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## CHIEF OF OVERSIGHT BOARD STRETCHING ITS LIMITS

Parker wants broader role for citizens panel monitoring authorities

BY JEFF MCDONALD

Month after month, as people kept dying inside San Diego County jails, Paul Parker saw blind spots in the collective response to the cavalcade of deaths.

The gaps have yet to be filled, but not because Parker isn't trying.

The senior official in charge of civilian oversight of the county sheriff's and probation departments has no jurisdiction over the doctors and nurses responsible for treating thousands of men and women in the custody of Sheriff Kelly Martinez.

Parker has proposed expanding the authority of the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board to include jail medical staff and contractors — a plan that has yet to be adopted but remains on the public docket.

That's not the only way he is pressing to broaden the role of the review board known as CLERB.

At its meeting this month, Parker suggested the board start reviewing deaths of people on probation to make sure their cases were properly handled by officers. He said the board should secure the authority to access sheriff's

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**Paul Parker, the executive officer of San Diego County's Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board.**



ABED KHALED AP

**Palestinians inspect the remains of buildings destroyed by the ongoing Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City on Saturday. Israeli troops have entered the Gaza Strip in what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is calling "the second stage of the war."**

## NETANYAHU: GAZA WAR ENTERS 'SECOND STAGE'

PM warns of 'difficult' military campaign; Gaza remains under widespread communication blackout

U-T NEWS SERVICES

### JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised news conference Saturday that Israel's forces had entered the Gaza Strip, calling it his country's "second war of independence" and warning Israelis to expect a "long and difficult" campaign to eradicate Hamas.

Netanyahu said the troops had gone into Gaza on Friday evening, beginning "the second stage of the war." The Israeli military has not publicly described the current operation as an invasion, and has re-

leased only brief footage of its advance.

The ground assault in the northern part of the Gaza Strip was shrouded in secrecy and ambiguity and accompanied by an enormous aerial and artillery bombardment. It was the most sustained fighting against Hamas since the war began three weeks ago, when gunmen from the group that controls Gaza launched a surprise cross-border attack into Israel on Oct. 7, killing at least 1,400 people and spurring retaliatory airstrikes by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas' armed wing confirmed

### BALBOA PARK DISPLAY A REMINDER OF THE MISSING

■ A7 • Empty tables represent victims kidnapped by Hamas.

Friday night and Saturday afternoon that the battle with Israeli ground forces had been joined. Shortly before Netanyahu's remarks, a spokesperson for the group, Abu Obeida, greeted the airstrikes and the ground incursion with defiance. Hamas would make Israel "taste new ways of death," the spokesperson said.

With Gaza's Internet connections and phone lines down, few

Palestinian accounts have emerged, making it difficult to assess the extent of the military action.

Palestinian telecommunication companies blamed Israel's bombardment for the widescale communications blackout, which left most people in Gaza unreachable by phone. The blackout sparked fear and panic, according to residents who were able to reach the outside world, as people struggled to get information or check on family and friends.

"The explosions were happening to our left, to our right — from

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## LOCATING HOMELESS CLIENTS TOUGHER FOR SOME OUTREACH WORKERS OFFERING HELP

PATH employee traces usual route in search of woman needing housing

BY BLAKE NELSON

Brice Michalek needed to find one woman.

He knew exactly what to do next: Michalek would load her and her wheelchair into his van and drive to an office. Inside, the woman could get a Social Security card that would let her apply with her partner, who spent years in the Navy, for a housing voucher for veterans. Plenty are available, meaning the couple could be off the

street and under a roof within weeks.

If Michalek could find her. Earlier this month, he parked his van in Santee, stepped into the sun and looked for someone who might know something.

San Diego's camping ban brought fears that outreach workers, who spend their days trying to connect homeless people with housing, would have a harder time finding clients.

The first months of enforcement did remake the encampment landscape. The San Diego Downtown Partnership found that hundreds of homeless people left the urban center, and even though September's total ticked up to

around 1,300, that was still one of the smallest populations in more than a year.

But staffers at homelessness organizations are mixed as to the law's effects.

