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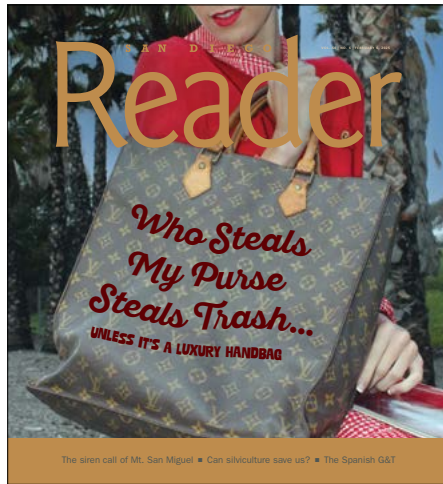
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LETTERS

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Slow bus to Descanso

Laughing my ass off at the recent *Tin Fork* ("Descanso Junction: Unchained lunch", *Tin Fork*, Jan. 30, 2025) warning that bus service to the Descanso Junction Restaurant is "very infrequent." That's an understatement! You can take route 888 from El Cajon on Monday to eat there, and continue eating as a return bus won't come until Friday! Or you can venture there on Friday, and dine throughout the weekend until a return bus on Monday!

Transit Maven
La Mesa

Comments from SDReader.com — *not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.*

Albuquerque adopts free bus policy

Golden Dreams, Jan. 29, 2025
Well, amen indeed...and dare we say, if taxes for the richer folks were treated as a sensible topic, as once was, finding a completing 25% for MTS funding would not need soul-searching by accountants. one suspects.

-Not on my bus!

What this article possibly means = that property/homeowner TAXES will get higher, to pay for taxes, to pay for this?

-Clear vision

I don't take the bus, but someone has to pay for free transportation. The taxpayers, and that's unfair. Why should anyone ride for free?

-Not fare

Bleak future for rhino sperm at SD Zoo

News Under the Radar, Jan. 29, 2025

Why haven't you linked the report from USDA? It

is not on their site.
-Rhi-curious

Ed. replies: Apologies, here is a link: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/25497070-aphis-inspection-ins-0001209067/>

For its pilsner, Stone opts for public hops

San Diego Beer, April 18, 2024
Only in San Diego, can a "mass produced / craft brewer," manage to make a European classic taste like a light IPA. Not a fan of any of their beers, as long they've been brewing...

-Not a Stone fan

No One Knew I Had a Knife in My Pocket

Feature Stories, Sept. 27, 2001
This is hard for me to read. He was my grandpa and fought in Vietnam, he never told me any of this. We miss you, RIP

-Missing gramps

Mike Doyle and the formative years of San Diego surfing

Cover Stories, December 2, 1993
I just finished writing my own autobiography and so I really enjoyed this. We have a lot in common since we both came up in So Cal. Thanks for the memories!

-Surfing author

Betty Broderick tells her version of marriage to Dan Broderick

Cover Stories, Nov. 16, 1989
After earlier years of financial struggle to finally 'make it' as a couple and then have one of the couple slap you in the face by taking the 'house, car and swimming pool' and controlling your financial single life on his whim justifies Betty's anger and actions. I think him and Linda twisted the knife - especially Linda who got a free ride without lifting a finger. Linda got a lifestyle at another woman's expense.

-Betty Frauderick

The wonder of Wahrenbrock's Book House

Feature Stories, Oct. 19, 1989
Such a great place if you got to live and experience what it was like brows-

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

FIRE COUNTRY

From fuel to fertilizer Battling blazes via silviculture

There's something missing from San Diego's fire prevention arsenal. That's according to advocates of a little-known practice called silviculture, a fuel reduction method that draws on forest thinning and management techniques such as trimming the sides of trees and brush and then packing chopped-up piles of cuttings into the ground as mulch. While that may sound like something San Diego is already doing, supporters say it goes beyond the city's current main brush management strategy of requiring private landowners to clear 100 feet of defensible space and five feet of hardscape around structures. "The 100-foot defensible space is not nearly adequate — and it's probably got 20 percent compliance citywide," said Moshe Krafchow, the San Carlos owner of Tree Culture, at a recent meeting of the public safety committee.

Another speaker, who lives a mile from the Rancho Bernardo fire that occurred that day, described difficulty getting neighbors to follow the defensible space regulation or the city to respond to complaints. Still another remarked that Black Mountain, Ruffin Canyon, Rose Canyon, along the San Diego River, and many more "are simply kindling waiting for a cigarette butt."

Given their budget deficit of over \$250 million, it's no surprise that fire and rescue officials said they are understaffed. The danger inherent in that situation was made clear by a 2023 brush management audit that called on the fire department to monitor city-owned land proactively for compliance of brush management regulations. That monitoring led to a grim outlook: only .16 inches of rain so far this season, when the average is over four inches. That makes a substantial difference in flam-



Krafchowif thinks that silviculture management will work in San Diego's brushy canyons as well.

mability, they said. Further, the area is riddled with steep, brushy slopes and ridges. "We have 46,000 acres in the city on the canyon rim in the very high fire severity zone," said deputy fire chief Tony Tosca.

Now, fire staff has the huge task of going door to door to find out if people are complying with brush management. There is also the real estate defensible space inspection program, which checks compliance when a property is sold; a weed abatement vacant lot program that sends out annual notices; and the weed abatement and brush complaint program, which covers both private and city-owned property and is an easy way to find out if land is city or privately owned, fire officials said.

Grant-funded projects have helped with brush management in city-owned open spaces; an EPA approved fuel treatment sprayed 46 acres of evacuation corridors, and there were fuel reductions for 32 acres in the city considered evacuation routes from the city to the county. In addition, the department plans to hire staff who can identify other areas of the city in need of attention.

In July, a new service will offer a defensible space course that will provide homes

with a zone zero (read: "ember-resistant"), defensible space, and information on how "to make the home hardened or insurable, which is more survivable."

Chris Pearson, a member of Spring Valley Community Planning Group, commented

or repeat processes every two years, as with clear-cutting. It's also better than replanting, because it builds up the soil and allows native seedlings to spring up naturally, reducing the need for nursery plants and frequent watering. "Unfortunately, few people know about or have even heard of silviculture, much less inspected an actual site."

As Krafchowif explained, once the dry fuels are down, distributed and compacted on the ground, fires cannot get that large. "That's what a silviculture management plan does." Its methods are currently being used by researchers at San Diego State University's Institute for Ecological Monitoring, as part of efforts to save southern California's mountain forest. But is it a good strategy for San Diego's brushy canyons, its public and private lands laced throughout neighborhoods around the county? Krafchowif, who has several demonstration sites around the county, including 67 acres on Palomar Mountain, thinks it is — even if the city has yet to agree. "I've been trying and banging on doors for years and I was just told this is not how we do it."

SHEILA PELL

FIRE COUNTRY

Firebugs and fire birds

Blazes rage on both sides of the border

At about 3 am on January 26 in Chula Vista, an electric pole caught on fire due to an electric short brought about by the rains; the fire



Forming a perimeter to fight the Border Fire.

that those efforts are all good — "but please add silviculture to the list." He said that in the work he once did with then-Park & Rec's Chris Zirkle, "Chris administered contracts to Alpha Project and Aztec Landscaping clear-cutting. The invasives grew back every two years." In other work with San Diego canyonlands in City Heights, he replaced invasives with seedlings from nurseries that died if not watered every three years. "We can do better," he said, noting that silviculture is a cost-effective way to reduce fuel load. "It's cheaper because we don't have to carry out chopped-down vegetation"

was intensified by an osprey's bird nest on top, according to *911 Video News*. "The nest caught on fire and partially collapsed. The embers fell onto the road into a homeless encampment below the nest." The outlet added that it had observed emergency personnel trying to clear out the encampment by F Street and Bay Boulevard just off the I-5, and that it was uncertain whether any of the nestlings from above were still alive. Because of the fire, power was knocked out for some of the nearby homes and businesses.

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(Before)



(After)



With silviculture, dry brush gets cleared by doesn't need to get hauled out.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Just two days prior, *911 Video News* had been one of the first at the scene in Fallbrook where the I-15 meets with historic 395 by The Good Earth Nursery. There, the news outlet reported that firefighters pulled up to a military vehicle whose trailer had caught



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Between January 23 and 24, Tijuana firefighters responded to 80 fires.

fire. The likely culprit was a faulty tire. “The fire caused a fuel spill of around 150 gallons, and EPA and Hazmat were called in to assist with the hazardous spill.”

Across the border, in the Leandro Valle neighborhood of Tijuana on January 23, two people lost their lives, and 30 homes were burned, displacing many families, reported *Telemundo 20*. Rafael Carrillo Venegas, the

As the fires were raging in Tijuana that Thursday, the daygomb_ Instagram page posted a video of a man filming a fire north of Alvarado Canyon Road in Mission Valley. The video’s title: “San Diego woman gets detained after people say that she allegedly started the fire in Fairmount Avenue by the Grantville Trolley Station.” Around the same time that Thursday, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection was called in to fight a vegetation fire by the Otay Mountain Truck

Trail, which would grow into what we now know as the massive Border 2 Fire.

On January 23, at about 7:30 pm, in Escondido, firefighters arrived to find a burning Tesla; the fire was beginning to spread to nearby vegetation, burning just over 1/4 acre, reported *911 Video News*. The outlet added that hazmat was called in to address the Tesla’s battery, and that one individual was rushed to



PHOTO CREDIT: 911 VIDEO NEWS

“The nest caught on fire and partially collapsed.”

head of the Tijuana fire department, reported 248 fire incidents during the recent Santa Ana wind events. He noted that in the 24 hours between January 23 and 24, firefighters had responded to 80 fires. Adding to the horror of the tragedy, the *NMAs* news outlet aired a video showing a man intentionally starting a fire, noting, “A witness captured on video the moment when a man set fire to a grassland area in Colonia Leandro Valle in Tijuana, where a strong fire broke out shortly after.”

the hospital with unspecified injuries.

Other fires that burned on January 21-22, according to the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection: by Old Highway 395, there was the Lilac Fire, which burned about 85 acres; the Pala Fire, which burned about 17 acres; and the Riverview Fire in Fallbrook, which burned about an acre. On January 20, *619 News Media* reported a fire at a recycling yard at 1750 Broadway in Chula Vista.

MIKE MADRIAGA

UNDER THE RADAR

Gate crashers When San Diego airport officials announced a new non-stop flight to Washington D.C.’s Reagan National Airport last month, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* greeted the news with a puffy write-up. “The new, highly coveted nonstop when new federal legislation opened up five slots at the tightly regulated Reagan National airport,” according to the December 24, 2024 *U-T* report. “As a smaller national airport, it is subject to the perimeter rule, which limits nonstop flights in and out of Reagan to 1250 miles from Washington, unless the government grants an exception. According to the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority, there are 40 flights out of the airport’s more than 800 daily flights that fall under that exception. San Diego will now join four other West Coast destinations — Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles — that also have nonstops to Reagan via Alaska Airlines.”



Penny for Progress raised a pretty penny for Gloria’s tax proposal.

But the paper missed a troubled backstory. “Over the airport’s objections, Congress last year forced it to add more daily flights, and Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, a Democrat, warned of the consequences,” wrote *USA Today* in a January 30 account the morning after that Wednesday night’s fatal collision between an Army helicopter and an American Airlines jet from Wichita. “Speaking in Congress last May, Kaine said there had recently been an incident where two planes nearly collided on a runway and criticized efforts to further increase flights.

“The NTSB report on that runway incursion has not yet been released.” The story continued, “In May, airport officials and other experts also warned that adding more daily flights under what’s known as the slot-and-perimeter rule posed concerns. In 2023, Reagan National broke its all-time passenger traffic record with 25.5 million passengers, according to airport managers. Passenger data for 2024 is not yet available. ‘DCA is currently at capacity and at risk of being seriously overburdened should there be changes to the slot and perimeter rules,’ the Coalition to Protect America’s Regional Airports said in April.” Changes threatened to “increase delays, traffic, congestion, noise, and safety concerns.”



Larry Turner didn’t worry Jennifer Tierney.

Penalty boxes The state’s Fair Political Practices Commission is out with its annual summary of fines and penalties for last year, showing San Diego cases resulted in a total of \$35,973. The biggest penalty in the county,

\$13,500, was paid by the Poway Unified School District, which violated the state ban on Mass Mailings at Public Expense, per an online “heat map” posted by the agency last week. As previously reported here, Poway spent \$34,506 of taxpayer money on a mailer for a 2020 school bond campaign that ultimately failed to carry, leaving the district woefully short of funds to pay for desperately needed repairs and other expenses, officials have said.

Another notable 2024 fine recipient on the list was the El Cajon Police Officers Association, with a \$3324 penalty for a series of late filings.

Politics and money

The ultimately-failed campaign to raise San Diego sales taxes tapped three of the city’s high-dollar political consultants with ties to Democratic Mayor **Todd Gloria**, a newly filed disclosure statement shows, making the pain of the narrow defeat even more

of a blow for local movers and shakers who poured more than a million dollars into the costly effort. The ironically-named Penny for Progress committee raised and spent a total of \$1,383,550 in 2024, per the January 24 filing. Big final month donors included BioMed Realty LP (\$25,000), the Committee to Expand the Middle Class, Sponsored by Airbnb, Inc. (\$10,000), and Waste Management & Affiliated Entities (\$5000).

Earlier donors included the San Diego Police Officers PAC (\$60,000), H.G. Fenton Company (\$20,000), engineering behemoth HDR of Omaha (\$15,000), the Peace Officers Research Association of CA Issues Committee (\$20,000), New York-based engineering firm WSP USA Inc. (\$30,000), San Diego City Firefighters Local 145 (\$129,880), and the Balboa Park Cultural Partnership (\$40,000). A committee funded by the Municipal Employees Association kicked in \$500,000 on September 16. Top among political consultants listed by the committee was The Gemini Group, run by **Jennifer Tierney**, which

got \$55,000 from the committee, the January 24 filing shows. Polant Growth Strategies, owned by **Corey Polant**, was paid \$31,187. **Ryan Clumpner’s** Public Dynamics received \$20,000.

Tierney also acted as campaign manager for incumbent mayor Gloria’s successful reelection bid, per a September 19, 2024 *Newsweek* account of the race, batting away

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reports of close poll margins. “As for Survey USA,” Tierney, was quoted as saying, “they showed Todd losing by three at this point in the mayor’s race in 2020 and he won by 12 points, so we don’t put much faith in their polling. Our polling shows Todd with a very comfortable lead.”

According to her company webpage, “Jen splits her time between San Diego and Williamsburg, Virginia.” Adds the profile: “She has helped elect candidates for San Diego City Council, Mayor, District Attorney, Superior Court Judge, California Assembly and Board of Supervisors. She has been named one of the ‘50 people to watch’ in San Diego. When she isn’t working in California, Jen stays busy in Virginia, where she is chair of the Historic Triangle Democrats, a member of the Virginia Democratic Party Central Committee for the 1st Congressional District, and Vice Chair for the Eastern Region of the Virginia Association of Democratic Chairs.

She volunteers for many candidates on the Peninsula and has helped guide the campaigns of **Monty Mason** for Delegate (93rd) and State Senate (1st) and **Mike Mullin** for Delegate (93rd).” Clumpner, the third consultant to Penny for Progress, is, like Tierney, a Gloria ally. A February 27, 2004 dispatch by the *O.B. Rag* noted he was among three plaintiffs in an unsuccessful lawsuit to keep Gloria challenger **Larry Turner** off the mayoral ballot, identifying Clumpner as a “political consultant who also serves as vice chair of the San Diego Housing Commission.” Also like Tierney, Polant has been paid by other Gloria political efforts, including in 2023 during the mayor’s bid for the San Diego Democratic Central Committee.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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LETTERS

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ing that bookstore. There were so many books, that they piled them up on the stairs, leading two floors up. They had everything in there. Right smack in the middle of downtown where you could get food and coffee or whatever as you enjoyed the book, you just bought.

—Book House lover

Blood flows in La Jolla Cove: the mysterious tale of Robert Pamperin

Cover Stories, June 15, 1989

Definitely puzzling reading all the articles available about this case. The ‘facts’ vary widely, and much makes little sense. That his buddy could see Pamperin and the shark (and its teeth!) on the bottom in hazy visibility in La Jolla Cove is odd (I dive there, and 15 foot vis is the norm - the bottom is at least 30 feet, so the buddy had to dive down a ways to see what he claimed to see), and that he would try to scare away a 20 foot shark by waving his arms is also odd. Maybe people do odd things in freakish circumstances. It probably did happen, a one-in-a-million attack (until the Solana Beach attack), but the variances in the details is striking. It makes you wonder about anything you read.

—jamesrav

Hunter S. Thompson's most recent adventure in San Diego

Feature Stories, Oct. 17, 1985

There was only one Hunter S. Thompson, RIP.

—Local Hunter

Mike Doyle starts at the North Shore and finds Pat Curren's perfect board design

Cover Stories, March 15, 1984

What a fantastic article. Thanks for this.

—Mungo

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The sherpas of YouTube

The first time I tried climbing Mt. San Miguel, I went up the wrong mountain. About an hour into the effort, I rounded a bend and spied the actual Mt. San Miguel off in the distance. “Huh,” I said to myself, “If that’s San Miguel, then where am I?”

Let me explain: I had looked on All Trails, and the only trails that contained the name “Miguel” that weren’t also labeled “CLOSED” were those titled “Mother Miguel.” *That must be it*, I had thought, ignoring the mountainous gender-flip. Nope. Turns out Mother Miguel is the short peak in front of Mt. San Miguel. (It’s still a nice hike with great views of Sweetwater reservoir, even if it is a bit crowded on weekends).

