

Tom Blair: Dogs' Day of Summer at Petco Park

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This is not a cheap shot. A bunch of dogs will be on the field at Petco Park on July 27 when the Padres take on the Diamondbacks. The canines — a hoped-for 750 of them — will be there in an attempt to break a Guinness world record for most dogs at a professional sporting event. The plan is for a pre-game doggy parade around the playing field while officials from Guinness look on. After that, the Padres and Diamondbacks would be well advised to watch their step.

San Diegans' Ink: When Coronado's long-shuttered Village Theatre reopened two weeks ago, there was some doubt the little movie house could still draw crowds. But it was an instant hit with one demographic. Manager Victor Martinez says more than 100 Coronado teens applied for 15 jobs at the theater ... San Diego designer-artist Doug Wilson should have a best-seller with his punny new gift book. It's an AYK (as you know) to ZZZ (sleepy) compendium of 295 text message codes, illustrated with Wilson's signature cartoons. The title: "Thumb Things." ... All good: Turns out OTG isn't the only competitor thinking local in the bidding for new San Diego airport concessions. High Flying Foods has put together a team that features Stone Brewery, Saffron, Pannikin and Phil's BBQ, among others.

Outside in: The June 27 New Yorker has a major takeout on the Crystal Bridges art museum being built in Arkansas with multibillionaire Alice Walton's bucks. She and her late brother, John Walton of National City, both were heirs to the Walmart fortune. The New Yorker quotes Crystal Bridges' new director, Don Bacigalupi, and praises his work as former director of the Toledo Museum of Art. But no mention of Bacigalupi's earlier gig at our San Diego Museum of Art ... Going down: Forbes is just out with its new rankings of the Best Places for Business — based primarily on job growth and cost of doing business — and cities in the West and Southwest look good. The bad: San Diego ranks way down at No. 67. But don't forget, we ranked sixth on Chemistry.com's list of cities with the most organized sock drawers.

Soft sell: Commercial real estate broker Jason Hughes is doing his own bit to boost downtown office occupancy in a soft market. After finding a new home for San Diego Magazine, Hughes just found buyers and closed escrow on the magazine's old Front Street headquarters (formerly owned by Price Entities). The buyers: Hughes and his partner, Dave Marino, planning an inside/outside makeover for their "future world headquarters."

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