Father Joe's Villages' outreach supervisor, Jennifer Wilkens, said the ban "definitely impacted our ability to locate clients." Craig Thomas, who holds the same job at Alpha Project, said the initial upheaval gave way to larger encampments in fewer areas downtown, simultaneously making it easier to find people and increasing tensions between homeless neighbors. Perhaps as a result, some have been more likely to accept

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**Brice Michalek, 35, an outreach worker with PATH, scans a Walmart parking lot, hoping to find a client he's been helping.**

## NEW PROPOSAL COULD TRANSFORM HILLCREST

Blueprint calls for increased housing density, promenades

BY DAVID GARRICK

Hillcrest would have dozens of 20- and 30-story buildings, more one-way streets, new public promenades and roughly 50,000 more residents under a new land-use proposal unveiled this month by San Diego planning officials.

The proposed update to Hillcrest's blueprint for future growth would allow downtown-style high-rise housing along existing transportation corridors and on revamped versions of the neighborhood's two large hospital campuses.

It also calls for celebrating the legacy of Hillcrest's gay community — which continues to thrive after emerging in the 1970s — with a special historic district featuring public art, preserved buildings, plaques and other attractions.

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**Some are concerned with what they call a lack of detail in the blueprint's transportation plans to keep Hillcrest livable.**

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**MICHAEL SMOLENS**  
Columnist

Big progress, uncertainty with border pollution fight

It seems like this is how government is supposed to work.

A coordinated effort by officials at the local, state and federal levels — including San Diego and California representatives in the House and Senate — led to a significant step in tackling a problem of, literally, international proportions.

That unified front helped persuade the Biden administration to propose nearly doubling the money targeted at stemming cross-border sewage pollution from Mexico that has been plaguing San Diego's South County communities for generations.

It wasn't always pretty, with people on the same side sometimes disagreeing on the approach or pace of the effort.

Nevertheless, President Joe Biden last week announced he is including \$310 million more to repair and expand the South Bay International Wastewater Treatment Plant near San Ysidro in his \$56 billion supplemental domestic funding request to Congress.

As is usually the case with progress on the border sewage problem, no one is spiking the football right away.

Biden sent the funding bill to Congress on Wednesday, the same day that Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., was elected speaker of the House of Representatives, filling the powerful position after a three-week vacancy.

On its face, the timing would seem symbolically positive. The House was paralyzed without a speaker and in theory can start working again. Whether and to what degree that actually happens is far from certain.

The juxtaposition of the two developments still comes with a sense of foreboding. The partisan split in Congress remains as bad as ever, and any notion that infighting among Republicans will cease now that the speakership is settled likely is wishful thinking.

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NO ACTION ON CANNABIS LICENSEE

Chula Vista hasn't responded after CEO of dispensary indicted

BY TAMMY MURGA & JEFF MCDONALD

**CHULA VISTA**  
The federal indictment of Chula Vista's first cannabis licensee has forced city officials to consider how seriously they want to police the

people they allow to sell pot legally in their own backyard.

So far, they are taking a cautious approach.

Andres Camberos, who became the first person licensed to market recreational marijuana in Chula Vista, was indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego last month along with his sister, Adriana Camberos, on charges unrelated to his company, Grasshopper Dispensary.

The siblings were accused in an 11-

count indictment of overseeing a broad and long-running scheme to buy groceries and other consumer goods from U.S. companies at a steep discount on the promise that they would sell the products in Mexico.

They both pleaded not guilty to wire fraud, conspiracy and related charges at court appearances last month and were released on \$50,000 bonds. Neither responded to requests for comment.

Now Chula Vista officials are wrestling with how to respond to

the federal charges.

Any decision about whether to suspend or revoke the cannabis license, which appears to be a first for Chula Vista, is the responsibility of the city manager.

California law allows the Department of Cannabis Control to suspend or revoke a license for serious criminal convictions, including fraud. The Chula Vista marijuana ordinance is stricter, permitting the city to impose penalties as soon as a

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JOHN GASTALDO FOR THE U-T

Work on a new dam for Lake Hodges, expected to cost \$275 million, is slated to begin by the end of 2029. The dam is over 100 years old.

SAN DIEGO SPEEDS PLANS ON REINFORCING AGING DAMS

City officials move up timeline for Lake Hodges work, want to fully evaluate all dams within 5 years

BY DAVID GARRICK

**SAN DIEGO**  
San Diego is accelerating efforts to shore up the city's aging dams, including moving up construction of the new Lake Hodges Dam from 2031 to 2029 and committing to comprehensively evaluating the eight other city dams by 2028.

The goal is to determine whether a \$1 billion estimate of total repair costs is accurate, deciding which

dams need the most work and weighing which projects should be prioritized over others.

