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Jay Masch
El Cajon

Dis, Dat, and Dose

This is a comment on a letter that you published titled "Unappreciated Humor" (Letters, March 26) from

somebody named Anonymous. He was complaining about the "Almost Factual News," and he evidently doesn't appreciate jokes about the Wuhan corona. But anyway, I would like to inform Mr. Anonymous that most of us learnt in English class in grade school that the second person plural pronoun in English is "ye," "you" "your," "yours," and its not "you guys." Evidently Mr. Anonymous is under the mistaken impression that "you guys" is the second person plural pronoun because he uses it about eleven times in his letter taking you to task for joking about the Wuhan coronavirus. That's all I had to say. Mr. Anonymous, please, please use good English.

Anonymous

The future's going viral

Dear Mr. State of Emergency: Ugh. You need to ACTIVELY Enlist millennials / spring breakers into public service. Put on your JFK pants, channel your best Abby Hoffman, and Flavor Flav those millennial sleeper cells to bum rush the virus. If you don't know why, you shouldn't be a leader now. The rev-

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AT THE BEACH

YOLO '20 vs. COVID-19

This wouldn't be an issue in Venezuela

As the coronavirus outbreak led Mayor Faulconer to ask San Diegans to stay at home and avoid congregating in groups, photographers around San Diego County and Tijuana started capturing images of empty streets and freeways and then posting the surreal and lifeless photos on social media. But on March 21st, Pacific Beach resident Max Nodland found a different subject: the Pacific Beach Boardwalk,

"I was hoping it was dead and brought my camera to take some pictures of what I assumed would be an empty beach."

packed with visitors who seemed unconcerned with the six-foot social distancing precaution to avoid communicating the disease. "I was hoping it was dead and brought my camera to take some pictures of what I assumed would be an empty beach," Nodland said. "When I got there, I was somewhat surprised."

In his wall photo, people sit just inches from one another. In another photo, over 30 people stroll on the boardwalk, inches apart. "My girlfriend didn't want me to post them because she thought I might get the beach shut down," said Nodland. "We've been using walks on the sand as a way to get out of the house; the people on the sand were doing a great job of distancing."

At about 2 pm on March 22, Nodland sent me another photo of the boardwalk, and it appeared as packed as the day before. Mainstream news outlets reported that the San Diego Police Department had begun blocking access to City of San Diego beach parking lots. That same day, just hours after Governor Newsom called on young people to obey the stay-at-home order he had issued days before, I asked Sunnie, a 54-year-old registered nurse from Pacific Beach, to look out her window and describe the section of boardwalk she could see. "There are still many people today," she said. "I believe I had this COVID-19 virus a few weeks ago," she continued. "I never felt so sick in my life."

A couple of online commenters saw Nodland's photos and blamed "YOLO [You

Only Live Once] post-millennial spring breakers" for being out and about, echoing recent media reports of Florida spring breakers congregating and "super-spreading" on the beaches. Nodland wasn't so sure: "I saw a ton of spring breakers here last weekend," he said, "but there seemed to be fewer this weekend. Today, there was a wide age range represented — definitely not skewing young. I think the bulk age range was between 25-45."

But Cristbel Adams from Imperial Beach lives close to the pier in her city, and she direct-messaged me an Instagram video of "yolo spring breakers." "People are still hanging out like nothing, and not respecting the social distance," she explained. "I'm originally from Venezuela, and I have been in many lockdowns there; the difference is that in my country, the military takes action if you don't follow the rules. And we are supposed to be in quarantine and they

say we have to stay home, [yet] there's a farmer's market open in Little Italy. I just watched the news and they said it's OK, as long as the people keep the social distance." (Since then, all farmer's markets in the city of San Diego have shut down.)

Adams has also seen surfers, but she thinks "there's nothing bad about surfing, because they just jump in the ocean alone, [keep their distance] and go back home without social contact."

The young San Diegans who were reportedly congregating at Chula Vista, Ocean Beach, and Pacific Beach house parties, playing loud music, and consuming alcohol weren't interested in being scolded for it. "Actually the young are the future, so maybe stop acting superior since you aren't," posted one female on her social media. "And if you really think we aren't struggling in this garbage heap of a world that has been passed down to us to fix, then you are very mistaken and arrogant. It's fine, though, it will definitely be a struggle for you when you need us to take care of you in your old age if this kind of mindset continues. And yes, it's harsh, but it's getting really old hearing people bash the younger generations when they are the only ones who will be around long enough to make a significant difference."

MIKE MADRIGA



"They can take our beaches, but they cannot take our FREEDOM, man."

AT THE PUMP

David beats Goliath in the price wars

For once, it pays to be small, nimble, and out of the way

San Diegans willing to venture out from home during the quarantine are noticing some positives. Freeways are wide open, and the price of gas is dropping like a rock. At a time of year when SoCal refiners traditionally switch to a more costly "summer blend," gas prices in San Diego County have fallen an average of 37 cents a gallon since the February 24 seasonal high of \$3.55.

Eight of the top ten low price leaders are independent stations in the business districts of Escondido and Oceanside, communities abandoned long ago by branded gas retailers more inclined toward higher-priced freeway interchange locations. All ten were under \$2.55 a gallon, including two rural, Native American-



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owned stations at casinos — Harrah's in Valley Center and the La Jolla Reservation Trading Post on Highway 76 towards Lake Henshaw. Mohsen Gas' two locations in Oceanside — one on Coast Highway, the other on Mission Avenue — were posted by *gasbuddy.com* as the county's lowest at \$2.45 after registering an eight-cent drop over a 48-hour period. On March 22, even in low-priced Oceanside, there was a price spread of \$1.14 per gallon between the lowest- and highest-price stations.

None of the top ten bargains were Costco

locations. And military and veterans buying gas at base exchanges usually pay higher gas prices than they would in town, because the federal government purchases long-term contracts for gas supplies, and so is unable to lower prices on pre-purchased gas.

In spite of the state's 66-cents-a-gallon tax on gasoline, a Sinclair Gas in Lemoore, CA is selling for \$2.25, the lowest in the state. (According to a Kentucky newspaper, the *Scioto Post*, a station in London, Kentucky hit 99 cents on March 19.)

Why the low prices? The price for a barrel of crude is at its lowest since 2003, and a March 19 *Bloomberg* report stated that oil traders were struggling with one of the biggest crashes in history. Analysts from Goldman Sachs and Citigroup expected prices to drop to \$20 a barrel in the coming weeks. That price was realized the very next day, as shelter-in-place orders led Americans to avoid driving.

KEN HARRISON

THE ATMOSPHERE

Coronavirony Respiratory disease brings cleaner air

After the county banned large gatherings and life-as-usual came to a halt, the air changed. From Otay Mesa to Oceanside, the color-coded maps that show where air pollutants concentrate are green, indicating the lowest risk. The air is good both in Alpine — where smog, corralled by mountains, tends to settle — and in San Ysidro, a hotspot for border fumes. Because the majority of air pollution in San Diego is caused by vehicle emissions, the coronavirus shutdown has led to clearer skies, as it has in China, Italy, New York City, and beyond. "We can be certain that there have been fewer emissions with reduced traffic over the past week," says Bill Brick, chief of air monitoring and technical services at San Diego Air Pollution Control District. "Our air monitoring data do show relatively low concentrations of pollut-

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Democrat Davis dumps before Dow dive

Meanwhile, a prickly Peters bails on bonds San Diego House Democrat Susan Davis, once the queen of congressional travel freebies thanks to special interests, has been dumping her personal travel-related assets of late, and gaining the notice of the Washington press corps in the process. “Previously unreported lawmakers who sold assets in the weeks leading up to the market crash include Rep. Susan Davis (D-Calif.), who unloaded thousands of dollars of stock in Alaska Air and Royal Caribbean cruises,” noted a March 21 online post by *Politico*. House disclosure records show that the Alaska Air sale, valued between \$15,001 and \$50,000, happened between February 11 and 13. Royal Caribbean, worth between \$1001 and \$15,000, was sold during the same three-day period.

Not mentioned by *Politico* was Davis’s purchase during that same period of between \$15,001 and \$50,000 worth of stock in Baidu, the giant Chinese Internet search engine outfit, which has taken an as-yet-undisclosed hit following the Wuhan outbreak. However, the company is working on population surveillance breakthroughs that may make significant money during the international pandemic and beyond. “Baidu has developed several tools that are effective in building awareness and screening populations, including an AI-powered, non-contact infrared sensor system that provides users with fast multi-person temperature monitoring that can quickly detect a person if they are suspected of having a fever, one of the many symptoms of the coronavirus,” according to a March 11 account by the *MIT Technology Review*. “In addition, Baidu released the industry’s first

open-source model to detect whether individuals in crowded areas are wearing masks. The model boasts a classification accuracy of 97.27% with a robust performance in long-tail scenarios, such as an oro-nasal mask or side faces. As the outbreak continues to spread, this tool provides a key indicator of the population’s view of and response to the coronavirus, by gauging the public’s adoption of safe health procedures like wearing face masks and regularly washing hands.” How the technology might be employed after the coronavirus crisis was not discussed.

In addition to Davis’s investment activity,



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Politico found that House Democrat Scott Peters of La Jolla had been shifting his holdings in the face of the impending disaster. Reported the site, “On January 29, the day he and others were briefed on the coronavirus, Peters sold between \$500,001 and \$1 million in Butte-Glenn municipal bonds. He and his wife moved over \$2 million from local government bonds to U.S. Treasury notes, considered a port in the storm amid market turbulence, between January 27 and January 29. The muni bond market is currently facing strong headwinds.”

The congressman’s office responded that *continued on page 32*

UNDER THE RADAR

Wartime messiah Ex-House Republican **Darrell Issa**, seeking this fall to reclaim a congressional seat in a new district, has a potent political weapon in his arsenal called the Issa Family Foundation, which he runs with his wife, Katharine. As of the end of 2018, the charity had a total net worth of \$26,292,536, according to a May 2019 federal disclosure filing, paying out \$1,276,479 in contributions and grants. The foundation gave much of its cash to local charities, including the top donation recipient, North County Solutions for Change, a self-styled homeless housing group, which got \$250,000. In November of last year, Solutions for Change employee **Cynthia Schopen** accused the non-profit of sending workers to Oceanside city hall to lobby on behalf of North River Farms, a controversial development by Solutions for Change megadonor Integral Communities.

“We got an email to the staff to drop everything for the rest of the day,” Schopen told the *Union-Tribune*. “I was nervous about it, because I had a lot to do.” The charity said to workers that the purpose of the activity was “to court a donor who gives us a lot of money,” according to Schopen. Those seeking to opt-out of the political activity should “look for another job.” Added the U-T’s account: “The Solutions group was provided with bus transportation, pizza, and green “Yes on NRF” T-shirts and signs by the developer. They arrived well before the council meeting and took many of the seats in the front and center rows, which forced opponents to sit outside the crowded room.”

Schopen said she quit a few days later. Said Solutions for Change chief **Chris Megison** to the paper: “We do not force (anyone) to go to these meetings.”

Another group backed by the Lebanese American Issa’s foundation was the American Task Force for Lebanon, with \$25,000. Last April, the task force gave Trump administration Health and Human Services Agency chief **Alex Azar**, who is also of Lebanese heritage, and GOP House member **Darin LaHood**, its achiever of the year awards. Also, Israel Today Ministries got \$2000 from Issa’s non-profit.

“Orthodox rabbis and Evangelical Christians equally believe that the world is on the cusp of the Battle of Armageddon and that ‘we are about to see the Messiah,’” the group’s founder and leader, the **Rev. Jeff Johnson**, told the *Jerusalem Post* last September. The bond

between Jews and Christians, said Johnson, is the belief in a war “in which Israel will battle a coalition led by Persia, which is considered today to be Iran, and through this battle the messiah will come.”

Tasers of influence A big-money lobbying campaign on behalf of a “conducted energy weapons” maker has begun at San Diego’s city hall. As first reported here last week, San Diego cops are looking to buy up



Nothing makes Darrell Issa smile like a potent political weapon.

to 1200 more of the devices to add to and replace an already impressive stock of over 1500 of the weapons, commonly called tasers. “The City of San Diego’s Police Department uses Conducted Energy Weapons as a force option that is intended to temporarily immobilize subjects to enable officers to gain control over them,” per an invitation to bid issued by the city March 6. “When the probes make contact with the target,

approximately 1200-2500 volts of electricity pass between the probes affecting the person’s sensory and motor nervous systems, capable of causing temporary immobilization.”

Scottsdale, Arizona-based Axon, which makes tasers, has hired the well-connected San Diego influence-peddling outfit of California Strategies, founded by one-time Pete Wilson mayoral aide Bob White. The company will lobby for “City Council and Mayoral approval of contract with Client, reviewing and enhancing the Client’s servicers for TASER weapon systems. Axon body-worn officer cameras, and related digital evidence management systems and supporting services.”



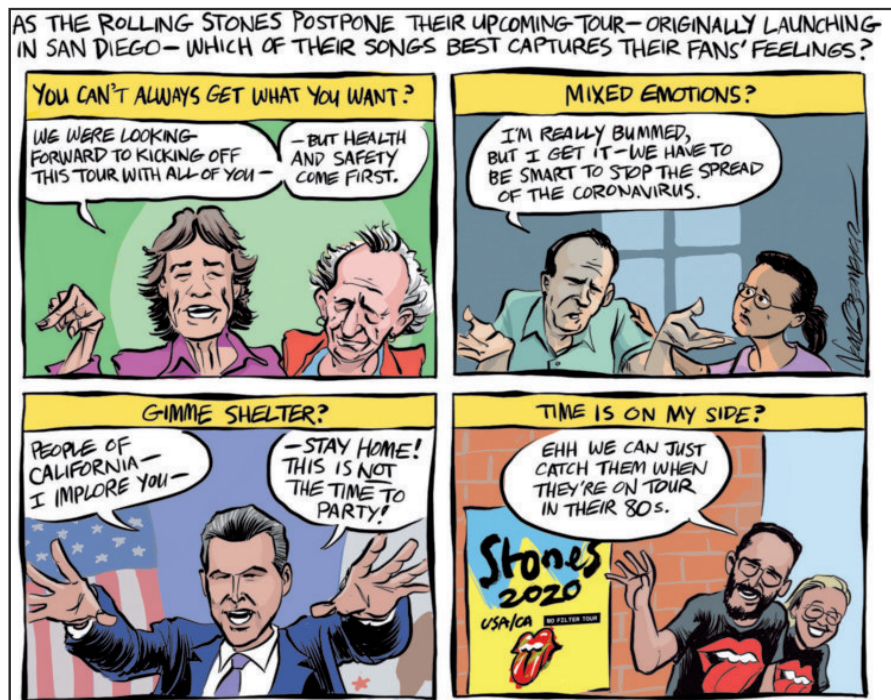
Bob White, mayoral aide turned lobbyist, loves that taser money.

