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## Enforcement remorse

We are starting a new week and I'm still physically/emotionally grieving for George Floyd and the events unfolding around the country ("Dark night for La Mesa," Neighborhood News, June 2). I was in law enforcement for over 14 years. I feel my service to my community was honorable and I'm very proud that I never hurt anyone and only had to use physical force less than five times. I was both commended and ridiculed for my patience with suspects. I was never perfect and now realize I was still part of the problem. I became a cop because it paid way more than working with troubled youth. I stayed because it paid me over 100k and allowed me to provide a life I never had to my children. Although I

can be ok with my service, I can never come to terms with my silence at never speaking up against other officers for taking a 'extra shot' while a suspect was 'resisting' arrest. I recently had a major medical emergency where I appeared "drunk" and I "resisted" arrest. During the scuffle I suffered major injuries to include cracked ribs and lacerations to my face. Now I only weigh 135 pounds and can only move my left side with major straining after suffering from three strokes and major brain surgery. But it still took 5 cops to take me "down" when I can barely walk and fall on my own during a light breeze. By their own admission when they talked to my wife, SDPD admitted to her, no other techniques were used to help me while in medical distress except violence. If I had been an African American, I shudder to think what may of happened. Myself and every other cop are just as complicit in the murder of George Floyd. We allowed this type of cop to run wild and feel confident enough that they felt they had a license to kill. We allowed this blatant racism to fester by never speaking up and

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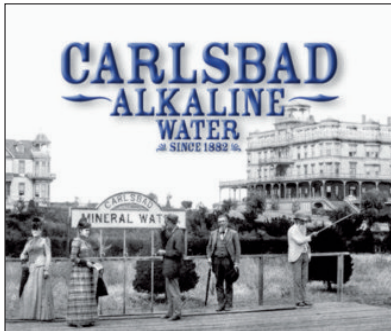
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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers



Carlsbad's water has a history.

CARLSBAD

## Stuck in the mud Developers ignore water's "wit and wisdom" at their peril

Andy Davis knew last year that a developer would be coming to demolish his popular downtown Carlsbad hangout, known by locals simply as The Cantina. The 20-year-old Mas Fina Cantina restaurant and bar on State Street, the even older Hennessey's Tavern on Roosevelt Street, and all the buildings in between were set to be razed to make way for the four-story Carlsbad Station, which would contain some 80 condos, a restaurant, and a handful of retail spaces.

But then Mother Nature intervened, says Davis. "In January, I called them and said, 'OK guys, it's been a year since we heard about all this, so can you tell us when the bulldozers are coming?,' They just kind of said, 'Uh, plans have changed. It's going to be postponed.'" The reason, as Davis understands it: a previously unconsidered underground water table. "In order to make it work, the plans called for underground parking. When they found there was a lake down there, they discovered they had to start over." Davis thinks the process to redraw the plans and go through all the permitting again will take at least another two years. He says he has not gotten a direct answer. (The Don Dewhurst family owns much of the property planned for the Carlsbad Station development. A call to the Dewhursts through their family-owned Karlsbad Realty seeking comment about the future of the properties was not returned.)

The watery savior of Mas Fina Cantina appears to be the same underground water table that put Carlsbad on the map in 1882. Mas Fina Cantina is about 300 yards north-east of the Carlsbad Mineral Water landmark



SpringHill Suites has emerged from the winter of its discontent and is back under construction.

on Carlsbad Boulevard/Highway 101. The operation sells its naturally alkaline water to drive-up customers and bottles it for retail sale. "That well was discovered by John Frazier," says Susan Gutierrez, president of the Carlsbad Historical Society. "He convinced the city founders that it was a good opportunity to develop a town in an area that was a desert. It provided water to the steam railroad engines that ran back then. And it was a real draw for real estate developers. Carlsbad was founded because of water."

The well was abandoned during the Great Depression, then re-drilled in the mid-'90s and reopened as the Carlsbad Mineral Water Artesian Well.

Davis says that this is not the only time that aggressive development in Carlsbad's Village area has been impacted by the natu-



In Carlsbad building underground parking can cause some adjacent businesses to sink.

rally moist soil. Locals say that construction of the SpringHill Suites by Marriott at 3136 Carlsbad Boulevard was delayed for months because the sides of the underground parking area had actually caved in due to moisture in the soil. (A call to spokesperson Shanna

Davis of DKN Hotels of Irvine to get more information on the construction snafus was not returned, and the construction companies involved declined to comment. But a visit to the construction site revealed at least ten hardhat workers on the job.) According to



Mas Fina Cantina – saved by an underground lake?

local lore, the spongy soil caused the adjacent row of businesses to fall into the earth. "I heard it caused the 7-11 to sink three inches," says one local.

Cliff Jones, senior planner with the city of Carlsbad says that there were indeed some soil "settlement" problems endured by the 7-11/Board & Brew businesses because of the adjacent Marriott construction, but that the new construction company has managed to proceed without any new soil sinking issues.

City of Carlsbad project engineer Kyrenne Chua says that underground water was in fact discovered at the Carlsbad Station project site. "It is common to find water deposits in that part of Carlsbad," said Chua, but that it does not mean the project is dead. She says there was underground water at

the six-condo project called Six on Madison on the corner of Oak Avenue and Madison Avenue, but that the developer successfully "dewatered" the site to allow the undergrounding to go through. "I wouldn't say [the discovery of water] would prevent the Carlsbad Station project from going through," she said, adding that the developer must adapt the project around the recommendations provided by geotechnical engineers as excavation moves ahead.

Chua says the Carlsbad Station project goes before the Carlsbad planning commission on June 17 and if approved may go before the city council in August. She says if it is approved there, it could mean current businesses would have six months to two years before the bulldozers come to rip out their buildings. But Kevin Bender, a former member of the Carlsbad Historic Preservation Commission, says parking lots just don't belong where underground wells are now. "Water is telling Carlsbad to stop digging into its domain for parking. We need an over-ground public parking structure in the Village. Water has wit and wisdom. Listen to it."

KEN LEIGHTON

OUT THERE ON THE EDGE

## Funnel felons?

### Skateboarding: still a crime

On May 28, Spring Valley resident Camille Cruz was one of 1.1 million-plus viewers that saw a Chula Vista-filmed skate video on TikTok. "My past self applauds the kids for sneaking into the [Aquatica] waterpark," she told me June 1. "However it was quite naive and immature of them to have the guts to post it onto social media, immediately."



"They should reopen our skateparks and give skateboarders a place to go,"

But not everyone was as impressed with the "kids" who were shown climbing a barbed wire fence and then skateboarding in an empty and "psychedelic" looking six-story funnel ride called Tassie's Twister. "While Aquatica is temporarily closed because of COVID-19, the park is monitored 24/7," said SeaWorld and Aquatica spokeswoman Kelly Terry in a statement posted by ABC10 News. "Our security team has caught trespassers in the park and notified the Chula

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Smile, little girl, Faulconer's your friend!

tion by many in our minority communities. I want to thank Chief Nisleit for listening to those demanding justice and doing the right thing.”

Almost two years ago, in July 2018, a delegation from the Racial Justice Coalition led by Bishop Cornelius Bowser and allies walked into Faulconer's city hall offices to deliver a petition with 31,500 signatures demanding a ban

on the restraints, to no avail. TV cameras showed no sign of Faulconer, who is notable for rarely missing a photo-op. “We've had doctors reach out to the police chief and

**Faulconer feels cancel carotid pressure**

Mayor repudiates chokehold before losing his grip on power

After years of inaction, it took a countrywide meltdown and the political ambitions of termed-out San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer to end the city's long-controversial carotid restraint procedure, widely known as the chokehold. “We are watching the hurt and pain so many people are expressing after the tragic death of George Floyd and are committed to taking new actions to make sure something like this doesn't happen in San Diego,” Faulconer said at June 1 news conference. “That starts today, with the police chief's decision to immediately stop this particular restraint that has led to so much concern and frustra-



July 2018, Racial Justice Coalition walked into Faulconer's city hall offices to deliver petition.

the mayor,” Darwin Fishman of the coalition told KPBS. “We're not getting any ground.”

But California's morphing voting habits

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**Neal Obermeyer**



**UNDER THE RADAR**

**Lobbyist chasers** A big-money battle over who will be San Diego's next ambulance and paramedic service has heated up with the hiring of downtown super-lobbyist Clay Company by Knoxville, Tennessee-based Priority Ambulance, per a May 28 registration. The ambulance company has also retained the services of Mercury Public Affairs, according to a May 29 filing by the firm.

Mercury partner and ex-Democratic Assembly Speaker **Fabian Núñez** had his son Esteban's prison term for voluntary manslaughter in a 2008 San Diego killing reduced to seven years by Republican Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger**. As a result, the younger Núñez left prison early in April 2016.

Chief of Mercury's San Diego account, company co-chairman **John Ek**, faced a \$11,000 fine from the Los Angeles Ethics Commission for inviting 37 officials, including the mayor, to a \$51,000 birthday bash he threw for himself in 2015, according to a February 16, 2017, *Los Angeles Times* report.

Paramedic provider Priority recently caused a stir in Loudon, Tennessee, the company's home county, when the firm announced it was slashing ambulance staff due to the impact of COVID-19. “We anticipate the demand for our services will return in the near future; however, we must make adjustments to our short-term ambulance deployment to ensure that we continue to operate a sustainable EMS system and protect our ability to provide continued service to the citizens who rely on us,” said a statement by vice president of Tennessee operations **Rob Webb**, according to an April 22 account by the *News-Herald*. “We understand that the above staffing pattern differs from the current contract; however, we are in unprecedented and extenuating circumstances responding to the current public health crisis.”

County commissioner **Adam Waller** told the paper he opposed to the move. “We can't at this time take a chance on going down to two ambulances running their routes or being available on any given day. That's just not what we agreed upon in the contract. We need them to do everything they can to make sure they have as much service provided as possible.”

Loudon County Mayor **Rollen “Buddy” Bradshaw** counseled patience. “From Loudon County's standpoint calls are down about 20 percent, and so with the coverage that they are maintaining, they were losing money, and so they've shown a willingness to work with us and... the commission.”

Priority arrived on the local scene after the administration of San Diego mayor **Kevin Faul-**

**coner** scrapped the award of the city's emergency medical services contract to Danish-based paramedic giant Falck and reopened the bidding in January. Incumbent ambulance provider American Medical Response, which had submitted a bid of its own, has been a significant donor to Faulconer and other city politicians and has paid

more than \$10,000 to lobbyist and mayoral policy intimate **Phil Rath**, filings show.

**Maienschein's food and drink**

Assembly Democrat **Brian Maienschein**, who switched from being Republican after barely avoiding being ousted from his seat in 2016, is finding the food-and-drink circuit more lucrative in his adopted party, judging by his

February 27 annual statement of economic interests. From June through August of last year, Maienschein got unspecified meals and beverages worth \$140 from the California Democratic Party. Assembly Speaker **Anthony Rendon's** 2020 reelection committee provided \$56.58 in food and drink in August and September of last year. The Rendon committee kicked in a messenger bag worth \$75.62, a \$100 jacket, and another \$28 worth of food and drink in June.

Maienschein attended the San Diego Annual Awards of Equality California on June 14, worth \$260, and went to the California Labor Federation's joint legislative conference on April 1, valued at \$112. Last month, the state Citizens Compensation Commission voted not to cut legislators' base salary of \$114,877, despite a proposal by Democratic governor **Gavin Newsom** to cut rank-and-file state workers' pay by ten percent, per a May 27 *Los Angeles Times* account. “I urge

the legislators and the constitutional officers... to each seriously consider a voluntary surrender of some portion of their salary in recognition of the budgetary hardships and the hardships of many Californians, especially those who are unemployed,” the compensation committee chairman **Tom Dalzell** said during the meeting. Responded Rendon spokeswoman **Katie Talbot**: “Whatever the Citizens Compensation Commission decides

is what the Assembly will abide by.” Added Senate President Pro Tem **Toni Atkins**, a San Diego Democrat: “Voters put legislators' compensation in the hands of the Citizens Compensation Commission. We continue to abide by their decisions”

— **Matt Potter** (@sdmattpotter)

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Political clout pleases Fabian Núñez.



Party switcher Brian Maienschein finds the Democratic freebie haul to be richer.

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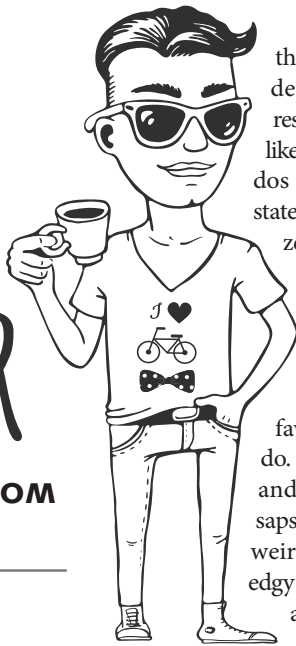
I was reading the twitface newsfeed nonsense about Elon Musk and Grimes naming their baby a string of alphanumeric characters. Now, I don't really care one way or the other about celebrities vying for attention after they've squeezed all the attention out of whatever made them famous in the first place, but I think it goes to show how the "giving your babies ironic and/or unusual names" thing has turned from an almost-lovable hipster quirk to an insufferable game of endless hipster one-upsmanship. Anyways, I didn't come here to rant about baby names. I was actually thinking about how, if Elon Musk and Grimes got married, would she change her name to Grimes Musk? Then, I stopped thinking about that, because I don't like to give celebrities the satisfaction of occupying my attention for too long. But then I started thinking about how fewer and fewer of my married friends follow the norm of "wife drops surname takes husband's surname,"

but at the same time there is no standard approach to hipster, trend-bucking married names. What's a wedded hipster girl to do about her name these days?

— EMILY

You wrote one question, but, in combination with the long and ranty preamble, you actually raise two separate and distinct hipster issues.

First, we must address your celebrity animosity. Very hipster. Celebrity fascination is one of the least hipster activities. Expend- ing precious time and mental effort to break with tradition is basically a full-time job for most hipsters, and they take pride in pushing boundaries. Celebrities act weird because



they have become utterly detached from anything resembling reality, so acting like attention-grabbing weirdos is their normal resting state. Plus, there is basically zero risk involved in their weirdness because (a) they're rich, and thus usually shameless; and (b) a non-trivial number of people will fawn over whatever they do. Normalizing weirdness and eccentricity basically saps all the fun out of it. A weird celebrity is about as edgy as an unfunny comedian acting just a little racist. Real original, bro.

Moving on to your question, the modern hipster bride faces a very tough choice with what to do about a name. Arranged in order from most to least conventional, the options are:

### Take Husband's Surname

Easy peasy and no trouble from anyone, but woke friends basically consider you a traitor to the cause.

### Keep Your Surname

Classic feminist solution that signals "I'm nobody's property!" Prepare for a lifetime of mildly disappointed Boomer in-laws, and school administrators questioning your relationship to your children.

### Hyphenate Both Your Names

Very enlightened. You can hear the equality a mile away. Also totally unworkable for more than a single generation because (almost) nobody (except professional comedians) wants to type Charlie Goldfarb-McGovern-Kurosawa-Bennington

into OpenTable.

### Reject Both Your Names In Favor of a New, Hybrid Name

Definitely the woked option with the greatest opportunity for creativity, yet guaranteed to anger parents who aren't even your parents, just on principle. Also, paperwork intensive.

Naming conventions are, globally speaking, purely arbitrary arrangements that mean nothing in an absolute sense. They are, at best, benign rules of convenience that help us organize society. And yet people care deeply. The moral of the story here is, unfortunately, no matter what you do, it leads to some disappointment. Embrace it. It's life in a nutshell.

—DJ Stevens

## LETTERS

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refusing to rat on another cop when they mistreat the public they're charged to help. As a white retired law enforcement officer, I stand with everyone who is fighting inequality and racism today and forever. In solidarity with the protesters. I'm the lumpen.