"We can't do everything tomorrow, so we need to find a way to strategically plan for the highest priority actions," Kelly Balo, interim deputy director of the city's Public Utilities Department, said.

Because the dams and the attached reservoirs play a crucial role in storing the city's drinking water, costs for the renovations and re-

builds will be passed on to the city's water customers.

The evaluations include assessing the dams for seismic vulnerabilities, structural deficiencies and flood risk — how many people's lives would be in jeopardy in the event of a partial or complete dam failure.

City officials and consultants have completed 35 of an estimated 120 individual assessments needed to determine the status of each of the nine dams. The city has commit-

ted to completing the 80-plus remaining within five years.

When the evaluations are complete, city officials say they will lay out a decadeslong plan to shore up every dam that will include cost estimates and specific timelines.

San Diego's dams are among the oldest in the state. State officials have deemed Hodges "unsatisfactory" and have rated three others as being in "poor" condition —

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POST OFFICE TO BE NAMED FOR BLACK LEADER

Charlesetta Reece Allen founded Oceanside Girls Club, area NAACP chapters

BY PHIL DIEHL

**OCEANSIDE**

Oceanside's downtown post office, dedicated in 1936, is being named for one of the city's first Black residents, Charlesetta Reece Allen — a businesswoman, church pastor, and founder of the Oceanside Girls Club and the North San Diego County Branch of the NAACP.

"Charlesetta Reece Allen was a trailblazer for the Black community in Oceanside and her contributions improved the lives of residents of North County," said Rep. Mike Levin, D-San Juan Capistrano, who introduced a bipartisan bill to rename the building at 517 Seagaze Drive.

"We are beginning the process of naming this post office to highlight



**Charlesetta Reece Allen**



PHIL DIEHL U-T

This Oceanside post office will be named for Charlesetta Reece Allen.

Mrs. Allen's service to Oceanside and hope that it will provide inspiration to residents for decades to come," Levin said in a written statement. "Naming this postal facility is the least we can do to honor someone who did so much for Oceanside."

Allen was born in Texas in 1913 to

Thomas and Stella Reece. The family later moved to Muskogee, Okla., where Allen was the eldest of six daughters and two sons.

She and a sister moved to Oceanside in the late 1930s, where they established the Church of God in Christ in

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SDPD NEARS CLEARING BACKLOG OF RAPE KITS

City panel OKs extra \$1M for outside lab to continue testing

BY DAVID HERNANDEZ

**SAN DIEGO**

The San Diego Police Department says it is close to clearing its backlog of sexual assault evidence kits, a task in the works since 2020.

The department expects to test about 140 kits from before 2016 — which would clear the backlog — by the end of the year.

The department had about 1,800 untested kits before it sent them to a private lab in 2020.

The tested kits include about 1,200 kits from before 2016 and 450 kits collected from 2016 to 2019. The latter required testing under state law: In 2019, Gov. Gavin New-

som signed Senate Bill 22, which mandates testing of kits collected on or after Jan. 1, 2016.

SB 22 requires law enforcement agencies to submit rape kits for testing within 20 days, and crime labs to test the evidence within 120 days.

For years San Diego police, like other agencies, said there was no value in testing all kits — they did test kits in cases in which the suspect was a stranger — and resisted testing old kits. Then came a statewide push to clear shelves of untested kits across the state. Proponents said testing could link suspects to multiple cases.

San Diego police officials shared the update on its backlog during a Public Safety Committee meeting earlier this month. They also asked for an additional

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BONITA  
**Día de los Muertos display at museum**

The Bonita Museum and Cultural Center will have community ofrendas and large-scale papier-mâché for Día de los Muertos on display through Nov. 11 at the museum, 4355 Bonita Road. Visit [bonitahistoricalsociety.org](http://bonitahistoricalsociety.org).

BORREGO SPRINGS  
**Archaeology Day on Saturday at state park**

An Archaeology Day is slated for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center, 200 Palm Canyon Drive, and nearby Begole Archaeology Research Center, hosted by the California State Parks and Colorado Desert Archaeology Society. The family-friendly event celebrates the cultural heritage of the Anza-Borrego Desert and includes hands-on pottery making and rock art painting, guided tours of the archaeology lab, native plants, a basket weaving demo and storytelling. A guided field trip will be given in the afternoon to a cultural site occupied by the Kumeyaay around 1,100 years ago. Additional in-person guided field trips will be offered Nov. 5 to petroglyph and morteros sites. A small fee will be charged for the field trips. Admission is free. Visit [anzaborregoarchaeo.org/arch-day-2023](http://anzaborregoarchaeo.org/arch-day-2023).