Ever since moving to East County about a decade ago, I have been obsessed with the idea of climbing Mt. San Miguel. Even though it’s far from the highest peak in San Diego County (officially, it ranks 84th), it is perhaps the most prominent when seen from the city. It looms into view from Chula Vista up into La Mesa and out to Rancho. As you drive around town, it’s always there, saying, “Come, climb me, I am here.” And unlike its slightly shorter but more accessible cousin Mt. Helix to the north, it’s undeveloped, scarred only by numerous TV antennas dating back to a time when TVs had rabbit ears and a high point was needed to broadcast signals effectively around our hilly city.

Finding my first attempt thwarted and All Trails to be of little use, I turned to Google Maps. Now, if you look at Google Maps, the way looks simple enough. Take Millar Ranch Road and drive



Mount San Miguel, seemingly visible from everywhere in East County.

on up. It’s not hiking, but at least I could go to the top. Nope again. I found the road gated off, plus No Trespassing signs. *What? The highest, most iconic point of the San Diego City area, and you can’t hike it? What is this?*

A Brief History of Mt. San Miguel...or, How They Managed to Screw Up East County (Part 72 of 1001): Once upon a time, Mt San Miguel was

going to host the Hotel Del of East County. In 1890 Alfred Isham, who had made his fortune selling water from Spring Valley as a miracle cure called “California Waters for Life,” and H.L. Story, a partner in the construction of the Hotel Del, planned to build an “astronomical observatory, park, hotel, and music pavilion on 160 acres atop Mount San Miguel” (Adema, Thomas J. 1993. *Our Hills and Valleys*. pg. 102), complete with a gondola providing rides to the top. Unfortunately, purveyors of Spring Valley Miracle Water don’t always make the most trusted of partners, Isham took the money, went back to selling his water, and nothing was built.

Strike Three?

When you tell a hiker they’re not allowed to hike a peak, you can bet they’re going to try to hike that peak. Having struck out twice, I was determined. All Trails had failed, Google Maps, had failed...what say you, YouTube? Eureka! I found several videos of people making the journey (including one of a guy paragliding down after his ascent).

Using satellite maps, I retraced the route those YouTubers had taken, starting from Millar Ranch Road. I picked a date and started training. My hiking partner of choice was my brother, who has completed three Ironman triathalons and more marathons than I can remember. When the day came, we parked at the trailhead for the Millar Ranch Road Hike. (There’s a longer way from the base by the Sweetwater Bridge, should you be in better shape than I am, which seems entirely likely.) At first, we followed the utility access roads that crisscross the mountain under the powerlines. These were broad trails, fairly steep, and a little slippery at points. We met a rattlesnake stretched out and sunbathing across the trail. My brother poked him (not advisable), and he coiled, rattled, and hissed until we convinced him that we were not going back the way we came and he moved into the bush. Then we got lost. The access roads don’t go all the way to the top. There is a small dirt path that you can just barely make out on the satellite map, but it’s super hard to find. This had me going back

and forth for quite some time until my little dot on Google maps lined up with the path.

I’m not sure when the satellite images were taken, but I think it must have been a while back, because the “path” was really hard to follow: overgrown in spots, always steep, and sometimes passing over rocks, so that there was no trail to be seen. We climbed on, picking our way through the growth. No switchbacks, just straight up. After my fourth or fifth stop to catch my breath, my brother assured me, “Don’t worry. I’m not thinking of this as exercise.”

Eventually, the little trail popped out onto the paved road that took us the rest of the way up to the antennas — and the view. And what a view: Otay Lake, Sweetwater, the Pacific, Coronado, Downtown, Mexico, and so many beautiful peaks further east: El Cap, McGinty, up to Iron Mountain — you name it. We took the requisite selfies and made our way down, this time on the paved road. Uh-oh! Halfway down, we hit a “No Trespassing” sign. Who knew? (Technically it was the first we had seen along our route.) We veered off onto a side path, passed by a lovely seasonal pond, and followed Millar’s Ranch Road back to our car. Success!

The Verdict

Is it worth climbing? Oh yes. In addition to the view, there’s different plant life at the top. Up there, the Sage Brush, Coyote Brush, California Buckwheat are joined by Ceanothus and countless other plants that prefer a higher elevation and whose names I don’t yet know. But as it stands, it seems that 1960s TV antennas are more important than opening up one of San Diego’s treasures to the public. As usual, East County is left unplanned, unsupported and treated like a disreputable poor relation, not worthy of the nice things given to people on the coast. If we East County residents weren’t all so busy trying to afford rent and groceries, I’d say a movement towards freeing Mt San Miguel could sweep the lands east of the 805. Hikers Unite!

Wm. Wilson

MOUNT SAN MIGUEL

An unofficial hiking trail to the top of San Diego’s 84th highest, but perhaps most visible East County peak.

Distance from downtown San Diego: 16 miles

Hike length: Roughly five miles · **Difficulty:** Moderately difficult

Season: Year-round, but pay attention to temperature



After the often-invisible path, I was grateful for the easy road to the towers at the peak.



This is the way.

Drinks All Around

BY DAVID
KOHANYI

DANNY SOMMERS
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North Park



Last month, I wrote about some of the humble pleasures of one of San Diego's best dive bars. Let's do something a little different this month. Allow me now to take you West on University Avenue from The Tower Bar in City Heights all the way up to 30th Street, where we'll take a left and find Mabel's Gone Fishing.

The food here is lovely: seafood and

tapas. But I'm here to talk drinks, mostly with Danny Sommers, but also with Taylor Mall, tonight's bartenders. They are both exceptionally cheerful, well-versed in their menu and its ingredients, and generously informative. Here's Sommers on the Nordes gin used in Mabel's Spanish Gin & Tonic: "Very delicate, very floral, sage-forward, herbaceous, very green. Inviting, not really piney and big and junipery and Tanqueray-y, like a lot of people think about gin."

As far as I know, this is San Diego's only *gintoneria*, so while the bar offers more than gin, it seems right to order a gin cocktail. It happens to be my favorite liquor anyway. Sommers suggests two drinks as good representatives of this establishment, one from each of the two categories he thinks a good cocktail bar should deal in: envelope-pushing specimens of mixology and solid standards. He proposes the Spanish G&T as an example of the former; their Dirty Martini, he says, is an example of the latter: "It won't make you say, 'Wow, I didn't know a dirty martini could taste like this,' but it will make you say, 'Wow I really love a dirty martini.'"

I opt for the Spanish G&T. While he makes it, he tells me a bit about gin and tonics in

Spain: how they are served not in rocks glasses but in globe glasses, how they might feature "maximalist garnishes" or whatever garden garnish they have on hand (rosemary, mint, basil, juniper berries, grapes) or, in college bars, gummy bears.

Sommers tells me the Nordes he is pouring is distilled from Albarino grapes — creating a brandy — and then distilled with gin botanicals. To 2 oz. of that Nordes Gin, he adds Mabel's housemade tonic. Mall is called over to tell me a bit about it. The tonic includes cinchona bark (where we get quinine from), grapefruit peel, orange peel, lemon peel, coriander, cardamom, fennel seeds, white pepper, sage and gentian root. They make it as an extract, so for the cocktail, 1 oz. of it gets mixed with 5 oz. of soda water, preferably Topo Chico or Mineragua. Mineragua, according to Sommers, has "the most aggressive bubbles." The cocktail is garnished with a white grape, some juniper berries, and a lavish sprig of sage; sticking your nose into the herb with each sip adds a lot to the experience. The whole thing is very fragrant and slightly fruity. It's the most complex and delicious G&T I've ever ordered. I can't imagine that there is a better one in San Diego.

MABEL'S GONE FISHING'S SPANISH G&T



- 2 oz Nordes gin
- 1 oz. house tonic (see column)
- 5 oz. Mineragua soda water

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By Judith Moore, JULY 8, 1993

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By Sean Rafferty, JULY 20, 1978

Creepy Bamboo Language

Most San Diegans, he explains, believe that the leafy, green and beige stuff that grows in their back yards, canyons, and along the San Diego River bed in Mission Valley is bamboo. But it's not. "It's Spanish reed," he says, with some disdain. "Brought in by the Spaniards in, I believe, the 16th Century to



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use for thatching. Like some bamboos, it spreads rapidly by sending out runners, or rhizomes. But it's not bamboo. True bamboo has branches, see?"

By Abe Opincar, SEPT. 7, 1995

A Sword for Its Army and a Lily for Its Heart

Dorothy had a floral display at Art Alive to worry about; one of the iris-show clerks backed out because her horse was due to

foal; another flower show in Vista nabbed most of the National Council of State Garden Clubs judges, and the student judge she'd finally located wanted to enter a design; the key to the storage closet couldn't be found; Buena Creek donated no spurias. But you didn't see Dorothy Driscoll's face mottled with rage and exasperation.

By Celia Storey, APRIL 29, 1999

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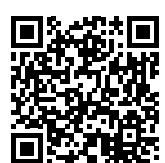
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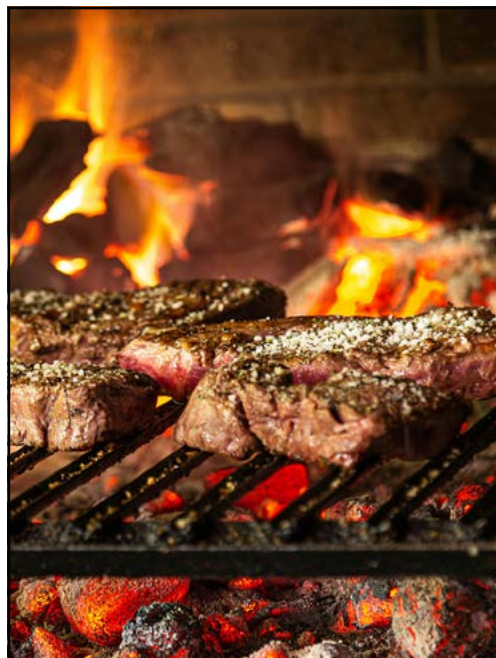
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UNLESS IT'S A LUXURY HANDBAG

PICTURE THIS: You finish a workout at 24 Hour Fitness, head to Target for a quick errand, and leave your shopping cart unattended for just a moment. When you return, your gym bag — complete with sweaty clothes, headphones, and designer sunglasses — is gone. Stolen. Yes, even your sweaty gym bag isn't safe in San Diego. Or rather, *my* sweaty gym bag. But I'm not the only victim. Arturo Gonzalez, a local influencer, had it worse in 2020 when his designer Coach fanny pack was snatched *while he was wearing it* as he covered the downtown San Diego riots on Facebook Live. And if dudes' gym bags and fanny packs are fair game, what about designer purses? Spoiler alert, but not really: women's designer hand-

bags and wallets are indeed a prime target for thieves — and the thieves are striking more often than you might think.

Once upon a time, a purse snatcher was probably after whatever cash might be inside. But in the Age of Instagram, the brand is its own reward. Luxury handbags and wallets from brands like Louis Vuitton, Hermès, Gucci, and Dior have become irresistible targets for thieves in San Diego County. These high-stakes crimes highlight the relentless demand for designer goods — whether secondhand treasures or status symbols so coveted they can spark significant consequences. Let's take a look at 2024: The Year of the Bag Bandits.

Christmas calamity

The irresistibility of a Louis Vuitton wallet recently spoiled a San Diego family's Christmas. Early in the morning on December 5 of last year, someone broke into Andrea Nicole's late-model Kia in front of her home in Fairmount Park and stole her black Louis Vuitton wallet from the car's center console. "It was a \$1500 wallet," she told me in a December 23 interview. "It was definitely not in my price range, as it was a gift I had received the year prior." The wallet, bearing a silver LV insignia and long enough to hold unfolded bills, contained her rent money for December.

The thieves bypassed the alarm and door locks, likely via a method popularized by the Kia Boys on the TikTok app in the last couple of years. "I have learned that Kia's are burglary magnets, they have ways to bypass locks and start the engine easier than other cars." Losing the wallet was painful, but losing what was inside was much worse. "The wallet also contained gift cards, health insurance cards for my children

and me, and SENTRI cards to cross back and forth from Mexico at a faster pace," she said. "All the cards were reported, and the police were already involved."

Later that Thursday, Nicole posted an update on NextDoor: "I have video surveillance of them ... The surveillance shows the original individuals using my cards." She posted photos and video of a "Hispanic woman" wearing an all-black outfit with white accents and an "Asian male" wearing a blue jacket, a red shirt, and black pants — shopping at the World Food Supermarket on 52nd Street and El Cajon Boulevard in City Heights. The couple then spoke to a security guard before walking out with a cart full of groceries. The woman drove an older Lexus ES250, and the male drove a Dodge Ram truck. They then traveled to other stores in the area to use her cards.

On December 8, Nicole got a notification on her phone regarding someone attempting to run her credit card. "It was just made at 1:07 pm by a black male,"

she posted on NextDoor, "now pictured below at City Heights Market, Jack in the Box, and several other spots. Possibly, the original duo trashed my cards, or they passed them off. I took descriptions of the individual from the merchants, canvassed the street, and found him." She posted photos of the man in question, "recovered one of my stolen debit cards, and once again called the police to report, and they never showed. My goal is to get as much of my personal and kids' information off the street, and so far, I got one card."

Things got a little better for Nicole and her family as Christmas neared: "I was refunded all of the funds to my credit and debit cards with fraud claims and the addition of the police report number." But the rent money and the Louis Vuitton wallet were still missing.

Carlsbad bling ring

On November 15, Carlsbad police responded to a residential burglary after a homeowner, who was out of town, received an alert from his security cameras. The foot-



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age showed two suspects wearing gloves, hoodies, and bandanas in his backyard. The suspects accessed the second-story balcony and broke in through a window. Once inside, they stole luxury handbags, \$10,000 in cash, passports, and Social Security cards from an unlocked safe.

Officers documented the scene and transferred the case to the Property Crimes Unit, which quickly identified a suspect vehicle. On December 12, Carlsbad detectives assisted the San Diego County Sheriff's Office in locating the vehicle, which was also linked to a burglary in San Marcos. After spotting the car, a brief pursuit ensued, but was called off for safety reasons. Later, the vehicle was found to have crashed and been abandoned. With the

assistance of a K-9 unit, two suspects were apprehended and taken into custody.

Further investigation led detectives to a residence in Los Angeles, where they uncovered multiple designer handbags, including classic Louis Vuitton pieces valued at thousands of dollars on the secondary market. They also recovered cash, jewelry, passports, smartphones, foreign currency, and a stolen handgun tied to a prior residential burglary in Los Angeles County. In a Facebook update, detectives noted that they are currently collaborating with law enforcement agencies across the state to identify additional victims linked to the recovered items.

Larcenous landscapers
In September, Nadine D.,



On December 5, someone broke into Andrea Nicole's Kia in front of her home and stole her black-colored Louis Vuitton wallet. She later posted a video on NextDoor, showing a suspected couple shopping at Whole Foods with Nicole's credit card.

a resident of Pacific Highlands Ranch just east of Del Mar, faced a similar ordeal, when landscapers allegedly stole her \$1750 Dior purse and its contents — cash, a diamond ring, and makeup from her house. “My mom bought me the bag when she was on vacation in Europe,” she said in a recent interview. “It

was sentimental to me and the only bag I had. I don't have the heart to tell her what happened.”

Instead, Nadine took to the NextDoor app and posted about her purse-snatching situation to her neighbors — hoping she could get more intel on the landscapers. “Horrible, they used to work for Standard Tel, a telephone company that went out of business,” Timothy S replied to her.

Asked how she tied the landscapers to her missing baby-blue Dior Cannage purse, Nadine said the landscapers had pulled out a blank check from her purse and “wrote fraudulent

checks addressed to Victor Chavez to cash at David's Friendly Market Liquor & Check Cashing. The memo line said ‘landscape work,’ and the back of the check showed it was cashed at David's Friendly Market.” Nadine added that she called the police for an update a week before our interview and “was told my case was closed. I reopened it and was told someone would call me the same day, and no one called.”

As this article goes to print, on eBay, the same model Dior purse in the same color is selling used for \$1350 in Japan, and another one from

the United Emirates is priced at \$1121.

San Marcos sneakthief
Back in August, Katie Rhew, a Temecula resident, was arrested after authorities discovered stolen items, including designer handbags, during a search of her home and vehicle. The San Diego County Sheriff's Department reported that detectives from the San Marcos area executed a search warrant at a Temecula property as part of the then-ongoing investigation into a residential burglary. Rhew was identified as the primary suspect. During the search, detectives recovered several items reported stolen from a home in San Marcos, including unnamed designer handbags valued at over \$5000.

