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Unmasking the truth

Only a few months ago, I advised friends and family members against purchasing face masks ("San Diego bus riders discouraged, then encouraged to wear masks," News Ticker, April 14). My actions were motivated by my faith in public-health experts and elected leaders who, at the time, stressed that face masks were not effective in preventing the general public from catching the coronavirus. Much to my surprise, however, White House health advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci recently admitted in an interview with TheStreet that public-health officials downplayed the efficacy of masks early on to ensure they would be available to health-care workers. Since then, he has changed his tune, now urging people to wear masks in public. By actively discour-

aging the use of and downplaying the effectiveness of masks at the beginning of the pandemic, Dr. Fauci and other medical experts have amplified the belief that masks are useless to combat the coronavirus. It's no surprise why Americans are divided on wearing masks. This confusion could have been avoided had public-health experts been more truthful from the start of the pandemic.

Shahen Boghossian
Solana Beach

Cruel and incompetent

My sincere Thank You to the Reader staff for publishing the letter in June 11, 2020 issue titled "Enforcement remorse." To Mick, Thank you brother, for your service in law enforcement, and for having the courage to share your experience. I'm a native San Diegan since 1964. I believe at 57 years old I'm qualified to inform you that you have absolutely nothing to apologize to us citizens you served. Let go of any self-condemnation you may have. I have had my life pretty much ruined by cruel, incompetent police and sheriff's officers. Please stay tuned, Mick. You've given me the courage to share

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TIJUANA

Open and shut case Confusion over essentials and indulgences as lockdown eases

"I don't think we'll be opening the bar until September or until there is a vaccine," says Dany, *aka* Drago, founder of Dragon Rojo Rockbar and a hospital worker by trade. "I keep the bar as my side gig, for the love of rock music. I worry about my employees, but health is my main concern. I get daily messages asking me when the bar will open. We won't until it's safe. All the other bars jumped the gun. They weren't counting on the enormous public backlash."

Dragon Rojo is one of the first bars near the entrance to Tijuana's "tolerance zone," Zona Norte. In all my years in Tijuana, I have never seen the 24-hour bars in the area closed. Early in the afternoon on March 25, I took a stroll in Zona Norte with my friend Juan, who works as a seasonal fisherman in Alaska. He flies frequently between his home state of Guanajuato and his job and his route takes him through Tijuana. Days before his arrival, I promised him that despite the virus, Tijuana was not going to shut down. The day he landed was the day the bars closed. Still, we went to investigate. The cops detained



Dandy Del Sur — home of the magically doubling capacity!

us immediately after we turned the corner on Callejón Coahuila, a street famous for its sex workers who solicit customers from doorways and corners day and night. They asked us our reasons for being there, and said my friend Juan was "Poncho," a famous drug dealer in the area. We were released minutes after proving that he was not in fact Poncho. We walked around the area and noticed girls



Norte Brewery. All the bartenders wore plastic faceguards, cloth masks, and plastic gloves.

offering their services while wearing both provocative clothes and protective facemasks. We did not find any bars open.

Seventy-nine days later, on June 12, Miguel Ángel Badiola, the secretary-general

they said they were opening on Saturday, and suggested the bar across the street. The bouncer at YouRevolution bar told me there was a 50-peso (about \$2.50) cover charge to enter the empty bar. I refused and went home.

"I worry about my employees, but health is my main concern. I get daily messages asking me when the bar will open."

of the restaurant association, announced that restaurants could re-open, as long as they adhered to the safe-distance rules. Businesses rushed to open their doors, even bars and strip clubs, since food was served inside the clubs. Bouncers at the door wore protective plastic faceguards, squirted sanitizing gel in the hands of patrons, checked temperatures, and made sure people kept six feet apart while waiting in line. But once inside the club, the safe-distance guidelines were nowhere to be found.

On re-opening day, I went to Norte Brewery to enjoy the sunset and a pint of craft beer. At the entrance, they checked my temperature and my vitals, and gave me sanitizing gel. All the bartenders wore plastic faceguards, cloth masks, and plastic gloves. There were only five tables available, and

there was no seating at the bar. Employees sanitized and wiped the tables and chairs as soon as a patron left. After Norte, I headed down to Dandy del Sur, a cantina on Calle Sexta. The security guard told me they were at capacity and didn't let me in. He did, however, let me go into the bathroom. The bar was at around a third of its usual capacity. I tried to go to the bar El Copeo nearby, but

On Saturday, El Copeo had a long line around the corner and Dandy del Sur had double the number of people it had on Friday. After a public backlash, the governor of Baja, Jaime Bonilla, said that bars were not authorized to open and called on citizens to report the ones that did. By Sunday, all the bars and strip clubs were shut down again. Breweries and restaurants remained open with safe distance guidelines in place.

Essential businesses are ill-defined. Barbershops, nail salons, shoe shiners, maquilas (factories), and many others remained open during the quarantine. Schools, parks, beaches, and other public spaces remained closed. *Parque Teniente Guerrero*, downtown Tijuana's park, was closed to the public; yellow tape was placed at the entrances. Police were sent to kick people out of the park, including the many homeless who spent the night there. Minutes after being kicked out, they returned. Hotel Cascadas, the hotel above the strip clubs, never closed. Internet reports indicated that the penthouse bar never stopped serving, and that you could find sex workers. Hotel Ticuan also stayed open during quarantine, and their restaurant remained operational.

The border has been shut down for tourists since the beginning of the quarantine. The opening date for tourists keeps getting extended with the latest announcement setting the reopening to July 21. As a dual

citizen, I've crossed the border a handful of times during quarantine. Border lanes have been heavily reduced. At the beginning of the quarantine, the waiting time to cross was minimal. As the days went by, more people started crossing again, yet the U.S. border patrol did not open any more lanes, making border waits chaotic as usual. The Mexican border patrol did not stop me on my way back.

MATTHEW SUAREZ

IMPERIAL BEACH Fishermen plead: clear the pier

But surfers and diners keep creeping in

"If you want to fish, you have to be west of the checkered flag," blared a voice from the PA speaker above us. "There's also no fishing on the south side of the [Imperial Beach] Pier at this time."

"There's nobody even surfing down there," yelled back fisherman Nick Cline. "Not even swimmers. And now we are not allowed to fish on the south side?"

"Oh no, he's yelling at the lifeguard," said Dell.

"Look at the dogs on the pier and this bicycle," continued Leonard, Dell's husband. "Nobody says anything to the dog owners and bicycle riders."



"The surfers are not even supposed to be within 20 feet of the pier, yet we can't fish there."

Cline, Dell, and Leonard have been fishing on the wooden-planked Imperial Beach Pier for years, until it was closed on March 17 to minimize the spread of COVID-19. I spoke to the three — and others on and around the pier — on June 13, four days after it reopened to the public. "They talk to you over the loudspeaker and tell you to move past the no-fishing zone, where the surfers are down below," Cline told me. "The surfers are not even supposed to be within 20 feet of the pier, yet we can't fish there." A "No Fishing in the

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Putting a price on safety? UCSD Chancellor Pradeep Khosla thinks campus cops are critical.

practice, risking “excess payroll costs, which may have a negative financial impact on the Department and the University.” “Documentation of Overtime and over-schedules were not consistently maintained for Department management pre-approval as required by policy and collective bargaining agreements,” the audit

Time’s up for overtime

Campus cop cost criticized

Does the growing budget of UCSD’s campus police department need a closer look? A new university audit has called out officials for failing to monitor employee overtime costs adequately. The report’s findings coincide with a national movement questioning the costs and practices of campus law enforcement in the wake of the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police. At the University of Chicago, a June 12 student sit-in included calls for full budget transparency, a 50 percent expense cut, and the eventual elimination of the campus police force altogether. In San Diego, the payroll costs of policing UCSD jumped 6.4 percent between 2018 and 2019, with a staff count of 94 – including 38 police officers – bumping the total to \$8.6 million, according to the audit, released March 25. Overtime expenses fell by 3.2 percent during the period, but that was likely due to a hike in department staff numbers, the report says, adding that reining in payroll abuse calls for new enforcement measures.

Despite the overtime drop, auditors faulted the school for failing to adequately track the

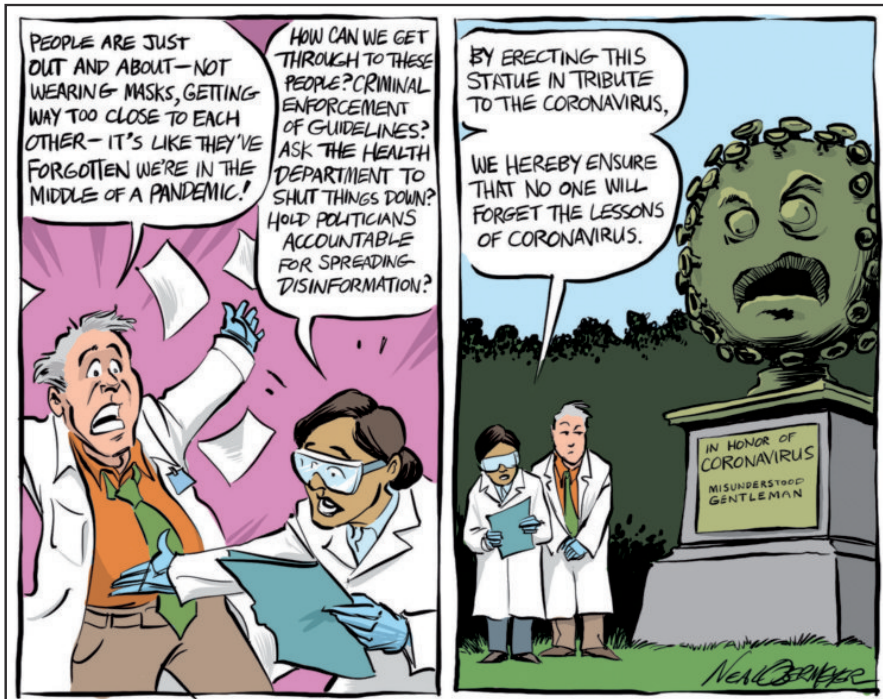
found. Making matters worse, the document says, “Some overtime purposes were not documented in the timesheet system to justify business necessity.” Auditors say they found that “some employees routinely worked a high number of overtime hours almost each pay period. Most of these overtime hours were not fully documented and/or pre-approved. Our analysis noted that six employees’ overtime represented 29% of total overtime hours and 32% of gross overtime pay. Further review of the six employees with the highest amount of overtime disclosed that the employees had more than 750 hours of overtime coupled with a high frequency of overtime hours for a majority of the pay periods. For instance, out of 26 biweekly pay periods, these six employees had 17 to 25 pay periods in which they averaged between 35 hours to 70 hours of overtime a week.”

The failure of university officials to police such potentially suspicious activity, per the findings, “may lead to abuse of overtime and unplanned payroll costs.”

In response to the findings, “Management stated that some of the overtime was

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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

More Moores wheels and deals

Who will be the lucky bidder to turn the run-down, city-owned San Diego Sports Arena and dilapidated environs into a glitzy and lucrative forest of new high-rises? Judging by a flurry of reports emanating from city hall, the public will be the last to know. “Four developers last week submitted detailed plans for how they each envision transforming the area and replacing the 54-year-old arena with a modern version,” says a June 17 *Union-Tribune* account. But details, including the identities of the principals, remain top secret. “City officials are declining to reveal the names of the developers or the proposals they submitted until next month.” Offers the paper: “That is standard practice when the city issues requests for proposals, which require developers to submit sensitive and proprietary information about their finances.”

Whether or not that’s true, some hints have already shown up in disclosure statements filed by two of the city’s most influential and controversial lobbying firms. California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC reported in a May 30 filing that it’s working for H&S Ventures regarding “improvement of Pechanga Arena/ Sports Arena San Diego located at 3500 Sports Arena Blvd., or entitlement of a facility in the San Diego region to host the San Diego Gulls, an American Hockey League team.”

As noted here last August, H&S is one of the many holding companies for Orange County billionaire **Henry Samueli**, owner of the Anaheim Ducks, along with the San Diego franchise. At the time, the *U-T* reported that H&S, operating as Anaheim Arena Management, had the inside track to take over the sports arena lease this May. “From the outset of this process, our goal was to improve the experience for the arena’s users and guests, enhance the volume and quality of programming and increase revenue for San Diego taxpayers,”

Tim Ryan, chief executive of Anaheim Arena Management, was quoted as saying, “We are excited that the selection panel agreed with this vision and selected our bid.” But the murky deal somehow evaporated behind the closed doors of city hall without further explanation to the public.

H&S rival AEG Management, the incumbent operator of the venue, is also believed to be interested in some kind of development arrangement. The L.A.-based outfit, owned by Denver billionaire **Phil Anschutz**, is using lobbyist Southwest Strategies, like California Strat-

egies a heavy-giver to city politicians, to persuade the mayor and council to grant a “short term lease extension for the Sports Arena facility,” according to an April 4 filing covering the first three months of this year. Southwest picked up a \$9000 fee from AEG for its trouble, per the document. Last year alone, Southwest chief **Chris Wahl** kicked in \$1125 to city council Democrat **Barbara Bry**, running for mayor against Assembly Democrat **Todd Gloria**, who got \$2300 from Wahl. Republican council-



Billionaire Henry Samueli wants to “improve the experience for... users and guests” at the Sports Arena

man **Scott Sherman** picked up \$1150 for his ultimately failed mayoral campaign. City Attorney **Mara Elliott** got the same for her 2020 reelection bid. Public release of the names of sports arena hopefuls by GOP mayor **Kevin Faulconer** is not expected until July, giving the would-be developers and their lobbyists time for more closed-door maneuvering.

A list of “prospective bidders” posted online by the city shows neither AEG nor H&S, but does contain several intriguing names, including that of JMI Realty, controlled by ex-Padres owner **John Moores**. A master of squeezing sweetheart deals from local government, including downtown’s tax-subsidized Petco Park, Moores’s latest foray has been as political financier of San Diego State’s takeover of city-owned Qualcomm stadium.

Political distancing Steve Padilla

the Chula Vista city council Democrat and California state Coastal Commission chairman who became an early victim of COVID-19 after developing symptoms at a March commission meeting in Santa Cruz, is returning to the local rubber-chicken circuit in a virtual format. Billed as a “conversation and fundraiser with Ben Hueso for County Supervisor, 2020,” a Zoom link to the online event will be “provided at RSVP”... inewssource, the non-profit online reporting outfit tied to San Diego State University and the school’s raft of developer donors, is looking for a chief revenue officer, thanks to a



Steve Padilla beat COVID-19, now he’s back on the rubber chicken circuit.

grant from the American Journalism Project. Reporters need not apply. “One of the most unique and exciting aspects of AJP’s support is that the funding is directed for business operations — investing in staff and resources to help scale the organization and build our revenue base,” says a help-wanted announcement on LinkedIn. “With AJP’s support, the inewssource budget will grow from our current \$1.4M to \$2.6M annually, based on progress towards

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my story. I've coached high school football and college baseball here in S.D. for 26 years and have hundreds of young men that consider me a person of significance in their life. But through corrupt and abusive treatment by disrespectful children wearing the shield and the "pay for play" court system, I've had to prematurely retire.

R. Eddie Richey
Vista

Movie Tip

Scott Marks is wrong ("Girl-friends on film: Henry Orient, Thora & ScarJo, and Cattle Annie & Little Britches," Movies@Home, June 19) in stating that Tippy Walker did not pursue acting after appearing in the sublime film, *The World*

of *Henry Orient*. As an adolescent, I had more than my share of naughty thoughts about her and tried to keep up with her career. She was in at least two movies. In *The Jesus Trip*, she played a nun who was kidnapped by a biker gang. And she looked truly gorgeous in the insanely bad *Jennifer on my Mind*, in 1971. She was featured in the final seasons of television's *Peyton Place* as Barbara Rush's daughter. Now, half a century later, just the mention of her name to me brings those old nasty thoughts crashing back.

Georges Alvina
North Park

Comments from SDReader.com — not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.
"Cost of overtime haunts UCSD campus cops" News Ticker

June 16

Even though the university employs thousands of people, and has students measured in the tens of thousands, the count of police personnel sounds high. Why? Well, universities tend to be generally law-abiding places and have little violent crime. (There are more financial crimes committed in such institutions, and the uniformed cops don't get involved with those.) All the undocumented and unapproved overtime is just another example of how UC campuses are out of control. UCSD isn't the only one by any means. Khosla has plenty of scandals on his watch, and should have been replaced by now. The UC president, Napolitano, is resigning effective at the end of this month. As a lame duck, she hasn't been doing things that need

doing, such as firing one or more campus chancellors, such as Khosla. No, she is leaving those messy situations for her successor. I do wonder if this cop count includes the overzealous parking enforcement staff. All UC campuses have a parking "problem", and all charge plenty to park, and then enforce any/all violations with great, Gestapo-like vigor. When I was on that campus I don't recall those enforcers as being uniformed police, but that may have changed.

—Visduh

UCSD likely will need more cops as its imminent expansion plan calls for a mammoth cluster of high-rise buildings – from nine to 21 stories – to be constructed at the farthest western edge of its campus bordering residential neighborhoods of La Jolla. The university in recent years has proven to be a bad neighbor – constructing buildings along the grade of La Jolla Shores Drive that obscure public vistas of the Pacific Ocean at several points and now this humungous project. (It could be sited in the interior of the large campus.)

The university is exempt from all Coastal Act rules

and the prevailing 30-foot height limit for the area. Thus far UCSD has refused to meet with or respond to community planning group strong objections. Lawsuits are rumored. If ever there is a community meeting on this hot-button issue, UCSD probably will need more cops to maintain law and order.

—monaghan

"IB Pier fishermen fight off surfers and restaurant" Neighborhood News June 16

Everyone's safety should be considered. The fishermen, those who walk the pier, the surfers and the restaurant patrons. The south side of the pier is closed to allow two separate walking lanes noted by the white dotted lines. Allowing one-way direction for walking and an area dedicated for fishermen why was that not in the article? This is temporary for necessary social distancing and will not be a permanent feature. There are lots of changes the Port of San Diego is planning to improve the experience for pier users and I think it would be good to mention those plans here in the article too. Lots of oversights by whoever writes these articles.

—teamcyphe

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Surf Zone” sign stood nearby. It read, “To prevent swimmers, waders and surfers from accidentally becoming entangled and possibly hooked when fishing lines are cast or dropped within the surf zone, fishing is not allowed within the surf zone when recreational swimmers, waders and surfers are in the ocean closer than 150 feet of the pier.”

“What happens if you continue fishing?” I asked Cline.

“They’ll either drive their lifeguard truck up, or they will call the police if you refuse to do what they tell you, and you can get a ticket or get arrested.”

Leonard and his wife Dell recounted a time when their buddy Bill was fishing within the surf zone after it was implemented on the pier “about five years ago. Bill fished in his wheelchair,” Leonard said. “He would put his



Ed Kim: “If they are not catching anything there on the side of the pier, they are not going to catch anything out on the end of the pier.”

poles on this side, and surfers would come up here and grab his lines and pull his poles [away]. The surfer-versus-fisherman thing has been going on here for five years. It all started when they took down the signs that read something like, ‘No coming within 100 and a half feet’ on both sides of the pier. And look at the surfers shoot underneath the pier. The signs were meant for the surfers to stay away from the pier so they wouldn’t make contact with the fishermen.”

Fonzie was fishing close by. “This is the only pier where they allow the surfers to be close to the pier,” he said. “In OB and Oceanside, they get citations for surfing that close — and here, the lifeguards won’t cite them.” I asked a couple surfers if they knew about the alleged conflicts, and they said “no” or “no comment.” Many Yelpers who left five-star reviews for the pier



Will Imperial Beach’s fishermen gradually dis-a-pier?

were stoked to watch the surfers and boogie boarders down below. Others mentioned the Tin Fish restaurant at the end of the 1491-foot pier. When the pier and the restaurant reopened, Cline was disappointed to learn that he and his buddies were no longer allowed to fish at the end of the pier, on the north side of the restaurant. Three wooden picnic tables had been added there during the pier’s near three-month shutdown. “When you shut off the whole backend of the pier to us, that closes [access to] all the big fish, because they won’t swim into the shallow water,” Cline said.

Ed Kim, the owner of the restaurant, disagreed. “The first Tuesday when we re-opened was not a good fishing day,” Kim said. “If they are not catching anything there on the side of the pier, they are not going to catch anything out on the end of the pier. But yesterday, they caught a shark right there on the side, and it’s pretty much evenly spread out. A lot of the fishermen liked to lounge out there on a beach chair on the end of the pier, and it’s more of their zone and I kind of get that — I used to deep-sea fish, and it’s fun. [The fishermen and fisherwomen] are good customers that come in for beer and things like that.”

Cline says he fishes at the pier daily, and he’s a patron at Kim’s restaurant. “My suggestion to them is if they want to put more



Nick Cline- “They have all of this excellent foundation underneath the old boat launch area.”

seating in, they have all of this excellent foundation underneath the old boat launch area and that’s not being accessed. This whole area on the south side of the restaurant is closed. Why don’t they build the seating area or more restaurant there, and allow us to fish on the

end of the pier? Every day, the bottom half is closed to us for the surfers, which is where all the perch and corvina are. The county, or city of IB and Port of San Diego, or whoever is in charge of this area needs to remove the tables [north of] Tin Fish and allow us to fish there again. They keep restricting our fishing more and more, and it is not fair. I’m begging you to please remove the tables.”

“On the flip side of that,” Kim responded, “many patrons or citizens of IB also have a voice, and used to say, ‘Why can’t we sit there and enjoy the sunset? It’s all being occupied by the fishermen.’”

MIKE MADRIAGA

DEL MAR New No Drone zones But without buzz fuzz, how to enforce prohibitions?

A new ordinance regulating the use of drones in Del Mar will take effect on June 17. The rules will “add to guidelines set by the FAA,” a city report says. While the Federal Aviation Authority regulates and sets guidelines for drones, local governments can control some aspects. However, the areas available for local regulation are limited.

Poway restricts drone usage during emergencies. Chula Vista has limits on police and fire department use of drones, related to privacy or harassment. San Diego prohibits reckless flying. Oceanside and Carlsbad rely on federal standards. But Del Mar takes it a step further. “I’m very pleased to see Del Mar getting out in front of this issue, and getting some rules on the books before we have conflicts and clashes,” said council member Dwight Worden last month when the ordinance was introduced.

Clem Brown, Del Mar’s environmental sustainability and special project manager, said the city will ban drones in some public areas “where we didn’t want recreational hobbyists to operate.” Curbing drone use in those locations has been a priority for the Parks & Recre-

ation committee, Brown said, citing safety and nuisance issues. “Those were our most heavily used parks, beaches and open space areas.”

In Del Mar, drones are also used by the public for commercial film and photography, and those operators can still fly in the public space as long as they have the required credentials and city permit. City and public safety uses, which cover drone services

such as assessing environmental conditions, projects, traffic, and emergencies, are exempt. It’s drone hobbyists who will lose ground because of the city’s no-fly zones. Hobbyists can fly “anywhere not specifically prohibited in the public space” or on private property. That means no more recreational use in most city parks and facilities, to include Seagrove, Powerhouse, and Crest Ridge parks, as well as Scripps bluff preserve. Also off-limits are sections of the San Dieguito Lagoon River Park, over which Del Mar has jurisdiction. And no drones on city beaches. (One park that didn’t land on the restricted list is the 5.3 acre Shores park.) But what about someone sitting at Seagrove park, wanting to send their drone out over the ocean? “They could launch from the beach and fly perpendicular out over the



No longer will the crash of the surf compete with the drone of the drones in Del Mar.

ocean, but not up and down along the beach,” Brown said.

Flying above the Del Mar Fairgrounds requires permission from fairground officials. And the bluffs overlap the North County transit corridor, where commercial or hobby flying is barred by transit district regulations. In addition to a 400-foot height limit, both recreational and commercial drone operators must register and mark their aircraft. Commercial operators will have to obtain a city permit, as well as a permit from the Federal Aviation Administration.

While the ordinance covers city public space, it doesn’t tackle drones over homes. There, Federal law kicks in, even when operating a drone on private property. “The FAA

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Harbison Canyon's sweet gold

To bee, or not to bee? That is the question in bucolic Harbison Canyon. I have just made an eye-popping discovery about the Canyon — sandwiched between east El Cjaon and Alpine — and it ain't some nudist colony's Open Day.

It's more about bee colonies.

Back in the day, it turns out, this was the world's #1 sweet spot for honey.

I was buying a \$10 jar of dark honey at this roadside stall, just where the Canyon starts tumbling east towards Alpine. While I was waiting for change, I looked up "Harbison Canyon" on my iPad, and came across this entry for "John Stewart Harbison."

"In the spring of 1874, [Harbison] moved



Honey hawker Lupe

with his wife and daughter to a homestead near the Sweetwater River, 23 miles east of San Diego, in a little valley now known as Harbison Canyon. Within seven years' time, he was the largest producer of honey in the world, operating 2000 to 3000 hives."

Say what? "In the world?"

Carol Morrison, the archivist at the Alpine Historical Society, says Harbison's honey did indeed span the world.

"There's one story that I heard that Queen Victoria in England tasted some of Alpine's honey. I'm very proud of that fact."

She says that with the nearby Alpine area at a higher altitude, and Lakeside at a lower altitude, Harbison Canyon was in the sweet spot. "You have different plants growing in

different altitudes. Sage, buckwheat, manzanita: bees can range for seven miles, so they have the opportunity to collect nectar from a variety of different plants."

John Harbison was the son of a beekeeper, born in Pennsylvania. He came out to California for the gold rush. "He discovered that he could make more money selling hives and bees than from gold," says Morrison.

His innovative spirit — he was always designing new hives — and knowledge of bees meshed perfectly with history. The transcontinental railroad link was secure, so he could easily export his honey to the east coast. And beyond. And speed isn't important with honey. It is pure sugar and doesn't need preservatives. They say it can last for centuries.

What did Harbison's honey taste like? "I buy my honey from a man in Lakeside," says Morrison, "and his honey is much stronger-tasting. Store-bought honey is just sweet. This has a flavor like buckwheat. It takes a while to get used to it, but it's excellent. Put it in your oatmeal, throw in a handful of blueberries, and it's absolutely wonderful."

So what happened? How come Harbison bees aren't still honey-makers to the world?

Disease and pesticides, says Jaime Garza, from the County's Department of Agriculture. "They caused a 34 percent loss in managed bee colonies last year. It's not catastrophic, just means more work raising queens for bee growers."

But mostly, you can probably blame the lemon growers, who invaded the area during the last century, for squeezing bees out.

Or are the honey moneymakers still buzzing discreetly around Harbison Canyon? According to Garza, we may never know, because it turns out beekeepers are cagey about the deals they do with landowners to set up their hives. They find places with the right sort of plants to feed their bees, to help the little buzzers create honey with the most vitamins and best flavors, and that becomes their closely-guarded secret. "Go ask them," he says. Then he adds, "Good luck."

To be or not to be a cop

There's something haunting about this sidewalk's chalk portraits as they fade. Coronado student artists drew remarkable pictures on the concrete around the beachfront memorial for George Floyd, not far from the Hotel Del Coronado: the faces of African-Americans shot by police over the years.

"Say their names!" says the chalk sign beside them on the sidewalk. And the names are right here. Breonna Taylor. Sandra Bland. Tamir Rice. George Floyd. Philando Castile. People passing by talk quietly, as if they were

mad. They're mad because they're like, "Why is this still happening? It has been so many years since slavery ended. Why is it still happening?"

"I have an uncle who is actually a cop, a sheriff," says Diego. "He believes that cops do get [trained] way too quickly. And there's not enough checks on wannabe cops. Like there definitely are people out there who are racist and who do abuse their authority when encountering an African-American. I don't know how this is going to come out with the country. Either it's going to change,

"I don't know if I want to be a cop any more... A lot of people are dropping out."

in a church. They can't avoid scuffing the faces that look up from the pavement. But nobody's doing it out of disrespect.

Carlos, who stops on his walk with his friend Maria, doesn't get it. "In our generation race just isn't an issue," he says. They stop to look at the faces. "She was 7 years old," says the sign beside a chalk portrait of Aiyana Jones, who was killed 9 years ago in a police raid gone wrong in Detroit, which resulted in no convictions.

A group of four friends pauses. Aaron, Jonathan, Michael, Diego Orozco, all around 20.

"I think police have too much power and authority," says Diego. "In other countries you have to go through multiple trainings. You have to train for years to become a cop. I think our cops should go through more training."

"Black Lives Matter," says the chalk art beneath their feet.

"We have family members who are also African-American," says Michael. "There's no barrier between races in our family."

"People have different attitudes depending on where they grew up," says Jonathan. "Like, my dad's from Pennsylvania and my mom's from Mexico. My dad's family are white. At first they would not accept my mom completely. They didn't know any better. But over time, they started accepting her. We should just accept each other. That's what makes us better as humans, because right now, we're hurting. A lot of people are

or it's going to go worse than it already is. Right now, you have to choose a side. It's not the time to be in the middle."

"I don't know if I want to be a cop any more," says Jonathan. He is studying criminal justice at Southwestern College with a view to joining the thin blue line. "I mean, if all this is happening, and with police brutality, I don't want to be put into that group. I think there may be an attitude within the cop world that may be hard to change. I don't know if I want to be put into that situation every day, like having to use extra aggression. A lot of people are dropping out. I don't know if it's the coronavirus, but they're dropping out." ■



Maria and Carlos



Aiyana, killed in a botched police shooting

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Dear Hipster:

I'll probably out myself as an aging hipster has-been here, but I have to ask: is there a word for the feeling you get when you hear kids talking about stuff that used to be relevant when you were a lot younger like it's something they just discovered?

— ANNE

To my knowledge, no such word exists. One almost certainly should exist, but that's what we're here for. I think this could easily be called a "generalization," for when you realize something magnificent, or magnificently depressing (or both), about a generation other than your own. As a bonus, you only have to add one letter to a word that already means something else you're doing (can you guess it?), which is pretty cool, because now it works on multiple levels.

I went ahead and added it to Urban Dictionary for you. Now, if you use this in conversation and somebody accuses you of making it up, you can gently correct them and smile condescendingly at the out-of-touch person who never heard of generalizing before.

Dear Hipster:

I have heard tremendous chatter from friends and colleagues lately about how work-from-home arrangements are being considered and implemented on an "indefinite" basis for many people. The general consensus seems to be that businesses want to 86 conventional office spaces and other brick-and-mortar establishments, even after we get past the need for such preventive measures. On the one hand, I dig working from home



in my pyjamas and not breathing the gross air that always seems to fill office buildings no matter how good the HVAC systems are. On the other hand, I don't hate my colleagues or anything, and it seems like kind of a bummer that I may never see some of them again if my company decides to keep workers like me on a permanent work-from-home schedule. What do you think, hipster? Is a move to more widespread working from home a good thing or a bad thing?

— ASHLEY

I'm sure you can find think-pieces both praising and hating the future of expanded teleworking. Although I have not looked, I bet I can predict some. There is probably somebody out there who has already said the push for more teleworking frees up commercial real estate for repurposing as affordable housing. Someone else probably says it will have a net-positive environmental impact because of a reduction in individual commuting. An equal number of plausible arguments might oppose permanent telework increases. Maybe it will hurt too many related economic sectors; or perhaps the social conse-



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Wall-E had an adventure; will you?

quences of increased human isolation are not yet understood.

I'm sure all these points have been made, but you won't hear them from me. This being "Ask a Hipster," I know you came for the wild conspiracy theories, so I'll tell you this — the push for widespread teleworking is just another step in Corporate America's quest to make humanity obsolete. Big Athleisure and the Home Delivery Cartels want you staying inside, where they can watch you turn into a Wall-E human, content to push a button that delivers you whatever you want with zero risk of having an adventure. We should reject a future where everybody stays inside all day, basic needs met by same-day Amazon delivery, because good grief what a terribly boring world. There isn't much you can do if your job shelves in-person work; but if you get the chance to rejoin the world, take it.

— DJ Stevens

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Almost factual news



Some members of the committee objected that the Cat in the Hat that accompanied the Dr. Seuss statue ought to be cut away and permitted to remain on display, since it was unfair to condemn the creation for the sins of the creator. But they were outvoted by others who noted that the Cat was "pure White Privilege in a bow tie. Just look at how the story starts. Dude just walks into the home of a white family and starts messing with stuff. A Black Cat would have been shot dead by the cops by page six."

In the (Trump) Navy

Band goes from Village People to Boat People after Pride shaming

"It started with the Cop, of course," says the Village People's Biker. "Didn't matter that he's black. San Diego Pride said that law enforcement could no longer have a contingent at the Pride Parade, because 'their presence feels threatening to people who fear the systemic and institutional racism that puts targets on their back.' And since it's the uniform that's the problem and not the man himself, Cop was out, too. It's a pity; we were looking forward to performing a throwback show in the town that inspired us to write both 'YMCA' and 'In the Navy.' We talked about just dressing him up as a friendly Scout leader, but that led to some... awkward conversations. And before we could get any further, Pride sent over a note saying that it'd be best if we stayed away altogether. It seems Soldier represents America's readiness to use military force

on its own citizens a la Tom Cotton's NYT fantasy op-ed. And Indian 'smacks of the worst sort of cultural appropriation.' Cowboy, of course, stands for genocidal violence against indigenous people, while Construction Worker embodies capitalist exploitation of the working underclass. Me, they were okay with, but I'm more into solidarity than solo, you know? And then, when Trump's SCOTUS appointee Gorsuch wrote that awesome majority opinion declaring that gay and trans rights are civil rights — well, we realized it was time to rethink our alle-



Make America Gay Again? The Village People get ready to ship out for the recent Republican Regatta.

giances. We could side with the party that has enough showbiz appreciation to elect a game show host as President, or we could side with the wokesolds who would just as soon forget who started the whole mainstreaming of homosexuality in this country."

Monu-mental Statues stored for sake of safety (and sanity)

"When the City of Chula Vista opted to remove the statue of Christopher Columbus from its home in Discovery Park and place it in storage ahead of a planned protest, it got me thinking," says Mayor Faulconer. "We have a lot of statues around San Diego, and it turns out that a lot of them are of pretty problematic people. I mean, maybe none as bad as Columbus, who committed genocide for fun and profit, but still. I gathered a blue-ribbon panel of offended people and started making lists of statues that should join Mr. Columbus in hiding, at least for the time being. El Cid in Balboa Park was an easy call; the man was a complete Islamophobe, and led campaigns that killed countless Muslims. Kate Sessions was trickier, because she was a powerful woman in a time when that was tough going, but the fact remains she imported many, many non-

native plants into San Diego's ecosystem, including the ruinous eucalyptus trees that blight our native flora today. A true colonizer, that one. But even she wasn't as tough a call as Dr. Seuss. People still like his kiddie books, but we couldn't overlook his anti-Japanese propaganda during World War II. Vicious racist caricatures of a people who were being imprisoned by their own country just because of their race. Happily, Bill Walton was an easy call after the way he appropriated the game of basketball and stole a starting spot on UCLA's great teams under John Wooden from some deserving young African-American. Just terrible."

Asked whether any of the statues would ever again see the light of day, Mayor Faulconer replied with a query of his own. "Any of you guys remember the ending of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*?"



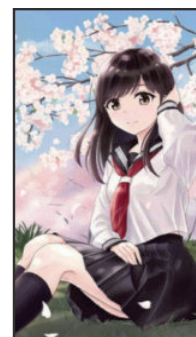
1. Top picture shows unvandalized network logo and intact windows. 2. Top photo features network founder respectfully dialoguing with protesters. 3. Network in top photo is upfront about its partisan political allegiance. 4. Network in top photo has not succumbed to violence wrought by the very mob it rushed to defend and even lionize.

Spot the Difference!

There are four differences between the two pictures of protests above. Can you spot them? Check the caption to see how you did!

Latch on to the Affirmative University of California endorses diversity measure

The University of California's Board of Regents voted last week to address "original sin of this country" by seeking to repeal Prop 209, which voters approved in 1996 to ban "preferential treatment" for minority groups. "The largest racial demographics for California are roughly 40% Hispanic, 36% White, 14% Asian, and 5.5% Black," explained UCSD



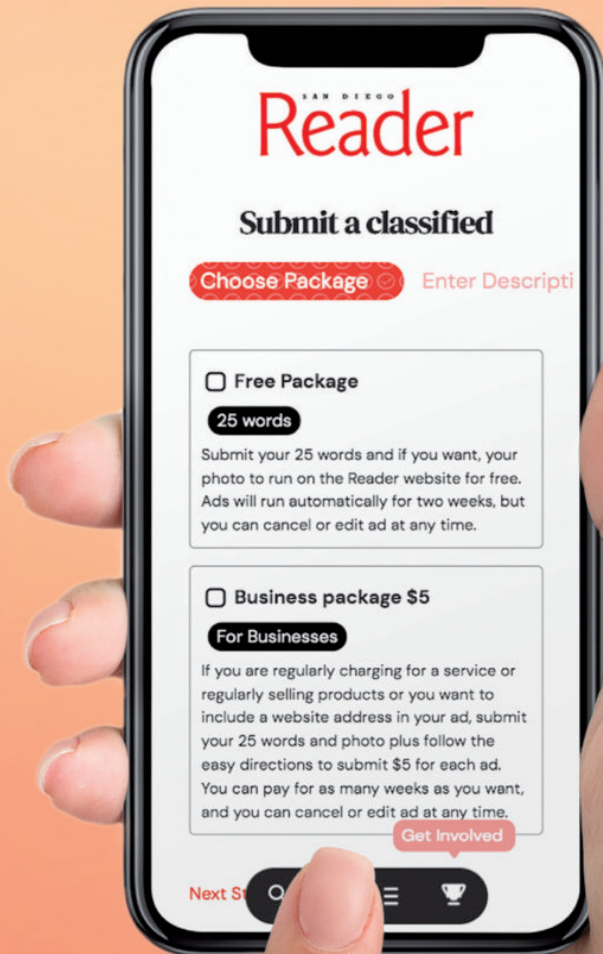
Sorry, high-achieving Asian-American schoolgirl; your numbers may be excellent, but they're not the numbers that matter.

Dean of Woke Relations Natasha Trigger-Warning. "But the racial demographics at UCSD are 30% Asian, 21% White, 16% Hispanic, and 1.5% Black. UC President Janet Napolitano has said that 'The face of the university does not fully represent the rich diversity of our state.' The problem is obvious, and so is

the solution. We need to more than double the Hispanics and halve the Asians. Then we shave enough off the Whites to let in the difference on the Hispanics, plus the Blacks. Then and only then will UCSD's student population reflect California's population. And then and only then will

we have — well, not equality, but the necessary conditions for the journey towards equality." Trigger-Warning concluded by noting that while Asian-Americans have a long and sad history of oppression in California, "they seem to be doing okay these days, so we figure it won't be a problem."

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The Cardiff Kook has been dressed up as Santa Claus, Uncle Sam, and a Mexican *lucha libre* wrestler. Since the pandemic began, the Kook has been wearing a mask and participating in protests.



SAN DIEGO'S BEST ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS

Bushy beasts, a heavenly meal, a giant lemon, a brutal murder, and so much more. Join us for a road trip to see some of San Diego's more unusual sights.

Roadside attractions have been an integral part of America's car culture since the first highways were built in the 1920s. Some were established specifically to attract travelers; others just happened to become popular stop-off points because of what occurred there at some time in the past.

Just outside Amarillo, Texas, off Highway 40, is the Cadillac Ranch, a row of vintage Cadillacs stuck headfirst into the ground. The quirky roadside attraction was immortalized by Bruce Springsteen in the 1981 song of the same name.

On the main street in Mitchell, South Dakota is the Corn Palace, a Moorish Revival building decorated with murals

and designs made from corn and other grains.

A small marker off Highway 154 just south of Gibsland, Louisiana, marks the spot where outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were shot to death by police on May 23, 1934.

Closer to home, there are the huge concrete-and-steel Cabazon Dinosaurs off the I-10 just before you get to Palm

Springs, made famous in the film *Pee Wee's Big Adventure*.

The following is a list of 20 roadside attractions right here in San Diego County, ranging from the odd and unusual to the notorious. Most are privately owned and not open to the public, but all are clearly visible from the safety of your car.

Garden of the Beasts — Harper's Topiary Garden

3549 Union Street
MISSION HILLS

The hilly front slope in front of Alex and Edna Harper's home has for more than 25 years been a living sculpture garden. More than 50 bushes have been meticulously trained, trimmed and shaped to resemble animals, including elephants, monkeys, roosters, and

a whale. There's also a dinosaur, a pyramid, a surfer, and even the gardener who helps the couple create and design their work. New designs frequently appear as the Harpers continue to come up with new additions to what was originally a drab cluster of fast-growing cape honeysuckle plants.

The Red Sidewalks

Between 30th and 32nd Streets
Redwood and Juniper Streets
BURLINGAME

This small community east of Balboa Park is known for its rose-colored sidewalks. They've been a hallmark of the community since development began in 1912. Back then, a dull red tint was added to the concrete for the sidewalks in order to give the tract a distinct look. The 40-acre site, originally known as "The

Tract of Character" and now a San Diego Historic District, includes more than 170 "uniquely and architecturally interesting homes," according to the city planning department. Drive around and you'll find an eclectic mix of homes built in the Craftsman, Mission Revival, Spanish Colonial Revival, Prairie School, Art Deco, and California Ranch styles.

Silence is Golden

Norma Drive
TALMADGE

This quiet residential street in the east San Diego community of Talmadge runs east of Fairmount Avenue and consists mostly of modest little cottages and bungalows, many of them restored or rebuilt. Homes on the west side back up to a canyon that slopes



PHOTOGRAPH BY THOMAS K. ARNOLD

On the night of November 5, 1989, socialite Betty Broderick burst into the home her ex-husband Daniel Broderick was sharing with his second wife Linda and shot them both to death with a .38 caliber pistol.

down to Mission Valley. They look like homes in any other gentrified mid-city community, but there's a Hollywood connection. Talmadge was established in 1925 by Joe Shenick, president

of film studio United Artists, and both this street and the community were named after his wife, Norma Talmadge, who was a silent film star — as were her sisters, Natalie and Constance. Nor-

ma's biggest success was 1922's *Smilin' Through*, a melodrama in which she appeared alongside Harrison Ford (the first star with that name) and Wyndham Standing. All three sisters attended a

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Harper's Topiary Garden: The hilly front slope in front of Alex and Edna Harper's home has for more than 25 years been a living sculpture garden.



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Lemon Grove has a giant lemon — a 3000-pound salute to the fruit that gave the East County city its name.

dedication ceremony in Talmadge on January 3, 1926, along with Natalie's husband, Buster Keaton.

Broderick Murder House

1041 Cypress Avenue
MARSTON HILLS

This stately five-bedroom, four-bath mansion, which backs up against Marston Canyon on the northeast end of Balboa Park, is San Diego's answer to L.A.'s Bundy Street condo where many believe O.J. Simpson brutally killed his ex-wife and a friend. It's the scene of one of the

most notorious murders in San Diego history. On the night of November 5, 1989, socialite Betty Broderick burst into the home her ex-husband Daniel Broderick was sharing with his second wife Linda and shot them both to death with a .38 caliber pistol.

The Broderick Murder House was built in 1935 and was designed by master architect Ralph Frank. Daniel Broderick had purchased the home, which sits on a half-acre lot, in 1986 for about \$500,000. After the mur-

ders, the home was sold in 1990 for \$1,135,000 and again in 1992 for \$850,000. It was resold in 2006 for \$2,375,000, and again in 2014 for \$2,015,000, and in 2018 for \$2,225,000.

Jehovah's Witness — Beth Sarim

4440 Braeburn Road
KENSINGTON

Kensington is home to hundreds of classic Spanish-style houses, many of them backing up to lush canyons. But this elegant 10-bedroom home comes with a rich religious his-

tory. It was built in 1929 for the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, the parent organization of the Jehovah's Witnesses, as a winter home and executive office for Watch Tower president Joseph Franklin Rutherford.

The house was named Beth Sarim, Hebrew for "House of Princes," in anticipation of the resurrection of such Old Testament prophets as Abraham, Moses, David, and Isaiah, who were expected to be headquartered in San Diego instead of Jerusalem. The deed,

written by Rutherford, even states that the property should be held "perpetually in trust" for the Old Testament "princes," and was to be surrendered to them once they arrived.

Rutherford died in 1942. Abraham, Moses, and their fellow prophets never showed up, and in 1948 the home was sold to a private party.

Rotating Home

4903 Mount Helix Drive
LA MESA

The Rotating Home of Mount Helix is a pleasant surprise for those

venturing up the drive to Mount Helix in the East County community of La Mesa. Perched high up on the northern slope is a circular home, with 5300 square feet of living space, that rotates through 360-degree views of the Coronado Bridge, downtown San Diego, the Pacific coastline north to La Jolla, and the Laguna Mountains.

Al Johnstone and wife Janet completed the home in 2004, spending three years and \$1 million to create what they describe on their web-

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Giant Lemon

Broadway and Main Street
LEMON GROVE

Most cities in San Diego County have artsy signs welcoming visitors to their burg. Lemon Grove has a giant lemon — a 3000-pound salute to the fruit that gave the East County city its name. Measuring about 10 feet long and six feet wide, the lemon — installed next to the trolley tracks — was

built as a parade float for the July 4, 1928 Fiesta de San Diego parade. Two years later, the lemon was plastered over to make it more or less permanent and christened as Lemon Grove's official welcome sign, sitting atop a concrete base engraved with the slogan, “Best Climate on Earth,” which the town adopted back in 1925.

Japanese Friendship Bell

Shelter Island Drive
POINT LOMA

The 1.2-mile drive along the man-made Shelter Island peninsula offers splendid views across the bay to the downtown skyline. It's also home to an array of public art installations in what's officially known as Shoreline Park. But the most interesting sight just might be the huge bronze Japanese “friendship” bell at the very end of the drive, where the road loops back. The bell was donated by the city of Yokohama, the first of San Diego's 16 sister cities, in 1958. It was cast by artist Masahiko Katori, best known for the more than 100 bells he created for Buddhist temples throughout Japan. He



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also cast the famous Hiroshima Peace Bell in September 1964. Katori died in 1988 at the age of 89.

OB'S HIPPIE HANGOUTS The Black

5017 Newport Avenue

Ocean Beach Hostel

4961 Newport Avenue

OCEAN BEACH

Ocean Beach was San Diego's answer to San Francisco's Haight-Ashbury in the 1967 Summer of Love, and just as in the city by the bay, the hippie culture has never really left.

The Black is a 1960s-style “head shop” where you can still buy glass and ceramic pipes, in-

cense, psychedelic art, and even *Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers* and other underground comics. The Black bills itself as a “smoke shop” and has an assortment of high-end cigars for sale. But don't be fooled, this place reeks

of the 1960s, and we mean that in only the best way.

One block up Newport is the Ocean Beach Youth Hostel. It's painted in bright colors like something out of a Ken Kesey book. It was built in 1909, after the streetcar line to

Ocean Beach was constructed, and from 1914 until its conversion into a youth hostel flourished as the 20-room Newport Hotel. It now has 25 dormitory-style rooms that sleep four to six each.

The duplexes of Clairemont

Clairemont Drive and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard

CLAIREMONT

The duplexes of Clairemont are a throwback to a different time. They're virtually unchanged from when they were first built in the middle 1950s along Clairemont Drive and Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. Stretching out for several blocks on both streets, they call to mind the classic folk song “Little Boxes,” by Malvina Reynolds. The nondescript cottages, each with about 800

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does tend to regulate this area very strictly,” said deputy city attorney Loren Gilmore. And drones are still subject to existing privacy laws. But filing complaints with the city and enforcing the rules won’t be easy. The ordinance could end up as an example of rules without teeth, said deputy mayor Terry Gaasterland. “Because there’s pretty much no way to figure out who’s flying it or where they are.” Further, Gaasterland wondered if the city’s restrictions might push drone users into the private areas. “If we’re pushing them back from the bluffs and beaches and parks, we may be pushing them into the streets and backyards.”

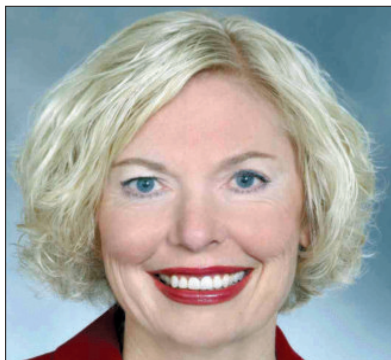
Still, John Peterson, a resident who supports the ordinance, was all for ridding the parks of drones. “No longer will sunset watchers and picnickers have to tolerate mini buzzsaws flying overhead.”

SHEILA PELL

DEL MAR

Fair’s finances foul Former farm fest now cash-crunched carnival

Del Mar Fairgrounds executive director Tim Fennell has named COVID-19 as the key reason why his 160-employee district, now \$20 million in the red, could implode and leave the future of the Del Mar Fair and its 340-acre prime seaside property up in the air. The *Union-Tribune* ran two front-page articles in three weeks about the fragile financial state of the fairgrounds. The first was headlined, “Fairgrounds may close if no financial aid received.” The latest, a June 16 article, claimed the floundering district is operating in “survival mode.” Both cited the pandemic and declining interest in horse race wagering as the reasons why the state-run enterprise is upside down. For its part, the fair-



Pam Slater-Price. “Why use this very precious land for that purpose?”

less fairgrounds set up its own website, urging denied fairgoers to say nice things about the fair to their elected officials. But some long-time elected officials — and an Orange County watchdog — say there is a systemic dysfunction that has torpedoed the Del Mar Fairgrounds: the 22nd District Agricultural Association.

Shortly after he asked the governor for a



Step right up! Who wants to play Give-a-Loan?

\$20 million bailout, Fennell appeared before a teleconferenced meeting of the Orange County Fair board on May 28, asking for a \$5 million emergency loan. Reggie Mundekis was in virtual attendance; she says she has attended every monthly meeting of the Orange County fair board since Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger suggested selling all of the state-owned fairgrounds in 2008. “The Del Mar Fair is fond of bragging how it is the largest fair in the state and the sixth largest in the country, so why would they be in financial problems?” asked Mundekis after Fennell’s appeal for financial help. She noted how the Orange County board maintains a \$53 million surplus. “And we don’t even have horse racing. How can Del Mar have no reserves? This all just doesn’t make sense.” She said Fennell was not forthcoming about his situation. “At the May meeting, they showed these beautiful power-point slides



Lesa Heebner. “Highway 101, Stevens Avenue, and Via de la Valle are so clogged that at times you can’t move for 45 minutes.”

showing how beautiful Del Mar is and how beautiful the beach is. But they were giving absolutely no financial information. That’s when the board said maybe it was not such a good idea to make this loan decision today. It made me think maybe there are things that are not being disclosed.”

Mundekis did her own digging. She said Fennell avoided telling the Orange County board key information. For example, its nearly \$40 million in 2015 revenue bonds, used for new grandstand seating and other infrastructure, was downgraded in April by the Fitch Rating service from a BB-minus “stable” rating to a

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BBB-minus or “negative” rating. She says she tried to get other details on two other loans — for \$18.5 million and \$15 million — that the district secured in 2018 to transform the Race Place wagering facility into a concert venue, but that that data was not provided to her or available on the fairground’s website. “I told them, they have over 150 people on payroll who are doing nothing right now because the place is closed and they can’t find these loan documents? These are things that should be kept in a file.” While Mundekis admitted that she is not a concert-industry specialist, she asked, “How will they ever make that concert venue money back, especially now with the concert industry the way it is? The Orange County Fair doesn’t have all these bonds and debt. This has a good opportunity to come crashing down unless they start making good decisions.” Mundekis claims that a state audit of a Bakersfield fair board uncovered mis-uses including “state credit cards for lobster dinners” and “state employees working for private companies... They had to put in new procedures.”

But “new procedures” would be an understatement for the Del Mar Fairgrounds, said former county supervisor Pam Slater-Price, who for 20 years oversaw the 3rd District that

includes the fairgrounds. Slater-Price said that over the years, the fair has morphed from a two-week exposition celebrating local agriculture to a four week-long carnival. “It started decades ago when the county was much more agricultural. Those times are gone. Now it’s more of a month of carnies and junk food... a glorified flea market. Why use this very precious land for that purpose? It just doesn’t make any sense to me.” She said it’s time for a complete overhaul of how the fairgrounds are governed, and that those who live nearby need a bigger say in how the fair is run. Chief executive Fennell reports to a nine-person board which is appointed by the governor; many of those appointees were known to be connected with campaign contributions or political connections. Slater-Price pointed out that only one of the nine current Del Mar Fairgrounds board of directors, Don Mosier, lives nearby. She noted that Del Mar and Solana Beach are overrun with traffic during the fair. “At least Del Mar gets the sales tax,” said Slater-Price. “Solana Beach gets nothing but the headache. The mission of the fair board seems at opposite interests with the local community. It seems the whole mission has become to just bring in as much cash as possible. They’ve got all these full-time state employees with fully-loaded benefit packages.”

Though she is not currently in office, Lesa Heebner was elected three times to the Solana

Beach city council. Regarding the fairgrounds’ appeal for a \$5 million loan from the Orange County fair board and the \$20 million request from the state, she said, “The financial situation is embarrassing, especially when you compare it to the much smaller Orange County fair board’s financial situation.” She noted that when former board member Chula Vista attorney David Watson resigned from the fair board two months ago, he “saw the writing on the wall.” (When he left, Watson was quoted as saying the district is facing “extreme financial turmoil.”) “I don’t think the governor is going to allow the allow fair to go away,” said Heebner. “But the place is so beautiful, and so many different things could be happening there.” She said that one of the reasons she is now running for mayor of Solana Beach is to make sure that locals who live near the fairgrounds get a greater say over how the fairgrounds impact the adjacent neighborhoods. “The fair traffic gets so bad that Highway 101, Stevens Avenue, and Via de la Valle are so clogged that at times you can’t move for 45 minutes. People fill up on turkey legs and fried butter, and afterwards, have no appetite for dining or shopping in Solana Beach.” Heebner said that in her

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Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

Thursday | 25

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS PRESENTS ROMAN HOLIDAY



Cinema Under the Stars, an outdoor theater in Mission Hills, has re-opened and will show the classic romantic comedy *Roman Holiday* (1953), starring Audrey Hepburn as a European princess and Gregory Peck as an American reporter. Reservations recommended.

WHEN: Thursday through Sunday, June 25 through 28, 8 pm to 10 pm
WHERE: 4040 Goldfinch St. Mission Hills. topspresents.com

Friday | 26

FUN ANIMAL FRIDAY: SLOTH AND TEGU

Pacific Animal Productions and the San Diego Children's Discovery Museum are traveling to Argentina to introduce audiences to that country's native animals — Paco the Sloth and Clyde the black and white Tegu — in an interactive, virtual event.



WHEN: Friday, June 26, 10 am to 10:15 am
WHERE: [facebook.com/sdcdm](https://www.facebook.com/sdcdm)

Saturday | 27

JOSH GROBAN LIVESTREAM CONCERT

Actor-turned-dusky-voiced-pop-star Josh Groban has released around eight albums since launching a solo performance career in the early 2000s, and has sold more than 20 million albums. He practically invented a bookstore marketplace for contemporary music by selling his CDs through Barnes & Noble, which in 2007 named him their Best Selling Artist of All Time. Groban will stream a live performance, joined by longtime guitarist Tariqh Akoni and piano player Mark Stephens, for a career-spanning set of his greatest hits, fan favor-



JOSH GROBAN

ites, and a few new songs.

WHEN: June 27, 1 pm
WHERE: [youtube.com/JoshGroban](https://www.youtube.com/JoshGroban)

Tuesday | 30

CONCERT FOR LOVE AND ACCEPTANCE

Ty Herndon, a Grammy-nominated and Dove Award-winning coun-



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try music artist, will partner with the Academy of Country Music and CMT to present a concert hosted by Herndon, Kristin Chenoweth, and CMT's Cody Alan. Tanya Tucker will open the online show, followed by performances by Lauren Alaina, Lewis Brice, Terri Clark, Billy Gilman, Dennis Quaid, Kalie Shorr, Rita Wilson, and Mickey Guyton.

WHEN: Tuesday, June 30, 5 pm
WHERE: [facebook.com/foracceptance](https://www.facebook.com/foracceptance)

Wednesday | 1

BEACHTOWN LIVE! SAN DIEGO REPERTORY THEATRE

Welcome to Beachtown: real problems, not-so-real people. The small Southern California coastal community of Beachtown is facing a pandemic, and needs your help to determine its road to the future. The city has formed the Road to the Future Task Force to address the challenges the pandemic brings. When

and how should Beachtown open its beaches, parks, schools and offices? How can Beachtown mitigate the effect on vulnerable communities? Every Wednesday, there will be a town hall meeting online to discuss these issues and more, and the general public is invited. After the task force has had their say, all Beachtonians will be given the opportunity to join the conversation and debate online. Free to join and participation is not mandatory.

WHEN: Wednesdays, through July 29, 7 pm.
WHERE: [facebook.com/SanDiegoREP](https://www.facebook.com/SanDiegoREP)



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ANIMAL FRIENDS

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BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Online brouhaha leads to business increase at Chula Vista Brewery

"Veteran-owned," notes an easy-to-miss sign on the Third Avenue storefront of **Chula Vista Brewery**. In fact, brewery cofounder Tim Parker retired from the Navy at the end of 2019, following two decades of service, during which the enlisted sailor successfully made the rank of chief petty officer.

Military retirement ceremonies tend to be celebratory occasions, typically highlighted by career photo retrospectives. That part proved a challenge for the camera-shy Parker. "Most people got all these pictures of themselves in uniform, but I'm like a ghost," he says with an easy laugh. "I've always been out of the spotlight. It's not really my nature to be in front of the cameras."

However, this has changed in recent months, as Parker has transitioned from being deployed at sea much of the time, to being a full-time presence at the brewery he launched with his wife, Dali, in 2017. He's become more visible in the brewery itself, but also on the brand's social channels and in the press. Media coverage has increased, in part because Chula Vista Brewery has become better known as an award-winning San Diego beer company. But also, lately, because Parker has emerged as a rarity in the craft beer industry: an African-American brewery owner.

"I think it's funny," he says, "Most people didn't realize until recently

that it's a black-owned brewery. Most people didn't even realize that it was veteran-owned."

In the wake of the protests that continue to sweep the nation and the world, allies of the movement have put a spotlight on supporting black-owned businesses, even as the *New York Times* reports that such businesses are being disproportionately hurt by the covid-19 pandemic.

But last week, Chula Vista Brewery received a different kind of attention: a spate of vitriolic customer reviews lodged on Facebook, Google, and Yelp, charging the brewery with discrimination against Trump supporters, and racism.

The original reviewer was South Bay resident Patrick McKerney, a racecar mechanic and East County native who visited the brewery with his wife, Michelle, on June 14. That night, he lodged a Facebook review, writing in part, "Completely got treated like crap from the moment we walked in... The host said a racial comment under his breath as we were walking to the table... Never felt so violated in my life. Horrible experience. All because I had a Trump hat on."

Additional reviews, posted by friends of McKerney, soon followed, echoing the allegations: "This place is racist" and "You're a disgrace to America."

It might have ended with the original post, Parker says. "Honestly, if it was just one review, and he was filing a complaint, I would chalk it up as one of those, 'Okay you can't please everybody' things." However, when multiple "fake reviews" turned up on multiple platforms, "that's when I felt like, 'All right, I've got to say something.'"

The brewery responded directly to McKerney's review: "We don't care about political viewpoints, we accept everyone... However we will not tolerate fake reviews [or] allow any slander to our business simply because of your bigotry."

The brewery then posted a notice to its fans, announcing "Don't believe the hype," along with screenshots of the "fake reviews."

That's when the internet took over. Chula Vista Brewery's post was shared to several local Facebook groups and by the Los Angeles-based Worst Beer Blog, which has 17,000 followers on Facebook and 27,000 on Instagram. McKerney likewise shared the response to his own Facebook page, where his friends commented and reshared.

By Monday, fans of the brewery had mobilized



Chula Vista Brewery, veteran- and BIPOC-owned beer company



Tim Parker, pictured in a recent Chula Vista Brewery Facebook post

to defend it, adding dozens more reviews across various platforms, and engaging in comment battles with McKerney and friends. Beer fans added positive reviews praising the brewery's beer, owners, and staff, while McKerney's supporters added comments including, "Not allowed to wear Trump hats, they hate white people or even Mexicans who look white."

However, as the conversation devolved, the negativity did not remain one-sided. Brewery fans also attacked McKerney directly, labeling him a racist, threatening his business, and banning him from other breweries. One commenter suggested he and his wife wore Ku Klux Klan hoods during sex.

A still-angry McKerney willfully engaged with his detractors, but decries those invoking his wife, or reposting pictures of her children. "I'm more mad now because they keep involving my family and kids," he says.

While the McKerneys and Parkers cite several minor issues occurring that afternoon, including a lack of ID, COVID-19 space restrictions, a \$22 food order charge, and the size of a cup of water, McKerney contends the negative review was ultimately prompted by disrespect shown his wife. He says the brewery host, a black male, looked at Michelle, who is Filipina, then back at Patrick, a white man in a Trump 2020 baseball cap, and muttered, "Why whitey?"

Brewery cofounder Dali Parker, a Chicana South Bay native, was present during the McKerneys' visit. She says the host flatly denies making any racial comments, telling her, "I was raised better than that." She adds that neither the McKerneys nor members of their party registered any in-person complaint at the time,

and that the rest of the party stayed and continued to drink for hours.

Patrick McKerney insists he would have dropped the matter entirely if he'd been refunded the money spent and been issued an apology instead of having his review challenged. He did not know the brewery was owned by people of color, and objects to the racist label being applied to him. "My wife is Asian," he says. "All my friends are black and Mexican. I don't know how I'm racist!"

He says this is the first online review, positive or negative, he's ever written, but he felt he couldn't let the perceived disrespect slide. "I believe it's because I had that fucking hat on. It's got to be either political or racial!"

The Parkers insist no one in the brewery noticed the Donald Trump hat, and Parker maintains that many Navy friends, and several of the brewery's best customers, are Trump supporters. He doesn't think the onslaught of negative reviews will scare anyone away or hurt the business going forward.

"Actually, it kind of backfired," he says, "Business has picked up since then."

Moving on, his focus will be on opening a second, larger Chula Vista Brewery location — a 10-barrel brewpub and BBQ restaurant in Eastlake — by the end of the year.

"My goal is always to move forward," he says, "and bring people with me if I can."

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So they made Ono-goro-jima the pillar of the center of the land. ... Then [Izanagi] inquired of the female deity, saying: "In thy body is there aught formed?" She answered, and said: "In my body there is a place which is the source of femininity." The male deity said: "In my body again there is a place which is the source of masculinity. I wish to unite this source-place of my body to the source-place of thy body." Hereupon the male and female first became united as husband and wife. ... Hence first arose the designation of the Great Eight-Island Country.

— from *Nihon Shogi* ("The Chronicles of Japan")

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Curry and more curry

I will be back, both for the Thai street food and the beer.

We're at the source here. Where it all began.

This is Home Brew Mart, Ballast Point's original outlet in Morena-Linda Vista, right under the University of San Diego, that Catholic campus on a massif that makes you think of Masada in Israel. The strip mall is called "The Presidio," and it's where Ballast opened for biz in 1992. And where their brewery opened in 1996.

Not only that, but it turns out yesterday (and this was last week), was their first day to open the doors of their Home Brew Mart tasting rooms since Corona (virus, not beer) hit.

A recent development: now, they're serving whatever interesting beers they want. They don't have to "run them by Corporate" at Constellation Brands, the behemoth that Ballast Point left for its new, way smaller owners, Kings and Convicts.

I'm finding this out from Quinn, who's waiting for me to make up my mind about which beer to order from their groaning list.

I have a zillion questions to ask about how come Ballast left the big boys, but my main question right now is, "Do you have food here?"

"No," says Quinn. "But you can bring it in, no problem."

Huh. Maybe not a bad idea. But first I've gotta have a slurp of something. "I'm thinking IPA or stout," I say.

Hmm. He's pointing out porters: Black Marlin, Mocha Marlin, Victory At Sea double coffee, raspberry cocoa Victory At Sea. On and on. But the one I go for is this strange, Indian-sounding one, Indra Kunindra.

And boy, can't say they don't warn you. Whiffs precede the actual grog. Curry and more curry. Quinn also mentions coconut, kaffir lime leaves, cumin, and hey, cayenne peppers. Wow. This has to be the first beer I've had that actually burns you like an level eight Indian curry.

"Think I know where I'm going to get food," I say as I hand over the \$5.50 for this half-pint.

"I'll keep it safe," says Quinn.

I head out for a touch of hunting and gathering. Natch, the strip mall has a Domino's, a Mexican, a donut shop, and an Italian joint. Really though, no contest. If I want food that fits Indra Kunindra, it's gotta be Thai. So I drop into J&T Thai Street Food.

It's still take-out only here.

The sign upfront says to stay six feet apart, so I'm too far away to read the wall menu. Luckily, I can capture that squiggly square and so manage to read it on my iPad. Chicken soup's \$3.50, calamari soup's \$4.50. J&T Spicy noodle soup (\$8.75 for chicken, \$9.75 for beef) is three stars hot. Grilled salmon with curried rice is top dollar at \$11.75.

Then I see it: *Pad kee mao*. Drunken noodles, \$8.75. Oh man. Flashback! Lost youth! Bangkok. End of a long night working radio with my friend Ithiwat. To Petchburi Road and its all-night garden cafes. Lots of beers, lots of Thai bands, rock bands, upcountry *luk thung* bands. And after a couple of hours, we just had to have something to soak up all that booze. "*Pad kee mao!*" we'd yell. "*Pad kee mao!*" "Drunken noodles!" "Mao" is "drunk."

The idea of drunken noodles was to soak up your Singha beer and Mekhong whisky and thus sober you up enough to keep going all night long. You could get these noodles anytime, any place on the street. But specially here in these famous beer gardens. And guess what? I spot them today, on J&T's menu, and delight in the promise of those nice, wide, floppy, rice noodles in a spicy gravy sauce. Their sign says this is a place for "Thai Street Food," and it sure looks like they're coming through. Turn's out "J&T" are the founders, Jit and Tom.

"Uh, yes, I'll take the *pad kee mao*," I say. It costs \$8.75, with chicken. (What I like about this place: appetizers are all standardized to \$5.50, and entrees like yellow or red curry or *pad kee mao*, are all \$8.75, unless you go for more expensive meats.) The rest of my *pad kee mao* is basically



Quinn. No worries



Chicken lettuce wrap: healthiest Thai alternative

steamed veggies like bok choy in this kind of gravy sauce, and those big, wide, spicy (I asked for an "8" on the spicy scale), sloppy noodles.

Of course, on the way back to Ballast, I have to ruin everything by spotting another temptation: the menu at Giovanni's Italian Restaurant. Because, turns out, Giovanni's does Thai too. A salad. Also to-go only. It's a big square box loaded with mixed greens, peanuts, green onions, carrots, and the great Thai thing of grilled limes and Thai peanut dressing. Costs me \$10.

So I haul all this back to the table at Ballast. "Oh wow," says Quinn. "You on a diet?" "I should be," I say. I take a slurp of Indra Kunindra, then tuck into my drunken noodles.

Oh yeah. Goes perfectly with the Indra Kunindra. All that curry taste!

"We're so much happier now," says Quinn. "Those other people were inching us towards middle-of-the-road. 'Acceptable' beer. That's not who we are."



Giovanni's salad is a \$10 meal

I open my Giovanni's salad. OK, yes, it is a little middle-of-the-road. But once you spot some hot sauce, squeeze those grilled lime halves, and empty out the peanut sauce, you appreciate Giovanni's is reaching out to offer something new.

I have to work, or I'd definitely be soaking up more of this Indra Kunindra. But I will be back, both for the Thai street food and the beer. ■

The Place: Home Brew Mart (Ballast Point tasting room), 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 406, 619-295-2337
Hours: 11am-6pm, daily

The Place: J&T Thai Street Food, 5259 Linda Vista Road, 619-294-7500

Prices: Chicken satay, \$5.50; lettuce wrap chicken, \$5.50; garlic short rib, \$5.50; pad Thai (with chicken), \$8.75; Panang curry, \$8.75; pad kee mao (drunken noodle), \$8.75; pad prick king pork, \$8.75; duck noodle soup, \$9.75
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Al fresco fiasco?

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Was Little Italy's al fresco dining experiment too popular for its own good?

1532 India Street, Downtown San Diego. It was a good night for the restaurants, I have no doubt. On Saturday, June 13, Little Italy closed streets to car traffic and allowed restaurants to extend their seating out onto the asphalt.

The neighborhood was San Diego's first to try a concept being tested in many cities across the United States, including New York City, Chicago, Detroit, and Washington D.C. The reasoning behind the move is that the risk of airborne coronavirus transmission is thought to be far greater indoors than outside. So, by setting up more outdoor seating, diners who don't feel ready to be seated within the confines of a restaurant, might venture out for al fresco table service.

For restaurants, it mitigates a significant problem. The social distancing guidelines required to re-open during a pandemic mean that most eateries can only seat about half their usual number of diners. So, while they may be open for business, they may not physically be able to do enough business to cover the costs of doing business. Being allowed to set up outdoor tables theoretically gives them room to serve more customers.

Take India Street restaurant Bar One, for exam-

ple. By the looks of things, the tiny restaurant was able to seat more diners outside on this evening than it would be able to indoors under normal circumstances. Dozens gathered among outdoor tables, roped off from the street with the help of bar stools. And, like most of the neighborhood's restaurants, potential diners gathered outside, just before dusk, awaiting tables.

And therein lies the problem. This closing of the streets dining event attracted crowds. Outside

FEAST!

virtually every restaurant, clusters of San Diegans gathered, vying for outdoor tables. And by my count, the vast majority of people who came to Little Italy for al fresco dining were not wearing masks.

It feels counterintuitive to harp on this point, given the preceding week of protests that saw thousands of protesters take to the streets demanding police reforms. But on this night in Little Italy, it seemed as though people had either forgotten the covid-19 outbreak is active, or had decided



A couple enters Little Italy's carless restaurant zone, as crowds begin to gather.



Little Italy restaurant Bar One hosted dozens of diners on the sidewalk and street outside its doors.

they do not care.

Lines outside of restaurants, combined with hundreds of prospective diners crowding the streets, made it difficult, and at times impossible, to maintain the six-foot rule. People did what people tend to do when walking together in crowds: walk at different paces, stop to chat

with friends, compress at bottlenecks, edge around one another.

I don't mean to sound judgmental: I showed up, like everyone else, for the implicit romance of al fresco dining, under clear skies, in beautiful weather, in what reigns as the city's best dining neighborhood. However, in a county bracing for a surge in coronavirus infections due to re-opening of businesses and beaches, and which is tracking at least one outbreak of cases connected to a local restaurant, the numbers of unmasked revelers in Little Italy on Saturday night was troubling.

Word is, Little Italy plans to try this again, and I would expect similar, if not greater crowds to

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attend. But I think it's fair to question whether the mitigated risk of outdoor dining is compromised by the sheer volumes of people taking to the streets. Perhaps if multiple neighborhoods opened streets to dining at the same time, the population would be better distributed. Or if restaurants were restricted to reservations only, fewer diners would cluster outside restaurants in search of a table.

For those who do plan to attend future street closings, I would suggest reservations are a must, and to be explicit about wishing to dine outdoors. Everybody wants to eat outside, but the restaurants are still seating guests in their dining rooms, and it seems pointless to me to brave the crowds in the street, only to dine indoors.

And if you're concerned about the risk of covid-19, avoid Little Italy's outdoor dining experiment altogether. Counting on fellow San Diegans to limit the spread of the virus doesn't feel realistic. And restaurants open in San Diego are more than happy to serve you take-out.

by Ian Anderson

Dining in restaurants: allowed, but still optional

Sushi Tadokoro; 2244 San Diego Avenue, Old Town. When 2020 began, I did not expect to spend two and a half months writing about take out and delivery. Since dining rooms re-opened in late May, it's been fun, and at times felt a bit daring, to return to writing about on-premise restaurant experiences. Even if those experiences have been eerily dystopian, characterized by half-empty restaurants, sneeze guards, and *cubrebocas*.

However, I should still be writing about take out. Because, despite being open, most local restaurants are still counting on take-out orders to survive the pandemic. Especially the smaller ones.

Restaurants including Sushi Tadokoro, in Old Town. Its namesake owner, Takeaki Tadokoro, brings traditional *edomae*-style sushi to San Diego, including delicacies he learned to prepare growing up as a young sushi chef in Japan. His small sushi bar and din-

ing room is the kind of place a food-lover like yours truly goes to eat on his birthday. Preferably *omakase*, with a great bottle of sake to start things off.

It's not just that Tadokoro offers exceptional or hard to find food and drink. The restaurant's smallness, its intimacy, is part of the appeal. Don't get me wrong — several of the city's finest restaurants are large, high-volume affairs, and necessarily well known. But what use is an urban dining scene without the intimate, less talked about places? The restaurant name you keep in your back pocket to impress a date, or perhaps a friend from the 'burbs, who can't get anything resembling Tokyo-style *edamame* sushi where they live?

Sushi Tadokoro is open with seated dining for lunch and dinner, and the restaurant space elegantly accommodates distanced dining, with *shoji* screen dividers between tables, a clear plastic barrier between chefs and sushi bar patrons, and paper order sheets sheathed in plastic. Tadokoro and his wife have overachieved on the clean air front, having



The nigiri special at Sushi Tadokoro, available to go for \$26.

invested hundreds of dollars each on ultraviolet, ionic, and HEPA air filtration systems to protect staff and diners further.

However, for a sushi joint that maxes out around 30 diners in the best of times, Tadokoro can only fit half or less its normal capacity, at the busiest of times. In the restaurant business, if a busy Saturday night can't make up for a slow Tuesday, the restaurant is in trouble.

So, as inviting as the Tadokoros have made their authentic Japanese dining experience, even during the pandemic, they also find themselves in the unexpected position of encouraging customers to order take-out orders. They've prepared both sushi and sake to-go menus.

The sake menu discounts mid- to high-end bottles you're unlikely to find anywhere other than a quality Japanese restaurant in this town. The sushi menu features a full list of individual nigiri and cut roll options, as well as select sashimi orders. But it includes highlights from Tadokoro's lunch specials menu, including a \$26 nigiri combo (8 pieces plus a half roll), and \$40 *chirashi* box that features a wider

assortment of fish, served over rice. For those who can afford it, there's an *omakase* (chef's choice) special for \$85, which is 20 percent cheaper than pre-

keep such things on the menu as *iwashi* (sardines), golden eye snapper, *nodoguro* (seaperch), and *uni* from Hokkaido.

There are benefits to dining



Shoji screens help separate tables, but reduce seating capacity.

covid dining.

That *omakase* will be the best way to sample the sort of rare finds that help make Sushi Tadokoro a valued presence in San Diego dining, including prized Japanese imports. Chef Tadokoro tells me that, after an initial disruption, he's able to get fish from Japan again, even if it costs him more to

in at Sushi Tadokoro — such as ordering a sweet and succulent black cod. But the truth is, we don't all need to rush out to support local restaurants, just because they're welcoming diners again. Our support is just as valuable — arguably more so — when we take it home. Even when it's something special.

by Ian Anderson

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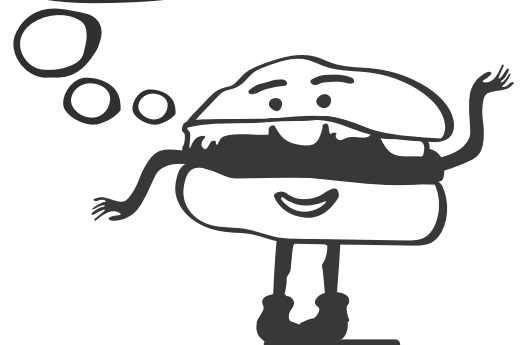
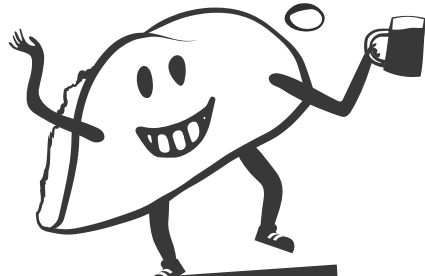
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Remote Highlanders

Trombonist Mike Bengé has been a director of music at Helix High school for ten years, and the 40-year-old musician was also hyper busy leading the San Diego Latin Jazz Collective and

that all of this was happening. I just said, 'Hey, we're going to make a video, and I'm going to send you guys a click-track. I want you guys to play along with it. Use headphones and do it in the driest room of your house. Use the best

was too far down the rabbit hole. I still had a long way to go. I gotta give props to the people that create these videos. Our project was just one song using more than 25 musicians."

So how did the project come out?

"As a video, it is pretty basic, which is fine by me, I was way more worried about the audio — but as soon as I finished, my piano player said, 'Let's do the next one.' But I needed a break — I

PHOTOGRAPH BY RUSSELL TANAKAWA



"The band room was their sanctuary," say Helix High School music director Mike Bengé.

touring with the B-Side Players when the Covid-19 disaster struck. Everything changed overnight.

"I started thinking about what we could do realistically, for our students, and how we could engage them. This was going to be hard on them. The band room was their sanctuary — the kids were always either socializing or working on their instruments in practice rooms."

So Bengé hit on an idea, in addition to keeping up with each other via Zoom interactions, why not collaborate on a video that showcased the students and invited select members of working pro-bands like War, B-Side Players, San Diego Latin Jazz Collective, Pacific Mambo Orchestra, and Karl Denson.

"So I just picked up my phone and called some of my dearest friends. And they were all into it. The attitude was basically, 'anything for the kids.' I didn't tell the kids

phone you've got and then send them to me.' I tried to give them as much knowledge as I could. I just had them follow my instructions, and they all sent individual videos to me. They didn't know about all the pros who were contributing until the end. We made sure to respect the concept of social distancing. We take that very seriously."

So Bengé set out to make a music video, even though he had never done anything like that. Did he know what he was getting into?

"I had no idea. I had to sit for hours watching YouTube trying to figure it out. I put everything in Logic which is a recording program. I had to learn how to edit everything, and I spent the majority of the quarantine watching videos trying to figure this out."

What kind of time are we talking here?

"Hundreds of hours. I lost track. Halfway through, I wanted to give up, but I

need a few weeks to not stare at a computer screen."

How has the pandemic affected the music students at Helix High?

"A lot of educators came together to try and make this as easy as we could for them. Because we know it was going to be hard. I've reached out to students and made personal calls to families to check in. We're trying to be conscious about their wellness. Just trying to be there for these kids. We're trying to put together some kind of graduation and awards ceremony this week. The school has been working hard and just trying to be there for them during this difficult time."

— Robert Bush

Oh, honey San Diego's The Gay Agenda (the band) are so over "We're here, we're queer, get used to it." They never left in the first place, they're not going anywhere, and they'll party and pose their way past



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any shade — not to mention any weirdness.

"All of our shows seem to be the best, worst, and strangest," muses singer David Hurtt. "My favorite show we played was one at Tower Bar. It was the middle of summer and the air-conditioner was *not* operational.... It was so hot that I was dripping sweat off my jockstrap, and I could see steam coming off of the crowd."

"Despite all of this, a person in a full-on bunny costume with an oversized head wearing a leather jacket jumped into the pit, and the crowd went crazy. I got hit in the mouth with the

Matt Penning on guitar. "I knew Luis [Imperator] from the bear scene, but at the time I only knew he played guitar. I later saw a video of him playing drums, and I knew I had to have him in TGA."

"Garrett [Ficacci, on bass] came into the picture recommended by Luis. It took some coaxing to get Garrett to join because of a previous incident when I met him while I was blackout drunk. I allegedly proceeded to berate him unprovoked. However, I don't remember any of this. He eventually got over it and now we're best buds."

Camaraderie is crucial, of course, but Gay Agenda

of a set.

"So far no... mud wrestling. Though I have been covered in a mysterious black slime from the floor of the Tower Bar that seemed to be a mix of beer, bodily fluid, and whatever other punk crust has been caked on there for decades."

Recently, the band cut the new album, *Penetrating*, start-to-finish in one take. Asked the toughest thing about this approach, Hurtt answers, "Everything. Trying to hear yourself, sound bleeding, forgetting lyrics, not knowing how it's going to turn out. It's kind of a nightmare, but it's over in a day."



The Gay Agenda: "Our shows are chaos."

mic, showered in beer, and lathered in other people's sweat mixed with a tiny bit of blood. The next day I didn't remember getting home, apparently didn't wash myself off, and could barely talk. I literally had to peel my sheets off of me in the morning."

Hurtt hooked up (musically) with longtime friend

membership sometimes feels like Army membership. With far more fabulous uniforms, of course.

"Our shows are chaos," Hurtt confesses. "I've been cut from glass, spit on, groped, spanked, had audience members make out with me, flashed, and even dislocated my knee in the middle

So they're rough, tough, rugged, and ready for action. Just don't accuse them of buying their own costumes.

"Oh honey, we don't do 'off the rack.'"

— Andrew Hamlin

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THUNDERLUX

Laura Jane Willcock (Tell Mama, the Tighthen Ups) and her paramour Thomas Yearsley (the Paladins) founded blues-rockers ThunderLux in 2013, soon joined by Leo Dombrecki (Jazmin, Ike Turner) and Emily O'Bannon-Robles (the Tighthen Ups, Runhoney). A self-titled EP was released in early 2015, but a follow-up has been a long time coming. Dombrecki suffered a stroke in his hotel room while on tour in Colorado and was just getting back up to speed with the group when O'Bannon-Robles fell and shredded her leg, placing the band temporarily out of commission. "When she had recovered,

there was one final show before Leo announced his plan to move to Washington state in the summer of 2016," says the band. "The end of ThunderLux felt too painful to even finish the album, and it lay abandoned on an external hard drive in the vault." But while the Paladins and the Tighthen Ups have been on hold due to the pandemic, the project has been revisited by Willcock and Yearsley. "The 13 ThunderLux songs were right there," says the duo, "ready for development, mixing and mastering, with a little extra tracking to flesh out a few songs." Their self-titled album drops July 1.



LATEX GRENADE

Based in Rancho Bernardo, thrash/punk crossover band Latex Grenade released their debut self-titled EP in 2010. Their first national tour found them playing at SXSW Austin and headlining at the Winter Snow Show with FM94/9 at Bear Mountain. A new EP dropped in 2018, *The Cage*, recorded at Bellville Studios in Cape Town, South Africa. Late last year, the band hit South Africa again for their second visit and tour of the country, where they supported the Springbok Nude Girls on their Beautiful Evolution Tour. Two years after the release of *The Cage*, the thrash/punk crossover band just released a video for the title track.

Singer-guitarist Geoff Davis told Underground Press that "The song 'The Cage' shows the immense hypocrisy of American politics right now. We currently have a president who has polarized the nation to dangerous levels, throwing gasoline on already tense situations. We have a president who has repeatedly failed to condone Nazis and white supremacists, as countless acts of domestic terror have engulfed many of our communities. We have a system that has failed us, leaving us with two political parties comprised of blind followers and corrupt pseudo-elected politicians put into power by big-money super PACs."



THE MULROYS

Rock and roll Americana-pop duo the Mulroys (formerly known as Rollers, not to be confused with local cover band The Rollers) has its roots in Long Island New York, with childhood friends Theron "TJ" Royer (Crash Encore) and Erik Mullin (the Wearies). They specialize in a blend of spirited rock and roll with elements of country, reggae, blues, and contemporary pop. After relocating to San Diego, the duo formed the band Grow, which played on the Vans Warped Tour as well as making the rounds of local venues. When that group split, Royer did time in San Diego

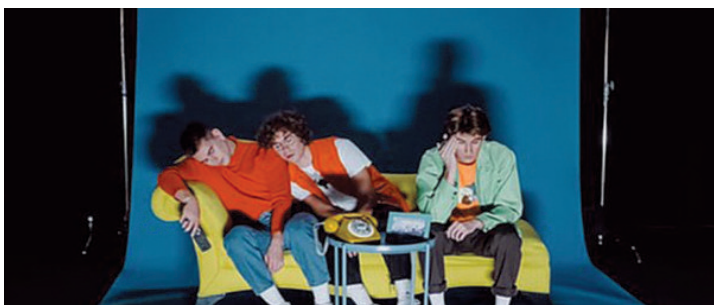
bands like Defrost, Tailgunner, and Crash Encore. Mullin moved to the Bay Area and played for several years with the Wearies. In 2017, the duo reunited in San Diego to form Rollers, releasing their debut EP *Somewhere Along the Way* (produced by Christian Cummings). They spent the next couple of years performing as an acoustic duo, occasionally backed by a live band. They just recently changed their name to the Mulroys, enlisting local drummer Mark Maiggard (Louis XIV) and Michigan bassist Chris Diener to record and release a self-produced album called *Splitsville*.



DRUG HUNT

Last year, alt-country blues rockers Drug Hunt, originally known as Bad Vibes, signed to local Blind Owl Records and changed their name. "We just released a donation-based video for 'Live from the Quarantine,'" says guitarist Rory Morison, "that encapsulates the band's experience of the COVID-19 pandemic and the current BLM movement with two songs that will be on our upcoming album. As artists, it is our duty to synthesize the current state of humanity and present our interpretations in the form of an expression worthy of inspiration. This live performance is our artistic response to the grief, anger, fear, and confusion caused by the global pandemic, the senseless assass-

ination of George Floyd, and the activism necessary to bring equality and justice to people of color. For too long, rampant corruption and unchecked police brutality has taken the lives of countless innocent people. We stand proudly alongside our brothers and sisters, speaking out against the deeply entrenched overt and systemic racism that so blatantly infests our everyday lives." Donations received will be split among entities such as ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, FHCS's COVID-19 Response Effort, the San Diego Food Bank, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), and San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium (SDRIC).



ALMOST MONDAY

Formed in 2015, Almost Monday is an alternative rock band featuring teen surfing pals Dawson Daugherty (vocals, bass) and Luke Fabry (guitar), later joined by Cole Clisby (guitar). Early recordings were done with producer-engineer Mark Needham (the Killers, Imagine Dragons) and producer Simon Oscoft. The band was booked (along with fellow locals the Frights) to play the 2020 BottleRock Napa Valley festival, running May 22 through 24, headlined by Chili Peppers, Stevie Nicks, and the Dave Matthews Band. With that event called off, as well as virtually all up-

coming tour dates, the band found itself with an unexpected block of time on their hands. As a result, the trio has several new singles available online, including "Parking Lot View," "Broken People," and the newest, "Come On Come On." According to the band, "We wrote 'Come On Come On' before quarantine, dreaming about getting a break from the craziness of jobs, school, or whatever you're doing. Little did we know. We're hoping this song will be a pick-me-up for people going through tough times."

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Saturday & Sunday, 12pm — Porch Pride Bluegrass Festival.
Sunday, 7pm — Gregory Page Almost Live Virtual Variety Show.
Sunday, 4pm — Kat Edmonson Sunday Concert.
Monday, 7pm — Happy Ron's World Wide Community Sing Along.
Monday, 8pm — Waxahatchee Livestream. \$15-\$60.
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Wednesday, 6pm — CMA Summer Stay-Cay.

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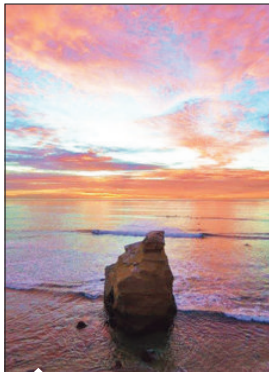
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Belly Up Tavern:

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Which opera dads get Father's Day cards?

It's Father's Day season, so let's look at some operatic fathers and decide whether they deserve a Father's Day card or not.

First up is Rigoletto from Verdi's *Rigoletto*. We see Rigoletto as a sympathetic father figure who loves his daughter Gilda and wants to keep her safe by hiding her from the world. As the story progresses, the world finds Gilda in ways Rigoletto never imagined. In his desire for vengeance, Rigoletto destroys his daughter. Helicopter parents beware, life will find your child.

No card for Rigoletto. Amanasro is the father of Aida in Verdi's *Aida*. Amanasro uses Aida to gain military intelligence about his Egyptian enemies. Aida is discovered and her Egyptian lover Radames is convicted as well. They are buried alive and suffocate. Amanasro sacrifices his fam-

ily for his ambitions.

No card for Amanasro. So far we have two fathers destroying two daughters. How about a father destroying a son? King Philip II from Verdi's *Don Carlo* is the father of Don Carlo. Don Carlo loves Elizabeth and is betrothed to marry her. For political reasons, Philip himself ends up wedding Elizabeth. Don Carlo is devastated but continues to pledge his love for Elizabeth. Philip finds out about it and has Don Carlo sentenced to death. In a desperate fight at the end of the opera, the ghost of Don Carlo's grandfather shows up and pulls him into the grave.

No card for Philip. Are there any good fathers in opera? Germont from Verdi's *La Traviata* is a father who is trying to protect his son Alfredo from throwing his life

away with a courtesan. He advises Alfredo to leave Violetta and go get some sun and relaxation in Provence with the aria "Di Provenza." Germont is usually considered to be a sympathetic character who is on the correct side of the story.

Father's Day card for Germont.

In the opening scene of *Don Giovanni*, the Commendatore tries to rescue his daughter from being raped by Giovanni. The two men cross swords and the younger Giovanni kills the elderly Commendatore. At the conclusion of the opera, the Commendatore returns as the Stone Guest and escorts Giovanni to hell.

Card for the Commendatore.

What about Wotan, "The All-Father" from Wagner's *Ring Cycle*? Between the



Give that man a card: Gianni Schicchi, a father who betrayed the trust of his clients in order to provide for his family.

first and second operas of the *Ring Cycle*, Wotan fathers eight Valkyries and a set of fraternal twins. The twins, Siegmund and Sieglinde, end up falling in love with each other and have an incestuous relationship.

In the second act, Wotan destroys Siegmund's sword which allows him to be slain. In the third act, Wotan punishes his favorite Valkyrie Brünnhilde for having helped Siegmund. In this act, we see Wotan transition from a tyrannical father to a benevolent one, relatively speaking. But when it's all

over, we see that Wotan consistently betrays love in favor of power.

No card for Wotan. Gianni Schicchi, from Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*, is condemned to the lowest level of hell in Dante's *Inferno*. In this retelling of the story, Schicchi is portrayed as a father who betrayed the trust of his clients in order to protect and provide for his family, specifically his daughter Lauretta who sings the famous aria "O mio babbino caro," "O my dear papa."

Card for Schicchi.

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Sultana of song

In one seemingly simple sentence, musician Laura Mvula concisely sums up the everlasting appeal of Ella Fitzgerald: “She made it seem like anything is possible.” (It’s likely that at one point or another, generally in the shower, we’ve all tried to mimic Ella’s sprightly free improvisation — usually with disastrous results.) Her music has been a constant in my life, and Leslie Woodhead’s *Ella Fitzgerald: Just One of Those Things* serves as a fine introductory course on all things Ella.

I am from the generation of working class families that hired African-American “cleaning ladies” to come in and help with light housework. Once a week, Iona would appear at our apartment, bucket in hand. Sometimes, she’d be accompanied by her youngest son Henderson, and together we’d shoot marbles or watch *The 3 Stooges*. The radio was always on when Iona was in the house. Not yet kindergarten age, it was the first time I recall hearing “A-Tisket, A-Tasket” or “The Basket Song,” as it came to be known on Thorndale Ave. For weeks after, it became a Thursday afternoon standard. Iona’s rendition rivaled Ella’s.

Ella arrived in Harlem just in time to help lead the Black Renaissance and eventually dethrone Louis Armstrong as America’s top scat singer. In her youth, Ella was billed as the “greatest little dancer in Harlem,” but that all changed that fateful night she took to the stage. Norma Miller was in the audience the night Fitzgerald made her debut at the Apollo Theatre, and she laughs at the memory of booing the then-unknown performer. She also recalls that the moment Fitzgerald opened her mouth to sing, the boos were replaced with a silence “so quiet you could hear a rat piss on cotton.”

Bandleader Chick Webb thought it unwise to stick Ella on a tour bus alongside six horny musicians. She had already endured countless jokes about her size and not being glamorous enough to front a jazz band. Webb was hardly one to poke fun at someone else’s physical appearance, but the dwarf with the tubercular spine sized her up and had the audacity to gibe, “I don’t want to take that ugly thing on the road with us.” Webb didn’t live past 30. Much to the disdain of her bandmates, it was Ella’s name that replaced Webb’s on the bandstand.

From swing, to novelty recordings, to Be-Bop and beyond, Ella made a career out of reinventing herself. Jazz impresario Norman Granz created the Verve label in her honor. But her biggest cheerleader proved to be showbiz legend

Marilyn Monroe, who paid regular visits to the Apollo. According to Ella, thanks to Marilyn, she “never had to play a small jazz club again.” It also opened the door to the Songbook series, the most popular (and profitable) undertaking in her career. Take it from this rusty Casanova: there is no better singer — not Sinatra, not Tony Bennett, not Peggy Lee — to make out to than Ella Fitzgerald.

Ella was confronted by the evils of racism firsthand. She was allowed to live in Beverly Hills, but only when Granz’s name was on the lease. Never one to mix politics with pleasure, she only once publicly voiced her thoughts on the subject; the radio interview never aired. (Pieces are included in the film.) Divorced and never remarried, Ella was one of the hardest working performers in showbiz, living life out of a suitcase for weeks out of the year. Her adopted son Ray Brown, Jr. shows up, but has little insight to offer as to why he and his mother spent a decade estranged.

One wishes there were more clips of Ella performing — perhaps securing the rights proved too costly. (Two of her most famous achievements — the collaborations with Louis Armstrong and her glass-shattering ads for Memorex tapes — go unmentioned.) And at 90 minutes, it sometimes feels more like a checklist of career highs instead of a comprehensive biodoc. ★★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand New Release Roundup

I Am Vengeance: Retaliation — The review should have been filed last week when the film debuted, but after learning it was a sequel — and given my anal-retentive bent — a look at the original was crucial. Pro-wrestler-turned-marquee-aspirant Stu Bennett’s gamble paid off with this followup to director Ross Boyask’s British thriller. (British thriller? How’s that for an oxymoron?) True to form, