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Bhavika and Shuchi Anandpura, the granddaughters of UCSD body donor Niranjana Anandpura, beside her portrait in their family home. (Photo by Thomas Murphy/Special to Times of San Diego)

COVER STORY

UC San Diego sent hundreds of dead bodies to military – families say they never knew about it

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Election Day surprise: Group begins process to recall Mayor Todd Gloria

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UCSD sent hundreds of dead bodies to military – families say they never knew

(Over half of all bodies UCSD loaned between April 2024 and December 2025 went to the military, according to records obtained by Times of San Diego. Despite being the Department of Defense's highest-paid cadaver supplier, the university's body donation forms do not disclose military use to donors or their families.)

By Thomas Murphy
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

LA JOLLA – Niranjana Anandpura was dying in hospice, her skin burning from shingles-induced nerve pain.

For over a decade, she planned on donating her body to science, hoping to train future doctors or advance medical research. As the matriarch's health declined, her family prepared to honor her final wish.

The University of California San Diego, home to the nation's second-largest body donation program, was ready to accept her remains.

Her family was hesitant. Unlike most medical schools with similar programs, UCSD requires body donors to waive their right under California law to have their ashes returned to their loved ones.

The policy would prevent Niranjana Anandpura's family from performing traditional Hindu funeral rites. They didn't believe the sacrifice was worth it.

The family says Dr. Scott Barton, director of the UCSD Body Donation Program, convinced them otherwise.

"We wanted to make sure my grandma's body would be treated with respect," Bhavika Anandpura said in an October interview, alongside her sister, Shuchi. "[Barton] had a whole bunch of reassurances ... how they would treat her body with love and care, as if it wasn't just our loved one, but their loved one as well."

The sisters say Barton didn't tell the family that their grandmother's body could be sent to a military cadaver lab, pumped with fake blood and surgically wounded to resemble a battle victim with gunshot and blast injuries.

It's unclear whether Niranjana's remains were used to train combat medics, but public documents show that hundreds of other donors' bodies were.

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The family says that had Niranjana Anandpura known that the military could use her body, she would not have agreed to donate her remains to UCSD.

Her family learned of these ties after student journalists exposed the practice earlier this year.

"[Our grandmother] instilled two things in us," Bhavika Anandpura said. "One was a deep respect for education, and the other one was a deep resistance to violence and war, and colonialism. And so, for both of those to be in conflict because of UCSD's actions is jarring."



Bhavika and Shuchi Anandpura want UCSD to explain how their grandmother's donated body was used. (Photo by Thomas Murphy/ Special to Times of San Diego)

LOANING LOVED ONES

The UCSD Body Donation Program, founded alongside the university's School of Medicine in 1967, describes its goals in its donor application as: "assisting the education of current and future physicians, other healthcare practitioners, anatomists, forensic scientists and mortuary technicians" and "contributing to scientific research."

Heather Harper, a spokesperson for University of California Health, denied that UCSD profited from its military contracts. In an Oct. 7 statement to *Times of San Diego*, she said the university classifies the transfers as loans, not sales, and does not sell donated bodies.

The loans resulted in millions of dollars in revenue for the program.

Records show UCSD charges hundreds to thousands of dollars for donated whole bodies and body parts, including arms, organs and portions of skulls. Prices vary by organization type. For a whole cadaver, UCSD charges $2,900 to its own programs, $3,357 to outside educational institutions and $4,205 to industry organizations.

The military received more cadavers from UCSD than any other organization, whether a university or private facility.

Despite this, UCSD's body donation forms, obtained by *Times of San Diego*, make no mention of the program's ties to the Department of Defense.

Government spending records show the Department of Defense entered into more than $5 million in contracts to receive cadavers from UCSD since 2008, more than any other cadaver supplier in the country.

Since 2018, UCSD has charged the Department of Defense the educational rate, according to contracts obtained by Times of San Diego.

TRACKING THE REMAINS

From April 2024 to December 2025, records from the UCSD Anatomical Materials Review Committee show that UCSD sent 250 cadavers and 20 body parts to a department manager at the Naval Medical Center. The records listed training purposes including "surface and special warfare training," "emergency medicine," "general surgery," "orthopedic procedures" and "tactical combat casualty courses."

Of the remaining cadavers, UCSD kept 156 bodies for its own education and research programs. Other institutions, including the University of Southern California, San Diego State University and Point Loma Nazarene University, received 88 cadavers for education and research programs.

The cadavers that were sent to USC were not used in traditional educational and research programs. Contracts show that between Apr. 2024 and Dec. 2025, USC sent 23 of the 41 cadavers loaned by UCSD to the Israel Defense Forces for combat medic training hosted at USC.

In February, Annenberg Media reported that the Israeli combat medics who participated in the medical cadaver program appeared to belong to the IDF's Golani Brigade, which the United Nations accused ambushing Palestinian medics and burying 15 of the dead in a mass grave in 2025.

For donor families like the Anandpuras, UCSD's undisclosed ties to the Israeli and U.S. militaries betray the trust they placed in the university.

"To find out that educational institutions are not actually there to enrich young people's lives and bring people closer to knowledge, that they are partnered with militaries that consistently violate human rights — the U.S. military and Israeli military — breaks our trust and faith," Bhavika Anandpura said.

Bhavika's sister, Shuchi, a UCSD graduate, feels the same.