Social media, social decay
The theft of luxury items is driven by the internet, massive primary market, and booming secondhand market. (The used luxury market was projected to grow from \$2.47 billion in 2023 to \$2.66 billion in 2024, according to Statista.) Online platforms like eBay, Poshmark, Etsy, and

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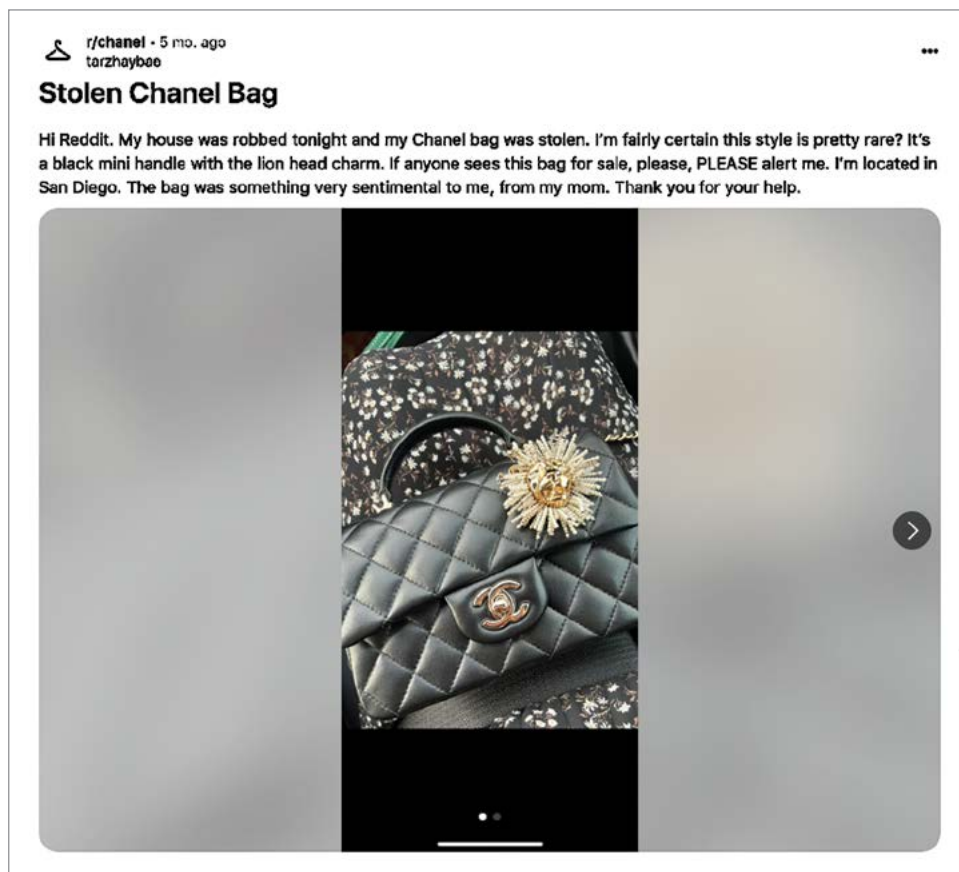
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Another reason why designer wallets and purses are hotter nowadays is because Generation Y and Z folks are exposed to the luxury items in their peers' social media posts, posted by their peers. As a Gen Xer, I was content to marvel at that stuff on the silver screen, in episodes of *Miami Vice* or in *GQ*. I never dreamed that my peers might be so grandly outfitted.

No respect for Asian elders

On June 15, a trio of people who had been targeting the purses of senior citizens in Mira Mesa and National City were caught. According to mainstream news reports, prosecutors identified Kenya Frazier (29), Shan T. Davis (32), and Anthony Foster (67) as suspects in custody for allegedly targeting elderly women of Asian descent aged 64 to 89 in a string of robberies across San Diego.

Authorities said the trio primarily targeted victims as they left grocery stores and loaded their groceries into their cars. While the victims were preoccupied, the suspects reportedly seized the opportunity to snatch purses — often left in plain view on passenger seats of unlocked vehicles. A getaway car was said to be waiting



In January 2024, a local Redditor who goes by the handle tarzhaybae posted about her stolen designer purses, which fetch over \$1000 a piece — used.

nearby during each theft. The defendants face multiple charges, including burglary, robbery, theft from an elderly person, and possession of stolen property. If convicted, they could face prison sentences of up to 17 years.

Leony Bagalawis, a cashier at the Seafood City supermarket, described the alarming

nature of the thefts in an interview with *ABC 10 News*: “Sometimes they walk up, and all of a sudden grab a necklace, grab the bag, and then all of a sudden go inside the car.” In a recent interview with Gale Bryan, who teaches the local senior citizen community how to defend themselves against criminals, she advised

carrying a purse with the shoulder strap across the body, resting it in front, with a hand over it. If the purse has short handles, she said to try to put it over the shoulder and hold it tightly under the arm. “Make sure all buttons and zippers are closed,” she said. “Carrying your purse this way also keeps your hands free to defend yourself

if necessary.”

Bryan, a retired employee of the Riverside County Office and now a women's self-defense instructor, teaches women of all ages how to protect themselves against pickpockets and purse-snatchers. “Don't leave your purse in a shopping cart, even if you bury it under your purchases,” she advised. “A thief could walk away with the entire cart and not look the least bit suspicious. Also, don't leave your purse in the passenger seat while pumping gas. A thief can open the car door and take your belongings while you are looking the other way.”

The smash and grab trio

On March 19, three men were charged with orchestrating an organized retail theft operation that netted more

than \$300,000 in designer goods, including expensive handbags, reported *Patch.com*. Over two years, the trio committed thefts, many smash-and-grabs, throughout California, and often in San Diego County. According to court documents, Isaiah Abdullah, Nickolas Mallory, and Ishmael Baptist are accused of acting together to steal \$309,752 worth of merchandise with the intent to “sell, exchange, or return the merchandise for value.” In San Diego County alone, their thefts totaled over \$182,000.

The spree in our backyard began in February 2023, when \$15,900 worth of Prada merchandise was stolen, followed by a \$20,282 theft from Burberry in March. In July, \$30,277 worth of goods was taken from Bottega Veneta, with another \$16,950 stolen



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from Louis Vuitton in August. In September, the suspects struck Louis Vuitton again, stealing \$33,140 worth of goods, and in October, \$22,340 worth was stolen from Prada. November saw two additional incidents: \$5095 taken from Coach and \$4500 from Burberry. In December, with \$23,080 stolen from Louis Vuitton, and in January 2024, \$11,295 worth of Versace merchandise was reported stolen.

Attorney General Rob Bonta stated that the operation involved storming into stores, grabbing high-ticket items, including purses and bags and simply running out. (Other retail thefts are more elaborate. In 2021, thieves used fireworks as a diversion during a robbery at the Coach store in Carlsbad, stealing purses and accessories, according to Fox 5 News.)

California Girls

Michelle Mack, a Bonsall resident accused of leading an organized crime ring responsible for stealing nearly \$8 million in makeup and luxury goods, has been sentenced to more than five years in state prison and fined over \$3 million. According to mainstream news outlets, the sentence was handed down by a San Diego County



“High-traffic areas near entrances and exits of the malls are prime spots for purse snatchers,” J. Alcalá explained. “They can quickly grab a bag and escape before anyone can react.”

Superior Court judge on July 18, 2024. Mack, 53, pleaded guilty in February to running a theft ring known as the “California Girls,” which operated across more than a dozen states. The group targeted retailers such as Sephora, Ulta, Bloomingdale’s, T.J. Maxx, and other cosmetic and luxury stores. Prosecutors stated that Mack resold the stolen merchandise at discounted prices through an Amazon storefront.

Authorities also revealed that Mack and her husband, Kenneth Mack, ran the operation from their \$2.75 million, 4,500-square-foot mansion in Bonsall, located north of Vista and Escondido. Video evidence showed a stockpile of stolen items in their garage, including what

appeared to be a Louis Vuitton purse among the cosmetics.

Redditor robbed

In January 2024, a local Redditor who goes by the handle tarzhaybae posted about her stolen designer purses, which fetch over \$1000 a piece — used. “Hi Reddit,” she wrote, “my house was burglarized tonight, and many of my bags were stolen. If anyone sees any of these bags pop up for sale, please, please alert me. I’m located in San Diego.” She posted a photo of her Chanel black Mini Flap style with a gold and silver lion head charm. “I’m fairly certain this style is pretty rare? It should be easy to find, and flag.”

On eBay, I couldn’t find a Chanel Mini Flap purse with the same lion charm, although I found Mini Flaps without the charm which cost \$4000 to \$6800. However, I did find a match on Carousell, a site in Singapore similar to our eBay. The purse was listed at \$9999 Singapore dollars, — about \$7300 US dollars. Also stolen from her house was a Louis Vuitton Alma BB Vernis in the rose-angelique colorway. (She even had the original 2013 receipt still in the bag.) On eBay, only one was listed in the same color; it sold for \$1183 in Japan. She

also posted about a Louis Vuitton Damier Ebene purse: “The lock on the bag is noticeably shinier and newer looking than the rest of the hardware,” she said, “because I’d kept it stored for so long.” Also stolen was a black colored Celine Nano luggage unit and a beige YSL Loulou — those have sold on eBay for between \$1500 and \$3000.

Alcalá and awareness

Westfield Plaza Bonita mall has seen its share of thieves over the years. In December of 2023, I met with one J. Alcalá and he pointed out vulnerabilities holiday shoppers often overlook at the bustling two-story mall. Alcalá has over two decades of experience in substance use and crime prevention, and is trained in Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles. He’s a subject matter expert in urban crime, and a veteran bodyguard for the sort of people who carry these sorts of handbags. “High-traffic areas near entrances and exits of the malls are prime spots for purse snatchers,” Alcalá explained. “They can quickly grab a bag and escape before anyone can react.”

We walked past groups of shoppers, pausing to observe their behavior. Alcalá noted how distractions like checking a phone or carrying multiple shopping bags could make someone an easy target. “Pickpockets and purse-snatchers thrive on distraction,” he said. “They look for people who are too busy or unaware of their surroundings.” We noticed a woman with a Dooney & Bourke purse sitting at a table with her back

towards us and the purse next to her on the chair to the right. Someone at a distance on her left yelled at his friend and she looked in that direction — all the time a thief would need, said Alcalá.

“So, what’s a safer way to sit at a table and protect your bag?” I asked.

“Put the bag on the opposite side of where people are passing by. Keep it further away from the foot traffic.”

“What about putting it on the floor with the handle through one of the chair legs?”

Alcalá responded, “Some women won’t put it on the floor because of certain customs and superstitions.” A Chinese proverb translates roughly, “A purse on the floor is money out the door.”

As we walked past a sneaker store, an alarm started blaring at a distance. A security guard walked right past us. “You see how he’s on his phone, and look at the alarms going off,” Alcalá said, “And he’s still on his phone? All these stores should tell the mall to pay security more. The security guard probably doesn’t have the experience, because they are unwilling to pay.”

We walked by the large Christmas tree, and he pointed to a woman wearing a gray dress with a medium-sized Michael Kors bag. “People worrying about their aesthetics make them easy targets,” he added. “We were all younger once. Do you remember when we were younger? This was where you showed off your outfit. And sadly, the thieves know that. For her, one guy can distract her by talking her up, and another guy, the accomplice, is just eyeing

to get the bag.”

We found our way by the food court on the second floor, and we noticed a woman with a stroller and a handbag hanging on one of the push handles. “That purse literally is just right there,” he noted. “That guy can just grab that and run, and on the opposite side, there’s all kinds of barriers, and he could be gone.”

Alcalá emphasized that prevention is possible. “Proactive measures like visible security patrols and shopper education programs can significantly reduce incidents. Shoppers need to remember that safety starts with awareness,” he concluded.

Tips from the Purse Collectors

There’s a Reddit thread called, “Have you ever been robbed for your designer handbag?” Women from all over the country post that their purses have been snatched from them in broad daylight; some were beaten for their purses. One even mentioned an influencer being robbed of her designer purses after the thieves found out where she lived.

Some of the collectors suggested insuring purses and keeping the receipts. Others noted that home insurance policies won’t cover the loss if the purse was stolen outside the home. Another added, “I know someone who uses Chubb to insure her bags. She told me it covers break-ins and also if you’re mugged. She has like five Hermes Kellys and three Birkins” Depending on the material and colorway, some of those can cost over \$100,000 apiece, even used.

— Mike Madriaga



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WHEN: Friday, February 7 through Sunday, February 23, 7 pm

WHERE: North County Mall, 272 E. Via Rancho Parkway, Escondido.
tickets.circusvargas.com

Saturday | 8

GUIDED TOUR: EUCALYPTUS-ORIGINS, INVASION & URBAN TALES

Ninety-five percent of the more than

800 eucalyptus species are native to Australia, New Zealand, and the nearby Southeast Asian Islands. This tour examines how and why they became one of the most common coastal trees in California and why they inspire debate among both supporters and detractors.

Led by park volunteer and horticultural enthusiast Bill Edwards, these free tours leave from the Visitor Center.

WHEN: Saturday, February 8, 10 am to 11:30 am

WHERE: Balboa Park Visitor Center, 1549 El Prado, Balboa Park.
balboapark.org

PIZZA WARS FOOD CRAWL

Join a Little Italy pizza crawl and cast your ballot for your favorite pizza. Enjoy some of the the best slices from the most popular venues in Little Italy. Pizza and after-party included in ticket price.

WHEN: Saturday, February 8, 1 pm to 4:30 pm

WHERE: Little Italy. eventbrite.com



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9: SAN DIEGO CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR

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SAN DIEGO CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR

Enjoy live music, food, and fun activities for all ages in Downtown.

Tuesday | 11

OTTMAR LIEBERT & LUNA NEGRA

German guitarist Ottmar Liebert is a five-time Grammy nominee who began playing guitar at age 11. After relocating from Europe to Boston in the 1980s, he played in the alternative rock band RED with his brother Stefan. By 1989, he had moved to New Mexico, founded the first iteration of Luna Negra, and begun developing his signature Nouveau Flamenco sound. His debut album went double-platinum, and he has been a fixture on the Spanish, Mexican, and World Music scenes for over three decades.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra



February 11 - Belly Up - seated show

WHEN: Tuesday, February 11, 8 pm
WHERE: Music Box, Little Italy.
bellyup.com



GUIDED TOUR: EUCALYPTUS-ORIGINS, INVASION & URBAN TALES

Featuring Lucky Lion Dancers, opening ceremony, calligraphy art with Henry Cheng, Eva Mather, Golden Rishi Qigong & Tai Chi, Asian story theater, San Diego Wushu Center, Southern Sea, Kun Seng Keng, Dragon & Lion Dance, and White Dragon Martial Arts.

WHEN: Saturday, February 8 and Sunday, February 9, 10 am to 5 pm

WHERE: San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum, 404 Third Avenue, Downtown.
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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Hungry Dog Dash 5K The Point Loma High School Cross Country team and PLHS Pointer Association Cross Country Boosters bring you the Hungry Dog Dash Community 5K race. This flat, fast and fun course at the waterfront park is a great way to get some fresh air and exercise with family and friends before Super Bowl festivities in the afternoon. Sunday, February 9, 8am; \$30-\$45. Liberty Station NTC Park, 2455 Cushing Road. (LIBERTY STATION)

ART

Amplifying Creative Communities Join resident artist Mensah Bey, along with local artists and community leaders, for a speaker panel exploring the intersection of creativity, community, and opportunity. Amplifying Creative Communities is a platform dedicated to identifying spaces and opportunities for artists, makers, and supporters to thrive. Wednesday, February 12, 6pm; **free**. San Diego Made Factory, 2031 Commercial Street. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

Carmen Winant: Visual Artist Talk Carmen Winant is a Professor in the Department of Art at Ohio State University, where she is the Roy Lichtenstein Chair of Studio Art, and an affiliated faculty member in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. Mandeville Center B202, UC San Diego Monday, February 10, 5pm; **free**. Adam D. Kamil Gallery, Mandeville Center, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

Community Mural Workshop The entire Point Loma community is invited to make their unique mark on a community mural in this

OUTDOORS

Hummingbirds dive bombing, Ice plant brightens roadsides, Pleiades

Hummingbirds Are Zipping Around San Diego County's Backyard Gardens, scrub-covered coastal hillsides, and the warming Anza-Borrego Desert. Seasonal hummingbirds are making their way back to Southern California in preparation for breeding season in early Spring. Resident hummingbirds like the Anna's often dive bomb invaders to defend their turf. Male hummingbirds tend to patrol larger areas (up to a ½ acre) to defend mating territory. Female hummingbirds dive-bomb too, but tend to be localized around smaller nesting areas. Dive-bombing tends to be accompanied by a sound which the birds make by fluttering their tail feathers while diving. Males will also dive as a mating "dance" to impress a female. **Ice Plant Is Responsible For Many Of The Carpet-Like Splashes** of yellow, pink, red, and purple we're beginning to see around San



ICEPLANT WAS INTRODUCED TO CALIFORNIA IN THE EARLY 1900S TO STABILIZE EROSION AROUND RAILROAD TRACKS, AND LATER ON FREEWAY EMBANKMENTS.

workshop where participants will learn about pattern-making from muralist and public artist, Molly Z, and then participate in creating a community mural that will be on display at Point Loma Church. This workshop does not require artistic experience, is open to all ages, and is **free**. Saturday, February 8, 9am; **free**. Point Loma Community Pres-

byterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

Dames on Grand An art exhibition celebrating San Diego County women artists. Saturday, February 8, 4pm; **free**. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 East Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

New Perspectives Into Ancient Greek Culture In this four-part lecture series Dr. Katherine Schwab will explore topics that help us discover a deeper understanding of the people and times in Ancient Greece. Thursday, February 6, 7:30pm; \$16-\$76. Joan & Irwin Jacobs Music Room, 1008 Wall Street. (LA JOLLA)

Vibrations Art Exhibition: Opening Reception The water-based media exhibition runs Feb 2 – Mar 1 with over 95 ready-to-hang original paintings plus refreshments. Friday, February 7, 5pm; **free**. San Diego Watercolor Society, 2825 Dewey Road #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Working Title WORKING TITLE is Project [BLANK]'s fourth-annual exhibition of experimental art and music, featuring dozens of visual artists, filmmakers, sound and performance artists, composers, and musicians. Thursday, February 6, 6pm; Friday, February 7, 6pm; Saturday, February 8, 6pm; \$15-\$25. St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue. (BANKERS HILL)



IN THE WINTER, THE LACK OF FOOD LEADS HUMMINGBIRDS TO BECOME MORE AGGRESSIVE IN DEFENSE OF THEIR TERRITORY.

