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“San Diego pandemic protests bring out everyone with an opinion”

News Ticker

May 6

Let's open everything up like the protesters and Republicans want. Limit Covid-19 admissions on a first-come first-served basis. When the hospitals are maxed out with Covid patients then we will see who complains the loudest. And who thinks that if everything was opened up that everyone would go back to business as usual? Will everyone rush back to fill restaurants and retail shops? So far in every state that has “opened up” the numbers of Covid cases and related deaths have gone up. Just look at Florida and Georgia

and see what is happening. If our governor was a Republican and was doing what Newsom was doing would the Republicans be siding with the protesters? I think not. One thing that you can bank on is that stupid will prevail.

—AlexClarke

It's not just Republicans who want to reopen the state. Most Californians are in favor of reopening California. 84% of Californians want California reopened. Liberals, moderates (me) and conservatives. Most Americans are moderate or conservative (80%) but California is a liberal state. Democrats and Republicans are reopening their businesses throughout the state, and ignoring Newsom's orders. They're well aware that Newsom has a longstanding history of overstepping his power. You're retired. Are you willing to give up your pension and social security so those who've lost their jobs can pay their bills? Are you willing to teach children from your home because not all parents can afford a home computer, which means they're at home and not being taught through Zoom? Are you supporting

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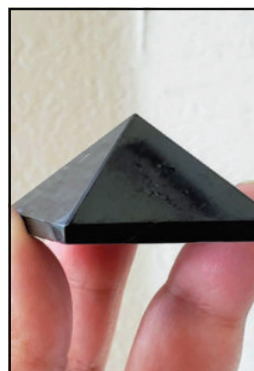
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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

THE UNINCORPORATED Up in smoke - well, mist Fletcher's vape ban will bust a bunch of businesses

Shon Elfarrar owns a small shop in Fallbrook called Smoke Chalet. He says a new countywide law may put him out of business. "Vaping is 40 percent of my business," says Elfarrar. "How will I make it?" There is just not much money to be made in retailing cigarettes: Elfarrar says he makes about 49 cents per pack. "I will spend \$79 for a carton and then sell each pack for \$8.39." The ordinance, which will come before the Board of Supervisors in September, would forbid all stores in the unincorporated areas of the county to sell vaping devices for at least one year, and place a complete ban on both flavored vaping liquid and all flavored tobacco products, including mentholated cigarettes.

Elfarrar's is one of four businesses in Fallbrook that sells smoke products exclusively. Those stores — plus about 32 others in Alpine, Ramona, Spring Valley, Campo, Lakeside, Jamul, and Rancho San Diego — would see a huge part of their income evaporate. "Those 36 businesses will be completely out of business," says Molly Sylvester of



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ness (who asked his name not be used) says his store absolutely supports the idea that minors should not be allowed to buy vaping products. He says he is happy that the state sends in decoys to prove that no one under 21 can buy tobacco products. "But" he notes, "all kids have to do is go online and click a box that says they are 21 and they can get anything they want sent to them." And he says that if his store is no longer allowed to sell vaping products, Fallbrook locals need only go to Vista or Oceanside to buy from a storefront, since none of the county's 18 cities ban the sale of vaping products.

County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher spearheaded the anti-vaping ordinance last fall, and he was successful in getting fellow supervisors Greg Cox and co-author Dianne Jacobs to sign on. Supervisor Jim Desmond voted against the measure: his North County district includes Fallbrook. Desmond says he anticipated that the new law may indeed snuff out small Fallbrook businesses such as Smoke Chalet, Holy Smoke Shop, and Fallbrook Smoke Shop. "We've heard from many businesses that are struggling, which we knew would be the outcome when this [ordinance] was passed," says Desmond. "It's unfortunate for businesses on the brink of going under."

Every retailer contacted agreed that the major public health concern involves the well-publicized vaping of marijuana/THC that has been mixed with a harmful Vitamin E/acetate additive. That vaping has been linked with permanent lung damage and some 60 deaths nationwide. But Desmond says this new county law "doesn't address the actual issue."

"At a time like this, we need to focus

our time, energy, and resources on safely reopening our economy, not on implementing new, unnecessary ordinances," adds Sylvester. Further, she says, Supervisor Fletcher is actually harming the health of the county, since vaping is used by many to get off cigarettes. "He wants to eliminate the product that is saving lives. He wants to leave



Jerry V.: "I was so shook, I couldn't focus on the vehicles' taillights."

cigarettes on the market, which are responsible for over 480,000 [U.S.] deaths a year." She says that all but one of the 60 deaths in the U.S. reportedly caused by vaping were connected with cannabis. "And the one that was not [cannabis-related] had pre-existing health issues. Vaping THC with the Vitamin E/acetate additive caused all the deaths, and now Fletcher wants to demonize the whole vaping industry. But we have nothing to do with that. Fletcher is an advocate for cannabis. That's why he refused to even say the word 'cannabis.' He won't talk about it [in connection with vaping] because it doesn't fit in with his political agenda."

Ramon Mansour of El Cajon is the co-chair of Communities for Safer Vaping. His family is a longtime wholesale supplier of vaping products to many area stores. He says none of his stores sells to anyone under 21,

and his company does not market the Vitamin E/acetate additive. He says Fletcher has turned this law into an opportunity for grandstanding. "We've tried multiple times to reason with [Fletcher] but he is absolutely unwilling to listen," says Mansour. "This guy has a particular agenda and he wants to stick with it. Part of this law will also outlaw the sale of Newport cigarettes and flavored pipe tobacco like Cherry Cavendish. What does that have to do with youth vaping?" Mansour says Communities for Safer Vaping has hired an attorney and may consider a lawsuit against the county. Elfarrar says he would consider joining a lawsuit against the county if one materialized.

KEN LEIGHTON

IMPERIAL BEACH

The Corona 500 Open roads and closed speedways make for fast times

Since the lockdown began, May Carrasco and her Imperial Beach neighbors noticed an increase in fast and reckless drivers on roadways. "Cars race up and down the streets of IB all the time," she said, "whether it's in a school zone or a 25 mph zone. I saw a kid on his skateboard get hit on the corner of Palm and Florida, by

the infamous McDonald's where accidents happen all the time." Carrasco, 39, works for the Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, and on her treks to and from work, she's witnessed more and more "people running red lights and stop signs.... just like what happened to that green Lamborghini."

Last month, Carrasco's IB neighbor posted photos of a \$200,000-plus Lamborghini Huracan that appeared to have been sideswiped or "t-boned" earlier that night on the corner of 9th and Palm Avenue, a couple blocks west from where the skateboarder was struck. "Most of it is because of the younger generation, driving with no precautions," Carrasco opined. "And some people who live in Mexico and work here, sometimes drive like it's still Mexico. We need to implement the camera

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Molly Sylvester, owner of Vapin' the 619, chairs a trade group called Communities for Safer Vaping.

El Cajon, who owns Vapin' the 619, situated just outside her hometown. She is the chairwoman of a group called Communities for Safer Vaping. "And then you're talking about another 150 businesses, places like the liquor stores and gas station markets, that also sell vaping products. They will lose five to 25 percent of their business. When it's that much, now you're talking about employees losing their jobs."

An employee at a different Fallbrook busi-

NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

Local boy makes accusations

While his old lecture grounds ponder pandemic permissions

As the battle between Trump trade advisor Peter Navarro and the Chinese government mounts regarding whether laboratories of the Wuhan Institute of Virology were ground zero for the COVID-19 pandemic, one of his former academic stomping grounds is ramping up its own coronavirus experiments. "If you simply do an Occam's razor approach that the simplest explanation is probably the most likely, I think it's incumbent on China to prove that it wasn't that lab," Navarro told *The Hill* last

month, asserting that the Chinese government had covered up the outbreak. "This was a time where that virus could have been contained in Wuhan," he continued, decrying what he said was lack of transparency at the giant laboratory complex. "Instead, five million Chinese people went out from Wuhan and propagated the virus around the world."

Meanwhile, back in San Diego, UCSD, where economist and one-time San Diego politico Navarro was a lecturer in 1985 and 1986, is rolling out the welcome mat for coronavirus laboratory work by its researchers. How the university handles public disclosure of the experimental work could come into play as the administration's dispute with the Chinese evolves. At the crux of the

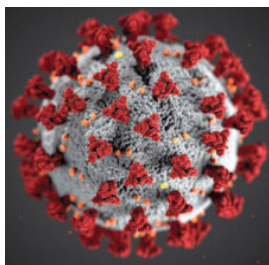
matter is UCSD's Institutional Biosafety Committee, or IBC. "The IBC establishes, monitors and enforces policies and procedures which meet or exceed applicable norms or regulations for biohazardous materials and/or recombinant DNA, including gene transfer clinical trials," says the group's official website. "All research involving samples known or suspected to contain SARS-CoV-2 must be approved by the IBC prior to start of research."

The waiting line of would-be coronavirus researchers seeking IBC approval of their experiments is long, but officials have told researchers that granting of permissions is being accomplished as rapidly as possible. "COVID-19 related research is getting expedited review by the IBC," says an online message to the academics. "But please keep in mind that there have been many researchers

expressing interest in this research who have also submitted amendments to their [Biohazard Use Authorization]." Biosafety committee members have been "very accommodating in their schedule to review protocols and in attending emergency IBC meetings," the notice adds. "We ask for your continued patience as BUAs are reviewed as quickly as possible without compromising safety."

On paper, the biosafety committee has

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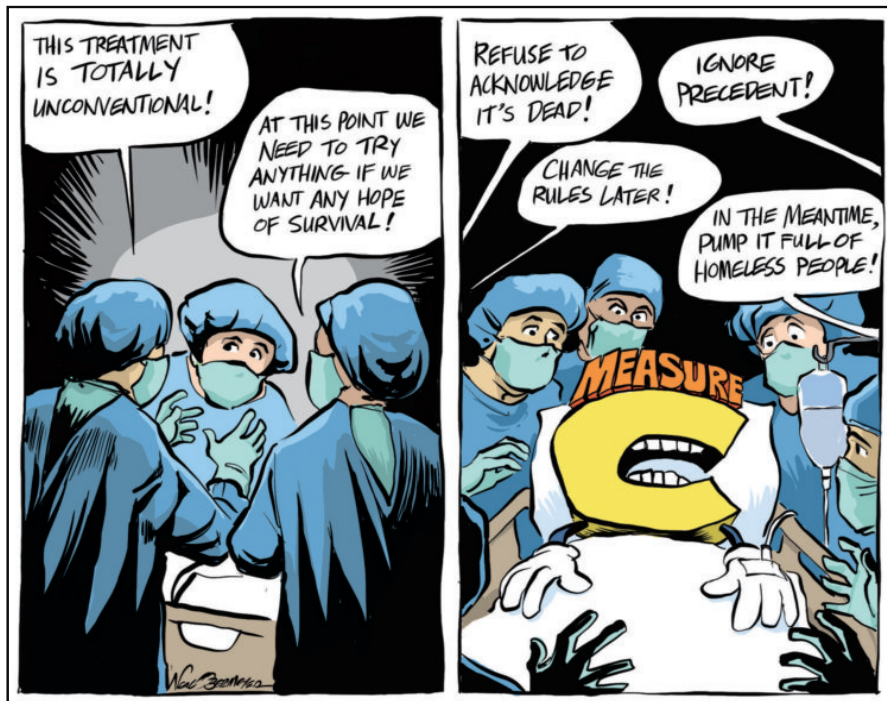


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Here's hoping that UC stands for "Ultra Careful."

Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Exceptional failures

UCSD, unscathed by last year's college bribery scandal, still has had its share of problematic admissions practices, says a March 31 report by the university's Audit & Management Advisory Services unit. "UCSD did not systematically identify or track candidates for Special Talent Admissions," according to the auditors, who reviewed undergraduate admission applications from Fall 2016 through Spring 2019. UCSD's athletics department "did not have a process to document the special talent to ensure it was verified and legitimate."

The school's coaches were ostensibly responsible for "recruiting for their own sport and verifying athletic ability," the report adds. But, "testing of 22 special talent applicants for this audit period indicated that six did not have substantive documentation to verify special talent."

Procedures for the university's Admission by Exception (AbyE) program, by which up to six percent of the freshman class who fail to meet minimum standards can be admitted based on special talents or need, were similarly lacking. "The rationale for three of 25 sampled students could not be determined because the AbyE code was a general code that did not specify the reason [for exceptions]." In addition, "Approval for four of 25 sampled applicants recommended for director's review was not documented." UCSD received over 118,000 applications for the 2019-20 academic year, the audit says.

Meanwhile, wealthy La Jolla **Elisabeth Kimmel**, ex-owner of the KFMB broadcasting empire here, continues to await trial next January 11 on federal charges related to her retention of **William "Rick" Singer** to buy her daughter's way into Georgetown University with \$244,000 allegedly paid to tennis coach **Gordie Ernst**.

Lobbying pandemic

A San Diego non-profit bankrolled by labor unions is among the latest influence seekers to sign up for the city's COVID-19 lobbying circuit, according to an April 30 disclosure filing with city clerk's office. The Center on Policy Initiatives says it is seeking "protection of public safety related to COVID-19 responses (rent moratorium, homeless sheltering, increased testing, economic assistance for those who have lost employment, etc.)" Meanwhile, AT&T is getting into the coronavirus act, saying in an April 30 filing that it wants expedited permit processing of "small cells

wireless infrastructure deployment... due to delays resulting from relocation and COVID."... **Tracy McCraner**, the city of San Diego's financial director and comptroller, has moved up the road to take the same positions in the smaller city of San Marcos. In 2018, according to online data maintained by *TransparentCalifornia.org*, McCraner got total compensation and benefits of \$227,699.



What's the point of being rich, like Elisabeth Kimmel, if you can't buy your daughter's admission to Georgetown?

Charges of waste and fraud

are burgeoning at San Diego city hall, per the city auditor's latest hotline report. "During the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2020 (January - March 2020), we received 74 Fraud Hotline reports. We added 10 new reports to be investigated by the Office of the City Auditor and presented 42 reports to the Intake and Review Committee to be referred to City Department

for investigation and resolution. Of the 108 active reports in our inventory, 80 remain open and unresolved, and 28 were closed." Specifically, "an allegation of fraud related to a City decision was referred to another government agency for review and possible investigation," says the April 16 document. In another case, "an allegation of abuse and theft of time by employees visiting a beach on City time was investigated and substantiated. The department took appropriate corrective action with respect

to one employee and provided coaching to another employee." Finally, "an allegation of abuse related to a City department blocking a resident from calling any City extension was investigated and resulted in corrective action. The caller's number was un-blocked after inadvertently being blocked from calling all City extensions."



Irwin Jacobs kicked in \$100,000 to a relief fund for small businesses.

Foundational politics

Cell phone chip-maker Qualcomm came up with \$100,000 on April 2 for a COVID-19 small business relief fund at the behest of San Diego mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, per a May 1 disclosure of the gift to the Cal Coast Cares Foundation, run by the California Coast Credit Union. "With the help of generous corporate partners and San Diegans alike, we are expanding our Small Business Relief Fund to keep more businesses afloat during these turbulent times," said Faulconer, who backed

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Dear Hipster:

The recent warmth and sunlight have rekindled the smoldering passion in my heart for my one true love: ice cream. I adore all the flavors, even the weird ones that maybe ought not to be ice creams, like cookie dough. As I plan to spend this coming summer eating as much ice cream as possible, I wonder, what's the raddest flavor of ice cream you can possibly think of?