"At that point, it didn't feel like we were leaving her in the hands of a stranger," she said. "To be reassured that he would love her like family made it seem like, obviously, he was going to treat her the way we treated her. We loved her. I'm appalled he said that when over 50 percent of their donations were going to the military."

UC STANDS BY PROGRAM

In April, after student journalists revealed UCSD supplied cadavers to the Israeli military, UC Health added a section to its body donation website stating it does not distinguish military training from "supporting education, medical and clinical training, and research."

In a statement to Times of San Diego, UC Health defended

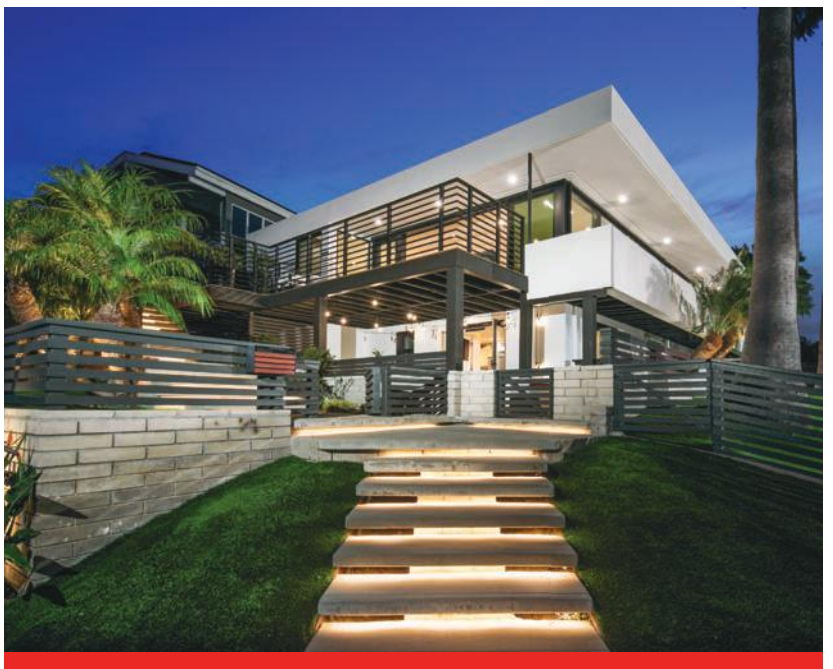
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City Council unanimously pauses data center construction

By Drew Sitton
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – On Oct. 27, the City Council unanimously approved placing an emergency pause on data centers that will last for 45 days, with options to renew for the next 20 months, amid outcry over a proposed data center at the Navy's base in Old Town.

The moratorium on data center construction gives the council time to craft an ordinance to better manage the creation of these facilities.

Mayor Todd Gloria pushed the moratorium effort last week after Voice of San Diego reported that Manchester Financial Group was considering building a massive 400-megawatt data center on the Naval Information Warfare Systems Command (NAVWAR) headquarters in Old Town.

Critics instantly slammed the idea for environmental reasons and the impact it could have on electricity and water costs, in addition to the plethora of other criticisms such as noise pollution, radiating heat, guzzling electricity which apply to all data centers.

But San Diegans also had specific concerns about whether a low-lying, industrial facility was the highest and best use of the NAVWAR land. The 60 acre site could be the ideal spot for a mixed-use development.

Council members described the redevelopment of NAVWAR as a once-in-a-generation opportunity that could place much-needed new housing close to one of the biggest transit hubs in the region. In particular, that housing could benefit service members who work nearby.

However, the city has no say on federal land use.

During public comments to the City Council, residents called on the city to create as much friction as possible surrounding the NAVWAR data center, so that Manchester might abandon the plan.

"San Diego needs more affordable housing, not more computer servers," Councilmember Stephen Whitburn said. "Federal ownership does not mean San Diegans should be shut out of decisions which will impact us for generations to come."



Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera speaks to the crowd flanking him at a press conference last week opposing a data center on the NAVWAR site in Old Town. (Photo by Drew Sitton/Times of San Diego)

In a statement, Manchester president Ted Eldredge said nothing is finalized on the NAVWAR site. Manchester is considering several ideas, including the data center.

Manchester does have a strong proponent of the plan in the White House. President Trump is pushing for development of new data centers, particularly on federal land where community opposition cannot prevent them. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth, meanwhile, has selected developers to build data centers at Fort Bliss in Texas and Dugway Proving Ground in Utah, with more bases to follow.

City Council members, joined by State Assemblymember Chris Ward, called on San Diego's federal delegation to write to the Navy in opposition to the data center.

Representative Scott Peters, whose district encompasses NAVWAR, is currently pushing a bipartisan bill that would address energy costs and permitting. In particular, it would ensure that the companies behind data centers would have to take on the costs of upgrading the electric grid and paying their energy costs, so ratepayers would not subsidize data centers' energy and have those costs passed onto them.

Peters may soon have another data center opponent joining the San Diego congressional delegation.

"We need regulations to protect the public, especially as big tech companies come to town," said Councilmember Marni von Wilpert ahead of her aye vote for the moratorium. Von Wilpert is the favorite to win the District 48 race.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation similar to Peters' proposal recently, although it remains untested. California also has no jurisdiction on federal land.

Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera's proposed ordinance, outlined at a rally outside City Hall last week, would go further.