Party switchers Real estate developers, who in years past were principal cash backers of the San Diego Republican Party, have diverted a chunk of their financial support to the local Democratic Party, the most recent monthly disclosure of federal party committees has revealed. On January 23, residential building giant Pardee came up with \$10,000 for local Democrats.

The day before XJD, LLC of Beverly Hills, run by **Michael Schlesinger** — the big-bucks GOP Lincoln Club backer famous for his years-long battle over the controversial development of a golf course in Escondido — kicked in the same. Labor unions were still a major donor, with \$10,000 received from San Diego Works on January 23. Developer and Democrat **Scott Canel** of Highland Park, Illinois, gave \$5000 on January 5. In all, the committee took in \$89,076

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Dear Hipster:

I think it is patently unfair for you to invoke the quasi-divine, vaguely pork-like glory of the McRib during these trying times. Did you not think we had it bad enough being forced to remain inside our homes while spring springs all around us, so you had to add a bitter reminder that I can't have a socially distant McRib right now now matter how bad I might want one? Shame on you.

— DEVON

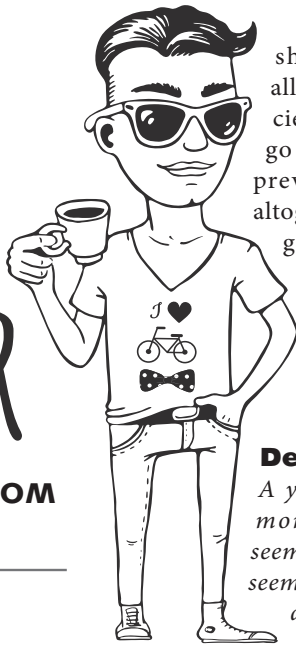
Ah, yes, the cult of the McRib. It's one of those weird things that make no sense, but in a good way (unlike people hoarding needless amounts of toilet paper). You have two options:

(1) You could go to Germany, where the McRib is available whenever you want; or

(2) You could be like this one, god-tier hipster over at Serious Eats who reverse engineered the McRib in his spare time.

I am 99.9 percent sure nobody's going to Germany right now, so the second option seems like a much more appropriate reaction to me — and it will dovetail nicely with your present social distancing obligations. In fact, this is a prime opportunity for enterprising, furloughed hipsters to recreate in-home versions of fast-food cult classics.

Did you know German McDonald's also sells a thing called a "Big Rösti," which is a kind of bacon burger that also includes a variety of hash brown and some sort of mysterious, cheesy sauce? I bet you could make that and blog about it. I challenge you, hipster



shut-ins, to recreate all the fast food delicacies you're too afraid to go out and buy, or are prevented from buying altogether by market and geographical forces. Send your creations to hipster@sandiegoreader.com if you wish for some form of acknowledgement.

Dear Hipster:

A year ago, heck, a few months ago, the world seemed rosy. Overnight, it seems like all we can think about is hoarding toilet paper; washing our hands; and staring

raptly at the daily news, waiting to see how things will get worse. I don't know about you, but I'm having a hard time finding anything funny these days as humanity faces the greatest, most potentially life-changing global epidemic in a hundred years. All the little things that once seemed super important, like getting out on the town with friends, seem so... trivial to me now. I cannot fathom how the hipster economy, which is a market of mostly vices and excess when you get right down to it, can survive such times. Is this (potentially) the end of hipster as we know it?

— CHERYL K.



Challenge Accepted?

find the absurd, snarky, hipster joke lurking in the dark heart of the apocalypse. The first step in the long process of coping with social upheaval is laughing about it, and the hipsters of the world have long had that particular skill on lock. Hipster irony may not keep you safe from viruses, but it goes a long way towards preserving your sanity when everything and everyone starts looking totally bonkers. The hipster mind is an essential part of the human condition, and, in the face of adversity, it will exert itself in new ways.

— DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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olution is here/coming, let's keep it positive ("Is the corona virus pushing us into the future?" Golden Dreams, March 25). They've got the time; they've got the skill sets. Let's let millennials be the next greatest generation. Check with Dr. Fauci if the before start any program, but here are some ideas: 1. Massive public campaign asking for Millennials to suggest ideas for solutions.

2. Ask Millennials to create communication lines with Chinese, Italian, and other citizens around the world: what worked, what didn't?

3. Ask Millennials to take action and volunteer: a. Covid 19 Call Centers: These can be done using Ms' own cell phones if necessary, in parking lots where they're six feet away from each other. Have Ms call residences: Give out correct virus/contagion information. Ask if citizens have questions and reduce misinformation. Ask if citizens need help. Provide pre-approved directions on shopping on line, shopping assistance, home maintenance etc. Have Ms collect the information they get to help direct public resources.

b. Emergency bill to allow Ms to volunteer at vital services. Ms will have to be screened for fevers and maintain social distancing at work. Allow grocery stores, pharmacies, charities, to use volunteers to replace sick or elderly workers. The M does the

work, the older worker still gets the pay. or Ms fill in at 2nd and third shifts at factories and farms allowing companies to reduce the number of people working at one time and enforce social distancing at work, but weekly production remains steady. Again, M does the work and the regular workers keep their pay. Housing food and fuel for Ms should be provided by government or Ms should be assured of reimbursement. and The law should also include a triple penalty for, and public shaming of, any employer who lays off workers and uses volunteers and does not use to the money earned from the volunteers work to pay regular workers.

c. Use Ms to assist in social distancing: E.g. Grocery stores & Pharmacies & Hardware Stores. Ms work in teams of 2. People wait in their cars, give their order to M1. M1 texts to M2. M2 collects the groceries and gets them to the check out counter. Customers go pay themselves (if customers don't know what they want, M can help by going through). M1 and M2 switch rolls every customer, reducing each customer social exposure by 50% (as long as M1 & M2 keep their distance from each other). E.g. public awareness. Ms spray paint outside stores and on sidewalks 6 ft intervals. Ms drive around with loud speakers with a public message. Bottom line: [Insert inspiring catchy phrase here — but basically lead by getting out of the way.]

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ants. Ozone is near background levels due to a well-mixed atmosphere.” Other pollutants, he says, such as PM2.5 and nitrogen oxide, may be lower because recent storms washed them away, “so it’s difficult to quantify as long as the atmosphere continues to be unstable. Air pollution levels are strongly linked to the meteorology, so timing and intensity of returning to the normal economy and emissions is hard to pin down.”

In January, with the motorized world at full throttle, air quality maps showed fiery hues in some areas, indicating unhealthy air. And the county earned failing marks from the American Lung Association last year for having the sixth-highest rate of ozone pollution in the country from 2015 to 2017. The county is still currently in non-attainment of state and federal designations for eight-hour measurements of ozone, and for state designations for one-hour measurements of ozone, as well as particles PM 10 and PM 2.5, which can worsen asthma. (California adopted its own stricter standards in the Clean Air Act of 1988).

Wildfires and pollutants that blow in from other cities don’t help, but at least for now, they aren’t a problem. The South Coast Air Basin (Los Angeles area) has reported lower concentrations of air pollutants since the slowdown.

Brick says the South Coast Air Basin typically brings some additional ozone to San Diego at this time of year, though far less than it did decades ago. Heat, however, hasn’t subsided. Ozone levels vary by year, and warmer conditions contribute to higher numbers, as seen in 2016 and 2017. “These ozone values go into the calculation of our design value,” he says, which is a three-year running average of the fourth highest eight-hour ozone value (in Alpine). It’s used to determine compliance with federal air standards.

The biggest contributor in the county, however, are vehicles, he says. Over the long-term, air pollution is

improving due to cleaner vehicles and other emissions reductions. It’s too early to calculate the results of the current pause.

And before that pause concludes, the return to business as usual is something the Climate Action Campaign wants the government to reconsider in favor of “huge investments in good, green jobs,” says Maleeka Marsden, a campaign organizer. The current ebb in the flow of traffic won’t likely have long-term impacts, but Marsden says it shows “how quickly we can see improvements to our air quality” if dramatic, system-wide changes are made. “Right now, the coronavirus has lead us to a critical fork in the road.”

The group has started the San Diego Green New Deal Alliance, which she says could reboot the economy on a zero carbon path that would include “world-class transit and redesigning our streets for people, not just cars.” While the temporary halts to driving and air travel will help reduce emissions, they are not the deep, lasting changes needed to meet the scale of the climate crisis, Marsden says. “However, they do demonstrate what is possible.”

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TIJUANA

Corona tango

A complicated dance, with plenty of missteps

“It’s a huge mess of disinformation,” says the co-owner of a new trendy restaurant in downtown Tijuana. (We talked online, she prefers to remain anonymous.) “My dad is over at city hall right now it’s a mess. City hall made an announcement not to open, but four hours later they deleted it. Now they say we can open at our own discretion,

but then the employees are going to complain. As of now, whoever wants to come to work, gets paid, otherwise we can’t pay them. We only have delivery and take-out options.”

The state of Baja issued an announcement about COVID-19 on March 24 which suspended activity of non-essential businesses (clubs, bars, movie theaters, casinos, churches). The announcement advised restaurants to do delivery and take-out only, and if people were dining in, to keep a safe distance. But it was only a recommendation, not a law to be enforced. The announcement also recommended that people not go to crowded areas such as parks, markets, swap meets, and gyms. But again, there was no enforcement. The announcement was then taken down and a similar announcement was made the next day.

The federal government created a campaign with a heroine named Susana Distancia. (*Susana* in Spanish is a play on words with “your health;” the name of the heroine translates to “your healthy distance.”) The Mexican president encouraged people to go outside, keep consuming, and to visit favorite restaurants with the whole family.

“We are shutting down Thursday (March 19) and only operating delivery or take out,” said chef José

Figueroa of La Carmelita and El Casimiro restaurants. One week before the government’s announcement, many breweries and restaurants took it upon themselves to provide only delivery or takeout or to shut down completely. But not quite all: “We are not closing until they make us close,” said the owner of the only brewery/restaurant that remains open. The establishment has a large table in the entrance with big jugs of hand sanitizer and plenty of paper towels and tissues. There are signs on every other table that read “Keep your distance, table not available.” (This was all done a week before the government’s announcement, and they remained open as of March 27.)

A joint agreement between San Diego and Tijuana has limited border crossings; however, it is reported that the Mexican border officials have done virtually nothing to implement change. The U.S., for its part, has limited the border at both entries. You can only cross if it’s essential. No tourists are allowed to cross. Daily border crossers report that they have been crossing as usual. I woke up on Tuesday, March 24 to text messages from my friend Cero from San Diego. “Is the border open? Is the shrimp taco place open?”

I explained that the border was open for only essential matters.

Cero deemed shrimp tacos and Mexican candy shopping essential. He crossed, walking through PedEast in San Ysidro, and reported that neither county’s border staff asked him anything out of the norm.

In Tijuana, public transportation is crowded; some bus drivers wear masks and gloves, but others don’t. Street vendors of all sorts remain open. The *taquerias* in my neighborhood display handwritten signs that they only have take-out, but the *taqueros* told me I could sit down. (I still got them to-go). The candy store that sells the coronavirus-shaped piñatas has restocked. I bought one for myself (150 pesos, about \$6.30).

The number of confirmed cases in Tijuana is low, but there is almost no testing. Factories, where hundreds of employees work, remain open.

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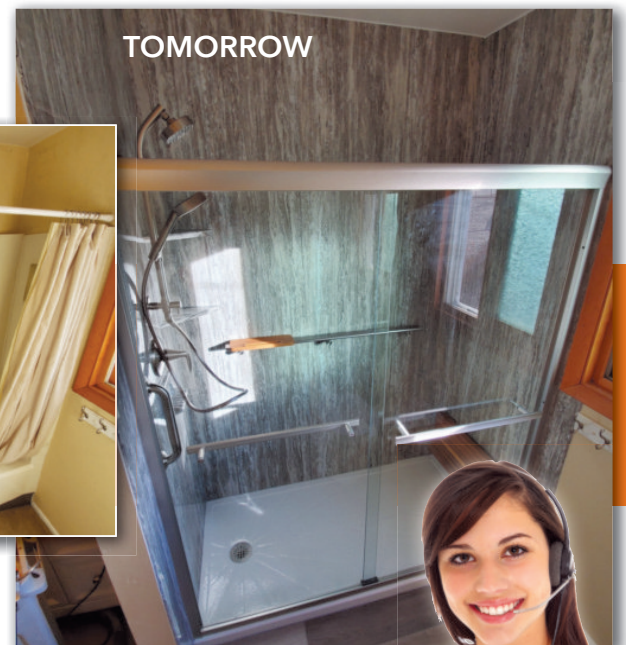
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Beware the Bat-Man!

DC superhero retooled as villain by local deepfaker

"Everybody knows the Batman origin story," says Santee deep-faker Mike Troller. "Young rich kid Bruce Wayne sees his parents murdered before his eyes. After he grows up and becomes a wealthy playboy, he travels to the Far East and learns its peoples' dark arts of combat, deception, and fear. Then he comes back to America to fight crime, fashioning his appearance after a bat because 'criminals are a cowardly, superstitious lot' who will be frightened at the sight of him."

But, asks Troller, what if that's not the real story, but rather, "a deceptive narrative put forth by the Chinese propaganda machine, the same one that tried to pin coronavirus on the US military, and when that didn't work, on the Italians? What if Bruce Wayne picked

up a little bit more than fighting skills while he was in the Far East? What if he developed a taste for pangolin? *What if he's called Batman because he likes to eat bats?* And what if he's not the great defender of the weak, but Patient Zero for the plague that will wipe them out? It'd be more in keeping with the behavior of most billionaires, for starters. Fondness for the exotic, hatred for the poor, a willingness to indulge one's predilections no matter the cost to others. Basically, I'm suggesting that the Joker was right all along; he and Batman are two sides of the same coin, one laughing maniacally at the horror of the human condition, the other grimly enforcing it. Let's face it: childhood trauma doesn't create heroes. It makes monsters."



After extracting a vial of the deadly coronavirus from his infamous utility belt, the Bat-Man hurls the tiny deathballs with lethal accuracy toward a crowd of innocent bystanders.