— SARA

As a general matter, most ice cream hipsters represent one of two warring factions who meet in the confectionary field of battle while a few fringe groups prowl the perimeter and occasionally launch incursions into enemy territory. One group, which is currently winning the war for hipster ice cream supremacy, favors extremely unconventional ingredients. Combos such as Strawberry Balsamic & Guanciale or Chicken & Waffles are great representatives of this cadre's approach to ice cream. In a move sure to infuriate non-hipsters, they have turned ice cream into the dessert equivalent of listening to jazz.

In contrast, the ideologically opposed orthodox ice cream hipsters hew closely to traditional ice cream Americana. They favor flavors such as Rocky Road and Pistachio, but insist on hipstering it up through the use of ultra-premium ingredients and an obsessive drive to create the "ultimate" version of every classic ice cream flavor. To them, the unconventional ice cream hipsters have ruined a good thing that required no improvement.

Among the fringe groups you may



encounter are the ultra-purist normcore hipsters who insist on nothing but vanilla. For them, all other ice creams are mere elegant variations built to tantalize the taste buds of the Philistines who lack the capacity to discern the subtleties of Earth's most complicated spice, and who might (perish the thought) use "vanilla" as a pejorative term. You also have the novelty ice cream hipsters (among whom I would at least provisionally count myself) who aren't interested unless it comes in a fish-shaped

waffle or the preparation involves some sort of dangerously cold chemical process.

Finally, you've got the occasional hipster who has taken a trip to Alaska or Northern Canada and sampled *akutaq* — a Native Alaskan dish that requires whipping berries and snow into rendered animal tallow. It's sometimes referred to as "Eskimo ice cream." As you might imagine, he is dying to corner you at a party and tell you about how it was "actually pretty good."

Against this fraught narrative of recent history, one hipster's radness is another hipster's wackness. To the unconventional ice cream hipsters, the thought of tucking into a bowl of mere chocolate ice cream is pure anathema, even if made with the rarest and most expensive chocolate available. For the traditionalists, basil and olive oil go on pasta, full stop. Putting

them in ice cream is a declaration of war, and it doesn't matter how good they are.

These two groups began life much closer to the center. Not long ago, hipster ice cream parlors often placed artisanal versions of ice cream classics alongside innovative novelties. At the urging of zealots on both sides — who have taken to their Instagram soapboxes in an escalating battle for the most likes — the two sides have grown increasingly polarized in recent years. The tragedy here is that this senseless conflict has pitted brother against brother. Someday soon, I hope these hipsters will unite over their shared love of ice cream. Perhaps that will be this summer.

— DJ Stevens



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Ackshually, akutaq...

LETTERS

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local businesses (daily)? It's really easy for those who are retired to sit back in their ivory retired tower while the rest of us still have a life, and our lives have drastically changed. It's time for the elderly and sick to stay home, while the rest of us get back to living. Less than 1% of California residents have tested positive or died from Covid-19. We've been on lockdown long enough. Yes, we've flattened the curve, but even MDs are speaking out that it's time to reopen and letting people live their lives. Before their lives are totally destroyed because they have no income. Enough is enough. End of sermon.

—Socks3742

Ya know, there is a saying that I have been hearing, in various iterations, for probably decades: If you have your health, you have everything. I think right now it would be better said as When you don't have your health, nothing else matters at all. Just my opinion. Opinions vary. —danfogel

"During pandemic San Diego bicyclists push street closures"

Neighborhood News May 4

For me, one of the most telling things about this plan is the places that everyone, including CirculateSD and the mayor, apparently didn't consider: Downtown, with a high population of residents in apartments and condos, where streets are currently under-utilized and the infra-

structure can support a plan like this; Southeastern San Diego; San Ysidro with its very high amount of transit priority area and very active cycling group, Nestor and Encanto; Clairemont and Linda Vista; La Jolla and everything else north of the 8. People I talked with in those planning groups first heard about this when the mayor announced it last week. Asked how the designated areas were selected, the mayor's office responded: "The locations were determined based on community requests/input."

—martygraham619

I am happy to see this story. While I don't fault the bike advocates for advocating for what they believe in, I find it odd and confusing the inordinately large access they have in the mayor's and some city council member's offices. Circulate SD seems to act as both a consultant to policy decisions and a lobbyist for the companies that fund their organization. To me this is eerily similar to the way to the federal government currently functions. Staff members in some council member's offices seem to feel comfortable openly supporting these organizations, their members, and lobbyists (who are embedded in the same organizations) on social media. And at the same time feel comfortable disparagingly mocking constituents that have different points of view. And woven through all of this is both implicit and explicit ageism. I assume like many dark aspects of government I assume there is money to follow. This story deserves a deeper dive.

—Geranium

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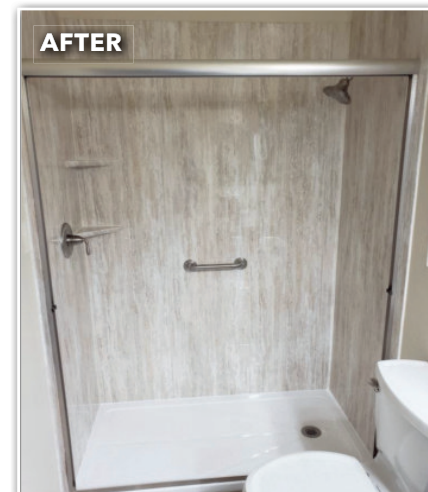
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systems again.”

In early 2018, a teen driving a Porsche reportedly struck and killed a man in the same vicinity, then fled on foot and was caught a couple of blocks west from where the Lambo was hit on Palm Avenue. “I think it’s always been bad on the streets,” said Christopher Wood, “but with COVID-19 and people not being out, they think they have to drive faster, since not a lot of people are on the roads.” Wood is a 39-year-old active Navy sailor who lives in IB. He’s filed police reports about implementing speed bumps in his neighborhood, and he yells at people he sees speeding. On April 29, Wood saw Facebook photos, posted by his neighbor, showing a vehicle that had careened up and into an auto carrier on Palm Avenue earlier that day. “I’ve seen everything from the daily driver to Lamborghini to trucks [get hit] — my truck has personally been hit four times when

trucks, ATV and UTVs, or speedboats, and are used to that adrenaline rush, tinkering with your ride at home during quarantine can only last so long.”

Jerry added that more auto enthusiasts are on the streets because “we have nowhere to go to test our cars and mods. Barona is closed and Qualcomm (RaceLegal) is gone.”

Last year, the then-21-year-old RaceLegal 1/8 mile race event shut down. “Yeah we [paid] a little fee, like \$30 to race and \$10 to spectate,” Steven Viera said regarding the RaceLegal events. “But it’s for safety and for not getting your car taken away and for not killing someone. It’s well worth it.” At the “Last Race” event in the SDCCU Stadium parking lot, Viera pulled a 5.27 second time slip at 131 mph in his Honda S2000 s with a shoehorned Cadillac Escalade motor and a 88mm turbocharger. “Some of these cars from the factory have 700-plus horsepower,” he said, “and these kids are getting them, and now they have nowhere to race [legally].”

MIKE MADRAGA



“We have nowhere to go to test our cars. Barona is closed and Qualcomm (RaceLegal) is gone.”

I’ve parked it on the street. I’ve also seen people riding bikes and walking almost get hit by cars driving excessively fast.”

Jerry V is a local racer who meets with his race buddies in IB to talk shop. I spoke to him and his buddy on May 4, and he admitted to flooring the gas pedal “only on the freeways” to see if his souped-up VW Scirocco still has it. (The last time he raced his 40-year-old pocket rocket — legally, anyway — was at last year’s now defunct RaceLegal drag races.) But even he has been surprised. “I was going down the 805 freeway by Clairemont Mesa recently, just cruising at about 80 miles per hour,” he recounted, “and two cars passed me, going 200 miles per hour. They were going so fast that my car was pushed like an 18-wheeler had passed, and within seconds they were out [of my sight].”

“I’ve seen videos of our kids drifting in large parking lots,” said Jerry’s race-buddy. “But dudes with big power, like Lambos and Skylines and Hemis, they’re roaming our streets and open freeways like they [are] on the Autobahn or some shit. If you race whatever, [whether it be] cars,

ON MY BICYCLE Mobility Board makes its move

But pedal pushers have problems passing proposal

The initial push behind the Slow Streets project launched by Mayor Kevin Faulconer on April 29 — at the behest of a coalition of cycling and climate change lobbyists — was opposed by all but one of the business improvement districts that met virtually with City Councilmember Chris Ward last week. “People saw the BikeSD plan and flipped out,” says Benjamin Nicholls, executive director of the Hillcrest Business Improvement Association. “This is so opportunistic. Businesses are shuttered, and the bike community comes in with this plan to take advantage of their inability to participate.” Nicholls isn’t the only person who sees the moves — happening all over the country — as exploiting the COVID-19 pandemic to push through unplanned changes to cities without having to deal with public input from the people most affected. Besides the business groups, there’s no mention that the plan went to



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I mean, cars are so pre-pandemic, don’t you think?

any of the community planning groups.

The mayor’s final plan was a significantly toned-down version of what was originally proposed April 14 by a coalition of groups, including many whose members serve on the recently created mobility board. While Ward’s plan expanded the number and miles of streets to be partly closed to vehicles for pedestrian and bicycle use, Faulconer’s final plan moved closures to just a handful of residential streets. Faulconer’s communications staff said the bits included about a mile on Howard, which becomes Orange Street — all in North Park between Florida Street and the I-15 — and about a mile and a half of Diamond Street, about three blocks north of Grand Street in Pacific Beach. It also contains the Adams Avenue Bridge over the 805 freeway. It isn’t clear how the mayor selected the streets to be included in the pilot project, but the mayor’s office says its

closure of 6th Avenue, in part because the district has long wanted to close 5th Avenue to vehicles.) Nicholls credits Ward with removing Adams Avenue from the map after the Adams Avenue Business Association vehemently opposed the plan, which would have meant either removing parking or implementing a travel lane. “It’s to Councilmember Ward’s credit that he heard and responded to the concerns,” Nicholls says. “His plan was toned down, and the mayor’s plan was more toned down.” (No one seems to know how the Adams Ave. bridge ended up back on the map. No other parts of Adams, including the transition back to busy street, are included.)

The pilot project is being framed as a response to social distancing problems among the self-propelled, the numbers of which, anecdotally, have increased during the COVID-19 crisis. It has been difficult for cyclists and pedestrians, moving at peak

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input came from council offices. (Apparently, neither police nor fire departments were consulted.) The streets named last week are in District 2 (Diamond St.) and District 3 (Adams and Howard).

Ward, in District 3, has the largest number of business improvement districts within his council district (10 of the city’s total of 18), spanning the area west of the 15 to south of downtown to the Gaslamp Quarter. While the lobbyist-led effort targeted main and collector streets, Ward’s final proposal moved the street closures to neighborhood streets near more heavily used streets. (Insiders say only the Gaslamp Quarter Association district favored the lobbyists’ original plan that included partial

times, to keep the recommended distances. The initial proposal on April 14 — from a coalition including the San Diego Mountain Biking Association, San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, and BikeSD, and led by Circulate San Diego — mimicked efforts in big cities across the U.S. to push anti-vehicle positions. Minneapolis, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, and other U.S. cities are looking at similar proposals. (The second phase of street closure programs — currently being discussed by advocates in cities including Portland and New York — is described as “hardening” the temporary street closure into permanent street closures.) That initial proposal named 6th

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From *backtoworkaftercovid.com*. Madureira knows that the best stuff should go to the front lines. But there's still a lot that average workers can do to protect themselves.

Protocol proselytizer

AV Builder Corp President Tony Madureira is frustrated, and not just because he doesn't have enough general contracting work for his employees during the shutdown. "I picked up some takeout fast food the other day," he recalls, "and I looked inside, and there were eight employees stuffed in this little area, getting the food. None of them had glasses on, and some of them were wearing their masks pulled down below their noses. If you know what you're supposed to do, it breaks your heart to know that for some of these people, it's not going to turn out okay."

Madureira knows what you're supposed to do: "I ran a mold division within my company, and the protocols are the same ones that are used for the virus. It's all about a being able to control particles of .3 microns or greater to 95%." Ideally, that means N95 masks, rated goggles, gloves, and a plastic gown. But of course, these are not ideal times. Given the impossibility of outfitting everyone according to protocol, social distancing is the safest bet. But for those fast food workers — and for Madureira's workers in various circumstances, and for lots of other workers out there in the re-opening economy — social distancing simply isn't always an option. So then what?

"The CDC and the California OSHA don't address the six-feet-and-under condition. The verbiage refers you to somewhere else in the depths of government regulation. They're not stepping up and providing information, which forces guys like me to act like renegades." For Madureira, that meant putting together *backtoworkaftercovid.com* — an effort by one private citizen to aid his

fellow citizens in "creating interim solutions. I'm not backed by the government, or any authority, but here I am, because I know."

"Interim solutions" means that if the ideal

and proper donning and doffing make a difference. "It's real common-sense stuff," says Madureira, "but until someone leads you to some level of understanding, you

"The great experiment is on, and in three to four weeks, we'll see what it has delivered to us."

is impossible, then look for the next best thing. "Look how well California did with tamping down rates through social distancing — most of us probably broke it at some point, but it's a percentage game. So when

don't know how to apply your common sense. That's where the tragedy is occurring. The great experiment is on, and in three to four weeks, we'll see what it has delivered to us."



Exhibit A: the tell-tale waffle print. The tale it tells is that ice cream is a sauce — for waffles and other things.

we're talking about outfitting workers to get back out there, let's at least play the percentage game. Give us the best chance we've got with what we've got. For the Trump Administration to tell meat workers to get back to work without giving them masks is ordering your soldiers into war without the proper equipment to win the war. And we're not even telling them what the proper protocol is. My mind boggles."

If you know the protocol, you can figure out that sunglasses are better than nothing, and ski goggles are better than sunglasses. That a KN95 mask is better than cloth, even if it's not an N95. That zip-up shirts are better than pullovers,

Le sauce, c'est tout

Ice cream is a sauce. I'm not going to refer you to Webster's or any such thing, just so I can hear you protest that sauces are, by definition, fluid. First, because I stopped trusting the dictionary after finding that "funner" had somehow become a word. Second, because ice cream is properly enjoyed when it has in fact become a fluid — when it melts against the heat of your tongue as you lick your scoop or hold a bite of it in your mouth. Third, because *search your feelings, you know it to be true*.

Instead, I'll refer you to Misters Baskin and Robbins of Glendale, California, or at least to one of their many ice cream parlors. We ought to take our definitions from what is common. Consider their relatively luxurious waffle cone. What does it resemble? That's right: a waffle. As if someone had taken a lovely round waffle and twisted it so that it could hold its own topping — its own sauce. But wait: what of the sugar and wafer cones? Why do you suppose they bear those waffle-style grid markings? Could it be because all cones, however industrialized, derive from that original rolled-up waffle? I say yes, especially after watching a fresh crepe transformed into a delicious cone for my ice cream at Somi Somi on Convooy.

I'm not suggesting that you're some kind of troglodytic philistine for doing like comedian Jim Gaffigan does and sitting down with an entire pint of iced cream sauce and spooning it into your gullet. (It's worth noting that Gaffigan has a bit about seeing a guy at an Indiana K-Mart drinking a cup of KFC gravy. "I love it when I encounter people who are eating more unhealthy than me," he says, desperately scrambling to deny the truth.) There's a reason the French say, "*Le sauce, c'est tout*" — the sauce is everything. Eggs Benedict is just eggs on toast until you drizzle on the Hollandaise.