Diego. Popular as a ground cover for concealing and stabilizing road cuts or any other easily eroded slope, ice plant covers the shoreline bluffs at La Jolla, plus freeway and road embankments all over town and front and back yards from Point Loma to El Cajon. Ice plant is native to South Africa, and is often sold in nurseries in San Diego, despite being an invasive species.

Ocean Water Temperatures, Of Late In The High 50s Fahrenheit, are finally on the upswing this month as the daylight hours lengthen and the sun arcs higher overhead in the sky each day. It will take about five months of spring and summer sunshine before the ocean's enormous mass and large heat capacity fully respond to the input of solar energy. A maximum water temperature in the low to mid-70s is expected by August or September.

The Quarter Moon Will Blot Out The Stars Of Pleiades on February 5 and 6 at around 11:15 pm PST. This time of year, the Pleiades cluster will be low on the horizon in the western sky near where the sun sets. The Pleiades star cluster is also called the Seven Sisters. In Greek mythology the seven sisters were the seven daughters of Atlas, who held up the sky, and the Oceanid Pleione, the protectress of sailing. They are also on the car logo for the Japanese brand Subaru — the ancient Japanese term for the star cluster.

BEER

Galentine's Day bravOG40 The Real Housewives/Vanderpump/Bravo TV-themed Galentine's Day event will feature trivia, raffle prizes, Pumptini cocktails, photo booth, Bravolebrity-curated music playlist, and a pop-up shop from Pacific Beach's Trendy & Tipsy clothing and accessories store. Raffle prizes include a makeup bag, Vanderpump martini glass, and a life-sized cardboard cutout of Andy Cohen. Wednesday, February 12, 6pm; Original 40 Brewing Company, 3117 University Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Author Talk: Victoria Christopher Murray Just in time for Black History Month, *New York Times* best-selling coauthor and NAACP Image Award recipient Victoria Christopher Murray will launch her new historical novel,

The Harlem Rhapsody. The event includes a Q&A session with the author. Monday, February 10, 7pm; **free**-\$29. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Ethan Kross: Shift: Managing Your Emotions—So They Don't Manage You Warwick's presents Ethan Kross as he discusses and signs his new book, *Shift: Managing Your Emotions—So They Don't Manage You*. Monday, February 10, 7:30pm; **free**-\$29. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

Let's Talk Talk about Romance Join San Diego Public Library romance librarian Jessica Buck and Meet Cute Romance Bookshop owner Becca Title as they discuss their love of the romance genre, favorite reads, and tropes. There will be an interactive Q&A conversation with the audience along with fun romance crafts and "blind date with a book" giveaways. Tuesday, February 11, 6:30pm; **free**. 18 and up. Central Library, 330 Park Boulevard. (EAST VILLAGE)

Weekends with Locals: Deborah Saracini As part of our ongoing Weekends with Locals Program we will be hosting Deborah Sara-

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cini, author of *Ally Protects the La Jolla Seals*. Sunday, February 9, 1pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

What Just Happened? Shaking the Tree - brazen. short. memoir. (Vol 6) Warwick's presents contributors to the new anthology, *What Just Happened? Shaking the Tree - brazen. short. memoir. (Vol 6)*, appearing with editors Marni Freedman and Tracy J. Jones. Thursday, February 6, 7:30pm; free-\$14. Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Advance Directives: Planning Healthcare Decisions Every day, persons arrive in the Emergency Department too sick or weak to communicate. An Advance Healthcare Directive allows you to designate a trusted person to speak on your behalf regarding your values and choices that can help healthcare providers regarding decisions and consents for care. Advance care planning will be explained and discussed – a difficult but important topic. Free. Monday, February 10, 12pm; free. 18 and up. Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street. (VALENCIA PARK)

Galentine's Day Flower Crown Workshop In addition to learning how to make your own flower crown, enjoy complimentary sips and some pampering self-care. Play in our Photo Booth, and have an afternoon to remember. Extra points for wearing pink. Thursday, February 6, 6pm; free-\$150. 21 and up. Lullabar, 7750 El Camino Real, Suite #5145-5150. (CARLSBAD)

Hospice Care: Learn About Volunteering Learn how you can how you can get involved and help brighten the lives patients receiving hospice care. Tuesday, February 11, 11am; free. 21 and up. Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Avenue. (CARLSBAD)

Mindful Art Journaling Join in this expressive, intuitive art making process, requiring no art skills. The process opens creative doorways, reveals blocks or negative self-talk simply can be a creative image-making exploration. Prompts are provided to assist you. Sunday, February 9, 10am; \$77-\$92. 18 and up. Pacific View Arts Center, 380 West F Street. (ENCINITAS)

Special Days of Power on the Path Meditation class hosted by Turiya Dhara Saturday, February 8, 10:45am; free-\$20. 18 and up. Dharma Center, 5059 Newport Avenue. (OCEAN BEACH)

Valentine's Day Decorating Class for Kids Children ages 5+ are invited to create their own Valentine's-themed chocolate bars and Oreos. This hands-on experience includes all the materials needed for kids to design their confections while learning about chocolate-making. Every participant takes home their custom-crafted chocolates to enjoy or gift to someone special. A parent or guardian must

accompany the child(ren) during the class. Saturday, February 8, 11am; Sunday, February 9, 11am; \$35. Seabreeze Craft Chocolates, 3840 Valley Centre Dr. Suite 604. (CARMEL VALLEY)

Winter Adult Tap Dance Workshop Work on the fundamentals of tap dance in the feet and in the body. Tuesdays, 9:30am; through Tuesday, February 11, \$110. 18 and up. Twilight Stage, 219 N. Coast Hwy. (OCEANSIDE)

COMEDY

Ali Kolbert After graduating from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Ali landed a coveted job as an NBC Page at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, where she worked on Saturday Night Live, The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon and Late Night with Seth Meyers. It only took a couple of years until she made her television debut in that very building, performing her clever and provocative stand-up on The Tonight Show in 2017. Thursday, February 6, 8pm; 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Ashley Gutermuth Ashley Gutermuth is a stand-up comedian, podcast host and actor. She appeared on 'The Tonight Show' with Jimmy Fallon where she was chosen by Jerry Seinfeld to win the 'Seinfeld Challenge.' Friday, February 7, 7pm and 9:30pm; Saturday, February 8, 7pm and 9:30pm; 21 and up. Comedy Store, 916 Pearl Street. (LA JOLLA)

Fuct: The Second Coming New York sketch comedy. Friday, February 7, 11pm; \$15. 21 and up. Finest City Improv, 3746 Sixth Avenue. (HILLOREST)

LGBTQIA+ Ally Comedy Show Pride & Seek, the Queer Comedy Show with headliner Steven Briggs Friday, February 7, 9:30pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Michael Quu Long Island native, Michael Quu, planted his seeds in comedy in the 7th grade by winning a comedy writing contest, it would be years later that Michael began performing stand up in New York City. Wednesday, February 12, 8pm; \$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

One Liner Madness Local comedians will go head-to-head in a bracket-style, single-elimination, one-liner joke contest. Audience applause determines which performers advance, and who ultimately wins the trophy and cash prize Saturday, February 8, 7pm; \$15-\$20. 21 and up. Adams Avenue Theater, 3325 Adams Avenue. (KENSINGTON)

Telenovela Improv All the drama of your favorite Telenovela(s) but live and improvised with improv team LIRRER. Friday, February 7, 8:30pm; \$15-\$30. Mockingbird Improv, 2590 Truxtun Road #200. (LIBERTY STATION)

That Cringe Comedy Show Katie K headlines. Thursday, February 6, 7:30pm; \$20-\$25. 21 and up. Mic Drop Comedy, 8878 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (KEARNY MESA)

Tracy Morgan Tracy Morgan is one of the most well-respected comedians in his field. Known for starring on seven seasons of NBC's Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning 30 Rock, Morgan appeared opposite Tina Fey and Alec Baldwin as "Tracy Jordan," the unpredictable star of "Liz Lemon's" (Fey) hit variety show, TGS with Tracy Jordan. Friday, February 7, 8pm; \$79-\$109. 21 and up. Sycuan Casino Resort, 5469 Casino Way. (EL CAJON)

DANCE

Heartstrings & High Heels: A Galentine's Cabaret Featuring live singing, dancing, and burlesque, joined by local guest artists. Wednesday, February 12, 7pm; \$35-\$125. 21 and up. Patio Playhouse, 201 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

Red Shades: Pole, Burlesque & Exotic Arts Red Shades of Dance presents a performance of Pole, Burlesque and Shibari. Saturday, February 8, 6:30pm; free-\$40. 21 and up. Bancroft, 9143 Campo Road. (SPRING VALLEY)

The SADE Experience Enjoy SADE's music through dance performances and interactive experiences. Friday, February 7, 7pm; \$35-\$50. 18 and up. Dancehouse Point Loma, 2180 Chatsworth Boulevard. (POINT LOMA)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Panel Discussion: Is Artificial Intelligence Good or Bad? It wasn't until OpenAI launched ChatGPT in late 2022 that the topic of AI sparked heated debates. In this panel, two artists and two scientists will reflect on this timely and important issue. Join in, provide your perspective, and engage in much needed communal dialog. Saturday, February 8, 1:30pm; free. North University Community Library, 8820 Judicial Drive. (UNIVERSITY CITY)

FOR KIDS

Early Childhood Day of Play (Ages 1-4) Children ages 1-4 years old and their parents are invited to a morning of fun learning activities and hands-on play. Saturday, February 8, 9:30am; free. Children's School, 2225 Torrey Pines Lane. (LA JOLLA)

Fantastical Fun: Treasure Box Kids are invited to make crafting magic with a Crayola favorite, play with top-rated learning products and hear a story. This event is designed for families to attend, and no RSVP is required. Saturday, February 8, 11am; free. Lakeshore

Learning Store, 7510 Hazard Center Dr., Suite #201. (MISSION VALLEY)

Junior Kook Run The kids will get their own day to run at the 4th Annual Junior Kook Run, with a modified course for kids ages 3 - 12, from 400 yards to one mile at the Ecke YMCA with timing, medals, and more. Saturday, February 8, 10am; \$14. Magdalena Ecke Family Skate Park, 200 Saxony Rd. (ENCINITAS)

Trail Tykes Created for children 2 to 5 years of age, Trail Tykes 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, February 9, 10am and Wednesday, February 12, 3:30pm; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

FUNDRAISERS

Randy Jones Run, Walk & Roll for Independence Home of Guiding Hands will host its 15th Annual Randy Jones Run, Walk & Roll for Independence. Saturday, February 8, 8am; De Anza Cove, 3000 N. Mission Bay Drive. (PACIFIC BEACH)

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LECTURES

Perspectives Lecture Series

The Jeffrey B. Graham Perspectives on Ocean Science Lecture Series presents a three part speaker series that provides an in-depth look at the art-science collaborations that gave rise to Birch Aquarium's Embodied Pacific: Oceans Unseen exhibition beginning with Superradiance. Embodying Earth. by artists Memo Akten and Katie Peyton Hofstadter. Superradiance. Embodying Earth. is a multiscreen video and sound installation by artists Memo Akten and Katie Peyton Hofstadter that serves as a centerpiece of Birch Aquarium's Embodied Pacific: Oceans Unseen exhibition. Monday, February 10, 7pm; **free**-\$12. Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

NATURE

Discovery Table: Animal Tracks

Stop by the Discovery Table in the lobby of the Visitor Center and learn all about animal tracks from MTRP Trail Guides. Saturday, February 8, 10am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Free Interpretive Walk

Hear about the plants and wildlife. Walks are moderately paced on the lower creek trail and begin in front of the Elfin Forest Interpretive

Curtain Up!

BY MATTHEW LICKONA

The words at the top of the poster for *Appropriate* caught my eye as I headed to Will Call: "Ferociously Theatrical." *Theatrical? Don't most plays take place in a theater, ferociously or otherwise?* But by the end of Branden Jacobs-Jenkins great big play — don't be frightened of its two-and-a-half hour runtime, which is carried swiftly by on a rippling torrent of words propelled by great swells of emotion wrought by able actors, and its sheer size and scope allow it to do two things well for every one thing it might have done better — I had a sense of what was meant by that description. It was something like what a friend meant when, after he saw the Coen brothers' film *Miller's Crossing*, he said, "That was a gangster movie about gangster movies." Here, we have a dysfunctional Southern family drama about dysfunctional Southern family dramas, the sort of thing that leaves you nodding in admiration more than it has you reeling in horror, gasping in awe, or weeping in sympathy.

There is a self-conscious, arm's length quality from the outset — even in the set, which gives us the interior of a faded Arkansas plantation in which the walls are painted to depict the exterior of a faded Arkansas plantation. It's there

near the end, when folks make big speeches that sound less like family interaction and more like post-show Q&A reflections. (What is family? What is it about this family that twists those who come in contact with it?) But mostly, it's there in the interactions throughout, which do not just offer occasional punchlines to ease the tension ("What are you, the forgiveness police?"), but also go for dramedy when tragedy might suffice. When, late in the proceedings, a brawl broke out on stage, the audience broke out in laughter — rightly so, I thought. Intentionally so. It set up the ice-cube-down-the-back moment that followed.

The year is 2011 — far enough in the past for our characters to have close connections with men who lived still further back, in a particular, ugly period of American history. The occasion is the disposal of one such man's estate: Big Daddy LaFayette is dead, and everything must go. There's an estate sale tomorrow, followed by an auction, and then finally, there's the matter of the house, with its problematic graveyards — one for the family, one for the slaves who used to reside on the premises. Problematic from an environmental point of view for any prospective buyer; and from a personal



Appropriate: The past isn't dead. Especially not when there are pictures.

point of view for any former resident. The family gathers for the occasion: dutiful daughter Toni, who took care of the old man through his declining decades; successful son Bo, who never liked the place and lives in New York with his Jewish wife; and even uninvited black sheep Franz, who has come a long way in the last ten years.

There are also members of the next generation, who give the play's title its meaning. As 13-year-old Cassie puts it, "Do you think there's a danger in knowing too much?" Might not it be better — if, contra Faulkner, such a thing were even possible — to let the past die with those who lived in it? Is rooting around in a dead man's leavings beneficial? Is it...appropriate?

Center Honoring Susan J. Varty. Sunday, February 9, 9am; **free**. Elfin Forest Recreational Reserve, 8833 Harmony Grove Road. (ESCONDIDO)

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. Walks start from the Kumeyaay Lake Campground Entry Station. Saturday, February 8, 8:30am; **free**. Kumeyaay Lake Campground, Two Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SANTEE)

Guided Nature Walk Join a MTRP Trail Guide on a guided nature walk and learn about the plants, animals, geology, history, and ecology of the park. The recent rains have brought back a bit of green to the park with Broom Baccharis in full bloom. Cooler temperatures make for a great experience. Walks are canceled if raining. Sunday, February 9, 9:30am; **free**. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junípero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

Nature Collective Volunteer Restoration Event

Your help is needed to restore precious habitats within San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve and the surrounding areas. From removing invasive plants to helping grow native plants indigenous to the area, you help nature thrive, which benefits wildlife and our communities. Family friendly, ages 6+ (minors with guardians), accessible trail, registration required. Wednesday, February 12, 9am; **free**. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

Nature Collective Wildlife Tour

Nature Collective is a local conservation and science education nonprofit organization. They work to restore habitats, provide healthier waters, and increase wildlife diversity. They are dedicated to conserving the land and providing experiences for people to fall in love with nature.

Adults, accessible trail, registration required. Saturday, February 8, 9am; **free**. San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, 2710 Manchester Avenue. (CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Circus Vargas

Enjoy an homage to Tinseltown's Golden Age with spotlights, stunts, and starlets in a brand new blockbuster Big Top adventure. Friday, February 7, 7pm; Saturday, February 8, 7:30pm; Sunday, February 9, 6:30pm; Wednesday, February 12, 7pm; \$25-\$85. North County Mall, 272 E. Via Rancho Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

SeaWorld Lunar New Year

Celebrate as the sights, sounds and aromas of Asia come alive

during this local San Diego festival that's fit for the whole family, featuring local performers and culinary delights. Dig into the Asian-inspired offerings of Fried Rice, Chow Mein, Bao Buns, Beef Bulgogi, and more. Saturday, February 8, 10am; Sunday, February 9, 10am; \$87-\$89. SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

SeaWorld San Diego Mardi Gras

Enjoy a family-friendly take on a beloved New Orleans classic. Drawing inspiration from the vibrant tradition of carnival, this event series lightens the hearts of both adults and children with live music, colorful costumes, and Creole and Cajun dishes, including hearty jambalaya and beignets. Saturdays, 10am; through Sunday, March 2, \$77-\$96. SeaWorld, 500 Sea World Drive. (MISSION BEACH)

The Year of the Snake

Families, residents and visitors are welcome to experience a celebration featuring Cultural Lion and Dragon Dancers and complimentary culinary delights from P.F. Chang's. Friday, February 7, 6:30pm; **free**. Fashion Valley Mall, 7007 Friars Road. (MISSION VALLEY)

Vnnyl Release Party & Pop Up Shop

Vnnyl is doing solo pop up showcasing new collection of hand sewn garments, locally made in San Diego. Nerdhouse Hats to bring custom collaboration hats for sale. Saturday, February 8, 4pm; Duck Foot Brewing Leucadia, 978 N. Coast Hwy. 101. (ENCINITAS)

SPOKEN WORD

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SPORTS & FITNESS

Kook Run Kick off the morning with a 5K/10K fun run and costumed race along the Pacific Coast. Sunday, February 9, 7am; \$59-\$83. Encinitas Sign, 480 South Highway 101. (ENCINITAS)

Rise 7-week youth flag football program, designed for boys and girls ages 5-15. Powered by Under Armour Youth Flag Football Program - Chula Vista. Saturdays, 9am; through Saturday, February 22, \$175-\$195. Millenia Park, 1902 Millenia Avenue. (CHULA VISTA)

San Diego Gulls Home Game The San Diego Gulls will host 14 different Western Conference opponents at Pechanga Arena as part of their 2024-25 schedule. Friday, February 7, 7pm; Pechanga Arena San Diego, 3500 Sports Arena Boulevard. (MIDWAY DISTRICT)

San Diego Mojo vs. Vegas Thrill San Diego Mojo take on the Vegas Thrill at Viejas Arena. Friday, February 7, 7:05pm; Viejas Arena, 5500 Canyon Crest Drive. (COLLEGE AREA)

Super Bowl LIX Watch Party at Rooftop Cinema Club For \$20 (including popcorn) football fans can enjoy the Big Game on Rooftop Cinema Club's giant 24-foot LED screen atop the Grand Hyatt with the San Diego skyline as a backdrop. Sunday, February 9, 3:30pm; \$20. 18 and up. Manchester Grand Hyatt, One Market Place. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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.