In Troller's redubbed, retooled version of Christopher Nolan's *The Dark Knight Rises*, the brave hero Bane, equipped with a specially designed respirator mask that protects him from Bat-Man's plague attack, does battle with the Cowled Crusader against Humanity.

Monstrous Prank, Bro

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Mummy torn roll from roll by crazed, pantsless mob



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Friday night at the Moose Lodge

It's a Friday night in (pre-pandemic) south Oceanside. An eclectic crew has come out for the monthly "In the Round" showcase, a night "dedicated to songs, the songwriters, and their stories."

Up on stage, Kimmi Bitter — a blonde who looks a lot like a young Joni Mitchell, only prettier — is strumming her guitar and singing smooth country blues ballads. On the side wall, to the right of the stage, huge impressionistic acrylic paintings of Bob Marley, Jimi Hendrix, Mick Jagger, John Lennon, and Louis Arm-

strong appear to be watching her. Their bold, vibrant colors both absorb and reflect the stage lights. Along the top of the other side wall, which opens to a long bar made of distressed wood, are a pair of vintage longboards, dark brown, a nod to the neighborhood's beachy vibe.

After a few songs, Bitter is joined on stage by another singer-songwriter, Hilary Osterberg — a

Linda Ronstadt-ish type with a broad-rim hat, a sweet voice and expressive brown eyes — who introduces one of her songs with a sad tale of eating disorders and a bout with depression.

Maybe two dozen people are gathered around the tables in front of the stage, beneath whirling ceiling fans and a vintage disco ball hanging from the rafters. Three young marines in polo shirts and jeans. A lumberjack type in a flannel shirt with a shaved head and a long beard. A white-haired old man in a windbreaker and a baseball cap that identifies him as a veteran. Two girls

If you look closely, you'd swear there's a hint of a smile on the moose's muzzle.

who appear to be in their early 20s, one in a floral pinafore and the other in a skimpy halter top and short skirt.

More people are lined up along the bar to the left. Two middle-aged men in jeans and T-shirts order rye whiskeys — Few, a premium brand — from the bartender, who, as instructed, pours the drink into a rocks glass over a single large ice cube. Next to them is a young woman whose wavy blonde hair nearly covers the huge owl tattoo on her back.

Look around and you could be at any of the bars, pubs, and clubs that over the last few years have made “South O” a hipster hangout rivaling North Park. But the huge mounted moose head, its long-dead eyes watching over the room from the back wall, give the place away: we’re at

the Moose Lodge, which has occupied this same spot since before anyone here tonight was born.

And if you look closely, you’d swear there’s a hint of a smile on the moose’s muzzle.

Take over the Moose

The Moose Lodge, part of the International Loyal Order of Moose, is located on the west side of the old Coast Highway just before the road dips through Buena Vista Lagoon into Carlsbad. From the outside, it looks like something straight from the pages of a 1960s *Life* magazine photo essay on small town Americana. Built in the early 1900s, the two-story, quasi-Spanish-style building, with a painted brick exterior and a huge glowing “Moose Lodge 1325” sign out front, has been home to the Oceanside chapter of



Kimmi Bitter and Hilary Osterberg perform at the Moose Lodge

the international service and fraternal organization since 1949.

Drive past the building and you can almost visualize a group of old men, half of them drunk, identically dressed in white shirts, gray suits, ties and

hats, sharing off-color jokes and growing red in the face as they discuss Communists, hippies, and the Kennedys.

The International Loyal Order of Moose, after all, is an old-school fraternal and service club founded

back in 1888 in Mooseheart, Illinois, about an hour’s drive west of Chicago. It was spoofed by Jackie Gleason and Art Carney on *The Honey-mooners* as the International Order of Loyal Raccoons, and in 1972 made

headlines when K. Leroy Irvis, a black Pennsylvania state lawmaker, was invited to visit a lodge in Harrisburg as a guest, only to be refused service in the dining room on account of his race.

Like many service clubs, including Rotary International, the Loyal Order of Moose for years limited membership to men. Rotary, goaded by a Supreme Court ruling, admitted women in 1987, and others soon followed.

Membership in the International Loyal Order of Moose, however, remains limited to males over the age of 21 — although there is a separate organization, the Women of Moose, whose members also are allowed into the association’s 1600 lodges throughout the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. (The two organizations will officially merge in 2021).

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\$120. Stranger than the one in the Godfather movie.

But all of that is beside the point. To paraphrase an appropriate cliché, this ain't your grandfather's Moose Lodge.

Ever since a group of Oceanside locals took over the lodge's charter in 2015, the Moose Lodge in south Oceanside has established itself as one of the hippest, trendiest, and busiest live music venues in all of North County, a members-only club where local favorites and national touring acts such as the Pat Travers Band appear on stage, often at benefits and fundraisers. Beneficiaries range from Special Olympics and Toys for Tots to Wounded Warriors and a local musician suffering from cancer.

From the Oceanside lodge's website: "The Oceanside Moose Lodge is appreciated for hip gatherings, philanthropic

purpose, and unapologetic coastal vibe. It's the best kept secret in South O for awesome bands, inventive cocktails, and incredible humanity."

Aside from the event room and bar, there's a downstairs "sitting room" and game room, the latter equipped with a pool and a foosball table. The sitting room, decked out in mid-century furnishings, includes a jukebox with such classics as Marty Robbins' "El Paso," Al Martino's "Spanish Eyes" and Dean Martin's "Memories are Made of This." There's a shrine of sorts to the Moose Lodge's illustrious past, including a stack of booklets — *Moose Rituals*, a *Pocket Secretary*, and an *Official Manual for Moose Officers and Committeemen* — and assorted memorabilia such as a pen stand with a

statuette of a moose and a plaque that reads, "Strong and Majestic."

The walls of both the sitting room and the entryway are adorned with black-and-white photos of past Moose Lodge officers and colorized photos of "Ladies of the Moose."

Upstairs is a spacious lounge and art gallery, where members are free to relax when the lodge is open, Wednesday through Friday nights, beginning at 5 pm. Saturdays are reserved for fundraisers and special events. One such show, about a year ago, hosted a reunion for This Kids, a popular North County band from the 1970s and '80s. Guitarist Stevie Salas, the band's most famous alumnus, was there. He has toured and recorded with such big-name acts as Rod Stewart, Mick Jag-



Moose Lodge governor Jay Malik and Allen Carrasco, one of the longtime Oceanside residents who resurrected the Moose Lodge beginning in 2015.

ger, and George Clinton, and enjoyed a solo career with an especially strong song base in Japan.

"Here's the thing, when we were kids here in Oceanside, once a year, someone would get their grandfather to let us use the Moose Lodge, and it was like walking back in time — stinky curtains, worn floors, a real funky place," Salas recalls. "We would play and have parties and there would be women bartenders who were like 70 years old. And then flip to five years ago, when my buddies who I grew up with decided they wanted to take over the Moose and revive it."

The place was a dump One of those "buddies" was Allen Carrasco, a 57-year-old Oceanside native who works as a self-employed creative director. Carrasco, like Salas, remembers the Moose Lodge from his teenage years. From time to time, he and his friends would rent the lodge for parties and fundraisers.

Fast-forward to 2015. Carrasco wanted to throw a benefit concert

for a friend's daughter who was suffering from a brain tumor. He decided to check out the Moose Lodge, and as soon as he walked through the door, he could see that it had deteriorated significantly since he had last been in the place.

"I walked into the lodge one day when it was raining," he recalls. "Water was leaking from the ceiling, and at one end of the bar were four old guys, pouring their beers over ice and not even noticing. The place was a dump; you could smell it from across the street."

Still, the room was big and the price was right. The concert, featuring a handful of local bands, was a huge success, Carrasco recalls. "We packed the place. And at the end of the night, after we gave this little girl \$2000, a group of us was standing outside at two in the morning, looking at that giant Moose Lodge sign, all lit up, and we said, 'We have to do something about this place.'"

Carrasco and some of his pals met with Peter Katzmark, at the

time the lodge's leader — called "governor" — and he shared his dismay at the Moose Lodge's sorry state. "There were maybe 25 members, all over 70, on the roster, and half of them were probably deceased, just so they could keep the numbers up so [the Moose organization's leadership] wouldn't close it down," Carrasco recalls. "They rented the upstairs out to Alcoholics Anonymous, and they paid just enough rent to keep the place open. But just barely. None of the plumbing worked, there were trays under every faucet, and black mold in the walls. It was just Band-Aid over Band-Aid."

Katzmark turned the club's charter over to Carrasco and crew, "and we gutted the place," Carrasco said. They restored the interior, fixed the plumbing, crafted a new wood backdrop for the bar and tore out the ceiling in the main room, exposing "these beautiful brown rafters." Then they painted the place in red, brown, and teal paint.

"The walls were an accident," Carrasco said. "We

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Your Week

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NEIL DIAMOND'S CORONAVIRUS PARODY

"I know we're going through a rough time right now, but I love you, and I think maybe if we sing together, well, we'll just feel a little bit better," says 79-year-old Neil Diamond. His Center For Disease Control-approved video, "Give It a Try, OK?" is a parody of his classic 1969 radio hit "Sweet Caroline." It's crooned in a fireside promo, accompanied by a fidgety dog who seems incapable of maintaining a social distance from the camera lens. Revised lyrics



laughs," says San Diego Musical Theatre musical director Don LeMaster of his new Facebook Live streaming performance show, co-created with singer Corey Hable. In addition, LeMaster is posting quarantine-themed videos of himself preparing specialty food dishes, and extant performance footage of ensembles such as the SDMT Big Band, whose annual fundraising concert has been placed on hold until live audience performances can again be scheduled.

DON LEMASTER

ers and bicyclers have it easy. Parents can take kids here to teach them how to ride bikes (the trail is fenced and free from car traffic).

WHEN: Anytime

WHERE: Coastal Rail Trail, Carlsbad.



NEIL DIAMOND

include, "Hands, washing hands, reaching out, don't touch me, I won't touch you!" As of this writing, the video posted Saturday, March 21 on Twitter had racked up around 140,000 likes and 53,000 retweets in just over two days online.

WHEN: Anytime

WHERE: twitter.com/NeilDiamond

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DON LEMASTER OF SAN DIEGO MUSICAL THEATRE

"Chase those cooped-up blues away, turn up the computer speakers, smart TVs, and Bluetooth speakers, and join us for a night of fun music and a few

Sunday | 5

WALK, RUN OR BIKE IN CARLSBAD

Carlsbad's Coastal Rail Trail is 0.7 mile in length and part of a much longer trail that will one day connect Camp Pendleton to the Mexican border. Not all segments of the trail lie alongside the railroad; in some areas, the trail traverses city bike lanes and sidewalks. Because Carlsbad's Coastal Rail Trail runs along the length of town, you can use it to get from one end of the Village to the other. Its entire length is paved and flat, so roller bladers, skateboard-



SUNDAY, APRIL 5: WALK, RUN OR BIKE IN CARLSBAD

Central and Logo. Expect footage of wardrobe fittings, a final table read, and audition tapes, plus interviews with cast, creators, journalists, and celebrity superfans Paula Abdul, Will Arnett, and Carol Burnett.

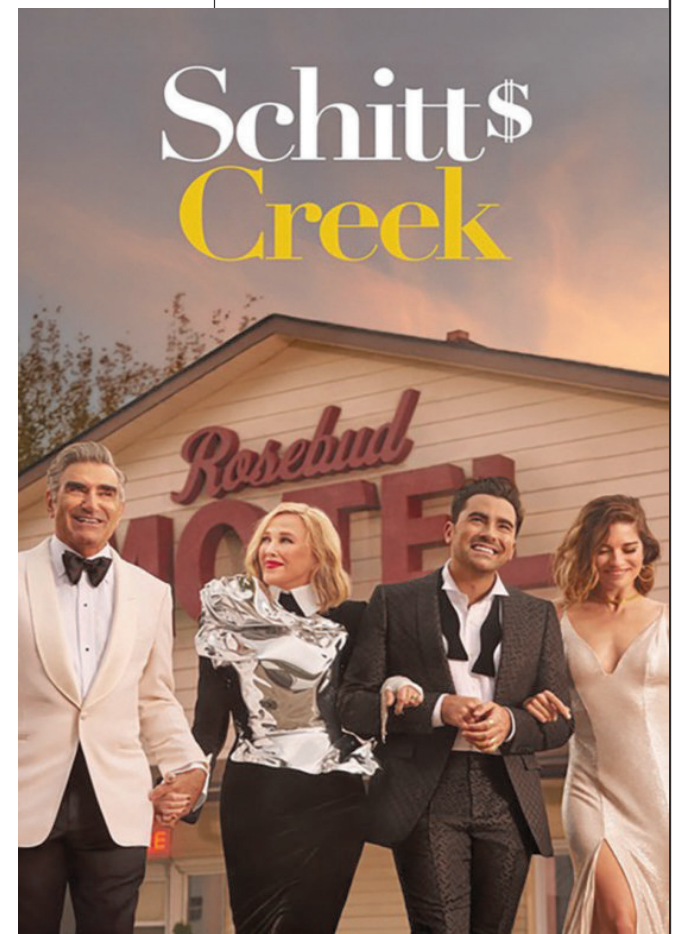
WHEN: Tuesday, April 7, 8 pm.

WHERE: Pop TV. [popstv.com](https://www.popstv.com)

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BEST WISHES, WARMEST REGARDS: A SCHITT'S CREEK FAREWELL

Schitt's Creek is a TV series about a wealthy couple who suddenly find themselves completely broke with only one remaining asset: a small town called Schitt's Creek. After six seasons, Pop TV is celebrating its breakout hit with a farewell for the fans: an intimate behind-the-scenes look following the series finale, which is being simulcasted across Pop TV, Comedy



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ART

Cornel/Henry Art Exhibition: Jennifer Georgescu The Cornel/Henry Art gallery presents an online exhibition of the ‘mother series’ by Jennifer Georgescu, a San Diego based photographer and mother. Her work describes instinctual aspects of humanity correlating to and differing from societal structuring. Her projects analyze dualisms in language, relationships, mythologies and control. Thursdays, 12pm; Fridays, 12pm; Saturdays, 12pm; Sundays, 12pm; through Friday, May 29, free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Little Fish Comic Book Studio Online Classes Classes are available online right now, and extra classes are being added to meet to increased demand. Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, May 31, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

San Diego Watercolor Society: Cheeky Monkey See April Members Show, Cheeky Monkey, online after April 2. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 11am; Saturdays, 11am; Sundays, 11am; through Saturday, April 25, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Visions Art Museum Virtual Gallery Online classes and a virtual gallery docent tour throughout the month on Facebook and Instagram pages. Visit the website for activities, online challenges, coloring pages, and more. Thursdays, 11am; Fridays, 11am; through Thursday, April 30, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

5-Week Adult Magic Classes In this beginning-level five-week class, learn how to make any small object disappear, perform astonishing card tricks, destroy something and magically restore it, seemingly read someone’s mind and predict the future, present a perplexing rope trick, and cause three small balls to penetrate three cups. The teacher is Tom Interval, a San Diego-based professional magician who has taught magic for more than 30 years. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended. To learn more, please call Tom at 619-800-3780, or visit online. Sunday, March 29, 1pm; \$295. 18 and up. Interval Magic, 3820 Georgia Street. (NORTH PARK)

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Boozemakers jump into the sanitizer business

The World Health Organization’s guidelines for making hand sanitizer calls for four ingredients, including glycerol, hydrogen peroxide, and distilled water. But mostly it requires alcohol, meaning either isopropyl (rubbing alcohol), or ethanol, the kind we drink.