Mick  
San Diego

### No beer whining

It's true ("Beer bought in San Diego flows into tapped-out Tijuana," Neighborhood News, May 26). No *cerveza* down south, but bringing down can be troublesome. An individual is only allowed a certain amount to bring down. If you get pulled into secondary and have a car full of beer, they will take it. I have first-hand experience with that. The good thing about this is that I have become a wine expert, thanks to the Valle de Guadalupe.

Gregory Longway  
San Diego

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### "San Diego's deadliest parks"

#### Cover Stories June 3

The NRA ensures any maniac anywhere can get a gun. And throughout our entertainment media, everything tells these maniacs that shooting people makes them a man. Gun-murder of innocents will continue and probably increase as long as it is armed and glorified.

—Commenter

### "Five black-owned restaurants to try in San Diego" Feast! Restaurant Reviews June 2

I hate to break this to you but the Surf and Soul Spot is located in San Diego, not La Mesa. Look it up and you will find that the address is 7229 El Cajon Blvd. San Diego, CA 92115. The La Mesa city limits began at 73rd st.

—AlexClarke

Felix BBQ With Soul is great food!

—Socks3742

### "Dark night for La Mesa" Neighborhood News June 2

The LM police building is a bit intimidating to look at. Were the designers going for the citadel look to warn off problem makers?

—Mike Murphy

### "After a weekend of unrest, lunch at El Chingon" Feast! Restaurant Reviews June 1

This looks good. I'm tired of the looting and rioting. Round them up and throw them all in jail. Enough is enough. There is no excuse for police brutality, but it's easily solved. Quit committing crimes and if you are stupid enough to commit a felony, quit resisting arrest. Problem solved. And the enablers will never get it. Newsom said "we're to blame." As a former moderate Democrat, I see through his bull. He's just looking for the minority vote.

—Socks3742

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Vista Police Department. Citations have been issued because trespassing is a misdemeanor crime. If property is damaged, it can be a felony.”

“I truly don’t blame kids/teens acting out,” Cruz said, “they feel the need to do something thrilling. This lockdown is torture: I can’t go to parks without fear of being stopped by an officer, whether it’s to skate, or to even walk around.” Cruz, 28, is a veterinary assistant. Today, she rides an electric skateboard, but she admits that in her teen years, after school, she snuck into Aquatica when it was called Soak City — and also into the BFGoodrich lot on H Street in Chula Vista — to grind and Ollie in the forbidden terrains.

“They should reopen our skateparks and give skateboarders a place to go,” a Chula Vista resident who lives up the hill from Aquatica suggested on Facebook. As this article goes to print, the city of San Diego website states: “In order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, all skate parks are CLOSED until further notice.”

“But [skate] parks are nowhere close



“However it was quite naive and immature of them to have the guts to post it onto social media, immediately.”

to even matching what you can do on the streets,” answered commenter Chris. “And it’s more of an issue that they can’t skate anywhere else.” (About three years ago, I wrote a story about our City “knobbing” park benches with “\$17-\$21 skateboard prevention devices.”) Continued Chris, “Parks are closed and the streets have anti-skateboarding designs everywhere, and they’ve run out of good places to skate.”

I spoke to Nye, a skateboarder in his 40s who skates the Cherokee Point and North Park neighborhoods. “I still do the same stuff,” he told me on June 1. “We are always trying to find good spots like those kids — that’s a part of our lifestyle, bro. Back in

the day, skaters used to sneak into empty pools around town. I wasn’t there, but my friend told me they skated in Archie Moore’s empty pool during a drought. He told me that Archie let them in and was cool with it. Now that I’m older, honestly, sometimes I don’t want to walk or skate around parts of town, and if I cut into [a restricted] area, it’s mostly to save time.”

On May 20, ABC10 News reported on a skateboarder skating on a Mount Soledad memorial in La Jolla. “Well technically, they were skating on the top, and weren’t defacing the letters on the front,” Nye opined.

“Skating on monuments itself is very disrespectful,” Cruz responded, “regarding historical objects and property, there’s an unwritten rule not to skate on them.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

## LA MESA

### Protest, riot, prayer Scenes from the race struggle in the Jewel of the Hills

More than a thousand protesters marched outside the La Mesa Police Department on Saturday, May 30. The line stretched down University Avenue and Baltimore Drive; marchers held signs that read “Black Lives Matter” and “I Can’t Breathe,” words uttered by George Floyd, a black man killed by a Minneapolis police officer May 25. (La Mesa was targeted because on May 27, a white police officer had been videotaped at the Grossmont Transit Station pushing a young black man before arresting him.) Other signs and messages were more explicitly anarchist and anti-police. As he walked past me, one protester exclaimed, “There’s not going to be a government anymore. They’re all going down.” There were car-window-smashing incidents along the way, and a stampede through a police

barricade, so that the crowd was able to enter I-8 and block traffic. Michael Carl posted to the Black Lives Matter: San Diego Facebook page: “They are blocking ambulances. To protest the murder of an innocent man, you may kill other innocent people.”

By 5 pm, most of the protesters were back at the police station, surrounding it from the front entrance to the ends of the parking lots. La Mesa Mayor Mark Arapostathis told CBS News 8 the next day, “Yesterday started out as a peaceful protest. Civil discourse. Black Lives Matter. NAACP. They were following the model of peaceful protest. Somewhere in that timeline, as nightfall came, a different group of people was there.”



La Mesa Police Station protest, pre-riot.

But the vandalism of the police station began in broad daylight, as the crowd of protesters gathered after the march. The odor of spray paint filled the air as the station walls were covered with anti-police rhetoric. Nobody stopped it.

At 5:30, an elderly man walked through the crowd. I didn’t hear what he said, but a protester told me he was counter-protesting. I saw heads turn toward him and heard a corporate gasp of displeasure. People started throwing things at him. A young woman at the head of the crowd turned around from the station porch and screamed at the crowd to stop throwing things. As the man exited the crowd into open space, a protester darted toward him. More protesters pursued and attacked the man, others ran to protect him. I heard another corporate gasp; multiple voices shouted, “No!” A young black woman who helped protect him explained, “We didn’t come here for that. The last thing we need is more violence and hurt. He would not have made it out without people helping him. They were coming after him hard.”



Sunday morning.

threw them at an armored police vehicle, smashing dents in the windows. After that, police from the station dispersed the crowd with tear gas and other projectiles. A protester

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Bystanders hug and pray with a crying La Mesa business owner.



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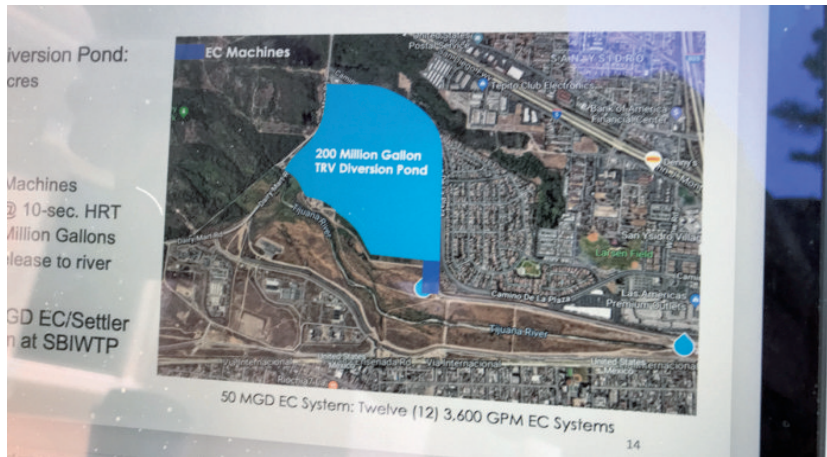
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**A big ask: Hendrickson's plans would need a diversion pond in San Ysidro**

**Electrocute the sewage**

Dan Hendrickson wants to save IB, and TJ. If they'll let him.

He's talking about the ages-old problem of Mexican sewage overwhelming treatment plants on both sides of the border. Politicians have been throwing money at it for decades, and yet nothing has really changed. Since the biggest spill in February 2017, sewage has shuttered San Diego beaches for 500 days over three years.

He admits, with two burgeoning cities growing cheek by jowl, our binational sewage problems do sound impossibly huge. Which makes a recent federal government pledge to throw \$300 million at this seems especially timely.

The question is, how to clean up the polluted water, once and for all?

The answer? Simple, says Hendrickson. Just zap it. Electrocute the sewage so you kill all the pathogens.

The technology is called "Electro-Coagulation," he says. And guess what? It's been around for 130 years. It was back in 1889, in London, that engineers actually started applying EC to treat sewage and avoid expensive and slow chemical reagents.

"What takes 6-8 days to treat biologically, can be treated with 10-20 seconds of electrical charge," says Hendrickson. "It's like giving the electric chair to billions of bugs."



**Dan Hendrickson, bringing back Electro-Coagulation**

And the beauty is the contaminants are not only zapped clean, the electrical charge also makes them sticky — "coagulates" them into cakes of material that can be used as fertilizer. And the water can be cleaned all the way up to potable.

Did it catch on? Uh, no. Not really.

Of course, in a polluted TJ river situation, we can be talking huge amounts of material needing decontamination.

"During the big event of 2017, our estimates came out to average about 4.7 million gallons a day. It is [contaminated at a rate of] 4400 parts per million, and it has to be brought down to 175 parts per million, which is a reduction of around 97 percent."

Talk to Dan for half an hour and your head starts spinning. He has stats and formulas coming out his ears. He also has a life story that makes most of our lives look like, well, gray water. He is an ex-Navy SEAL captain, helped start Iron Man, and he genuinely believes electro-coagulation is desperately needed.

"Fifty years ago, I commanded a SEAL team. We would take the teams down to the Tijuana River sloughs for training."

The sloughs were especially useful training for Vietnam, where crawling along rice paddy canals was how you got to work. That would be impossible today. The sloughs are too polluted.

After he retired from the Navy 30 years ago, he became a mechanical engineer, and launched himself into other projects like this one that look, well, quixotic. "But apart from the regular pollution issue, EC answers a problem both we and Mexico see coming down the tracks," he says. "The Colorado River is running out of water. This system gives fresh water back."

The only question is: why so long? It's 50 years since the Clean Water Act. Dan

Hendrickson smiles the smile of a man who has fought this battle before. "The problem," he says, "is that there are entities involved who are — how should I say? — invested in the status quo."

**Shark!**

"WARNING. Shark sighted. Enter at your own risk."

A silhouette of a shark drives home the point.

It's a yellow sign planted in the sand at Center Beach, Coronado, near the lifeguard tower.

Is he sure it was a shark, and not, say, a dolphin?

"Oh yes. It was a Great White shark. I used to be a scuba instructor. I spent a lot of time under the ocean. And it happened again, a couple of days later. I'm sitting out with a friend of mine who was formerly a world-class surfer. And we're chatting, and all of a sudden, he jumps up on his knees, on his longboard. I said, 'Why did you do that?' And he looked at me kind of funny and he goes, 'Because that Great White just went under us.' He says it seems like all the

"Oh yes. It was a great white shark. I used to be a scuba instructor. I spent a lot of time under the ocean."

"Lifeguards decided not to close the beach," says the city's official web site. But it turns out the lifeguard who saw the 12-foot shark appear next to his paddle board last Tuesday, May 26, wasn't the only surfer to get a visit. Writer Joe Ditler says he was out surfing a couple of weeks ago.

"I'm sitting on my surfboard in the line-up

marine animals are heading for Coronado this summer.

"We have stingrays, and larger rays, because the water has gotten warm. We've seen sea lions in here, a lot more dolphins than usual, squadrons of brown pelicans cruising in and diving, so there must be a lot of bait fish on the surface. There's a lot of activity."



**Ditler hams sighting of shark-surfer meet'n greet**

with friends, and a jet ski went by. Jet skis and surfers don't mix. So I yelled, 'Get the f\*ck out of here!'

"Then all of a sudden I'm the only one in the line-up. And I couldn't figure out where the jet ski had gone. So I rode a wave in. Then next day I see this girl I'd been surfing next to, and she's limping and she's bleeding and crying. She'd stepped on a stingray. She looked at me and said 'Why didn't you get out of the water yesterday when the Great Whites went by?' And I said 'What?' She said 'Yeah. The lifeguard was trying to herd them out of there on his jet ski.'

"And I said 'Why didn't you tell me?'

"And she said 'I thought everybody knew. There were two of them, about 10-11 feet each, and they went right under us. I nearly peed in my wetsuit.'

"They've since been sighted out here fairly frequently," says Ditler. "I personally have only seen one offshore, breaching."



**Sign planted in sand at Coronado's Center Beach**

Why?

"One theory is when they closed the beaches, human activity was down, and the creatures became more confident and came closer, searching for food. They're constantly pushing the envelope."

But are they dangerous for us?

"Even the babies can brush against you and cause extreme damage with skin abrasions. And they don't chew. They chomp. So even if they can't eat you, they can certainly take off a leg or an arm."

Is there a history of sharks killing swimmers?

"(Sonny) Bob Pamperin, a 33-year-old engineer, was eaten by a Great White in La Jolla Cove. But that was back in 1959. Here, I can only tell what others have said: when [the sharks] are going under us, they're not in aggressive mode. It's almost as if they're casual, relaxed. So you'd think we wouldn't feel threatened by them. But by the nature of who they are, we definitely do."

## LETTERS

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built out, so building bizarre 12-story apartments is the only way to construct more rental properties. The only trick is that many of these places burn through tenants – people living here would rather be homeowners than renters – and the buildings will have “Now Renting” on semi-permanent banners facing the freeway or the major road. The whole thing is a joke because nobody in SD real estate wants to admit that the city is mature now.

—Strelnikov

Well... I can't say I'd appreciate a 12-story building in my neighborhood. But if you're a resident of the building, and your family and friends have no sense of direction, they might find the place. Eventually.

—Socks3742

Totally insensitive to community character. Rushed, reckless, and needs improvement. Community planning groups had no roll-out of this plan and no opportunity to comment. Only the community planners committee were given a chance to weigh in. Removing DIF from communities which received the negative aspects of Complete Communities is a further insult.

—PRabbit

Community plans are intended to provide fair and clear rules made by neighborhood determination for all developers to follow. But during the past decade, with the rise of land-use lobby shops run as “charities,” the big boys have been able to launder political contributions as tax-deductible “donations.” The more bang for the buck this has bought them has now culminated in the Complete Communities Plan, which as this article reveals will have intentionally confused zoning and murky allowances that

admit endless exceptions. So the lobbyists got paid to deliberately muck things up, the politicians got paid to allow it, and now the whole scheme is being cast in concrete without community approval by shamelessly exploiting a pandemic to shove it through. But don't worry about the “charities” going out of business once this is done: they'll get paid again when they have to be hired as fixers for all projects going forward.

—RescueHillcrest

Sadly our city officials have joined the grab-and-go zeitgeist of our times. The effort to take the zeal of youth and turn it into zealotry has succeeded, and powers-that-be are not going to let this opportunity be wasted. YIMBYs are armed with talking points and fearlessness as they attack community members who won't rubber stamp whatever a developer wants to build. And if the community members are over 60 they seem to enjoy it even more. And

while they call anyone who doesn't follow the party line climate change deniers (even though I just can't see how luxury high rises are going to save us from anything) YIMBYs are the ones who seem allergic to data, just like the like real climate change deniers. Such as the fact we are overbuilt on high end residential units, the current zoning allows for more than enough units, low-rise construction is substantially more affordable, eliminating illegal STVRs would be very helpful in reducing our housing needs. It seems quite possible land owners will get entitlements on their property for buildings that won't get built at this time for lack of a market for the units if this scheme is approved. And these zombie un-built, but permitted, buildings will haunt our neighborhoods for years.

And exist solely to increase the land value of their property. But more importantly our elected officials and their staff's willingness to divide our communities at this time with needless land-use fights is shameful.