Except the sauce *isn't* everything, not quite. You can do all manner of things to your sauce to gussy it up and make it a thing unto itself — add all the mix-ins you like at Cold Stone, seek out a fancy foreign variation like Nutella gelato at Pappalecco, or order up an exotic flavor like Bone Marrow with Bourbon Soaked Cherries and Arbequina Olive Oil at Salt & Straw (that last one sounds an awful lot like a regular old sauce, doesn't it?) — but you'll still never top ice cream as topping. On apple pie, sure — it's why every American knows at least one French term, *a la mode* — but elsewhere as well. Permit me a moment of swooning reverie as I recall a recent bread pudding, whipped together on a whim by my daughter as a stay against COVID-related despair: still warm from the oven, redolent with cinnamon, nutmeg, and eggy custard. A comforting treat on its own. Under a dollop of vanilla ice cream, rapidly softening and beginning to send pale rivulets amid the oven-crisped tips of the French bread...

Ice cream is a sauce. ■

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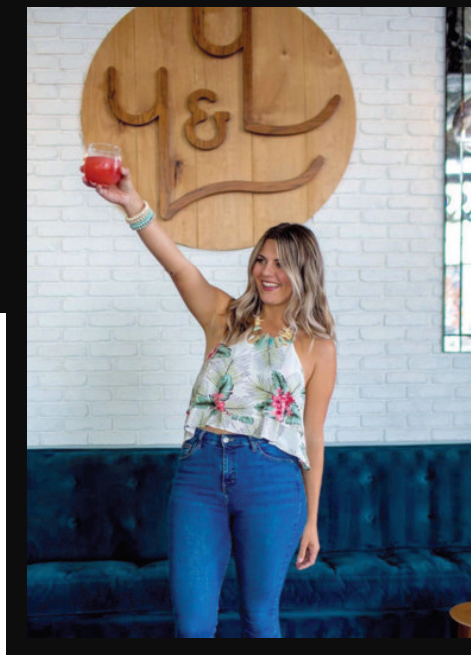
Street Style

BY VERONICA GARCIA

Perfect post-pandemic day

The streets are mostly empty these days, so I decided to reach out to style influencer Courtney Cordero for an interview. She's more commonly known as @Cocosandiego on Instagram, where she has been sharing her favorite San Diego spots with her online following for about three years now. She explained that what started out as just a small hobby has quickly grown into a community of over 13,000 loyal followers who trust her recommendations. On top of that, she manages to work a full time job at the YMCA, where she helps raise money for the San Diego county division.

The first thing I was curious to know was how the blog name "Coco San Diego" came about. "Coco is a nickname that comes from Courtney Cordero... hence Coco. But Coco San Diego comes from my inspiration, Carmen Sandiego. I used to love watching Carmen Sandiego on PBS as a kid. *Where in the world is Carmen Sandiego?* She was always on-the-go, and you could never catch her! So it almost seemed too good to be true, and that's



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how I came up with my kitschy name!"

Courtney has lived in San Diego for only five years; she is originally from the Bay Area. "I used to say San Diego is California's best kept secret. It was cheaper than living in the Bay Area. The average temperature is 72 degrees year-round, it's laid back, and I get to live right by the beach! I love that there are people from all over the nation that live in San Diego. It makes it such a friendly place to live in."

When it comes to personal style, Courtney describes hers as vibrant and trendy. But most of the time you can find her in pretty casual attire, like jeans and a tee. I was curious to know where she shopped for vibrant and trendy pieces. "Oh man, there are so many amazing clothing boutiques in San Diego. I love Mimi & Red! I love that when I walk in, everything for the most part is organized by color. They also carry a lot of brands I like. I also love Stroll and Graffiti Beach; both have great trendy items.

Graffiti Beach has great staples. Last but not least, I love Vocabulary Boutique for more classic types of outfits, like dresses to wear to weddings or family events, cute work outfits, etc."

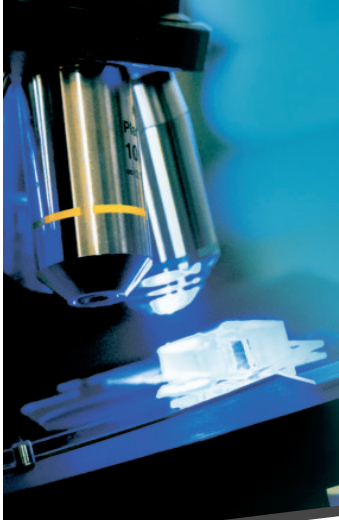
Though the blog started out with San

Diego as its sole focus, over time, it morphed into San Diego and Mexico. "With Baja being literally 15 miles from my house, we end up in Mexico all the time. I want to show people the great food, culture, and people, and debunk the bad press. I would say it is 70 percent San Diego, 25 percent Mexico, and 5 percent *fun!*"

I asked her to describe the perfect day in San Diego, and now I know what I'll be doing as soon as quarantine is over. "Let's set the scene... it's Saturday, and it's going to be 75 degrees out. First things first, head over to Little Italy, stopping by James Coffee to get my favorite coffee soda. Then head over to the Little Italy Farmers' Market, buy some local goods like Bitchin' Sauce, Carlsbad flowers, and whatever is in season. I might pop over to Seaport Village to grab some fresh fish at the Dockside Market.

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Now that my husband
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reside in San Diego,
I seem to find myself
drawn to the area to visit
old friends and memories.

Vista has always had my heart

When I decided we needed to move my growing family from La Mesa to the beach, I quickly realized I couldn't afford coastal property and somehow ended up in Vista. My late husband Ralph commented that it was so far from South County family and friends that it was like "driving out of the state." But I wouldn't budge. I had discovered a brand new home in an area known as Shadowridge, a master-planned community built on the hills north of Highway 78 looking out over — "and down on," some residents like to say — much of Vista.

Ralph wasn't impressed with the tract house and its vaulted ceilings, marble countertops, and shared green-belt down the street, but I held firm. That is, until I was taking a friend to see the new home that I had put a deposit on and we got lost on the tiny roads that wind through the area, roads lined with farm stands and nurseries and ranch-style homes from the '50s, '60s, and '70s. I drove across a cement culvert to make a U-turn and crossed a small creek. My friend and I were intrigued by this rural road shaded by old oak, sumac, and sycamore trees. We drove

"This is a great farmer's market; it's affordable for me to sell my candy and the people are so nice," said Albert Asmussen, the owner of Albie Candy Co.

past a cluster of vibrant red and orange liquid amber trees and turned onto a private street named Lone Oak Lane. I looked to my right. On a small knoll sat a 10-year-old ranch-style home. A pepper tree, a few squatty palms, and a pine tree lined the massive lawn. A "For Sale" sign hung out front. I looked up at the empty green hills at the end of the street and the horse standing in a fenced-in field across the street.

I glanced over at my friend and said, "Well, there goes my fancy new house."

All this was in 1988. We bought the house, which we nicknamed The Reed Ranchito. Our two children grew up there. Almost every night, they ran amok with the other neighborhood kids and dogs until they were called home to dinner. Occa-

sionally, the local llama would end up in my driveway or the horse across the street would escape from his paddock and trot up to the fence and bray at Timber, our Rottweiler. We hiked the hills weekly, dodging a rattlesnake here and there, and when we made it to the top, huffing and puffing, we could often spot the power plant across from Carlsbad State Beach. Most evenings, Ralph and I sat on the patio he built, sipped wine, and contemplated how to get rid of the endless rabbits and squirrels. Ralph sometimes rhapsodized on the hues of the sunset.

We raised our children in that home, and expected to grow old on Lone Oak Lane. Then in 2009, when the economy tanked and took our jobs with it, the bank suggested a short sale, which we did. Empty-nesters turned no-



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nesters, we packed our belongings and set out on a nine-year adventure of moving to a lake and then an island in Washington state; then to Springdale, Utah to run a B&B outside the gates of Zion National Park. We lived in an RV

in Oceanside, then drove up the coast, and out to Colorado. We finally got that beach house when we rented a small condo in Mission Beach.

Now that my husband is gone and I once again reside in San Diego, I

seem to find myself drawn to the area — to visit old friends and memories.

In late February, I was in Vista cleaning out my storage unit when nostalgia struck and I decided to take a walk down memory lane. The sun hadn't even

burned through the early morning fog that pre-COVID-scared Saturday, and already, hundreds of people were walking through the Vista Farmers Market.

For the past 31 years, every Saturday morning, rain or shine, the parking lot of the Vista County Courthouse is transformed into a shopping mecca of apples, avocados, bread, flowers, and seafood from 8 am until noon. (They are still open at this time, though scaled down in compliance with the California Department of Public Health.)

The market, one of the first of its kind in North County, has inspired other outdoor venues to crop up in cities such as Del Mar, Carlsbad, Oceanside, and Little Italy.

As shoppers walked through the two-acre site, greeting friends and car-

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Almost factual news

A Few Fewer Good Men

Marines resume training despite recent coronavirus outbreak



Fight the invisible enemy! Actual Marine recruitment poster. (Well, mostly.)

The D-1000

Will the real Gavin Newsom please stand up?



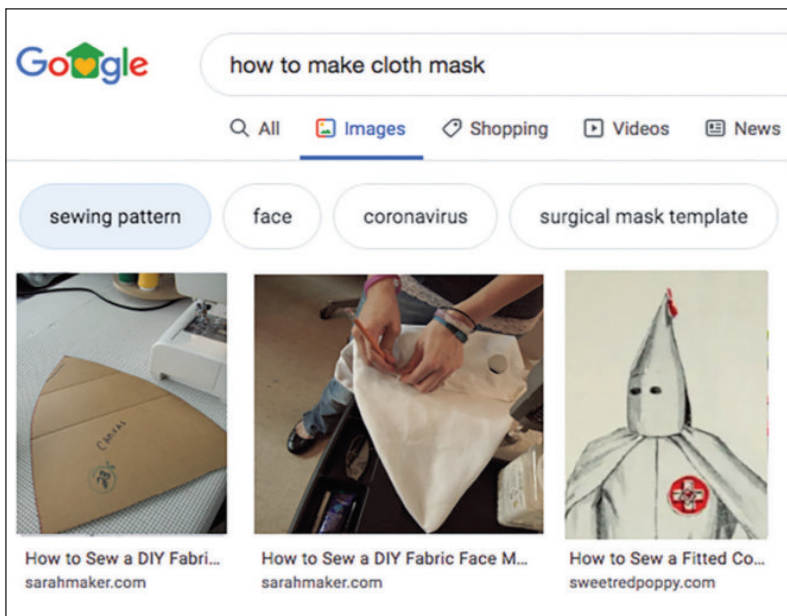
The liquid-metal, shape-shifting governor, clockwise from upper left: That Trump-loving MAGA tool Newsom lays out his plan to start re-opening California, sacrificing who knows how many vulnerable lives for the sake of economic recovery. It's a wonder he didn't begin by citing El Trumpo's "THE CURE MUST NOT BE WORSE THAN THE DISEASE!" That commie socialist apparatchik Newsom insisting that for some reason, it's okay to take millions of tax dollars from hardworking Californians and hand them out to ILLEGAL immigrants, rewarding them for their lawlessness even as record numbers of law-abiding citizens face unemployment and financial disaster. That fascist, authoritarian monster Newsom, imprisoning people in their homes for a month and then punishing them for celebrating their first taste of freedom by closing the Orange County beaches almost as soon as they were opened. That rebellious, anti-Federal scalawag Newsom, moving to end the hard lockdown before his state has met CDC guidelines for doing so. Next, he'll start pointing out how those noxious Yankees from New York stirred up all this trouble by spreading the disease from sea to shining sea!

Google Brings the Hate

Algorithm responsible for Santee man's unfortunate face mask

Last week, a shopper showed up at a Santee Vons wearing the required face mask. Well, maybe not *the* required face mask: his nose and mouth were covered, but by a makeshift Ku Klux Klan hood. Government agents promptly raided the man's home and seized his computer, hoping to find material that would link him to organized hate groups. Instead, they found Google search results that showed the man to have conducted a benign search for how to sew a cloth mask, only to receive instructions on sewing the infamous pointy white hate hat.

Reached for comment, Google's Alexa responded, "Look, when someone from Klante, er, Santee uses our search engine for information on how to sew a cloth mask, the same algorithm that helps Google bring you, from the infinite depths of the internet, the precise information you need on how to grow a sourdough starter from naturally occurring yeast because there's no damn yeast at the grocery store because the virus has turned everyone into a baker for some reason — yes, that self-same algorithm works to bring that East County person the infor-



Can you blame the guy for sewing himself a Klan hood? Well, yes, actually. But you can blame Google, too.

mation it has determined he was looking for - based on his past search history, the vast amount of personal data we've harvested from him, and of course, his geographic location. Santee has a long and less-than-proud history as a hotbed for white supremacist activity; there's just no way for the algorithm

to ignore that. So yes, he got search results that were tailored to our perception of him. And given his willingness to go along with what he got, I'd say we weren't too far off. So: are we proud that our search engine helped a guy sew a Klan hood? Yeah, I guess in a way, we are."

Undefeated

Padres exit April without a loss for the first time in forever



It must be the new uniforms!



Vons employees, wearing the latest in PPE riot gear, escort the pointy-headed shopper from the premises.

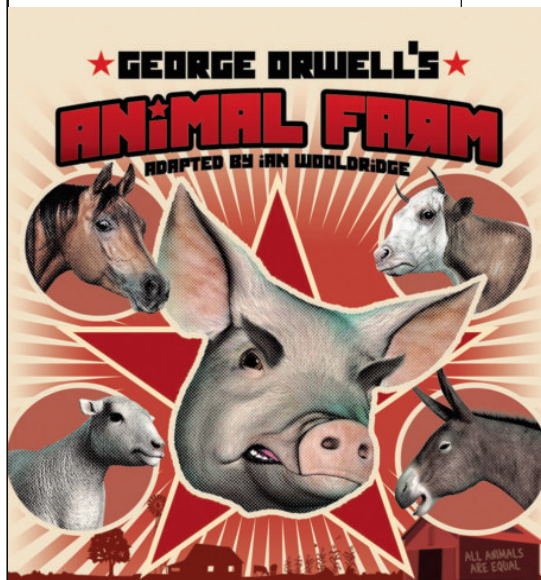
Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

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ANIMAL FARM

George Orwell's satirical fable *Animal Farm* gets presented in a student



production via online performances. Director Benjamin Cole employs unique "staging" and other technical effects not normally available in live performance. Cole: "We had already planned this production for our student season, but now, its themes of community and toiling together with unwavering hope against frightening uncertainty seem more important than ever."

WHEN: Thursday and Friday, May 14 and 15, 10 am and 6 pm; Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17, 2 pm and 6 pm

WHERE: [twitch.tv/theatreschoolncrt](https://www.twitch.tv/theatreschoolncrt)

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BEYOND THE PALE: WATERMEDIA ART

The San Diego Watercolor Society presents watermedia art, available for online viewing. The paintings are by members; award-winning artist Susan Keith is the juror. The works are

for sale, and, upon purchase, will be shipped to the buyer unframed. Until the physical gallery reopens, there will be a new Member Virtual Show each month.

WHEN: Ongoing until Sunday, May 31.

WHERE: [sdws.org](https://www.sdws.org)

VIRTUAL CONCERT OF HOPE

Nine performers over three days, with donations going toward Doors of Change, saving Homeless youth. May 16 features jazz violinist Jamie Shadowlight, blues singer Michele Lundeen, and electropop artist Autumn Knight. The lineup for May 17 includes Americana singer Christopher Dale, blues group Bill Magee

Band, and roadhouse rocker Eve Selis. May 18 features Americana player



EVE SELIS

Wyatt Lowe, funk rockers January Berry Band, and reggae singer-songwriter Chris Del Camino.