This is useful information, given that hand sanitizer was among the first things that disappeared from store shelves when the coronavirus hit. And because that main ingredient is something San Diego distillers work with every day, in the past week, a number of them have shifted production from craft spirits to hand sanitizer — to be distributed to local residents, service industry professionals, first responders, and hospitals.

As of this writing, even Amazon can’t get any hand sanitizer to you before May. However, the stuff is available at McoHand-Sanitizer.com, starting at \$6.95 for a 2-ounce bottle. The web site

was just set up by **Misadventure & Company**, the Vista distillery that produces vodka from discarded baked goods. Misadventure is on track to produce 24,000 bottles by late March, sold direct to consumer and to wholesale accounts.

But demand for hand sanitizer won’t be restricted to households. Trent Tilton, owner of **San Diego Distillery**, continues to work full time as a registered nurse employed by the county, and reports that his hospital has started to look at alternative sources for sanitizer, anticipating a demand crush as the full weight of covid-19 cases hits. “We’re not short,” he emphasizes, “but there’s definitely a concern about supply.”

While Tilton has been kept busy by 12-hour hospital shifts, he’s lent San Diego Distillery’s van to fellow distillers, who have been driving around town spearheading an effort to gather up neutral grain spirits from small batch distilleries, then produce hand sanitizer to sell at cost to first responders and health care providers.

“A lot of us in the industry thought, *We have this ethanol, what can we do?*” says Geoff Longenecker, owner of **Seven Caves Spirits**, and current president of the San Diego Distillers Guild. Longenecker and Bill Rogers, owner of **Liberty Call Distilling**, heard about distillers elsewhere stepping up to make sanitizer, and with a little trial and error, produced 6 gallons they bottled to give away to customers.

It occurred to them they could scale up with the help of fellow distillers in possession of neutral grain spirits, the nearly pure ethanol small batch distillers often source from factory producers as a base for vodka and gin. Longenecker and Rogers went about procuring ethanol from fellow distilleries including **BNS Brewing and Distilling**,

California Spirits, and **Old Harbor Distilling**, enough to produce more than 200 gallons of sanitizer, most of it earmarked for institutions in need.

“We’re trying to prioritize health care and law

10 bottles of vodka,” he says. “We’re just trying to keep the lights on.” Nevertheless, he adds, “If there’s any money leftover, we’ll donate it to the bartenders guild.”

And San Diego’s largest distillery, **Cutwater Spirits**, has also announced it’s using its cache of neutral spirits to produce hand sanitizer to donate to local organizations offering crucial services, including the San Diego Food Bank. In addition to sanitizer, “Cutwater will also be donating funds to the Food Bank that will help the organization produce over 50,000 meals for distribution in San Diego.”

With neutral spirit becoming harder to come by for small batch producers, some are looking for ways to put their stills to

use. Old Harbor is accepting donations of unsold beer from local breweries including **Amplified Ale Works** and **Belching Beaver**. San Diego Distillery is looking into doing the same thing with local wine, and planning to distill high proof spirit from a sugar wash to speed up the relatively slow process.

In the meantime, they can try to figure out a new problem. In the midst of such altruistic industry efforts, two- and four-ounce plastic bottles have become impossible to find. So as the health crisis unfolds, local distillers find themselves on the hunt for little plastic bottles.

For more craft booze news, see sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news



San Diego’s distilleries have shifted to making and selling hand sanitizer in addition to craft spirits

enforcement,” says Longenecker, “Significant quantities have gone to local health care clinics and hospitals.”

Rogers explains that Liberty Call has only had the funds to buy all this ethanol because he’d had been preparing to order \$15,000 worth of ingredients to finally open a Barrio Logan tasting room and restaurant, a year and a half in the making. With that business now on hold, his chef and bartender have joined him to fill small bottles of hand sanitizer.

The bottles are being offered at cost — Rogers said they would prefer to donate them all, but all the distilleries are already facing massive losses during the current crisis. “For every gallon of ethanol we get, we should be making

Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Got Green: Tomatomania On Saturday, TOMATOMANIA! is teaming up with Got Green? The traveling seedling show features more than 100 varieties of heirloom hybrid tomatoes. Shop for your favorite variety at TOMATOMANIA! and learn about how to plant and grow your own vegetables in Got Green? workshops. The tomato sale will continue on Sunday, April 5, if supplies last. Saturday, April 4, 10am; free-\$18. San Diego Botanic Garden, 230 Quail Gardens Drive. (ENCINITAS)

Heroes, Anti-heroes, & Antagonists A good novel — in fact, any good story — relies upon conflict, and that generally stems from the interaction between the tale’s hero and foe. Creating heroes, or protagonists, and antagonists who leap off the page is a must for successful writers. This class will show writers how, through examples of established authors and in lesson plans that will encourage the students to write more interesting heroes and antagonists themselves. Sunday, April 5, 2:30pm; \$45-\$54. 18 and up. Ink Spot, 2730 Historic Decatur Rd., Barracks 16 #202. (LIBERTY STATION)

Live Lesson Masters Live Lesson Masters is a network of musicians and instructors who are ready to impart their lifetime of knowledge and experience upon you. Real time, face to face, all online. Thursdays, 8am; Fridays, 8am; Saturdays, 8am; Sundays, 8am; through Sunday, May 31, Online

Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Lovejoy Creations Studio Live Painting Sessions Daily YouTube live painting sessions and videos. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; through Friday, May 29, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Outside the Lens Virtual Photography Workshops Virtual Workshops, Screenings and other events coming soon. Check their website for updates with specific classes and dates. Thursdays, 12pm; Fridays, 12pm; through Saturday, May 30, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

San Diego School of Ballet Online Classes Online ballet, pilates, tap and stretch classes for students at home. The classes are 1 hour and are free with a suggested donation. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; through Friday, May 29, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Theatre Arts School of San Diego Online Classes Free and low cost online classes available for young theatre artists to feel inspired, supported, and engaged. Participate in classes remotely from home using ZOOM. Thursdays, 10am; Fridays, 10am; Saturdays, 10am; Sundays, 10am; through Thursday, April 30, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

EASTER

EGGstravaganza Scuba Bunny is bounding into the aquarium to help us celebrate the arrival of spring and the changes it brings during Eggstravaganza! Explore animal eggs, create a shark egg craft, and participate in an “underwater egg hunt” — no basket needed. Don’t miss extra activities, encounters, and special appearances by Scuba Bunny in themed dive shows. Included with aquarium admission. Saturday, April 4, 11am; Sunday, April 5, 11am; Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way. (LA JOLLA)

Easter Bunny Trains Come ride an old-time train with the Easter Bunny. Two Easter egg hunts: one for toddlers, one for the older kids. This year, both coach and 1st class seating will be available. Extra-fare First Class passengers will ride a restored 1926 Cafe-Observation car, first-come, first served. Reservations@psrm.org (619) 465-PSRM. Saturday, April 4, 11am; Sunday, April 5, 11am; Campo Railroad Park & Museum, 750 Depot Street. (CAMPO)

FOR KIDS

Huxley the Hawk Stop by the Visitor Center to meet local falconer, Bob Gordon, and his feathered friend, “Huxley” the Harris Hawk. Get up close and personal with this majestic bird of prey, while learning all about what makes

him so special. A unique opportunity. Kids will especially enjoy this encounter. Sunday, April 5, 9am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

LECTURES

Sierra Club Sierra Talks Hunting & Gathering: Shared Beginnings - For more than two billion years, all humans lived in small-scale societies, moving frequently and relying on wild food resources. About 12,000 years ago plants and animals were domesticated in some parts of the world. Friday, April 3, 6:30pm; free. Joyce Beers Uptown Community Center, 3900 Vermont Street. (HILLCREST)

MUSIC

Jazz Vespers Each Jazz Vespers service begins with a 30-minute set of live jazz, blues, and gospel, featuring the Archie Thompson & the Archtones and guest musicians. Saturdays, 4:30pm; through Wednesday, December 30, free. First Presbyterian Church Chapel, 1740 4th Avenue. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

NATURE

Artful California Native Garden Tour The California Native Plant Society-San Diego Chapter

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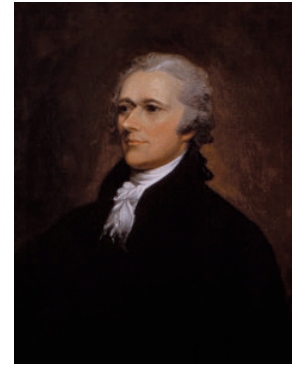
Alexander Hamilton

Good and wise men, in all ages...have supposed that the deity, from the relations, we stand in, to himself and to each other, has constituted an eternal and immutable law, which is, indispensibly, obligatory upon all mankind, prior to any human institution whatever. This is what is called the law of nature, "which, being coeval with mankind, and dictated by God himself, is, of course, superior in obligation to any other. It is binding over all the globe, in all countries, and at all times. No human laws are of any validity, if contrary to this; and such of them as are valid, derive all their

authority, mediately, or immediately, from this original" (Blackstone)... The fundamental source of all your errors, sophisms, and false reasoning, is a total ignorance of the natural rights of mankind. Were you once to become acquainted with these, you could never entertain a thought that all men are not, by nature, entitled to a parity of privileges. You would be convinced that natural liberty is a gift of the beneficent Creator to the whole human race, and that civil liberty is founded in that; and cannot be wrested from any people, without the most manifest violation of justice.

— from *The Farmer Refuted*, 1775.

Alexander Hamilton (1755-1804) was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States, a legal scholar, military commander, banker, and economist. The founder of the nation's banking system, Hamilton was also influential in his interpretation of the U.S. Constitution and a participant in the public debate on that document known as *The Federalist Papers*. He also founded the United States Coast Guard and the New York Post, and served as the nation's first Secretary of the Treasury. His second book, *The Farmer Refuted*, sought to respond to British loyalist critics of the First Continental Congress of Philadelphia, which eventually formed the 13 colonies into the United States.



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(CNPS-San Diego) presents its eighth annual Garden Tour, The Artful California Native Garden: Native Gardens and Art Tour of East County. Spend the day exploring and learning from these gardens that illustrate plants that create habitat, dry stream-bed bioswales, adjacent natural areas, water catchment devices, slope gardens, charming water features, bridges, sculptures and more. Enjoy meeting artists in many of the gardens who will be creating and selling their California native garden themed artwork and crafts. Be inspired this Spring! Enjoy 12 private residential gardens that will be staffed with interpretive docents, owners, and designers to

answer questions and provide further information. Four additional inspirational gardens will be listed for viewing along the route. At the Water Conservation Garden there will be planting demonstrations and guided tours of the California native plant garden including a large wetland area. Saturday, April 4, 9am; \$30-\$40. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Wildlife Tracking Walk Join a Mission Trails Guides on a walk through the park searching out tracks and other signs left behind by the park's seldom-seen wildlife. We have rabbits, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, bobcats, deer, maybe even

a mountain lion's tracks. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Especially fun for kids. Saturday, April 4, 8:30am; free. Mission Trails Regional Park, One Father Junipero Serra Trail. (SAN CARLOS)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cruisin' Grand Cruisin' Grand Escondido runs for six months every Friday night in historic downtown Escondido on Grand Avenue from April to September. Fridays, 5pm; through Monday, September 30, Maple Street Plaza,

On Maple Street between Grand Avenue and Valley Parkway. (ESCONDIDO)

Free Public Tours UC San Diego's Visitors Tour Program offers free tours to local residents, new faculty and staff, first-time visitors and the general public. These Sunday afternoon tours are led by knowledgeable adult volunteer guides who are eager to show you the most notable features of our beautiful 1,200-acre campus. There are walking tours and bus tours offered! Sunday, April 5, 2pm; free. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

SPORTS & FITNESS

Karma Class \$5 hot yoga class. Karma means good energy and we put your \$5 donation towards charities that we feel connected to. Do good, feel good, be good. Great for beginners, no experience necessary. Fridays, 7pm; through Friday, December 18, \$5. 18 and up. Modo Yoga San Diego, 3091 Clairemont Drive. (CLAIREMONT)

Pure in the Wild: Outdoor Bouldering Head outside for a day of bouldering, outdoor education, and climbing instruction.

