman suffered diarrhea so severe that it ended up “on the walls.” Katherine B. echoed these warnings, advising: “If the water isn’t clean for humans, don’t take your dog in.”

In some cases, the danger isn’t contami-

BIKE WORLD

Four-wheel good, two wheels bad?

Lamenting the lack of backcountry bike lanes

Plenty of bike and pedestrian safety features are in the works in San Diego’s North County. The same can’t be said for East County, where there is only one protected bike lane, according to Santee mayor John Minto — “and that’s so you can make sure to get out of East County.” The lane he speaks of runs along the 52 between Santee and Tierrasanta and is separated from traffic by a concrete barrier. But that’s the exception. The rule for East

County bicyclists is often little more protection than skinny shoulders. Says Minto, “Most of the time, they kind of faked a bicycle lane because there wasn’t enough room. So where you normally have, I think it’s an average four-foot bicycle lane, I think we’re lucky to get a two-foot lane.”

Minto and other East County officials raised their concerns at the November meeting of the San Diego Association of Govern-



Vista Inland Rail Trail runs adjacent to SR-78.

HABS EFFECTS ON DOGS

Dogs may be exposed to toxins by drinking the water, eating washed up mats or scum of toxic cyanobacteria, digesting toxic fish or shellfish, and by having skin contact with water. Dogs are often attracted to algal scum odors. After leaving the water, dogs can also be affected by grooming their fur and paws.



SIGNS OF POISONING

Signs of poisoning can occur within minutes to a few hours after exposure. Common signs of poisoning include: repeated vomiting • diarrhea or bloody stool • abdominal swelling that is tender to the touch • bluish coloration of skin • stumbling, seizures, convulsions, paralysis • excessive salivation/drooling • disorientation • skin rashes



WHAT TO DO

When possible, don’t let your dog wade, drink the water or eat/walk in a lake or beach with a HAB. If you suspect your dog has been exposed, please

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nation but the ocean itself. In August, Mike M. recounted online how his dog suffered “saltwater poisoning” at Cardiff Beach after ingesting too much seawater. The symptoms included vomiting and diarrhea, and the dog did not survive.

As of December 17, Imperial Beach remains closed due to bacteria levels that exceed health standards. These closures clash with the impression given by the accolades awarded to San Diego’s dog-friendly coastal enclaves. Coronado’s Dog Beach made both *USA Today* and *iPuppee.com*’s lists of top 10 beaches in the U.S. list this past July, while Fiesta Island continues to top dog park charts nationwide.

MIKE MADRIAGA

ments, hoping to bring some active transportation funding to the unincorporated area. “I have my mountain bike and I love to walk,” said Robin Maxson, a member of the Ramona Community Planning Group. “But I have to put everything in my car and go find a park to go do this. There is not a kid in the neighborhood who can hop on their bike or walk. That’s the life of being out in a rural area. The Youth Opportunity Pass, wonderful program. Nobody can use it. You know, very few unincorporated communities have that advantage. We’re going to have microtransit. Another great option. Can’t use it.”

Caltrans officials have reported that \$1.06 billion from federal, state and TransNet funds

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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for the region will be broken into highway, rail, lagoon, bike and pedestrian improvements. TransNet is the half-cent sales tax approved by voters in 1987 to fund local transportation projects. The county relies on TransNet funding to build and maintain transportation facilities that improve road safety and promote smart growth develop-

ments to SR-78 are badly needed, but the spending of tax dollars for healthy transportation should be more spread out. It's a "very bedecked out plan," said Maxson, "but if we're going to truly be regional in how we reach out and spend the tax dollars, we're leaving the unincorporated area in the dirt, literally." Where's the safety and equity, Minto asked.

Mario Orso, head of SANDAG, said that only cities who had a Vision Zero safety plan for roads and bike lanes were able to submit proposals for grants — which meant

"Most of the time, they kind of faked a bicycle lane because there wasn't enough room."

ment, including transit options.

The North Coast Corridor will be getting 12 miles of bike paths and sidewalks with barriers that safely separate pedestrians from traffic. State Route 78, the main east-west travel corridor between Escondido and Oceanside — which crosses through Carlsbad, Vista, and San Marcos — will see similar upgrades. And in June 2024, SAN-

only San Diego and La Mesa. But in February, the Department of Transportation is going to open more grants for safety, and SANDAG has finalized the Vision Zero plan for the entire region, so all the cities can apply, he added. "Hopefully, the different cities will pursue that for bike safety measures in their bike lanes."

Minot said he hoped the county can



In these here parts, bicycle lanes tend to be on the narrow side. You understand.

DAG began construction on Phase 3 of the Inland Rail Trail; a Class I bikeway (bikeways built into roads and separated from traffic) that runs adjacent to SR-78 in Oceanside, Vista, San Marcos, Escondido, and a portion of the unincorporated county, according to an email from the SR 78 Project Team. There are also plans to begin construction in 2029 of a new bike facility on Barham Drive/ Woodland parkway in San Marcos.

Those who live outside the coastal and I-5 and I-15 corridors say the improve-

also apply for that "because most of the area I'm talking about is unincorporated."

A report released last month by Circulate San Diego found that the city has fallen short on its adopted goal of zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2025. In fact, traffic deaths have increased over the past decade. And in 2021, collisions resulting in a fatality and/or severe injury were more concentrated within central San Diego and East County.

SHEILA PELL

Because of the New Year's holiday, our next issue (1/2/25) won't hit the streets until Thursday.

UNDER THE RADAR

Biden drones on The recent rash of mysterious UFO sightings over New Jersey and elsewhere have some eyes turning to a La Jolla-based Poway drone maker with friendly ties to **Joe Biden** and a chilly relationship with incoming President Donald Trump. Back during his first presidential stint in the first months of 2017, Trump dished a costly and long-troubled high-tech aircraft carrier launch system that used a catapult and was sold to the Navy by General Atomics. "It sounded bad to me. Digital," Trump told *Time* in a May 11, 2017 interview about a tour he had made of the *U.S.S. Gerald Ford*, an aircraft carrier then nearing completion.

"You know the catapult is quite important. So I said what is this? 'Sir, this is our digital catapult system.' He said 'Well, we're going to this because we wanted to keep up with modern [technology].' I said, 'You don't use steam anymore for catapult?' 'No sir.' I said, 'Ah, how is it working?' 'Sir, not good. Not good. Doesn't have the power. You know, the steam is just brutal. You see that sucker going and steam's going all over the place, there's planes thrown in the air.' It sounded bad to me. Digital. They have digital. What is digital? And it's very complicated, you have to be Albert Einstein to figure it out.

"And I said — and now they want to buy more aircraft carriers. I said, 'What system are you going to be?' 'Sir, we're staying with digital.' I said, 'No you're not. You're going to goddamned steam, the digital costs hundreds of millions of dollars more money and it's no good.'

Two years later, Trump was still at war with the Navy and its contractors over the catapult's fate. "He kicked his old-tech obsession up a notch during his visit to Japan, telling U.S. service members he plans to order the Navy to outfit all its new carriers with steam catapults," according to a May 2019 *Politico* dispatch.

Said the president to sailors and Marines during a speech on the *U.S.S. Wasp* at a Navy base south of Tokyo, per the account: "So I think I'm going to put an order: when we build a new aircraft carrier, we're going to use steam. We're spending all that money on electric, and nobody knows what it's going to be like in bad conditions." Subsequent calls to the White House seeking confirmation and further details of Trump's plans to ditch the Electromagnetic Aircraft Launch System, EMALS for short, were not returned, noted the

story. **Thomas Callender**, a Heritage Foundation senior research fellow and ex-Navy officer and Pentagon civilian executive, opined that dumping the system couldn't happen overnight. "If you're serious and were to try to abandon the electromagnetic system ... it would be 15 years from now, and it would wind up costing even more money to do that major redesign of the aircraft carrier."

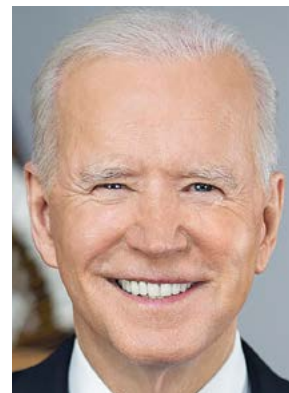
Apparently he was right; despite Trump's vows to stop the program, the digital catapult didn't die, as a February 28 General Atomics news release from this year attests. Rolf Ziesing, vice president of GA's Maritime Programs was quoted as saying, "U.S.S. *Gerald R. Ford*, CVN 78, is the first carrier to bring the safe, efficient, and robust capabilities of EMALS and the Advanced Arresting Gear into areas of operation as part of its deployment in the Mediterranean. CVN 78 has successfully conducted 22,900

successful aircraft launches and recoveries since its commissioning in 2017 with more than 8,700 sorties completed during the ship's recent deployment. We are extremely proud of our role in supporting this new era of carrier aviation as Ford-class carriers join the fleet to support our Allies and defend our national interests."

The *John F. Kennedy*, CVN 79, the next of the so-called Ford Class carriers, has been testing the same General Atomics-provided system since earlier this year. "EMALS can also more easily adjust power levels to launch smaller, lighter aircraft such as drones," reported *Popular Mechanics* in a March 7 story on the trials. And drones, as it happens, provide another huge source of government cash to GA's business.

Departing president Joe Biden has been far friendlier to General Atomics than his predecessor, going so far as to invite **Linden Prause Blue**, CEO of General Atomics Aeronautical Systems and son of **James Neal Blue**, brother of **Linden Blue**, who runs General Atomics, to a June 2023 state dinner at the White House for Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. This fall, a Biden-blessed deal between GA and India came to fruition. "India inked the \$3.3 billion contract with the US government for the 31 'birds' or weaponized MQ-9B Predator remotely-piloted aircraft, along with another \$520 million deal with drone-manufacturer Gen-

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Joe Biden supports India's demand for unmanned surveillance.



Linden Prause Blue: in the green after sale to India.

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Philanthropist and Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awardee Mr. Philip T. Gildred on all but “Negligent Contracting”. (Gildred is a member of the Board of Directors San Diego Sharp Health Care). Tom Gildred, The Gildred Companies and The Gildred Family of San Diego are Defendants in “Foster vs Gildred” (See attach) accused of Fraud, Misrepresentations, Corruption, and Unethical Abusive Conduct. Michael Foster is a poor New Yorker who’s complaint against Gildred declared to the court “Gildred is attempting steal Foster’s Business URLs and USPTO Trademark by ways of Delineation according to the lawsuit. San Diego Superior Court Judge Keri G. Katz announced her retirement moments after her decision to sustain Tom Gildred (Rep. Delmore Greene

LLP Lead attorney Terence Leo Greene) #1 Demurrer on 8 Counts of Corruption all but ONE without leave to Amend “Negligent Contracting”. Her ruling Sent a stunning message to San Diego’s Health, Legal, Judicial organizations with Big Names allegedly involved in Modern Corruption. But soon after her ruling in less than weeks on March 8 after nearly 38 years of civil service to the community she announced her retirement? Follow the trend: Bowman K. Blaine began his legal Career at Lindley, Lazar and Scales that Law Firm evolved to become “Peter Ellsworth, Corbett, Seitman and McLeod” of which “Peter” was President. Peter then left the law practice to become “President and CEO” of “Sharp Health Care” of which “Tom Gildred” is the Board’s head Honcho. So do not follow the money - Follow the corrupt minds of the inner echelons of San

Diego Legal, Busi -Moz-Art

It’s interesting at the end of the fake news report the writer admits they couldn’t reach persons mentioned in its above caption but in the said above caption and throughout its body he writer can be seen quoting statements made by either of the parties outside of statements the writer introduced as statements according to the lawsuit.

The writer also introduced their own opinions specific to a selected party to the confusion.

Does reports like this serves to benefit the best interest of the public or is this just another of Tom Gildred proxies.

This report have been circulated throughout the internet for almost seven years and editors at the San Diego Reader wouldn’t do so much as make a correction to obvious misleading information about court documents filed by either

party far less it appears the Reader is Opinion-Less rather to undo inappropriate statements of opinion in the prior reports. Worst! There appears to be an ongoing case in the San Diego Superior Court for over a year to date in Foster vs Gildred but the plaintiff here is a poor man from New York.

It’s probably not newsworthy.

I wish local news groups were as before when they actually did take an unbiased approach to reporting their stories. One other thing; long ago a new columnist would almost always follow up on a story carried

by the paper especially if it was this lengthy or if it involved popular names such as in this the current civil case Foster vs Gildred.
-Not a Reader for long

Who's who in San Diego motorcycle world

Cover Stories, April 14, 1977

My parents were a member of the Murphy Canyon Motorcycle Club. Lloyd Chaney and Shiela Chaney. My dad rode a Blue and White Honda GoldWing. Our family wen on many motorcycle runs and my favorite was always the Death Valley Run put on by the Golden Nuggets.
-Motorcycle memories

Under the radar

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eral Atomics to set up a MRO facility here, in South Block,” reported the *Times of India* on October 24. “The ‘birds’ will provide a quantum jump in the ISR (intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) capabilities of our armed forces,” an official told [*Times of India*]. The two unarmed drones taken on lease from General Atomics since September 2020 — one of them crashed in September — have certainly helped India keep close track of the increasing presence of Chinese warships and spy vessels in the Indian Ocean Region as well as the People’s Liberation Army’s build-up along the 3488-km Line of Actual Control.”

Meanwhile, as the Biden administration has remained generally mum about what’s going on with the unidentified drones in U.S. skies, the General Atomics factory in Poway has been cranking out new generations of its lucrative unmanned vehicles. SkyGuardian and SeaGuardian are some of the company’s latest. “SeaGuardian can stay aloft for much longer than a humancrewed aircraft, making it ideal for the long loiter times involved with surface operations or hunting subsurface targets,” says a February 20 GA-sponsored post on *Break-*

ing Defense. “The aircraft can release sonobuoys — sensors that splash through the ocean surface to search for submarines — and then monitor their signals. Or it can leave that monitoring role to another aircraft or take on the duty of monitoring sonobuoys released by another aircraft, such as a naval helicopter.” Adds the promotion: “The U.S. Navy, for example, has integrated the SeaGuardian into several sophisticated international exercises in the Pacific — using the aircraft to escort surface action groups, serve as a communications relay for warships and aircraft, and establish new concepts of operation against hostile submarines.”