WHEN: May 15, 16, 17, 6 pm

WHERE: [virtualconcertofhope.org](https://www.virtualconcertofhope.org)

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ESCAPE THE VIRUS WITH A LIGHTS OUT-ING

Acapella group Lights Out has launched a weekly Facebook Live variety series. In addition to paying tribute to inspirations such as Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, weekly presentations range from archival concert



THROUGH MAY 31: BEYOND THE PALE: WATERMEDIA ART

videos to live Zoom performances, fan recipe cooking segments, story-swapping, topical discussions, and interaction with those who tune in. "It's all about maintaining the individual and group intimacy with the public and with each other," says the band, whose *Journey Through Musical Time* stage show presents rock and roll hits from the '50s through the '90s.

WHEN: Saturdays, Through May 30, 1 pm.

WHERE: [facebook.com/lightsoutvocals](https://www.facebook.com/lightsoutvocals)



LIGHTS OUT

authentic Italian risotto using your pressure cooker. First, you will learn how brew a flavor-forward homemade vegetable stock

using simple ingredients you likely already have on hand. Then, you will use your vegetable stock to prepare an earthy wild mushroom and onion risotto, as well

as a butternut squash and sage risotto.

WHEN: Tuesdays, Through May 26.

3:15 pm

WHERE: [cozymeal.com](https://www.cozymeal.com)

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LEARN HOW TO MAKE AUTHENTIC RISOTTO

Join Italian-trained Chef Chris and learn how to make risotto at home. This 1.5 hour cooking class is online and interactive. Learn how to make two different kinds of



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ART

Beyond the Pale: Virtual Art Exhibition The San Diego Watercolor Society proudly presents “Beyond the Pale, a Virtual Art Exhibition.” The paintings are by our very talented members. Award-winning artist, Susan Keith is the juror. Paintings are for sale, and, upon purchase, will be shipped to the buyer unframed. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, May 31, **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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. 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)

Wizard World: Meet the Creators of Assassination Classroom Sonny Strait, Austin Tindle, Lindsay Seidel, and Martha Harms in a virtual chat. Thursday, May 14, 4pm; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Five Suits and Three Frogs

Counted among the world’s top amateur brewers, national and state homebrew champion Nick Corona has steadily worked toward opening his own brewery, somewhere in North County. He came close with locations in San Marcos and Escondido, but finally sealed the deal early this year when he agreed to take over the recently closed Vista brewery of **Barrel Harbor Brewing** (2575 Pioneer Avenue).

When the pandemic struck, it was only natural to question the wisdom of pressing forward with his new business, *Five Suits Brewing*. Even under normal circumstances, Corona tells me, that would be the case. “Through the whole process, there are second thoughts,” he says, “I would think a lot of brewery owners have had the same feelings in the process of opening.”

But opening a brewery doesn’t happen overnight, and can’t stop on a dime. There are many moving parts, from bank loans to licensing and inspections covering every level of government. So last week, as planned, Corona brewed the first beers for his new business.

He won’t throw a June 1 grand opening party as he’d hoped, but Five Suits will open for curbside take-out. Resources intended to create a unique tasting room ambiance have been diverted to securing a palette of crows and a machine to seal them. “Packaging is huge right now,” Corona notes.

A few months ago, he considered glass growlers all but obsolete, now, as crowler cans have become tough to find, glass is back in play. “All of those things that were not in any scope of our thought process are now front of mind.”

Across the county, Trevor Anderson, Andy Lloyd, and Jarren Zeferjahn have found themselves facing similar decisions. Collectively known as **Three Frogs Beer Company**, the trio of long-time homebrew partners have been planning their business since 2016. Well over a year ago, they leased a location that would make Three Frogs the first brewery to operate within a commercial district in Santee.

However, due to circumstances beyond their control, Three Frogs only received its final license to brew on April 21, weeks after the pandemic shutdown hamstrung local brewing industry. First, their license application was delayed by last year’s federal government shutdown. Subse-

quently, it was misplaced for months, and when it was finally located, the agent put in charge of their file went on extended leave.

Ironically, the city of Santee had sought to

rent, so we’ve got to generate something.”

They’re trying to secure their own crowler machine, but they will likely open in June using whatever packaging works. “We will grab up whatever containers we can,” says Lloyd, from growlers to mason jars. “We’ll encourage customers to bring their own empty containers... we’ll sanitize them.”

An exact opening date will be determined when Three Frogs has four beers ready to pour, including a wheat IPA, nutmeg blonde ale, and a hibiscus wheat beer.

Likewise, Five Suits will open with three or four beers to pour, including a Vienna lager, coconut vanilla stout, and at least one or two of the perennial award



New San Diego beer brands will debut in June, pandemic shutdown or otherwise

speed up Three Frogs’ opening by pushing through regulatory changes to allow breweries in commercial zones for the first time. The brewery brings an 800-square-foot tasting room and more than 500 square feet of patio space to Santee’s downtown area (10366 Mission Gorge Road).

With their license finally in hand, Three Frogs has little choice but to proceed with opening for business, despite the challenges of opening during a pandemic. They need income. “The bank account is really itchin’ for us to go,” says Anderson, “There’s only so many dollars left for

winner’s IPAs.

Five Suits and Three Frogs will open their tasting rooms for the first time as soon as the governor allows it. Until then, deciding *not* to open was never a realistic option. “This is something that you have to start months and possibly years in advance in planning,” Corona says, “if you’re going to put on the brakes and pull that rip cord, you’re throwing everything away in terms of cash and capital.”

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

Women’s Museum California Virtual Exhibits Create a digital exhibit where you are the curator and visit virtual exhibits where you can explore stories about women yesterday and today on the website. Thursdays, 12pm; Fridays, 12pm; through Monday, June 1, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick’s Author Livestream: Alia Volz & Kate Milliken Warwick’s will host Pushcart Prize nominee, Alia Volz, and award-

winning debut novelist, Kate Milliken, as they discuss their new books, *Home Baked: My Mom, Marijuana, and the Stoning of San Francisco* and *Kept Animals*. This is a free virtual event on Facebook Live. Thursday, May 14, 4pm; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

2 Hours at the Pottery Wheel We’ll cover the basics of centering, opening, and lifting the wall. If you end up with something you want to keep at the end, we will fire and

glaze one untrimmed piece for you to pick up later. Friday, May 15, 6pm; \$60. 18 and up. Mud Lily, 2888 Adams Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

All About Worm Composting Workshop Join Solana Center for this 1-hour webinar where you will learn the basics of vermicomposting, composting with worms. Our expert educators will demonstrate how easy it is to compost your food waste with red wiggler worms in this interactive presentation. Saturday, May 16, 10am; **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

And Something Different Studio: Art Classes Online art classes with Leslie Pierce/ And Something Different Studio. Thursdays, 12pm;

Fridays, 12pm; Saturdays, 12pm; through Saturday, May 30, **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Consciousness Expansion with Sound & Meditation Teresa’s joyful presence is a blessing. Take time out of your busy life to sit with her in the bliss of meditation and explore the expansion of consciousness through the power of music. Thursday, May 14, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Emotional Health During & After the Pandemic Emotional Health During and After the Pandemic with Dr. Alane Daugherty: A Free Online Video Course. Life during the pandemic brings heightened levels of stress. Thankfully, it’s possible to manage and heal stress, during the pandemic and beyond. Saturday, May 16, 11am; **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Entrepreneur Book Study: The Lean Startup Join us for a deep dive into the revolutionary book, *The Lean Startup*. We’ll be playing audio clips and then discussing the implications and applications of ideas to our own businesses. Zoom link/password and chapter summaries will be sent to attendees before each new session. Thursday, May 14, 4pm; **free**. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Guided Medicine Buddha Self-Healing Meditation This practice will help you to utilize your power to impact the physical, mental, emotional aspects of your suffering as well as the causes and conditions that precipitated this

suffering and the karma that set this process in motion. Everyone is welcome, no prior experience or knowledge is needed Sunday, May 17, 11am; **free**. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

How to Hire a Landscaper & Save \$ Join Pam Meisner, Director of Programs at The Water Conservation Garden, for a free informative, common-sense approach to hiring a landscape professional. You’ll learn which questions to ask, how to properly plan, and receive money-saving tips. Made possible by the San Diego County Water-Shed Protection Program. Thursday, May 14, 10am; **free**. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Irrigation Spring Tune Up Spring Tune up workshop to get your irrigation dialed-in for the dry months ahead. Earth Month Discount Pricing Garden Members: **free**. Non-Members: \$5 Saturday, May 16, 10am; **free**-\$5. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Journalism (Nonfiction Writing IV) Online: Journalism with Dean Nelson: Though this class is offered as part of the Certificate in Nonfiction Writing, there is no pre-requisite to join this class. Sunday, May 17, 12pm; \$180-\$216. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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;

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SHEEP and GOATS

John Hancock

In circumstances as dark as these, it becomes us, as Men and Christians, to reflect that whilst every prudent measure should be taken to ward off the impending judgments...at the same time all confidence must be withheld from the means we use; and reposed only on that God rules in the armies of Heaven, and without His whole blessing, the best human counsels are but foolishness... Resolved; ...Thursday the 11th of May...to humble themselves before God under the heavy judgments felt and feared, to confess the sins that have deserved them, to implore the Forgiveness of all our

transgressions, and a spirit of repentance and reformation ...and a Blessing on the ... Union of the American Colonies in Defense of their Rights [for which hitherto we desire to thank Almighty God]... That the people of Great Britain and their rulers may have their eyes opened to discern the things that shall make for the peace of the nation...for the redress of America's many grievances, the restoration of all her invaded liberties, and their security to the latest generations.

— A Day of Public Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer (The Provincial Congress of Massachusetts, April 15, 1775.)

John Hancock (1737-1793) was an American merchant and statesman, and in many ways, one of the major underwriters (if not the primary financier) of the American Revolution. He served as president of the Second Continental Congress and first (and third) governor of Massachusetts after its admission into the union that became the United States. Besides his integral role in founding the nation, Hancock is also known for his signature — perhaps one of the most famous in the world — as it appears most prominently on the Declaration of Independence. In fact, because of this fact, his name has become a synonym for the word “signature.”



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through Sunday, May 31, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Live Virtual Painting & Drawing Class Virtual art classes in painting, drawing and encaustic art you can register for on a new virtual live page. Artist Leslie Pierce/ And Something Different gallery. Fridays, 7pm; through Monday, July 27, \$20-\$250. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Music Appreciation with Chris Burns La Jolla Community Center presents a Musical Garden of Delights: An hour dedicated to gorgeous melodies: Musical treasures from Grieg, Borodin, Respighi, Peter Warlock and many more. Registration required. Thursday, May 14, 1pm; free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Online Belly & Exotic Go-Go Class Combo class Belly and Exotic Go-Go dance class, live online. We will learn some floor moves, Belly Dance moves and dance to a song. Please RSVP by making payment to get a meeting code. Fridays, 5:30pm; through Friday, June 5, \$12. 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)

Painting Class: BarrelRoll Wave Painting Two hour painting class via Zoom. Use your own supplies. Can use other materials: crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolors, pastels, etc. Thursday, May 14, 2pm; \$25. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Painting Class: Monet - Bridge Over Pond Two hour painting class via Zoom, use your own supplies. Can use other materials: crayons, Markers, colored pencils, watercolors, pastels, etc. Saturday, May 16, 4pm; \$25. 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)

Scene Workshop After an overview of The Seven Steps of Classical Story Structure, used by professional writers, you will learn: The different kinds of scenes and where to place them in your story. Saturday, May 16, 10am; \$22-\$27. 18 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Songbirds Virtual Music Classes Virtual music classes for families available beginning April 6. Tuition includes three classes per week for 10 weeks. Thursdays, 9am; Fridays, 9am; through Friday, May 29, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Birch Aquarium Kelp Cam Live Q&A Tune in on Facebook Live to meet aquarium educators and aquarist and get the inside scoop on what is happening behind the scenes, learn about cool careers, and get your ocean questions answered. We'll also watch the Kelp Cam and talk about the creatures in our exhibit. Thursdays, 2pm; through Tuesday, June 30, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Happy Hour Live Fridays Grab a glass of your favorite adult beverage and join us virtually as we host local wine, beer, and spirits experts and small business owners. Learn about San Diego's craft beverage scene, enjoy a fun drinking game and take part in our audience Q&A as our experts answer your questions. Fridays, 4pm; through Friday, May 29, free. 21 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Mental Health Awareness Month Virtual Rally Hosted by the Prevention Action Alliance with

support from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as well as the Ohio Governor's Office. Hard Rockers Pray For Sleep will be part of the virtual online rally. Friday, May 15, 2pm; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Twin TempleVision Twin Temple announces the spawning of TTV (Twin TempleVision), a hellish new weekly livestream, broadcasted from their Satanic ritual chamber. You can laugh (and scream) along with this devilish duo's sin-tillating antics every Sunday at 3pm PST by subscribing directly to their YouTube channel. Sunday, May 17, 3pm; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Voices for Children CASA Volunteer Information Session As a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer, you will work with a child or teen in foster care by advocating for their needs while serving as a consistent and supportive person in their life. NOTE: Information Sessions will be held virtually, unless otherwise noted. Friday, May 15, 12pm; free. 21 and up. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

FOR KIDS

KPBS Kids Event: Cat in the Hat Join us for a special Facebook Live event with KPBS. Ms. Sarah will be doing a live reading of Cat in the Hat with a surprise craft at the end for you and your family to do at home! Be sure to follow our Facebook page (San Diego Children's Discovery Museum) to be notified when we go live. Thursday, May 14, 2pm; free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

Seaport Streams Seaport Streams delivers family-friendly content bringing a some much-needed silliness and recreation to our homebound audience. The episodes are accessible via a live streaming Vimeo channel and on Seaport Village's Facebook page. Friday, May 15, 10:30am; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

LECTURES

Impact of Infectious Disease on Humans & Our Origins CARTA's first Virtual Public Symposium will explore how infectious agents and humans shape each other's evolutionary trajectories. Following online talks, live-streamed Q&A commences at ~ 3:30 PM (Pacific Time). Saturday, May 16, 1pm; free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

NATURE

Birch Aquarium's Kelp Cam Tune in at any time to see a stunning live feed featuring Leopard Sharks, Moray Eels, Garibaldi and a 300-pound Giant Black Seabass. You can also join Birch Aquarium's Tuesday and Thursday Kelp Cam Facebook Live events where an aquarium educator will be online answering your questions and chatting about our amazing ocean world. Thursdays; Fridays; Saturdays; Sundays, 8am; through Tuesday, June 30, Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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Best Cinco de Mayo ever

“This was the first Taco Bell in San Diego.”

On this site in 1897,” says one of those joke plaques, “nothing happened.” “Hey,” says Gary. “On this site in 2020 nothing happened either. This is the lamest Cinco de Mayo I’ve ever been at. There were more people here in 1769.”

The three of us — Gary, Darrin, and I — are pretty much alone here in Old Town. Not a soul in sight. The huge plaza flagpole doesn’t even have a flag on it, Mexican or American. And this is last week, Tuesday, Cinco de Mayo itself.

I come across Gary and his brother Darrin sheltering under the trees from the punishing sun. They’re sitting on a low wall outside the old Casa Aguirre, nursing plastic containers of, hey, an amber liquid. Ooh. Looks so delicious.

“Is that...?”

“Don’t ask, don’t tell,” says Gary. They’ll probably drink it at his home, nearby. “I grew up here,” he says. “I’d spend every Cinco de Mayo here as a kid. Place I loved was the Casa de Pico.”

When he was a teen, he got taken in hand by the Italian fishing community. He’s been fishing ever since. Now he’s captain of a 260-foot fishing boat out of Pago Pago, Samoa. “Problem is, I can’t get a flight back there,” he says. “I’ve got 25 crew waiting on me.”