Open to climbers of all skill levels (including beginners). All pads, gear, and instruction will be provided. Saturday, April 4, 9am; free. Santee Boulders, 8750 Mast Boulevard. (SANTEE)

Sunset Flower Flow Yoga Practice a one hour outdoor yoga flow during sunset overlooking the blooming Tecolote Giant Ranunculus fields. After class, enjoy a wine happy hour hosted by the Tap Truck. Yoga class and social hour will be accompanied by a musical performance by Sultans of Savasna. Thursday, April 2, 5:45pm; \$45-\$50. Flower Fields, 5704 Paseo del Norte. (CARLSBAD)



Church Easter Services

Cavalry SDDeotionals posted daily; Sunday live services at 10 am. calvarysd.com

Roman Catholic Diocese of San DiegoThe diocese will provide streaming and recording of Holy Thursday Mass, the Good Friday liturgy, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday Mass. sd.catholic.org

Corpus Christi Catholic ChurchRecorded Daily and Weekend Masses uploaded on Youtube channel. All Masses will be uploaded every morning. Weekend Masses will be in both English & Spanish. corpuschristicatholic.org

Christ Church Presbyterian Live streaming shortened worship services on Sundays at 9am and 10:45am. christ-pres.church

St. Mark Lutheran ChurchWatch online Sundays at 10 am "Drive-Thru Prayer" 10-11am. stmarkchurch.net

Rock ChurchGood Friday Service Online: Friday, April 10, 7pmEaster Services Online: Saturday, April 11, 4pm; Sunday, April 12, 8am, 10am, 12pm, 6pm. sdrock.com

Redeemer Presbyterian ChurchWe will be holding online services from Sunday, March 15, through Easter Sunday, April 12. redeemersd.org

First United Methodist Church of San DiegoLive-stream services each Sunday: 9am - Traditional worship; 10am - Contemporary worship with Water's Edge. fumcsd.org

Wave Church Online services go live Sundays at 10am; After service, sermons will be available to watch on-demand. wavechurchsd.com

North Coast ChurchSermons on Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 9am, 11am, 6pm. Streaming On Facebook & YouTube. northcoastchurch.com

Awaken OnlineFirst service streaming every hour from 7am-2pm; Second service streaming every hour from 5-9pm. awakenchurch.com

Seacoast Community ChurchJoin us LIVE on Sundays, 9am and 10:45am. seacoast-church.org

Makers ChurchLivestream Sundays at 10am. makerschurch.org

Grove ChurchVideo stream every Sunday at 9am. sdgrove.org

College Ave Baptist ChurchWorship Online With UsSundays at 10:30am. cabc.org

First Baptist Church of San DiegoSunday Service Online at 10:30am. fbcscd.com

The Church at Rancho Bernardo Services on Sundays 8:30am, 10am, 11:30am. thechurchrb.org

All Souls Point LomaOnline Services Schedule: Saturday, 5:00 p.m. - Evening Prayer Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer Sunday, 10:15 a.m. - Morning Prayer with hymns Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer. allsoulspointloma.org

East Village Community ChurchVirtual service on Sundays at 11am. evchurch.org

King's Cross ChurchOnline Easter Service: Sunday, April 12, 9:30am and 11am. kingscrosschurch.us

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A memorable time

Buona Forchetta makes the best of it in Coronado

Buona Forchetta couldn't have picked a worse moment to open their new place at 10th and C in Coronado. But in a way, they're having the best opening you could imagine.

I know, because I happen to pass by where Buona Forchetta has been gearing up to open for the longest time. But instead of the usual papered-over windows, today, they have napkin settings and silverware on tables outside on the sidewalk. And hey, a crowd:

it's formed a raggedy line around the corner onto Tenth. People are extra careful to remember the six-foot separation rule, at least until they start talking. Two separate tables have become the counter, and a gal is taking orders from behind her green mask. Every now and then, she goes inside, comes back with a paper bag and shouts "Jeremy Haden?" Or, "Schneider family?"

This is in the building that housed the El Cordova Garage, a 114-year-old car repair place that was brutally kicked out a couple of years ago. Buona Forchetta was handed the keys.

"We're open for take-out," says the gal, Evelyn, when I ask.

Oh, man. I know it won't be cheap, but I have to see what's on offer. It's almost like we're at a speakeasy during Prohibition, even though this is a sidewalk operation and completely legal. I hover in the line. There's a camaraderie.

Only problem is gonna be, where to eat it?

Whatever, it's nice just to be allowed to congregate, two yards apart, sort of together, just being able to nod and joke about, well, what else? I can only remember two right now: "Q. What's the difference between Covid-19 and Romeo and Juliet? A. One's the coronavirus, the other's a Verona crisis." Or "I'll tell you a coronavirus joke now, but you'll have to wait two weeks to see if you got it." I tell you, it's a pandemic!

So Buona Forchetta here has transformed a garage into a combo bar, restaurant and a deli. They were just stocking the shelves when the you-know-what hit the fan.

"But Matteo (Cattaneo, the owner) is smart.

He decided, 'Hey, we're paying the rent, we may as well open anyway.' And he was right," says Evelyn, the gal whose eyes look huge with the mask covering the rest of her face. "This will be a memorable time, for all of us. And people are coming."

She hands me the one-page limited menu. "Pizzas are our main thing," she says. "Our *pizzaiolos* — pizza chefs — are all from Italy. They're Napolitano, from Naples. We have 42 different pizzas, but right now we're making just a few."

Hmm. Most of them are around \$15. They start at \$9 (Marinara) and go to \$25 (for the Marcello, a "millefoglie-style pizza, 2010 world pizza champion." Or even \$39, for a two-foot long pizza with up to three flavors of your choice.

Most are named after women. Like Isabella (*mozzarella di bufala*, goat cheese), Alexa (fennel sausage), and Andrea, (roasted potatoes, sausage, a white pizza with no sauce). They're all \$15.

I'm thinking seriously of appetizers. Smaller, but smaller price too. Okay, I go for a spaghetti with Buona Forchetta sauce, which seems to be cream, egg, parmigiano cheese, spicy marinara, and black pepper. Costs \$15, but a big chunk of pasta. I know this'll end in the fridge.

For now, though, an eggplant tortino (with marinara sauce and *stracciata* — "tattered" — cheese). Costs \$12.

But where to eat it? They have chairs, but signs say they're only for you to wait in. So trying to figure where, when every public place seems to be off-limits? It's a challenge. Maybe this wasn't such a great idea.

"Ed!" calls Evelyn. I head to the table. She gives me a bag with the two boxes inside, plus a little box of Parmesan cheese flakes.

"Sure I can't just sit here on the sidewalk and eat this?" I ask.

"Sorry. Police make regular visits," says Evelyn. And then, hey! An idea. I take my lunch up to Orange, cross over to Park Place, then cut down Isabela. Isabela snakes down to the sea, stretching away towards Hawaii. A huge carrier looks tiny on the horizon.



Evelyn: on the front line. "It's a memorable time."



Picnic! Eggplant tortino and spaghetti with Buona Forchetta sauce

Hmm. I know they've banned the beach, but here on Ocean, there's all these rocks among sea grasses. This ain't beach. I find one the right size and with a kinda flat top, lay out a napkin I brought just in case, spot the spaghetti and the tortino onto cardboard plates and voila! We've got ourselves a picnic with a view! Sun's shining, gulls and choppers cruise past, nice breeze provides the air conditioning, and suddenly, life is good.

I start off with the tortino, a nice layer-cake of baked eggplant and layers of *stracciata* cheese, and all over it, the garlicky marinara sauce. I always love eggplant, but forget how filling it can be. I don't even get into the spaghetti. It sits surrounded by sea grass, with people walking by, looking oddly for a moment, then getting back into their hour's exercise before they have to resume coronavirus house arrest.

Me too. Better skedaddle before people start asking questions.

But it was so good, next day, same time, I'm



The line for dinner. It has piqued customers' interest. And it gives an excuse to get out

back outside Buona Forchetta, picking up a box of polenta (\$11), another appetizer. It's all cornmeal, mushrooms, gorgonzola, and cream. Dee-lish! Ain't no tomato in it. And all the creamy mushroom gunk has soaked into the triangles of cornbread. So good.

So this is a discovery. And hey, we're not breaking any social distancing rules.

Only problem left? Still got to tackle that spaghetti. ■

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Closed to dining, some restaurants start selling groceries

Tender Greens; 2400 Historic Decatur Road, Point Loma & Eclipse Chocolate Bar & Bistro; 2145 Fern St., San Diego. Last night, I placed an order for delivery from the restaurant Tender Greens. Dinner was good, but what will help sustain me in the week to come was the grocery box I ordered. For \$33, the box included strawberries, bananas, apples, blueberries, oranges, lemons, grapes, and

the roll of toilet paper.

Tender Greens is not alone in this. During these uncertain times, a growing number of restaurants are selling groceries as a means of getting by and helping their communities. Grocery inventories were decimated by the first round of coronavirus panic shopping, and have been playing catch up ever since as supply lines adjust to the spike in demand. But at the same time, restaurant vendors have seen demand plummet, leaving their warehouses relatively full. So for a restaurant such as Tender Greens, produce is relatively easy to come by. In addition to fruit, it's offering boxfuls of vegetables, breakfast ingredients (including coffee), pantry items (including grains, pastas, and tomato sauce),

and mixed boxes, some featuring wine, all featuring a roll of double ply.

One of the first eateries to embrace this model was South Park's Eclipse Chocolate Bar & Bistro. When restaurant dining rooms were abruptly closed in the middle of March, the scratch restaurant and chocolate manufacturer started selling off its own inventory, and chef/owner Will Gustwiller

noticed the neighborhood had a need. "On Monday we realized people were having trouble getting staples," he tells me, "Tuesday morning I started



Eclipse Chocolate Bar & Bistro doubling as a local grocer during difficult times.

buying stuff I didn't ever think I would need for the restaurant."

Canned goods, bottles of milk (and plant-based milk), bags of bagels, and sliced deli meats are a few of the things now arranged on Eclipse's dining tables and bar. You'll spot sriracha among other condiments. Two or three people may shop at a time, in person. But Eclipse also created a grocery section on its website for curbside pick-up: order and pay online, and an Eclipse staffer will run out and drop the supplies right into your car's trunk.

Fitting for a prolonged public health crisis, many of the items are bulk quantities — remember they're intended for restaurant wholesale. So you'll find a 25-pound bag of flour for 16 bucks, 2.5-pound boxes of rice for \$6, and bags of locally roasted coffee beans in bags up to five pounds each. Gustwiller notes customers have purchased roughly a thousand pounds of flour. But I keep coming back to the produce.

One of Eclipse's vendors is restaurant supplier

Specialty Produce (which remains open to shoppers, in its warehouse at 1929 Hancock Street, Mission Hills). This means plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables now roll through Eclipse daily, including onions, brussels sprouts, blueberries, mangos, shallots, honey, broccoli, and here once again, pineapples. There are also \$6 bottles of wine, and \$5 cans of local tuna from Morena District fishmonger, Catalina Offshore Products.

Among the most popular items have been 10-dollar pallettes of 30 eggs. Eclipse gets eggs from Ramona's Eben-Haezer Poultry Ranch, and in its first ten days as a grocery, Gustwiller says, it moved 5000 eggs.

Other restaurants offering grocery service right now include: Gaslamp's Pushkin Russian Restaurant (750 Sixth Avenue) a French bakery Le Parfait Paris (555 G Street); Liberty Station's Moniker General (2860 Sims Road); La Jolla's El Pescador Fish Market (634 Pearl Street).

by Ian Anderson



A box of fruit delivered by Tender Greens.

an entire pineapple. It's great to know I have fresh fruit, well over a week into social isolation, and smoothies ahead. The nicest touch, though, was



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the inside track



The Districts (above) weren't allowed to hang out with the Tijuana Panthers.

More records, more tours Now don't get them wrong — The Districts, Pennsylvania by origin, love San Diego. They just wish certain laws weren't quite so tight-assed.

Singer/guitarist Rob Grote, remembers "playing Soda Bar before we were 21. We played with the Tijuana Panthers, who we didn't get to hang out with, because we weren't allowed inside. San Diego is strict as hell about being under 21 in a bar even if you're playing a show. So we hung out in our minivan all night out front until show time. A homeless gentleman with a pocket flask of whiskey kept rapping this song he was making up to us, and really liked our drummer Braden [Lawrence.]

Of course, it's not all groan and moan for the foursome. "My favorite [San Diego gig] was probably a time we played the Casbah, which is always great, and spent the following day riding a mechanical bull, and hanging out in Tijuana."

With three albums and three EPs under their belt, the band laid down the four-song cover EP *Lagniappe Session*, featuring their takes on Fleetwood Mac ("Walk A Thin Line"), Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark ("Souvenir"), Psychic TV ("Godstar"), and of all tunes, "My Cutie," a treat off the extremely obscure second Shaggs album.

"That song is really catchy," enthuses Grote, "and simultaneously poppy as hell, while making no sense to my knowledge of music theory. But it is also easier to wrap your head around than some of the other [Shaggs tunes].

The new album, *You Know I'm Not Going Anywhere*, hit March 13. The band wrote it mostly in a bedroom. "There were two bedrooms," Grote clarifies, "but only because I moved! It wasn't so much a conscious restriction as much as me being in a pretty wack place and not socializing very much. It was super therapeutic at the time.... I often write songs in my room with an acoustic guitar, but this was the deepest I went recording demos and fleshing them out more than usual."

Recording shenanigans included breaking out an honest-to-goodness Mellotron at Philadelphia's Kawari Sound; and taping together actual physical tape loops to run through the Tascam MSR-16.

The Districts were scheduled to play Music Box on April 3. That show has been postponed and a new date hasn't been named yet. Asked about further down the road, Grote evinces the philosophy of a traveling musician. "Hopefully more records and more tours! Livin' life, you know."

— Andrew Hamlin

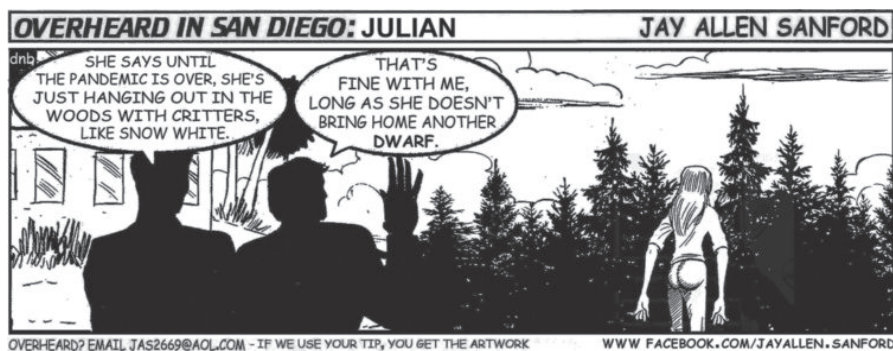
Lou Curtiss tells his own story Yale Strom first learned of Lou Curtiss back in the 1970s. He attended the folk festivals that Curtiss held annually at San Diego State University. Strom's father encouraged Yale to ditch high school to attend these events. The elder Strom instructed his son that "it is well worth missing your classes to go to these amazing concerts."

The education that Strom received at those concerts played a role in shaping his future. He eventually became a musician — a violinist who specialized in klezmer music.

"I really felt I made it here in San Diego when one day eight or nine years ago I was in [Curtiss's] store, Folk Art Rare Records, on Adams and we were chewing the fat," Strom explained. "I went back to the Eastern European section to see if anything new came in. Sometimes there was some interesting stuff. And then I saw the first album I had put out! I said, 'Lou, I made it! I'm in your record store! Someone no longer wanted to listen to it, but they didn't just want to throw it away!'"