—Geranium

**“Underground water in Carlsbad plays tricks on developers”**  
Neighborhood News  
June 2

Carlsbad does not need another 80-condo development in the heart of the old village. Digging into the aquifer to build parking is a classic example of putting money ahead of the environment. The city needs to change its approach to growth and base it on sustainability not who can afford to destroy it. New leadership is sorely needed

—ooTundra0

**“Will California let home owners save the beach?”**

Neighborhood News  
June 2

Individual property owners and commercial operations should not be allowed within 1/2 mile of the coast except at ports and fishing piers. This land is for everyone, not just the rich, not for commercial exploitation. Let there be beaches and parks and free parking lots and shade trees. No flashing neon lights, no bars, no vendors, no hotels or entertainment monstrosities.

—swell

**“Falconer's politics of carotid restraint”**

News Ticker  
June 2

One can only hope that Falconer and his ilk will fade away.

—AlexClarke

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named Leslie was hit between the eyes with a projectile that stuck to her forehead. A horrific bloody video of the incident circulated on social media. According to a GoFundMe page, she is in intensive care. A masked white man waving a wooden stick walked around the police station yelling threats against police. Someone accused him of being a fake protester. (On May 31, President Trump blamed Antifa for the post-protest rioting across the country, and announced on Twitter that they would be designated a terrorist organization.) Before dark, police announced from a helicopter the assembly was unlawful, and many left. Others spread through downtown La Mesa vandalizing, looting, and torching buildings. Stores in the La Mesa Springs shopping center and on La Mesa Boulevard were smashed to pieces. Chase Bank, Union Bank, and the Randall Lamb building burned to the ground.

On Sunday morning, downtown La Mesa was again visited by more than a thousand people. Locals flocked to help clean up and comfort business owners. Hugs were given to a Mexican woman whose store was destroyed as she stood on La Mesa Boulevard sobbing and crying, “I don’t understand. Why?” Local pastors gathered in front of the devastated Vons store to pray and preach. They spoke against anti-police hatred and declared blessings on the police officers of La Mesa. El Cajon city councilman and East County Chamber of Commerce board member Phil Ortiz set up a Go Fund Me for the afflicted businesses. It reached its goal of \$50,000 in 13 hours and doubled it in a day.

ERIC BARTL

## CENTRAL SAN DIEGO Towering tomorrow Transitioning away from transitional zoning

Imagine a near-future trip to a central San Diego neighborhood reshaped by the zoning plans proposed by Mayor Kevin Faulconer. Suprise: 12-story buildings line 30th Street, University Avenue and El Cajon Boulevard – clear up to Adams Avenue. The apartment buildings spill around the corners of these main drags, and because of previous city council efforts, they do not include parking. The buildings first appear on the largest existing lots, with the maximum size decided by floor area ratio, so that a 12,001 square-foot lot can have that many stories – without having to consider the will of the neighborhood.

That’s what the Complete Communities plan, which redefines zoning to encourage building new housing, will allow. For example, the half block lot that now houses a Vons store at 30th Street between Howard and Polk (and which sold to developers for \$27.7 million earlier in May) can go a full 12



Winona Avenue now.



Winona Avenue after. (Artist's rendition).

stories. But so can the lots across the street if two or three are combined – and developers will be allowed to do that. Many streets within a block of those thoroughfares have small apartment buildings, or several in a row. It’s a building design very common in North Park and Normal Heights. A developer that can buy adjacent apartment lots will be able to combine the square footage into areas large enough to build tall buildings in older, single-family and small-apartment-or-condo-complex neighborhoods all over the central part of the city. From Barrio Logan to Mis-

sentatives from across the city who met Tuesday night to swallow is the speed with which the plan is being pushed through. (Though the plan was introduced months ago, it was months before anyone took a close look at the details; in part because the document is so hard to decipher. Zoning maps reduce neighborhoods to codes – single family and multifamily, come in at R-1 and R 3-9, for example. Another, separate document contains the translations for the zoning and the mayor’s proposed regulations for how much can be built on given lots.) It goes to the city

“But where is the transit? Additionally, with COVID-19, the desirability and feasibility of transit has taken a hit.”

sion Valley; from Midway to the College area. These developers will face a relaxed city approval process from the city, and they don’t have to win public approval. With floor-area ratio as the new standard, and using the bonuses the plan offers, developers can build tall buildings next to single-family homes. They do have to meet requirements beyond the current density bonuses that, for example, are allowing developers to build a 20-story building on the west side of Balboa Park. The percentage of units that must be affordable jumps to 20 from the current 10 percent. And they must be in what the city calls “transit oriented” districts. But that includes almost any area along major bus lines.

The hardest thing for neighborhood repre-

council for approval sometime in the next month. Many groups have been unable to meet or hold elections since the lockdown. Public input on the plan has been very limited, they say. “It ought to be referred back to the planning department and go out to planning groups so they can weigh in on the advisability of these policy decisions,” said Howard Wayne, representing Linda Vista. And Community Planners chairman Wally Wulfbeck said that what’s happened during the pandemic should be considered in current and future development decisions. In San Diego, as in cities with much higher numbers of people sickened and killed by COVID 19, denser and poorer neighborhoods are suffering the most. “The experience of the last three months has

illustrated the problems with density and the problems with mass transit, and I think we ought to think carefully about putting low income people in these high density areas,” he said.

Further, the pandemic will slash government funding needed to build more infrastructure – which developers do not have to pay for, according to Nico Calavita, who calls the plan “a reckless approach.” “These densities are being proposed in ‘transit priority’ areas,” he wrote in a letter to the city. “But where is the transit? In a post-COVID19 economic reality, funding from the federal government or state is very unlikely. Additionally, with COVID-19, the desirability and feasibility of transit has taken a hit.” That’s a particularly thorny problem, since the city does not control transit – and both the Metropolitan Transit System and SANDAG have no extra funding and need voter approval to raise money.

The sweeping relaxation of development rules and zoning is only meant to encourage small infill projects, says Leslie Keaveney of the city planning staff. If the project meets the relaxed city standards, approval is a development services department decision not subject to neighborhood review, though people can comment. The developer impact fee, meant to shore up amenities in neighborhoods – libraries, green spaces, infrastructure – may go away, too if there’s enough affordable housing in the project. “The main goal of this program is to incentivize housing,” said Brian Schoenfrisch, from the city. “Right now we would have to triple our housing production to meet our housing goals. This is tailored to meet our local needs.”

But Andrea Schlageter from Ocean Beach pointed out that a city that needs 30,000 new homes shouldn’t tolerate 16,000 short-term rentals, something she says the city ignores. “Every time we talk about housing, you guys just go to developers and ask them what do they want us to give them now,” she said. “You keep saying ‘holistic approach,’ which means top-down approach. What that approach means is taking money from the suburbs and putting it downtown.”

MARTY GRAHAM

## ENCINITAS

### Seawall slide solution Privately funded protection or public access peril?

All along the coast, cliffs are eroding more and more rapidly. Last August, a 30-foot-wide slab of sandstone bluff collapsed onto Grandview Beach in Encinitas, killing three family members. For some, the tragedy was seen as supporting existing efforts by coastal property owners to make it easier for them to build or fix seawalls, and so (hopefully) prevent further collapses. In November, another big slide occurred feet from the train tracks in Del Mar, where an ongoing project to stabilize the bluffs became even

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more urgent. Erosion “has wreaked havoc” on communities “as increasing amounts of coastal bluffs are collapsing onto our beaches,” says a petition for the SoCal Bluffs Alliance. At the group’s urging, a bill was introduced by senator Patricia Bates that would enable homeowners by right to build or repair coastal armoring projects in Orange and San Diego counties. “The California Coastal Commission is failing us,” the Bluffs Alliance claims. Putting property owners in charge of erosion control could shore up coastal bluffs, making “local beaches safe and accessible for all.”

Since 1976, the Coastal Act has guided decisions about development in the coastal zone. That would change under Senate bill 1090. The bill would require the Coastal Commission to approve all permit applications to build or repair armoring devices such as seawalls, retaining walls, and revetments. Approval would have to be issued within 30 days of an application, and the cost could not be higher than that of an emergency permit. To mitigate for any erosive effects of the seawall, the applicant could be required to deposit up to \$25,000 worth of sand at the beach, but there could be no

other mitigation conditions, even for loss of public access. And the bill would eliminate local appeals to the commission for sea wall projects. Among the bill’s supporters are supervisor Kristin Gaspar, Encinitas mayoral candidate Julie Thunder, Encinitas District 2 candidate Susan Turney, and 76th Assembly District candidate Melanie Burkholder.

On May 19, the San Diego County board of supervisors voted 4-1 to send a letter in support of the bill. (Supervisor Nathan Fletcher, the only “no” vote, said he didn’t believe “the science surrounding coastal action” was best expressed by this bill.) But the coastal commission voted against it in May. Seawalls, they said, “are not a silver bullet.” Further, “focusing on protecting individual properties one at a time is an expensive, inequitable, short-term fix with significant long-term consequences.”

In a letter to the board, The Surfrider Foundation wrote that the bill would “pave the way for private property owners” to hasten the loss of San Diego’s public beaches “under the pretense of improving public safety.” Seawalls and revetments may temporarily protect homes, but when placed on an eroding or retreating beach, the wall “will



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Grandview beach accident last year.

cause it to narrow and eventually disappear.” Of the 34 comments on the bill that were sent to the board, only one was for it – made by the North San Diego County Association of Realtors.

Among the opponents was Rishi Sugla, a scientist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, who said “seawalls have disastrous consequences” to coastlines, and that the bill

“would lead to a faster loss of shorelines.” Carolyn Krammer, with Citizens for the Preservation of Parks & Beaches, used Oceanside as an example of what happens when you use rip rap “to stop the ocean from running up the beach.” An aerial view shows that where there is rip rap, seawall, or groins, “there is loss of sandy beach.”

SHEILA PELL

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— from “*Dumpster diving for dinner in North Park*,” San Diego Reader, June 25, 2008, by Ollie

While the above stat is sickening enough, Americans currently discard about 43 billion pounds of food annually at the retail level. That’s roughly eight times the amount measured 25 years ago. This comes at a time when the average family of four spends between \$900 and \$1200, about 25 percent of their monthly income, on groceries. So, what if two hours a week could cut your food bill in half, refurbish your house, and ease the burden of overstuffed dumps while offering the family a little urban adventure?

Until this year, I had never been inside a dumpster. I have benefited from neighborhood discards to score a vintage Smith Corona typewriter, a Canon printer, a gas-powered barbecue, a patio table, a ping pong table, and a desk, all curbside with “free” signs taped to them. With no effort except the loading and unloading these items, I saved enough for a Baja vacation.

But while I had never previously dumpster-dived, I once enjoyed a beggar’s banquet compliments of transient New York native, “curbside shopper,” and dirt-lot philosopher Slim Dooby. Slim was a connoisseur of dirt weed and discarded delicacies. Between the healthy mix of organic vegetables he obtained from the bin at the local health food store and the slightly expired sirloin steaks he lifted from the chain grocery dumpster, I, along with a group of street people fit to populate a Dick-



ens' novel, inhaled a feast within spitting distance of restaurants where patrons laid down a third or more of their daily bread to impress dates (and only partially fill their bellies).

After dinner, Slim talked to his guests about waste in America. "We throw away 30 to 40 percent of the food we raise in this country," he said. "What if we used it to establish relations with poor countries and feed those who are starving in our own?" This wisdom was followed by rants against the government and various conspiracy theories whose logic, or lack thereof, I have long since forgotten.

Now, it's mid-May; I am rolling my shopping cart through Frazier Farms, an independent organic grocery store off Oceanside Boulevard in Oceanside, when I observe an employee examining bins of avocados before removing some of them. Seconds ago, I would have paid a buck each for those doomed avos. Now, my only hope of seeing them again would be to rescue them when they and I hit the store's dumpster later this evening. On another aisle, an employee exam-

ines organic energy drinks to see if they have passed their expiration dates. And, bam, two-dozen cans, valued at around 100 bucks total, are dumpster bound. This same process is occurring in grocery stores across the nation as perfectly good bread, dairy, vitamins, drinks, and meats are disposed of like so much trash. Beyond that are department store discards, where sample \$50 makeup kits and \$100 bottles of fragrance, plus couches, chairs, desks, clocks, tools, clothing, and toys are sentenced to a lifetime of slow decay.

Dumpster diving is legal in this state because of *Greenwood v. the State of California*. This ruling prohibits law enforcement from rummaging through your trash for evidence and from arresting civilian dumpster divers. But while the act of dumpster diving itself is not prohibited by law in California, trespassing, breaking and entering, and littering, which sometimes accompany the activity, are. It is the job, some would say the honor, of the dumpster diver to retrieve useful items tossed aside by a decadent society.

But I have come neither to praise nor bury dumpster divers. While this is about them, their process, and philosophy, it comes with both a warning and an indictment against a people who have yet to get the concept of limited resources.

It's not like we can afford all of this waste. Americans as a whole are broke, beyond broke, — in the minus column around \$25 trillion collectively, and individually around \$90,000. So, swallow your pride, and let's dig in to see what we can find. Before we do, however, here's a little something from Marsha Arsenian, a friend of mine whose family has been involved in waste removal and recycling in Los Angeles for decades. "We've found some crazy things in dumpsters, including a dead body," she warns.

Dennis Martinez, who journeyed from skateboarding champion in the late 1970s to homeless drug addict, paints a somewhat brighter portrait of the bins' interior. After trading a well paying sports career for a needle, Martinez stayed alive by slinging ounces of meth and hitting dumpsters.

Sometimes, he would score. "I once found an envelope containing a letter from a girl breaking up with her fiancé. Also in the envelope, there was an engagement ring, a wallet with cash in it, and a nice watch. Another time, I found a set of handmade porcelain dolls that I sold for \$5000. Dumpster diving is not always good, but it's always an adventure. Aside from discarded treasures, I've encountered dead animals, live rats, and sometimes homeless people trying to escape the rain. I slept in dumpsters more than once when I was homeless." While Martinez has long since kicked his drug habit and now runs a drug rehab facility called "Training Center" in Spring Valley, he still contemplates the thrill of the dive. "I still like going once in a

while," he says. "You just never know what you might find."

Tip: avoid big chain stores. They probably throw away many valuable items (it is rumored that some return items are trashed rather than restocked), but are not worth the effort. Bigger stores tend to have trash compactors and locked dumpsters with walls around them, security guards, and "No Trespassing," signs.

On the evening of May 14, I am dressed in a black hoodie, sturdy work pants, work boots, and rubber gardening gloves. I am carrying a Swiss Army Knife, wet wipes, a trash picker, and a headlamp. Expectations run high as photographer Steve Gibbs and I approach our first dumpster behind an auto repair shop off Oceans-

ide Boulevard. In a scene that Geraldo Rivera might appreciate, bin number one reveals nothing but some shredded office papers and a freshly deceased rat.

Undeterred, we move on to the Frazier Farms bin behind the building where I had been shopping earlier that day. Door number one reveals a dozen or so gallon-sized cans of tomato sauce. While these bins are as clean as possible, they still offer the sickeningly sweet smell of rotting food. That combined with my rat experience produces a queasy feeling. Because of that, I pass on jumping in to retrieve the cans. Subsequent bins are nearly empty, except for some fresh-looking Romaine lettuce and a sealed chicken salad,

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# Your Week

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## Thursday | 11

### LEARN HOW TO COMPOST

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**WHEN:** Thursday, June 11, 2 pm to 3 pm and Saturday, June 13, 10 am to 11 am

**WHERE:** [solanacenter.org](http://solanacenter.org)



## Saturday | 13

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL ROSÉ DAY

San Diego Bay Wine and Food Festival hosts a virtual celebration for

National Rosé Day, co-hosted by Julep Cafe and Snake Oil Cocktail Co. Attendees can taste rosé to deepen their understanding of the popular pink wine. Additionally, the virtual event features several hands-on educational sessions held via Zoom, including Snake Oil Cocktail Demo Class, Cheese and Charcuterie Styling Class, and a rosé tasting and discussion led by Advanced Sommelier Brian Donegan.