Darrin is a diver. “I was in the military. Now I want a life of peace. You get that underwater. I mostly clean boat bottoms.”

“Uh, do they have any food where you got that?” I ask.

“Oh, sure,” says Gary. “We had this blackened shrimp taco. Costs three bucks today.”

“Because Cinco de Mayo?”

“Because Taco Tuesday. Usually they’re \$6.50.”

He gets up.

“We’re going back there now, to resupply.”

So I hoof it along with them, through the trees, across Twiggs, past the blue-domed Immaculate Conception church, up deserted San Diego Avenue, until we come to a place built on whitewashed adobe bricks. Sign says “El Antojito”

Mexican Restaurant.”

“Hungry guy here,” says Gary to Kristy, the gal with a menu in her hand.

“Good timing,” says the other gal, Natalie.

“We just opened up this morning. First time since the lockdown.”

“This building looks kind of historic,” I say. “Is that real adobe?” “I’m not sure, but this was the first Taco Bell in San Diego,” she says. “After that it became ‘Los Locos,’ and now it’s ‘El Antojito.’”

I notice Kristy keeps fiddling with her mask. “I have a thing about them,” she says. “I had cancer nine years ago, and masks remind me of that time. I’ll be glad when we don’t have to wear them any more.”

A car pulls up. Kristy goes to deal with their order. Natalie takes Gary’s and Darrin’s orders. Gives me a chance to check the menus. The board of specials has pints of Dos Equis Amber for \$4. Oh boy. Then they have street tacos for \$3, as Gary promised.

The main menu on their wall is big. And, okay, not bad prices for Old Town. Under “appetizers,” a chicken quesadilla runs \$11.95, a shrimp quesadilla is \$14.95, and a pound of Habanero wings goes for \$12.95. But there are a couple of cheaper, interesting dishes: “Border Boats” (\$8.95), is six raw jalapeño halves stuffed with carnitas and topped with tomatillo sauce and pico de gallo. And then “Mexican Street Cob” is two corn cobs rubbed with mayo, cheese, cilantro, and paprika (\$8.95).

Then it’s back to the \$3 specials. “We all want the blackened shrimp taco,” says Gary.

“Oh, right,” I say. “And I’ll add a fish taco, and the carne asada.” I mean, ten bucks for the three, not a bad deal. Gary and Darrin buy extra Dos Equis Ambers. “And one for my friend,” says Gary. Uh oh.

So ten minutes later we’re back at the low wall at the Casa de Aguirre. I lay out the feast.

The fish taco has this big golden slab of... cod? “Hey, maybe you caught this feller off Pago Pago,” I say.

“That little thing? I doubt it,” says Gary. “We



Gary and Darrin: They know fish

catch Pacific tuna, not Atlantic cod.”

I take a chomp, and dip the flour tortilla into the salsa they gave with it. It’s more flavor than heat, but it adds to the pico de gallo and chipotle. Plenty of chopped cabbage and cheesy flavors, too. And okay, yes, we take a sip of that delicious amber nectar, just to stop it slurping over.

“So you’re the guys with those huge bendy fishing poles?” I ask.

“No more,” Gary says. “We have purse seine nets, winches to haul them in. It used to be boats of wood, men of steel. Now, it’s the other way round.”

They laugh. I’m still trying to figure that out as I grab my carne asada taco. I slop some of the salsa onto it (they give you two large pots), and chomp into big chunks of beef — tender! — and onion and cilantro. It’s wrapped in a thick, fresh corn tortilla (I saw Maria rolling them out inside).

The guys certainly got it right on the blackened shrimp taco. That sucker is peppery, lemony. The flavor makes you think New Orleans for some reason.

It hits me, as we sit chewing the fat — new friends with whole lifetimes of stories we can tell again for the first time, uninterrupted by



Blackened shrimp taco: Pepper presence makes you think N’Awlins



Natalie and Kristy: Sidewalk service only

hordes of ice cream-slurping *turistas* — that this is turning into maybe the best Cinco de Mayo of all.

“So I wonder,” I say, “what does ‘El Antojito’ mean?”

“The Craving,” says Darrin.

“Talking of which,” says Gary, “better get home. Beer’s getting warm. Happy Cinco!”

“See you in Pago Pago,” I say.

Only problem now: where can I drink this XX, legally? ■

The Place: El Antojito, 2502 San Diego Avenue, Old Town, 619-326-8222

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A hot opening day at Mr. Trustee

Mr. Trustee, 4022 Goldfinch St., San Diego. As afternoon temperatures pushed 90 last Wednesday, ice cream fans lined up in Mission Hills to be among the first to get scoops from Mr. Trustee, the neighborhood's newest ice cream shop. Like me, they must have decided that a refreshing frozen dessert sounded like just the cure for feeling stuck at home.

We all scream for ice cream, but this small-batch creamery comes with a bit of pedigree attached. It's the latest offering by the Trust Restaurant Group, best known for fine dining restaurants Trust and Fort Oak. The group recently took over the large Mission Hills restaurant space formerly known as Brooklyn Girl, where it installed an Italian restaurant and bakery named Cardellino.

Cardellino had barely been open six weeks before closing due to coronavirus restrictions. And

while the Trust group has subsequently concentrated all of its take-out service out of Fort Oak, a block away, Mr. Trustee had already been conceptualized as a sidewalk takeout counter, which makes it an ideal candidate for socially distant service.

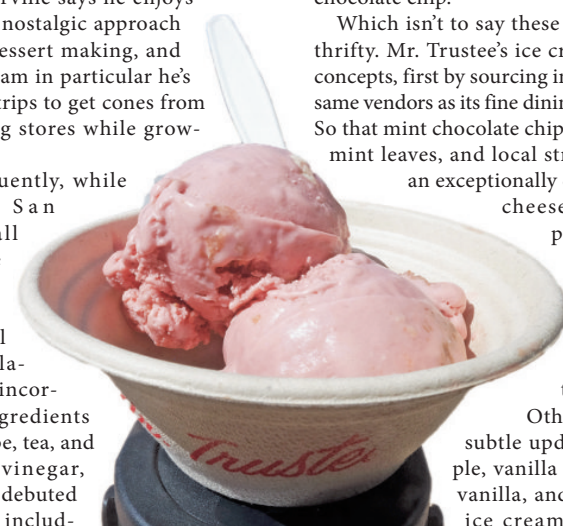
Prior to the 4 pm opening time, masked customers began to form a well-spaced line around the corner. Trust pastry chef Jeremy Harville, the ice cream maker behind the shop, tells me the lines continued all evening, and remained when he and his staff finally closed at 9 pm, their wrists sore from scooping.

Many of Harville's ice creams may be familiar to fans of Trust and Fort Oak, as they're the same recipes found on those restaurants' dessert menus. Harville says he enjoys bringing a nostalgic approach to all his dessert making, and with ice cream in particular he's inspired by trips to get cones from Thrifty drug stores while growing up.

Consequently, while most of San Diego's small batch ice cream makers revel in experimental ice cream flavors that incorporate ingredients such as ube, tea, and balsamic vinegar, Mr. Trustee debuted with classics, including cookies & cream, butter pecan, and mint



A scoop of malted chocolate brownie ice cream in a house waffle cone at Mr. Trustee.



Strawberry cheesecake ice cream from Mr. Trustee.

chocolate chip.

Which isn't to say these flavors are exactly thrifty. Mr. Trustee's ice creams elevate such concepts, first by sourcing ingredients from the same vendors as its fine dining sister restaurants. So that mint chocolate chip is made with fresh mint leaves, and local strawberries go into an exceptionally creamy strawberry cheesecake. For butter pecan, first pecans are steeped with butter and cream for flavor, then fresh pecans are added later to finish.

Other flavors receive subtle updates. For example, vanilla becomes honey vanilla, and the chocolate ice cream on hand is a decadent, malted chocolate brownie. A more mod-



A swirl of malted milk and Captain Crunch soft serve ice creams, with crumbled cereal.

Opening day at a new sidewalk counter small batch ice cream shop.

ern classic, chocolate chip cookie dough ice cream, becomes white chocolate macadamia cookie dough.

However, Mr. Trustee adds another frozen dessert element not found at Trust's upscale restaurants: soft serve ice cream. In this regard, nostalgia ruled the shop's opening; two flavors are offered individually or swirled together in a cup or wafer cone: malted vanilla and Cap'n Crunch. The latter



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gets its flavor from the unmistakable corn and oat crunch of its namesake cereal, and crumbled cereal garnishes the tall swirl of sweetness coming out of the soft serve machine.

Soft serve is a relatively new medium for Harville, who's been making ice cream as a pastry chef the past nine years. He says he's experimenting with a soft serve strawberry sorbet he aims to release this summer, hoping to create an icy meets creamy swirl with cheesecake soft serve.

In the meantime, his traditional small batch creations may see exciting developments ahead. Harville's planning a lemon meringue pie ice cream in the weeks ahead, and he's awaiting peach season to begin, so he may unveil a bourbon peach flavor, potentially working with locally produced spirits. That one especially gives me something to look forward to.

Especially if the psychological toll of the pandemic shutdown extends to summer, I, you, all of us may all be counting on a lot of ice cream to make it through.

by Ian Anderson

Surf & Soul Spot touches down in La Mesa

Surf and Soul Spot; 7229 El Cajon Blvd, Mountain View. The first time I ate at Surf & Soul Spot, it was operating as a



Surf & Soul Spot's fish hook sandwich, with fried catfish.

pop-up restaurant, serving fried fish and soul food select days per week at a church banquet hall in the southeast neighborhood of Mountain View. I knew it was only a matter of time before Surf & Soul would find its own place, and at the end of 2019 it happened.

I made plans a couple months ago to visit its new location, a small stand-alone kitchen on the western outskirts of La Mesa (7229 El Cajon Boulevard). The folk working the ad hoc restaurant had been a joyful and joking bunch, but being in a sublet church hall had meant Surf & Soul ownership couldn't do anything to personalize the space. As much as anything, I was curious

to see how it might decorate its own dedicated dining room.

Of course, events transpired to derail my visit, and when I finally made it back to pick up some take out, I found the new place fully locked down in deference to coronavirus: everyone in masks and gloves, with a table blocking the front door. My bagged order, paid over the phone via credit card, was passed across that table by the young woman working, and even if I couldn't see the smile behind her mask, I swear I could hear it.

I could only peek through the windows to see into the pristine little counter shop, and its large painted waves breaking across the walls. Also on the wall is a framed Eastern Michigan jersey of Sergio Bailey II. Bailey was a star wide receiver at Olympian High School in Chula Vista before racking up 16 touchdowns and 114 receptions in two years for Michigan. The past two years he's pursued football at the pro level in both the NFL and XFL.

He's the entrepreneur behind Surf & Soul Spot, which acts as two different restaurants depending which day of the week you visit. On Friday and Saturday, think of it as the Soul

Spot, serving up big portions of fried pork chops and chicken wings, along with sides of mac & cheese, rice & gravy, and smoked turkey collard greens.

Those sides aren't available Monday through Wednesday, when it goes full Surf Spot, dishing up \$15 baskets of fried catfish or shrimp (or those fried chicken wings). It's the rare restaurant that makes me wish I could eat shrimp: first, to try its blackened shrimp and crab roll (\$16); and even more so to enjoy its popcorn shrimp and grits with smoked turkey gravy (\$14).

That sounds so good, I might have to ignore my shellfish allergy to return one of these days with an epi-pen and live dangerously. This time around I settled for a safer bet: the fish hook sandwich (\$12), featuring some of that fried catfish with slaw and garlic remoulade, plus a side of fries.

I would have enjoyed the catfish better with some of those soul food side dishes, so I'll probably stick mostly to soul days in the future. But for those who love eating shrimp, I don't know what to think. I guess you'll have to eat at Surf & Soul Spot twice a week.

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the inside track blurt

Angry harp La Mesa harpist Tasha Smith Godinez came to her instrument as a child growing up in the East County. “I actually started with the violin when I was three years old.

high school, but the harp just felt like a part of me, so when I needed to focus on just one, it was an easy decision.”

Godinez attended San Diego State for her bachelor’s degree before heading off to

weddings and parties, and I teach at a private studio with 28 students — mostly harp, but I still play and teach the violin as well. These days that means a lot of FaceTime and Zoom lessons. I’m also an adjunct professor at the University of San Diego.”

Tasha’s instrument seems to be bigger than she is. I wondered about the practicality of hauling it around.

“Well, the harp is six feet tall and it weighs about 95 pounds. I fold the seats down in my SUV and pack it all up and there are special dollies so I can wheel it around when I get to the gig. The load-in-and-out factor is 15 or 20 minutes, depending on whether I need to provide amplification or not.”

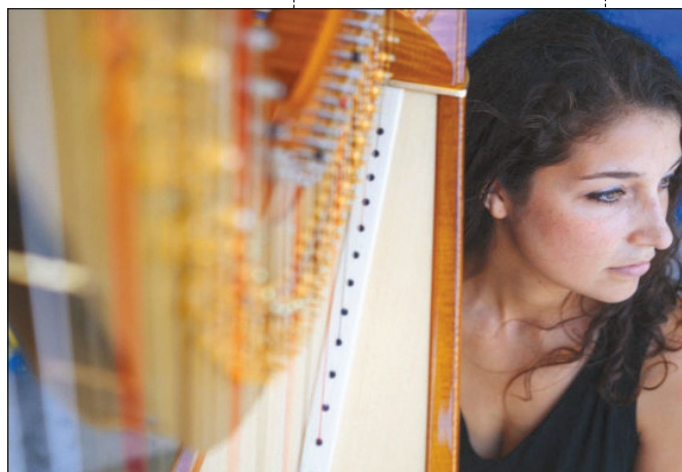
What are her plans for the immediate future?

“I’ve got a new album out called *HarpCHICK*, which

is 12 songs by the great composer Chick Corea, that dropped on May 30th on Ennanga Records. It’s mostly solo arrangements but the great singer Leonard Patton joins me on three songs.”

Any misconceptions about her instrument she’d like to clear up?

“The most damaging cliché is that it’s a delicate instrument. It’s actually



For Tasha Smith Godinez, choosing the harp “was an easy decision.”

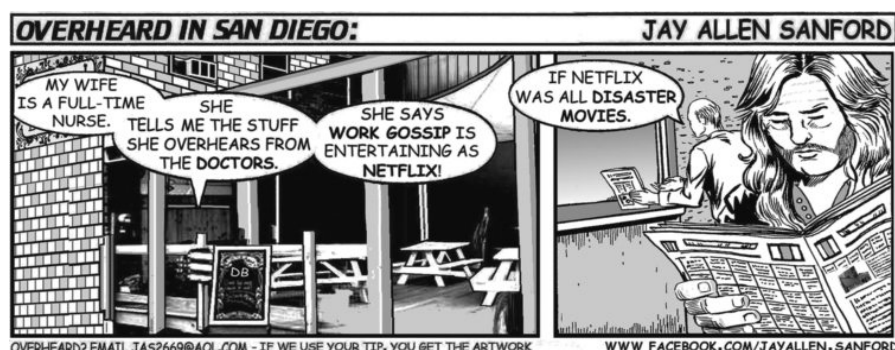
My older brother was in a youth orchestra and there was a harpist, and I got really excited every time I saw her. And then when I was eight years old, I walked out into the living room on Christmas morning and my parents had rented me an instrument! They even drove me up to Escondido once a week for lessons. I continued to play both instruments through

France to study at the Ecole Normale de Musique in Paris. She returned to San Diego State for her masters. I was curious about the prospects of making a living playing the harp.