Besides being a professional musician, Strom is a professor, an artist-in-residence at San Diego State University, and a filmmaker. He was wrapping up production on a documentary about Eugene Victor Debs, an American socialist and political activist who died in 1926, when he began to brainstorm ideas for a new film. A friend of Strom's had completed a short story on Curtiss for NPR's *California Report*, and Strom decided that "Lou deserves more than just a ten-minute podcast."

The Lou Curtiss documentary would be his next project. One of the first shoots would be the closing day of Folk Arts Rare Records in 2014. "There were some concerts outside," Strom explained. "Gregory



Page was there. Lou and his wife Virginia Curtiss were playing some music. Lou played the autoharp and some guitar, and his wife played guitar, and they were playing the old-timey music."

Curtiss passed away in 2018 at the age of 79. Strom and his wife Elizabeth Schwartz were lucky to tape interviews with him before he passed. "We're gonna be able to let Lou tell his own story, posthumously," Schwartz explained.

Schwartz added that they have "all this amazing archival footage and interviews with extraordinary people who were shaped as artists by

will be an exploration of the history of folk music in San Diego from the 60s onward. So, there are a lot of people who are really rich subjects for that," Strom added.

Interested parties can donate directly to the charity to support the film. "We hope that all San Diegans who knew Lou or know of the folk festival or the Adams



Married musician/filmmakers Elizabeth Schwartz and Yale Strom want to tell the late Lou Curtiss's story.



Lou and Virginia Curtiss in front of their old India Street location in Five Points.

Lou. I like to think of them as the crayons in the coloring book. They'll be able to do some commentary, but Lou's gonna tell his own story."

The film will also include pics and video from Curtiss's folk festivals over the years, and audio from them as well. "The backdrop of this film

The pair are hoping to complete *Recordially Yours: The Lou Curtiss Story* by 2021. Most of the key interviews are done, but some, such as Curtiss's sisters, remain. The filmmakers are lucky to have San Diego Folk Heritage as a non-profit sponsor.

Roots Festival can pitch in," Strom explained. "It's not a huge budget, but if we get 1000 people to give ten bucks each we're doing pretty well."

— Dryw Keltz

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Saturday, 2pm — Modular On The Spot Virtual Concert. **Free.**
Saturday, 5:30pm — Ron Pope Live From Home.
Saturday, 4pm — The Frights At Home Tour: Hypochondriac. **Free.**
Tuesday, 6pm — Elephant Stone. **Free.**
Wednesday, 7pm — The Frights At Home Tour: You Are Going to Hate This. **Free.**

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Opera is *not* cinematic

When an opera's staging, acting, and costumes all range from misguided to bad, what's left? The singing? What if the singing is ok but no better? What's left is The Metropolitan Opera's production of Wagner's *Das Rheingold*. I watched the production on The Met's website as a part of their free streaming service. Thank the Lord it was free, because had I paid for this, I'd be peeved.

As it was, I watched only out of fascination. How bad could this thing possibly get? It kept exceeding my worst expectations.

Fricka, the wife of Wotan, king of the gods, entered in the second scene while Wotan was sleeping. She saw him and began to walk over, but then stopped and wandered downstage with a far-off look in her eyes before slowly

walking over to Wotan to awaken him at the proper musical cue. It would have made sense to hold Fricka's entrance a minute or two and then have her simply walk across the stage and wake the old god up. The production was trying to be a movie, and the idea of a blank screen was anathema, so we got a character wandering around the stage with no purpose for a few minutes. That's bad theater.

Wagner wrote this music to accommodate a set change from the Rhine River in the first scene to Valhalla in the second. In all likelihood, the curtain would have been drawn and the audience would have listened to the music.

When Froh and Donner entered, I actually laughed out loud. The situation was too complicated to describe here,

but trust me, it was one of the most awkward things I've ever seen in *life*, let alone on an opera stage. Again, the problem was that the production was trying to be cinematic, but when all was said and done, it was an opera, not a movie.

I continued watching the next evening's offering of *Die Walküre*. The singing and acting in the first act were significantly better — until Siegmund and Sieglinde began expressing their love.

Up to that point, the acting was operatic and made sense. But once they started singing about their love for each other, the awkward embracing began. Once again, this isn't the movies. Film is predominantly a visual medium, while opera is predominantly a vocal medium. In the movies, characters can embrace and sing



The Theft of the Rheingold by Hans Makart.

just fine because they aren't actually singing. We get the visual of the lovers embracing in the movie, while the singing is done in the studio and then dubbed in.

There is no such opportunity in opera. Yet time after time, opera directors try to go for the visual while still maintaining live singing. What ensues is a lot of side-embracing and half touching. At these moments, it strikes me that I've never seen human beings move like that

outside of an opera production. This is opera. It's ok to let the characters *sing* about their love.

The first scene of the second act of *Walküre* was fantastic. Fricka remained in place on her throne while Wotan moved around her as they argued their positions. Fricka picked her dramatic moments well and backed them up with sudden and convincing movements.

It was good voice-based theater.

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Belly Up Tavern:

Friday, May 1 — DSB.
Saturday, May 2 — Mariachi El Bronx.
Sunday, May 3 — Allan Rayman.
Tuesday, May 5 — Los Lobos Cinco de Mayo Festival.
Thursday, May 7 — Amyl & the Sniffers.

Friday, May 8 — Margaret Glaspy and Kate Davis.
Saturday, May 9 — Real Estate and Meg Baird.

Casbah:

Friday, May 1 — True Widow.
Sunday, May 3 — LA LUZ.

Hornblower Dinner Cruises:

Sunday, Apr. 12 — Easter Champagne Jazz Brunch Cruise. \$49-\$102.
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House of Blues:

Sunday, May 3 — Kiefer.
Thursday, May 7 — Bombay Bicycle Club.
Friday, May 8 — Mxmtoon and Temporex.
Saturday, May 9 — Astrid S.

Humphreys by the Bay:

Saturday, May 2 — Judy Collins.

Intercontinental Hotel:

Saturday, Apr. 25 — Silent Saturday Rooftop Headphone Party. \$10-\$25.

Jacobs Music Center/Copley Symphony Hall:

Saturday, May 2 — Casablanca In Concert. \$20-\$100.

Japanese Friendship Garden:

Thursday, Apr. 9 — Christopher Hollyday. \$10-\$20.

Kensington Club:

Friday, May 8 — Spanish Love Songs and Future Teens.

La Fleur's Winery:

Saturday, May 9 — Jess Wright. **Free.**

La Jolla Community Center:

Friday, Apr. 24 — Melissa Morgan and Sam Hirsh. \$18-\$25.

La Mesa Wine Works:

Sunday, May 3 — Rolf Olsen Quartet. **Free.**

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Saturday, May 2 — Mayor Wells & Friends.
Tuesday, May 5 — Citizen Cope.
Saturday, May 9 — Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlán.

Molly Malone's Waypoint Saloon:

Friday, May 8 — Miss Demeanor.

Moustache Bar:

Thursday, Apr. 16 — Beauty Queen.

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Thursday, May 7 — The Sickstring Outlaws.
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Friday, May 1 — Macy Gray. \$40-\$42.
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Sunday, May 3 — Mrs. Henry Presents Music From The Band.

\$14-\$16.
Monday, May 4 — Tops and Sorry Girls.

Wednesday, May 6 — Manic Focus and Mersiv.
Friday, May 8 — Jack Harlow and Guapdad 4000. \$20-\$22.

Observatory North Park:

Friday, May 1 — The Garden and George Clanton.
Thursday, May 7 — The Glitch Mob.
Saturday, May 9 — The Buttertones and Iguana Death Cult.

Old Town State Historic Park:

Saturday, May 2 — Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo. **Free.**
Sunday, May 3 — Fiesta Old Town Cinco de Mayo. **Free.**

Online Internet Events:

Friday, Apr. 10 — Living Room Live: Mainly Two.
Friday, Apr. 10 — Neil Young's Fireside Session.
Saturday, Apr. 11 — The Frights At Home Tour. **Free.**
Saturday, Apr. 11 — Ron Pope Live From Home.
Saturday, Apr. 11 — Don LeMaster of San Diego Musical Theatre. **Free.**
Sunday, Apr. 12 — Shut In & Sing: Easter Gospel Show.
Tuesday, Apr. 14 — Elephant Stone. **Free.**
Wednesday, Apr. 15 — Shut In & Sing: Compass Records Showcase.
Friday, Apr. 17 — Shut In & Sing: AMA Showcase.
Friday, Apr. 17 — Neil Young's Fireside Session.
Saturday, Apr. 18 — Ron Pope Live From Home.
Saturday, Apr. 18 — Don LeMaster of San Diego Musical Theatre. **Free.**
Sunday, Apr. 19 — Shut In & Sing: Rounder Records Showcase.

Tuesday, Apr. 21 — Elephant Stone. **Free.**

Wednesday, Apr. 22 — Shut In & Sing: Our Native Daughters.
Friday, Apr. 24 — Shut In & Sing: Smithsonian Folkways.
Friday, Apr. 24 — Neil Young's Fireside Session.

Saturday, Apr. 25 — Ron Pope Live From Home.
Saturday, Apr. 25 — Don LeMaster of San Diego Musical Theatre. **Free.**

Tuesday, Apr. 28 — Elephant Stone. **Free.**
Thursday, Apr. 30 — International Jazz Day All-Star Global Concert.

Saturday, May 2 — Ron Pope Live From Home.
Sunday, May 3 — Shut In & Sing: Cantina Navarro.
Wednesday, May 6 — Shut In & Sing: AMA UK Showcase.

Open Air Theatre:

Saturday, May 2 — Keshia and Big Freedia.
Wednesday, May 6 — Russ.

Pechanga Arena San Diego: **Friday, May 8** — Ozuna.

Soda Bar:

Monday, May 4 — Loving and Michael Seyer.
Tuesday, May 5 — Lilly Hiatt and Logan Ledger.

South Coast Winery Resort & Spa:

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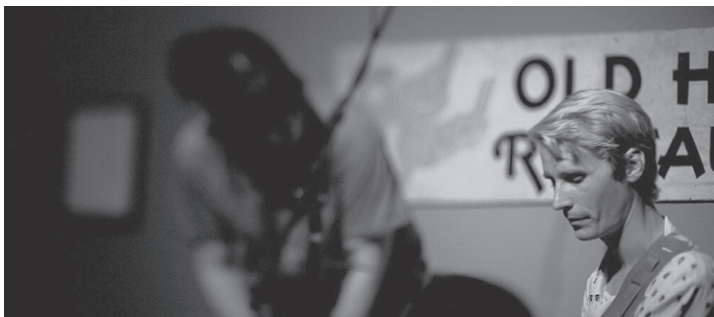
 

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TOM BROSSÉAU

Grand Forks, North Dakota native Tom Brosseau moved to San Diego in 2001 and quickly became one half of the American Folk Singers alongside Gregory Page. The duo's first album was taped in Page's living room over two days, through an old phonograph, with Page also working on Brosseau's solo CD. He also performs and records with local bluegrass star Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek), as well as touring with John Reilly & Friends, headed by comedian/musician John C. Reilly. Brosseau is dropping two albums this week. "A Lifetime Ago is a curated collection of the more

obscure and unreleased songs spanning the years 2002 to 2019," he says. "It features B-sides, studio outtakes, and live performances. *Live in York* is a live acoustic album recorded by Dan Harding at a private event in York, England on May 11, 2019. Ten original songs, seven from various past releases, [and] three brand new ones played live for the first time." Those new tracks — "Maybe Tomorrow Night," "Town & Country," and "I Found a Horseshoe" — can be streamed or purchased individually online.



SLUKA

Singer-songwriter Christopher Sluka is an FAA gold-seal-certified flight instructor, with a commercial pilot's license and over 3000 hours of flight time. From 1994 until around ten years ago, he owned Javanican Coffeehouse in PB, but decided to sell the operation (bought from a previous owner) in order to concentrate on his growing music career as Sluka. His first two albums were released on a Japanese label, while a third was recorded for an Italian branch of Time-Warner. Subsequent recordings have been released through his own Steel Flower Music label, with different distribution

deals throughout the world. His *Colorful Radiation* album was highlighted by a hit single and video for the track "Rise," which he describes as "my reaction to the Trump phenomenon." It reached number 17 on the Cashbox Rock Chart. His most recent album *Ready to Connect* was led by a single for "Hey Oh," produced, engineered, mixed, and mastered by Rolling Stones vet Alan Sanderson at local Pacific Beat Recording Studio, with a video directed and edited by Eric Bishop. The San Diego Music Award nominee just dropped a new single and video from the album, for the track "VIP"



PLANET B

Planet B features Justin Pearson (the Locust, Head Wound City) with his frequent collaborator from those bands Gabe Serbian (Dead Cross, Zu) and Luke Henshaw (Sonido de la Frontera, First Power Crew). Their debut 7-inch was tracked at Penguin Studio in San Diego, and some of their early music was heard in the soundtrack to Asia Argento's film *Incompresa*. Their debut self-titled album includes appearances from Martin Atkins (Ministry, PIL), Brian Evans (Retox), Nick Zinner (Yeah Yeah Yeahs), and Sonny Kay (Year Future, the VSS). Other collaborators include San Diego writer and performer Adam Gnade and Bronx-based rapper Kool Keith,

who is signed to Pearson's Three One G Records label. A music video is available online for the track "[A] Not At All [B] Somewhat [C] Very Much," created by Displaced/Replaced and opening with a Cornel West quote before spinning through historical archive footage of civil unrest. Another video was produced for "The Beginning is Near," also created by Displaced/Replaced (who has worked on videos for other Three One G bands such as Geronimo and Deaf Club) and capturing Planet B indulging in their love of lighting things on fire and blowing them up. They have a new single just out this week, a cover of the M.I.A. track "Bad Girls."



IRATION

Hawaiian-bred reggae band Iration, whose members live in Santa Barbara and northern San Diego, cites several of the usual sources as inspirations, including Black Uhuru, the Mighty Black Diamonds, Steel Pulse, and Pato Banton. However, they also dig deep into alterna-reggae and cub acts such as Mikey Dread, Ooklah the Moc, Natural Vibrations, Elijah Emmanuel, Easy Star All Stars, and Dub FX. They've maintained a steady schedule of releases, including a self-titled 17-track album that features guest appearances from Slightly Stoopid, J Boog and Tyrone's Jacket, and an acoustic

album called *Double Up*. Their summer 2017 single "Fly With Me" debuted at number 1 on the iTunes Reggae Songs chart, but they've mainly built up their following by playing the festival circuit alongside never-ending jam bands, often accompanied by fellow local reggae stars Pepper. Their upcoming album *Coastin'*, due this summer, will (hopefully) be supported with a national headlining tour running through July and August and featuring fellow locals Tribal Seeds (and, on a few dates, Hirie), kicking off July 9 in Atlanta and concluding August 30 in Santa Barbara.