CARLSBAD  
**Annual holiday market benefits charities**

The Woman's Club of Carlsbad holds the 10th annual Holiday Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at its clubhouse, 3320 Monroe St. The market features handmade specialty craft items of holiday and home decor, accessories, planters, cards, baby items and a variety of food and gift items. Vendors will also be selling holiday and gift items. Proceeds benefit the philanthropic projects of the club. Visit [womansclubofcarlsbad.org](http://womansclubofcarlsbad.org).

CORONADO  
**'The Last Butterflies' screened at library**

"The Last Butterflies" will be screened at 10 a.m. Nov. 9 in the Winn Room at the Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Ave. The short film co-starring, written and produced by Whitney Wegman-Wood, from La Mesa, is also slated to be shown Nov. 12 in the San Diego Film Festival. Cooper Andrews of "The Walking Dead" and "Shazam!" co-stars with Wegman-Wood in the film, which was shot in Oceanside and in Kansas, among other places. Visit [festival.coronadofilmfest.com/2023/10/03/the-last-butterflies](http://festival.coronadofilmfest.com/2023/10/03/the-last-butterflies).

EL CAJON  
**Annual Multicultural Festival on Saturday**

The seventh annual Multicultural Festival hosted by the Welcome Newcomer Network and Excellence and Justice in Education Academies is from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday on the campus of EJE Academies, 851 S. Johnson Ave. The festival celebrates the diverse communities and cultures of San Diego, and this year's theme is Remember Our Roots. The event features live music, cultural presentations, free food, children's activities, raffle prizes, resource tables, a County Mobile Vaccine Clinic and a Fondo de Cultura Economica book truck. EJE Academies is a dual immersion, Spanish/English charter school. The Welcome Newcomer Network consists of more than 50 social service agencies, school districts, and faith-based groups serving East County to help refugees and others new to the area. Visit [ejeacademies.org](http://ejeacademies.org).

**Old Highway 80 History Conference coming up**

An Old Highway 80 History Conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Marriott Hotel, 141 N. Magnolia Ave. The Friday morning program features speakers, including Bonnie Fletcher, a fourth-generation descendant of Col. Ed Fletcher, whose efforts brought a transcontinental highway to San Diego 100 years ago. The Saturday program features a "Back Country Drive on Olde Highway 80" with lunch at Flinn Springs County Park. Admission is free for the event, which is co-sponsored by the Olaf Wieghorst Museum. Email [ostkahl@aol.com](mailto:ostkahl@aol.com). Visit [wieghorstmuseum.org](http://wieghorstmuseum.org).



PAT CASTELLO

**OCEANSIDE** Newcomers & Friends group marks 35 years, celebrates Halloween

**Oceanside Newcomers & Friends, which marks its 35th anniversary this year, held a Halloween Costume Party at its monthly luncheon. The group greets newcomers to Oceanside and surrounding communities and offers programs to meet new friends, such as social dinners, walks, games, travel and theater groups and "happy hour." The group welcomes new members at its business/coffee meeting at 10 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Veterans Association of North County, 1617 Mission Ave. Visit [oceansidenewcomers.org](http://oceansidenewcomers.org).**

ENCINITAS  
**MandoBasso gives free concert at library**

The Friends of the Encinitas Library will present MandoBasso in a free concert from 2 to 3 p.m. Nov. 5 at the Encinitas Library, 540 Cornish Drive. Bill Bradbury plays the mandolin and Gunnar Biggs plays the bass, performing American country music with jazz and classical influences and Celtic drifts. Visit [encinitaslibfriends.org](http://encinitaslibfriends.org).

ESCONDIDO  
**Del Dios community pancake breakfast**

The Community of Del Dios holds a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. Nov. 5 at Del Dios Community Center (the Old Firehouse) at 20155 Elm Lane on the shores of Lake Hodges. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, kielbasa, ham, homemade beans, homemade salsa, orange juice and coffee/tea. Cost is \$8; \$4 for kids younger than 12. The community has been serving a twice-a-year breakfast for more than 30 years. Proceeds go to help the Community of Del Dios/Mt. Israel for fire prevention, ecological preservation of the Lake Hodges/Mt. Israel area, maintenance of the Del Dios/Mt. Israel Community Center and the restoration of the community 1935 fire engine. Visit [smartrecoverysd.org/venue/old-del-dios-firehouse-community-center](http://smartrecoverysd.org/venue/old-del-dios-firehouse-community-center).

**Christmas Bazaar kicks off Nov. 6**

A Christmas Bazaar will be held from Nov. 6 through Nov. 12 at Church of the Resurrection in the Parish Hall, 1445 Conway Drive. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Visit [resurrectionchurch.org](http://resurrectionchurch.org).

**Día de los Muertos Festival at arts center**

The free 28th annual Día de los Muertos Festival at the California Center for the Arts Museum, 340 N. Escondido Blvd., is from 4 to 9 p.m. Wednesday with live music, performances by ballet folklorico and Aztec dancers and community altars to honor the memory of loved ones along with a Catrina contest, food trucks, a vendor market, a lowrider car show, a Frida Kahlo museum exhibit and face painting. Visit [artcenter.org](http://artcenter.org).

**Light Up a Life ceremony Nov. 12**

A community Light Up a Life candle-lighting ceremony to celebrate the lives of loved ones is from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 12 hosted by The Elizabeth Hospice at the California Center for the Arts, 340 N. Escondido Blvd. The family-friendly event blends inspirational messages, music, and a memorial ceremony to uplift those touched by loss, illness or sorrow. Admission and parking are free. Registration is required by Friday at [elizabethhospice.ejoinme.org/light2023](http://elizabethhospice.ejoinme.org/light2023). In support of the nonprofit hospice, a \$50 donation is suggested. Individuals receive a 2023 keepsake ornament with a \$100 donation or a personalized ornament with a donation of \$250 or more.

**Library Day of the Dead celebration Thursday**

A Day of the Dead Celebration is from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Escondido Public Library's Turrentine Room, 239 S. Kalmia St.

There will be Día de los Muertos stories, music, folkloric dance and sugar skull making. Families can create a community exhibit to honor loved ones who died, and can bring items such as a photo, memento or their favorite food. Visit [escondidolibrary.org](http://escondidolibrary.org).

FALLBROOK  
**Community Clean Up Day set for Saturday**

The Fallbrook Beautification Alliance with I Love A Clean San Diego and the County of San Diego will host a Fallbrook Community Clean Up Day from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, followed by a gently used clothing swap from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers of all ages can grab buckets, work gloves and litter grabbers and pick up litter and recyclables on downtown streets and along the Pico Promenade. A check-in table will be at the Vince Ross Square, 102 S. Main St. A short talk about watersheds and tips on recycling is at 9 a.m. Bring gently used clothing and exchange them for other items at no cost. Register at [cleansd.org/event](http://cleansd.org/event).

IMPERIAL BEACH  
**Día de los Muertos Community Celebration**

The annual Día de los Muertos Community Celebration is from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Veterans Park, 1075 Eighth St. Highlights include an altar to honor loved ones who have died and activities for kids. Visit [imperialbeachca.gov](http://imperialbeachca.gov).

LA MESA  
**Superior Court judge to discuss justice system**

The La Mesa-El Cajon Branch of the American Association of University Women will feature San Diego County Superior Court Judge Rebecca G. Church, discussing "Is the justice system fair and unbiased?" at its meeting at 9:30 a.m. Nov. 11 in King Hall at the Foothills United Methodist Church, 4031 Avocado Blvd. Social time is from 9:30 to 10 a.m. Branch meetings are free and open to the public. The meeting will also serve to introduce local branch scholarship recipients. Visit [lamesaelcajon-ca.aauw.net](http://lamesaelcajon-ca.aauw.net).

LEMON GROVE  
**Clubs to hold Chili Cook Off**

Soroptimist International of Lemon Grove and the Lemon Grove Latino Diversified Lions Club are putting on a Chili Cook Off fall fundraiser from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at St. John of the Cross Church Hall, 8086 Broadway. Cost is \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$225 table of 10. For tickets, email [jennifermen-doza@gmail.com](mailto:jennifermen-doza@gmail.com).

NORTH COUNTY  
**Widows and widowers group meets for events**

The Catholic Widows and Widowers of North County, a group that fosters friendships through various social activities, will hold these events:

Nov. 7: Lunch, Hoorah Breakfast Cafe and Bar, Rancho Bernardo.

Nov. 9: Walk, Leo Carrillo Ranch, Carlsbad, with meal to follow, Eureka! restaurant, Carlsbad.