“I’m a full-time musician,” she says. “That means performing as a soloist, and in duo and trio combinations, and as a freelancer in various orchestras. I play



“The harp is six feet tall and weighs about 95 pounds.”



very powerful and it can be quite experimental. A lot of the music I play is aimed at breaking those stereotypes. It can be gentle and angry. It can be loud. The harp can fit in jazz, rock, and many other styles.”

— Robert Bush

Strategic when I play

San Diego fixture James Ian, knows that looks don’t always tell the whole story. He’s been living with a secret challenge his entire life.

“When most people see me just standing,” explains the musician/singer/songwriter, “they are not able to tell that I have a physical disability. But once they see me move, they notice. SMA” — spinal muscular atrophy — “affects all of my major life functions... It makes walking, ascending stairs, and getting up from a seated position difficult. I also fall easily, and I cannot get up on my own when I fall.

“I have another neurological disorder that cropped up a couple of years ago that made me lose a lot of functionality in my left arm, so this further complicates things.... The instruments I play all require a level of physicality, and having SMA makes it tough to play the instruments; even putting my guitar on and getting the strap over my head is a challenge. I have to take breaks and be strategic when I play, and I’ve developed tricks along the way to get the job done.”

All that hardly stops Ian from living his aspirations, though. He’s gigged all over the city over four years of life here. “I called PB and Bay Ho home,” he recalls. “PB has younger residents and offers more in terms of bars/nightlife, and Bay Ho is quieter and is home to more families. The feel in Bay Ho is much more relaxed, which I appreciate.”

He learned the piano first,

favorite place to record, Rancho Bernardo’s Studio West.

“My new song is called ‘Make A Stand,’ and it’s about fighting back against racism and other forms of hate and discrimination. It is inspired by the Charlottesville terror attacks, and it has already been recorded.

“On this one, it’s just me. I wrote it and play keys on it. But I do get input from



Due to spinal muscular atrophy, James Ian says, “Even putting my guitar on and getting the strap over my head is a challenge”

followed by drums, bass, and then guitar. He played all the instruments and sang all the parts on his album *The Labor of Love*.

He recently decamped to Los Angeles, but he’s seen often in San Diego, visiting family, gigging (preferably the Belly Up or the Casbah,) and putting the finishing touches on his new song, cut at his

the label and my family that I incorporate. This track is one of the most meaningful tracks I’ve ever written, so I’m excited to put it out there.”

— Andrew Hamlin

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SCOTT WILSON

Singer-songwriter Scott Wilson got his start with bands like VFX and Cruel World before moving to San Diego in 1997 to pursue acoustic balladeering. His 2005 CD *Kaleidoscope's End* was just re-released in an expanded edition featuring a total of 40 songs, including original demos for eight of the thirteen original tracks, three analog demos for songs that didn't make the final album, two remixes that were completed prior to the final 2005 mixes, a de-constructed version of "They Don't Know Their Way," and more. "When the 2005 version was originally released," says Wilson, "the streaming version

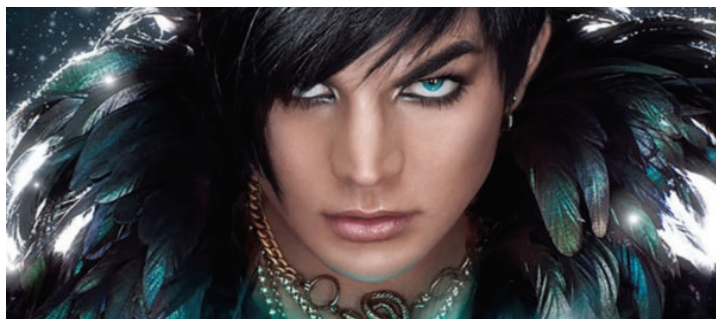
of that album was different from the album/CD version. Two of the songs are longer on the album version ["Psychedelic Lullaby" and "These are the Days"], and many of the songs transitioned from one song to the other on the album version. They overlapped in some cases. The streaming versions were stand-alone songs, with gaps between the songs, mainly because the prevailing assumption is that people generally listen to individual songs on streaming services, rather than listening to an entire album." Two of the demos have never been released: "If I Should Follow" and "I Know."



LEAGUE OF ASSHOLES

Marcelo Radulovich's experimental noise group League of Assholes specializes in offbeat music created with unusual instrumentation, including digital signal processors, effects filters, old radios, and found sounds. Tracks are sometimes built of contributions from individuals across the USA and Europe, offering ingredients from harsh layers of distorted guitar and jagged piano to plastic bags crumpling, strange vocalizations, electronic theremin, digitally altered old cassette recordings of Russian church bells, a sander sanding a distorted bass, screams into phones,

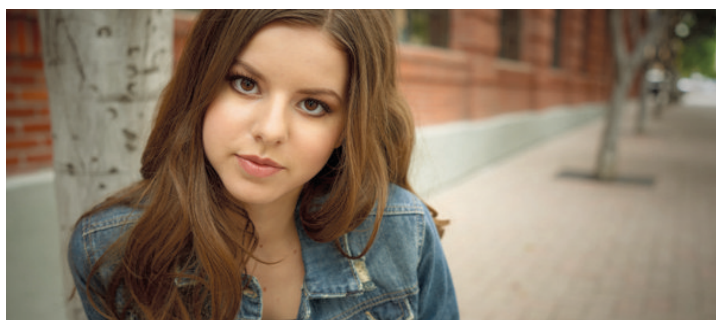
and - in the Donald Trump roast "In Ogre Ate" - a 97-year-old woman saying "no, no!" while watching Trump's inauguration on TV. The band has a new album called *Unplugged*. "It follows the process and tradition of previous L of A albums," says Radulovich, "and features new participants and explores this very strange period we are experiencing. Over 30 minutes of sonic acrobatics and inspired performances, recorded by participants in quarantine, assembled by myself at my studio...this album is definitely a popcorn muncher worthy of a few listens."



ADAM LAMBERT

San Diego-bred pop star Adam Lambert isn't letting shelter-in-place keep him from multiple activities. The occasional Queen singer came out of his closet with 15 items of stage clothing he auctioned off to raise funds for the LGBTQ community during the coronavirus pandemic. The benefit for GLAAD and his new Feel Something Foundation took place on eBay, with the most popular items proving to be stage wear seen on tour with Queen (including a green leather jacket) and on its TV appearances, such as the leopard-print Saint Laurent tuxedo jacket

he wore while fronting the band on *X Factor*. Lambert and Queen have also partnered for a new charity single remake of "We Are the Champions" entitled "You Are the Champions," a tribute to frontline pandemic workers that debuted in an online performance from the members' respective homes and was shared on Brian May's Instagram. Proceeds from the single version will go to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund, supporting the World Health Organization (WHO)'s work to solve the spread of the virus and facilitate medical aid.



BELLA KAYE

Born in Chicago, Bella Kaye's love for singing and performing started at age three. She spent several years as a featured member of the Chicago Children's Choir, as well as singing solo performances with her school. In 2015, she and her family moved to California to pursue her musical endeavors, which she says are inspired by artists such as Taylor Swift (whose track "Ready For It?" is one of Kaye's most popular covers), Bea Miller, Madison Beer, and Nina Nesbitt. Last year, the teen (who turns 16 this month) wrote and

released singles for "Heartache" and "Fake," followed in November by her debut EP, *Reflections*. Currently touting around 50,000 Instagram followers, Kaye has a new single due May 27, "Missing You." She says it's about how someone important to her was unexpectedly taken away, and how she wasn't able to see them due to powers beyond her control. "The longing to be with someone, but being unable to, is difficult to accept, and the shelter-in-place order due to the COVID-19 pandemic made this heartfelt emotion more real," she says.



PALL JENKINS

It's been over two decades since the Black Heart Procession was founded by moonlighting members of influential local bands like Three Mile Pilot and The Album Leaf. They eventually became mostly inactive with members keeping busy in multiple projects. Guitarist Pall Jenkins (who sometimes plays a metal saw with a violin bow) is also known from Mr. Tube & the Flying Objects, as well as for collaborations with players like Portland stoner-rock band Red Fang and Dinosaur Jr. frontman J Mascis, with whom he played on Mascis'

2011 solo album *Several Shades of Why*. Pall also toured with Kurt Vile, collaborated with Ugly Casanova and Vampire Rodents, and he sang on Black Heart Procession drummer Joe Plummer's solo album *Built in the Sun*. Jenkins has provided a new song called "On the Rise" to a compilation album called *Love in the Time of COVID*, released by the Italian record label VeniVersus and featuring all previously unreleased recordings. The album is available for donations online, with all proceeds going to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund.

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BY GARRETT HARRIS

The Beethoven-Goya connection

During the shelter-in-place era, I've been covering a lot of ground, relative to my normal consumption, in the realm of high culture. I've read a few books which I've been putting off for years, such as *Death in Venice*, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, and *Ulysses*. I've also made some discoveries along the way, such as the hilarious *Three Men in a Boat* by Jerome K. Jerome.

In addition to my late-blooming literary efforts, I've begun pairing pieces of music with pieces of art. One of the results of this exercise was the discovery of a strong correlation between the art of Federico Goya and the music of Ludwig Beethoven.

I don't usually trust this type of native discovery, so I turned to Google to see if anyone with any academic credentials had made this correlation. There are, in fact, several lectures from

reputable sources, so I felt secure in drawing some of my own conclusions.

Two obvious similarities that immediately stand out. Both men suffered from deafness, and the creative output of both men pivoted with their responses to Napoleon. I'm not that interested in the deafness, but the cataclysm that was Napoleon is infinitely interesting.

Prior to Napoleon, Beethoven had been composing in a classical style and using classical themes such as *Coriolan* and *The Creatures of Prometheus*. Keep in mind that the Classical Period of roughly 1750-1820 is so called based on the period's knack of using the classical cultures of Greece and Rome for inspiration.

Goya had been classical in his style. He painted portraits and also used classical subjects, such as a *Sacrifice to Pan* and a *Sacrifice to Vesta*.

With the arrival of Napoleon, Beethoven famously wrote his *Symphony No. 3*, which marks the beginning of the Romantic Era of music. For his part, Goya painted *The Second of May 1808* and *The Third of May 1808*. These paintings are clearly in a style that is far removed from classicism. They are almost expressionistic in their depiction of the events during Napoleon's campaign in Spain.

During this period, Goya also created a series of etchings known as *The Disasters of War*. The etchings were not published until 35 years after his death. In the etchings, Goya portrays combat as so horrific ordeal it is, as opposed to presenting the traditional glorification of heroism in war.

After Napoleon, both men continued to evolve their styles, and pushed, in some ways, beyond



Sacrifice to Pan: Goya before Napoleon shook up the world.

Romanticism and into what we could call "modernism." Beethoven started to dissolve traditional structures of music with his *Late String Quartets* while Goya skipped a hundred years into the future with his Black Paintings, the most famous of which is *Saturn Devouring his Son*.

Beethoven died in March of 1827, while Goya died in April of 1828. Both men had removed themselves from social interactions years before, but had continued to evolve as artists. Even though their deaths were in close proximity, Goya was the older man by about 25 years.

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Body horror head case

Brandon Cronenberg's second feature will no doubt confirm those nasty rumors that daddy David set his son on the road to dreamland every night with *Video-drome* projected on the nursery wall opposite the baby's crib. With all the omniscient intensity (and some of the uncomfortability)

associated with having a mind-altering

jumper cable clamped to the *medulla oblongata*, *Possessor* leads audiences on a fantastic, at times insanely original voyage through the inwardness of a brain-implant assassin.

Tasya Vos's (Andrea Riseborough) performed her first "hit" when she was still young enough to experience pangs of guilt — over the butterfly she had killed and mounted. It hardly prepared her for a career in specialized contract killing, a field in which she can turn anyone into an assassin simply by commanding their bodies and directing them to kill in the name of corporations eager to bear the cost. We open at the conclusion of one such assignment: a tight shot of a woman furrowing through her cornrows in search of the plug that will connect her to a mood regulator.

With the mental tune-up complete, Tasya — operating from beneath a tomography helmet somewhere in another part of town — commands the cocktail waitress to eliminate a party-goer and then take her own life. The first half of the mission is a snap, but when it comes time for the self-offing, Tasya opts for the "death by cop" method of suicide. Star performer that she is, Tasya ignores the mounting toll this type of profession takes on one's soul. Her controller Girder (Jennifer Jason Leigh) agrees to give her time off for good behavior, but Tasya is not one to leave her work at the office: images of the recent stabbing flash across her mind while she performs mechanical sex with her estranged husband. The next victim on the docket is Colin Tate (Christopher Abbott), a coke dealer on the verge of marrying well, only to find his wealthy future father-in-law (Sean Bean) is assigning him an entry-level position in the family business. This time, Tasya gets so close to her prey that the mind she now occupies may be her last.

Riseborough has played so many strong, smart women over the past decade (*Shadow Dancer*, *Welcome to the Punch*, *Nancy*) that it's hard to find an actress working today with more adven-

turous taste in projects. And *Possessor* is an adventure — clearly the work of a visionary filmmaker. Even the film's overall design is an active contributor to the general disquietude of the piece. The chairs in Girder's office are inconvenient iron wishbones upholstered with evenly-spaced bolster cushions. And

even though it's a mask, there is something about cavorting around in other people's body parts that has always impressed me as being rather Ed Gienish. Though Cronenberg the younger has yet to establish a clinician's eye of his own, when it comes to basting his frames with "body horror," the apple not only landed close to the tree, it hit the ground with such force that the limbs began to shudder. And there's enough explicit sexuality on display to make dad's sex-in-sedans epic *Crash* blush.

As stylish as the ride was, we arrived at our final destination with little in the way of a point to the journey. The violence here isn't meant to disturb the viewer. But Brandon can't resist the gross-out effects — hacking away at characters as if they were sugar cane plants — needed to mollify a jaded youth market. ★★★

—Scott Marks

VOD New Release Roundup

Bad Trip — There have never been female Jackasses or Jackasses of color, an oversight that *Bad Trip*, the latest hidden camera road movie from producer Jeff Tremaine (*Bad Grandpa*), is about to set right. We follow director Kitao Sakurai's squad of plucky pranksters — co-writer Eric André, straightman Lil Rel Howery, the prison-tattooed Tiffany Haddish, and an eager-to-pitch-in Michaela Conlin — as they wend their way from West Grove, Florida to the Hamptons. The plot, what little there is of one, entails André convincing Howery to steal jailed sister Haddish's prized pink ride and drive him to New York, where he'll hook up with high school sweetheart Conlin. Not all of it connects. An acid trip reenactment in a supermarket presents a hurdle, as does a gag involving the least convincing gorilla suit since *At the Circus*. And the *White Chicks* tribute that brings down the curtain falls far afield of that old showbiz rubric about saving the best for last. That said, I had to pause several times throughout the movie to wipe the tears from my glasses. 2020. S.M. ★★★



Possessor: Isn't that Christopher Abbott behind the warped Andrea Riseborough mask?