FRIDAY, JUNE 12: VIRTUAL DRAWING WORKSHOP

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 13, 3 pm to 5 pm

**WHERE:** [sandiegowineclassic.com](http://sandiegowineclassic.com)

## Sunday | 14

### KAT EDMONSON SUNDAY CONCERT

Jazz vocalist and songwriter Kat Edmonson may specialize in old-timey sounds from the Great American Songbook, but the Houston native tackles her repertoire with an almost punk approach that eschews traditionalism in favor of pop appeal. It's been a little over ten years since her self-released debut hit the Billboard Top

20. With a new album in the can called *Dreamers Do*, Edmonson is livestreaming a performance from her home each Sunday in June.

**WHEN:** June 14, June 21, June 28

**WHERE:** [facebook.com/katedmonson-music](https://www.facebook.com/katedmonson-music)



KAT EDMONSON

## Monday | 15

### SHINING: WAXAHATCHEE LIVESTREAMS

The Casbah may not be able to bring Waxahatchee to its Little Italy stage any time soon, but they've booked Katie Crutchfield's indie folk project to perform each of her records over five separate sessions. June 15 will see her playing *Ivy Tripp* (2015), June 22



WAXAHATCHEE

is slated to feature *Out in the Storm* (2017), and the June 29 performance will highlight her newly released *Saint Cloud* album. Tickets are \$15 per show, \$50 for the whole series, or \$60 with a screened concert poster. A portion of the sales directly benefits temporarily laid-off Casbah staffers.

**WHEN:** June 15, June 22, June 29  
**WHERE:** [noonchorus.com](http://noonchorus.com)

## SHEEP and GOATS

### Ignatius of St. Paul (George Spencer)

What right then, thought I, had Luther and his companions to set themselves against the united voice of the Church? I saw that he rebelled against the authority of God when he set himself up as an independent guide. He was bound to obey the Catholic Church: how should I then not be equally bound to return to it? And need I fear that I should be led into error, by trusting myself to those guides to whom Christ himself thus directed me? No! I thought this impossible... My resolution is made; to-morrow I will be received into the Church, We lost no time in dispatching a messenger to my father, to inform him of this unexpected event: as I was forming my last resolution, the thought of him came across me: will it not be said, that I endanger his very life by so sudden

and severe a shock? Ought I not, in deference and in tenderness towards him, at least, to go home and break it gently to him? The words of our Lord rose before me, and answered all my doubts: "He that hateth not father and mother, and brothers, and sisters, and houses, and lands, and his own life, too, cannot be my disciple." To thee Lord, then, I trusted for the support and comfort of my dear father under the trial; which in obedience to his call, I was about to inflict upon him. I had no further anxiety to disturb me: God alone knows the peace and joy with which I laid me down that night to rest. The next day, at nine o'clock, the Church received me for her child.

— from *A Short Account of the Conversion of the Hon. And Reverend G. Spencer to the Catholic Faith.*

*Ignatius of St. Paul (George Spencer) (1799-1864) was a son of the Second Earl of Spencer and an Anglican priest who converted to Roman Catholicism in 1830. Two years later, he was ordained a priest of the Catholic Church. In 1847, after meeting Father Dominic Barberi — who was instrumental in converting Spencer's contemporary, John Henry Newman — he entered the order to which Father Barberi belonged, the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ (Passionists), and took one of the early Church fathers, St. Ignatius of Antioch, as his religious name. Following in Barberi's footsteps, Spencer made it his life's work to aid in re-converting England to the Catholic faith. As a member of the Spencer family — among the highest nobility in England — he is related to both Winston Churchill (to whom he bore a remarkable resemblance) and Princess Diana (to whom he bore no resemblance whatsoever).*



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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

### Interactive Summer Camp with Animals

Summer Critter Camp at Helen Woodward Animal Center gives kids the chance to interact with animals, create crafts, play games, participate in fun activities, and more. Questions? (858) 756-4117 x 318 or [education@animalcenter.org](mailto:education@animalcenter.org). Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Summer Critter Camp has the following changes: Grade range is Kindergarten-6th grade, daily registration is not an option, weekly price is \$195 per child. Thursdays, 8am; Fridays, 8am; through Monday, August 24, \$195. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

## ART

### Just Add Water Virtual Art Exhibition

The San Diego Watercolor Society is proud to announce the Virtual Art Exhibition, "Just Add Water", juried by award-winning artist Linda Doll. Although our Gallery at Liberty Station is currently closed, you can enjoy viewing 95+ original watermedia paintings on our website, [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org). The paintings are also for sale in our Online Store. This exhibition will be up from June 3rd to June 27th, 2020. Thursdays, 12:01am; Fridays, 12:01am; Saturdays, 12:01am; Sundays, 12:01am; through Saturday, June 27, free. [www.sdws.org](http://www.sdws.org). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

### Warwick's Author Livestream:

**Kerry Kletter** Warwick's and Liz Fenton & Lisa Steinke will host the critically-acclaimed author of the young adult novel *The First Time She Drowned*, Kerry Kletter, as she discusses her new book, *East Coast Girls*. This is a free virtual event on Zoom. Thursday, June 11, 5pm; [facebook.com/warwicksbooks/live](http://facebook.com/warwicksbooks/live). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

### Warwick's Author Livestream:

**Margaux DeRoux** Warwick's and Liz Fenton & Lisa Steinke will host debut novelist, Margaux DeRoux, as she discusses her new book, *The Lost Diary of Venice*. This is a free virtual event on Zoom. Thursday, June 11, 4pm; [facebook.com/warwicksbooks/live](http://facebook.com/warwicksbooks/live). (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. Additional pieces can be fired and glazed for \$10 each. Friday, June 12, 6pm; \$60. 18 and up. Mud Lily, 2888 Adams Avenue. (NORTH PARK)

**Backyard Composting** Want to learn how you can improve the quality of your soil, reduce waste and air pollution, while saving energy, money, and water? Join Solana Center for this 1-hour webinar where you will learn the basics of backyard composting. This webinar will be held using Zoom, so please note that you will need to have the Zoom application installed on your device to attend and participate. You will receive an email with the link and pass-

word to join on the day before the webinar occurs. Thursday, June 11, 2pm; Saturday, June 13, 10am; free. [solanacenter.org/events](http://solanacenter.org/events). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

### Composting & Vermicomposting Basics Workshop

Join Solana Center for this 2-hour presentation where you will use trial-tested advice and interactive demonstrations, our expert educators will teach you all you need to know to get started with a bin that fits your needs and lifestyle and how you can improve the quality of your soil, reduce waste and air pollution while saving energy, money, and water. Saturday, June 13, 10am; free. Pine Valley Library, 28804 Old Highway 80. (PINE VALLEY)

### 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. It's helpful, but not required, to read chapters in advance and bring questions to discuss. Zoom link/password and chapter summaries will be sent to attendees before each new session. Thursday, June 11, 4pm; free. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/entrepreneur-book-study-the-lean-startup-on-zoom-tickets-104672542392>. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

### Guided Art from the Heart Online Painting

Join Wine and Canvas San Diego art instructor Marcus Thorne and life coach Siobhan Wilcox for this playful painting event designed to relax your mind, inspire, and connect you with your inner guidance through creativity. Together we will meditate, journal, laugh, paint, and chat. Supplies not included. See Supply List on ticket website link. Follow step-by-step instructions to recreate the featured painting. No experience necessary. Saturday, June 13, 3pm; \$29. 18 and up. [eventbrite.com/o/wine-amp-canvas-san-diego-13784616565](http://eventbrite.com/o/wine-amp-canvas-san-diego-13784616565). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

### Live Virtual Painting & Drawing Class

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### Manure Management for the Small Ranch or Farm

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webinar will demonstrate managing manure from a small amount of livestock. Come join us as we virtually visit a Lakeside ranch and chat with owner, Lisa Wood. Register online to hold your seat. You will receive an email with the link and password to join on the day before the webinar occurs. You will need to have the Zoom application installed on your device to attend and participate. Saturday, June 13, 2pm; free. [solanacenter.org/events](http://solanacenter.org/events). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

### Money-Making for Creatives

Join a candid conversation with Founder of Cassidy Creative Solutions, Shaun Cassidy, about how to make one's art practice both marketable and profitable; maximizing current resources in a post-COVID-19 world. This workshop is designed to support creatives in need of business development support or guidance Friday, June 12, 12pm; free-\$5. Vanguard Culture Headquarters Gallery, 895 Park Boulevard #124. (BANKERS HILL)

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# BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

## Rouleur switches gears to overcome pandemic hurdles

When Carlsbad beer brand **Rouleur Brewing Company** opened its doors in spring 2017, owner and brewer Rawley Macias shared three goals he wanted his business to meet by the end of its third year. And the brewery was on track to meet them all as its third anniversary approached. In March.

As were everyone else's, Rouleur's spring plans were derailed by the arrival of a global pandemic. However, despite a sense of gloom hanging over the industry, Macias has found a way to keep his business on schedule, thanks to agile thinking that has led to an unexpected outcome.

Goal one was to package beer for retail distribution. Rouleur cans are now found in beer shops throughout North County, as well as in BevMo stores and Trader Joe's, where they move so fast it's rare to find a can more than ten days old. Having moved here from San Luis Obispo, Macias was an unknown entity when he launched Rouleur, and struggled early on to market his beers. However, positive word of

mouth ultimately prevailed, and Rouleur beers, including its Endo west coast IPA and the must-try Dopeur juicy IPA, have found a loyal fan base.

Goal two was to maximize brewing capacity, which has been met, and exceeded. As more fans caught on to its brews' consistent quality, Rouleur began to push the capacity of its 10-barrel brewhouse, and last June it added two 20-barrel fermenters. Already, Macias is looking to go bigger. "As of right now, we're maxed out," he says. "We can't make a single drop more." Based on pre-COVID demand, Rouleur was on pace to produce 2000 barrels of beer this year, doubling last year's output.

Goal three for Rouleur was to build its own brewery, and this is where the coronavirus really complicated things. Macias launched the business in one of the turnkey brewhouses built by real estate company H.G. Fenton as part of its Brewery Igniter program, which has established similar turnkey systems in Miramar and North Park.

Minus the new 20-barrel fermenters, Brewery Igniter has owned the brewhouse Rouleur brews with, so Rouleur has been leasing both the property and the brewing equipment. In exchange for an exorbitant monthly rent, Brewery Igniter tenants are able to launch their brands while avoiding massive startup costs and long-term debt obligations.

"It's meant to be a startup location," explains Macias. "You get your brand off the ground and, ideally, move on." We've seen a recent example of this with **Eppig Brewing**, which started out as a North Park Brewery Igniter tenant before growing into its own Vista brewery this fall.

When March began, Rouleur was likewise ready to move on. "We wanted to build our own brewery," Macias tells me, and following an 18-month search, "we found a brand new building in Carlsbad." The 10,000-square-foot

property is roughly half a mile from Rouleur's current space on El Camino Real. Building a brewhouse in San Diego can cost millions, so Macias would have had to forfeit Rouleur equity



Planned to celebrate a new brewery lease, Rouleur released Onward and Upward as twists on its most popular beers. Onward is Dopeur IPA with Endo IPA's dry hop additions, Upward is Endo with Dopeur's dry hops.

in order to borrow funds. He had two lenders lined up, and was finalizing details on a lease, hoping to open the new brewery by end of year.

Then the world stopped due to the pandemic, and his lenders backed out. There would be no new Rouleur brewery.

However, the outlook wasn't any sunnier for the Brewery Igniter program. In the three years Rouleur has been leasing its brewing suite, two other tenants, **Wiseguy Brewing** and **Papa Marce's Cervecería**, have opened and closed in the suite next door. Had Rouleur succeeded in moving out, both turnkey brewhouses would most likely have sat empty while a struggling economy forestalled new brewery openings.

So Macias went to H.G. Fenton with a creative proposal, and Fenton accepted. Rouleur would buy the brewing equipment it's already been

leasing, and take over both suites. "We're going to blow down the wall and take on a standard lease," Macias has announced. "It's no longer Brewery Igniter."

While Fenton will take out the brewing equipment previously used by Wiseguy and Papa Marce's, Rouleur will inherit a space pre-configured for brewery expansion, including drainage requirements, etc. Macias plans to add 40-barrel fermenters, which he expects will increase annual capacity to 8000 barrels. That, and a new canning line, will increase Rouleur availability outside of North County. He will also take down a wall to double the size of Rouleur's tasting room — a pressing need given current social distancing guidelines.

Rather than a one-year Brewery Igniter lease, Rouleur is now committed to five years at this location, and while Macias declines to discuss specific numbers, he does say Rouleur's monthly rent for the combined suites will be "significantly lower" than he's been paying for a single turnkey suite. While he won't have the square footage or amenities he'd envisioned for his new brewery, the new agreement allows him to expand Rouleur without giving up equity, and without taking on long term debt. It's a rare win for a San Diego brewery owner during these unprecedented times, and perhaps the best outcome that could be expected.

"It's not our dream," says Macias, "but I think it's the right thing, right now."

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**Protecting the Planet: Environmental Champions** The North County Climate Change Alliance invites you to join us in "Our Changing Climate Series" online presentation by author, scientist, and nature photographer Budd Titlow, along with co-author and Professor of Environmental Sciences, Mariah Tinger. This online event is free however please register in advance. Thursday, June 11, 5:30pm; [nccalliance.org/](http://nccalliance.org/). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Virtual Latin Alternative Music Conference** This year, the world needs music more than ever and the entertainment industry needs to rise above as a collective industry. LAMC2020 is fully online this year. We will once again include panels, workshops, showcases and networking opportunities - but all online for FREE. Thursday, June 11, 12pm; Friday, June 12, 12pm; Saturday, June 13, 12pm; [latinalternative.com/](http://latinalternative.com/). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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California. Friday, June 12, 12pm; [free.womeninbio.org/event/SouthernCalifornia61220](http://free.womeninbio.org/event/SouthernCalifornia61220). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## FOOD & DRINK

**Virtual National Rosé Day** The celebration features a variety of rosé selections, allowing attendees to taste rosé from around the world, and deepen their understanding of the popular pink wine. Additionally, the virtual event features several hands-on educational sessions held via Zoom. Saturday, June 13, 3pm; \$35-\$145. 21 and up. [sandiegowineclassic.com/](http://sandiegowineclassic.com/) (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## FOR KIDS

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**Painting Class: Barrel Roll Wave Painting** Two hour painting class via Zoom. Use your own supplies. Saturday, June 13, 4pm; \$25. [lovejoycreations.com/paint-with-lovejoy/#/virtualclasses/](http://lovejoycreations.com/paint-with-lovejoy/#/virtualclasses/). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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**Painting Class: Tabby Kitten** Two hour painting class via Zoom. Use your own supplies. Sunday, June 14, 4pm; \$25. [lovejoycreations.com/paint-with-lovejoy/#/virtualclasses/](http://lovejoycreations.com/paint-with-lovejoy/#/virtualclasses/) (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 Monday, June 29, [songbirdsmusic.com/](http://songbirdsmusic.com/). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

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**Virtual Journey Through Peru: A Birder's Paradise** Join Nature and Culture for virtual birdwatching in Peru, a birder's paradise. Nature and Culture conservationist Oscar Franco will be our field guide, sharing the adventures and challenges behind protecting Peru's winged creatures. Thursday, June 11, 4pm; [free.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-journey-through-peru-a-birders-paradise-tickets-107588811030](http://free.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-journey-through-peru-a-birders-paradise-tickets-107588811030). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## SPOKEN WORD

**San Diego Poetry Annual: Ron Salisbury, Al Zolynas** The San Diego Poetry Annual and Border Voices Poetry Project present our first combined online reading and open mic. To sign up early, email Michael Klam at [mkkklam@gmail.com](mailto:mkkklam@gmail.com). Meeting ID: 509 513 7393 Friday, June 12, 7pm; [free.meetup.com/BrokenAnchorPoetry/](http://free.meetup.com/BrokenAnchorPoetry/). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## WORSHIP

**First Lutheran Church of San Diego Virtual Service** Here at First Lutheran we have a ministry to those on the edge of society which we've been engaged in for 30 years, and really, in some form or another before that, for almost the whole 112-year history of the church. Sundays, 10am; through Sunday, June 28, [firstlutheransd.org/](http://firstlutheransd.org/) (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

# Pears before curfew

*Now is not the time to quibble over dollars and cents.*

**L**a Mesa, six in the evening. This is 48 hours after “the events.” People are still cleaning up, boarding up, cheering each other up. After the human tsunami that swept through downtown La Mesa, it’s La Mesa’s citizens who are sweeping up the mess.