Appropriate

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

The Half-Life Of Marie Curie

The Half-Life Of Marie Curie explores the remarkable bond between the two women as they navigate the complexities of fame, loss, and the pursuit of scientific discovery. In 1911, Marie Curie won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for her discovery of the elements radium and polonium. By 1912, she was the object of ruthless gossip over an alleged affair,

but erasing her achievements from public memory. Weakened and demoralized by the press, Marie agrees to join her friend and colleague Hertha Ayrton, an electromechanical engineer and suffragette, and recover from the scandal at Hertha's seaside retreat on the British coast. This one act, 70-minute play revels in the power of female friendship as it explores the relationship between these two brilliant women, both of whom are mothers, widows, and fearless champions of scientific inquiry. NEW VILLAGE ARTS THEATRE, 2787 B STATE ST., CARLSBAD. 760-433-3245. 7:30PM FRIDAYS, SATURDAYS, & SUNDAYS.

I Never Sang for My Father

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James Weldon Johnson: God's Trombones

James Weldon Johnson's *God's Trombones* consists of 7 sermons and a prayer. Directed by Jennie Hamilton, Musical Director, William (Pete) Johnson, Choreographer, P.S. Perkins. COMMUNITY ACTORS THEATRE, 2957 54TH ST., OAK PARK. 619-581-2634. 8PM FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 3PM SUNDAY.

Wicked

WICKED, the Broadway sensation, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin—smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked." SAN DIEGO CIVIC THEATRE, 1100 THIRD AVE., DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO. +16195701100. 1PM & 7:30PM THURSDAY, 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY, 1PM & 6:30PM SUNDAY, 7PM TUESDAY, FEB. 11 & WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12.

Will You Be My Nemesis?

It's hard to find your perfect match, someone you really connect with, someone who will dedicate their life to destroying you at all costs. Yes, sometimes it feels like you'll NEVER meet your nemesis. But Captain Battle and

Dr. Nightmare are willing to try out every hero and villain in town to find the enemy of their dreams. Of course, you're going to meet a few weirdos along the way... An ultra-flexible, quickfire comedy sure to capture your heart and lower it slowly into a volcano. By Kathryn Funkhouser Directed by Melissa Glasgow & Shana Wride STAGEHOUSE THEATRE, 8800 GROSSMONT COLLEGE DR., EL CAJON. 619-644-7234. 7:30PM FRIDAY, 2PM & 7:30PM SATURDAY.

MOVIES

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

The Priests 2: Dark Nuns

Ten years separate *The Priests* and *The Priests 2: Dark Nuns*, an in-name-only successor that, apart from the satanic heave-ho, a pair of holy-rolling role reversals, and an eleventh hour cameo by Gang Dong-won, barely qualifies as a sequel. Director Hyeok-jae Kwon's idea of establishing a character's insubordinate streak involves Sister Junia (Song Hye-kyo) taking a drag off a butt before slipping into her habit. Along with Sister Michaela (Jeon Yeo-been), the two nuns join forces to trick a demon trapped inside a young boy into revealing his identity. An unordained nun performing an exorcism on a child is hardly a unique concept - *Prey for the Devil* (2022) comes to mind. But the script deftly smuggles in scads of contemporary talking points, among them a pro-choice view that equates ignoring a possessed child with murder and men of science who scoff at the thought of demonic possession. An off-kilter sense of humor prevails: our eponymous duo cart around 5 gallon polyethylene jugs of holy water. When asked why she doesn't quit smoking, Sister Junia reassigns guilt with, "Secondhand smoke is worse." Once the casting out begins, claustrophobia sets in; the demons are free to leave the room, but not the audience. (2024) — S.M. ★★ (ANGELIKA CARMEL MOUNTAIN)

Wicked — They sure do grow their Munchkins large in this unofficial, at times painfully woke musical prequel to *The Wizard of Oz*, told from the point of view of the witches, Wicked Elphaba (Cynthia Erivo) and Good Glinda (Ariana Grande). The characters and situations are ingrained since birth, the messages — there's no place like home/everyone deserves a

chance to fly — simple and similar. Hence the mass appeal. Warner Bros. owns the rights to the MGM original, leaving Universal unable to reference the 1939 version lest the running time expand to include an epilogistic courtroom battle. The studio went so far as to engage an on-set copyright wizard to verify that nothing was accidentally "borrowed." (If anyone has cause to cry infringement, it's the designers behind Candy Crush Saga.) What kept me going was watching the mindful screenwriters tiptoe through the minefield of intellectual property while managing to smuggle in points of reference: a cowardly lion cub replaces Toto in the wicker basket of Miss Gulch's bicycle; bewitched flowers knock out a classroom quicker than the poppy field felled Dorothy and the boys, yesterday's Emerald City is today's Universal CityWalk. But the newfangled effects can't compare: blue monkeys — little people dressed as winged bellhops — are far more terrifying than a sky dotted with CG flying Caesars. Erivo proves there's nothing scarier than a smart, colored woman with super powers, while given her computer-generated appearance, Grande blends right in. Jon Chu doesn't so much direct as he gives the appearance of busyness. (2024) — S.M. ★★ (IN WIDE RELEASE)


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Punk in the saddle

Gainesville, Florida has The Fest. Birmingham, Alabama lays claim to Furnace Fest. Vegas holds down Punk Rock Bowling. Now, with the Punk Rock Rodeo, San Diego is getting its own larger-scale punk rock festival. Although it's still in the embryonic stage,

tions of punk. With the rodeo aspect, it makes it more of an event versus a regular show, and gives it a theme. People can dress up in cowboy hats if they want." The one-day festival will be held mostly on March 22 at five different venues on Newport Avenue in Ocean Beach.



Big Attitude will be kicking off the Rodeo pre-party show Friday, March 21.

hopes are that it will match the intensity of the aforementioned festivals and perform on a comparable level.

Zak Prescott is no stranger to organizing local music events; he was the man behind the curtain for the recent My Town festivals. After this past year's My Town, a vision for something more bubbled up, and he got right back to work, cooking up the upcoming Punk Rock Rodeo. And while My Town involves strictly local San Diego bands, the Rodeo will be open to groups from anywhere — though it's true that a lot of this year's lineup is California-based. "Financially, we couldn't fly people in," Prescott admits.

As his ambitions for the festival's growth get realized, he intends to get groups from UK and other parts of Europe to come. "I found myself wanting to include other bands outside of San Diego, but it didn't really fit well with the My Town theme. The Punk Rock Rodeo gives us the opportunity to have bands from all over the world play, and still have the same kind of energy of different genera-

"It works out that there's multiple venues on one street," says Prescott. "It's essentially a block party. The street isn't closed off, but it's a block party because all the clubs are involved." Host venues include The Holding Company, Winstons, The Harp, Humble Heart, and Hodad's. "We have the Hodad's parking lot as well. So we'll have an outdoor stage, a food truck, a mechanical bull, and a bunch of vendors set up. That will serve as the hub for the event." The outdoor Hodad's stage will be both free and all-ages. (Humble Heart will be the other site open to all ages.)

Boasting some 30 bands on the bill, the event will kick off at noon and bang away until midnight. Early shows will be at Winstons and The Holding Company. Set times will be organized so concertgoers can have tickets to multiple shows and bounce back and forth. "I went down there and walked from venue to venue timing how long everything took," says Prescott. "From The Holding Company to Winstons is

less than a minute. So, if one band finishes, you can walk a minute and be checking out the next band." (He does note that "there is some overlap. There has to be for it to work.") Later shows will be held at The Harp and Humble Heart before the night eventually concludes back at The Holding Company.

Notable groups in the lineup include Spray Allen and Change Today, with Joe Wood doing a set from his ten years with TSOL. "It's a good mix if you have a wide taste in music and want to

check out all the bands." But if you "just want to see a few, we've made it an option to have individual club tickets."

The involved venues are getting a unique chance to create something together. "All the venues are pretty stoked," Prescott says. "It's been a good opportunity

for them to connect with each other. Everyone's promoting each other's clubs and events through the Rodeo. It's a new idea, so I had to sell it to them. I helped them envision what I envisioned. Everyone's been super supportive. The response has been great."

The Punk Rock Rodeo's pre-party will get things underway on March 21 at The Holding Company. The bands helping to fire up the festival that night will be Chaser, Urethane, Jon Cougar Concentration Camp, TiltWheel, Beta7, Reckless Disregard, and the group Prescott fronts, Big Attitude. "It came together really smoothly," he says. "When you have something in your mind and see it coming together, it's fulfilling and exciting. I'm happy where we're at, and looking forward to the day of the event, being able to walk around with a hoodie on, nobody knowing who I am, just enjoying the shows."

— Jake Peterson

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:

Saturday, 6pm — Santana Soul. \$5.

Bahia Resort Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Ben Benavente.

Balboa Theatre:

Thursday, 7:30pm — KODO One Earth Tour: Warabe. \$38-\$105.

Barefoot Bar and Grill:

Saturday, 6pm — Kai Kalama.

Bellamy's Restaurant:

Saturday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.

Belly Up Tavern:

Thursday, 7:30pm — moe. and Circle of Giants. \$51-\$89.

Friday, 7:30pm — Eric Hutchinson. \$25-\$44.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Prince Again.

Monday, 7:30pm — Paula Fuga. \$38.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra. \$35-\$62.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Sam Grisman Project. \$25-\$44.

Brick by Brick:

Friday, 7:30pm — Dopethrone and CHRCH. \$20.

Saturday, 8pm — Theosis and Fraxures. \$21.

Wednesday, 8pm — Pentagram and Early Moods. \$34-\$39.

Cannonball:

Thursday, 4pm — David Shyde.

Casbah:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Maro and Nasaya. \$25.

Friday, 7:30pm — The Meteors. \$20.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Dream Burglar and Death Boys. \$10.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Blair Gung.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Wild Pink. \$20.

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Cordova Bar:

Thursday, 7pm — Bay Park Funktion Jam Session. Free.

Tuesday, 8pm — Karaoke: Duets. Free.

Duck Foot Brewing Company:

Thursday, 6pm — The Travel Agents.

Monday, 6:30pm — Monday Bluegrass.

Tuesday, 7pm — Jazz Night.

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Fairmont Grand Del Mar:

Friday, 8pm — Jarred Matthew.

Saturday & Sunday, 12pm — Adam J. Eros.

Farmer & the Seahorse:

Saturday, 11am — Matt Heinecke.

Sunday, 11am — The Heart.

Fast Times:

Friday, 7pm — West of 5. Free.

Saturday, 7pm — Totally 80s.

Sunday, 7pm — Totally 80s.

Holding Company:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Savage Touch.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Sad Band: Tribute To Paramore.

House of Blues:

Thursday, 7:30pm — Jordana and Rachel Bobbitt.

Friday, 7:30pm — Alt Bloom.

Friday, 7:30pm — Inspector and La Resistencia.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Alison's Halo.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — MISSIO.

Humphreys Backstage Music Club:

Friday, 8pm — Fleetwood Max.

Saturday, 7pm — Marquise Knox & the Lafayette Blues Band.

Wednesday, 6pm — Street Heart.

Jazz Lounge:

Friday, 6pm — Aimee Nolte & Leonard Patton.

Friday, 2pm — First Friday Matinee: Jazz Crooners.

Saturday, 6pm — Mercedes Moore.

Wednesday, 6pm — Tom Crane Sings Valentine's Music For Lovers.

Junkyard Sports Bar:

Friday, 6pm — All Strung Out.

Tuesday, 5pm — Fercho.

L'Auberge Del Mar:

Thursday, 5pm — Freddie Walton.

Friday, 7pm — Helena Holleran.

Saturday, 7pm — David Shyde.

Sunday, 11am — Matt Heinecke.

Monday, 5pm — Shea Givens.

Wednesday, 5pm — Jason Graham.

La Valencia Hotel:

Thursday, 5:30pm — Perry O'Neal.

Friday, 6pm — Keni Yarbro.

Saturday, 6pm — Kevin James O'Brien.

Saturday, 11am — Tyler F. Simmons.

La Valle Coastal Club & Resort:

Friday, 5pm — David Rosales.

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Wednesday, 5:30pm — David Shyde.

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Saturday, 7pm — Journey USA.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Judy Collins & Friends.

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JOHN KATCHUR at Vision A Center For Spiritual Living

FEB 6



John Katchur returns to the stage after a 15-year hiatus. He was part of the local songwriter scene in the early 1990s, winning a San Diego Music Award for Best Acoustic Artist and collaborating with fellow blue-chip locals Jewel, Berkley Hart, Steve Poltz, Gregory Page, Lisa Sanders, and Dave Howard. The bill includes Joe Rathburn, who has been nominated for several San Diego Music Awards.

AIMEE NOLTE & LEONARD PATTON at the Jazz Lounge

FEB 7



Singer Leonard Patton and his frequent musical collaborator, pianist Aimee Nolte, and will team up at Patton's La Mesa jazz club. Originally from Weaverville, CA. Nolte started playing piano and singing at age five and began playing professionally at fourteen. Patton studied at the prestigious Berklee School of Music in Boston, going on to work with notable artists as Bill Cunliffe, Duncan Moore, Mitch Manker, and others. Dinner starts at 6:15 pm, with the concert kicking off at 7.

DREAM BURGLAR at the Casbah

FEB 8



"We play postwave, post punk, post garage, post low-fi, post whine, post fuzz, post noise, [and] post apathy," according to Dream Burglar. Founded in 2016, the band features Justin Cota, a multi-instrumentalist from Forever is Forgotten, Gloomspan, Bosswitch, and Deep Sea Thunder Beast. The bill includes Escondido gutter rockers Deathboys, as well Nebula Drag and Los Pinche Pinches.

THEOSIS at Brick By Brick

FEB 8



Theosis is a heavy metal band combining speed, melodic, and thrash metal with powerful vocals, hard-hitting double bass, and harmonized guitar riffs. For their first date of the year, "We do have new material we've been working on," says a member of the band, "and lemme tell, you it's fast, melodic, aggressive and shreddy!" The all-metal lineup also features Fraxures, Defy The Tyrants, Feed the Vulture, and Blackcast.

THE FOOKS at Winstons Beach Club

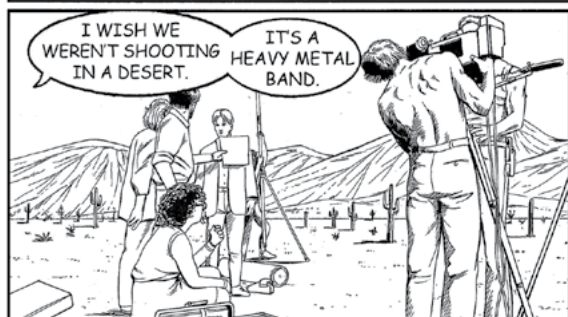
FEB 9



The Fooks are known for playing punk-tinged Celtic and Irish rock and roll. Since forming in 2007 in the town nicknamed America's Finest City, the band has proudly and loudly been producing America's Finest Irish Noise. The Ocean Beach show runs from 2pm until 7pm, and also appearing will be southern-fried punk band The Screamin Yeehaws and Eddie "Reckless" Nichols, King Of Gangster Bop.

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THE GONZO REPORT

Kids in the pit, Harleys in the lot

P.O.D. puts on an impromptu show for San Diego

It happened, and then it didn't: the social media platform TikTok was banned in the U.S., then it was restored. When I opened the app the morning of the ban, the message put forth was clear: the video-creating factory was closed. For now. But the app stated the new administration coming in could reverse the ban. Then the lights were quickly turned back on. Questions remained. Was it a good thing to block? Is it a Chinese vehicle for espionage? Does it melt our brains into a stew of meager attention spans? I'd answer "probably" to a couple of those. But censorship is rarely a cool thing.

The impending ban didn't stop my friend Bloodgood from posting footage of the P.O.D., Dogwood, and No Innocent Victim benefit concert a week before the big bad day. He noted that the shittiest part of losing the platform would be losing connections with the people

who shared stories about whatever band he had just posted. I wondered if it would be one of the last shows he posted on his channel. It seemed...significant.

The idea for an impromptu show held in a Harley-Davidson parking lot came about from a recent episode of the Emo Brown Podcast. The episode featured P.O.D. band members Traa Daniels, Marcos Curiel, and Sonny Sandoval, and during the conversation, Sandoval said he wanted to do something for the hometown San Diego community. This was before they set out on a world tour with Godsmack and Drowning Pool.