Nov. 16: Dinner, Akai Hana, Rancho Bernardo.

Nov. 19: Communal Mass, St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, San Marcos, with meal to follow, Cocina del Charro, San Marcos.

Nov. 28: Lunch, Nick's on State, Carlsbad.

Reservations are required at (818) 665-8150. Visit [cwwnc.com](http://cwwnc.com).

OCEANSIDE  
**Bike the Coast event starts in Oceanside**

Bike the Coast, San Diego's oceanfront cycling event, takes place from 6:50 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday along Highway 101 from Oceanside to Del Mar and back. There are different ride routes from 7 to 100 miles. The Finish Festival with Expo and Beer Garden is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with food, music and shopping at the Junior Seau Oceanside Pier Amphitheatre, 301 The Strand North. Registration fees are \$60-\$125. Proceeds benefit the MS Society. Visit [bikethecoastsd.com](http://bikethecoastsd.com).

**Magic of Mendelssohn concert at MiraCosta**

The MiraCosta College Symphony Orchestra will give a concert, The Magic of Mendelssohn, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Nov. 5 at MiraCosta College's Concert Hall on the Oceanside Campus, 1 Barnard Drive, featuring classical and romantic music, including Mendelssohn's Symphony No. 5. Tickets are \$8-\$10. Visit [miracosta.edu/buytix](http://miracosta.edu/buytix).

**An Evening of Funk & Soul concert**

A concert featuring funk and soul music presented by MOJO and Jazz Collective is at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 at MiraCosta College's Concert Hall on the Oceanside Campus, 1 Barnard Drive. Tickets are \$8-\$10. Visit [miracosta.edu/buytix](http://miracosta.edu/buytix).

**Free workshop series on Oaxacan culture**

The Oceanside Public Library hosts a free series of family-friendly workshops and events celebrating Oaxacan culture, "Creando Memorias en Oceanside," in November and December. The series will include a cooking class, an art workshop, a dance class, a documentary film, an Oaxacan craft-making workshop and a final Noche de Calenda — a night of music, dancing and celebration. The events are at Crown Heights Community Resource Center, 1210 Division St., and the Civic Center Library, 330 N. Coast Highway. The first event is a Memela Cooking Class led by Carmen Colon, owner of the Oaxacan restaurant Cocina Del Carmen in Vista, from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Crown Heights center. Visit [oceansidelibrary.org](http://oceansidelibrary.org).

SAN DIEGO  
**Calif. Festival Family & Community Day**

The California Festival Family & Community Day will showcase performances by the San Diego Youth Symphony, San Diego Master Chorale and Art of Elan from noon to 6 p.m. Nov. 5 at The Rady Shell, 222 Marina Park Way. Food, beverages (no alcohol), chairs and blankets may be brought in. Food and drink will also be sold. Admission is free. RSVP at [theshell.org](http://theshell.org).

**Annual Bulldog Derby at Waterfront Park**

The fourth annual Bulldog Derby will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 at Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Coast Highway. Highlights include a bulldog wagon parade, food truck vendors, local business vendors and a Memorial Strut Your

Stuff walk along with music, contests and Bulldog Derby races, featuring English and French bulldogs. The event is a fundraiser for the Puppy Pals Club. Visit [bulldogderby.com](http://bulldogderby.com) or email [thebulldogderby@gmail.com](mailto:thebulldogderby@gmail.com).

**Candlelight procession Thursday in Old Town**

As part of Día de los Muertos celebrations, Old Town's Immaculate Conception Church hosts a candlelight procession at 6 p.m. Thursday with blessings and traditional dances by Danza Azteca Atlachinolli. The free event begins at sundown in front of the church, 2540 San Diego Ave., and ends at El Campo Santo Cemetery.

**Art San Diego at convention center**

The Art San Diego fair will be held Friday through Nov. 5 at the San Diego Convention Center, 111 Harbor Drive. The event features The Lennon Art Collection, a collaborative installation by local artist Sarah Steiber, and artworks by students at The Monarch School, along with the work of international artists. The Collector's VIP opening is from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday; the weekend fair is from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5. Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students, seniors and military and three-day passes are \$30 at [rwag.ticket-spice.com/art-san-diego-2023](http://rwag.ticket-spice.com/art-san-diego-2023).