ALVINO & THE DWELLS

Surf rockers Alvino & the Dwells have their roots in San Diego's teen post-punk and mod scenes, with occasional Manual Scan members David Fleming (aka David Flack) and Tony Suarez (aka Al Flack), both of whom previously played with the Answers. Co-founding drummer Didier Suarez came from bands like Sub Society, Furious IV, and Enigma Piercing. A self-titled album, released in 2015, was recorded live at Rarefied Recording. Their song "Chocolate Mint" was just picked up by a new coalition of Spanish record labels joining forces to launch a fundraising effort to raise money

for medical supplies in Spain during the global Coronavirus pandemic. The Spanish compilations, entitled *Music For Gloves*, so far include two other San Diego bands on two digital EPs: Manual Scan covering a classic Beatles track, "For No One," and True Stories ("Can't Seem To Make You Mine"). The EPs can be downloaded via musicforgloves.bandcamp.com, and the band still plans to appear at the San Diego Music Awards Showcase Concert, which is to be rescheduled from its original March 20 date.

Ugly Easter

Two tales of troubled towns — and one set in New York, which has enough real-life troubles at the moment.

BLOW THE MAN DOWN (2019)

It isn't long after the Connolly sisters lay their mother to rest that a tangled web of murder and prostitution starts getting woven in this Amazon Studios original. Family secrets commence

bubbling over, with enough residual spat-

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ter to send sisters Prís (Sophie Lowe) and Mary Beth (Morgan Saylor) wading waterproof mukluk-deep through the criminal underbelly of the non-existent but authentic-looking seaport village of Easter Cove, Maine. Don't you love it when a film just starts, entering its character's lives mid-flow, effectively catching the viewer off guard? Isn't it refreshing when people who have known each other for years don't

gossip, even when under the dryer. Being the embodiment of pure evil makes it tougher to get around: her walking cane frequently finds itself in direct competition with the cut of her billowing garment. How did the directorial team of Bridget Savage Cole and Danielle Krudy ultimately arrive at this remote location for their first feature? They hung a right at Fargo. Aye, there's the rub. Too many great ideas get trampled in this copycat crime gone awry.

BACURAU (2019)

What has mystery, romance, flying saucers, men on horseback, smiles, chills, folklore to spare, horizontal wipes, and just enough splatter to prevent the Comic-Conners in the audience from texting? Answer: this all-encompassing, genre-bending satire from Brazil that examines just what a government can do to a complacent townsfolk who re-



Blow the Man Down: Margo Martindale stars as the fishmongers' procuress.

Juliano Dornelles, once again brings out the best in Sônia Braga. (If you like this, check out their other collabora-

tion, the altogether differently disciplined *Aquarius*.) Be advised: this is not a popcorn picture, the sort that encourages viewers to flip their brains off for the duration of the wild ride. I'll cop to several instances where a clarifying rewind was in order. Added incentive: Digital Gym Cinema program-

mer Moises Esparza calls it "trying to figure out a way to keep afloat amidst all the closures." The DGC will earn a percentage of every ticket sold. For more information, visit: kinonov.com/bacurau-digital-media-gym

ate gambler Gatsby Welles (Timothy Chalamet) decides to go all in. (Gatsby Welles? Really? Why not Plato Pretentious?) Flush with winnings, our hero plans a romantic New York getaway, where the couple is beset by rain, incurable exposition, and a torrent of coincidence. Woody Allen was in his mid-forties when he wrote *Manhattan*, still close enough in age to remember the real manner in which young, avant-garde lovers spoke. At 85, he comes off as an out-of-touch idealist, trying and failing to return to the style of romantic comedy that made him famous. As written, Ashleigh plays the part of a selective intellectualist: she's sharp enough to drop a litany of arcane arts references, but when flustered, she lists Akira Kurosawa's place of origin as Europe and cites journalism as "the world's oldest profession." When Pollard offers her a scoop — he wants out of his latest picture — she asks, "Of what?" Timothy Chalamet wasn't the

first substitute Woody — that honor goes to John Cusack in *Manhattan Minder Mystery*... or was it Mary Beth Hurt in *Interiors*? — but he's one of the least accurate mimics in the class. One could practically hear Woody whispering into the actor's earpiece, "Listen and do as I say." (Why not? It worked for Bogdanovich and Tatum O'Neal.) Two reasons to see the film: it was photographed by Vittorio Storaro (Warren Beatty never leaves home without him) and it features an unexpectedly emboldened performance by Selena Gomez. The #MeToo movement caused Amazon Studios to think twice — didn't they know what they were getting into? — and the film never received an American release. Nor is it available for legal download. But finding a copy is simply a matter of knowing which rocks to turn over along the side of the internet superhighway.

—Scott Marks



Bacurau: Uh-oh, it's Udo!

speak in explanations or clumsily disseminated backstory? Perhaps it's the fact that these characters know each other so well — and we don't — that first draws our interest. Holding it is another story. No sooner does the Greek Chorus of ruddy anglers finish warbling the eponymous ditty than we hit the ground jogging, eager to be brought up to speed on the lives of the Connolly sisters. As it happens, a trio of otherwise fine upstanding fishmonger's wives (Annette O'Toole, June Squibb, and Marceline Hugot) have it in for Enid (Margo Martindale), the wharf's proud, pasty-faced procuress. Looking very much like Maleficent after she swallowed a character balloon from the Macy's Christmas Parade, Enid logs hours at the town beauty salon — where she's the subject of

fuse to question authority. We open in the stratosphere; the time: "A few years from now." Why the aeriform view? Because in space, no one can hear the (fictional) titular town being purged from all manner of digital media, so that it is left to exist only in the memories of the locals and the maps of old-school cartographers. The urge to expunge is traceable to the local Mayor, a greedy martinet eager to make cash by turning the town into a shooting gallery for human-hunting Anglos. (Of the three recent variations on *The Most Dangerous Game*, this is leaps and bounds ahead of *Ready or Not* and *The Hunt*.) A tanned, rested, and tantalizingly rotten Udo Kier leads the hunt, and woe unto the one who dares to call him a Nazi. Kleber Mendonça Filho, this time co-directing with his production designer

A RAINY DAY IN NEW YORK (2019)

Upon learning that his girlfriend Ashleigh (Elle Fanning) has landed an interview with cult director Roland Pollard (Liev Schreiber) for the college newspaper, 22-year-old inveter-



A Rainy Day in New York: "Why didn't anyone tell me this was a Woody Allen movie?"

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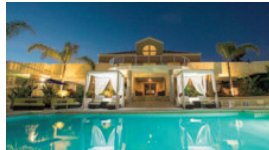
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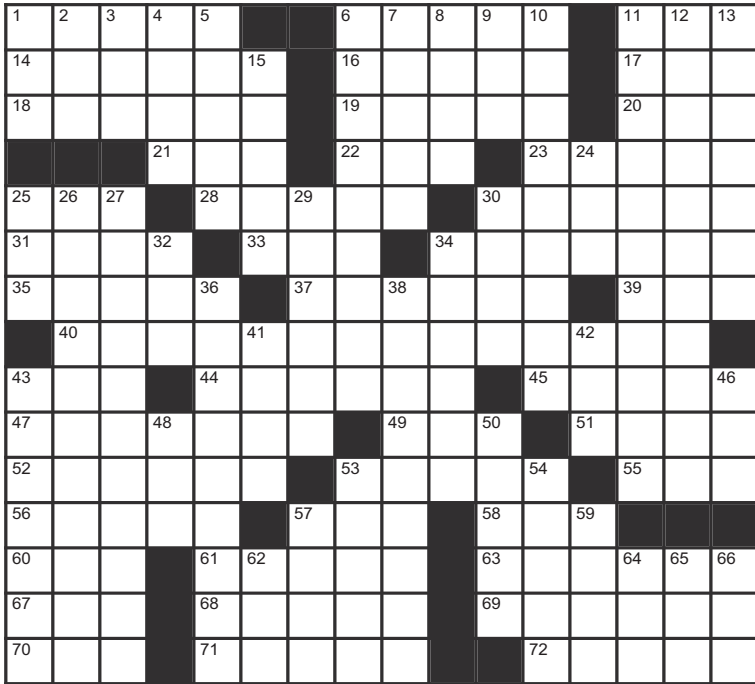
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11. Recycling _____
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16. Thompson of "Thor: Ragnarok"
17. He co-wrote "Heroes" with Bowie
18. He said "A painting is not a picture of an experience; it is an experience"
19. '50s Ford flop
20. Doofus
21. The Pistons, on scoreboards
22. Org. for Mickelson and McIlroy
23. Death, in Venice
25. #1 bud 4 life
28. Words with math or honors
30. He said "And then I read this script called 'NCIS' ..."
31. Cut _____ (dance)
33. Snake in "The Jungle Book"
34. Crunchy, healthful snacks
35. Prefix with -hedron
37. "Edda" author _____ Sturluson
39. Riddle-me-_____
40. Keyboard symbols ... or this puzzle's theme
43. Big _____, California
44. Do some self-grooming
45. Incessantly

47. Impatient gift recipients
49. Suffix with ranch
51. Native Nebraskan
52. He said "O Cleopatra, I am not grieved to be bereft of thee"
53. Texter's "If this wasn't on your radar ..."
55. Ingrid Bergman's homeland: Abbr.
56. Big mushroom producer, in brief
57. I may follow these
58. Physicians' org.
60. "Boy, am _____ trouble!"
61. Capri or Elba, locally
63. He said "Wait a minute ... If Luke is Princess Leia's brother, does that make me royalty?"
67. Half of nine?
68. Vim's partner
69. Maine's _____ National Park
70. Part of XL: Abbr.
71. _____ salts
72. He said "I swam my brains out"

6. '90s supermodel Seymour
7. Not give a definitive answer
8. Mount near Olympus
9. Suffix with Japan or Sudan
10. Black-and-white companion
11. Down times on Wall Street?
12. Enticement in some TV ads
13. What gibberish makes
15. "The Chosen" novelist Chaim
24. Earth, e.g., in poetry
25. Animal that uses echolocation
26. Visiting regularly
27. It's used for what's to come
29. Samples
30. Maim or mar
32. Miracle-_____
34. Ill-tempered
36. All ears
38. Play it like George Clooney, perhaps
41. Not right
42. Pooh pal
43. Cocker _____
46. Ruby of "A Raisin in the Sun"
48. Some boxing wins
50. Midwestern birthplace of Malcolm X
53. "I" pad?
54. Apples since 1998
57. Obfuscates
59. "Do I need to draw you _____?"
62. Nurse in a bar
64. Ugandan dictator Amin
65. On _____-Boy
66. _____-Boy

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SUDOKU

HARD:

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5	6	2	4	3	1	8	9	7
8	7	1	9	5	2	3	4	6
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 Peters and wife "sold one set of government bonds and bought other government bonds," and that questions about whether the coronavirus meltdown motivated the transactions were "out of bounds."

But *Politico* remained skeptical, noting that "lawmakers in both chambers were being briefed via both classified and non-classified meetings about the coronavirus in late January and February,' giving people on Capitol Hill a closer look at how the coming pandemic might shape their lives and finances that much of the country was lacking."

Once high on the list of free-traveling House members, whose ventures included a trip to Tunisia with her husband on a gratis \$21,327 oceanfront sojourn just before the 2010 revolution, the soon-to-retire Davis

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has been slowing her pace of late. House disclosure reports show that her most recent free foreign trip was to Rwanda for a week in August of last year, taken to "see development health and education programs and the U.S.- African partnership and success," and courtesy of the Aspen Institute. The total tab for Davis and spouse, housed at the deluxe Kigali Serena Hotel, was \$19,090. "On an enchanting boulevard in the heart of Kigali, Rwanda, in a secure location just a five-minute walk from the CBD, lies Kigali Serena Hotel," says the hostelry's website. "A distinctively rich blend of Rwandan heritage, art and culture with contemporary 5-star comfort in 148 sophisticated rooms and suites, Serena Kigali hotel provides a private and peaceful retreat like no other for discerning international diplomats and executives."

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between January 12 and February 28, per the filing, well short of the \$135,454 received by the Republican committee during the same period, according to the disclosures. \$10,000 donors to the GOP included hedge fund manager **Nick Stone**, the originator of the now-defunct Soccer City proposal to take over the former Qualcomm Stadium; **J. Neal Blue**, owner of drone-maker General Atomics; Louisiana steel fabrication kingpin **Bruce Barlett** of Rancho Santa Fe and wife Patricia; and **Laura Nelson** of Poway's Cass Construction.

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had just painted them when the plaster guy came back and said he hadn't yet sanded them. To show us, he sanded a small portion of the wall which created these really cool white streaks. So we told him to keep going."

Restoring the Moose Lodge "is just a continuous process," says Jay Malik, a retired Marine Corps colonel who serves as the Lodge's current governor. While the bar and entertainment room were the first to be fixed up, "we just put all the gaming stuff in there a month ago."

Today, the Moose Lodge No. 1325 has about 450 members, each of whom pays annual dues of \$45. That grants them admission to the local lodge, and to all other Moose Lodges as well. (Admission to benefit concerts is extra.) The money goes to the international Moose organization in Illinois to support Mooseheart, a 1000-acre campus outside Chicago that serves as a private educational and safe living facility for up to 500 children and teens in need; and Moosehaven, a retirement community outside Jacksonville, Florida, that provides assisted living for older Moose members.

The local Moose Lodge raises enough money from facility rentals, fundraising activities and bar and merchandise sales to pay taxes and insurance on the building "and keep the lights on," Malik says. On top of that, he says, the lodge raises as much as \$75,000 a year for charity, when you combine events produced by the lodge itself with outside fundraisers by other nonprofits.

"At our heart, we are still very much a philanthropic organization,"

he says.

The Moose Lodge No. 1325 is run by a 12-member board of volunteers currently headed by Malik as governor. It includes John Gilley, who has been a member for more than 30 years and was one of the original team who resurrected the lodge with Carrasco; Sean Griffin, a retired San Diego probation officer; Kim Blaylock, retired Carlsbad Fire Department battalion chief; Tony Mata, a former professional surfer; and financial advisor Mark Buckman, also a member of the original resurrection crew.