A smaller drone the company calls Sparrowhawk, coincidentally or not about the same size of those sighted over New Jersey, is also being tested. “An MQ-9B might patrol to the edge of international airspace, for instance, and then release a Sparrowhawk for a closer look over a contested island. Upon mission completion, the Sparrowhawk would return, and the larger aircraft would reel it in with [GA’s] aerial recovery system.”

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Rhyme Time's Up

San Diego's Poet Laureate puts down his pen

"It's been a good run, and we had some fun, but now I'm done," says San Diego's Poet Laureate Jason Magabo Perez of his two-year stint in the position. The reason he's stepping down? "Put simply, there are only so many words that rhyme with 'border.' Of course, I used the easy one in my inaugural effort, 'Border Disorder,' which examined the public response to

that photo of officers on horseback chasing down migrants. 'Hoarder' came during my rumination on American selfishness in the face of migrant need, and 'recorder' in my indictment of ICE's reduction of these people to numbers on a spreadsheet. But by the time I got to 'forder' in my transgressive 'Wetback's Lament,' I knew my time was growing shorter."

But while parting is always such sweet sorrow, Perez says there are things he's looking forward to about returning to the private sector. "As a government-appointed poet, there are things you just can't say about government policy," he notes. I'm as frustrated as the next high-minded individual about Trump's re-election, and about the role the Latino community played in helping him win. Naturally, I'm working out my pain through my art, and right now, all I've got is an opening couplet: 'The Trumpy trouble started, methinks/ When all them Dems adopted "Latinx."'"



Perez: "For a while, I thought I could keep going if I just found some other words that meant the same thing. But the rhyme opportunities weren't great there, either. Limit? Perimeter? Boundary? You can see the problem."

THEIR Lady of Guadalupe?



North Park resident Leticia Salcedo stands beside the Mexican folk art display she has maintained outside her home for two decades after last week's fiery attack that left parts of it charred and dead. "I don't know why people do that," she lamented. But other people do. "This is all Trump's fault," says neighbor Lisa Leftleaner. "He's not even in office, and already, the hateful racism he espouses is rearing its ugly head."

Racist attack in North Park after dark



Security footage showing the cowardly criminal lighting a rag on fire before tossing it onto the display. Says Leftleaner, "You know, the Christian Bible has a line, 'Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.' You'd think these so-called religious people on the right would read their own book, you know? All I know is, you'd never see someone from the left attack something this way. But right-wingers are full of fear and hatred for the things they don't understand, so they lash out."



Yokel: "If Hitler taught us anything, it's that it's pretty tricky to fight a war on two fronts. But when you've got the cartels set up less than a mile away, and the government just waiting to Ruby Ridge your ass, what are you gonna do? If they didn't want us shooting shit out of the sky, then maybe they shouldn't have put all that shit up there in the first place. They don't own the sky!"

WHO PLAYS WHO

GENDER-SWAPPED ICE EDITION



Some people say that comedian **Jonathan Winters** was once taken into custody by California police after refusing to cooperate during a psychotic break.

SD Board of Supervisors Chair **Nora Vargas** championed the recent resolution to refuse San Diego's cooperation with Federal officials taking illegal immigrants into custody.



On *Better Call Saul*, **Michael McKeon** played a lawyer whose personal sense of moral righteousness ultimately causes harm to those around him.

San Diego Unified interim superintendent **Fabiola Bagula** championed the district's refusal to cooperate with ICE or allow them on school grounds without a warrant.



In *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* **Charles Durning** plays a canny politician with a keen sense of when to enforce the law... or not.

San Diego Sheriff **Kelly Martinez** is refusing to limit her department's cooperation with ICE when it comes to certain prisoners.

Copter Op?

East County militia remains on high alert after shooting down "manned" drone near border

"It just doesn't make sense," says Clyde Yokel, head of the East County Patriot Association. "The whole point of a drone is that you don't have to have anyone on board. We get some giant mothership drone coming in over an industrial hemp farm in our backyard, of course we're suspicious. And with all those 'mysterious drone' videos on YouTube these days, of course we're feeling a little jumpy. Could be the cartels, could be China, could

be anyone. So yeah, we took it down, because men with guns don't run, hon. And now they're saying there was actually an American *inside* this thing, on some kind of mission? Could be a psy-op. I don't know what to believe. Right now, anyone could be the enemy. Hey, where did you say you were from again?"

[Walter Mencken ceased contact with the Reader immediately after filing this story. - Ed.]

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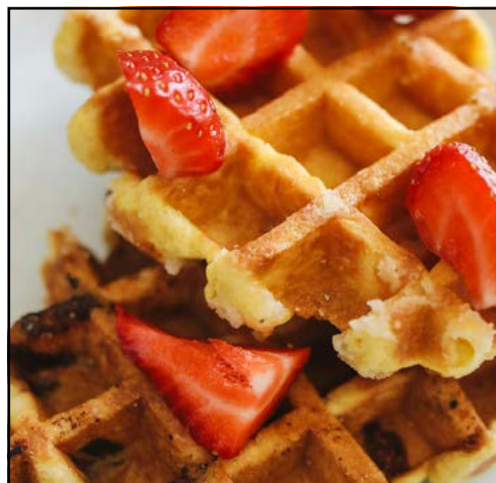
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[Note: None of this actually happened.]

Donald Trump: Walter, Walter, Walter. Sit down, have a drink.

Walter Mencken: Thank you, Mr. President. President-Elect? President-Emeritus?

DT: Among friends, I'm known as The Once and Future King. That's a book title, by the way. About King Arthur. Great guy, great leader. Had a little woman trouble, a little trouble

with members of his cabinet turning on him. I know how he feels. They said Kennedy's Presidency was Camelot. As usual, they were wrong. Jackie knew how to put on a Chanel suit, but I'm sorry, have you seen Melania? Besides, Kennedy's dad got him elected. Standard story of political royalty. I'm the one who came out of nowhere and pulled the sword from the stone. They said it couldn't be done; no one had ever

been President without prior political or military experience. But I did it; just a kid from Queens who made good. That's the land of opportunity doing its thing. That's what makes America great...again. But like LL Cool J said, *don't call it a comeback, been here for years*. By the time all this is over, the history books are going to have to put me alongside Roosevelt as a President who got elected to three terms. They just haven't come to *terms* with it yet. That's a joke, Walter.

WM: Um, is this...water?

DT: Alcohol dulls the palate. Look at these scallops. These are the biggest scallops, the best. Topped with lobster and cavi-

ar. All the best seafood, right there in one place. Like Aerosmith sang, you *don't want to miss a thing*. Look how many hits they had after Stephen Tyler got sober. A lesson for us all. Anyway, these scallops are much better than Springfield chicken, which, as you know, is just cat.

WM: Wasn't that, er, fake news, that bit about immigrants eating people's cats and dogs?

DT: You're going to sit here at my table and eat my scallops and drink my Icelandic Glacial water and have the temerity to talk to me about fake news? *You*, Walter? You put me on the cover of your little rag as a perfectly browned Thanksgiving turkey. You

blamed my trade policies for the pandas leaving the San Diego Zoo. Though I did chuckle when you turned me into John Rambo, heading overseas to rescue hostages. I'm going to fix the economy, but I'm only human. Probably.

WM: No, seriously. I had a pretty good thing going with the *Reader*. But then you got elected and the great Misinformation Panic set in. Because clearly, if people knew the truth, well... Even news that was Almost Factual was suddenly problematic for a newspaper to run, because Google and company were tweaking their parameters. We risked being flagged, getting buried in the search results, or

not showing up at all. At least, that's what they told me when they spiked my column. I have to admit, it was frustrating.

DT: I didn't realize I was having dinner with one of the haters and the losers.

WM: Not at all. When they finally let me come back in April of 2018, what was the first thing I covered? You, single-handedly starting construction on your border wall, for better or for worse, the single most potent symbol of your political life.

DT: It was, it really was. I promised to make America great again. And what is the first characteristic of a country — the thing that distinguishes it from all other countries? That's

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CRISIS SCHMISIS

Federal government responds to county



“The border is closed. I repeat: THE BORDER IS CLOSED. There is no crisis. We have always been at war with Oceania.”

Last week, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors declared a humanitarian crisis in response to the public concern over the number of migrants being dropped in San Diego County by U.S. Border Agents. “We can’t continue down this path,” said Supervisor Jim Desmond. “We must acknowledge the practical limits of our own capacity to meet the needs of those who arrive in our region.” Desmond and fellow Supervisors then issued an urgent plea for Federal Assistance in meeting those needs.

But their request was met with confusion by the Biden Administration. “The border is closed,” said Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. “The border is closed,” agreed Secretary of State

Anthony Blinken. “President Biden has done more to secure the border than anyone,” said White House Spokesperson Karine Jean-Pierre, before continuing: “In light of that, we’re not sure what the Board of Supervisors is getting at. How can there be a humanitarian crisis brought on by dropped-off migrants when the border is closed? Perhaps the Supervisors were confused. Perhaps the so-called ‘migrants’ were merely homeless veterans in need of care. And they are in need. What is the board of supervisors doing to alleviate the homeless problem in San Diego? Frankly, I would not have expected this sort of misinformation and finger-pointing from a Democrat-dominated body. They should be ashamed of themselves, really.”

There’s no place like home

Biden Administration begins Operation Staycation in effort to convince would-be migrants to remain in-country.



One prong of the operation involves placing vintage travel posters along the border wall in an effort to get migrants from the Northern Triangle to reconsider the virtues of the places they have left behind. Says Turnback, “I look at these images and think, ‘Who wouldn’t want to live there?’ It’s like the song says: you never know what you’ve got til it’s gone, or at least until it’s 1600 miles behind you. Sure, there are troubles, but you know what? You can’t get away from your troubles by running. Or walking, for that matter. You’ve got to stand and face them. Besides, it’s not like we don’t have troubles of our own on this side of the border fence. Sure, everybody wants to come live in a country that elected Joe Biden president, especially after he said they should come during the debates. But this is also a country that elected Donald Trump just five years ago. Clearly, we’ve got some issues, issues that should give anyone pause. Plus, murders are way, way up. So are suicides. You’ve got mass shootings, hate crimes, systemic racism... Sometimes, I’m amazed we even have to make the case for staying at home.”

“The President of the United States believes that families are the bedrock of a healthy society,” says Sam Turnback, head of the Biden Administration’s Operation Staycation. “That may seem obvious, but when you hear that the US Government detained more than 11,000 unaccompanied minors at its southern border in the first three weeks of March alone, you realize that something’s been lost in translation. People have got to understand that what a child needs, more than anything, is a stable home life in the care of loving parents. That’s what’s going to make for a healthy, productive, decent member of society. Not some pie in the sky dream of striking out on your own while you’re just a teenager and chasing economic fairies and their tales of

the Promised Land. And one way to build a stable home life is to have dedicated time set aside to staying home as a family - a staycation, if you will. Time to play games, time for generations to talk to one another, time to make memories that will last a lifetime. To facilitate this, we’re sending over four million Spanish-language, locally themed Monopoly board games to countries throughout Central America, along with free DVDs of *Coco*, the wonderful Pixar movie built around the traditional Hispanic holiday *Dia De Los Muertos*. We hope the recipients ‘Remember Us’ and our message that the border is closed. We’re also sending in some Black Ops teams to help deal with the cartels, but that’s not really my department.”



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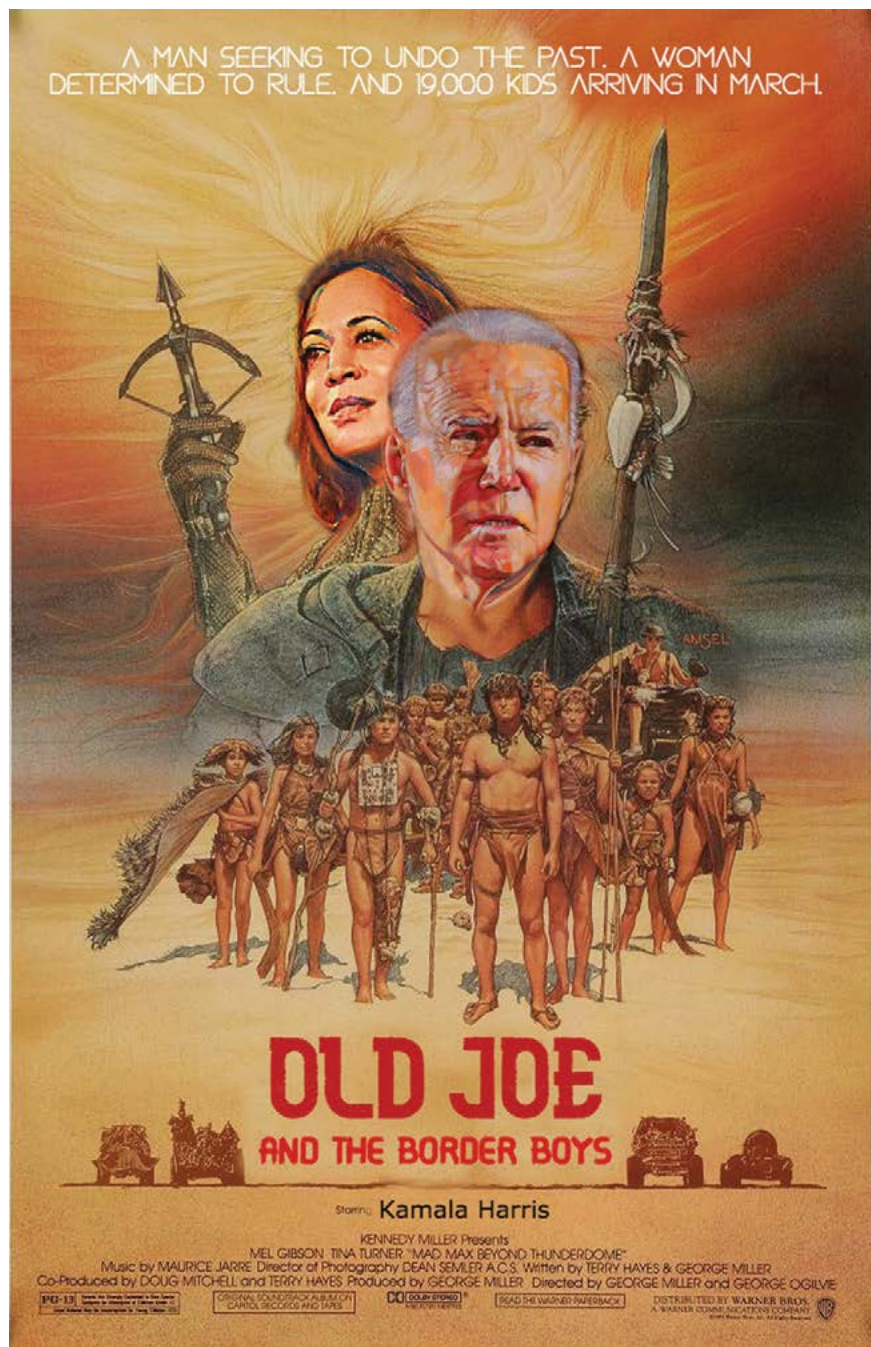
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Crossover Campaign

Adidas inks deal with fashionable fencehopper



Nonike: “When Mr. Rodriguez signed with us, he promised that if he was apprehended and deported for some reason, he would not give up until he had crossed the border again — and again, if need be. That’s the kind of drive and determination to succeed that we salute here at Adidas. Truly, an inspiration to us all.”