One middle-aged gent with his arm in a fresh sling gets into his car. Gingerly. “We’ve just been helping with the clean-up,” says his wife. “He hurt his arm lifting 8 by 4 ply.”

“La Mesa Strong,” say signs people have painted on newly hammered ply frontages. “Stay Strong La Mesa,” says another at Act II, a place that sells second-hand women’s clothing. They get over having no more display windows by standing their mannequins outside on the sidewalk. Inside, Jesse Elio and Joe Shattuck are talking with the ladies running the place about replacing their smashed windows. For free. They’re from La Mesa Glass. “We’re doing it for everybody,” says Jesse. “They have enough problems already.”

On the steps outside a restaurant - open! - at La Mesa Boulevard and Date, a couple of women are wondering aloud if Leslie Furcron is going to make it. She’s the grandmother who was shot between the eyes by a cop firing bean bags Saturday night. They talk as if she were their grandmother.

I’ve got to eat, and this place, Farmer’s Table, feels like it’s all they’ve got going hereabouts. Town’s closing down around me, in time for its seven o’clock curfew. So I climb the steps.

It’s a handsome “rustic” place. It has a couple of cracked windows, but they’re still intact. And people are eating on its balcony as well as inside. And drinking beers.

Oh man. Beer. That, I could go for.

I head in. It seems obscene to ask. “You guys have happy hour?”

“No happy hour today,” says the girl at the podium. “We’re operating on a limited menu.”

She sits me down at a heavily varnished wooden table. The place is surprisingly crowded. First things first. I order up a beer. Pizza Port

Red Ale draft, \$8. Maria the barkeep says I do have time to drink and eat, and the kitchen is still open. I know it ain’t gonna be cheap, but now is not the time to quibble over dollars and cents.

I check the appetizers. Wow. Here’s something

I’d like to try: duck wings with jalapeño tangerine sauce (\$15). A good old standby, meatballs in a jalapeño red wine tomato sauce, goes for \$14, shrimp Fra Diavolo (in a spicy tomato sauce) is \$12, clams and mussels with roasted garlic and dry chorizo are \$15, and

grilled octopus in a lemongrass celery root purée with roasted fingerling potatoes runs \$17.

In the salad department, I’m tempted by the burnt carrot salad with avo and feta for \$12. I take one glance at the entrees, but from dishes like bone-in short rib (\$36) or duck gnocchi (\$28), I can see that’s a bridge too far.

But no time to fool around. I tell Maria I’m ready. And end up going vegetarian. I like the sound of the pear ricotta bruschetta. Specially that it’s drizzled with honey. Mmm. Pears and honey. Also, it costs only eleven bucks, not bad for here. Plus, I have a thing about beet. I’ve always loved those juicy sweet maroon bulbs. So I order a beet salad that comes with shaved fennel (that kind of licorice tang could be interesting), herbed goat cheese, cilantro and poppy seed vinaigrette. It’s gluten-free and costs \$12.

As I chomp into the bruschetta, the light outside is starting to fade. You can feel the mood drop too. Fewer and fewer people out on the street. But I take a moment to feel the thrill of the pear and honey taste, and the oh-so lightly toasted bread that the pear slices are layered on, glistening with honey. And I appreciate the ricotta cheese spread underneath, too. It greatly enriches the taste. I mean, it’s simple yet effective. Plus I’m pretty amazed at the cooks here keeping things alive and tasting good when the underlying atmosphere is so post-trauma.

The beet salad adds a sweet-savory layer to the whole experience.

The place is crowded with artifacts from farms. Little old wagons, a whole Farmall tractor, wheels



Down on the farm, La Mesa-style

turning chains turning wheels. Just tons of country stuff.

“My father was from Sicily,” says Alberto, the owner. “He had a small family farm. I always liked the idea of holding on to the history of the farming life. And also of having a local place where you ate food that was from local farms.”

Which is what gave Alberto the idea for this place. It seems to be working. He reckons he gets 1000 customers a day here, plus he’s started up in Bay Park and now Little Italy. “I collect everything,” he says. “And when I can’t collect, I design, like these chandeliers, in the country style. I think kids get a kick out of seeing pieces of the life of the old farmers. It took me a year to collect all this.”

He’s also trying to revive the idea of your local



Alberto, the man with the country vision



Beet salad

restaurant. “I live in San Carlos, and I never liked having to go far to find a place you could call your own. That’s what’s I wanted this to be for La Mesa.”

He says his place wasn’t too damaged, two nights ago, mainly because he organized people to “be here” to protect the place.

I chomp until I have to take off. Can’t be sure how late the trolley’s going to be running.

In the twilight, the countless cracks in Farmer’s Table’s windows make it look as if it’s raining outside. ■

**The Place:** Farmer’s Table, 8141 La Mesa Boulevard, La Mesa, 619-724-6465

**Hours** 11am-3pm, 4-8pm daily

**Prices:** Duck wings with jalapeño tangerine sauce, \$15; meatballs in jalapeño red wine tomato sauce, \$14; shrimp fra diavolo, \$12; clams, mussels, roasted garlic, dry chorizo, \$15; grilled octopus, roasted fingerling potatoes, \$17; burnt carrot salad, avocado, feta, \$12; bone-in short rib, \$36; duck gnocchi, \$28; pear ricotta bruschetta, \$11; beet salad, with shaved fennel, goat cheese, \$12

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# Holy mole

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## Glass partitions and tequila bottles at El Agave

El Agave; 2304 San Diego Avenue, Old Town. There was bound to be some awkwardness. The rona closed restaurant dining rooms more than two months ago, and if the intervening weeks taught us anything, it's to be leery

of human contact. The government may have allowed dine-in service to resume beginning Memorial Day weekend, but that doesn't automatically make it feel safe. Even with strict protocols regarding service staff hygiene and the space between diners, going back into a restaurant for the first time since the pandemic shut hospitality businesses down can feel like a foray into uncertain landscape. Is it safe to touch our plates? To use the bathroom? Does the waiter realize his mask dropped

**FEAST!**



Stuffed chicken breast in green mole.



El Agave's dining room, adorned with agave spirit bottles and glass partitions between diners.

below his nose?

Anxieties aside, reservations proved hard to come by in San Diego, this first weekend back. Attribute some of that to pent-up demand for a night out. But part of it, of course, is reduced capacity. Restaurants physically cannot seat as many diners under the new guidelines for re-opening, so although they may be far from full, per pre-covid numbers, the time slots go fast.

We snared a table at Old Town's mainstay fine dining Mexican restaurant El Agave. Take-out and delivery options may have kept us restaurant fans fed during the shutdown, but they could never replace the romantic setting and

attentive table service that can make a night out feel special. El Agave dubs itself "the largest Tequila museum in the country," and it's the gleam of thousands of agave spirit bottles lining the walls that lend the charming atmosphere I sought for a first post-pandemic date.

A new gleam added to the dining room this night: that reflecting off glass partitions placed between tables. The large glass buffers, positioned roughly three feet to either side of us, at head height (while seated), acted as sneeze guards between us and fellow diners. It's what allowed us to take off the masks we wore into the restaurant, so that we could eat, drink, and

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A Mayan inspired sea bass dish, served in ajo and achiote sauce.

share bites, without concern about the maskless folk six feet to our left and right doing the same.

And so we ordered drinks — wine for her, a tequila mule for me — and talked over plates of sea bass served with a Mayan *achiote* sauce, and stuffed chicken in *mole verde*. And it felt mostly normal, the sort of night out we might enjoy during normal times, comparing notes on the food, clinking glasses, to us, to the slow and steady resumption of public life.

But nothing can help it feeling different. It will be interesting to see how different restaurants find creative ways to host diners again without forsaking too much of what makes the dining experience special and worthwhile. And I certainly intend to find out — after all, I can't sit here

and write about take-out orders forever.

However, maybe for a while it will be a mix of both. Restaurants may have been given the green light to re-open conditionally, but not all of them are taking it. Some remain closed temporarily while they try to navigate the health concerns. Others seem content to stick to take-out and delivery service indefinitely, while news reports suggest the number of covid-19 cases in America continue to rise, even as we take these steps to reconvene.

So, yes, it feels good to be out again, but it hints at the uneasiness many of us will feel in public likely for months to come, counting on masks, and hand sanitizer, and glass partitions to save us.

by Ian Anderson

### Forty years in business, D.Z. Akin's adapts to the changing times

*D.Z. Akin's; 6930 Alvarado Road, College Area.* Forty years ago this year, Zvika and Debi Akin put their initials together to open D.Z. Akin's, the San Diego region's foremost Jewish restaurant, delicatessen, and bakery. Originally a small counter shop, the business expanded five or six times over the years, taking over adjacent storefronts to become a primarily sit-down restaurant. Since the second expansion, it's been producing virtually all of its food in-house, including pastrami, bagels, lox, and what is, for those in the know, one of the best items on the menu: Debi's chopped liver.

However, arguably the biggest changes in the mainstay's four-decade history have taken



A mural at D.Z. Akin's invokes take out memories.

place this year. Like all other local restaurants, the family-owned-and-operated eatery found itself making unprecedented adjustments in response to the coronavirus. The first being a month-long closure.

According to Elan Akin, one of two Akin sons who have joined their parents in running the business, the restaurant had been pro-active in making pandemic-conscious changes to daily operations, even prior to

the governor's March shelter-in-place order. While it remained open into early April, it soon became apparent to the family that the surest way to protect the health of its employees and (often elderly) customers was to cease operations temporarily.

"A couple of guys came in," Akin recalls, "and they were clearly sick. They wanted matzo ball soup." The men refused to cooperate with safety protocols, and it made the Akins real-

ize, "We didn't need to take that risk."

However, D.Z. Akin's came back from the time off in mid-May with improvements to its take-out system, implementing curbside pick up and, for the first time, working with a delivery service. Now, what were once crowds of loyal customers, may isolate at home for their health, but still get their customary matzo ball soup, deli sandwiches, and baked goods.

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The truth is, despite restaurants being conditionally allowed to re-open to diners last week, such strong take-out and delivery efforts remain crucial to a restaurant's survival. Last week, D.Z. Akin's did resume dine-in service, with wait staff donning full face shields, and

guests spaced out with empty booths between them. Therefore, while the restaurant may seat up to 220 in normal times, Elan Akin estimates it currently maxes out at 80 customers.

So, it felt uncharacteristically quiet when I stopped by for a late morning dine-in experience. But despite the masks and sense of abundant caution, my

D. Z. Akin's meal itself proved comforting as ever. There was a small plate of house pickles for the table. There was my order of corned beef hash and eggs. It remains the best example of that in town, thanks to the restaurant's signature corned beef, and the fact that, unlike most diners, the hash is more meat than potatoes.

One of the biggest func-

tion al changes to dining at D.Z. Akin's is that diners enter and exit through a side door, rather than pass by the deli and bakery counters on the way out. I've always found it impossible to pass by the bakery without stopping to load up a box of cookies to-go, and wasn't about to skip this part of my dining ritual.

Rather than the traditional take-a-number system, which saw customers crowd into the space waiting to make their orders, now the bakery and deli area is sealed off from the rest of the restaurant, and treated like a separate entity, restricted to no more than three custom-



**Complimentary pickles, an enjoyable part of the ritual of dining at D.Z. Akin's.**

ers at a time. Those waiting after all these years, makes the whole thing a more streamlined experience.

"We've learned, happily, we're becoming somewhat more efficient with this new method," says Akin.

My experience backs that

up. I was able to fill a box with rugelach, macaroons, and black-and-white cookies in record time, while picking up bagels, and some of that chopped liver. And seriously, if you haven't tried Debi's chopped liver, after four decades, what are you waiting for?

by Ian Anderson



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# blurt

the inside track

**Virgin and child, with violin** The delicate, and little practiced art of hooking up musicians with paintings, doesn't occur to a lot of people. But to Kathryn Hat-

maker, basically means just a handful of musicians: duos, trios, quartets, small ensembles) in unexpected places, like art museums, art galleries, breweries, warehouse spaces,

initial idea was to be able to contextualize different works of art (and music for that matter) and provide an engaging, multi-sensory experience for the audience, all in one hour. One of our early supporters was a Trustee at the Museum, so it was a logical partnership."

Featured performers include Hatmaker herself on violin, matched with "Virgin and Child with Saint John" by Francisco de Zurbaran; harpist



Musicians play at an Art of Elan concert in the San Diego Art Museum's rotunda.

maker, San Diego violinist as well as artistic director for the Art of Elan organization, it seemed quite straightforward.

Art of Elan, in collaboration with the San Diego Museum of Art, presents a series of short online performances, inspired by paintings in the Museum's collection, running from June through August. The performers appear alongside the artwork. A full schedule is available at Art of Elan's home page.

"Art of Elan was formed as a non-profit in December 2006," Hatmaker explained, "with the idea of building community through music and bringing what we're so passionate about (classical music) to a wider and more diverse audience. We mainly present smaller, intimate chamber music concerts (which

et cetera.

"We've always loved connecting the dots between various art forms, so visual art and music is a really organic pairing for us. We first started concerts at the San Diego Museum of Art in the fall of 2007, and the



Kathryn Hatmaker wants to provide "an engaging, multisensory experience... all in one hour."

Julie Smith Phillips, matched with "In The San Felipe Valley" by Charles Reiffel; Rose Lombardo on flute, matched with "Las Tres Virgenes Volcano at Sunset" by Eliot Furness Porter; and trumpeter Stephanie Richards, matched

with "Circle, Blue-Violet" by DeWain Valentine.

"Like everyone right now, we are trying to find ways to stay true to our mission, while adapting to the 'new normal' that seems to be hanging around for longer than anyone initially thought," reflects Hatmaker. "But we are also strategizing about ways to present live music in person this fall, even if it's just for tiny audiences of 10-20 people at a time. We will continue to innovate and embrace the diversity that has made



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San Diego such a vibrant cultural ecosystem. Stay tuned." — Andrew Hamlin

**Play on words** "We were strongly encouraged to come up with a band name," says singer Leonard Patton, discussing the new cooperative group he formed with Danny Green, Justin Grinnell and Julien Cantelm, who dropped their debut album *Heard and Seen* on April 25.

The suggestion about a group name came from Marian Liebowitz, who does artist management and books a lot of tours for the band. "We used to go by the Leonard Patton/Danny Green Quartet, but that's too long, and I think

kind of cool mystique, and you hear words like 'warmth' being used to describe the music."

The band had originally planned on doing their release on April 25, but the Covid-19 panic took that idea off the table. Instead they did a "virtual" CD-release show on Zoom, with Vince Outlaw from Jazz 88 emceeding and a bunch of special guests sitting in from various locations.

How did that go?

"It went pretty well, we got to talk about what's on the album and do some playing. We were supposed to have a gig up in L.A. at the Blue Whale, and we had a big gig scheduled in Arizona around the same time. But we just had

naturally. What criteria does the band use when selecting this material?

"We don't force anything. If we don't like a tune, we're not going to play it. But even though you might recognize the tunes, we are doing them in our own way. We all have a lot of stuff we grew up with that we like, and the people seem to really like it."

The new album is out on OA2 Records. That's an increasingly rare proposition these days, having support from an outside label.

"We could have gone either way with this, we could have put it out ourselves, because you can be totally independent, but in the end,



Jazz band LP and the Vinyl recently dropped their debut album *Heard and Seen*.

Justin suggested LP, which are my initials, and the Vinyl is kind of a play on words."

But Patton believes that the whole vinyl resurgence lends a certain agency to the project. "Even the word vinyl is so precious. When someone mentions that they own a recording on vinyl there is a

to make the most of it."