He proposed that land undergo an independent evaluation to see if it would be better for housing than a data center, so no large data centers would be built by right. Plus, the data center would need to be a minimum distance from schools, homes, parks, and other sensitive uses. Community and school districts would also have a voice in the planning process. Next, developers would take on all the grid upgrade costs, hire union workers, use only renewable energy, and have a water recycling plan.

Elo-Rivera added a few of those ideas, as well as a rule that the City Council must be notified within seven days of a data center proposal coming to the city, to the moratorium. The full ordinance language is awaiting approval by the city attorney.

"There are certain places where these data centers may be appropriate. NAVWAR is not one of them. The middle of our cities are not those places," Elo-Rivera said at the press conference.

Several data centers already operate in the city, including one along University Avenue in North Park. Government regulators had not caught up to the nascent technology and data centers were permitted like warehouses when it was built.

Elo-Rivera described the North Park data center as a "dead zone" in the middle of a vibrant, lively neighborhood.

The moratorium will apply to new data centers like the one in North Park, even though NAVWAR is exempt.

Council committee votes to terminate services with Flock Safety

By Tessa Balc
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – The Budget and Government Efficiency Committee voted to adopt a resolution to end the police department's use of automatic license plate readers citywide on Oct. 21.

The resolution will now go to the full City Council for approval. If passed, the city's existing Flock contract would be terminated.

The resolution titled "Rescind ALPR use policy," was proposed by councilmember Henry Foster III in response to widespread backlash against Flock Safety, the company that administers the city's license plate reader program.

Foster's proposal calls for the termination of the city's contract with Flock Safety, and for the city to delete all stored data along with it.

Ultimately, it calls on SDPD to do away with its current policy for using ALPRs, effectively prohibiting the technology.

This doesn't take ALPRs off of the table in the future. Rather, the city would need to treat any proposal for a new vendor of ALPRs as a completely new technology, completing an entire Privacy Advisory Board review and going through council approval.

In the resolution, local incidents are cited as to why the city should end its relationship with Flock, including the wrongful arrest of two men, as first reported by Times of San Diego, who are now suing the city, and a mistaken breach of data that allowed other agencies to access San Diego Police Department's network.

On Sept. 30, the ACLU Foundation of San Diego & Imperial counties filed a lawsuit against the city of San Diego, claiming the technology violates the California Constitution's stated right to privacy and is asking a court to compel the city to terminate its contract with Flock.

The option of cancelling the city's contract with Flock was most recently on the table in June during budget discussions. At that time, Foster, alongside council members Sean Elo-Rivera, Vivian Moreno and Kent Lee unsuccessfully voted to do so.

But now, another councilmember has landed on their side of the aisle, creating a council majority in favor of cancelling the contract.



Audience members who object to the Flock ALPR contract seated in the council chambers at City Hall, Dec. 9, 2025. (Photo by Adrian Childress/Times of San Diego)

Stephen Whitburn's first sign of vocal opposition to Flock came last week at a press conference. He framed it through his increasing concern of the federal government's use of the tech for immigration enforcement.

"I want public safety tools that help San Diegans feel safe," Whitburn said. "If Flock cameras are causing many San Diegans to feel unsafe, then they have lost effectiveness as a public safety tool."

His support could potentially tip the scale toward a successful vote if the other four council members who voted to terminate the contract in June stay on that side of the aisle.

Despite this new council majority, Mayor Todd Gloria could veto the resolution. Gloria is a vocal proponent of the technology and has doubled down on his support for it in recent weeks. On the same day Whitburn changed course, signaling he would vote to remove the technology, Gloria released a statement asserting it is a necessary tool.

"Keeping San Diegans safe is my highest responsibility as mayor. Automated license plate readers have assisted in nearly 900 criminal investigations and allowed San Diegans to recover over $8.7 million in stolen property. The results speak for themselves.

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Group begins process to recall Mayor Todd Gloria

By Tessa Balc
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – Mayor Todd Gloria isn't appearing on the ballot this Election Day, but an effort to oust him is moving forward.

A group led by criminal justice advocate Genevieve Jones Wright filed a Notice of Intent on Oct. 29 to recall Mayor Gloria, which now begins the recall process.

The notice published in the San Diego Daily Transcript on Election Day, Nov. 3, means the group can soon begin the formal signature-gathering process to call a special election.

Publishing a notice of intent in a local paper of record is an initial step in the recall process.

The notice must be served to Mayor Gloria by Nov. 8 and the city clerk by Nov. 13. Gloria will have the opportunity to respond to the stated reasons for circulating the petition before signatures can be collected. That response will have to be written up and published in a paper of record by Nov. 17.

At the earliest, the petition can begin circulating Nov. 24.

Once in circulation, the clock starts and they'll have 120 days to collect the signatures of at least 15% of registered voters in the city. If that happens the council is required to call a special election.

Leading the charge is Jones Wright, a public advocacy attorney who ran against Gloria for Mayor in 2024. Joining Jones Wright are longtime southeastern San Diego community activist Kathleen Harmon, Terrie Best, Donnetta Moore and Shelby Huffaker.

"We seek the recall of Mayor Todd Gloria because he has failed to put everyday San Diegans first and is unfit for office," the group's statement reads. "We have lost confidence in his competence, leadership, judgment, and candor. San Diegans deserve honest answers, transparent decisions, responsible stewardship of public money, and a mayor who is accessible and accountable to the people."