Two weeks ago, FOX border reporter Bill Melugin posted a video on X showing a group of immigrants slipping around the end of the border wall in Jacumba, California. The Biden Administration didn’t seem to care much about the incursion, but one of those immigrants caught the attention of someone much more important: Adidas head of marketing Alan Nonike. “What can I say?” explains Nonike, “the guy had such grace and composure as he slipped through that gap in the razor wire. So many of his compatriots were clumsy and timid by comparison. And of

course, I noticed that he was wearing a pair of Adidas warm-up pants — perfect for the sort of cross-training activity in which he was partaking. Right then, I knew we had our next endorsement deal.” Nonike managed to find the immigrant, Ivan Rodriguez of Honduras, and signed him to a one-year, \$15 million contract. Pictured above is the initial ad in the company’s upcoming “Keep Running” ad campaign, featuring Rodriguez in a still from Melugin’s video. “Behold, sports fans,” boasted Nonike in conclusion, “the new face of American athletic excellence.”

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Operation Shock and Awww

China opens two-pronged assault on America's border and heartstrings

Last week, in what is possibly the most heartwarming news ever, China announced that it would be loaning two giant pandas to the San Diego Zoo. We're so lucky! And it's important to note that this wonderful gesture has nothing to do with the fact that in 2024, more Chinese nationals crossed the border into the San Diego Sector than people from any country besides Colombia. (Yes, even more than Mexico.) Further, it's important to note that there is nothing suspicious about the fact that the number of Chinese nationals apprehended at the southern border jumped



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from 2000 in 2022 to 24,000 in 2023. Everything's fine, and pandas are just the cutest things ever. China must love and respect the people of San Diego very much indeed to be willing to make such a generous loan.

Even better, they have not asked for anything in return. Just our love and attention, to be lavished upon these excellent beasts, and not wasted on other, less important matters.

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right: a border. You don't have a border, you don't have a country. You can shut down the government, and things will keep going, at least for a while. But you take away the border, and you get the Biden administration.

Even the *New York Times* grants that it was the biggest immigration surge in U.S. history. More than two million a year. And as Riley Laken knows, they weren't sending their best.

WM: You know, these scallops are delicious.

DT: You know, you were pretty lousy to me in your first Trumpsgiving story. What was it your dad said? "On some great and glorious day, the plain folks of the land will reach their heart's desire at last, and the White House will

be adorned by a down-right moron." And then there was that celebrity dig from Thurber: "It was inevitable that some day there would come roaring out of the skies a national hero of insufficient intelligence, background, and character to endure the mounting orgies of glory prepared for aviators who stayed up a long time or few a great distance." Did you ever see *The Founder*? Great film about a great American, Ray Kroc, the man who gave us McDonald's. Other people like to say that the McDonald brothers gave us McDonald's, that Kroc was some evil backstabber who stole it out from under them. But as usual, other people are wrong. It's like Kroc says in his big confrontation with the brothers: "I understand McDonald's better than you ever did." They created the perfect

machine for preparing and serving mass quantities of tasty food while eliminating labor, and then they refused to use it. I'm the Ray Kroc of politics. I didn't build the system, but I understand it better than anyone. That's why I was out there working the fry station at McDonald's this time around. And the best you could do to acknowledge that was to have Hunter S. Thompson grouse that "the fig leaf of respectability has been dropped from the body politic."

WM: That was eight years ago. You still had the power to shock people back then. So why am I here, Mr. Once and Future King?

DT: Careful, I said that's what my *friends* call me. You're here because I want to thank you, and also to give you a message. You understood

the beauty of the wall. You understood that immigration was the key issue. And during my...time away from the White House, you kept up the fight.

WM: Now wait a second there. When I went after Biden's border buffoonery, I was addressing an issue of pressing concern to *Reader* readers. I wasn't trying to help you get re-elected.

DT: Potato, potahto. Anyway, I asked you to here to remind you of how I first rose to national prominence. It wasn't through newspaper stories, I can assure you. It was through television. I had a little show called *The Apprentice*. Well, not so little. It was the biggest show, the absolute biggest. And it had this wonderful catchphrase...

WM: Happy Trumpsgiving, everyone.

— Walter Mencken



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THE ART OF DR. SEUSS

The Art Of Dr. Seuss— 25 Years Through The Wrong End of The Telescope shows how Ted Geisel, aka Dr. Seuss, spent his life pushing the boundaries of conventional thought, ushering in new artistic ideas, and looking “through the wrong end of the telescope.” Ted’s widow Audrey has guided his legacy for nearly 30 years since his death. As part of that effort, she allowed the formation of The Art of Dr. Seuss Collection, which gave others a chance to see images Ted had made privately yet never shared with the public.

WHEN: Thursday, December 26, 10 am to 9 pm. Through December 31.

WHERE: Exclusive Collections Gallery Gaslamp, 621 Fifth Avenue, Downtown. ecgallery.com



POST MALONE

be sworn in as part of the ship’s crew, trained how to navigate, sword fight, bail water from a sinking ship, escape from the King’s Jail, swab the deck and other pirate skills. Performances are 90 minutes.

WHEN: Saturday, December 28, 10:30 am to 12 pm

WHERE: San Diego Maritime Museum, 1492 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. sdmaritime.org



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26: THE ART OF DR. SEUSS

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WILD HORSES FESTIVAL

The Wild Horses Festival is branching out this year with a lineup of musical genres from rap rock to outlaw country. Geared for all-ages and offering on-site vendors, food, and alcoholic drinks for those 21 and up,

the music bill includes Post Malone, Paul Cauthen, Zach Top, and Vincent Neil Emerson.

WHEN: Monday, December 30, 7:30 pm

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

Vista Wildlife Reserve. The naturalist guide will point out local wildlife and teach about the turtles. All equipment is provided.



NOON YEAR CELEBRATION

For those who want to ring in the New Year without waiting until midnight, there will be multiple balloon drops

at noon at The Plunge pool in Belmont Park. A live DJ will be spinning family-friendly tunes, and there will be games, giveaways, and a heated pool with a floating obstacle course. The pool will be open for swimming, regardless of the weather, thanks to the retractable roof.

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BOARDED: A NEW PIRATE ADVENTURE

Presented by San Diego Pirate Adventures, this show turns the San Diego waterfront into an interactive show that puts visitors right in the middle of pirate action. Participants will



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OCEAN CONNECTORS WILDLIFE KAYAKING ECO TOUR

San Diego Bay provides foraging habitat for about 60 Eastern Pacific green sea turtles, and the tour group will be on the lookout for these creatures on its Wildlife Kayaking Eco Tour as participants paddle through the Chula

WHEN: Tuesday, December 31, 8:30 am to 11:30 am

WHERE: Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway, Chula Vista. oceanconnectors.org/wildlife-kayaking

WHEN: Tuesday, December 31, 10:30 am to 1 pm

WHERE: Plunge San Diego. 3115 Ocean Front Walk Ste. 100, Mission Beach. plungesandiego.com



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The Art Of Dr. Seuss The Art Of Dr. Seuss - 25 Years Through The Wrong End of The Telescope allows the world its first chance to see images Ted had made privately yet never shared with the general public. Thursday, December 19, 10am; Friday, December 20, 10am; Saturday, December 21, 10am; Sunday, December 22, 10am; Monday, December 23, 10am; Tuesday, December 24, 10am; **free**. Exclusive Collections Gallery Gaslamp, 621 Fifth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

The Gaslamp Artisan Market More than 30 local artisans will offer carefully-curated homemade and unique local products. Situated in the heart of the historic Gaslamp Quarter, with jewelry, hand crafted items, and home goods to be on display. Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; Fifth Ave from Island Ave to J St. and Island Ave from Fourth Ave to Fifth Ave (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Transformative Currents: Art and Action in the Pacific Ocean Works in diverse media by 21 contemporary artists and collaborative teams are organized around the theme of ocean currents, which traverse the Pacific and suggest fluidity, interconnectivity, and collective responsibility. Saturdays,

11am; Sundays, 11am; Wednesdays, 11am; through Sunday, January 19, Oceanside Museum of Art, 704 Pier View Way. (OCEANSIDE)

AUTOMOTIVE

Bonita Cars & Coffee The BCC is a gathering of classic cars, hot rods, custom rides, and just about anything that rolls on the streets. Saturdays, 7am; through Saturday, December 28, Bonita Donuts, 4414 Bonita Road. (BONITA)

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Rhyme & Verse

Two poems for Christmas by Joseph Brodsky

Star of the Nativity

In the cold season, in a locality accustomed to heat more than to cold, to horizontality more than to a mountain, a child was born in a cave in order to save the world; it blew as only in deserts in winter it blows, athwart.

To Him, all things seemed enormous: His mother's breast, the steam out of the ox's nostrils, Caspar, Balthazar, Melchior—the team of Magi, their presents heaped by the door, ajar. He was but a dot, and a dot was the star.

Keenly, without blinking, through pallid, stray clouds, upon the child in the manger, from far away—from the depth of the universe, from its opposite end—the star was looking into the cave. And that was the Father's stare.

Nativity Poem

Imagine striking a match that night in the cave:
Imagine crockery, try to make use of its glaze
To feel cold cracks in the floor, the blankness of hunger.
Imagine the desert—but the desert is everywhere.

Imagine striking a match in that midnight cave,
The fire, the farm beasts in outline, the farm tools and stuff;
And imagine, as you towel your face in the enveloping folds,
Mary, Joseph, and the Infant in swaddling clothes.

Imagine the kings, the caravans' stilted procession
As they make for the cave, or, rather, three beams closing in
And in on the star, the creaking of loads, the clink of a cowbell;
(No thronging of Heaven as yet, no peal of the bell

That will ring in the end for the infant once he has earned it).
Imagine the Lord, for the first time, from darkness, and stranded
Immensely in distance, recognizing Himself in the Son
Of Man: His homelessness plain to him now in a homeless one.



Joseph Brodsky (1940-1996) was a Russian poet who settled in America after being exiled by the Soviet regime. The Leningrad native had long defied the Communist stranglehold on Russia. Like fellow Russian exile Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Brodsky fled to America and settled in Ann Arbor, MI, before taking up teaching positions at Yale, Columbia, Cambridge and the University of Michigan. In 1987, Brodsky won the Nobel Prize in Literature, and in 1991 he was appointed Poet Laureate of the United States. While he considered himself only "a Christian by correspondence," Brodsky wrote a poem every year for Christmas. "What is remarkable about Christmas?" he once asked. "The fact that what we're dealing with here is the calculation of life — or, at the very least, existence — in the consciousness of an individual, a specific individual."

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Christmas lights, inflatables, and more. Fridays, 4:30pm; Saturdays, 4:30pm; through Sunday, January 5, \$5-\$8. Banner Ranch Julian, 36342 Highway 78. (JULIAN)

The Illusionists: Magic of the Holidays A mind-blowing showcase featuring jaw-dropping talents of the most incredible illusionists on earth. This non-stop show is packed with thrilling and sophisticated magic of unprecedented proportions. Thursday, December 26, 7:30pm; Friday, December 27, 7:30pm; San Diego Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Victorian Christmas Tours of the Davis-Horton House This

December, learn this history of Victorian Christmas traditions as you take a self-guided tour through the decked halls of the Davis-Horton House! Keep an eye out for hidden nutcrackers along the way—find them all, and win a prize! And don't forget to get your special-edition commemorative sticker before you leave! Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; through Saturday, January 4, \$10. Gaslamp Museum at the Davis-Horton House, 410 Island Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

6-Week Short Course in Mindful Self-Compassion The Short Course in Mindful Self-Compassion (SC-MSC) is a six-week program designed to introduce self-compassion skills in a shorter, accessible format. Developed by Kristin Neff, PhD, and Christopher Germer, PhD, it draws from the 8-week Mindful Self-Compassion (MSC) program. Saturdays, 9:30am; through Tuesday, March 25, \$275-\$325. 18 and up. <https://cih.ucsd.edu/mindfulness>. (ONLINE)

Downtown Escondido Toastmasters Join Downtown Escondido Toastmasters to enhance your public speaking and leadership skills! DETM provides a friendly and supportive environment that

helps members gain confidence in being more effective communicators. Thursdays, 12:05pm; through Tuesday, December 31, \$70. <https://sites.google.com/view/downtown-escondido-toastmasters>. (ONLINE)

Getting Your Word Out Learn about submitting poems, short stories, creative nonfiction, and book-length works. Saturday, December 28, 10am; \$54-\$63. <https://writeyourstorynow.org/>. (ONLINE)

Meditation, Awareness & Awakening Hosted by Turiya Dhara Saturday, December 28, 10:45am; **free**-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Meditations For a Happy & Meaningful Life In this retreat, meditate on the principal aspects of the Buddhist path, gain insights and fill your heart with positive energy. All sessions will include a teaching and guided meditation. Friday, December 27, 10am; Saturday, December 28, 10am; \$7-\$35. Kadampa Meditation Center San Diego, 3502 Adams Avenue. (NORMAL HEIGHTS)