The new album features a few originals, a few jazz standards, but most of the disc is drastically reimagined pop covers by folks like David Bowie, Stevie Wonder, Oasis, and Tears For Fears — "Everybody Wants To Rule The World",

we decided to see what doing the project on a label that can give you airplay might bring in terms of opportunities. So far it's working out for us."

— Robert Bush

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## LYLA JETT

Originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, Lyla Jett says she moved to San Diego in 2017 to expand her musical opportunities. She's gone on to perform at local venues such as the Music Box, Sea World's Seven Seas Festival, and downtown's Indigo Hotel, where she held her first single release party in January, just before the pandemic shutdown put an end to further launch plans. Calling herself a "live looper," in performance she favors using a loop pedal to layer on melodies, percussion, bass, and harmonies with her electric guitar. Her

new single "P.O.V." - currently streaming on all platforms - kicks off drenched in reverb, quickly establishing a dreamy groove that sways as if in a beachy breeze. If you always wanted to take someone with the sharp pop chops of Ariana Grande and Xanax her down to something even a Deadhead can spin to, this is your jam. She'll perform at the ongoing Seaport Sessions series on Thursday, June 11, with the set livestreamed on the Seaport Village website.



## PONY DEATH RIDE

"We have finished our new album, release date to be determined," states comedic rock duo Pony Death Ride, "but we did make a video for the first single, 'Cuddle Party!' Wanna get weird? Look up the actual rules for a cuddle party. Wacky. The video was put together by our video guy Jeff Forrest. The kid - and star - of the video is maybe the greatest kid ever!" The band, founded in 2009 and featuring husband-wife team Jaye and Joe MacAskill, also has a video from late last year called

"Ancestry.com Christmas" which was built from an oft-putting collection of real-life portrait photos acquired via online searches. "We threw together this slap dash video of scary relatives, not ours. It's cute, and really the best we can do until we do a real video." This week, the group is offering a half off sale on their entire streaming catalog, charging around ten dollars for all their records on BandCamp (use code neverpayretail).



## FRANKIE J

Born in Mexico and raised in San Diego, Latin singer Frankie J was known as Cisko during the four years he spent with the Spanish-singing Los Kumbia Kings, led by A.B. Quintanilla, brother of murdered tejano pop star Selena. Going solo, he grabbed the brass ring on his first go-round with his 2003 debut, *What's a Man To Do?*, which featured the hit "Don't Wanna Try." His second English-language album, the RIAA platinum-certified *The One*, was released in 2005, hitting number three on Billboard's R&B albums chart. Its first single, "Obsession (No Es Amor)," featuring Latino rapper Baby

Bash, reached number five on Billboard's Hot Latin Tracks and number four on the Pop 100 Airplay charts. The song "How to Deal" was also a hit, and his 2013 album *Faith, Hope y Amor* was nominated for a Grammy Award. A duet album with Baby Bash called *Sangria* was released in 2017, and last year he was featured on Carlos Santana's track "We're Still Here Together." Frankie J has a new album, *Canciones Que Recuerdo (Songs That I Remember)*, covering tracks made famous by José José, Juan Gabriel, Vicente Fernandez, and Selena.



## THE MONROES

The lone early-'80s hit enjoyed by locals the Monroes, "What Do All The People Know," is covered on a new single from former Runaways singer Cherie Currie, who has also worked with local Roni Lee. However, the current version of the Monroes isn't just cruising on the fumes of the song that once landed them on *The Merv Griffin Show*. In 2017, original Monroes songwriter Bob Monroe announced a new band called the Remnants, featuring singer-guitarist Ronny Jones (Aircraft, Black Bambi), singer-guitarist Barry Scott (the States), drummer Bobby Sale (Rick Elias Band, Pink Floyd Experience), and key-

boardist-songwriter Dave Pomeranz. The following May, he announced that the same lineup would henceforth be calling themselves the Monroes. The same day, a new track called "Welcome to the Show" was posted to YouTube (a song already posted the previous April as a Remnants recording, with no mention of the Monroes). More new Monroes music has since emerged, including "Midnight in Hollywood," "Good Thing God Will Forgive You," and "I Could Sing." Last month, the band (now apparently with Dave Hart on keys) debuted a new single and video for "Caught in the Balance."



## OVERFALL

Founded in 2019 and nominated Best New Artist at this year's San Diego Music Awards, progressive hard rock and metal band Overfall has been playing around town at venues such as Navajo Live, Dirk's, and Alibi La Mesa. Fronted by theatrical singer Kathleen McDowell Takahashi, they just dropped their debut single "Not Alright" on all digital outlets. The song's evolution has been tracked over the course of several live performance videos posted on YouTube during the past few months. Showing a little more decisiveness and

confidence with each successive rendition, it brings to mind formerly local powerhouse Benedictum, as well as Girlschool and even a bit of Queensryche's short dip in the prog pool. The band, whose Youtube channel also includes performance covers of tunes like "Man in the Box" by Alice In Chains and Soundgarden's "Outshined," reports that they've tracked several more original songs at guitarist-singer Asa Worcester's home studio and at Superior Sound.

You can submit a listing, download mp3s, watch videos, subscribe to event alerts, get directions, and find more information about these shows online at [SDReader.com/music](http://SDReader.com/music).

## THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

### Online Internet Events:

**Thursday, 4:30pm** — Picture Show: A Tribute Celebrating John Prine.  
**Friday, 8pm** — Live On Location: IDK at the Home Studio.  
**Saturday, 5pm & 8pm** — Belly Up Livestream: Electric Mud.  
**Saturday, Monday, & Wednesday, 12pm** — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives.  
**Saturday, 8pm** — Live On Location: Shoreline Mafia at the Studio.  
**Sunday, 12pm** — Belly Up Livestream: The White Buffalo.  
**Sunday, 7pm** — Gregory Page Almost Live Virtual Variety Show.  
**Sunday, 12pm** — Hayfitz Virtual Album Release Show.  
**Sunday, 4pm** — Kat Edmonson Sunday Concert.  
**Sunday, 8pm** — Live On Location: G Herbo at Studio M.  
**Monday, 7pm** — Happy Ron's World Wide Community Sing Alongs.  
**Monday, 8pm** — Waxahatchee Livestream. \$15-\$60.  
**Wednesday, 2pm** — Fireside Sessions with David Nail.  
**Wednesday, 8pm** — Kaki King: DATA NOT FOUND.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### Balboa Theatre:

**Thursday, June 25** — Kraftwerk 3-D.

### Belly Up Tavern:

**Wednesday, June 24** — Thao & the Get Down Stay Down.  
**Thursday, June 25** — Cracker.  
**Sunday, June 28** — Whitney Shay.  
**Saturday, July 4** — Paul Thorn. \$20-\$35.  
**Sunday, July 5** — Charley Crockett. \$20-\$35.  
**Thursday, July 9** — Mike Peters of The Alarm.  
**Saturday, July 11** — Tainted Love

and Metal Street Boyz.  
**Sunday, July 12** — Infinite Floyd.  
**Sunday, July 12** — Monophonic.  
**Tuesday, July 14** — Delta Spirit. \$22-\$39.  
**Wednesday, July 15** — Delta Spirit. \$22-\$39.  
**Thursday, July 16** — Mariachi El Bronx.  
**Saturday, July 18** — Mustache Harbor.  
**Casbah:**  
**Thursday, July 9** — Sheer Mag and Nancy.  
**Monday, July 13** — Pottery. \$10-\$12.  
**Wednesday, July 15** — Rac. \$20-\$99.

**Thursday, July 16** — Mystic Braves. \$16-\$18.

### House of Blues:

**Saturday, June 27** — Ollie. \$12-\$14.

### La Fleur's Winery:

**Saturday, June 20** — Shay Skylar. Free.

### La Jolla Community Center:

**Friday, June 26** — Lori Bell, Ron Satterfield, Tommy Aros. \$18-\$25.

### Music Box:

**Friday, July 3** — Mark Farina and Chuck Love. \$22-\$25.  
**Sunday, July 12** — Mud Slide Slim. \$25-\$47.

BY GARRETT HARRIS

# IMMORTAL BEAUTY

## We're all George Floyd. We're all Derek Chauvin

What could an early 20th Century British composer and a 19th Century American poet possibly have to say about the context of police brutality in early 21st Century America?

First of all, I am growing weary of venerating the personalities of the past and the cultures within which they existed. I always want to give credit where credit is due, but when it comes to the creative arts, almost all great artists claim "The Muse" or God should receive the credit, and I agree. The value of any work of art is based on the extent to which it can be applied to the human condition and the chaos within which we exist.

I have a very practical approach to art and music. I base that approach on a quote from the author known as Novalis. "The highest purpose of intellectual

cultivation is to give us perfect knowledge and mastery of our inner selves."

The atrocities of the past several days have been committed by individuals who do not have mastery of their inner selves in any way, shape, or fashion, and chaos has erupted from that lack. The innocent have been killed, and random vengeance has been confused with justice.

We live in an anti-intellectual culture, yet we are surprised when it throws up elements of chaos and violence. That strikes me as worse than naive. The system which must be changed is the system that stunts intellectual cultivation.

That system has reduced Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech to three words, "Black Lives Matter" and those three words have been replaced by three letters and a hashtag, #BLM.

The problem is far bigger and more menacing than we can imagine.

Is a hashtag sufficient for the task at hand?

Taking a few seconds to post a blackout photo on social media is something, but it is something less than cultivating one's intellect in order to gain perfect knowledge and mastery of the inner self. We can't virtue signal self-knowledge. All we can do is use self-knowledge in the interest of liberty and justice for all.

The piece of music referenced at the top of this article is called *A Sea Symphony*. The text of the second movement is from a poem entitled "On the Beach at Night Alone."

*On the beach at night alone,  
 As the old mother sways  
 to and fro singing her husky song,*



A vast similitude interlocks all.

*As I watch the bright stars shining, I think a thought of the clef of the universes and of the future.*

*A vast similitude interlocks all,*

*All spheres, grown, ungrown, small, large, suns, moons, planets,*

*All distances of place however wide,*

*All distances of time, all inanimate forms,*

*All souls, all living bodies though they be ever so different, or in different worlds,*

*All gaseous, watery, vegetable, mineral processes,*

*the fishes, the brutes, All nations, colors, barbarisms, civilizations, languages,*

*All identities that have existed or may exist on this globe, or any globe,*

*All lives and deaths, all of the past, present, future,*

*This vast similitude spans them, and always has spann'd,*

*And shall forever span them and compactly hold and enclose them.*

*We are all George Floyd and we are all Derek Chauvin. We are all innocent and we are all guilty.*

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**Friday, July 17** — Yachtley Crew and Radio Thieves. \$22-\$24.

### Observatory North Park:

**Wednesday, July 1** — The Airborne Toxic Event.  
**Friday, July 17** — Car Seat Headrest.

### Online Internet Events:

**Saturday, June 20** — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives.  
**Sunday, June 21** — Kat

Edmonson Sunday Concert.  
**Sunday, June 21** — Gregory Page Almost Live Virtual Variety Show.  
**Monday, June 22** — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives.

### Open Air Theatre:

**Saturday, July 18** — Melanie Martinez.

### Soda Bar:

**Thursday, June 18** — Kevin

Krauter.  
**Sunday, June 21** — Hazel English.  
**Thursday, June 25** — Heavy Heavy Low Low.  
**Saturday, June 27** — Hip-Hop & Poetry Night.  
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# After the Disaster

The real Scott Davidson, Pete's father, was a New York firefighter and first-responder who died in 2001 when the World Trade Center collapsed around him. Anyone familiar with his son's Comedy Central appearances knows how many dark laughs Pete has milked out of being left fatherless at age seven. Those who made it through Apatow's cancer comedy *Funny People* had every right to fear a relapse into maudlinity in this autobiographical

ical tale of a young man who, after 17 years, still can't get out from under the loss of his father. Happily, co-screenwriter Davidson clings to his therapeutic roots; there will be no calming shades of sentiment to soften *The King of Staten Island*.

Ink flows through Scott Carlin's (Davidson) veins. He has more tattoos than a fleet of drunken sailors, and dreams of opening an ink-and-skin themed eatery along the lines of Ruby Tattoosdays. His mother Margie (Marisa Tomei) arranges for her aimless boy to get a job in his cousin's restaurant, a ploy that will later allow Apatow space to stage a haphazard pair of uncomfortable confrontations. Body art remains Scott's obsession, but as a tattoo artist, he makes a great waiter. Having used all of his friends as test victims — a forearm sketch of Barack Obama looks like something out of *Alien Nation* — Scott is always looking for new canvases on which to practice. That includes Harold (Luke David Blumm), a nine-year-old who one day happens upon Scott's enclave.

The needle stings Harold's arm just long enough to leave a half-inch mark and send the boy screaming home to his divorced dad Ray (Bill Burr). This leads to a vituperative visit to the Carlin home, followed by a hush-hush romance between Margie and Ray. Much to Scott's satisfaction, in the almost two decades since her husband died, Margie hasn't been out on one date. The eventual downfall of both men in Margie's eyes is hard felt, particularly after Scott & Co. briefly turn to a life of crime to help bankroll his tattoo bistro.

His stoner friends take so much they no longer get high, but keep puffing away because they dig the lifestyle. Unbeknownst to the gang, Scott just recently turned the corner with his lifelong friend Kelsey (Bel Powley). *Alita: Battle Angel* left me wondering why they bothered giving Rosa Salazar the CG Margaret Keane treatment with tumescent-eyed young actresses like Powley (or Anya Taylor-Joy) eager to report for duty. Powell's take on Kelsey is anything but

wide-eyed. The doubt she brings to an otherwise backstopping sweetheart draws attention to Scott's worth. And speaking of ocularly-enhanced parties here-to, it isn't until Ray floats the idea of Scott filling his father's boots that the self-destructiveness that has guided his life shows signs of dwindling. It's here that real-life firefighter Steve Buscemi — he could just as well have played Davidson's father — shows up to lend support as Scott's commander.

Past reservations linger on. Dialogue scenes persist long after the point is made. At 136 minutes, it runs about a reel too long; some of the more skit-ish material — waiters boxing for tips — should have found a home in the deleted scenes supplement of the blu-ray. And Apatow has yet to develop much in the way of a visual style. Borrowing a page from Woody Allen, he does the next best thing by hiring Robert Elswit (*Michael Clayton*, *There Will Be Blood*, *Nightcrawler*) one of the best DPs in the business, to make him look good. Ultimately, it was the consistently funny, warm-hearted ensemble that won me over. I haven't liked an Apatow film this much since *Knocked Up*. Maybe even more. ★★★

—Scott Marks

## Human Rights Watch Film Festival

Three films directed by women and told largely from the points-of-view of female activists highlight this year's Human Rights Watch Film Festival. The 11-film series will be available online June 11-20. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://ff.hrw.org/>.

**The Belly of the Beast** — The use of elective sterilization as a cost-effective method of contraception inside women's prisons sounds like something out of a sequel to Lars Von Trier's *The Kingdom*. But inside the belly of documentarian Erika Cohen's *Beast* lurks a monstrosity more appalling than horror fiction. The concept of purifying the human gene pool had been around since the late 1800s. The Nazis were so impressed with California's capacity to sterilize 20,000 people that in 1937 they paid a visit to consult with our state's top eugenicists. It wasn't until 1979 that correctional facilities were ordered to stop performing hysterectomies for purposes of birth control. The problem not only festered, it got worse. Doctors would order pap smears for patients complaining of a broken finger. One physician took victim-blaming to new heights by accusing sex-deprived



**The King of Staten Island: Marisa Tomei and Pete Davidson fan flames of resentment.**

inmates of deliberately asking to be examined. Legal activist Cynthia Chandler was the girl sporting a mohawk in her high school yearbook photo, and when it comes to fighting for women's rights, she's still punk rock. Kelli McDonald was misdiagnosed with cervical cancer while imprisoned and intentionally sterilized. Their combined involvement and determination help to transform what could have been a standard documentary into a compelling individual rights drama. 2020 —S.M.