The reasons for the push to recall Gloria, according to the notice, are the his handling of city finances, his housing policy, which the proponents say favors developers and his lack of leadership on San Diego's homelessness crisis.

"Public office is a position of trust that carries a responsibility to protect the well-being of the people. San Diegans deserve a mayor focused on their needs, not political advancement. We believe his record warrants removal," the notice says.

The last recall effort against a sitting mayor in San Diego was against Bob Filner amid allegations of sexual harassment in 2013. Filner resigned before the recall effort could move forward.

Gloria's office could not be reached for comment immediately.

City pays $3.9 million to settle La Jolla sinkhole lawsuit

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SAN DIEGO – The City Council agreed to pay $3.925 million to nine La Jolla condominium owners whose homes were severely damaged by a massive sinkhole in March 2023, bringing the city's total settlements in the case to just under $14 million.

In August, the city approved paying $10 million to settle the claims from the homeowners' association and a tenth condo owner.

The final payout comes more than three years after a stormwater drainpipe failed near a condo complex located at 8803 Gilman.

Following the first sinkhole, as crews worked to repair the area, another drainpipe failure caused the ground to sink more, leaving a more than 80-by-40-foot hole steps from the La Jolla Terrace Condominiums.

The sinkhole caused several buildings to shift, cracking foundations, dislodging doors and windows and eventually forcing residents to evacuate.

In 2024, the homeowners association and seven condominium owners filed legal claims against the city of San Diego and the construction company that the city hired to replace the large drainpipe and reinforce the ground surrounding it.

The settlement now ends all litigation.

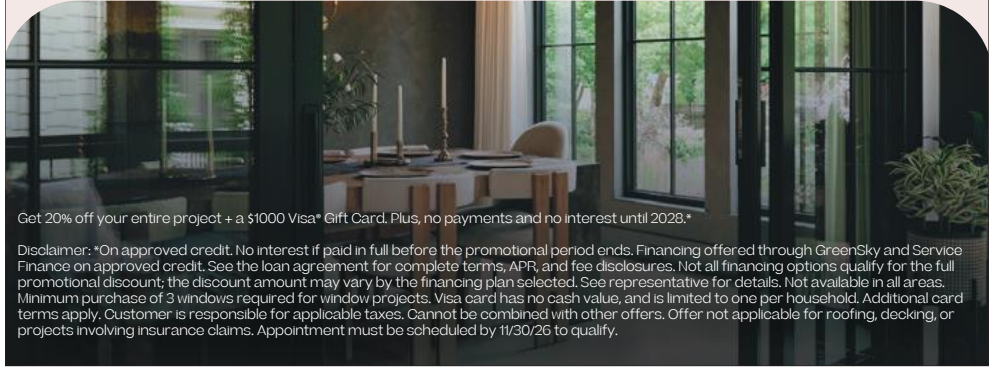
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Essex Properties settles security deposit lawsuit for $19.25 million

By Dorian Hargrove
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO



An apartment is under construction in San Diego in 2021. (File photo by Chris Stone/Times of San Diego)

SAN DIEGO – One of California's largest apartment landlords has agreed to pay $19.25 million to settle a class-action lawsuit alleging it wrongly withheld security deposits.

Essex Properties, which, according to internal company documents, owns 47,874 apartment units in California —5,311 of these in San Diego County — agreed to the multi-million-dollar payout to end a lawsuit filed in San Diego County by former tenants who said the company violated state law and refused to return security deposits.

The company did so, according to the complaint, by using internal purchase orders to charge tenants for repairs, deep cleaning, painting and other services. State law requires landlords to provide tenants with actual invoices from third parties.

And, when third parties did have to perform repairs, Essex was accused of inflating the cost of the invoice.

In one instance, cited in the complaint, a San Fernando man said Essex charged him nearly $2,000 to replace the carpet in his unit. The man then obtained the invoice from the contractor. The invoice amount was $907.

In other cases, the work was never performed and still tenants were charged.

At Essex's Form 15 apartment complex in Downtown San Diego, a tenant said Essex sent her move-out statements that included a $550 charge for painting the unit. When the tenant called the company, they had no record of the work.

The same Form 15 tenant was also charged for carpet cleaning. The apartment, however, had concrete floors.

Jimmie Davis Parker represented the tenants in the class actions. The San Diego-based attorney's firm, Robinson & Parker, specializes in security deposit class actions and has recovered more than $27 million for tenants in San Diego and throughout California in separate class action lawsuits against Los Angeles billionaire developer Geoffrey Palmer, MG Properties and San Diego-based Willmark Communities.

"This agreement would return money and provide debt relief to more than 200,000 former Essex Property Trust tenants," said Parker in a statement to Times of San Diego. "Those renters represent only a small fraction of the Californians vulnerable to having their security deposits improperly withheld. Challenging an improper deduction individually can cost more than the amount at stake, giving powerful landlords an unfair advantage."

Parker says the class action lawsuits such as these are important, especially when dealing with some of the largest landlords in the nation.

"Class actions give tenants the ability to stand together and obtain relief they could not secure alone. Powerful landlords have to follow the law, and when they don't, they have to pay."

Parker's co-counsel in the litigation, Jeffrey Hogue and Tyler Belong, say the $19.25 million in cash payouts is only part of the larger relief for Essex tenants — relief that came after more than four years of litigation.