Vision Boards A vision board is a tool to help connect you to your desires, guide your intentions and create a visual manifestation of all the good things you welcome into your life. Sunday, December 29, 1pm; \$54-\$63. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Winter Break Creative Crafting Craft a one of a kind item with an array of crafting supplies. Stay for an hour (or even two) at any time during the program and see what you can create. Monday, December 30, 1pm; **free**. Coronado Library, 640 Orange Avenue. (CORONADO)

COMEDY

All Hands On Deck Wacky improvised game show (similar to *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*) powered by audience suggestions. (Family Friendly). Saturdays, 7pm; through Saturday, December 28, \$7-\$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

All Hands On Deck (Uncensored) Wild improvised game show (similar to *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*) powered by audience suggestions. For Mature Audiences. Fridays, 10pm; Saturdays, 10pm; through Friday, December 27, \$7-\$15. 18 and up. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Comedy Open Mic Night - Mondays, 7:30pm; through Wednesday, December 31, 1st Street Bar, 656 S. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

Comedy Under the Stars Lineup TBA Saturday, December 28, 5:30pm; **free**-\$10. 21 and up. Bolt Brewing, 8179 Center Street. (LA MESA)

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Improv VS Standup Guest standup comedians do their set, then improvisers create scenes based on their material. For mature audiences. Saturdays, 8:30pm; through Saturday, December 28, \$7-\$15. 18 and up. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Jim Florentine AS SEEN ON: Comedy Central, ABC, The Howard Stern Radio, NBC, HBO & more! Friday, December 27, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 28, 7:30pm and 9:30pm; \$24. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Joe Wong AS SEEN ON: NBC, ABC, YouTube & more! Thursday, December 26, 8pm; \$36. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Laughing Nerd New Year's Eve Headliner James P. Connolly, host scientist-turned-comedian Tim X Lee. Tuesday, December 31, 7pm; **free**-\$425. Sunshine Brooks Theatre, 217 N. Coast Highway. (OCEANSIDE)

Lyrics & Laughs Cabaret singers perform, then improvisers take the stage to create scenes based off their songs. Fridays, 7pm; through Friday, December 27, \$7-\$15. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

Maz Jobrani Maz Jobrani is a comedian, actor and host of his own podcast, BACK TO SCHOOL WITH MAZ JOBRANI on the All Things Comedy Network. His new standup comedy special PANDEMIC WARRIOR is now available for streaming on PeacockTV. Friday, December 27, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, December 28, 7pm and 9:30pm; Sunday, December 29, 7pm; \$35. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

NYE 2025 with Steve Byrne Ring in New Year's Eve 2025 w/ Steve Byrne LIVE! Tuesday, December 31, 7pm; \$29. 21 and up. American Comedy Company, 818 Sixth Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

NYE with Jimmy Shubert As a national touring headlining comedian Jimmy Shubert has built an very impressive resume and, as an actor, when he is not stealing scenes on the big screen or, popping up all over your television set. Tuesday, December 31, 7pm and 10pm; \$45. 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

New Year's Eve Comedy Show New Year's Eve comedy performance, followed by a party with the cast of the show in and around the theatre. Tuesday, December 31, 9pm; \$59. National Comedy Theatre, 3717 India Street. (MISSION HILLS)

Out of this World Grab your tin foil hats and buckle up because the Out of this World comedy show is taking you on one last epic ride! These shows are a free space for absolute silliness and harmless absurdity. Saturday, December 27, 7:30pm; \$20. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

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, December 26, 8pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

The Mic @ Mic Drop This open mic offers a fantastic opportunity for comedians to test out their material and fine-tune their sets before performing for weekend audiences. Guests are welcome, and we've got chips and salsa, beer, and wine to keep you fueled and refreshed throughout the afternoon. Saturday, December 28, 3pm; \$10. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Tyler Gaca aka @ghosthoney Tyler Gaca is an actor, artist, & writer known for the surreal comedic sketch videos on his social media where he has accumulated over 3 million followers. (@ghosthoney & @tylergaca) Sunday, December 29, 3pm; \$31. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Unscripted Comedy Show Based completely on audience suggestions, the cast creates the entire 100 minute show from scratch without a script. Fridays, 7:30pm; Saturdays, 7:30pm; Sundays, 7:30pm; through Tuesday, December 31, \$17-\$22. National Comedy Theatre, 3717 India Street. (MISSION HILLS)

DANCE

Australia's Thunder From Down Under UNTAMED 2024 TOUR Saturday, December 28, 8pm; 21 and up. Pechanga Resort & Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway. (TEMECULA)

Belly Dance Dinner Show Enjoy Persian cuisine and a belly dance show. Saturdays, 7:30pm; through Saturday, December 28, **free**. Shiraz Restaurant, 12125 Alta Carmel Court. (RANCHO BERNARDO)

FOOD & DRINK

Lane Field Park Market & Live Music Dive into the buzz with 30+ of the city's top food and craft vendors serving up everything from sizzling BBQ to mouth-watering beef and chicken bulgogi rice bowls. Sip on an ice-cold smoothie, groove to live music, and shop unique crafts. Bring a picnic chair or blan-

ket and spend the day! For more info including our weekly vendor line-up, visit our Instagram @sandiegofoodmarkets or website www.sandiegofoodmarkets.com. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Saturday, December 27, **free**. Lane Field Park, 1009 North Harbor Drive. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

NYE 3-Course Dinner on the Beach Enjoy a three course special. Tuesday, December 31, 5pm; **free**. Guava Beach Bar & Grill, 3714 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

New Year's Day Brunch Enjoy a variety of dishes. Wednesday, January 1, 11am; **free**. Jimmy's Famous American Tavern, 4990 North Harbor Drive. (POINT LOMA)

New Year's Day Dinner At the hotel's lobby bar, The Landing, guests can enjoy high-end wines and statement cocktails, including the option to build-your-own Old Fashioned featuring rare whiskeys and bourbons. In addition to a menu of assorted light bites, The Landing will also be serving two dinner specials on New Year's Day. Wednesday, January 1, 5pm; Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

New Year's Eve Dining The chefs are cooking up a four course dinner including grilled angus beef tenderloin, seared local halibut, and lemon potato risotto. Also enjoy live music and waterfront views. Tuesday, December 31, 5pm; \$95. Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

New Year's Eve Dining Enjoy a three-course dinner complete with a complimentary champagne toast, live entertainment, and an optional wine pairing. Tuesday, December 31, 5:30pm; \$110. Oceana Coastal Kitchen, 3999 Mission Boulevard. (MISSION BEACH)

New Year's Eve Dinner Savor a 3-course dinner with Fried Shrimp Toast with Chili Garlic Aioli; Peppercorn Crusted Strip Loin Steak with Brown Butter Chanterelles, Garlic Rosemary Potato Puree and Horseradish Watercress Salad; and for dessert, an Orange Chocolate Tartlet with Orange Curd, Chocolate Mousse, Flaky Salt and Orange Zest. Tuesday, December 31, 5pm; \$65. Bronze Bird Food Wine & Spirits, 910 Broadway Circle. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

New Year's Eve Dinner In the Tuscan-inspired ambiance of The Vineyard Rose, enjoy a seasonal three-course prix fixe holiday dinner crafted by the resort's culinary team. Tuesday, December 31, 7:30pm; South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, 34843 Rancho California Road. (TEMECULA)

FOR KIDS

Children's Storytime Great for children ages 1 through 9. This is a free event. Reservations are not necessary. Fridays, 3pm; through Wednesday, December 18, **free**. Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

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Park's Winter Wonder fun with the annual MEGA Noon Year Celebration event. Tuesday, December 31, 10:30am; \$50. Plunge San Diego, 3115 Ocean Front Walk Ste 100. (MISSION BEACH)

Noon Year's Eve Party Families, celebrate the New Year at noon. Tuesday, December 31, 11:30am; free. Poway Library, 13137 Poway Road. (POWAY)

San Diego Adventure Camp Winter Break San Diego Adventure Camp offers a premium day camp experience for kids ages 5 to 12 years old. Activity-based camp is focused on themed days and weeks with plenty of fun activities in the pool and around Belmont Park. Thursday, December 26, 9am; Friday, December 27, 9am; Monday, December 30, 9am; \$99-\$379. Plunge San Diego, 3115 Ocean Front Walk Ste 100. (MISSION BEACH)

Trail Tykes Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center - 10am - 11am Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, Trail Tykes takes place at 10AM every second and fourth Sunday and Monday of the month. The 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/ to reserve your space. Sunday, December 29, 10am; Monday, December 30, 10am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Winter Decorating Class for Kids Kids ages 5+ can decorate their own chocolate bars and Oreos while embracing the holiday spirit. They'll get to learn the secrets of chocolate creation and craft their own unique confectations. All materials and tools are provided, and kids get to take home their custom-designed chocolates to enjoy. Sunday, December 29, 12pm; \$35. Seabreeze Craft Chocolates, 3840 Valley Centre Dr. Suite 604. (CARMEL VALLEY)

NATURE

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk. Walks are free and open to the public, with no camping or reservations required. Learn about the lush riparian habitat of the Kumeyaay Lake shoreline, home to many birds, animals, and unique plants. See the winter foliage and over-wintering birds. The trails used are easy, but have uneven surfaces, so be sure to wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes and bring along water. If you want to extend your walk, you can easily connect with the Grasslands trail which offers an overview of the Dam and a Kumeyaay grinding rocks site. A hat and sunscreen are also recommended. Walks are canceled if raining. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Saturday, December 28, 8:30am; free. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

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OUTDOORS

Our lowest temps occurring now, winter blooming aloes, big surf

Recent Chilly Days And Nights Are A Reminder that San Diego's lowest temperatures (according to more than a century of weather records) tend to occur during the month of January. January's mean temperature at Lindbergh Field is about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. (July's mean is a balmy 70 degrees.) To experience much colder temperatures, journey to the Cuyamacas; -1 and -4 degree readings were once recorded there — the two lowest temperatures ever recorded in the county.

Tree Aloes (*Aloe Arborescens*) Will Be At Their Blooming Best in January, but are already showing off around town. Krantz aloe or



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candelabra aloe, a common local tree aloe, are winter-blooming perennials and can be one of the most colorful plants in our winter landscape. The familiar succulents and their red-hot-poker-like flower clusters are a favorite winter hangout for birds, bees, and butterflies, and can grow to 9 feet tall when happy. Tree aloes have the third largest distribution amongst the aloe genus and are one of only a few species of aloe that can be found growing from sea level up to the tops of mountains. Large clumps of aloes can be seen at La Jolla Cove, at Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and scattered along the embankments overlooking Highway 163 in Balboa Park.

Recent Big Ocean Swells And Wild Surf Conditions left some area beaches partially or wholly denuded of sand. The powerful waves pulled sand off the beach and moved it into deeper waters offshore, leaving behind deposits of rounded cobbles where sand had once been. During spring and summer, gentle wave action will return much of the sand, usually in time for the arrival of summer tourists. Artificial sand-replenishment projects are usually in the works, too, in which sand dredged from waters offshore is transported back to the shoreline.

plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park. You will hike one of these scenic trails: * The Oak Grove Loop showcasing majestic coast live oaks, rare Engelmann's oaks, and a Kumeyaay 'ewaa (hut). * The Visitor Center Loop highlighting coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and riparian woodland habitats and the riverside grinding rocks, one of the archaeological sites in the park. See how the plants, animals and birds adapt for winter in San Diego County. 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. Sundays, 9:30am; through Sunday, December 29, free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Ocean Connectors Wildlife Kayaking Eco Tour Be an Ocean Connector and join a Wildlife Kayaking adventure. A naturalist guide will point out marine and bird life and teach you about local ecology and conservation efforts. All equipment is provided: Tuesday, December 31, 8:30am; \$40-\$60. Bayside Park, 999 Bayside Parkway. (CHULA VISTA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

World Peace Meditation Day Embrace diversity and find common ground in a calm and mindful way. Saturday, December 28, 10:30am; free. San Diego Buddhist Association, 4536 Park Boulevard. (UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS)

SPORTS & FITNESS

2024 Holiday Bowl The 2024 DIRECTV Holiday Bowl game will feature the Washington State Cougars vs. Syracuse Orange. The upcoming DIRECTV Holiday Bowl marks the third consecutive year the 101.5 KGB Sky Show follows the game, a fireworks display synchronized to San Diego's Classic Rock at 101.5 FM and on the free iHeartRadio App. Friday, December 27, 5pm; Snapdragon Stadium, 2101 Stadium Way. (MISSION VALLEY)

San Diego Clippers First Responders Night Don't miss First Responders Night at Frontwave Arena on December 29. Celebrate our local heroes with

an action-packed San Diego Clippers game against Memphis Hustle, a close-up look at emergency vehicles, and a thrilling halftime game featuring first responders. Join us in honoring those who keep Oceanside safe! Sunday, December 29, 6pm; \$18-\$383. Frontwave Arena, 3475 Hero Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Clippers Home Game Come see your San Diego Clippers play a home game in their first season at Frontwave Arena. Don't miss a moment of the action. Friday, December 27, 7pm; Frontwave Arena, 3475 Hero Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

San Diego Gulls Home Games The Gulls will host the Ontario Reign at Pechanga Arena on Friday, December 27, 7pm; The Gulls will host the Bakersfield Condors on Saturday, December 28, 6pm; The Gulls will host the San Jose Barracuda on Wednesday, January 1, 7pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

San Diego Sockers Home Game The San Diego Sockers take on the Empire Strykers at Frontwave Arena. Saturday, December 28, 7:05pm; Frontwave Arena, 3475 Hero Drive. (OCEANSIDE)

Surf Yoga Yoga class with Jacqueline Kowalik from YogaJawn and CVAC. Sundays, 10:30am; through Sunday, December 29, \$15. Lifeguard Tower 32, 4355 Carlsbad Boulevard. (CARLSBAD)

MOVIES

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

Anora — Writer-director Sean Baker's latest foray into the private lives of people who make their privates public opens brilliantly, as New York City stripper/escort Anora (a gung-ho, all-in Mikey Madison) grinds her way through her daily grind, making nice with a steady procession of customers, one replacing another so seamlessly that they run together just as they must in our heroine's mind. Then, during a break, a co-worker marvels that one fellow "told me how much I reminded him of his daughter, then ordered five private

dances from me!" (The horror.) "At least he paid for the dances," replies Anora. (The banality.) That's Baker, mingling the deeply personal and the "merely" physical in ways feel moral without feeling moralistic.