**Coded Bias** — Can algorithms discriminate based on personal prejudices embedded into the technology? Are computers capable of racism and sexism? In her quest to create an inspiration mirror for her science project, M.I.T student Joy Buolamwini discovered her computer software program worked only when she donned a white mask. The training sets provided to “teach machines to see” showed biometrics authentication registered better in mostly light-skinned men, as opposed to female faces of color. Artificial intelligence is being used like tattoos or microchips to keep track of human behavior. Too many documentarians realize halfway through shooting that they don't have enough material to warrant a feature and begin scrambling to find sidebars to pad the running time. Not Shalini Kantayya. She begins her narrative with a cogent history of facial recognition technology and won't quit until laws have been passed against the high-tech bigotry programmed into A.I. that discriminates against minorities. 2020. —S.M.

**Down a Dark Stairwell** — The homicide transpired in a Brooklyn housing project in 2014: NYPD cop Peter Liang was two years on the job when he hap-

pened across Akai Gurley, an unarmed 28-year-old black man, on a dim flight of steps. The 911 call ends with the neighbor on the other end gasping, “The cop shot him.” When he was found guilty of reckless manslaughter, Liang became the first NYPD cop to be successfully prosecuted for an on-duty killing in 10 years. The conviction brought to the fore the racial tensions that existed between the Asian- and African-American com-

munities. Director Ursula “No Relation To Peter” Liang's gripping documentary takes us from the night of the shooting — Officer Liang said it was the result of an accidental discharge — through the sentencing phase, where he could face either 15 years in prison or a probationary slap on the wrist. The nationwide peaceful protests that followed the conviction couldn't have been better timed had the events unfolded last week. 2020 —S.M.



## LES CHOSSES DE LA VIE (THE THINGS OF LIFE) (1970)

Let's welcome a throwback to a time when drivers would pull off the road and physically exit their autos to get a glimpse of the carnage rather than hitting the brakes for a slow-speed look-see. We learn the incidentals of the accident through snatches of conversation blurted by the gossiping horde. What they don't know: the driver, thrown from his Alfa Romeo and lying face down in the dirt, is a booked-solid architect (Michel Piccoli) on his way to run off with his lover (Romy



*The Things of Life: One of three Romy Schneider melodramas new to blu-ray this week.*

Schneider), the Dear Jane letter to his wife (Léa Massari) still lounging in his breast pocket. The incident begins to rewind under the credits, heralding a disordered chronology aimed at unraveling the events that led up to wreck. The crash is the film's centerpiece, a spot to which we will return throughout the picture. Claude Sautet directs with a surgeon's eye towards nuance; every overcranked divot of dirt and uprooted daisy is carefully detailed, and you can practically feel the glass dust in your nostrils the moment the laminated windshield cracks. The romance takes an occasional backseat to the melodramatic repetition, but the powerful payoff justifies the jaunt. And the exquisite process photography puts CGI to shame.

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**ONLINE CALL OF DUTY 2V2 TOURNAMENT** Free entry online Call of duty 2v2 tournament. Tournament will be live streamed on our twitch channel. Make sure to tag your call of duty playing buddies. SanDiegoEsportsLeague.com Travis@EpicVideoGameBus.com

**PETITION TO DE-FUND SDDP** <https://www.change.org/p/defund-san-diego-police-department-we-need-100-000-signatures>. Dear San Diego City Council., This past week San Diego has seen SDDP use

aggression towards peaceful protesters exercising our First Amendment right resulting in violence and harm. SDPD utilized tear gas, concussion grenades, rubber bullets and more. These actions have resulted in rioting, looting, arrests of peaceful protesters, the harm of children, BIPOC, disabled folks and supporting members of the community. This is not okay. (619) 944-1324 / annamzel@gmail.com

**FREE EMERGENCY MEALS FOR KIDS AND TEENS IN LAKESIDE** Daily from Monday - Friday 3:30 pm to 5 pm, kids' meals are available in front of the Lakeside Community Center on Vine St. The San Diego Food Bank and Heavens Window have partnered to help families.

**NOTICE** This is a notice stating that Michelle D. Hastings is no longer responsible for Christopher S. Hastings' poor spelling of words like "accrue."

**FREE FOOD** If your family needs food or if you want to partner with us and contribute with any resources, please call us @ (619) 690-0623 #victoryoutreach

**READER BRUNCH AT THE PARK 2020** Join the San Diego Reader at our second annual Reader Brunch at the Park event on Saturday, October 17, 2020 at NTC Park in Liberty Station. Brace yourself for the most brunch-tastic event around. A brunch battle like no other, attendees will spend the afternoon munching on unlimited brunch bites from 20+ vendors. Don't forget to cast your vote for the Best Classic Brunch Bite. Brunch without booze is just a sad breakfast, so be sure to stop by the bar for your full-sized pours. Proceeds from the bar will benefit Traveling Stories, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing books to kids who don't have any and inspiring a love for reading everywhere. Mingle with other like-minded brunch enthusiasts under the San Diego sun while listening to live music and enjoying photo ops, lawn games and so much more...because brunch is always a good idea!

**COWBOY THEATER** Watch the 100 best B-Western movies on COX cable, North 18 and South 23. Free! 12 noon Mondays, 2PM Wednesdays, 9AM Fridays.

**TACOTOPIA 2020: TACOS VS BURGERS** Presented by Anheuser-Busch, this year only, we are celebrating the pure magic of both tacos and burgers! The San Diego Reader and Anheuser-Busch are pleased to invite you to the biggest clash of the cuisine festival, know as 'Reader Tacotopia 2020: Tacos vs Burgers Presented by Anheuser-Busch!' The largest UNLIMITED taco and burger event in San Diego on November 7, 2020. This event will take place in beautiful Golden Hill Park. At Tacos vs Burgers, we will take advantage of our SoCal surroundings by gathering the very best taco and burger vendors all in one place for your gastronomic

pleasure. At the end of the day, attendees will ultimately decide who will win the Best Taco Award and the Best Burger Award. The unlimited taco and burger tastings, full-sized Anheuser-Busch beer pours and margaritas available at the bar, live music, lucha libre wrestling, lawn games and San Diego sun will make this our most popular event ever! ReaderTacotopia.com

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## CLASSES / LESSONS

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**GIRLS LEARNING TO GAME** It's a group for women, non-binary, and trans people who would like to get better at gaming or try it for the first time - it's great for creative problem-solving, tackling challenges, embracing failure, and having fun while meeting new people. <https://www.meetup.com/girlslearningtogame/>

**LEARN HIP-HOP FROM MADRID VIA ZOOM** My name is Lisa and I'm a dancer from Belgium who's been living in Madrid since 2015. I danced street dance / hip-hop and contemporary for ten years. <https://www.meetup.com/Madrid-Hip-Hop-Meetup/>

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**LEARN MAH JONGG ON ZOOM** Using Zoom and Real Mah Jongg Online app for Meetup during the Covid 19 duration. A phone interview prior to membership is obligatory. We play mah jongg using the current National Mah Jongg League card and rules. [www.meetup.com/Southwest-Houston-Mah-Jongg/](http://www.meetup.com/Southwest-Houston-Mah-Jongg/)

**TONE, TIGHTEN & SCULPT WITH PILATES** Workout with me virtually from the comfort of your home! Contact me for more info about online classes. IG: @monica.salcido salcido02@gmail.com

**UKULELE LESSONS ON ZOOM** Are you looking for connection & community while learning to play the uke? We will be learning the basics together while building

our skills on our weekly zoom calls. [www.meetup.com/ukulele-on-zoom/](http://www.meetup.com/ukulele-on-zoom/)

**VIRTUAL SUMMER ACADEMY FOR KIDS** The Little Lions Summer Academy is an elementary school preparatory program for children, entering grades first thru fifth. (619) 268-1255

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**CHULA VISTA, \$700.** Furnished room. Single occupancy. Proof of employment required. Includes utilities, cable/ Internet, refrigerator, microwave. Quiet neighborhood. No drugs, smoking, alcohol, pets. East of I-805. (619) 840-7299.

**SAN MARCOS HOME** Roommate for a large home in San Marcos. 1800 ft., 2 bedroom 2 bath. Call for details (760) 727-4393.

**WANTED GARAGE/ROOM FOR RENT** Call Leon (619) 208-2210.

**MOVING TO SDSU FROM SFSU** Hi! I'm looking to move to San Diego area from San Francisco and I'm looking for a room to rent around the \$600 to \$800 range. I'm planning to move anytime around July or August.

instagram: mo\_money60. DM me

**ROOMMATE HERE 5 MINS FROM SDSU** Hi y'all, I'm looking for someone to double with in a master bedroom. The house is located 5 minutes from campus and is right by Ralphs. Rent is \$525 not including utilities. If anyone is interested, feel free to PM me on Instagram! @tran4mer



**SEEKING SDSU ROOMMATES** Hi. I just committed to SDSU for fall as a junior. I currently attend the University of Arizona and looking for roommates this fall. I'm open to living at any apartment and hope to room with any junior girls. Hmu on Instagram. @jadamacie

**ROOM WANTED IN EL CAJON** 61 year old single male with no kids or pets seeks a quiet furnished room in a quiet stress free house or apartment. Must be close to my job and be within 1 or 2 blocks of buses. Clean, quiet, can pay between \$600-\$700/month. Need by July or August, call or text (619) 708-1914.



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**MISSION HILLS, \$2495.** 2BD+2BA. Skylights, secure underground parking, laundry on site. No pets. 5780 Friars Road. Agent, (619) 298-7724. www.allpointsrealestate.com

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**\$1300 SUBLET IN ENCINITAS** I am looking for a female (sorry men) to take over my lease which will be through the end of September. The lease can start at the earliest June 15th and the lease would end at the end of September, which would be a 3.5 month lease if started then. (808) 222-7421

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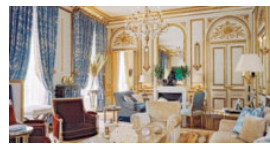
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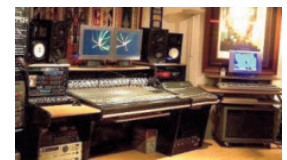


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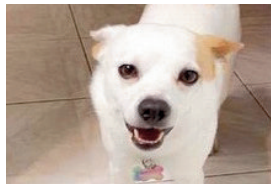
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and Faulconer's desire to climb the state's political ladder have since stoked his need to set himself apart from Donald Trump — without an outright repudiation of the Republican president and his big-money backers. Last year, Faulconer paid \$4000 remaining from his 2016 mayoral campaign fund to retain the services of Praetorian Public Relations of Walnut Creek. Fox News subsequently credited Praetorian's Matt Shupe with supplying a photograph of Faulconer talking to a mother and daughter during a tour of a downtown homeless shelter. Tweeted Shupe on June 1: "Sad that the California Capitol press

corps are more interested in baiting the Governor into anti-Trump headlines rather than asking meaningful questions affecting Californians lives and their livelihoods."

The consultant worked for the 2018 gubernatorial campaign of Rancho Santa Fe's John Cox, Democrat Gavin Newsom's GOP opponent.

This past January 17, the mayor chose West Coast *Politico* columnist Carla Marinucci to reveal what he said was a newly launched ballot committee devoted to homeless relief, an issue that he has repeatedly fumbled in San Diego. The new campaign fund, called Rebuilding the California Dream, had been set

up by Faulconer two days earlier on January 15, per a registration statement filed with the California secretary of state's office. The committee's treasurer is listed as Tom Hiltachk, a Sacramento lawyer with a specialty in rough-and-tumble California Republican politics who worked to recall gubernatorial Democrat Gray Davis in 2003, then served as an attorney for Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, who replaced Davis. Hiltachk also ran interference for GOP gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman during a scandal involving her decade-long employment of undocumented domestic help.

Matt Potter

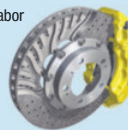
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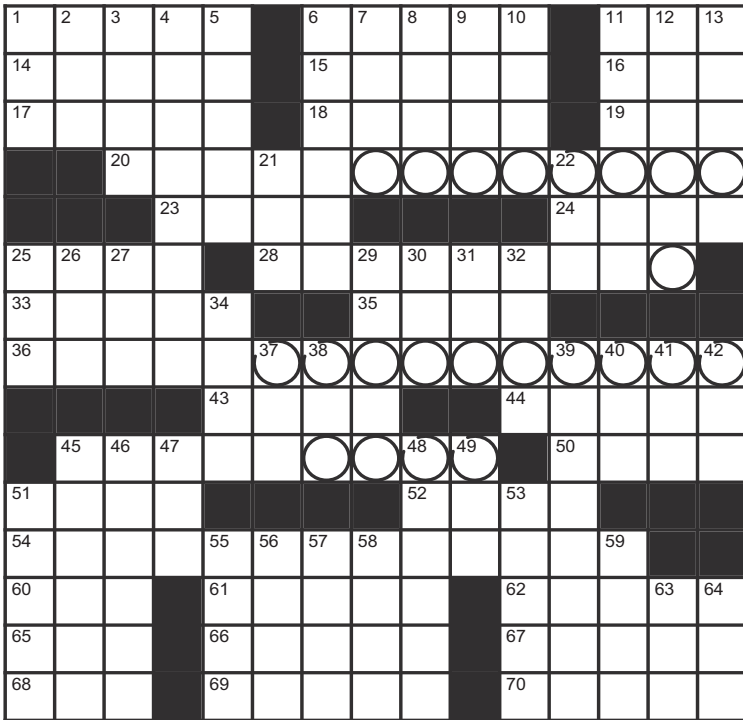
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## Across

1. Audibly appalled
6. Horizontal lines on graphs
11. Part of a sci-fi film's budget
14. Black Sea getaway
15. Japanese dog breed
16. Pioneer in email and 61-Across
17. New York's Memorial \_\_\_\_-Kettering hospital
18. Singer Simone and actress Dobrev, for two
19. Cattle call?
20. It helps you get the big picture
23. Promised \_\_\_\_
24. Native American tribe with a namesake lake
25. \_\_\_\_ duck
28. Type of geometry
33. Pickle juice
35. River to the Seine
36. Baseball's Dan Quisenberry and Kent Tekulve, famously
43. Someone may run for it
44. Little buddy
45. 2014 Ice Cube/Kevin Hart comedy
50. Blast of wind
51. Greek known for paradoxes
52. Solemn pledge

54. They may occur to you later ... or where this puzzle's circled letters are all located
  60. "Breaking Bad" org.
  61. Cyberchatting
  62. \_\_\_\_ and aahed
  65. Vex
  66. Father-daughter activity
  67. \_\_\_\_ whale
  68. Suffix with Brooklyn
  69. Initial stage
  70. Neighbor of Hertfordshire
- Down**
1. Things blockers block
  2. \_\_\_\_ pal
  3. "Don't have \_\_\_\_, man!"
  4. "Divergent" star Woodley
  5. Black-and-white animal in the World Wildlife Fund logo
  6. 1980 film with the #1 hit "Magic"
  7. Related (to)
  8. Ped \_\_\_\_ (street sign)
  9. List-ending abbr.
  10. Postpaid encl.
  11. Smartphone feature
  12. "Don't wait out here"
  13. Conceder's comment
  21. Opposite of WSW
  22. "BlackKlansman" director
  25. Dumbbell abbr.
  26. The NFL's Cardinals, on

- scoreboards
27. Prefix with air or afternoon
  29. Acknowledge as true
  30. Number of weeks per annum?
  31. Suffix with violin or novel
  32. You can deal with it
  34. Lighten, as a burden
  37. "The Crying Game" actor Stephen
  38. Opposite of "bon"
  39. Certain sneakers
  40. College URL suffix
  41. Hwys.
  42. Drunkard
  45. Alludes (to)
  46. Dietician's concern
  47. A deer, a female deer
  48. "If thou must love me, let it be for \_\_\_\_ / Except for love's sake only": Elizabeth Barrett Browning
  49. Funny thing
  51. "White Teeth" author Smith
  53. "All \_\_\_\_ in favor ..."
  55. Puerto \_\_\_\_
  56. Eliot Ness, notably
  57. Online search metric
  58. In years past
  59. Hens and heifers
  63. "Fore
  64. "Party Up (Up in Here)" rapper

**SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:**

C	O	L	B	E	R	T		P	E	G		T	G	I
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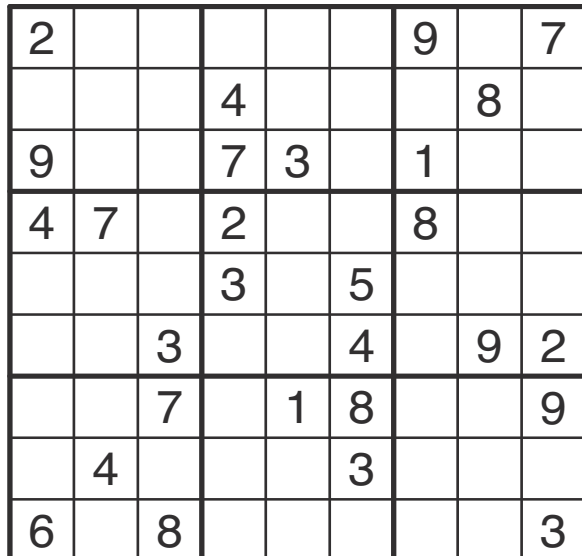
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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

### HARD:

3	2	5	7	6	9	4	1	8
8	6	1	5	3	4	7	9	2
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1	5	4	9	7	8	2	6	3
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**The Allure of Junk Food**

— San Diego police responding to a burglar alarm at a Wells Fargo bank in Chollas View, California, around 3:30 am on May 27, found a broken window by the bank's drive-thru. Alarm company personnel told officers surveillance cameras showed a man inside the bank's break room, using the microwave. Police gained entry to the bank and arrested the unnamed man, who told KGTV he had gone into the bank only to warm up his Hot Pockets. Asked if the Hot Pockets were worth the arrest, the man said, "Hell yeah it was worth it."