"In addition to a $19,250,000 cash component, Essex has agreed to forgive $8,700,000 in turnover debt and clear it from the credit bureaus," said Hogue and Belong in a joint statement to Times of San Diego. "To its credit, Essex has also committed to lasting, court-enforceable improvements across its roughly 49,600 California apartment homes: vendor invoices in every move-out package, vendor discounts passed through to tenants, and regular training on Civil Code section 1950.5. By Essex's own numbers, we estimate those changes will bring $40 million to $83 million in turnover charges into compliance over the next decade and protect some 400,000 future departing tenants."

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Find your Fa La La La Jolla spirit this holiday season

By Dave Schwab
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

LA JOLLA – Fa La La. It's not a musical refrain but a new line of holiday clothing begun by a La Jolla entrepreneur merging hometown pride with holiday spirit.

Brenda Viola, an author, speaker and consultant in La Jolla Village spoke of what motivated her to recently launch The Fa La La Store online. Her latest enterprise is a collection of holiday apparel including hoodies, T-shirts, onesies, and caps personalizing and geographically defining the year-end holiday.

Viola addressed why she created her new business model and its website, www.TheFaLaLaStore.com. "The genesis came from falling in love with La Jolla," said the East Coast transplant. "After I came to San Diego I said, 'Wait a minute, this place is festive, like being in a Hallmark movie.'"

As for her new business and its name, Viola noted, "I had the idea – but I didn't know what to do with it."



Brenda Viola started Fa La La La Jolla after moving to La Jolla from the East Coast. (Photo courtesy of Brenda Viola)

Viola was subsequently having dinner with her cousin discussing her start up idea, and her relation suggested Fa la la as an appropriate name noting, "That is really a brilliant phrase. It should be on Christmas items."

Noting her new business is something of an anomaly with her background, Viola nonetheless couldn't shake the feeling that Fa La La was a really good idea. Thus began her retail journey.

"I had to come up with a design and I'm not a graphic artist," she noted about her initial challenges adding she did what other people are doing today in similar situations, she consulted ChatGPT.

Add a little mistletoe, take every product in her new line and SWAK it, and the end result is Fa La La, a new seasonal fashion trend. Viola then took the fun name for the festive season and created a fancy logo for all her products.

"I paid for the trademarks," she noted. "I have a vision. I wanted Fa La La to light up the holidays with my (new) hometown."

La Jolla should be everyone's hometown, claims the La Jolla entrepreneur.

"Think of how many people from all over the world come to La Jolla because they love it," Viola pointed out. "La Jolla has a real sense of pride and place. With Fa La La, the whole family can deck themselves in something that's got holiday spirit and hometown pride. It's not something I've seen anywhere else.

"I just need people to find out about it," Viola said of her startup, which is also targeting La Mesa. "I would love to partner with some retail outlets in La Jolla Village to offer the product line, and I'd also like to set up pop-up shops at some of our 55-plus retirement communities."

Viola is hitting the road to popularize Fa La La. Confirmed locations/dates where Fa La La La Jolla items will be available include:

- Friday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m. to noon in the lobby of Lifetime Fitness, 1055 Wall St. in La Jolla.
- Sunday, Dec. 6, starting at 1 p.m. during the annual La Jolla Christmas Parade.
- Thursday, Dec. 10, Blue Whale Night Market, 834 Kline St. in La Jolla.

Tentative: Nov. 22 and 29 – La Jolla Farmer's Market, 7335 Girard Ave.

Fa La La will also be at the La Mesa Christmas Market on Dec. 12.

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Live music this week: Acoustic Evenings in La Jolla, Eternal Wave in Bird Rock

By Bart Mendoza
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO



Pianist Danny Green to perform a free concert at Athenaeum on Nov. 9. (Photo courtesy of Sasha Israel)

Acoustic Evenings

Promoter Jefferson's Jay's popular Acoustic Evenings concert series is moving from the Athenaeum to the La Jolla Community Center, with the first show set for Nov. 6. For fans of the area's singer-songwriter community, it doesn't get much better than this. Each show features three of San Diego's premier acoustic performers playing short sets, with this edition set to showcase music from Tim Flannery, Steve Bulman and Jay. All three artists are headliners, and worth a listen, but Flannery in particular is a gifted performer, with a wealth of excellent originals that cast his sound somewhere between Richard Thompson and late period Tom Petty.

Acoustic Evenings: Friday, Nov. 6, at the La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Blvd. 7:30 p.m. $30.

Eternal Wave

Beach rock quartet Eternal Wave play at Beaumont's on Nov. 7. Headquartered in Santa Barbara, the band has a slew of fun originals such as "Hippie Summer" and "I Just Wanna Surf," but where they really excel is in their renditions of early 1960s dance floor filling anthems, including tunes like "Louie Louie," "Walk Don't Run," and "Misirlou." Beaumont's intimate setting will give Eternal Wave's performance the feel of a fun house party, rather than a concert.

Eternal Wave: Saturday, Nov. 7, at Beaumont's Eatery, 5662 La Jolla Blvd. 9 p.m. $10.

The Psychedelic Furs

UK post punk rockers, The Psychedelic Furs aren't resting on their laurels. Fans heading to their show at The Sound on Nov. 8, will hear all of the group's biggest radio favorites from the 1980s and early 1990s, including "Pretty In Pink," "Heaven," and "Love My Way." However, unlike many groups from that era, The Psychedelic Furs don't just concentrate on their past, giving plenty of stage time to their more recent songs, such as the excellent single, "The Boy That Invented Rock & Roll," from their latest album, "Made of Rain." Nearly five decades after they first hit the charts, singer Richard Butler is in fine voice and remains a commanding stage presence.

Psychedelic Furs: Sunday, Nov. 8, at The Sound, 2260 Jimmy Durante Blvd. 8 p.m. $67 and up.

Danny Green

Pianist Danny Green performs a free solo concert at the Athenaeum on Nov. 9 as part of the venue's lunchtime concert series, which takes place most Mondays. Green is one of San Diego's top tier talents, a first-call session musician, often heard performing alongside the likes of Peter Sprague, Ron Thorsen and Allison Adams Tucker. At this performance, Green will be taking the Athenaeum's stage to celebrate the release of his latest album, performing songs from "Let The Music Happen." Though thoroughly a jazz release, pop fans will also enjoy Green's recast versions of Stevie Wonder's "I Wish" and The Beatles "A Day in The Life."

Danny Green: Monday, Nov. 9, at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, 1008 Wall St. Noon. Free.

Shakedown Citi

What's in a name? For New York-based group, Shakedown Citi, it's the perfect description of their sound and influence: A Grateful Dead tribute group formed in the parking lot of an East Coast stadium. Appearing at Winston's on Nov. 6, Shakedown Citi, is about the perfect jam band for a Friday night in Ocean Beach, offering up a curated set list of the band's best material.

Shakedown Citi: Friday, Nov. 6, at Winston's, 1921 Bacon St., 7 p.m. $10.

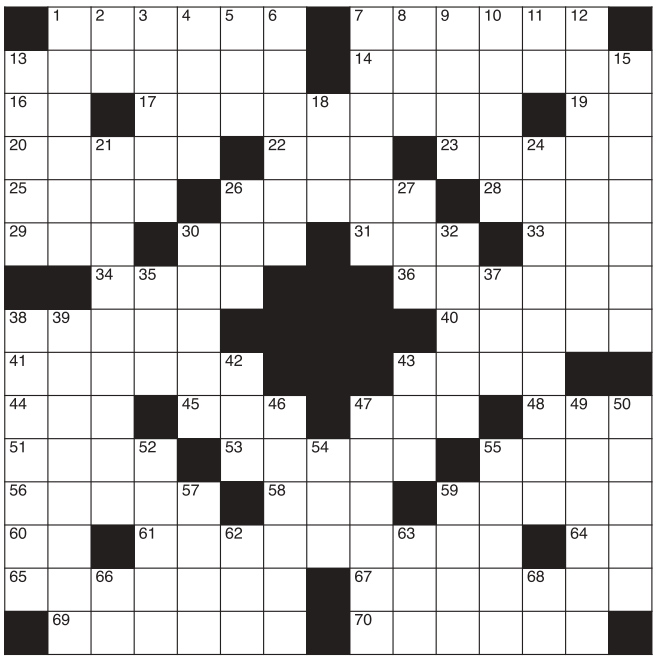
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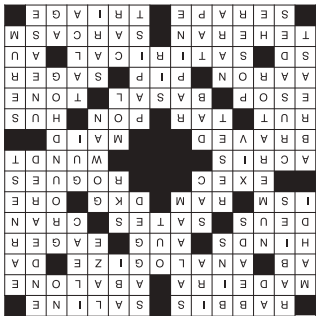
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16. Blood type
17. Make a comparison
19. Government lawyer
20. "Game of Thrones" actor Ciaran
22. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
23. Very willing
25. ___ex machina
26. Satisfies
28. New Zealand mountain
29. A doctrine
30. Popular Dodge truck model
31. Dekagram
33. Naturally occurring solid material
34. Company higher-up
36. Villains
38. Cricket frog genus
40. Influential early psychologist
41. Endured
43. Servant
44. You can get stuck in one
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47. Passive optical network
48. French ballet dynasty
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Forming a bottom layer
55. Sound
56. Yankees slugger Judge
58. Dickens character
59. Beloved late sportscaster Craig
60. "The Mount Rushmore State"
61. Sarcastic and critical
64. Atomic #79
65. Longtime Atlanta Braves pitcher
67. Humor
69. Shawl
70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease
2. Commercial
3. Craft supplies
4. Containers
5. A way to save for your golden years
6. Common Arabic greeting
7. Bulged downward
8. Acquired brain injury
9. Lay about
10. Intestinal
11. Not yes
12. In a way, pleased
13. Messianic figure in Islam
15. Resulting from intense conviction
18. Not in
21. Number above the line in a fraction
24. Lawn pest
26. Pouch
27. Ancient language (abbr.)
30. Start anew
32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
37. Graphical user interface
38. Facing the same way
39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
49. Malaise
50. Body fluid
52. Inauthentic person
54. Title of respect
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57. Central Japan city
59. Silk garment
62. Draw from
63. Automobile
66. A male
68. Powerful government lawyer

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The Social Diary – Annual Fur Ball raises $1.8 million for San Diego Humane Society

By Margo Schwab
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

Guests, furry and human, arrived in their finest for the 40th Fur Ball, aka Ruby Anniversary Gala, at the San Diego Humane Society on Gaines Street on Oct. 3. The heat was fierce that day, but it did not stop anyone from coming to the sold-out event, nor did it stop the generosity. More than $1.8 million was raised to provide care for over 40,000 animals this year plus ready them for adoption.

And it is critical. As SDHS Dr. Gary Weitzman said, "Our shelters continue to face overcapacity challenges."

SDHS's Nina Thompson notes, there is an abundance of seniors, puppies, and kittens hoping for families. With holidays approaching, adoption, fostering, volunteering, and funding are joyful help.

Speaking of animals, we helped rescue a sweet Box Turtle last week. After two days fostering but not finding the owner, Homer, now Turla is at the SDHS, health checked and ready for adoption to a lucky turtle lover!

In other animal news the Janice K. Hobbs UC Davis Veterinary Medical Center Southern California opened with fanfare Oct. 1, on Shoreham Place. Among the attendees was top UC Davis Veterinary cardiologist Dr. Tim Hodge who not only treats dogs and cats but has also provided heart care to a variety of San Diego Zoo animals.



Cute Adoptables!


Adorable guests at the Fur Ball.


Margo Schwab in Jordan with her beloved KIMA on the hand painted gown.
(All photos by Margo Schwab/Special for Times of San Diego)


Superheroes Scott Johnston, multi-awarded officer of the SDPD including the first Purple Heart recipient, and Melissa Lucero, officer with the Humane Law Enforcement.


Super animal hero Dr. Gary Weitzman, the president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society, with Margo Schwab.


Greg Goldstein and Jane Mitchell with Simone.


Debra Patterson with rescue Maverick.


Veterinary intern Dr. Graham and Dr. Ngo, veterinary resident.


Archie and Abby, the Archie Abby Shelties, with Carl and Anna Packer.



Dr. Mark Stetter Dean of UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Oceane Aubry, UC Davis Oncologist, and Dr. Tim Hodge, UC Davis top cardiologist, and our beloved KIMA's hero!


Isbet Gonzalez with Gordon Kovtun.


Delaney and Jonathan Cohn with Cordelia, and Karen Cohn with Domino.



Melissa Benin and Jackson.


Jennifer and Dr. Richard Greenfield with their pups.

Bishop's School football: Plan B has been working well

By Ed Piper
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

LA JOLLA – Bishop's football coach Shane Walton's squad suffered a lot of injuries to his senior corps, so they were forced to employ sophomores and freshmen in their place, and so far, so good.

"We started off the year with a very veteran team," says the long-time coach, "but we had a lot of injuries, so we had to start [underclassmen]. They're making mistakes, which is normal. They should be on the JV team."

Two surprises are linemen, Isaac Smedra and Cayden Watkins.

"He leads the team in knockdowns and pancake blocks," says Race Paris of Watkins, a senior moved next to them at left tackle.

Playing at left guard, Watkins says: "I'm a freshman playing on the offensive line against juniors and seniors, so I'm usually not stronger. I have to use technique and strength to beat them.

"In pass-blocking, I do snatch-blocking, which means chopping their arms (pushing the opponent's arms down). In run-blocking, Isaac at center and I are double-teaming, getting the guy down."

Are you surprised you're starting as a freshman? "Yeah, that was a shock," the friendly Watkins says. "I felt I had the ability to start, but I was surprised when I put in there when others got injured."

Another pleasant surprise is quarterback Amaree Maye, 6 foot 4 inches tall and still apparently growing at 16 years old with a wiry build at 160 pounds. He stands out at practice, where he is one of the tallest in uniform.

Walton is known for developing young quarterbacks, like Cash Herrera, who started for three years for the Knights. Walton encourages Maye to "not think" — when he thinks and doesn't get into a flow, he makes mistakes.

"When Amaree believes in himself, he's really special," is how Walton expresses it.

Maye nods in agreement. "Sometimes I get down on myself," he says. "When I stop thinking about the game and doing what I do naturally, we start moving down the field."



Bishop's quarterback Amaree Maye, a sophomore, throws in practice. (Photo by Ed Piper/Special for Times of San Diego)

Walton says the Knights ran a spread when junior Jackson Binn started and was healthy the first three games, but once he got injured, Bishop's has gone to a mix of spread offense, zone-read, and a two-back setup.

Maye, in his eight games played as of Oct. 20, has completed 55 of 95 passes for 661 yards, seven touchdowns, and four interceptions. His quarterback rating is a respectable 86.3.

"We've trailed in every game he's played," says Walton. "I told him, 'You don't have to wait until the second half to play well.' When he doesn't have to think, he plays phenomenal. Go have fun."

At this writing, the results have been pretty good: a 6-2 record overall, and 2-0 in the Coastal Conference. The Knights play in Div. 4, which promises a lot of opportunities in the playoffs beginning on Nov. 6.

"Cayden has absolutely stepped up," Paris says. "Against Maranatha Christian on Oct. 16 (a 23-19 win), we studied a lot of their tendencies. We studied a lot of videos and the coaches give us tendency sheets."

Falcons flag football to play Helix for CIF championship on Saturday

By Noah Perkins
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

LA JOLLA – Torrey Pines flag football defeated Carlsbad 28-17 on Nov. 3 in the San Diego Section Open Division semifinals, advancing to Saturday's championship game against Helix at Olympian High School in Chula Vista.

The Falcons captured the Div. I section championship last season after finishing runner-up in each of the program's first two years. Saturday's game will mark Torrey Pines' fourth consecutive appearance in a section championship game.

"It's a testament to the girls and to them buying in each year, understanding the process and, like I said, continuing to buy into it," Falcons head coach Ryland Wickman said.