Talking of which: the reason Anora (who prefers "Annie") gets picked to take care of Ivan, the young Russian playboy who shows up at her club, is that she had a grandmother who never learned English after coming over from the old country. Ivan is so taken with her attentions that he hires her for a week of sexy partytimes and whisks her off to Vegas, a city famous for its spur-of-the-moment weddings. What fun! He even tells her that he'd be happy with her even without his parents' money. Annie tries not to believe him, but she doesn't have enough happy reality to counter the much happier fantasy — there's a sister (who feels like she should show up more), but no future. Small surprise when a mid-video game quickie gets interrupted by Ivan's long-suffering babysitter Garnick and his assistant Igor.

The manhunt that follows is longer than it needs to be, and even a bit indulgent, but still largely entertaining — a description which



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WIN TICKETS		Enter to win a pair of tickets to see Wild Child. Deadline to Enter: Monday, January 6 at 1pm.
WIN TICKETS		Enter to win a pair of tickets to see Strangelove. Deadline to Enter: Wednesday, January 8 at 1pm.

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fits the film as a whole. Perhaps the director's most conventional effort to date; it even veers toward cliché in its final scene. But what comes before is strong enough to make it hit anyway. (2024)— M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

Conclave — Director Edward Berger's adaptation of Robert Harris' novel about the election of a new pope is shot and acted as a Serious Movie: all those muted reds and saturated blacks in those lingering shots of the Sistine Chapel ceiling overhead and the embattled Cardinals below, all that anguish and intellection in the faces of Ralph Fiennes, John Lithgow, Stanley Tucci, et al. (Oh, and not a little ambition, as well: Tucci's American hopeful insists that every Cardinal, deep down, has picked out the name he'd choose for himself as pope — although it's hard to believe this applies to the humble, war-weary newcomer who arrives at the conclave's outset and announces that he was elevated in secret by the late pontiff, despite his mysterious health concerns.)

But it's scored and written as a potboiler in the mode of *The Da Vinci Code*. (No Opus Dei assassins here, but still plenty of sturm and drang about the dark forces that keep the Church mired in the Dark Ages of Latin rites and sexual rigidity, forces that are threatened by the modern virtues of doubt and openness.) The sawing strings and plunking piano that punctuate the action, the ponderous portentousness of pronouncements like, "The Church is not tradition; the Church is what we do next."

And the fact that in the end, the drama is driven not by the Cardinals' ideas and ideals, but their secret sins: the sexual puritan with a promiscuous past, the lover of Latin with a heart full of hate, etc. It's possible that the film takes itself entirely too seriously; fortunately, the viewer is under no such obligation, and may have a good time as a result. (2024) — M.L. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)

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.

Dr. Seuss's How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Back for its 27th year, the family favorite features the songs "Santa for a Day," "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," and "Welcome, Christmas (Fah Who Doraze)." OLD GLOBE - DONALD & DARLENE SHILEY STAGE, 1363 OLD GLOBE WAY, BALBOA PARK. 7PM THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS, 10:30AM & 2PM SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS, 7PM TUESDAYS.

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Campus Christy: nostalgia sans samples

“If you’ve never seen a band of four guys and one girl all wearing bikinis in solidarity, performing the ‘Star-Spangled Banner’ before telling you if you don’t call your mom tonight that you can go to hell; you’ve probably

Insane Clown Posse’s last song, only to instantly be Faygo-showered by Shaggy 2 Dope himself. I had to take an Uber back to my hotel at 4 am to make a very early flight back to LA, to play the 808 Day celebration for Roland. Not sure I slept at all before that flight. But I definitely took



Brian Ellis: it is better to be sampled than to sample.

missed your only opportunity.” That’s Escondido’s Brian Ellis, recounting his recent opening for Sacri Monti and Mondo Drag. (He’s not specific about who rocked the bikinis).

Never foot-dragging when it comes to music, he took the stage at an early age. “I started playing shows when I was around 12, back when the Metaphor Cafe and the old Soma sidestage still existed,” recalls Ellis. “Some highlights would be all the shows my old band Los Machos opened for The Aquabats, my side project Birdzilla headlining over Powerman 5000 at the Jumping Turtle, having a Magic 92.5-sponsored gig with my band Reflection alongside XL Middleton and Moniquea and Egyptian Lover, and hearing my name on a 92.5 commercial.”

Outside San Diego, “one of my recent favorites was playing the Gathering of the Juggalos as Egyptian Lover’s keyboard player. It was unbelievable to share a bill with KRS-One, Sir Mix-A-Lot, and Slick Rick, and to get invited on stage during

more than four showers.”

Asked about his childhood in Escondido, Ellis emphasizes having to make your own fun. “Something about the lack of anything to do as a young person in Escondido, at least in my growing-up years, seemed to foster a unique, creative group of kids that took having fun into their own hands. It’s also always felt much more inclusive and embracing as an artistic community, rather than competitive like I’ve seen in bigger cities. I started producing electronic music around 12 years old with MIDI, and later discovered FL Studio around 14. But I only really had one or two friends that were hip into being into old-school rap or funk at all. Producing that music when I was young always felt sort of private, like it was just for a few friends. It was so great to realize I could pursue those styles more seriously.”

Ellis is a vet of local psychedelically-inclined bands such as Astra, Birth, and the Psicomagia, and he also produced EDM music under the name Brian E. His newest project is the Campus Christy album,

a collaboration with Stones Throw Records’ founder Chris Manak, aka electro-rapper Peanut Butter Wolf. PBW is handling the vocals while Ellis provides the instrumentation. Ellis met PBW through the long-running old-school electro-rapper Egyptian Lover, and started working with the Wolf during Covid. PBW took “Campus Christy” from the name of his old garage band, and the project lives up to the nostalgia so implied.

“The album is a covers album,” Ellis elaborates, “mostly very obscure songs that PBW curated. A huge part of the beauty of the record is PBW’s ability to curate a playlist of tracks that very unassumingly work well together, and even create the feeling of a story or journey from start to finish. I love the idea of a collection of songs all written by different artists that feel like a cohesive singular album. I play every instrument on

the entire album, other than some percussion and a couple random solos here and there. I didn’t use any samples whatsoever. I think sampling is very cool, but being a modern musician proficient in over 14 instruments, I made the decision to avoid sampling completely. I like the idea that someone 30 years from now could discover one of my records and sample it, knowing it’s purely original.”

Not that shaking it old-school with the Wolf is the whole of his passion. “I have a new solo album called *Lifetime Supply* coming out on CQQL Records on January 24. I’ve been working on it for the past five or six years now. I’m always constantly working on new music in the studio. I like Bandcamp, since I can release music very quickly — music a label might not take a chance on. Unfortunately, I broke my shoulder a few weeks ago, so I will be on hiatus from playing live while I recover.”

— Andrew Hamlin

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You can submit a listing, download mp3s, watch videos, subscribe to event alerts, get directions, and find more information about these shows online at SDReader.com/music.

THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
Wednesday, 4pm — Santana Soul. Free.

Barefoot Bar and Grill:
Friday, 6pm — Helena Holleran.
Saturday, 6pm — Jonny Tarr.

Bellamy's Restaurant:
Saturday, 6pm — Andrew Peña.

Belly Up Tavern:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Jimmy's Buffet. \$22-\$39.
Friday, 7:30pm — Donavon Frankenreiter. \$47.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Easy Wind. \$17-\$30.
Sunday, 7:30pm — The Steely Damned 2. \$42-\$74.
Monday, 7:30pm — Never Die Young. \$23-\$41.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Fan Halen and Livin' On A Prayer. \$40-\$70.

Brick by Brick:
Friday, 9pm — Hot To Go. \$23-\$26.

Saturday, 9pm — Taking Back Saturday. \$21-\$24.

Cannonball:
Thursday, 5pm — Ben Benavente.

Casbah:
Thursday, 9pm — Devotional: The Depeche Mode Experience.
Friday, 9pm — The Cure Christmas Dance Party. \$15.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Schizophonics and Mistress 77.
Sunday & Monday, 8:30pm, Tuesday, 9:30pm — Starcrawler.

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

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:
Friday, 6pm — Orion Song.

Farmer & the Seahorse:
Sunday, 11am — Matt Heinecke.

Hangar 76 Brewery and Wine Bar:
Monday, 6pm — The Soto Six. Free.

House of Blues:
Friday, 6pm — Ron Houston. Free.
Friday, 7:30pm — Y2K AF. \$15-\$35.
Saturday, 9pm — Cumbiatron. \$12-\$35.
Saturday, 6pm — Jerry “Hotrod” DeMink. Free.
Tuesday, 6pm — Chickenbone

Slim & the Biscuits. Free.
Tuesday, 8pm — Shrek Rave. \$17-\$70.

Jacobs Music Center:
Thursday, 8pm — Homayoun Shajarian & Anoushiravan Rohani.

Kimball Coastal Eatery:
Saturday, 7pm — Santana Soul. \$5.

L'Auberge Del Mar:
Thursday, 5pm — David Shyde.
Friday, 7pm — Tyler F. Simmons.
Saturday, 7pm — Marelle.
Sunday, 11am — Helena Holleran.
Wednesday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.

La Valencia Hotel:
Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.
Saturday, 6pm — Orion Song.

Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows:
Thursday, 7pm & 9pm — The B Side Players.


Mission Bay Resort:
Thursday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.
Friday, 6pm — Kai Kalama.
Saturday, 11am — Helena Holleran.
Monday, 6pm — David Shyde.

Moonshine Beach:
Tuesday, 8pm — NYE with DJ Real Hypha & DJ Kiki.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Feed Me. \$30-\$35.
Friday, 7:30pm — Afrobeats Night San Diego. \$10-\$30.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Flamingosis and Don Rayon. \$24.
Sunday, 7:30pm — G Perico. \$30.
Wednesday, 9pm — Mindchatter.

Navajo Live:
Friday, 8pm — Jeff Ousley & The Party Crashers. \$5-\$8.
Saturday, 8:30pm — Full Collins. \$10.
Sunday, 7:30pm — Hot Stone Meat Party. \$5-\$7.

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



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BEN BENAVENTE at Cannonball

DEC 26



Ben Benavente specializes in Hawaiian and island style music, citing Jack Johnson, Bruno Mars, and local star Jason Mraz among his influences. He calls it a "softer reggae," creating entire songs on the fly by looping and pre-recording the drums, piano, and bass guitar, and then accompanying himself by singing live and playing ukulele.

KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE at the Sound

DEC 27



Sax player Karl Denson is known from playing and touring with the Rolling Stones and Lenny Kravitz's band, and he co-founded and led The Greyboy Allstars. His current ensemble Karl Denson's Tiny Universe will throw a Kosmic Konvergence in Del Mar, accompanied by guest singer-keyboardist Nigel Hall of the band Lettuce.

THE SCHIZOPHONICS at the Casbah

DEC 28



Founded in 2009, the Schizophonics plays fuzzy, psychedelic rock. In addition to frequent national tours, they've also toured overseas and New Zealand and are regulars on the underground festival circuit. Here in San Diego, they've worked with local heroes such as John Reis (Rocket From the Crypt) and Mike Stax (The Loons), as well as frequent on-stage collaboration with El Vez, aka the Mexican Elvis (aka Robert Lopez of the Zeros). The bill includes Mittens and Los Pinche Pinches.

MATT HEINECKE at Farmer & the Seahorse

DEC 29



Singer-songwriter Matt Heinecke has over two decades of professional experience as an accomplished singer, guitarist, and acoustic troubadour. He's become a regular presence at local eateries, lounges, and hotels specializing in light entertainment. In concert, he performs solo, with a repertoire that covers a wide range of genres, from classic rock to '80s and '90s pop, top 40, jazz, and solo classical guitar.

FRANKIE & THE WITCH FINGERS at Soda Bar

DEC 30



Founded in Indiana circa 2013 and currently based in LA, Frankie & the Witch Fingers is essentially a psych-punk band that throws in touches of post-punk, psychedelic rock, and even Afrobeat. Songs explore themes like technology and its influence and misuse, as on their 2017 full-length *Brain Telephone* and their apocalyptic 2023 album *Data Doom*.

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George Frideric Handel went as big as possible when given the resources.

Order amid the Christmas chaos

For the first time, in many a year, I've had George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* as part of my Christmas season listening regimen. At this time of year, I'm usually all about the mid-century crooners, all singing the same few songs. I'll listen to "I'll be Home for Christmas" and "White Christmas" as sung by Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Nat King Cole. But this year, *Messiah* made a comeback.

There are two recordings of *Messiah* to which I subscribe. The first is the audacious re-orchestration by Sir Eugen Goossens. The Goossens version uses a full modern orchestra. The effect is grotesque, but I enjoy the spectacle. Conductor Thomas Beecham's recording is the only one I know of.

The recording I actually listen to is conducted by Andrew Davis, and features big-name opera singers such as Samuel Ramey and Kathleen Battle. The Davis version also uses modern instruments and perfor-

mance practices. This is how I prefer *Messiah*.

I tried out a few of the more "accurate" versions. I absolutely hate them. They treat Handel as if he were a chamber musician. Handel was a man of the theater. His fame was built on composing Italian opera. When given the resources, he went as big as possible with his *Royal Fireworks Music*. He used 24 oboes, for crying out loud. There is a sense of grandeur in *Messiah* that period performance mavens miss. Their delicate and precious musicianship drives me crazy.

The *Messiah's* "Christmas" section is largely drawn from the Old Testament prophets. The opening recitative and aria for tenor are taken from Isaiah Chapter 40, as is the first chorus.

"Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare

ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Ev'ry valley shall be exalted, and ev'ry mountain and hill made low: the crooked straight and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

This text is all about bringing order out of chaos. The coming one will bring order to the chaos we find on earth. The more I thought about it, the more I realized that this is one of the main tenets of the Christmas season. Peace on Earth is about order. Chaos and peace don't mix.

And yet, the Christmas season is often a chaotic time, with crowded shopping, unholy combinations of family, and Christmas parties that get a bit too festive. I could use a bit of order, and that's what *Messiah* gave to me this year.

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Friday, 7:30pm — Karl Denson's Tiny Universe and Jackie Greene.