To get into the event, fans were asked to donate to Sandoval's charity, Youth of the Nation Foundation. Twenty bucks was what was asked, but you could throw more, less, or nothing and still get access. I secured a spot in line around noon, the time the gates were supposed to open. But it wasn't until about 1:30 pm that the line began to slowly creep. Eventually, some guy in a white vacation-y shirt came out and grabbed the line's attention. "Look," he said, "the bands want to get started, so we're going to open the gates and let everyone in. If you want to donate later, just go back to the booth." The show turned into a free-for-all on



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POD's Sandoval: "Just make it look cool and watch out for the little ones."

account of daylight availability.

Before the bands started their sets, a camera crew moseyed around asking fans what their favorite P.O.D. memory was. The footage, it was said, would be used on an upcoming documentary. "I brought my wife to a P.O.D. show in 2004 for our first date," said one dude with an arm draped around his teenage son. It seemed TikTok wasn't the only place people could share their band stories, after all. Just maybe the easiest to access by the general public.

At the family-friendly event, I watched toddlers no older than three running around in little mosh pits. I'd never seen anything like it before. The youth of the local community had all gone insane. Nobody's ankles were safe from

the bites of children in this barricaded parking lot lined with food trucks, classic cars, beer tents, and grunting Harleys. The scene had the feel of a mini music festival fused with the twisted, conjoined heads of Sturgis and Disneyland.

As P.O.D. took stage, a motorcycle began whipping shitties, aka doing donuts. Then it sped away, obscuring part of the crowd with plumes of white smoke. I turned to a friend. "I'm not going to lie," I said, "that was pretty rad." While we were still choking on the smoke and fumes, the opening bass lines for "Southtown" thumped forth. Gripping a neon orange mic, Sonny Sandoval shouted out the hits, wedging in a few newer songs from the 2024 album *Veritas*. To protect the kid pits, Sandoval told the crowd not to get too crazy. "Just make it look cool and watch out for the little ones."

Earlier in the day, rumors had swirled that P.O.D. would be putting on a similar charity concert in the Harley Davidson's parking lot annually. Following the hour-long set, the hometown rockers confirmed it. They'd see us again next year. On my way out, I made a quick stop at the foundation booth to drop off the twenty dollars I'd planned to donate earlier. The sun still had some glow left in it. Just down the road from the Harley parking lot, Latchkey Brewery beckoned to us. The moment I walked in, I started chatting with a Canadian dude. "Oh fuckin' great show, eh?" he stated, or asked.

"It'll probably be even better next year," I answered back, "when they've had more than a few weeks to plan it." ■

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Thursday, 7pm — ArtPower: Alfredo Rodriguez. Free.

Mission Bay Resort:
Thursday, 5pm — Keni Yarbro.
Friday, 5pm — Jesse Johnson.
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Saturday, 5pm — Mike Myrdal.
Sunday, 11am — Kinnie Dye.

Mission Trails Regional Park:
Sunday, 1pm — Native American Flute Circle. Free.

Music Box:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Bob Marley B-Day Celebration. \$20-\$22.
Friday, 7:30pm — Ozomatli. \$37-\$40.
Saturday, 7:30pm — Nick Shoulders & The Okay Crawdad. \$25-\$28.
Monday, 7:30pm — Tuxedo and Gavin Turek. \$27-\$32.
Tuesday, 7:30pm — Veronica Swift. \$35-\$38.

Nate's Garden Grill:
Saturday, 6pm — Pat Shanley Band. Free.

Nova SD:
Friday, 7:30pm — Black Tiger Sex Machine.
Saturday, 8pm — Bassjackers.

Observatory North Park:
Friday & Saturday, 7:30pm — Unwritten Law.

Old Town Blues Club:
Thursday, 7pm — Stevi Nicks Illusion.
Wednesday, 7pm — Stonesoul Motown Tribute.

Orfila Vineyard Escondido:
Friday, 12pm — OttoPilot.
Saturday, 3:30pm — Perry O'Neal.

Pal Joey's:
Sunday, 9pm — Karaoke With DJ Harvest.

Pala Casino Spa Resort:
Friday, 8pm — Yesterday: Tribute to the Beatles.

Pechanga Resort & Casino:
Saturday, 2pm & 7pm — Live Show Don Ho.

Shake Bar & Lounge:
Tuesday, 6pm — Christian Taylor.
Wednesday, 6pm — Shea Givens.

Soda Bar:
Thursday, 7:30pm — Manwolves. \$21.
Friday, 7:30pm — Death Cab For Karaoke. \$19.

Saturday, 7:30pm — Tijuana Panthers and Permissive Rot. \$26.
Monday, 7pm — Cosmic Kitten and Kit Major. \$12.
Wednesday, 7:30pm — The Dead Tongues. \$19.

Soma:
Saturday, 6:30pm — Sunshower EP Release.

St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church:
Sunday, 7:30pm — Aya Hamada: Bach et la France. \$30.

TERI Campus Of Life:
Friday, 7:30pm — Gunhild Carling.

Saturday, 8pm — Concerts. Cafe: Myron McKinley Trio. \$35-\$65.

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Friday, 8pm — The Discussion and Scary Pierre.
Saturday, 8pm — Blair Gun, The Haunts, The Oxen.

Sunday, 7pm — The Boss Martians and Dead Bars. Monday, 6pm — Open Vinyl DJ Night.

Tio Leo's:
Thursday, 7pm — Gin 'N' Jukes.
Friday, 7pm — 3 Car Garage.
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Friday, 8pm — Human Toys and Wicked Echoes.

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Saturday, 2pm — Mita Gami & Chaim.

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Thursday, 9pm — Burnt and Synrgy. \$10.
Saturday, 8pm — Shwayze.
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UPCOMING SHOWS

Aquarius Bar & Grille:
February 28 — Santana Soul

Bahia Resort Hotel:
February 13 — David Shyde
February 27 — Jason Graham

Baker-Baum Concert Hall:
February 15 — Carnival of the Animals and Tangata
February 20 — Hagen Quartet
February 26 — Dreamers' Circus
February 28 — Yunchan Lim

Balboa Theatre:
February 16 — Edith Márquez
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February 15 — Oliver Heldens

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February 13 — DENM and Tunnel Vision
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February 16 — Michael Shannon & Jason Narducy And Friends
February 17 — Ole 60
February 18 — Cy Curnin
February 19 — Shane Hall and Taviana
February 20 — Circles Around The Sun
February 21 — Pine Mountain

Logos
February 22 — Dead Man's Party
February 23 — Eggy
February 25 — Vonda Shepard
February 27 — Mason Jennings
February 28 — Melvin Seals & JGB

Bethlehem Lutheran Church:
February 14 — Peter Puppington Quartet Valentine's Concert

Booze Brothers Brewing Company:
February 22 — Chest Fever: Music Of The Band

Bread & Salt:
February 14 — Preston Swirloff: SILO Chords

Brick by Brick:
February 14 — Septicflesh and Ex Deo
February 15 — Aborted and Ingested
February 16 — Venom Inc. and Salem's Child
February 18 — Driveways with Special Guests
February 22 — Koffin Kats and The Drowns
February 28 — Black Sabbitch

CSU San Marcos:
February 15 — Songs of the Wayfarer

California Center for the Arts, Escondido:
February 25 — Al Stewart & the Empty Pockets and Colin

Blunstone
February 28 — Vanessa Collier
and Henri Herbert

Cannonball:
February 13 — Ben Benavente
February 20 — Freddie Walton
February 27 — Andrew Peña

The Casbah:
February 13 — Laser Disco
Drum Orgy
February 14 — Video Age and
Why Bonnie
February 15 — Adolescents and
Damage
February 17 — Rickety Cliffs and
Icefield
February 18 — Blair Gun
February 19 — Jeremie Albino
and Benjamin Dakota Rogers
February 20 — Jon Spencer
February 21 — Emo Nite
February 22 — Grieves and
Horrorshow
February 23 — Orions Belte
February 24 — Touch Faded,
Evan Diamond, Pip Lewis
February 25 — Abi Carter
February 26 — Morskio Oko and
Wookalars
February 28 — The Spits and
Generacion Suicida

Central Library:
February 21 — Art of Elan:
Midday Music
February 24 — Swing Dance
Under the Dome

**Conrad Prebys Music Center
at UCSD:**
February 14 — Harlem Quartet
February 28 — Brentano String
Quartet

**Dizzy's/Musicians Union
Hall:**
February 15 — Remembering Joe
Henderson

February 22 — 16th Annual
Brasil Jazz Festa

**Duck Foot Brewing
Company:**
February 14 — Emo Night
Valentines Edition
February 23 — Bluegrass Sunday

**Duck Foot Brewing
Leucadia:**
February 17 — Bluegrass
Monday

Duke's La Jolla:
February 21 — Adam Bergoch
February 23 — Kai Kalama

Encinitas Library:
February 21 — San Diego Music
Society: Music By The Sea

**Estancia La Jolla Hotel and
Spa:**

February 13 — Kristi Krause
February 15 — Jonny Tarr
February 16 — Jolene Cruz
February 21 — Marelle
February 23 — Jarred Matthew
February 26 — Rachel Jay
February 27 — Freddie Walton
February 28 — Jesse Johnson

Fairmont Grand Del Mar:
February 14 — The Heart
February 15 — Geoff Nigl
February 15 — OttoPilot
February 16 — Ed Kornhauser
February 21 — David Shyde
February 22 — Geoff Nigl
February 23 — Ed Kornhauser
February 28 — David Shyde

Farmer & the Seahorse:
February 15 — Sean McCole
February 16 — Freddie Walton
February 22 — Sean McCole
February 23 — David Shyde

Fast Times:
February 14 — The Remnants

February 15 — DayTripper
February 21 — EquinoxRocks
February 22 — Satisfiers
February 23 — Manzanita Blues
February 28 — Surf Birdz

Frontwave Arena:
February 15 — Ramón Ayala

**The Handlery Hotel and
Resort:**
February 15 — Tortured Hearts
Ball: A Dark Masquerade

**Harrah's Resort Southern
California:**

February 15 — David Gray and
Sierra Spirit
February 16 — Air Supply

The Holding Company:
February 15 — Paging The 90s

House of Blues:
February 13 — Night Cap
February 14 — Cooper Alan
February 18 — Mackenzy
Mackay and Savanna Leigh
February 20 — Mannywellz
February 20 — Cavalera
Conspiracy, Necrot, Dead Heat
February 21 — Fulton Lee
February 22 — Winona Fighter
and StrateJacket
February 25 — SahBabii
February 25 — The Vices
February 26 — Weathers
February 27 — Tommy Richman
February 27 — Abby Holliday
February 28 — Shane Smith &
The Saints and Jaime Wyatt

**Humphreys Backstage Music
Club:**
February 13 — Rebecca Jade
February 14 — Sue Palmer & the
Motel Swing Orchestra
February 15 — Summer Breeze
February 19 — Rewind Band
February 20 — Saffron Band
February 21 — Viva Santana

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SUN. FEB. 16

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 February 21 — Art of Elan: A Collective Breath

Incarnation Lutheran Church:
 February 14 — Cabrillo Chamber Orchestra: A Scandinavian Voyage

JAI at the Conrad:
 February 15 — Harold López-Nussa

Jacobs Music Center:
 February 14 — What the World Needs Now
 February 15-16 — Jacobs Masterworks: Tchaikovsky, Thomas, Rachmaninoff
 February 21 — London Symphony Orchestra with Yunchan Lim
 February 28 — Jacobs Masterworks: Sibelius & Beethoven

The Jazz Lounge:
 February 13-14 — Tribute to Ella & Louis
 February 15 — Paul Combs: Tribute to Tad Dameron
 February 21-22 — Tribute to Ella & Louis
 February 26 — Aimee Nolte & Leonard Patton
 February 28 — Nightcap: Doug Walker's Late Night Jazz

Julian Town Hall:
 February 28 — Bluegrass Nights

Junkyard Sports Bar:
 February 18, February 25 —

Fercho
 February 28 — Olivia Rohde

The Kensington Club:
 February 13 — Man Overboard and Alive & Well
 February 20 — The Vinyl Shop

Kimball Coastal Eatery:
 February 14 — Santana Soul

L'Auberge Del Mar:
 February 13 — Marelle
 February 15 — Jesse Johnson
 February 17 — Danielle Angeloni
 February 18 — Ben Benavente
 February 19 — Shea Givens
 February 20 — Marelle
 February 21 — Jarred Matthew
 February 22 — Helena Holleran
 February 24 — Brian Pierini
 February 27 — David Shyde
 February 28 — Shea Givens

La Jolla Community Center:
 February 21 — The Art of the Ney: Contemporary Sounds of Iran

La Valencia Hotel:
 February 13 — Shea Givens
 February 14 — Keni Yarbro
 February 15 — Kevin James O'Brien

February 20 — David Shyde
 February 21 — Keni Yarbro
 February 22 — Kevin James O'Brien
 February 23 — Freddie Walton
 February 28 — Keni Yarbro

La Valle Coastal Club & Resort:
 February 14 — David Shyde

Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows:
 February 15 — SadGirl and Sleepy Pearls
 February 20 — Ty Segall Solo

Acoustic
 February 28 — Fantastic Negrito

The Landings at Carlsbad:
 February 28 — Pretending Chrissie

Lucrezia:
 February 19 — Jesse Johnson
 February 20 — Keni Yarbro

The Magnolia Performing Arts Center:
 February 18 — Theory of a Deadman
 February 19 — Amy Grant
 February 22 — The Rush Tribute Project
 February 27 — Cat Power Sings Dylan

Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD:
 February 18 — Caroline Shaw & So Percussion With Ringdown

Mission Bay Resort:
 February 13 — Keni Yarbro
 February 14 — Helena Holleran
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 February 21 — Kai Kalama
 February 22 — Jason Graham
 February 22 — David Shyde
 February 23 — DevvLov
 February 27 — Keni Yarbro
 February 28 — Marelle

Mission Trails Church:
 February 16 — Jeff Berkley

Moonshine Beach:
 February 16 — Cassie B: Dream Like Taylor

Moonshine Flats:
 February 28 — American Mile

Music Box:
 February 14 — Queen Nation
 February 15 — Cursive and Pile

February 16 — Steve Poltz
 February 19 — Mount Eerie and Ragana
 February 20 — Ballyhoo.
 Seranation, The Harbor Boys
 February 21 — Artikal Sound System and Sitting On Stacy
 February 22 — Max Styler
 February 23 — Tiffany Day
 February 27 — Lioneer and Bug-Stomp
 February 28 — Badfish, Kyle Smith, Fayuca

Music Company:
 February 13 — Women's Nights Jam Sessions
 February 20 — Thursday Night Jam Sessions
 February 27 — Women's Nights Jam Sessions

Normal Heights United Methodist Church:
 February 13 — Songwriter Sanctuary

North Bar Sports and Spirits:
 February 22 — The Writhers

Nova SD:
 February 15 — Showtek
 February 21 — Excision
 February 24 — Time Machine Valentine's Throwback Party

Novo Brazil Brewing:
 February 13 — Mariachi con Amor

Observatory North Park:
 February 14 — Warren G
 February 15 — Gavin Adcock
 February 21 — bbno\$
 February 26 — Two Friends
 February 27 — Last Dinosaurs

Old Town Blues Club:
 February 13 — Head Games: Foreigner Tribute
 February 19 — So Petty: Tom Petty Tribute
 February 20 — Jeff Ellis: Frampton Comes Alive
 February 26 — Soul To Soul SRV Tribute
 February 27 — We Belong: Pat Benatar Tribute

Old Town Temecula Community Theater:

February 13 — It's Britney Beep
 February 14 — Blank Space: Taylor Swift Tribute,
 February 15 — No Duh
 February 16 — The Winehouse Experience

Orfila Vineyard Escondido:
 February 15 — Fercho
 February 21 — Shea Givens
 February 22 — Perry O'Neal
 February 28 — Kristi Krause

Pal Joey's:
 February 14 — West of 5
 February 16 — Karaoke With DJ Harvest

Pala Casino Spa Resort:
 February 16 — Luis Angel: El Flaco
 February 21 — Evil Woman: The American ELO

Panama 66:
 February 13 — Uptown Rhythm Makers
 February 27 — Uptown Rhythm Makers

Pechanga Arena San Diego:
 February 14 — Super Love Jam

Pechanga Resort & Casino:
 February 13 — Hotel California: A Salute to the Eagles

Poway Center for the Performing Arts:
 February 23 — The Blind Boys of Alabama & Shemekia Copeland

The Quartyard:
 February 18 — BALTHVS
 February 22 — Doc Martin
 February 28 — Kini Kini

Ramona Mainstage Nightclub:
 February 15 — Chris Cain

Rancho Bernardo Library:
 February 22 — Bella Voce A Cappella Singers Concert

San Diego Oasis at Rancho Bernardo:
 February 23 — Noel Paul Stookey

Scripps Miramar Ranch Library:
 February 16 — Allison Adams Tucker Trio

Senses Human Bistro:
 February 18 — Dennis Gittens Quartet

Shake Bar & Lounge:
 February 18 — Rachel Jay
 February 19 — Jolene Cruz
 February 26 — Helena Holleran

Soda Bar:
 February 13 — Lomelda & Tomberlin
 February 14 — Faux Real
 February 16 — Forty Feet Tall and Crasher
 February 17 — Los Tranquilos and La Boogie Buena
 February 18 — The Slaps
 February 19 — Grizfolk
 February 20 — Sam Outlaw and

Hannah Aldridge
 February 21 — Chat Pile, Gouge Away, Nightsphere
 February 22 — Kool Keith & MC Homeless
 February 23 — North by North and Coral Bells
 February 25 — Animals in the Attic and Kimmi Bitter
 February 26 — Palomino Blond and High
 February 27 — Bob Log III and Jesika Von Rabbit
 February 28 — Peach Cooler and One Trip

Soma:
 February 14 — DWLLRS
 February 15 — Peachy San Diego
 February 19 — Almost Monday
 February 20 — Modern Color
 February 22 — Coin
 February 25 — Skeggs
 February 28 — The Amity Affliction

The Sound:
 February 14 — Fortunate Youth and Through The Roots
 February 18 — Hippo Campus

St. David's Episcopal Church:
 February 15 — Bella Voce A Cappella Singers Concert

Steele 94:
 February 28 — Santana Soul

Sycuan Casino Resort:
 February 14 — Australian Bee Gees

TERI Campus Of Life:
 February 15 — Mutts of the Planet: Tribute to Joni Mitchell
 February 22 — Pretending Chrissie: Pretenders Tribute

Til-Two Club:
 February 14 — Taking Liberties
 February 14 — The Red Charade
 February 16 — David Dale Francis
 February 20 — Slappin' Hands
 February 21 — DildoX and Frozen
 February 22 — Gravebeat
 February 23 — Taryn Donath Trio
 February 27 — City Soul Collective

Tio Leo's:
 February 13 — Chickenbone Slim
 February 14 — Siers Brothers
 February 15 — Los Fabulocos and the Sleepwalkers
 February 18 — Spring Harp Fest
 February 19 — Honey Bees
 February 20 — Gino & the Lone Gunmen
 February 21 — The Mar Dels
 February 22 — Betamaxx
 February 25 — Soul Persuaders
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Digging into the famous and familiar

There is, of course, an unfathomable amount of classical music that is available to us. But here are a few pieces that everyone needs to know. Many of them are partly known by many people, but getting to know them in their full glory is much more satisfying.

The first might be the most famous tune ever written: everyone knows this one as "Pomp and Circumstance." However, it is only the first of six pomp and circumstance marches written by Edward Elgar. The tradition of using this piece for academic commencements started at Yale University in 1905, when Elgar was awarded an honorary doctorate by the university.

If you like "Pomp and Circumstance," then you will probably like "Jupiter" from *The Planets* by Gustav Holst. Holst was deep into what today we would call spiritual-

ism. In *The Planets*, Holst depicts the metaphysical aspects of the solar system, as opposed to the astronomical. "Jupiter" has the same form as "Pomp and Circumstance." There is an opening section of robust music followed by a stately procession. Then the opening returns, followed by a massive statement of the procession music, which finishes the piece.

The next piece is also a contender for the most famous tune of all time. Known as "The Ode to Joy," the conclusion of Ludwig Beethoven's *Symphony No. 9* has taken on a life of its own, separate from the work. The text, written by Friedrich Schiller, encapsulates the finest ideals of the European Enlightenment, such as the interrelatedness of all humanity.

The third most famous piece of music of all time is Pyotr Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*. The piece

was written for the dedication of The Cathedral of Christ the Savior in Moscow in 1882. The music first depicts the Battle of Borodino, which the Russians lost. It then goes on to depict Napoleon's dwindling army as it is devoured by the Russian winter and the pursuing Russian Army.

Giuseppe Verdi wrote his *Requiem* to honor the great Italian writer Alessandro Manzoni. While it is technically sacred music, this requiem is quite operatic in tone and vocal requirements. The "Dies Irae" section depicts the day of wrath and judgment that is to come. The world will be broken into ashes. Listen to this piece before that happens.

Mozart's *Piano Concerto No. 20* is a perfect representation of the elegance depicted in Viennese classicism. The second movement is particularly beautiful as the piano and



Take a little time to get to know the classics of classical.

orchestra discuss Voltaire or perhaps the latest wig styles.

Finally, "The Flower Duet" from *Lakmé* by Leo Delibes depicts Lakmé, the daughter of a Brahmin priest,

and her servant, gathering flowers at the river. The story of the opera is one of forbidden love, that which Lakmé bears for a young British soldier.

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February 28 — Groove Mercenaries

The Tower Bar:

February 15 — Cream Pie
February 22 — PunchCard
February 23 — Stacy Crowne and Black Sheriff

UCSD Price Center:

February 25 — Cesária Évora Orchestra

Union Kitchen & Tap:

February 14 — Andrew Peña

Viejas Arena:

February 21 — Banda MS de Sergio Lizarraga

Villa Montezuma Museum:

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Waterbar:

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February 20 — Ben Benavente

Whistle Stop Bar:

February 15 — 80s VS 90s VS

Y2K

February 19 — Idaho
February 21 — Fking in the Bushes
February 22 — Booty Bassment

Wicked West:

February 15 — DJ Rabiq
February 22 — GoldFish

Winstons Beach Club:

February 22 — Easy Wind

Wong's Dragon Room:

February 22 — 8 East Band

WorldBeat Cultural Center:

February 21-22 — Tribute to the Reggae Legends

Classical Music this week

Aya Hamada: Bach et la

France The San Diego Early Music Society is thrilled to welcome harpsichordist Aya Hamada. In her San Diego debut, she will perform the program *Bach et la France*, showcasing how the stylistic influence of French composers such as d'Anglebert, Francois Couperin, and Louis Marchand impacted the music of J.S. Bach. Sunday, February 9, 7:30pm; \$30. St. Paul's Cathedral & Episcopal Church, 2728 Sixth Avenue.

Coterie Winter Chamber

Heat The Greater San Diego Music Coterie presents the 16th Annual Winter Chamber Heat Participants Concert on Sunday, February 9 at 3pm. at St Bart's Episcopal Church in Poway. Suggested \$20 donation at the door. Donation by check, Venmo or Zelle may be marked tax deductible. Sunday, February 9, 3pm; free. St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, 16275 Pomerado Road.

Jacobs Masterworks:

Strauss, Walton, Brahms Rafael Payare, Conductor. Chi-Yuan Chen, Viola. STRAUSS *Death and Transfiguration*. WALTON *Viola Concerto*. BRAHMS. *Symphony No. 2* in

D Major. Saturday, February 8, 7:30pm; Sunday, February 9, 2pm; Jacobs Music Center, 570 B Street.

Philip Levy & Tae Yeon

Lim Hailed by the San Francisco Chronicle as the top classical performer of 1995, violinist Phillip Levy has received worldwide critical acclaim at festivals around the globe. Tae Yeon Lim is known for her powerful performance style, combining energetic delivery with an intelligent touch. Together they will be performing famous classical violin and piano compositions. Thursday, February 6, 7pm; \$20-\$30. Casa Romantica Cultural Center and Gardens, 415 Avenida Granada.

Rising Young Stars

Rising Young Stars are the performers on the Discovery Concert Series. Riddhi and Siddhi Bhavsar, 14 year old twins will demonstrate Hindustani Classical Singing. Tristan Zion, cello, will perform the *Allegro Appassionato* from Op. 43 by Camillie Saint-Saens. Rachael Lee, flute, will perform the *Minuet* from *L'Arlesienne*, Suite No. 2 by Georges Bizet. And Riley Danielson, violin, will perform five movements of the *Romanian Folk Dances*

by Bela Bartok. Saturday, February 8, 3pm; free. Rancho Bernardo Library, 17110 Bernardo Center Drive.

SACRA/PROFANA: Mirrors

Art has the unique ability to reflect culture and offer us a mirror through which we can see ourselves in new and revealing ways. This program will feature selections chosen by choir members that resonate with their personal identities or cultural backgrounds. Additionally, it will highlight the talents of several conductors from within San Diego's premiere professional choir. Saturday, February 8, 7pm; \$15-\$40. San Dieguito United Methodist Church, 170 Calle Magdalena.

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Sashimi and aguachile meet at Tsunami

Tsunami Modern Cuisine; 205 Town Center Pkwy, Santee: Smoke fills the small plastic dome before me, obscuring my guacamole and the glistening chunks of raw salmon that rest atop it.

It's a tasty little bit of theatrics adorning the salmon guac (\$18) at Tsunami Modern Cuisine. When the dome is lifted and the smoke clears, there's my ring-pressed serving of sashimi and guacamole, dressed with pickled red onions, micro cilantro, and *tajin*, sitting in a pool of green salsa. The subtly smoky appetizer may be scooped up with either crispy corn tortillas or the saltine crackers provided.

The chef making it, Enrique Ibarra, explains to me that he's taken on a couple of very distinct roles in the restaurant business: making sushi at spots including Harney Sushi, and operating a couple of taco shops. Ibarra figured if he was going to open his own sushi spot as a Mexican-American sushi chef, he might

as well own it. Other appetizers include jumbo shrimp flautas (\$12) and mini tostadas (\$17), featuring ingredients such as Oaxaca cheese and macha salsa.

But make no mistake—this is primarily a sushi restaurant. You can limit your appetizers to edamame and veggie tempura, and dip right into the familiar litany of maki rolls: rainbow, dragon, caterpillar, California, and etc. If you want to take it further (to the special rolls menu), you'll find Ibarra's more elaborate signature seafood combinations, the most popular being the OMG Roll (\$20), with shrimp tempura, snow crab, salmon, and jalapeño.

And if you want to get really wild, he offers a couple of sushi options that leave out the fish altogether, including El Vegan Roll (\$17), each bite a veritable salad, packing in tempura sweet potato, asparagus, cucumber, cherry tomato, avocado, tofu, green onion, jalapeño, and a sliver of lemon. All this should make Tsunami welcome news for both sushi and plant eaters in Santee, where it can be found in the same complex as Costco and Home Depot.

But not to be left out are fans of *mariscos*. It gets



A vegan sushi roll, loaded with eight fruits and vegetables plus tofu.

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A loungy sushi venue in Santee.

hard to tell if these are sushi-inspired *mariscos* or *mariscos*-inspired sushi, but you will find plenty to munch with your crispy tortillas, whether black, green, or mango *aguachiles* with raw or ceviche shrimp (\$16 or \$30 trio); yellowtail, albacore, or blue fin tuna *crudos* (\$22); or hokkaido scallop in a *leche de tigre* (\$23).

That *leche de tigre*, spiced with the Peruvian rocoto pepper, returns as a delicious base for another new-to-me sushi formulation: sushi toast (\$15). The "toasts" consist of pats of sushi rice fried to a crusty crisp, then topped with avocado and a choice of sashimi (I went with albacore). It's avocado toast made into a crunchy *nigiri*, and the delicious Peruvian heat puts it over the top.

Tsunami has a loungy dining room with a small bar serving beer, wine, and sake, as well as patio seating, and occasional live music. As you walk in, an animated neon sign reads, "Let the Magic Happen," and I think there probably does need to be some magic to make all of this work. And with or without the smoke and lights, I think it does.

-Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Dinner Detective Comedy Mystery Dinner Show Actors are not dressed in costume and are hidden in the audience. This results in a fun, social and interactive evening suitable for all adults. Saturday, February 8, 6pm; 21 and up. Courtyard San Diego Downtown, 530 Broadway. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Sushi toast: crispy pats of rice topped with smashed avocado, sashimi, spicy garlic mayo, and ponzu, served in a pool of Peruvian Leche de Tigre.

4pm; **free**. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, Hillcrest, 298 West Arbor Street. (HILLCREST)

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Registrant Name /s/
Mitchell David Zinn MFT
1/30/25, 2/06/25,
2/13/25, 2/20/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9000295

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks
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01/07/2025

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Impact Sports Chiropractic & Wellness

Located at: **4161 Oceanside Blvd. Ste. 101 #36, Oceanside, CA 92056, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 4161 Oceanside Blvd. Ste. 101 #36, Oceanside, CA 92056

Registered Owners Name(s):
Jaymee De Lima Damaso

This business is conducted by:
An Individual. The first day of business was 01/07/2025.

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/
Jaymee De Lima Damaso
1/16/25, 1/23/25,
1/30/25, 2/06/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2024-9024586

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks
Recorder/County Clerk County
of San Diego:
12/16/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Moto Walrus

Located at: **7979 Aero Drive, Suite 1130, San Diego, CA 92111, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1733 Diamond St, San Diego, CA 92109

Registered Owners Name(s):
Marvin Waldmann

This business is conducted by:
An Individual. The first day of business was 12/11/2024.

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/
Marvin Waldmann
1/16/25, 1/23/25,
1/30/25, 2/06/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2024-9025455

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks
Recorder/County Clerk County
of San Diego:
12/30/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Marigolden
b. Marigolden Theatre Company
c. Marigolden Wellness d. Marigolden Collective

Located at: **1105 Makena Way, Oceanside, CA 92054, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1105 Makena Way, Oceanside, CA 92054

Registered Owners Name(s):
Maril Golden Brad Golden

This business is conducted by:
A Married Couple. The first day of business was 12/21/2024.

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/
Maril Golden
1/16/25, 1/23/25,
1/30/25, 2/06/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2024-9024810

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks
Recorder/County Clerk County
of San Diego:
12/18/2024

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Hair Cut Salon Caro

Located at: **2361 Ulric St, San Diego, CA 92111, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 2850 Comstock St, San Diego, CA 92111

Registered Owners Name(s):
Carolina de la Cruz del Carmen

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

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

Registrant Name /s/
Carolina de la Cruz del Carmen
1/23/25, 1/30/25,
2/06/25, 2/13/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9000547

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks
Recorder/County Clerk County
of San Diego:
01/09/2025

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Working For Peanuts

Located at: **13844 Savage Way, Poway, CA 92064, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: PO Box 500606, San Diego, CA 92150

Registered Owners Name(s):
Ave Marie Herndon

This business is conducted by:
An Individual. The first day of business was 01/06/2025.

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/
Ave Marie Herndon
1/23/25, 1/30/25,
2/06/25, 2/13/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9000896

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks
Recorder/County Clerk County
of San Diego:
01/15/2025

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Mind Menders

Located at: **2644 Polk Ave, San Diego, CA 92104, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 2358 University Ave #2075, San Diego, CA 92104

Registered Owners Name(s):
Kuhn Nursing Inc.

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

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Registrant Name /s/
Kirsten Jane Kuhn
Corporation/LLC Name
Kuhn Nursing Inc.
1/23/25, 1/30/25,
2/06/25, 2/13/25

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

File No.:
2025-9001304

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

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Vacation Property Maids
b. Vacation Property Maid
c. Mover Maids
d. Mover Maid
e. Construction Property Maids
f. Construction Property Maid

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.**

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/ **Maria McCarthy, Manager**
1/30/25, 2/6/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9000263

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: **01/06/2025**

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. The Hem of His Garment

Located at: **3954 60th St Unit 84, San Diego, CA 92115, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 3954 60th St Unit 84, San Diego, CA 92115

Registered Owners Name(s): **Noell E. Mitchell**

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

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Registrant Name /s/ **Noell E. Mitchell**
1/30/25, 2/06/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9001614

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: **01/23/2025**

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Akiya

Located at: **1445 Gibson St, San Diego, CA 92114, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1445 Gibson St, San Diego, CA 92114

Registered Owners Name(s): **Hat Technologies LLC**

This business is conducted by: **A Limited Liability Company. The first day of business was 01/09/2025.**

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Registrant Name /s/ **Arta Dorafsha, Managing Member**
Corporation/LLC Name **Hat Technologies LLC**
1/30/25, 2/06/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9001273

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: **01/21/2025**

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. San Diego Marketing SEO

Located at: **4780 Panorama Drive, San Diego, CA 92116, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 4780 Panorama Drive, San Diego, CA 92116

Registered Owners Name(s): **Unmediated Marketing**

This business is conducted by: **A Corporation. The first day of business was 06/28/2021.**

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/ **Douglas Buckley, CEO**
Corporation/LLC Name **Unmediated Marketing**
1/30/25, 2/06/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9001358

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: **01/21/2025**

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Private Pilates
b. Private Pilates San Diego

Located at: **1780 Saltaire Place, Unit 12, San Diego, CA 92154, San Diego County**

Mailing Address: 1780 Saltaire Place, Unit 12, San Diego, CA 92154

Registered Owners Name(s): **Pilates Journeys LLC**

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

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

Registrant Name /s/ **Mascha Schinske, Member**
Corporation/LLC Name **Pilates Journeys LLC**
1/30/25, 2/06/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No.:
2025-9001322

Filed with Jordan Z. Marks Recorder/County Clerk County of San Diego: **01/21/2025**

Fictitious Business Name(s):
a. Bullet Bail Bonds

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

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

Registered Owners Name(s): **Wayne Nolan Hill**

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

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

Registrant Name /s/ **Wayne Nolan Hill**
1/30/25, 2/06/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME

Case No.: 25CU003293C

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego
330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: **Adrian Mikhail Honor; Yasmin Honor on behalf of minor FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Adrian Mikhail Honor; Yasmin Honor on behalf of minor** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Mika Honor to Mikael Honor

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: **03/10/2025**

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: **01/21/2025** **Maureen F. Hallhan**
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: 1/30/25, 2/06/25, 2/13/25, 2/20/25

PUBLIC NOTICE SUMMONS

CASE NO: 24CU003707C

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: Brenda E. Corona Torres, an individual

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING LLC

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

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NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

500 Third Avenue
Chula Visata, CA 91910
South County Division

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

Nathan F. Smith, #264635
Malcolm Cisneros, A Law Corporation
2112 Business Center Drive, 2nd Floor
Irvine, CA 92612

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME

Case No.: 25CU001628C

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego
330 W. BROADWAY, San Diego 92101

Petition Of: **Eddy Yvonne Ski FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all Interested Persons: Petitioner: **Eddy Yvonne Ski** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

a. Eddy Yvonne Ski to Edan Piotr Niedzielski

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: **03/03/2025**

Time: **8:30 am**, Dept: **61**

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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: **01/10/2025** **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.

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Plenty of elbow room with low angler turnout for the local fleet – Large bluefin caught off San Quintin

Dock Totals 1/26 – 2/1: 315 anglers aboard 19 half-day to 3-day trips out of San Diego landings over the past week caught 8 calico bass, 1 halibut, 113 sand bass, 65 sanddab, 318 sculpin, and 478 whitefish.

Saltwater: It was a very slow week for the local fleet, given low angler numbers for the trips concentrating on sculpin, sand bass, and whitefish. The catch per angler, however, was consistent for the few folks who got out and enjoyed the extra elbow room. We tend to hit a lull in angler numbers this time of year due to closures and lack of pelagic species to target, but it won't take more than a good bluefin bite on the 9-Mile Bank or a couple yellows caught off La Jolla to get the numbers back up a bit. For what we can target in US waters until sheephead and rockfish open in March and April, respectively, fishing has been pretty good for the less glamorous sculpin, sand bass, and whitefish.

With the big tide swings this week, the halibut bite slowed in the bay, especially where the current is moving fast along the channel edges they haunt. Still, when we have the high tide phases, fishing while going into slack low or high until it starts flowing again can be productive. I always like some current when targeting halibut, but the flatter days have served me better. Hopping a thick grub along the bottom while slowly drifting a channel edge has produced most of my largest halibut catches.

Sand bass are a little less affected by current than halibut. But when fishing sand bass in shallower water, lure presentation gets tougher when moving too fast, and as they like to school up in the winter in deeper water, it can be tough to stay with them on days when wind or current, or both, are pushing you out of the zone. Still, in winter mode, heavier leadhead with a larger grub like a Berkley Mogambo with a tempting squid strip pinned on it can go a long way toward putting a limit in the sack. Sand Bass tend to bite better with a little more current, but not when it is raging. I tend to focus on the downstream side of structure when fishing in current for sand bass and use plenty of weight, whether a dropper loop with bait or using plastics, to stay in the zone as long as possible.

There was a bit of bluefin action last week from off Ensenada to the 240 Bank outside of



Jaime Garcia with his hefty 264-pound Bluefin tuna caught ten miles off the San Quintin coast in northern Baja.



Longtime angler Dane Barriault with his impressive 290-pound yellowfin tuna caught while fishing aboard the Independence off the southern Baja Peninsula.

San Quintin. I was able to confirm a few caught out of Ensenada, and a couple out of San Quintin, including a 260-pounder caught by Jaime Garcia of Jaime's Pangas. He, his son, and nephew were out looking around the 240 Bank about 10 miles west of the coast after hearing about several breakoffs on larger fish. The day before, most boats were catching yellowtail, rockfish, whitefish, and such, which is normal wintertime fishing for the area, but speculation about larger tuna was confirmed when, while dropping a yoyo iron through some meter marks, they hooked a fish that fought for over four hours. It took all three of them, each with a gaff, to get the fish into the boat. It weighed in at 120 kilos (264.5 pounds) on the scale back at Jaime's place.

Further south, the *Independence* got into some good fishing between blows that had stymied boats working off the southern Baja Peninsula. Wahoo were biting well when it wasn't howling, and some really nice yellowfin hit the deck. In the morning hours of Saturday while things were still relatively calm, four large yellowfin were hooked, and two impressive units made it to the deck at 290 and 255 pounds. The other two survived to fight another day.

Breakoffs and pulled hooks are common heartbreaks when targeting tuna pushing 300 pounds, even when using

the best gear, heavy line, and all the right techniques. Pulled hooks, chewed lines, other lines tangling, mistakes due to fatigue...there are too many things that can go wrong when fighting a 250 pound beast with a stick and a glorified winch wound with string. Cutting-edge gear will definitely improve the odds of landing a large tuna, but it has been done for ages on basics like Penn Senators and broomstick-thick fiberglass rods. It is that challenge that drives most anglers, who tend to spend much more than they would at the fish market for a chance to battle a large tuna. We can always hit Tommy The Fishmonger Gomes' Tunaville Market and Grocery at Shelter Island or the Tuna Harbor Dockside Market on the Embarcadero for excellent fresh off-the-boat fish, but the taste of sweet victory adds the special spice that keeps anglers coming back for more. Whether the beach, bay, lake, or offshore, they're out there so go out and get 'em!

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It's Good To Have a Hobby

— In 2023, friends Boone Hogg and Logan Jugler found a nice stick on the side of a trail in Utah – it had "some excellent grain on it" and a "nice grip," they said. They liked it so much, they shared a review of it with their friends, National Public Radio reported on Jan. 23. Two years later, Stick Nation has about 3 million Instagram followers from all over the world who post pictures and reviews of their favorite sticks. Some are "modded," or altered by humans; others are "natty," left in their natural state. One poster from Antarctica wondered: "There are no sticks here. ... I found an ice stick. Does this count?" Stick Nation allowed the submission. "This is an Antarctica stick," Jugler decreed.

Nope

— In November, high above Riedering, Germany, Friedi Kuhne and Lukas Irmmler walked across a slackline strung between two hot-air balloons flying at more than 8000 feet, *United Press International* reported. The two were awarded the Guinness World Record for highest slackline walk on Jan. 27. Irmmler went first, calling the successful walk "a glorious moment." Kuhne admitted, "Watching Lukas struggle on the slackline was also very intimidating for me," noting that the balloons went up and down while they were mid-walk. "At one point we were walking kind of downhill -- the next minute uphill. The tension of the line was going up and down." He celebrated by parachuting off the line.

It's a Mystery

— *The Los Angeles Times* reported on Jan. 27 that police were called to a property along the Los Angeles River where Google Earth images had captured multiple HELP signs scratched into the dirt. The land is owned by the Union Pacific Railroad, and it turns out the satellite images were captured in 2023. But a KTLA-TV news helicopter flew over the property on Jan. 27 and saw that the words were still there. Jill Micek, a spokesperson for Union Pacific, said the railroad is aware of a man who has trespassed on the company's property repeatedly and who is responsible for the alarming messages. While she stressed that no one is in danger, the conspiracy theory community lit up with tales of underground tunnels: "The truth is in the tunnels," one wrote on X. But LAPD is also familiar with the individual who frequents the area, and they said he "has refused housing or a mental health evaluation. He has been at the location for a few years."

Weird in the Wild

— In rural Willows, Australia, a man in his 50s suffered serious injuries on Jan. 29 when a "massive" kangaroo attacked him as he walked from his house to his car, *The Guardian* reported. Fortunately, a neighbor witnessed the attack and was able to call for help. Rick Underhill of the Willows Rural Fire Brigade said the man encountered two kangaroos, one male and one female, and the female ran off before the "other bastard turned around and attacked him."

He said the male roo was about 6 1/2 feet tall and probably weighed 220 pounds. Underhill warned community members to stay at home. "A lot of elderly people live in this little community, and they like to go and walk their dogs in the morning," he said. "And that's just asking for trouble."

The Tech Revolution

— Twelve thousand humans, alongside dozens of humanoid robots, are scheduled to compete in a half-marathon in Beijing in April, *Oddity Central* reported on Jan. 29. Bipedal robots from Tesla, Boston Dynamics and 1X will have to have a human-inspired appearance and be able to move on two legs. Experts say experienced human runners have the edge over robots, partially because of battery life, but battery changes mid-race will be allowed.

The Passing Parade

— In the name of gender equality, Chinese influencer Zhu Miaolin is calling on her male counterparts to start wearing Adam's apple covers, analogous to women wearing bras. *The South China Morning Post* reported on Jan. 23 that Zhu noted the Adam's apple is a delicate, sensitive area that should be protected. The covers are made from wool, leather or lace and cost between 70 cents and \$3. A 2020 census in China revealed that there are about 35 million more men than women, a result of the longstanding (but now defunct) one-child policy in the country.

Police Report

— Police pulled over Elizabeth Perez of El Paso, Texas, on Jan. 24 after clocking her driving 106 mph on I-84 near Baker City, Oregon, *The Oregonian* reported. Why is that weird? Perez is 94 years old. She was also cited for failing to secure a child passenger, driving without insurance and failing to yield to an emergency vehicle.

Don't Try This at Home

— *JAMA Cardiology* published a case on Jan. 22 that might put followers of the carnivore diet off their meat. The subject arrived at a Tampa, Florida, hospital with yellow oozing nodes on his palms, elbows and soles of his feet, the *New York Post* reported. He told doctors that he was following a diet consisting of entire sticks of butter, six to nine pounds of cheese and hamburger patties daily. He said his overall health had improved – he had lost weight and gained energy and cognitive functioning. But the painless ooze had started nearly a month earlier. Blood tests revealed his cholesterol level was more than 1000 mg/dL – about five times what is considered healthy. He was diagnosed with xanthelasma, in which excess lipids ooze from the blood vessels. The report didn't reveal the man's fate.

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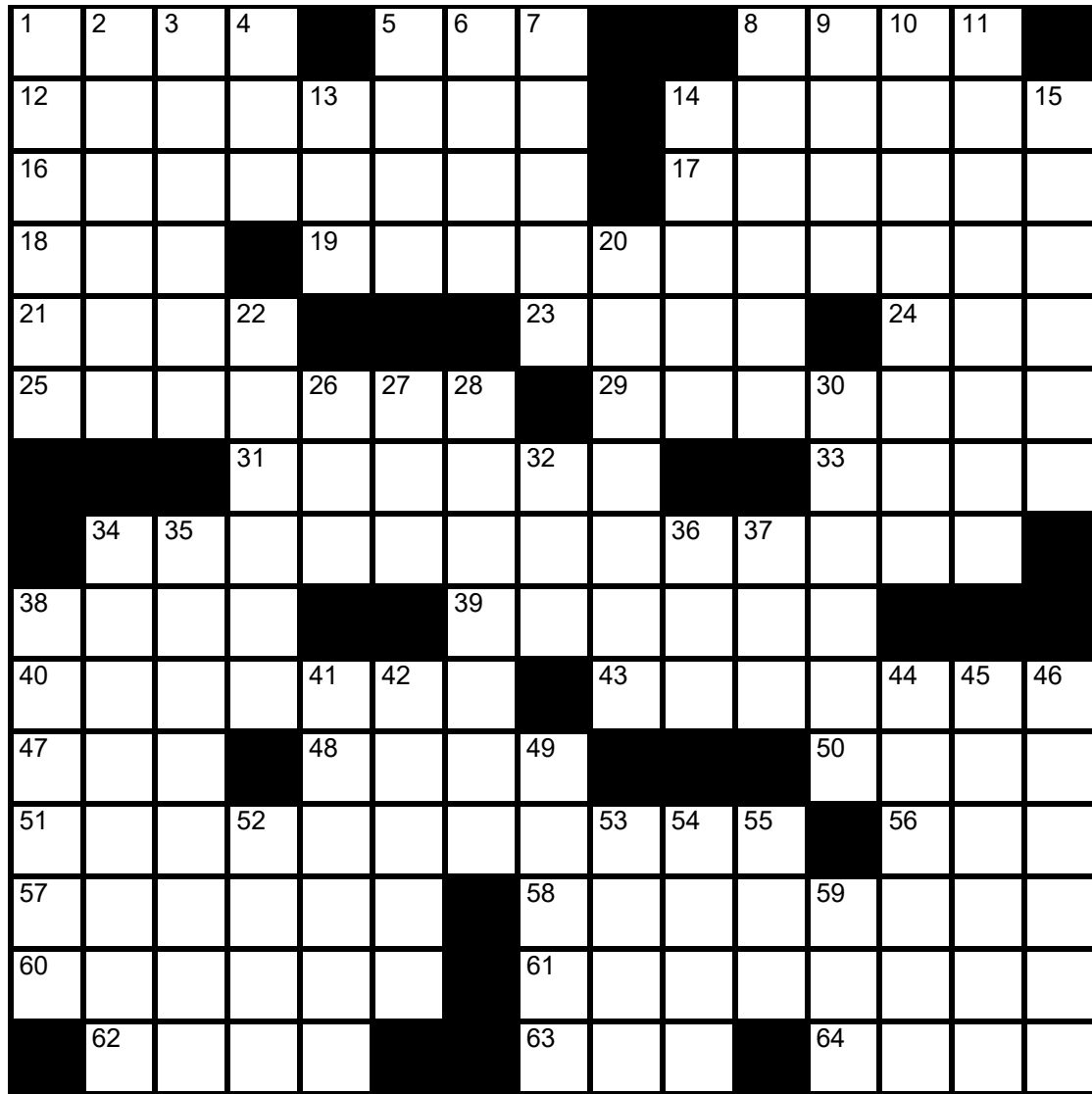
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Across

- 1. Sioux Falls st.
- 5. Buddy
- 8. Sailboat pole
- 12. Winery city in California's Inland Empire
- 14. Scottish inlets
- 16. *"Yeah, that makes sense"
- 17. Cat or goat breed
- 18. "Children of the Albatross" author Anaïs
- 19. *Officially kick off, like a host country's leader at the Olympics
- 21. Lump of goo

Down

- 23. The E of QED
- 24. ___ XING (road sign)
- 25. In a grave manner, on sheet music
- 29. False pretense
- 31. 2024 character that got Ariana Grande her first Oscar nomination
- 33. "By gosh!"
- 34. *"2001" subtitle
- 38. Queue before V
- 39. "Oh, come on!"
- 40. Actor Ricci of "28 Days Later" and "Vendetta"
- 43. Flaky Viennese pastry

Across

- 47. Ram's mate
- 48. Bird's bill
- 50. On the level
- 51. *Portable storage devices
- 56. "___ Poetica"
- 57. How neglected things go
- 58. *1983 Matthew Broderick movie with the quote "The only winning move is not to play"
- 60. Covered with ice and rain
- 61. Netflix competition series hosted by Mikey Day
- 62. "Benevolent" fraternal order
- 63. Perceive
- 64. Ivan or Nicholas, e.g.

Down

- 1. Wasp wounds
- 2. Corrupt
- 3. "Für Elise" key signature
- 4. Beer barrel
- 5. Not watered-down
- 6. Actor Guinness
- 7. Big spoon
- 8. Former Secretary of Transportation Norman
- 9. 2012 Ben Affleck film
- 10. Obstruction
- 11. Like some weekends
- 13. Bovine mouthful
- 14. Somali-born Olympic gold medalist track athlete Mo
- 15. Made smooth, in a way
- 20. Places to play pinball
- 22. Rapper whose posthumous final album was 2000's "Yeeeah Baby"
- 26. Suffix after Motor or pay
- 27. [Not my mistake]
- 28. Low film rating
- 30. Close once more
- 32. Play-___ (modeling clay)
- 34. Comprehensively
- 35. Crumbly topping
- 36. "You ain't seen nothin' ___"
- 37. Kazakhstan, once
- 38. "Gone With the Wind" character Butler and "Good

- Mythical Morning" cohost McLaughlin, for two
- 41. Former Brooklyn field
- 42. Rough Riders nickname
- 44. Some Tony nominees
- 45. "I did it!"
- 46. Second-rate
- 49. Fuzzy fruits
- 52. Subservient
- 53. Bud holder
- 54. New York canal
- 55. "___ Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band"
- 59. "Hamlet" division

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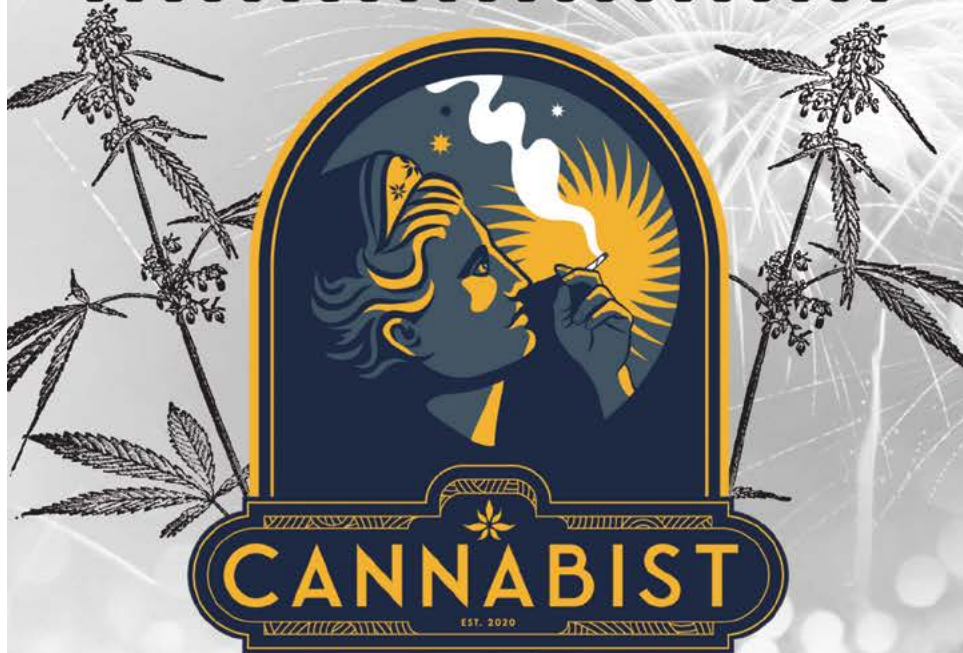
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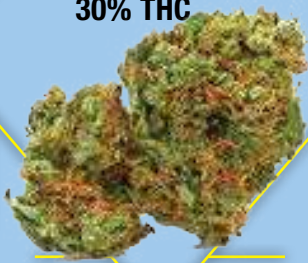
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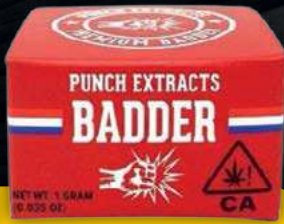
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