Castle in the Ground — It's one thing to open up a play for the big screen and another to shut down an original screenplay by turning it into canned theatre. Such is the fate of Joey Klein's dirty-windshield view of the opioid crisis. Dutiful son Henry (Alex Wolff) begins his day using a spoon to pulverize a bitter pain pill to serve with jam to his dying mother (Neve Campbell). Their relationship is unconventional to say the least. (Who spoons with their mom?) When she does pass on, it's hinted that Henry may have accidentally overmedicated her on purpose. Do men tend to fall for women who closely resemble their mothers? If so, that's the only explanation for his attraction to Ana (Imogen Poots), the kooky methadone addict across the hall on whom he spies through the keyhole. The lad isn't drawn into her world so much as he dives head first into its deep end. The ensuing drug deals and character reversals act to hammer this *Castle* into the ground. As good as the two leads are, it's not enough to offset the familiarity. 2019. S.M. ★

Dreamcatcher — After two years of widowerhood, and thinking the time is right for a much-needed getaway, Luke (Henry Thomas) packs Josh (Finlay Wojtak-Hissong), his still-traumatized son and Gail (Radha Mitchell, who also produced), the boy's replacement mom, into the family roadster and heads to their secluded summer house *aka the very spot on which his first wife drowned*. Wouldn't you know it, not only is cell phone transmission spotty, but dad is called back on business, leaving the boy alone to converse with his dead mom and spook the bejesus out of her stand in. Unable to sleep, Josh pockets the titular nightmare-baiter from the general store, and that leaves ample time to send viewers to

slumberland. The most bone-chilling aspect of this movie is writer and director Kerry Harris' belief that audiences will still bolt when a refrigerator door closes to reveal a demonic child behind it. 2020. S.M. ●

The Vast of Night — A round-cornered, black-and-white kinescope opens this resourceful return-to-the-'50's sci-fi. A pair of small town audio enthusiasts with a newfangled reel-to-reel tape machine in tow — Everett Sloane (Jake Horowitz), a magnetic radio DJ and master of excessive amplitude modulation, and his adoring young switchboard operator Fay (Si-

erra McCormick) — spend a summer night in New Mexico tracking down an otherworldly audio frequency. Dynamic long takes, 'Scope frames that warrant the title, and crisp night work make Andrew Patterson's first appearance behind the camera one to remember. (He finds something wonderful in a scene of two characters walking down a street.) One of the few films since COVID-19 hit town that I regret not seeing on a big screen, with the exception of those few moments where, for no explainable reason, Patterson literally leaves his audience in the dark, this is low budget filmmaking at its finest. 2019. S.M. ★★★



THE TAKING OF PELHAM ONE TWO THREE (1974)

Four strangers — Mr. Blue (Robert Shaw), Mr. Green (Martin Balsam), Mr. Grey (Hector Elizondo), and Mr. Brown (Earl Hindman) (the character color wheel originated in Phil Karlson's *Kansas City Confidential* and was borrowed years later by Tarantino for *Reservoir Dogs*) — plan on extorting money from the government by holding hostage the entire New York City subway system. The at-the-time high-tech, but still pre-microchip command center that wowed audiences in 1974 now

seems quaint to the point of being comforting. The caper is so logical and easily executable that it unfolds like a blueprint for urban terrorism, decades before it became fashionable. Indeed, for years, New York City dispatchers, fearing a copycat incident, saw to it that no trains departed from Pelham station at 1:23 am or pm. Walter Matthau plays Lt. Zach Garber with a great degree of physical self-deprecation, and Joseph Sargent's direction moves along at a lightning clip. There isn't one implausible step in the picture. Even the curtain gag works, because it's unobtrusively woven into the plot. If ever a film was a product of its time and temperament, it's this: not a special effect in sight, just honest, straightforward storytelling and compelling physical drama.

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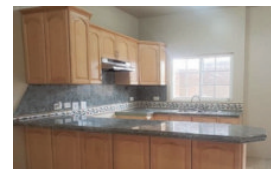


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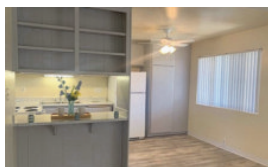
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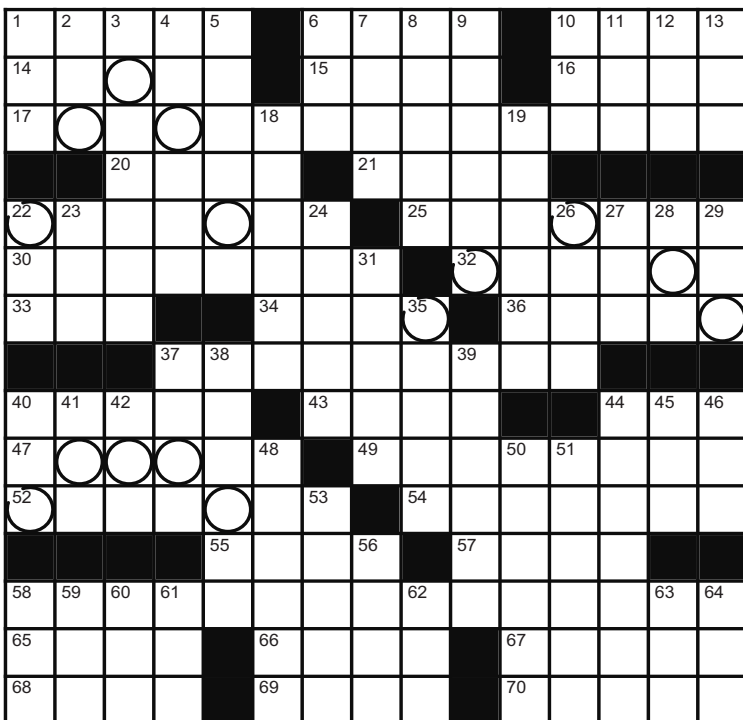
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7. Egg-centric edible?
8. Change, as the margins
9. Des Moines sch.
10. Mine, e.g.
11. Hit the slopes
12. "Hold on a ____!"
13. Prof's helpers
18. More like space
19. ____ salad

22. Trophy
23. Yoko from Tokyo
24. Volume setting
26. Boxer's three-min. periods
27. Half- ____ (coffee order)
28. One of 17 Monopoly properties: Abbr.
29. "Science Guy" Bill
31. Dirties
35. \$100 bill, in slang
37. Off-road rides, for short
38. Searcher's cry
39. Discarded computer parts and such
40. Pres. advisory group
41. Brynner of "The King and I"
42. Suffix with ranch
44. Rapper with the 1991 hit "Rico Suave"
45. Star of the short-lived reality show "I Pity the Fool"
46. Dunderhead
48. Alpine shouts
50. Glacial mass
51. "Take your time!"
53. San Fran griddier
56. Volcano in Sicily
58. Devotee
59. Whopper
60. "Without further ____ ..."
61. X
62. Owns
63. Moving day vehicle
64. Check out

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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8	7	3	1	6	9	5	2	4
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Police Report

— Early on the morning of April 15, an unidentified driver smashed his yellow Mustang into a fence in unincorporated Marin County, California, KPIX reported. California Highway Patrol Officer Andrew Barclay later recounted what followed: The driver tried to back out of the fence, but failed to realize he was in drive and crashed through a home instead. The homeowner came out to investigate and, noting the driver's impaired state, removed the keys from the Mustang and returned inside to call police. The driver then discovered the keys inside the homeowner's Toyota and tried to make his getaway, Barclay said, but he shifted the car into drive and barreled through the house once more, coming to rest alongside his Mustang. When the homeowner again tried to take the keys away, the driver allegedly hit him repeatedly, causing major injuries. CHP arrested the driver for suspicion of DUI involving drugs, battery and theft of a vehicle.

Bright Ideas

— Many hospital workers are self-isolating to keep their families safe from COVID-19 exposure, but Corpus Christi, Texas, emergency room doctor Jason Barnes, 39, is taking a novel approach: He's moved into his kids' treehouse in his backyard. Barnes told the *Caller Times* on April 20 that he's lived in the treehouse for about three weeks. If he needs something, he'll shout down to the kids or call the house. "(T)he Wi-Fi reaches the treehouse, so I have my laptop and my own little command center here,"

Barnes said. He uses a camping toilet with disposable bags, and he either showers at the hospital or "my oldest son will rig up a water hose. ... Luckily, my fence is pretty tall." As for when he can re-enter the house, Barnes said, "We're always looking at the CDC and Gov. Greg Abbott's decision, but the final determinator is the wife."

— The *Washington Examiner* reported on April 21 that some people appear to be spending their coronavirus stimulus checks on another kind of stimulation. The adult live model site *Cams.com* says it has seen a surge in traffic. "Since April 13, we've seen a 22% uptick in traffic to our livestreaming site, and tips to our models have increased by 40%," said Gunner Taylor, director of strategic development for FriendFinder Networks, of which *Cams.com* is a part. Traffic from Washington state is up 204%, and it's up 83% in Illinois, but it's down in Washington, D.C., by 29%.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— At the Peace N Peas Farm in Indian Trail, North Carolina, owners Francie and Mark Dunlap have launched a new career for their 8-year-old mini donkey, Mambo, and their other horses. For \$50, Mambo, Eddie, Zeus or other animals will make a 10-minute guest appearance to liven up your next videoconference, the *Charlotte Observer* reported. You can even give the four-legged interloper the on-screen name of a regular attendee: For instance, Zeus might become Paul, the guy who asks

too many questions. The Dunlaps also arrange for their animals to visit classrooms or happy hours.

Reports of My Death

— Cancer patient Gladys Rodriguez Duarte, 50, was rushed to a clinic in Coronel Oviedo, Paraguay, on April 11, after her blood pressure shot up, according to the Paraguay National Police. Two hours later, Dr. Heriberto Vera declared her dead and shared the news with Duarte's family, but her daughter, Sandra, later told local media, "He assumed she was dead and ... they disconnected her and passed her off to the funeral home." The *Daily Mail* reported that funeral directors told investigators they were shocked to find she was breathing and moving around inside the body bag at the funeral home. Duarte was immediately transferred to another hospital for observation.

The Continuing Crisis

— Geauga County (Ohio) Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand told WJW his office was called to break up a large party of Amish late on April 18 in Huntsburg Township. "When we got there, there was a barn full of people and some of them ran," he said. One participant was arrested for disorderly conduct, two were charged with underage drinking and another was issued a summons for violating the state's stay-at-home order, according to the sheriff. "We won't tolerate this," Hildenbrand said, "and we have to keep everybody safe." Amish people are reportedly continuing to gather in large groups, and

the county health commissioner has sent a letter to Amish bishops about an increase in COVID-19 cases in that community.

Ignorance Was Bliss

— Elena Manighetti and Ryan Osborne, formerly of Manchester, England, followed their dream and have been sailing around the world on their boat since 2017. They were en route from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean, where they planned to dock on a small island in mid-March, but were surprised to discover the island's borders were closed because of a worldwide pandemic. "In February, we'd heard there was a virus in China, but ... we had figured by the time we got to the Caribbean in 25 days it would all be over," Elena told the BBC. The couple had told friends and family they didn't want to hear any bad news, but Elena is from the hard-hit Lombardy region of Italy and has since caught up with her family. "It's a very macabre picture at home, there are no more coffins, no more cemetery space. ... My family is thankfully safe ... but people we've known for years have died," Elena said. The couple was eventually able to dock in Saint Vincent, and they hope to head north before hurricane season starts in June. "We're sandwiched between the hurricane season and the virus," Elena said.

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sweeping enforcement powers to use against those who flaunt its edicts, though “sanctions are subject to review and/or modification by the Chancellor. The IBC has the authority to impose disciplinary measures in cases where there is willful or negligent violation of UC San Diego’s established biosafety practices and procedures,” the guidance adds.

Who are the members making possibly life-and-death decisions on whether to greenlight the experimental work? Per UCSD’s online coronavirus research guidelines, the Institutional Biosafety Committee “consists of faculty representation from different departments across campus, including Health Sciences, and multiple members of the community.” According to a committee post: “The IBC shall maintain diverse membership representing the community and a variety of university interests.”

At the moment, the 25-member board, which includes 12 ex-officio members, has three vacant seats, two designated to be occupied by General Campus Faculty and one for an Engineering Faculty representative, according to its online roster. The two so-called Community Representatives are listed as Christopher Peter and Zoë Blaylock, with Michael White having the dual role of Community Representative and Plant Expert. No details regarding their identity and background was available. IBC officials did not immediately respond to a request by email for further information.

Matt Potter

Protestor protests protest prohibition
Political ploy, or public protection over private preference? The COVID-related business shutdown and the stay-at-home orders issued by Governor Newsom and San Diego County public health officer Wilma Wooten have



“Reopen San Diego” rally, May 1.

led to civil disobedience and lawsuits. A local protest movement began April 18 at the Hall of Justice downtown San Diego — a gathering rendered illegal by the same orders it protested. A San Diego District Attorney spokesperson says California state law gives the county authority to issue health orders, and that “violations are a misdemeanor crime.” On April 20, San Diego police and the sheriff’s department warned protesters, “While no citations were issued at the protests, that does not mean prosecution will not be sought.” And the latest update to the county health order on May 1 continues the prohibition of all public and private gatherings.

Protest numbers have grown each weekend since that first one. In Pacific

Beach on April 26 for the “Day of Liberty.” At the Hall of Justice on May 1 for “Reopen San Diego” and at the county administration center on Pacific Highway for “Jail Break Day.” Civil rights attorney Shawn McMillan says he came out to support the movement on each of the last two weekends, and is reopening his University City law firm after a six-week hiatus. He says, “The longer the shutdown drags on, the more protests you will see.” McMillan laments that “this whole thing broke down into politics almost immediately, which is unfortunate. The First Amendment shouldn’t be a political issue. I see Trump people down there with Trump flags and MAGA hats, but it’s not the majority. Majority are people who need their job

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Avenue, Mission Boulevard, and University Avenue as streets to try reducing vehicle access and in favor of pedestrian traffic. That letter had 12 representatives from various groups signing on.

Shortly after the groups floated the plan, some councilmembers — including Jennifer Campbell, Georgette Gomez, and Chris Ward — submitted memos outlining their wishes. Ward’s proposal pointed to Oakland, which designated 72 miles of neighborhood streets, including removing parking where necessary. He proposed and mapped a grid including nearly two dozen streets like Howard/Orange, Landis, Sec-

ond Avenue, Ibis in Mission Hills, a street through Old Town, and the long curving Mountain View Drive in Normal Heights, starting where the Adams Avenue bridge hits land. District 9’s Georgette Gomez provided a shorter list, but included Orange east of I-15, as well as Ocean View Boulevard from 32nd to 46th Street. (None of the streets she requested were included in the pilot program.) In a memo posted Apr. 27 on Twitter, Councilmember Jennifer Campbell nominated Bacon Street in OB and Sunset Cliffs Drive for partial closure.

Noticeably missing from the plan are the South Bay neighborhoods in Vivian Moreno’s district — though Moreno supports the plan — and any place north of I-8.

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to live. There's a lot of Libertarians and independents. And some Democrats who might become independents after this. People are struggling. The concern I have with San Diego is we have an unelected county health official issuing orders and our elected officials are in lockstep with those orders."

Though county supervisor Nathan Fletcher has been the face of the local public health efforts, Dr. Wooten is the one signing the orders. After the first major protest, Fletcher complained on Twitter that San Diego police allowed hundreds of protesters to violate the prohibition against public gatherings, while the sheriffs had issued citations to protesters who remained in their cars. His complaint was echoed by his wife, Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, who on April 23 tweeted, "The push to ignore stay-at-home orders are a minority. And a death wish." On May 3, she complained about supervisor

Kristin Gaspar going on "a right-wing radio station" and "calling [her husband] a dictator." On April 30, the Republican Party of San Diego County seemed to agree with protesters when it posted to Facebook: "California petulant Governor Gavin Newsom is now enjoying his emergency powers and won't let go - with mini-me Mr. Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher encouraging him. End the statewide lockdown now!"

Counter-protesters in San Diego have confined themselves to social media; some have wished death upon the protesters. Political activist Mark Lane has been keeping score every time a news outlet publishes a story about a Christian or pastor who gets arrested, gets sick, or dies from COVID-19. As of April 1 his scorecard read, "Darwinism-5, Creationism-0."



City Council communications director Dave Rolland wants these people investigated.