Come back, Dougie boy Saturday night. The Moose Lodge is packed, a blur of swirling bodies as a celebrity band — including Ron Blair, the longtime bassist with Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, now a Carlsbad resident; and Winston Watson, who drummed for Bob Dylan in the 1990s after a stint in Stevie Salas' post-This Kids band, Color Code — plays classic rock favorites like Dave Mason's "Feelin' Alright," made famous by Joe Cocker, and Bad Company's "Ready for Love."

It's a benefit for the ALMA Rescue Foundation — Animals' Lives Matter, Always — a local charity run by Erin Riley-Carrasco, Allen Carrasco's wife. Tickets are \$30, steep for the Moose Lodge, but hey, it's for a good cause. There's a street taco stand operated by the Oceanside Kitchen Collaborative, \$3 draft beer, and a silent auction and raffle where prizes range from vacation rentals and gift cards to some really cool restaurants as well as spas and facials.

And besides, the band!

Aside from Blair and Watson, the lineup includes three This Kids alumni: lead singer Patrick Pinamonti — who now works as an electrician but by all rights should have hit it big in music, given that he's got a set of pipes somewhere in between Steve Perry of Journey and Bon Scott, the original lead singer in AC/DC — guitarist Paul Martinez, and keyboardist Dave Judy. Stevie Salas was supposed to make it, but he was tied up in Toronto.

Warming up the crowd: popular local bands The Keg Band and 40 Proof.

The most striking thing about tonight's benefit is the diversity of the crowd. Young, old, old, young. Hippie, hipster, and not so hip.

I first became aware of the Moose Lodge in south Oceanside in the late 1990s, when fellow Carlsbad resident Doug Desjardins and I both worked at a home entertainment trade publication, *Video Store Magazine*. Most days, we carpooled and sometimes when I-5 was backed up we'd leave the freeway at Oceanside Harbor and take the Coast Highway down south.

Each time we drove by the Moose Lodge, we laughed and joked about joining. We envisioned a bunch of old men with moose hats, since our only point of reference was the Racoons of Jackie Gleason fame. Once or twice, we even stopped by, wanting to take a look around. But the door was always locked.

Well, Dougie boy, more than 20 years later you should come back.

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which keeps the lodge in good graces with the international organization, and people who buy drinks, which supports the club's operational and philanthropic efforts.

John Gilley, was one of the original crew that resurrected the Moose Lodge in 2015. He was also the only one who was an actual member of the lodge, having joined in 1991, when he was 24. "At the time, I was trying to get into promoting local musicians, bands, deejays, that sort of thing, and I was looking for a place to host events," says Gilley, a 52-year-old AT&T manager. "My dad and uncle had recommended I talk to the board and present to them what I was trying to do, so I did, and I wound up joining."

At first, Gilley said, he produced a concert or a dance every other month, which made the board

happy, because the bar did good business. But after he got married and began a family, his events grew less frequent, "and then after a while, I quit doing them altogether."

Until now. "Music is our best avenue to draw people in," Gilley says. "When we started this project, everyone involved was either in the music scene or around the music business in one form or another, whether it was actual musicians or managing groups or doing sound or just being friends with musicians. The North County music scene has always been diverse and vibrant, and we felt the best way to capture the demographic we needed in order to revitalize the lodge was to focus on live music. And the funny thing is, the older members love it. They were right in step with it."



Downstairs sitting room, with jukebox and bookcase filled with Moose memorabilia.

Today, musical acts play every Friday night, booked by Shane Dolly, a local drummer. The first Friday of the month is reserved for singers and songwriters, modeled after the Bluebird Café in Nashville. Other Fridays feature an array of blues, country, folk-rock, heavy

metal, and even punk bands, with an emphasis on "Americana," given the lodge's proximity to Camp Pendleton and the fact that a good percentage of its members are active or retired military.

Regulars include the Keg Band, 40 Proof, and the Tighten-Ups. From

time to time, big names drop in, such as the Paladins, a celebrated rockabilly band whose stand-up bassist, Thomas Yearsley, owns a recording studio just down the street.

"We've also had country royalty: Trey Twitty, the grandson of Conway Twitty, and Taylor Lynn,

the granddaughter of Loretta Lynn," Gilley says. "We've had folksingers, and we've had punk bands with mosh pits."

Mosh pits and locked antlers

The Oceanside Moose Lodge is not simply another club for live music. The lodge holds weekly meetings where traditions and rituals such as the Legend of the Locked Horns and the Nine O'Clock Ceremony are faithfully honored.

The Legend of the Locked Horns comes first. According to *The Lodge Handbook*, last updated in January 2015, after the opening prayer and salute to the flag comes this exchange between the Governor and members:

Governor: "Brothers, what is the duty of every Moose member? You will repeat after me. To uphold our fraternal obligations."

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Moans at the Moose Lodge.

Members: "To uphold our fraternal obligations."

Governor: "To strengthen and maintain the Defending Circle."

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Governor: "And in our daily lives conduct..."

Members: "And in our daily lives conduct..."

Governor: "... To exemplify Purity, Aid, and Progress."

Members: "... To exemplify Purity, Aid, and Progress."

Governor: "Brothers, form the Defending Circle by placing your left hand over your heart as a token of sincerity, place your right hand on the left shoulder of the Brother to your right as a token of friendship, and listen to the 'Legend of the Locked Horns.'"

(Officers and members form the Defending Circle about the Altar. Each member faces the Altar and positions hands as instructed. The Governor waits until the circle is formed and then advances to Position 8 through an opening created by the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms opens and then closes the circle after taking his place in front of the Governor's station. The Governor

places his left hand over his heart, but does not raise his right hand.)

Governor: "In the primeval wilds of the northland, two noble moose, leaders of their herds, met in deadly combat. Today, their locked antlers, a silent reminder of the futility of antagonism and conflict, lie bleaching on the plains. We meet tonight as Brothers united in a common cause. Let the spirit of harmony and fraternal regard guide our deliberations. Otherwise, we will be blinded to the lesson of the 'Locked Horns.' Brothers, I welcome you and ask you to return to your places and remain standing."

I slip into the Moose Lodge on a Wednesday evening. It's board meeting night, and the 12 board members are sitting around a table in the upstairs lounge, in front of them either a Pacifico beer, an iPhone, or both. Business is winding down, but some questions remain. A few bar stools need to be replaced — the best price is for a dozen, but is that too many? Should the rotating art exhibit in the upstairs gallery include tattoo artists? How can the lodge best engage local merchants? Perhaps by offering dis-

counts on the Moose Lodge website? And how is work progressing on the storyboards that chronicle the Moose Lodge's history, which Malik would like to see hung up in the entrance corridor?

At the end of the meeting, board members rise up and face toward the northeast. It's time for another Moose tradition, the Nine O'clock Ceremony. Again, according to *The Lodge Handbook*: "At the hour of nine o'clock pm, wherever Moose are gathered in the name of the Order, they are requested to stand, face toward Mooseheart, fold their arms across their chests, and for a moment bow their heads in silent prayer, repeating in concert the words of the Nine O'clock Ceremony. At a regular meeting the Governor should call for the ceremony as close to nine o'clock as possible."

(It's only 7, but as Malik tells me later, that's 9 in Mooseheart.)

Governor: (Gives two raps) "It is now nine o'clock. At this time the little children at Mooseheart kneel at their beds to say their evening prayers. Let us face toward Mooseheart (Governor gestures in the direction of Mooseheart), fold our arms, bow our heads, and join them in silent prayer.

(Lights turned low but never off, chimes sounded slowly nine times.)

Governor: "Repeat after me: Let the little children come to me."

Members: "Let the little children come to me."

Governor: "Do not keep them away."

Members: "Do not keep them away."

Governor: "For they are like the Kingdom of Heaven."

Members: "For they are like the Kingdom of Heaven."

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Governor: "God bless Mooseheart."

Members: "God bless Mooseheart."

Gilley said it's important to maintain some of the key Moose traditions, like the opening and closing ceremonies. "We don't want to lose sight of what the organization stands for," he says. "As a group, we still need to be reminded of who we are and what we stand for. Having fun and listening to live music is great, but at the end of the day we're there for the community, to do our part for our fellow citizens."

A dying breed

All told, the 1600 Moose Lodges have a total membership of about 650,000. A handful have followed the Oceanside Moose Lodge model and reinvented themselves. Most haven't.

The calendar for the

Moose Lodge in Belleville, Michigan, a town of fewer than 4000 people in Wayne County, about 30 miles southwest of Detroit, includes bunco games, bowling tournaments and a Sunday afternoon "Make & Take Crafts" workshop.

The Moose Lodge in Huntsville, Alabama, is known for its weekly Friday bingo nights, while the Moose Lodge in Sylvania, Ohio, boasts a weekly Sunday morning "beer breakfast," a Friday afternoon fish fry and bake, and such special events as a March 28 gun raffle.

Closer to home, the Moose Lodge in Kearny Mesa, on Ruffin Road, offers weekly shuffleboard tournaments, a pool league, and dance lessons.

The Moose Lodge in Jacksonville, Florida, was shut down less than a year ago by the International



Dance floor while Aviator Stash is playing.

Loyal Order of Moose. Tab Turke, the lodge's last "governor," told a local radio station, "We've been, for quite some time, having financial hardships and fleeting membership, as well as a lack of volunteer participation.... Truthfully, I believe that service clubs are starting to dwindle now. Our aver-

age age of members was about 55-60, and we do have a hard time recruiting younger members."

Carrasco can sympathize. "We're one of the fastest-growing Moose Lodges in the country," he says. "People come here from all over Southern California and even other parts of the country

and they say, 'Wow, this place...'"

Carrasco credits the Oceanside community as much as anyone for resurrecting the old Moose Lodge No. 1325.

"We have a lot of special events like birthday parties and memorial services," he says. "A friend donated a sound system and

brought a bunch of kids in, so now the School of Rock is here two or three times a year, and from 10 am until 10 pm we're packed with families, just as if you had gone to a Little League game and the bleachers were full."

City leaders, too, "have embraced us," Carrasco says. "We hosted a memorial for the Oceanside Police dispatcher who was killed in a car accident," he says. "The mayor was here on our stage a few weeks ago, playing music, and every city council member has been here as well."

Chuck Lowery, a former councilmember and deputy mayor, says, "I know what they're doing there and I think it's pretty awesome. They have taken a completely rundown, almost deceased organization and pumped some life into it. It's amazing."

— Thomas K. Arnold

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Fetishes

— On Christmas Eve, a man in Bradenton, Florida, woke up to find an intruder in his room. It wasn't Santa Claus; the victim was awakened by a man sucking on his toes. According to the Manatee County Sheriff's Office, the victim demanded to know what the man was doing and the suspect simply responded he "was there to suck toes." In the ensuing fight, deputies said the suspect claimed to have a gun, but the victim managed to force him out of the home, where the thwarted toe-sucker smashed a window in the home and destroyed the windshield of the victim's car before leaving. The

Bradenton Herald reported officers were unable to locate the suspect using a K9, so they took DNA samples from the man's toes, and the incident is still under investigation.

Chutzpah

— Journalist Vladimir Mkrtychyan, 41, of Moscow, Russia, came across a painting he made when he was just 6 years old and decided he ought to sell it, *Oddity Central* reported. It soon got a lot of attention after he posted it Jan. 13 on the Russian classifieds site Avito with an asking price of 140 million rubles (\$2.3 million). Mkrtychyan defended the price, telling Russian media the painting, titled "Red Army Man on Horse," reflects the realities of the Soviet era through the eyes of a child. "I put all my soul and all my childhood delight into it. As you know, the artist's hand is guided by God, which means He liked it so much. ... The price ... is extremely low for such an artwork," he gushed.

Weird Science

— On Jan. 22, the National Weather Service expanded its cold-weather warnings in South Florida to include falling iguanas along with falling temperatures. According to the Associated Press, the NWS alerted folks that the reptiles can become stunned by the cold and fall from their perches in trees. As temperatures rise during the day, they wake up, unharmed. Males can grow to 5 feet long and weigh 20 pounds. They aren't considered to be dangerous to humans (unless they land on your head).

Animal Farm

— A Polish pig farmer in his 70s who had been missing since Dec. 31 is believed to have been eaten by his livestock, Fox News reported. Lubin District Prosecutor Magdalena Serafin told local media the farmer's remains, consisting of bones and skull fragments, were found by a neighbor, who called police after spotting the bones while fetching water from a nearby well on Jan. 8. The farmer's animals were roaming freely in the yard, and officials indicated it was clear that the pigs had feasted on him. They suspect he died of a fall or heart attack.

Oops!

— In Toronto, the streetcar tunnel into Queen Quay Station is protected by an automatic gate, rumble strips, flashing lights and signs warning automobile drivers not to enter. But at 2 am on Jan. 22, one driver managed to ignore or overlook all the warnings, driving his car about 600 meters through the tunnel before arriving at Union Station and becoming stuck on a concrete block, the CBC reported. "We're sort of hard-pressed to think of any other measures we can take at this point" to deter drivers, a spokesman for the Toronto Transit Commission said, "short of closing the tunnel, and that's not an option."

News That Sounds Like a Joke

— If you've always thought those nail clippers in your kitchen drawer were a harmless tool, think again. Kathleen Ayala, 30, has been charged with murder in Cumber-

land County, New Jersey, following an altercation with her husband on Jan. 12, the Associated Press reported. Authorities said Ayala, of Millville, and 35-year-old Axel Torres got into an argument in their home that became physical, and Torres left the premises. Ayala chased after him and stabbed him numerous times with the nail file tool on the clippers, causing wounds to his feet, hands, shoulders and left leg. When police arrived, they found Torres unresponsive and transported him to the hospital, where he died the next morning.

Awesome!

— Downtown Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a little safer these days, thanks to the efforts of Night Watch, a helpful vigilante dressed in all black, with his face partially covered and wearing reflective goggles, WGHP reported on Jan. 22. "I'm not looking to be a Batman and go around beating up criminals," he told a reporter. Instead, he's an anonymous superhero who's been patrolling the nighttime streets for about a month, hauling around a bag filled with food, clothing and toiletries for those in need. "There is no prerequisite for being a good person," Night Watch said. On that night, he helped out about a dozen homeless people in the community. "It's just nice that people aren't totally freaked out," he said. "Now they know who I am and that I'm trying to help."

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