**Fiesta de Reyes Día de los Muertos**

Fiesta de Reyes in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrates Día de los Muertos from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily through Thursday at 2754 Calhoun St. There will be live entertainment on the Fiesta de Reyes stage, Día de los Muertos altars, professional face painters, art demonstrations and Catrinas along with skeleton puppets at the plaza. Visit [fiestadereyes.com](http://fiestadereyes.com).

**Toastmasters group meets Thursday**

The Voyagers Toastmasters, a group that fosters leadership and communication skills, meets at 7 a.m. Thursday online via Zoom and in person at Lestat's coffeehouse, 3343 Adams Ave., in Normal Heights. Email [toastmastersvoyagers@gmail.com](mailto:toastmastersvoyagers@gmail.com).

**SeaWorld celebrates Día de los Muertos**

Catrina statues in traditional dresses will welcome guests Friday through Nov. 5 as SeaWorld San Diego celebrates Día de los Muertos. There will be ofrendas with mementos and flowers honoring loved ones who have died and traditional Day of the Dead music along with foods such as conchas, pan de muerto, chamango and hot Cheetos elote in a cup and micheladas and margaritas. Visit [seaworldsandiego.com](http://seaworldsandiego.com).

**Nature walk focuses on wildlife tracking**

A Mission Trails Regional Park guide will lead a free family-oriented wildlife tracking nature walk on the Oak Grove Loop Trail from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Saturday. Hikers will learn how to identify tracks and other signs left behind by the park's seldom-seen wildlife. Walks start from the front of the Visitor Center on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m. No reservations are required. Walks are canceled if raining. Visit [mtrp.org](http://mtrp.org).

**San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival**

The San Diego Bay Wine & Food Festival featuring dozens of events, hundreds of domestic and international wineries, craft beer and local culinary masterpieces is from Nov. 6-12. The festival includes the Grand Decant on Nov. 10, Grand Tasting at the Port of San Diego on Nov. 11 and Grand Fiesta on Nov. 12. Visit [sandiegowineclassic.com](http://sandiegowineclassic.com).

**Charity fundraiser for animal rescue**

A fundraiser for Treat Them Right Animal Rescue will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Nov. 11 at The Ould Sod at 3373 Adams Ave., in Normal Heights. Highlights include beers and craft cocktails along with live music from Shoeless, Boy Named Soo and Cruz Roots. There will be a Big Oven Pizza food truck and a raffle with prizes. The family-run rescue and sanctuary in Lakeside cares for a wide range of homeless and neglected animals, including horses, dogs, pigs and goats. Suggested donation is \$15; \$20 at door. Tickets are at [treatthemrightfundraiser.eventbrite.com](http://treatthemrightfundraiser.eventbrite.com).

**Holiday market, bake sale in Scripps Ranch**

The Kiwanis Club of Scripps Ranch hosts a Holiday Craft Market & Bake Sale featuring local craft vendors selling handmade items from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Scripps Ranch Community Center, 11885 Cypress Canyon Road. Admission and parking are free. Visit [scrippsranckkiwanis.org](http://scrippsranckkiwanis.org).

SAN MARCOS  
**Model A Ford club to meet Wednesday**

The Palomar Model A Ford Club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday to discuss upcoming tours and share technical advice at the Palomar Estates East Clubhouse, 650 S. Rancho Santa Fe Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. Refreshments and socializing will follow the program. All Model A owners and enthusiasts are welcome. Visit [palomarmodelaclub.org](http://palomarmodelaclub.org).

SANTEE  
**Trick-or-treating event Tuesday at City Hall**

The city hosts Spooky Snapshots for children and their families to go trick-or-treating from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall and take photos in front of a Halloween backdrop in front of the Santee City Hall Council Chambers, 10601 Magnolia Ave. The Sheriff's Department will pass out candy from noon to 3 p.m. Visit [cityofsanteeca.gov](http://cityofsanteeca.gov).

SPRING VALLEY  
**Fall craft fair set for Nov. 11 at school**

The Mt. Miguel High School Foundation puts on a fall craft fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 11 at the school, 8585 Blossom Lane. The Mt. Miguel High School Foundation supports the Booster's Club and Music & Specialty Corps Parents, student clubs, other school programs and scholarships. For information or if you are a crafter, email [mtmiguelfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:mtmiguelfoundation@gmail.com).

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If your nonprofit would like to submit an event listing or photos of events that have happened recently, email [linda.mcintosh@sduinonline.com](mailto:linda.mcintosh@sduinonline.com). Include the name of the group, date and time of event, address, cost and contact information for readers.