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Winstons Beach Club:

Friday, 8pm — The Naked Funk Project. \$10. Tuesday, 9pm — Electric Waste Band.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:

January 18 — The Water Spots

Athenaeum Music and Arts Library:

January 16 — Alex Kautz Quartet

Baker-Baum Concert Hall:

January 10 — Jeremy Denk
January 12 — Guido Sant'Anna
January 19 — Fire Shut Up in My Bones: Opera Suite in Concert
January 29 — Anthony McGill & Emanuel Ax

Balboa Theatre:

January 9 — The Stylistics

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

January 4 — Freddie Walton
January 10 — Matt Heinecke
January 24 — Christian Taylor
January 25 — Freddie Walton

Bellamy's Restaurant:

January 4 — The Heart
January 11 — Shea Givens

Belly Up Tavern:

January 2 — Missing Persons
January 3 — The PettyBreakers
January 4 — The Devastators
January 5 — Lee Rocker
January 8 — Peach Cooler and Emily Afton
January 9 — Robert Jon & The Wreck
January 10 — Dogs In A Pile
January 11 — Tommy Castro & The Painkillers
January 13 — Fiesta del Sol Battle of the Bands
January 14 — Burton Cummings
January 15 — Railroad Earth
January 16 — Futurebirds
January 17-18 — The English Beat
January 22 — Ani DiFranco
January 23 — Cowboy Mouth
January 24 — Death From Above 1979
January 26 — Foghat
January 28 — Haley Heynderickx & The Westerlies
January 29 — Canned Heat

Black Cat Bar:

January 11 — Vermin Class and Icefield

Bloom Nightclub:

January 17 — One More Time: A Daft Punk Tribute Party
January 18 — Markus Schulz

Brick by Brick:

January 4 — Atheist and Abysmal Dawn
January 10 — San Diego MiniFEST
January 12 — Bonginator and Frog Mallet
January 16 — Unidad Trauma and Scum Portal
January 18 — Snot, Adema, Sicksense

Cannonball:

January 2 — Christian Taylor
January 9 — Ben Benavente
January 16 — Mike Myrdal
January 23 — Ben Benavente

The Casbah:

January 3 — The Wyld Gooms and Ray Brandes' Tell-Tale Hearts Tribute
January 4 — Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys
January 7 — Crush 23 and Storm Clouds
January 8 — Ariel Levine & Friends: Bowie Birthday Bash
January 9 — Cruelties and Nonexistent Night Casbah
January 10-11 — Louis XIV
January 12 — Swingin' Utters
January 14 — Exotic Fruit Tour and Poems
January 15 — Sam Blasucci
January 16 — Brainiac and Crooks On Tape
January 17 — Emo Nite 36 Year Anniversary Edition
January 18 — Flatten Manhattan Reunion
January 22 — Alan Sparhawk and Circuit des Yeux
January 23 — Yesness and Segó
January 25 — Transfer, Miniaturized, Desponders
January 27 — Echinacea, No Interest, Man-Flesh

Central Library:

January 17 — Art of Elan: Middy Music

Conrad Prebys Music Center at UCSD:

January 6 — Kosuke Matsuda Percussion Recital

Deano's Pub:

January 4 — Goodfeels Band

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

January 13 — Bluegrass Monday
January 26 — Bluegrass Sunday
January 28 — Jazz Jam

Duke's La Jolla:

January 3 — Jolene Cruz
January 5, January 12 — Keni Yarbrow
January 17 — Jolene Cruz
January 26 — Keni Yarbrow

Estancia La Jolla Hotel and Spa:

January 2 — Jolene Cruz
January 3 — David Shyde
January 5 — Freddie Walton
January 9 — Christian Taylor
January 10 — Jesse Johnson
January 11 — Rachel Jay
January 12 — Tyler F. Simmons
January 13 — Helena Holleran
January 18 — Jonny Tarr
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January 25 — Jolene Cruz

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

January 3 — Jemille Violet
January 4 — Kevin McCully
January 4 — Shea Givens
January 5 — Ed Kornhauser
January 11 — Geoff Nigl
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January 17 — OttoPilot
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Farmer & the Seahorse:

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January 2 — Black Flag

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January 4 — 6ONE9 and Casey & Romy

January 4 — Broadway Rave

January 8 — Ben Barnes

January 11 — Gimme Gimme Disco

January 16 — Elsa y Elmar

January 17 — Strangelove

January 17 — TX2 with TiLLie and Flat Out

January 18 — Ethan Regan

January 18 — Latin Mafia

January 24 — Lauren Sanderson

January 25 — Wallace

January 28 — Lauren Mayberry

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

January 10 — West of 5

January 11 — Gourmet Blues

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Jacobs Music Center:

January 10-11 — Jacobs

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The Kraken:

January 12 — The Water Spots

L'Auberge Del Mar:

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January 29 — Keni Yarbro

La Jolla Community Center:

January 17 — Soul of the

Bandura: Music & Stories from Ukraine

La Jolla Riford Library:

January 14 — Caprice Strings

La Jolla Woman's Club:

January 5 — Le Salon De Musiques

La Valencia Hotel:

January 2 — David Shyde

January 3 — Marelle

January 4 — Kevin James O'Brien

January 5 — The Heart

January 9 — Shea Givens

January 10 — Keni Yarbro

January 11 — Helena Holleran

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January 16 — David Shyde

January 17 — Keni Yarbro

La Valle Coastal Club & Resort:

January 10 — David Shyde

Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows:

January 19 — Lady Lamb and Sima Cunningham

The Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

January 4 — Who's Bad: Michael Jackson Tribute

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Mission Bay Resort:

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January 24 — The Heart

January 25 — Helena Holleran

January 25 — Rachel Jay

January 26 — Freddie Walton

Museum of Making Music:

January 25 — EYM Trio & Varijashree Venugopal

Music Box:

January 3 — Stayin Alive Disco

Dance Party

January 4 — Pink Talking Fish

January 11 — B-Side Players and Tulengua

January 12 — Sabrosas Latin Orchestra

January 15 — Satsang

January 17 — Party Girl

January 18 — Moontricks

January 22 — Silver Bullet

January 23 — Gallant

January 24 — Boostive and The Sure Fire Soul Ensemble

January 25 — Forty Six & Tool and Lies N Roses

January 26 — Tank and The Bangas

Music Company:

January 2 — Women's Nights Jam Sessions

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January 3, January 17 — Matt Heinecke

Nova SD:

January 11 — Night Trip

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January 3 — By The Lee

January 4 — Freddie Walton

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January 11 — Jemille Violet

January 12 — Kai Kalama

Pechanga Resort & Casino:

January 3-5 — Pechanga Pow Wow

January 11 — The Fab Four: USA Meets the Beatles

January 16 — Keith Sweat

The Pour House:

January 18 — West of 5

Poway Library:

January 12 — Sunny Side Strings

San Diego Civic Theatre:

January 14-19 — Back to the Future: The Musical

January 25 — Martha Graham Dance Company 100th Anniversary

Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina:

January 5 — Sea Sessions: Whitney Shay

Soda Bar:

January 3 — Friday Night Fever

January 4 — John McCain and Daddy

January 5 — Ways Away and Bent Blue

January 6 — Auz Fontaine

January 7 — Lana Del Rabies and God is War

January 8 — Mark Battles

January 9 — Sunny Sweeney

January 10 — Lenny Zen and The Sols

January 11 — Sweet Nonsense

January 13 — Auz Fontaine

January 15 — The Wild Feathers

January 17 — Sleaze Freaks

January 18 — Magic Wands and Mary Ocher

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January 21 — Blaque Dynamite

January 23 — Elephant Stone and The Asteroid No. 4

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January 26 — Giuliana and Rosk

January 27 — Auz Fontaine

Soma:

January 17 — Phantogram

The Sound:

January 18 — Bright Eyes

January 22 — Lettuce and GZA

January 25 — Greensky Bluegrass

Sunshine Brooks Theatre:

January 18 — The Django Reinhardt Birthday Show

Sycuan Casino Resort:

January 3 — Chapel Hart

January 19 — Travis LeDoyt's Tribute to the King

TERI Campus Of Life:

January 4 — Sammy Listoe

Templar's Hall at Old Poway Park:

January 3 — Tyler Grant

January 10 — Gregory Page

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January 3 — Andrew Peña

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January 10 — Trey Hill

January 11 — Christian Taylor

Waterbar:

January 2 — Ryan Hiller

January 16 — Marcela Mendez

Winstons Beach Club:

January 3 — The Water Spots

January 10 — Caravan and The DIZ

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Eats at the entry

You can keep your high-end joints. This has been a night to remember.

Asada! Adobada! Chorizo! Buche! Suadero! Campechano!" Pedro's blasting out from this very first cluster of food carts south of the border. I have just had a nice welcome from Mexican Customs; they had a couple of suggestions for places to eat while the officer stamped my passport. Mainly in the Zona Rio. I think they thought I wanted to spend more money than I do.

Kinda low on the dosh these days. So I got through the rack of *federales* soldiers relaxedly guarding the exit into the United Mexican States, and headed out to the long path that climbs past the railway station and the tracks heading south. Now I'm looking at the bare border hills shining gold in the sun behind, just as the fog starts to roll in. You start to pass guys offering to help you carry bags for a buck and ladies selling "welcome home" flowers, and then you arrive at one of those clanging circulating bar gates. Except it has fallen off its axis. Then you're through the replacement gate, and that's where Pedro's strutting up and down, chanting his chant. "Taco taco taco! Asada! Adobada! Pollo! Chorizo! Buche y Suadero!"

I ask him about *Buche y Suadero*. *Buche* is pork stomach. *Suadero* is meat from between the belly and the leg of a cow. It's literally the "sweaty part." Hmm. Is this telling us more than we want to know?

I had thought of looking for a molé place: nice, oozy warm food for a cold day. On the other hand, here's Pedro. And the thought of that mile of walk over to Revolucion, all the traffic... whereas right here, these *sabroso* smells are wafting straight out of Pedro's place, Tacos Emmanuel. When I think about it, I realize it's the first eatery in all of Latin America. I join a group of line-crossers hooped over the standing-only counter. They're mostly gouging into tacos, but also quesadillas, *mulitas*, *sopes*. Heck, it just looks so luscious. Specially eating here at the end of No Man's Land, with the hills of "Lines and Shadows" (gotta read that border book!) behind, America to one side, Mexico to the other. Oh heck. Think I'll just stop for one taco. The one Pedro keeps shouting about, *campechano*. "What's 'campechano'?" I ask.

"Campechano? It's a mixture of beef and pork. *Muy sabroso*," says Pedro. Turns out it can be many things, including flank steak, sausage, and pork cracklings. Also means a friendly open

person from Campeche state, way down south. "Is that what you want?"

Heck yes. When I think about it, there's loads of things here I'd love to nosh on. Including the chicken being prepped by the gal next to the cook with the flying hands. She's also squeezing corn tortillas out fresh and cooking them on the hot plate. It's about three in the afternoon and I ain't eaten nut-

tin' all day. Plus, *campechano* costs about, hey, \$1.80. I sit down next to — think he says Ignacio. Works in LA but always goes home to — Jalisco? He's got three carne asada tacos and a glass of horchata. He sees me fiddling with my iPad, try-

ing to get the camera to work. "Here, give it to me," he says. "I'll take you eating your *campechano*." And before you know, he's done it, and we're talking up a storm. Maybe it's the instant surprise of this all, this sudden Mexico, but it's turning into the most delicious food episode I've had in a long time. Next, I notice the golden bronze sausages wait-

ing just across from us. "Chorizo," says Pedro. He's slicing some meat from the *al pastor* rotisserie in front of the vertical flames. "Yes," I say. "And then maybe *al pastor*?"

I mean, all this food I think I know like the back of my hand. And yet, it's like trying it again for the first time. The chorizo is a brilliant mess, strong flavored, but not sausagey. I pile sliced radishes and salsa that they make here. They seem to make everything on the spot. Pedro's telling me how they've been seven years here, and before that, 25 years at a location nearer the northbound entrance to the border. I'm almost full when Pedro brings me a horchata, on the house. I swear, beautiful things happening! And there's something about all us guys and gals, birds of passage, standing together, facing the setting sun, filling our faces before we head on to our lives. I've spent four bucks. Turned down the adobada. Was also tempted by a hot dog stall, resisted. But now I notice out of the corner of my eye, a little *elote* place. I pop across to where a young guy Angel is waiting. "Elotes, esquites, tostielotes."

"I'll have what he's having," I say. Angel is handing over a cup with a pile of corn and other colorful stuff to this customer. "Esquites?" says Angel. It turns out that *esquites* are corn — *elote* — that has been shucked from the cob. Angel piles the *elote* in, adds a spoonful of mayo, then a wad of *mantequilla* — but-

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Pidalos elotes stand. Try the esquites: Rico-suave!



Travelers get their first taste of Mexico at Tacos Emmanuel's counter.

ter — and sprinkles a handful of grated cheese, sprints *limón*, squirts Valentino Mexican hot sauce, something called "Porpo," Tajin, some salsa and a flick of salt. Halfway through, he adds more corn. I give him two bucks and start gouging out the freshly mixed *elotes*. OMG. Such a delicious combo, liquid enough but full to bursting with flavor. Why have I not been eating this every day of my life?

"Taxi taxi!" shout the guys next door who are paid to fill them, them and the mini-buses that pull in here. I half want to snag one, because the sun's gone and the cold foggy breeze is whipping around my ankles, but now I notice a place across the road I've never seen before. "Blue Luna." It's a coffee place and deli, and it looks really cool. Or, actually, really warm. And sitting here, Enzo Enzo, Parisian singer and heroine of mine, sings straight from the Left Bank.

Blue Luna is part of a Mexican chain, turns out. I get a small — no, a *petit* coffee. Costs \$2. And not to get hagiographic here (just looked up this word online), but the coffee is dee-lish. "We

get all our coffee beans from Chiapas and Oaxaca," says Elizabeth. Lord. I want to call Diane and get her down here.

Icing on the cake? OK. The line getting back is shivery and three hours long. And behind them, all bundled up against the cold, is Juana, who pretends to sing into a mike while she mimes Beatrice Arellano belting out heart-stopping anthems, which sound so, so great as we all jump around to keep warm. When we finally make it to the borderline and get our papers out for U.S. officials, she hits a rising climax of farewell, and we — the line — give her a rousing round of applause. Sigh. You can keep your high-end joints. This has been a night to remember. ■



Classic adobada spiked between two chunks of pineapple.