The victory was Torrey Pines' second over Avocado League rival Carlsbad this season and improved the Falcons' record to 15-8.

"Carlsbad's a very talented team. They've got some very good young talent. They changed their offense a little bit from the beginning of the season, using their athletes a little bit more, so I was expecting a really good game. They're also in our league, so we're familiar with each other. We expected a good game going in, and it was a good game," Wickman said.

Sophomore quarterback Izzie Dieter threw four touchdown passes as Torrey Pines built an early lead and held off the Lancers. Dieter connected with Lilou Briere and Ollie Chontos to put the Falcons ahead 14-0. Carlsbad answered to make it 14-7 before Dieter found Cambry Wamstad and Claire McEvoy, extending the lead to 28-7.

Carlsbad scored late and attempted to use two of the new dynamic kickoff plays, designed to give the kicking team an opportunity to regain possession, but Torrey Pines stopped both attempts.

Dieter has thrown for at least 50 touchdowns in consecutive seasons. Wickman said her confidence and ability to read defenses have continued to improve, along with her leadership.

"Her confidence just continues to grow, and her ability to read defenses continues to get better. I think she's also becoming more of a leader," Wickman said.



Torrey Pines flag football players celebrate their semi-final win. (Photo courtesy of Torrey Pines flag football)

The team's commitment was evident the morning after the semifinal. Wickman offered the players the afternoon off, but they chose to practice instead.

"They're the ones putting it on themselves. I'll be honest with you, I even tried to give them today off, and they told me no. They wanted to practice, finish this and continue to learn and get better. I was excited to see that," Wickman said.

The Falcons will face an 18-1 Helix team in Saturday's championship game scheduled for 6 p.m. The Highlanders went 8-0 in league play to claim the Grossmont Hills League title, led by senior quarterback Vida Sanchez, who accounted for 73 passing and rushing touchdowns and nearly 5,000 yards of offense this season, and receiver Kaiya Merlo, who caught 117 passes and 28 touchdowns.

"Their quarterback is very athletic. They have a good receiver, and they play physical football. It's going to be a good test. We're going to have to control their quarterback and their No. 1 receiver and play good football. Every team that's left is a good team, and we know that. Hopefully, we're able to put in some good work, get prepared and show up ready to play," Wickman said.

UCSD SENT DEAD BODIES

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UCSD's Body Donation Program and its military partnerships.

"UC is proud of its support for medical education of U.S. military healthcare professionals," UC Health spokesperson Heather Harper wrote on Oct. 7. "The training of military healthcare professionals through lending of anatomical remains for practical skill building — as well as through residency programs and other partnerships — helps develop skilled healthcare professionals who frequently go on to practice in civilian settings supporting the health of communities in California and across the nation."

Dr. Morgen A. Chalmiers, a medical anthropologist who graduated from UCSD's School of Medicine, objected to her university supplying bodies to the U.S. and Israeli militaries, calling the practice "a very extreme misuse and disrespect" of donors' bodies.

"There's a horrific irony that these people gave their bodies to teach future healthcare workers to become better healers and caregivers," Chalmiers said.



A portrait of Niranjana Anandpura rests on the couch where she once sat. (Photo by Thomas Murphy/Special to Times of San Diego)

"[But] then their bodies were subjected to this crude sort of reanimation and mutilation on a make-believe battlefield, for the very same unit bombing ambulances and shooting paramedics at point-blank range in Gaza."

In September, USC announced it would not renew its cadaver contract with the military.

Following the announcement, UCSD said it would no longer supply cadavers to USC because changes to USC's laboratory no longer met UC requirements.

NIRANJANA'S FINAL GIFT

Before UCSD employees came to collect Niranjana Anandpura's body, her family cut a lock of her hair. After 13 days of prayer, a priest burned it as a symbolic substitute for her body in a Hindu funeral rite, marking the end of formal mourning.

Now, the lock of hair holds new significance for the family: it was the only part of their beloved grandmother that the military couldn't use.

The Anandpura sisters feel "betrayed" by Barton, whose assurances that their grandmother's body would be used for a good cause convinced the family to donate.

"We felt reassured that, even though we wouldn't get the ashes back, [my grandmother] would be taken care of with love," Bhavika Anandpura said. "We're missing out on the last rites, doing all of the prayers that are necessary at that time, but that's the cost of doing the donation. It was a big concern for us, until the director reassured us that it would be okay. We feel that was unfair for him to do."

Shuchi Anandpura said Barton made their grandmother's South Asian heritage "a big selling point" in multiple conversations that convinced the family to donate.

The director told the Anandpuras that UCSD rarely receives South Asian body donations, making the matriarch's contribution — and her family's sacrifice — especially valuable.

But the sisters say their grandmother's South Asian heritage is exactly why they consider the program's undisclosed ties to the military such a personal "betrayal" because, as an Indian woman who grew up under British colonial rule, their grandmother was deeply opposed to war.

Niranjana Anandpura's family still doesn't know whether her body was used for military training — an uncertainty that continues to haunt them.

Now, her granddaughters want UCSD to account for all donated bodies by telling every family how their loved one's remains were used, including ways not disclosed in the university's body donation contract.

"I would like an answer for all bodies, not just my grandma, [but] for all unwilling participants," Shuchi Anandpura said. "UCSD should be able to take accountability for each and every body. I would like them to tell donors exactly how much they made. I think it's important for each family to know."



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