His postings got him kicked out of the East County Political Information Center Facebook group. On April 19, San Diego City Council communications director Dave Rolland went on Twitter and called on reporters to investigate the protesters, and lumped Trump supporters and anti-vaxxers in with white supremacists. On April 26, former Kevin Faul-

coner public policy manager Greg Block tweeted: "The Pro-Death protesters have found their way to Pacific Beach, because the lives of residents and workers are less important than the ability to get a haircut and hamburger." Former San Diego County Democratic Party chair Kennan Kaeder said, "No rights described in the Bill of Rights are unlimited. For example, your right to express an opinion stops at the tip of the other guy's nose. You can't yell fire in a crowded theater and you can't advocate for the violent overthrow of the government." Supervisor Fletcher's director of communications James Canning said, "The public health orders are based on science and data, and are meant to protect people's well-being and slow the spread of coronavirus - that is the only motive for the public health orders."

The district attorney's office has received county health order violation cases from local law enforcement

agencies outside the city of San Diego. On May 4, a spokesperson stated, "Our office has received 67 cases... They are all under review. No charges have been filed at this time."

Attorney Harmeet Dhillon represents the organizer of San Diego's first Freedom Rally, who was threatened with criminal prosecution. "It is outrageous that our client is being charged with a crime for participating in constitutionally protected activity," Dhillon said in a news release. On April 27, she filed a lawsuit against the state ban on public protests. A member of Mountain Empire's Abiding Place Ministries church says Dhillon serves as co-counsel to Freedom X Law, which represents them in a lawsuit against Dr. Wooten and the county of San Diego. He says the county lifted their ban on drive-in services on April 20, and that since April 26, his church has held drive-in services.

Eric Bartl

Under the radar

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the failed Balboa Park development plan of Qualcomm co-founder **Irwin Jacobs**, at an April 13 media event. California Coast donated \$100,000 to the same cause at the mayor's behest on March 25, per his April 23 filing. Over a month earlier, on February 3, the Cal Coast foundation kicked in \$2500 to Faulconer's One San Diego non-profit. Federal disclosure filing for the calendar year 2018 shows that the Cal Coast foundation posted total revenue of \$127,522, with expenses of \$93,465, including scholarship grants of \$88,737. A golf tournament and dinner held by the charity yielded gross receipts of \$57,420 but netted just \$7327.

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rying on conversations with farmers, the scents of fresh cut basil, peaches, and sweet onions floated through the air. The voice of a young guitarist from Israel could be heard throughout the market as he sang for tips.

Albert Asmussen caught my eye as he sat in a tiny teardrop trailer selling his homemade fudge. A large neon light that spelled out, "We Love Candy," drew me over. I bought some creamy chocolate peanut butter fudge.

"This is a great farmers market; it's affordable for me to sell my candy and the people are so nice," said the owner of Albie Candy Co. "Some of the fancier markets down in San Diego don't have the same vibe as this place. They're so crowded, and I can't really afford to sell there."

Asmussen makes the fudge himself and sometimes carries confections made by a friend. "I can afford to sell here and some other smaller markets, but markets like the one in Little Italy are a flat \$137 a day, while Vista is a \$16 minimum or 8 percent of sales. Not only is it more affordable, but everyone is so friendly and nice."

The bright purple sweet peas at the Hidalgo Flower stand stopped me and I leaned in to smell the perfumed bouquet, which reminded me of the delicate flowers that grew along the fence at the Reed Ranchito. I bought a small bunch and spoke to the young man running the flower stand.

"We've been in Vista since 1976," he said as he wrapped the wet stems in newspaper. "The weather and the soil are perfect for growing, that's why so many nurseries are here."

While Fallbrook has taken Vista's title as the "avocado capital of the world," Vista continues to boast lush hillsides ripe with avocados, fruit trees, and flower fields. In most neighborhoods north of the 78, you can still find clusters of farms.

Booze became the first successful agricultural business in Vista in 1879 when the Delpy family opened the Buena Vista Winery at the corner of Foothill Drive and East Vista Way. The winery lasted until 1920, when Prohibition shut it down. Wineries are making their way back. About a half a dozen are scattered throughout the hillsides.

The memories of many mornings spent at the Farmers Market made me glad that I had visited. I drove to a friend's home perched on a small hilltop off East Vista Way. As she placed the sweet peas

in a vase, we reminisced about our sons growing up together and the innocence of the time. We lamented the presence of crime that, contrary to popular belief, is less than many of the surrounding cities.

Considering that the estimated population of Vista is 101,224 — according to the most recent United States census estimates — and the overall median age is 32.7 years, Vista is a young town. And although gangs have been a part of the culture since before I moved to the area in 1988, crime is lower than, say, Del Mar's (theft, car theft, property crimes) or Oceanside's (homicide in 2018: Oceanside 9, Vista 5) But it's still a presence.

On March 3, 2020, the North County Regional Gang Task Force, the FBI SWAT team, and other law enforcement agencies raided a property in

Vista and 22 arrests were made. The investigation took place over almost three years. The homeowner allegedly allowed gang members, drug dealers, and users to stay at the property. Prosecutors said in a press release that North County gang members lived at the residence and used it as a headquarters for the importation of heroin and methamphetamine from Mexico, and the distribution of said drugs throughout North San Diego County.

"Today's operation brings the conclusion of a long-term investigation led by our North County Regional Gang Task Force. This group of dedicated agents and officers works hard making the streets of North County safer for the community to live and work," said FBI Special Agent in Charge Scott Brunner in a press release. "The dangerous activity

involving heroin, methamphetamine, firearms, and other illegal activity at the so called 'Heroin House' has been shut down."

"We knew what was going on in that house for years," said a neighbor named Loretta (she asked that I not use her last name.) "It seemed like nobody cared, that the cops didn't care, but I guess it takes time. This part of Vista looks rough, but good people live here, and we don't need drug dealers in the same neighborhood as where our kids play."

Driving from my friend's house, I only needed to go a few blocks to check out Downtown Vista Village, the same neighborhood that city developers had always touted was going to be revitalized. (I was a freelance reporter for the local daily newspapers for nearly ten years, and I had



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Hidalgo Flower stand has been in Vista since 1976. They sell at the Farmers Market on Saturdays in the parking lot of the Vista County Courthouse.

heard the hype over and over.) It has finally come to fruition — sort of. A preschool sits next door to the DogHaus Biergarten, which serves beer and plays live music (not during school hours). New brewery tasting rooms line Main Street, and (in non-pandemic times) a mostly local daily crowd tastes the homegrown beers, while families shop in the tiny Tortilleria Los Reyes — established in 2000 — for fresh tortillas made on-site, chiles of every temperature, and made-to-order tacos and burritos. Belching Beaver Tavern & Grill, located in a former bank, features a 10,000-square-foot tavern, which includes two outdoor patios with an outdoor lounge area with a fire pit on the front patio. It was already filled with laughing patrons, children, and dogs when I peeked in. Besides buying the 50-year-old bank building, Belching Beaver has invested about \$1.3 million so far into its downtown tavern

and grill. Vista is home to nearly 20 craft breweries — and more are in the planning stages — the most per capita in any United States city. There is one brewery for every 7000 people in Vista. In comparison, there's one brewery for every 19,000 people in the City of San Diego. Stone Brewing Co. — one of San Diego County's largest craft brewers — is moving some of its North County workforce, including its leadership team, to its national distribution center in Vista.

"The craft brewing industry in San Diego County has more than a \$1 billion annual economic impact, and Vista is proud to contribute to that," said Kevin Ham, Vista's economic development director. "We want to continue to support and attract these innovative entrepreneurs to our city and region. They bring people into the business parks and more visitors to our city, who, in turn, discover other local busi-

nesses, shops, and hotels. Breweries also create vibrant neighborhoods and serve as community centers where people can connect."

The first brewery to arrive in Vista was Green Flash, which set up shop in 2002 and moved to Mira Mesa in 2011. In 2010, Mother Earth Tap House — whose name comes from the founder's fondness of the outdoors and nature — arrived in town. Mother Earth has grown from a small garage to over 70,000 square feet. The popular brewery — whose Cali Creamin' brew is a favorite — has its brewery in Vista's industrial park, its tap room in downtown Vista, and a production brewery located in Boise, Idaho. They are celebrating their 10-year anniversary in May; at one time, Mother Earth was the fastest growing craft brewery in the U.S.

"The City of Vista has been a contributing factor to the success of local breweries," said Kevin Hopkins, executive vice president for Mother Earth Brew Co. "They've helped us with numerous avenues to give small businesses a leg up."

(As of April 13, Mother Earth has closed its Main Street location for good. "We are changing locations as our lease has expired," Hopkins said. "We intend to stay in Vista, but as negotiations are not complete, I'm not at liberty to discuss the location yet. I can assure you that we are only looking in Vista.")

On that February afternoon, I walked into the Mother Earth Tap House and found some friends of my daughter's, Lacey and Derek Poore, sitting at a family-style table against a wall of red brick and looking out onto

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the main drag. The tasting room was already noisy and bustling at 3 pm, and as Derek got up to stand in line to buy me a beverage, Lacey and I caught up. She was one of those cute kids back in the day, running around The Lane as we called it. She was a little red-headed imp who I sometimes had to send home because it was getting dark and we were going to eat dinner.

"That was the type of neighborhood I grew up in, and I loved it," she said, her red hair and smile as bright as ever. "Some kids got into trouble, but they turned out okay, becoming pretty successful. Things aren't the same there, though. I don't really like to go back to The Lane."

Lacey and Derek have socialized with the same group of friends since high school, but only a few years ago, they fell in



Derek and Lacey Poore grew up in Vista and live there now. They aren't sure if Vista is where they will raise a family, because it's expensive just like the rest of San Diego County.

love and married. Lacey said she isn't sure if Vista is where she and Derek will raise a family, because it's expensive (\$565,638 median home price, says Zillow) just like the rest of San Diego County (\$628,519), and she's not sure they'll ever be able to afford a home. For now, she is happy renting a townhouse within walking

distance of Main Street.

"I like living close to downtown Vista, mostly because of the breweries like Mother Earth and Belching Beaver. Before, we didn't have many places to grab a drink. When I turned 21, I went to downtown Carlsbad to get together with friends. Now in Vista, we have a lot of options. Vista is my

comfort place. It's where most of my happy memories have taken place, from my childhood to becoming an adult."

After we finished our drinks, the Poores walked me out. We stood outside Mother Earth and Derek pointed at the tall structure under construction — The Rylan Apartments, which will boast 126 luxury apartments and 60 retail spaces when it is completed in July of this year — on a once-empty lot where we all used to park our cars when we came downtown. The wide smile that he'd sported the entire time that we spoke became serious. "You know, I was born in Vista and it's always had my heart," he said. "As of late, I don't agree with what the city is doing... trying to bring in more people than the city can handle. It's going to put a strain on us home-

town people with more traffic and congestion."

Perhaps it was the small glass of wine I had consumed at Mother Earth, but I felt brave, very sure that I wouldn't have a weeping widow breakdown when seeing our old home. I drove the scenic route, winding through Mar Vista and passing an old farm that was dilapidated when I lived a few miles away but which has now become an organic farm called Sand n' Straw. It offers a petting zoo and cooking classes. I saw vibrant yellow flowers in front of a small red barn from the road as I headed to the industrial area a mile away. I wanted to see where the world's only Olympic skateboard training facility — CA Training Facility — was located, so that, when my son Samuel came home from Canada to visit, we could check it out

together. Back when Sam was a young teenager, Vista was just becoming the place for skate industries such as Vans to make their shoes. Skating icon Bob Burnquist built a home in the hills of Vista, complete with 60-foot mega ramps. Burnquist is also famous for his organic gardens, which supply local restaurants.

I took note of the training facility, texted my son a photo, and drove toward Lone Oak Lane. I sat at the light at Buena Creek and South Santa Fe, waiting for what seemed like forever for the trolley to pass. It was a three-way stop sign when Ralph and I first moved "out of the state." I drove the half-mile winding road along the creek, past an old trailer park and a somewhat tired looking subdivision that was new when I first arrived.

As I turned off Buena

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Creek, my head automatically swiveled to the house right before the turn, which, while I lived there, seemed to have a car crash into its yard every year. It was always a thing to see if the fence was still intact. As I steered my car onto Lone Oak Road, I remembered it as the bus stop for the neighborhood children — the last stop on the route — and often, my little tow-headed boy would be the only child exiting the bus. I reminisced about the year when the rains seemed to be non-stop and the county closed our street, afraid the creek would wash away the culvert. Neighbors parked their cars on busy Buena Creek and waded through the rushing water to get home. The next morning, when the storm halted for a bit, everyone walked to their cars, cheerful and calling out, “Good morning,” to

their neighbors, coffee cups in hand.

I arrived at what used to be the first house on Lone Oak Road, where one of the last remaining neighbors still lives, and stopped my car. Across the street, I was shocked to see that the old Buena Creek Herb Farm that also owned the horse pasture was now filled with 24 red-roofed cookie-cutter homes. The new housing development, named Oak Creek, boasts new trees that weren’t there a few years ago, surrounding a fancy, fence-lined walking path, which made me laugh, because you can still walk up into the hills — part of the San Marcos Mountain range — from the trailhead at the end of the street. I strolled around the corner and soon arrived at the former Reed Ranchito and walked halfway up the driveway.

I peeked around the remains of the fence that once held back our 170-pound dog and saw that the patio and 1950’s-style brick barbeque that Ralph lovingly built was still standing. A few of the trees have been cut down and the pine tree looked sad and in need of water. I shrugged. I didn’t care about the house. I had my memories. I walked up the tiny lane and approached a house that was once a tropical nursery owned by our friend Tom Piergrosi. People would flock to our neighborhood during their big sales, carting out brightly colored birds of paradise, canna lilies, and other exotic botanicals. I tried to remember who used to live in which house as I made the decision to trek up the steep hill where my husband and I used to hike. I found the path and scooted under a fence surrounding

yet another new tract division that had been built at the base of the hill. I had to trudge through tall grass and sharp brush, and was careful not to trip over rocks, since I was wearing sandals. I also kept an eye out for snakes. I was out of breath when I reached the top and looked around for the spot where we buried Timber. Sitting on a small boulder and stretching my legs in the sun, I thought about what Derek had said to me after I hugged them both goodbye at Mother Earth. “All in all, Vista has its ups and downs,” he said. “Even though they’re trying to expand Vista, it still has a small-town charm. If I had one wish for Vista it would be to turn it back into the sleepy little town that I grew up in.”

I took some deep breaths and looked out onto the horizon. Sure enough, I saw the ocean.

— Candice Reed



Never know what you are going to get, because it is up to what they caught! Grab the fish, head home to change for brunch. Friends are waiting for me at Madison, so I better get over there. Order 3 drinks: coffee, Oaxacan Spritz (mezcal breakfast cocktail), and water (only because I don’t want to be judged). Now on to food: waffle churros for the table and... chilaquiles... no... Mediterranean breakfast... no... chilaquiles... I can’t decide, so I force my husband to order one and I’ll get the other. Brunch was fab, feeling a slight buzz, so I better grab plant #328 next door at Eden. (Husband rolls his eyes).

Now the girls and I head over to Leo Nail Salon in North Park for our pedicure appointments. Get the Leo Pedicure, because I am feeling like it is a ‘treat yo’self’ type of day. After being pampered, we carefully cross the street over to Mimi & Red, pick an outfit for the night and then to Shop Good for a new lipstick to match. Head home, relax a bit before date night. Head back down to Little Italy, have a dirty martini at Born & Raised, then head over to the Piazza for live music, grab Not Not Tacos inside the Little Italy Food Hall and a bottle of wine, then head outside to relax and listen to the music. Then head home. *Ring ring.* “Come meet us at Polite Provisions for a drink! Come on! It is just down the street from you!” ■



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