— City Parks and Recreation employee Zach Morris was cleaning up storm damage in Wynne, Arkansas, at the city's sports complex on May 24 when he noticed that someone had broken into the concession stand. "The whole place was just looted," Morris told WREG. The stand had been fully stocked for games scheduled before COVID-19 lockdowns began, and thieves helped themselves to drinks and candy, even taking the time to prepare nachos and popcorn before they left. Police are hoping the culprits will confess. "The right thing to do is take responsibility for the mistakes you made," Morris said.

**Homeschooling Gone Wild**

— Parents have lodged complaints with the Archbishop Sentamu Academy in Hull, England, after discovering their seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders were sent an exer-

cise asking them to define pornography, soft pornography, hardcore pornography and other sensitive subjects, such as human trafficking and female genital mutilation. *Hull Live* reported on May 19 that the assignments were made as part of the school's sex education course, but one parent, identified as Mrs. Taylor, said if her daughter had searched these terms on the internet, the results would have "destroyed her mind" and "scarred her for life." The school responded saying, "Students were not directed to research these topics themselves on the internet because all the answers ... were contained in the teacher-produced materials we shared." Principal Chay Bell apologized: "I am genuinely sorry for any upset caused at this difficult time."

**Inexplicable**

— A Facebook group called "A group where we all pretend to be ants in an ant colony" began March with around 100,000 members, reported NBC. Then the world locked down, and membership soared to more than 1.7 million. Started by Tyrese Childs, 20, of Fargo, North Dakota, the group's purpose is to serve their fictional queen and search out food for her, and it is one of roughly 70 role-playing groups on Facebook. Members of the ant colony can post photos about being ants, and others join in by commenting with terms such as "MUNCH" and "LIFT." One post featuring a photo of ice cream with ants crawling on it invited members to deliver some of the sweet treat to the queen and got more than 18,000 replies. "I think

people are searching for something to do right now," Childs said. "You can only scroll so much on social media."

**Latest Sightings**

— UFO hunter Scott Waring discovered what he believes to be the "entrance to an alien base" on Earth on May 13 by studying Google Earth. According to the *Mirror*, Waring said the base doesn't fit in with its surroundings on a "small and uninhabited island in Indonesia" and "aliens would love to have a hidden base" in such a secluded location. Using a Google Earth tool, he measured the opening, which is about 66 feet across – big enough, he said, to "get a lot of alien ships in there." One commenter on Waring's YouTube channel praised his finding: "My gut tells me this is 100% legit. Good job man!"

**Bird Brain**

— Security agencies in India thought they may have captured a Pakistani spy after villagers in Manyari, a border town in the disputed region of Kashmir, delivered the courier to police, but the mole wasn't a mole at all; it was a pigeon. According to *Sky News*, Kathua Police Superintendent Shailendra Mishra said the bird flew into a home on May 24 and a "ring was seen attached to one of its legs with some numbers on it ... Some called it a coded message." Authorities are trying to decipher the message, as pigeons have been used for espionage in the disputed region in the past. Meanwhile, the BBC reports that a Pakistani man named Habibullah is claiming the pigeon is his, and the number on the ring is his

mobile phone number. Habibullah, who lives just a few miles from the India/Pakistan border, has asked for the pigeon's return and told local media India should "refrain from victimizing innocent birds."

**Recurring Theme**

— In the Sydney, Australia, suburb of Marrickville, a family has resorted to erecting a fence and a warning sign to scare away a "mystery human poo-er" who has allegedly been defecating next to their garage, *United Press International* reported. "We have installed this fence and a camera to hand over to police," the sign reads. "We understand that COVID-19 is tough on everyone but please stop."

**Another Job Threatened**

— Massachusetts-based Boston Dynamics has partnered with the New Zealand robotics company Rocos to develop a robotic dog, Spot, to herd sheep. "The age of autonomous robots is upon us," Rocos chief executive David Inggs told *United Press International*. The dog can be controlled remotely as it guides sheep through mountainous and difficult terrain, according to the company. "It just needs to walk with intent toward the sheep and they seem to respond," said Richard Stinear, Rocos chief technology officer. In other words, they act like sheep.

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still cold and crisp even though it's 24 hours past the expiration date. There are no avocados in sight. I offer to share my meal with Steve, but he passes, nodding in agreement that this is no different than salads we've previously paid five bucks to consume.

Our next stop is a particularly foul looking (and smelling) communal dumpster behind an unlocked gate. Being hyper cautious about sanitation in these days of plague, I open and shut the fly-infested box quickly and prepare to scout cleaner areas. That's when the dumpster's guardian, a man who calls himself "New York," arrives with his sidekick, Mark, and asks what we are doing there. We tell him that we are journalists in search of a story and he politely informs

us that he is paid to keep an eye on the dumpsters and the recently abandoned Oceanside Boulevard police station that has been used as an unofficial homeless shelter.

New York smiles slyly and rolls his eyes before saying, "You should know not to go dumpster diving on trash day." He recommends the Smat & Final around the corner, saying, "They sometimes leave out steaks for the homeless in Styrofoam coolers." By the time we arrive, there is no trace of any food other than what is for sale on the other side of the cinderblock wall. On our way out, we pass an encampment of homeless men, huddled together, smoking and eating.

The next dumpster we visit is behind a Vons in Carlsbad, off El Camino Real. There we find a shop vacuum and a rug shampooer that may



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or may not be in working order. I wonder what Slim Dooby would say about them being thrown out. Because of my wasteful American upbringing, however, I close the lid without checking on their condition. As we stroll to the next dumpster, Steve and I wonder aloud as to why and when society

quit fixing stuff and began throwing everything out.

The price we pay is greater than what we lay down at the register. The environmental bill is something that won't come due for years. To get an idea of this, just look down any aisle in any store and see how much plastic is being used

in the form of linoleum floors, displays, lighting, packaging, and the items themselves. Once at the register, it gets wrapped in another plastic bag and will be placed in still another plastic bag when it is thrown out. Every day, the world tosses an estimated 14 billion tons of trash, most of it plastic,

into the ocean. At the current rate, this amount is expected to triple in the next 10 years. None of this will break down until long after the current generation is buried in their pre-fab coffins.

Continuing down the alley behind Vons we encounter a dumpster containing a couch worthy of a man cave or frat house, a gently used kids' scooter, and various other interesting recyclables. Rat phobia keeps me from deeper investigation.

#### It's about freedom

"The lust for comfort, that stealthy thing that enters the house a guest, and then becomes a host, and then a master."

— Khalil Gibran, *The Prophet*

Bobby is a fit, articulate, good-looking man approaching 60. He has lived on both sides of

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the dumpster, and while multi-skilled, values freedom over what he calls the “corporate prison,” a suit-and-tie nine-to-five sentence he imposed upon himself until recently. He has decided to keep his location and full name secret. This is not out of shame for his lifestyle — he’s proud of it — but because he has some well-to-do dog-sitting clients who might not understand his living in his van on a ranch a few miles east of Eden.

Bobby has an MBA, and what he jokingly calls “an honorary Ph.D. in fun, common sense, and free living.” His practical priorities kept him from fitting in with his former peers. According to him, “What changed my life was seeing how much was required to make things work. Around six years ago, I asked a friend who was single and making \$80,000

a year how much he could save a month. He said he would be hard-pressed to put \$500 aside. Another young friend of mine was making around \$300 a day in tips as a waitress. She lived at home and was still unable to save any money. I was no different than them.”

Unlike them, however, dumpster diving made good sense to Bobby. After work, he would shed the suit and tie in favor of something fitting the occasion. A half-hour later, he would be driving home with more food than he could eat in a month. He has since cut back substantially, not because he lost the taste for it, but, as he says, “Dumpster diving for food became more difficult after markets began donating leftover food to charities and food banks. I am honestly glad for that, since one of my main rea-

sons for dumpster diving was simply that I hate waste. A few years back, I would get chickens still cold from refrigeration along with various types of salads, all sealed and ready to eat. I spent nearly nothing on food for over two years and saved thousands of dollars while having the best meals anyone could afford.”

Bobby concurs with other divers, saying, “You have to know where to go, but it’s also about timing. Get there too early and you’re likely to get run off, too late and somebody else may have beaten you to it. I always arrived just after closing time.”

Not wasting is so important to Bobby that he uses everything, including the bones of a chicken to make stock for soup. According to him, “It pisses me off that it’s no longer legal for restaurants to give their leftover

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food to feed livestock. So much of it simply gets thrown away. The problem is that many people operate on the idea that life remains steady. Well, 100 years ago when we were primarily an agrarian society, nobody thought that way. There was no guarantee that a famine wouldn't hit. Not wasting was part of their being prepared for bad years. Now, every credit card may be maxed out, but you've got that hot car. As a society we've become no different than a heroin addict whose solution to addiction is more heroin.

"Back when I was working full time, I could easily afford to go into any store or restaurant and buy whatever I needed or wanted. Instead, I got it when it had just expired. I'm a pretty decent chef, and when I've had friends over for dinner, I never told them where their



Tomato sauce for decades.

food had come from. When they were done, someone inevitably mentioned they couldn't get such good food in a restaurant. They didn't know how right they were."

Bobby was making good money, but spending the majority of it on rent and the entertainment required to numb

him against a job he disliked. According to him, "When I realized I wasn't getting much satisfaction from my work and was not saving anything, I quit my job, let go of my apartment, sold my car and bought a cargo van that I have since converted to live in.

"I figured I had a year

to get things together, so I put 20,000 interest-free dollars on my credit card and found a place to park my van. I was making around \$300 a week caring for dogs, and with that alone, I was able to take down my entire debt in just over a year. From there, I began saving, and now have around \$60,000

saved, something I never could have done while working full time."

Since his days in the corporate world, Bobby has made money as a stock trader, a card player, a dog sitter, and a tutor. He can fix most anything, including a gourmet meal on a dollar store budget. Before the virus hit, he spent much of his time caring for dogs and living in luxury estates in La Jolla, Del Mar, and Rancho Santa Fe. His clients always call him back because he does more than expected while taking great care of their homes and their pets. One of the perks of the job is that his clients allow him to eat whatever's in the freezer. This includes rare entrées like wild elk, valued at up to \$200 a pound, and wild pheasant.

One of the few downsides of living as he does is not inconvenience but other people's perception.

According to him, "If I were to meet a woman in a bar, which I no longer do since my lifestyle requires not spending ten dollars on a two-dollar drink, I eventually have to say that I live in my van. To many people, that's either one step above or below living with your mom. Now, if I say I live in a multi-million dollar estate, which is sometimes the case, it can be a whole different story. Now add dumpster diving to the mix and, well..."

"In dumpster diving, there's kind of an unwritten law that you yield to the first one there. The guy I was most often in competition with was using the food he gathered to supply a food bank, so I gave him a lot of room and respect. But it has never been about getting free food for me. It was about freedom itself. I've got a good bed and a solar shower I designed. I'm

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comfortable, but I don't want to get too comfortable. Once you do, you don't appreciate anything. I appreciate the houses I can stay in, but it would cost \$5000 a month just for the taxes. Think of all it takes to earn \$5000! Getting paid to stay in Del Mar, La Jolla, and Rancho Santa Fe is like having a friend with a yacht. I can enjoy everything about it without any of the worries. In exchange for all that, I walk the dogs I enjoy being with. To some people, I have nothing, but to me, I'm living the dream. I stay in some of the nicest places in San Diego, eat better than anyone I know, and enjoy the company.

"Eating well for me still doesn't require spending a lot of money. I recently paid six dollars for 12 ounces of oysters that I cooked in a parking lot two blocks away from a famous seafood



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restaurant where people were paying many times that amount for the same

meal. That was one of the most memorable meals I've ever had. Developing

a taste for expensive food and \$100 bottles of wine is like developing a taste for drugs. After a while, it doesn't do anything for you, yet you have to have it.

"I sometimes hunt, and I've found that being detached from where our food comes from causes people to miss out on a lot of life. Too often, people follow what other people tell them they need to be happy. Nobody knows the cost of things; they simply think 'That's pretty; I want it.' On \$400 a month, I can live better than most of the population in tiny apartments who eat mediocre food at high prices. Then there are people who are always dieting. I can honestly say I've never seen a happy person who can't enjoy a meal."

Before you rush out and buy a van to live in, you might want to heed Bobby's advice. "I know

a young guy who says he's going to live in his van and live off the land. That may be okay in some places, but not in California. If you want to live out of a van, you need to be prepared. It's not that simple. If you are eating out several times a week, you're probably not going to make it. I've been around long enough to realize that there are many ways to go down. If you lose your income, you can't always depend on bailouts."

Bobby admires how certain people live by their wits without spending a great deal of money. One such person is "a childhood friend in Santa Monica who finds discarded items, fixes them up, and keeps or sells them. Whenever she finds something better, she takes the old item and leaves it on the curb for the next person to enjoy. Like me, she's found that the true finds

are not always in dumpsters but alleys. A lot of rich kids that come to college from elsewhere have no idea about the value of money. I recently found a carbon fiber suitcase while out walking a dog. It's strong and light and great for storage. It would cost nearly \$300 to purchase new.

"Once I decided to live as free as possible, I considered all the relevant options: A boat, a trailer, a van. I had two weeks to make a decision and purchase something. One of the keys to making it on your own is having no debt, so paying cash for my van made all the difference. Also, over the years I have continued paring down my possessions until now. I can fit everything I own onto one shelf. You have to have a plan and attack it aggressively."

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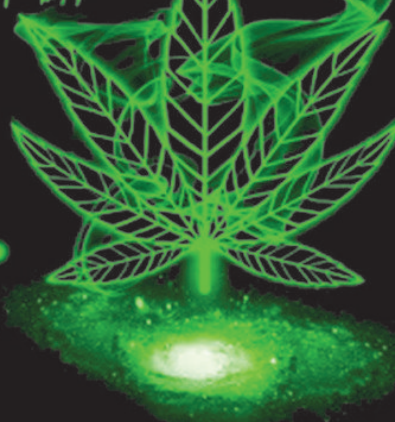
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