Angel squirts lime juice into my corn esquites cup. This is Mexico. Everything's fresh.

The Places: Tacos Emmanuel, Hernan Cortes Soler, 50 yards from border entrance at SD; Blue Luna Cafe, Garita San Ysidro, Av. Ferrocarril 10503-3, Tijuana; Tel: 52-664-676-5714; Tacos Emmanuel, Pidalos's elotes;
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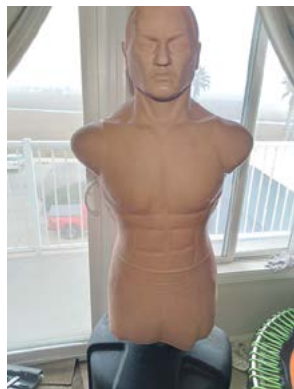
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ENGINEER 2 - DEVELOPMENT (Req# IIC1505) in San Diego, CA. Dvlp prod from concept thru design, process dvlpmt & prod launch. Reqs Masters. \$108,555 - \$128,555/yr. Email resumes to illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

ASSISTANT PLANT MANAGER Oceanside, CA. Oversee all production w/ attent to the highest standards of food quality, food safety, safe processes, compliance w/ all approp legal reqs, & a focus on continuous process improvement; conceptualize & impl key bus initiatives that drive cost efficiency, product quality, & food safety; oversee personnel issues, hiring, eval employees, training, & disciplinary actions; observe & enforce all applicable safety regs; ens compliance w/ all budgets; Sai \$114,972.00/year. Reqs Bachelor's Degree in Business, 24 mos exp in Ops Mngmnt. Send CV & references to: 1301 Rocky Point Dr, Oceanside, CA 92056 or email Claudia@Olli.com

SR. BIOINFORMATICS SCIENTIST (Req# IIC1506) in San Diego, CA (Telecommuting permitted from anywhere in U.S.) Dvlp innovative tools & pipelines for clinical apps. Perf prototyping for new analysis approaches for visualizing & analyzing data from multi-omics approaches to aid in ID of variants implicating in genetic disease. PhD or MS+2yrs rtd exp. \$126,800 - \$190,200/yr. Email resumes to illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

SR. DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER Req# IIC1507) in San Diego, CA. Dvlp plans, procedures & execute egg verification for Instrument modules, incl mechanical & thermal sys. National & Int'l travel req approx 40% of time. MS+6 mos rtd exp. \$119,362 - \$132,400/yr. Email resumes to illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

SR. SOFTWARE QUALITY ENGINEER

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9023849

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 12/04/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. The Laser Cafe

Located at: 1205 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 1205 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92103

Registered Owners Name(s): SD Laser Cafe Inc

This business is conducted by: A Corporation. The first day of business was 09/17/2024.

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/ Kristin Manino, Secretary Corporation/LLC Name SD Laser Cafe Inc 12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/25, 1/16/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9024967

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 12/19/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. moodyfodder

Located at: 2355 Altadena Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105, San Diego County

Mailing Address: 2355 Altadena Avenue, San Diego, CA

Registered Owners Name(s): Matt Hubert Moody

This business is conducted by: An Individual. The first day of business was 12/19/2024.

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/ Matt Hubert Moody 12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/25, 1/16/25

LEGAL NOTICES

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

Public Auction for Items left at 1633 Diamond St. Apt 39 San Diego, CA 92109 being held on January 2nd between 9am and 5pm. Items include Mattress and bedding, golf clubs, Misc Kitchen items, dishware, misc tools, small office desk, kitchen blender and nutri bullet, keurig coffee maker, misc books, kitchen trash can, vacuum cleaner, 45" LCD TV, lamp stand, 2 barstools, air purifier, sofa. All items used condition. Please contact Trish at 858-272-4398 to view items.

12/19/24, 12/26/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9024288

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 12/10/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **EZ Bankruptcy**

Located at: **2323 Broadway #104, San Diego, CA 92102, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 2323 Broadway #104, San Diego, CA 92102

Registered Owners Name(s): **LeRoy George Siddell**

This business is conducted by: **An Individual. The first day of business was 12/09/2024.**

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/ **LeRoy George Siddell**
12/19/24, 12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9022750

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 11/14/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Levinson Realty Group**

Located at: **1644 Sagewood Way, San Marcos, CA 92078, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1644 Sagewood Way, San Marcos, CA 92078

Registered Owners Name(s): **Todd Matthew Levinson**

This business is conducted by: **An Individual. The first day of business was 02/01/2020.**

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/ **Todd Matthew Levinson**
12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24, 1/2/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9023375

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 11/25/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Big Oven Pizza Mobile Catering Truck**

Located at: **3083 Reed Road, Escondido, CA 92027, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 3083 Reed Road, Escondido, CA 92027

Registered Owners Name(s): **Smoking Oven 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/ **Abdulraouf Kreidly, CEO**
Corporation/LLC Name **Smoking Oven LLC**
12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24, 1/2/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9024468

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

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Back Up Productions** b. **Back Up Backdrops**

Located at: **1410 Grand Avenue, Suite C, San Marcos, CA 92078, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 2726 N. Twin Oaks Valley Rd., San Marcos, CA 92069

Registered Owners Name(s): **Amorology LLC**

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was 07/01/2015.**

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/ **Troy L Balliet, CEO**
Corporation/LLC Name **Amorology LLC**
12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/25, 1/16/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9024001

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 12/05/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **San Diego Sidewalk Repair**

Located at: **5661 Baja Drive, San Diego, CA 92115, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 5661 Baja Drive, San Diego, CA 92115

Registered Owners Name(s): **Ryan David Mulligan**

This business is conducted by: **An Individual. The first day of business was 01/01/2022.**

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/ **Ryan David Mulligan**
12/26/24, 1/2/25, 1/9/25, 1/16/25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME

Case No.: 24CU025367C
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego
330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: **Caroline RoseMarie Rodriguez**
FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Caroline RoseMarie Rodriguez** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
a. **Caroline RoseMarie Rodriguez to Willow RoseMarie Walters**
THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: **01/22/2025**
Time: **8:30 am**, Dept: **61**

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

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

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

Dated: **11/27/2024** **Maureen F. Hallahan**
Judge of the Superior Court.

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

Published: 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24, 1/2/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9023651

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 11/27/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Rudy's Mobile Notary Services**

Located at: **1217 Gonzales Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1217 Gonzales Way, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Registered Owners Name(s): **Rudolph Ortiz**

This business is conducted by: **An Individual. The first day of business was 08/1/2024.**

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/ **Rudolph Ortiz**
12/5/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9023202

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 11/21/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Talent Code Solutions**

Located at: **11180 Brooke Drive, #41180, San Diego, CA 92126, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 11180 Brooke Drive, #41180, San Diego, CA 92126

Registered Owners Name(s): **Talent Find Solutions LLC**

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was 10/17/2024.**

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/ **Cherise McCaskill, President**
Corporation/LLC Name **Talent Find Solutions LLC**
12/5/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No.: 2024-9023178

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 11/21/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s): a. **Stardust Gifts** b. **Stardust Gifts by Ella**

Located at: **415 Laurel St. #529, San Diego, CA 92101, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 415 Laurel St. #529, San Diego, CA 92101

Registered Owners Name(s): **Ella Can LLC**

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company.**

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/ **Michaela Martin, Managing Member**
12/5/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.: 2024-9023049

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: 11/20/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s):

- a. **Cali Property Maids**
- b. **Cali Property Maid**
- c. **Vacation Property Maids**
- d. **Vacation Property Maid**
- e. **Mover Maids**
- f. **Mover Maid**
- g. **Commercial Property Maids**
- h. **Commercial Property Maid**
- i. **Medical Office Maids**
- j. **Medical Office Maid**
- k. **Construction Property Maids**
- l. **Construction Property Maid**
- m. **Luxury Maids Services**
- n. **Luxury Maid Service**

Located at: **8880 Rio San Diego Dr. 8th Floor #2031, San Diego, CA 92108, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 8880 Rio San Diego Dr. 8th Floor #2031, San Diego, CA 92108

Registered Owners Name(s): **Cali Property Maids, LLC**

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was 07/11/2019.**

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Registrant Name /s/ **Maria McCarthy, Manager**
Corporation/LLC Name **Cali Property Maids, LLC**
12/5/24, 12/12/24, 12/19/24, 12/26/24

Big swell rolls in for Christmas – Rockfish closure

Big wahoo down south

Dock Totals 12/15 – 12/21: 552 anglers aboard 28 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 1 calico bass, 1 lingcod, 3 rock crab, 2963 rockfish, 56 sand bass, 247 sculpin, 15 sheephead, 2 spiny lobster (2 released), and 160 whitefish.

Saltwater: Rockfish continue to account for the bulk of the catch as we head into the end of the deep water season on December 31. From New Year's Day through the end of March, rockfish will be closed at all depths in the Southern Management Area until it reopens on April 1 in 50 fathoms (300 feet) or shallower. During that time, most local boats will be targeting bass, bonito, whitefish, sheephead, halibut, and maybe the occasional homeguard yellowtail off the shallow reefs, kelp edges, and sand flats. Folks wanting to catch rockfish between January and April 1 will have to hop onto a boat heading into Mexican waters on extended half-day to 3-day trips down along the northern Baja coast, or head down to Ensenada or San Quintin and hire a local *pangero*.

The *Dolphin* will be running their 8th annual Halibut Derby on Wednesdays from January until the end of April. Tickets will be \$95 per angler with \$10 of that going toward the accumulative jackpot that pays the top three fish caught during the derby. Winnings can build to a few thousand dollars for the first-place fish. Plus, it is a great opportunity to fish San Diego Bay on a big comfy boat that has great burgers and cold beer. Last year, anglers fishing the Halibut Derby in March were rewarded with a solid shortfin corvina bite. Even as crowded as America's finest city is and as much fishing pressure as it gets, San Diego Bay can be an excellent fishery.

Anglers fishing the surf were doing well this past week for barred surf perch with a few California corbina in the mix, but a large swell rolled in by Sunday the 22nd. That swell made its way down the Pacific coast and pretty much shut down fishing in the surf and offshore for



Happy passenger with his 95-pound wahoo caught while fishing aboard the last American Angler trip of 2024.



A beautiful fishing sunset to wrap up the season for the Excel during their 3-day Aviation and Anglers charter.

those hoping to get a local trip in over their Christmas break. That said, both bays have been producing some decent spotted bay bass and a few nice halibut. The swell should move out within a couple days, and most half-day boats are still running daily, but it is best to contact your landing of choice for availability and any last-minute notices concerning conditions.

Long-range boats are still killing it way down south, with yellowfin and wahoo putting on a solid show on the lower banks, while yellowtail and grouper have been the favorite targets along the Baja coast. The *American Angler* reported solid wahoo fishing outside of Bahia Magdalena on their last trip of 2024, with one of their anglers hauling in an impressive 95-pounder. Most boats are now in for Christmas, but a few will be running mid-range 5- to 8-day trips between Christmas and the first of the year.

Though catch totals vary year to year, 2024 has been another great one in the salt, especially for large bluefin tuna and some late season yellowfin tuna that have been above the average in size throughout the range of the fleet along the Baja coast. It did seem cooler than previous years with a La Nina type setup offshore, but the fish did not seem to mind.

Freshwater: The local lakes have been on fire for trout, largemouth bass, and catfish. Stocker trout have been hitting lures and bait with consistency, with tiny tube baits, Kastmasters, and Roostertails working best for the lures, and Powerbait in rainbow color and small Powerworms doing the trick for those using bait.

Bass have been hitting deep on just about any plastic fished low and slow along the steep edges of deeper lakes like Dixon, while catfish have been fired up by the trout activity and are biting cut mackerel and chicken livers best. So, if conditions on the ocean aren't allowing, hit up one of our great area lakes to calm your wintertime fishing jones. The days will be getting longer from now until June 21st, so whether the beach, bay, lake, or offshore, they're out there so go out and get 'em! Merry Christmas!

DANIEL POWELL

(Req# IIC1508) in San Diego, CA (Telecommuting permitted from anywhere in U.S.) Ensure prod sfwr & sfwr dvlpmnt process conformance to applicable safety & quality sys regs & standards. MS+2orBS followed by 5 yrs prog rtd exp. \$136,365 – \$155,000/yr. Email resumes to Illumina, Inc at ReviewofResumes@illumina.com. Must ref job title & Req# in subject line.

ENGINEER SYSTEMS TEST SENIOR LEAD
Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. seeks Engineer Systems Test Senior Lead in San Diego, CA. Domestic Travel required up to 25%. Telecommuting permitted. \$136,365 - \$149,190 per year. Apply at: www.jobpostingtoday.com Ref# 78806.

LEAD PRINCIPAL SOFTWARE ENGINEER
Cubic Transportation Systems, Inc. seeks Lead Principal Software Engineer in San Diego, CA. Telecommuting permitted. \$177,154 - \$186,628 per year. Apply at: www.jobpostingtoday.com Ref# 88943.

BIOTECH/SCIENCES. Various levels of experience. Gilead Sciences, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, has an opening in Oceanside, CA for the following position: Research Associate, FPD (Formulation and Proc Dev) (RA53): Perform procedures, trials and experiments that support development activities in the formulation & process development job family. Telecommuting permitted up to 2 days per week. Annual salary range for this position is \$85,134 to \$90,360. For the position listed,

compensation will vary depending on experience and qualifications, and for benefits visit: <https://www.gilead.com/careers/compensation-benefits-and-wellbeing>. Ref. code and email resume to globalmobilityservices@gilead.com.

IHSS FEMALE CAREGIVER
Active elderly man needs help with daily routine. No carpet cleaning! Washer Dryer Inside! ENROLLMENT: www.sdihsppa.com. \$20+/HR. 5 hrs/day Mon Wed Fri. AM. San Diego 4S Ranch. Close to Ralphs. Ad is not for other offers. (858) 360-0388 text only

IHSS CAREGIVER WANTED
Must be certified, must have owned vehicle, 35 days per week, mornings of only, preferred long term, must be an organized person and a good cook and willing to start ASAP. Please call Bobby at (619) 264-7810

SEEKING PART TIME CAREGIVER/HOUSE CLEANER
to work 4 hours a day from Monday through the holidays. Please send inquiries to Leo (619) 346-2305

IHSS CAREGIVER WANTED
Must have vehicle. 3 to 5 days per week. Mornings only. Prefer long term. Must be an organized person and a good cook and willing to start ASAP. Please call for more information (619) 488-0822. I'm a Christian lady PS

IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICE CAREGIVER Lovely

woman lives by Allied Gardens near Mission Valley. Needs a registered in-home supportive service caregiver. Must be in the mornings for 4-6 hours per day up to five days per week. Please leave your info and phone number by calling (619) 269-3434.

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

JOBS WANTED

HOUSEKEEPER FOR HOUSES, OFFICES, OR APARTMENTS
\$25 an hour. I have experience and I will give references if you need them. Elizabeth (619) 389-1070.

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LOOKING TO BE A RELIEF COOK/DISHWASHER Temp agencies are welcome to call or

text. Mr. Gheir Haigh Flecher. (858) 287-3765.

CASH JOBS Wanted parttime cash jobs call (858) 471-6082

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DOG SITTING/WALKING responsible, caring, and experienced. Reasonable rates, contact (619) 380-4861. I love all breeds.

WANTED / TRADE

OB SPACEMAN PAINTINGS WANTED Clint Cary, the OB Spaceman, paintings wanted. Private collector seeking any and all of his art. Contact me at clintcarycosmicart@gmail.com or call or text (619) 684-0127

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WANTED 1-1/4" BLACK STEEL PIPE I am looking for schedule 40 or schedule 80 black steel pipe. I can't use galvanized pipe or other diameter pipe sizes. I can use pipe lengths from 5 feet up to 21 feet long. Let me know what you have and the price, call (760) 746-7209

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES Rock & Roll I buy 1950's-1980's Concert Posters, Flyers, Handbills, Used-Unused Tickets, Programs. Pls Call/Txt (619) 313-1580 Private Party

LOOKING FOR OLD TUBE STEREO'S I am looking for that old Tube Stereo System that your Dad used to play. These Stereo Components were made in America, in the early 1960's,

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OLDER LEXUS WANTED Looking for an older Lexus model from years 1997-2012. Mileage 50K-200k preferred. Service records preferred. Paying \$3000-\$6000 depending on the condition and other factors. Call or text 619-601-3214. If no answer please leave voicemail. Thank you!

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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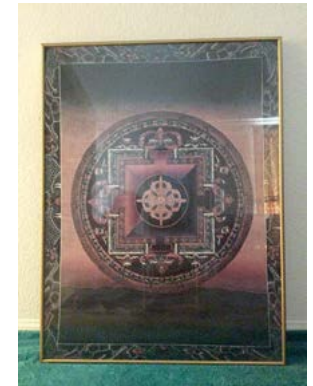
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Rude

— Ten- and 11-year-old students at Lee-on-the-Solent school in Hampshire, England, were traumatized in mid-December after Rev. Paul Chamberlain visited to conduct a religious education class, *The Guardian* reported. The good vicar started his discussion with the birth of Jesus, but he went on to tell the kids that Santa Claus is not real and that their parents buy the presents and eat the biscuits left out for the jolly old elf. Some students started to sob. "Paul has accepted that this was an error of judgment, and ... he apologized unreservedly to the school, to the parents and to the children," said a spokesperson for the Diocese of Portsmouth.

— In April, Christina Sivilay of Kent, Washington, suffered a stroke which left her in a

coma, KIRO-TV reported. When she woke up, she was greeted with an eviction notice from her apartment. The stroke has caused her to lose some movement and strength in parts of her body, so she's unable to work. "When I came home from the hospital, I felt useless. I'm a worker," she said. Sivilay is concerned about her two sons, 12 and 7 years old. "I just want them to know they're OK, and that we don't have to live in the street or a shelter," she said. Relatives are helping, but when KIRO reached out to the apartment manager, there was no comment.)

Questionable Judgment

— A mushroom hunter identified only as "Helen" stumbled upon a new "dogging" destination in Kent, England, in early December, *Kent Online* reported on Dec. 17. Dogging, for those of you not up on your Brit slang, refers to open-air sexual activity. Helen was following a footpath along the A29 highway when her dog pulled her farther into the woods, where she discovered a large sex toy tied to a tree with string. "I looked from a distance and then I just left, as I was really disgusted and a bit freaked out by it," Helen said. A local councillor said he is preparing a report about the issues; Kent Police said they haven't received any reports of criminal activity there.

Risky Business

— Police in Long Island, New York, arrested Gladys Serrano, 70, in early December for practicing dentistry without a license from

the kitchen of her one-bedroom apartment. A search of Serrano's apartment revealed many of the tools of a legit dental practice, including drawers full of dental instruments and extraction tools, a dental treatment chair situated near the sink, impression molds, needles, and vials of medication. The one victim identified by authorities (so far) had five "rotting" teeth extracted by Serrano. Myriam Kai, a neighbor who, like Serrano, hails from El Salvador, told WABC-TV New York, "I don't know why they're making this a big deal. She has a degree in El Salvador. She's a great dentist." Serrano faces up to four years in prison if convicted.

Least Competent Criminal

— An unnamed man in Wheat Ridge, Colorado, allegedly caused a multi-vehicle crash on Dec. 4, KKTU reported. When officers arrived, they asked him how many drinks he had consumed, to which he answered, "probably 10. Hey, hey, hey, I'm gonna tell you right now, like, I'm a professional drinker," he said. Police administered a breathalyzer test, which showed the man's blood alcohol content was more than four times the legal limit. He was handcuffed and charged; no one was hurt in the accident.

Keeping Spirits Up

— In "What could possibly go wrong?" news, an Ohio funeral home may soon be able to serve alcohol to grieving families. Evergreen Funeral, Cremation and Reception, in Columbus, applied for a liquor license earlier this year and could be serving

as soon as January, reported ABC-WSYX on Dec. 16. Evergreen's owner, Hunter Triplett, says he wants to shed the funeral industry's dark, morbid reputation. One way to do that? Let mourners raise a toast to their lost loved ones. "My role in this position is to kind of be a party planner for the dead," Triplett said. If approved, the facility would receive a D3 liquor license, which in Ohio allows the sale of beer, wine and hard liquor for consumption on-site. Interestingly, the property used to be a chocolate factory; perhaps Triplett could consider giving mourners truffles rather than Tito's. That might keep "RIP" further away from "DUI."

Reunited

— Do you remember your fourth grade lunchbox? Tracy Drain of Virginia is getting reacquainted with hers. It went missing 40 years ago and was found in early December by a plumber, who discovered the vintage Heathcliff-themed memento hiding in a pipe chase while he was working at Fairview Elementary School in Roanoke. A tag inside was adorned with Drain's name, and a former co-worker of Drain's reached out to her after reading about the lunchbox find in a Facebook post from the Roanoke City Public Schools. Drain told WDBJ-7, "I'm definitely going to treasure it because of mom's writing on it and the way she took care of us as kids and how she raised us."

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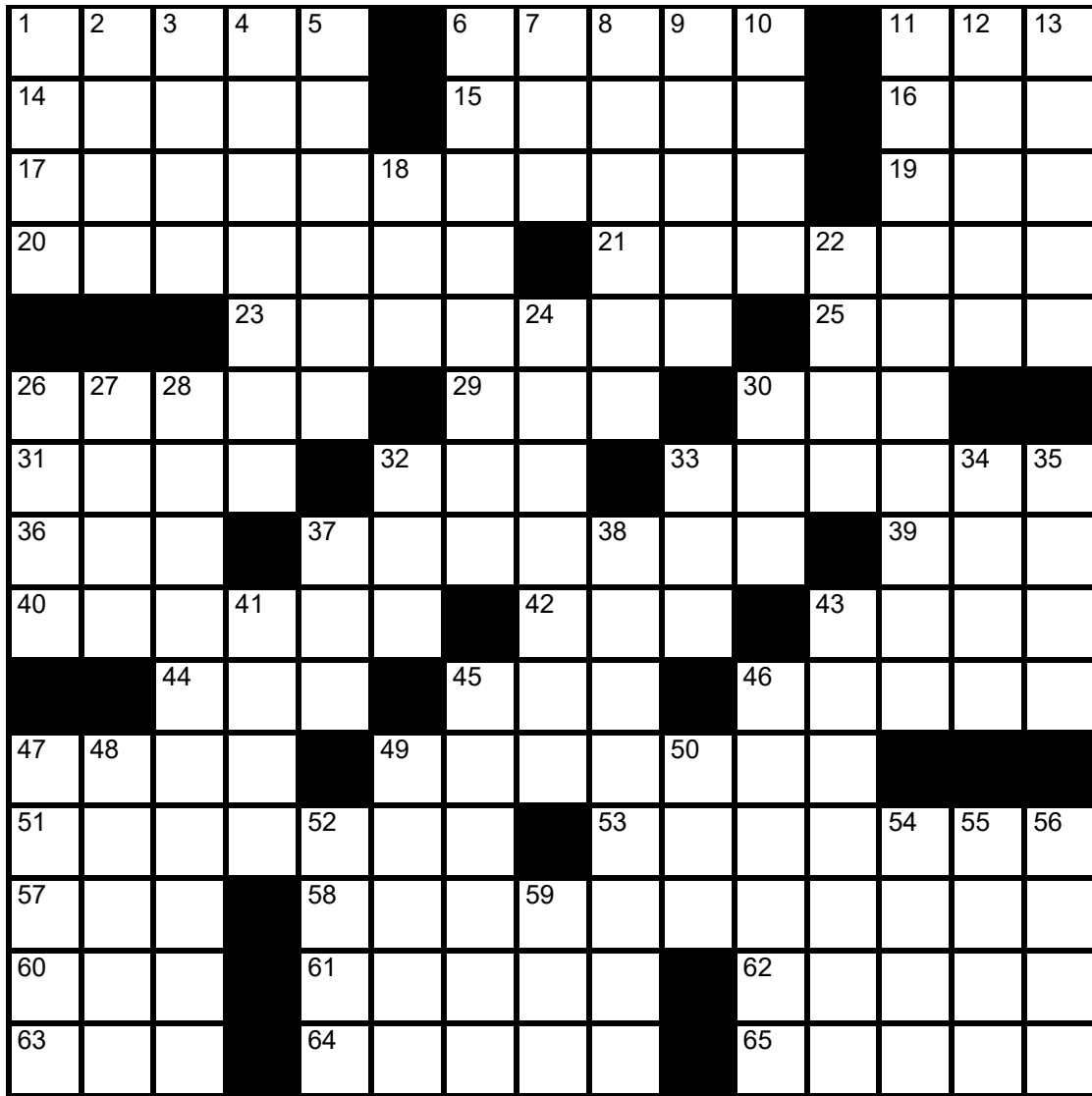
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1. "___": The Hands of Fate" ("MST3K" classic)
 6. Helpers, briefly
 11. Relay section
 14. Dangly throat thing
 15. Antique photo tone
 16. "___ just figured it out"
 17. Portable brain?
 19. Outburst
 20. Bigger than big
 21. 1967 spelled-out #1 hit
 23. Jackie's second married name
 25. Microscopic
 26. Arouse, as curiosity

Down

12. Boot out
 13. California art museum, with "the"
 18. Eggs in a lab
 22. Dispensary unit
 24. Placated
 26. Largest of the Three Bears
 27. Polo shirt producer
 28. Line up for first dibs using the plus sign?
 30. A good time (hopefully had by all)
 32. City transit
 33. "La ___ en rose"
 34. Measure of coverage
 35. ___-do-well
 37. "Rugrats" father

Across

29. Little kid
 30. Progressive character
 31. Color in the Atlético Madrid logo
 32. Haunted house noise
 33. Spock's home planet
 36. "Annabel Lee" poet
 37. Keep up
 39. Raw mineral
 40. Certain ticket buyers
 42. 1,000-plus-year realm, for short
 43. "Hook" sidekick
 44. ___ de parfum
 45. Feeder user
 46. "People tell me ..."

Down

47. H.S. exams
 49. Glow
 51. Wedding cake specification
 53. Bagel varieties
 57. Live mascot of the Bulldogs
 58. Dub some DJ turntablism over a Pixar movie?
 60. "I finally made it through ___ school" ("Like a Surgeon" opener)
 61. Actress Watts
 62. Catherine who played Moira Rose
 63. "___ XING"
 64. Eye-related
 65. "Grand" mountain

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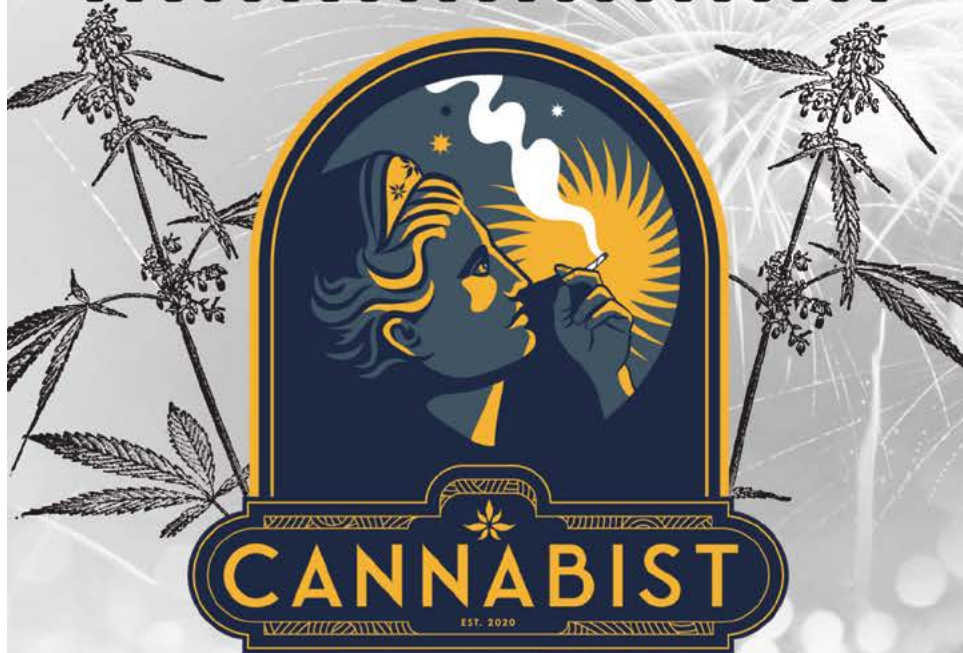
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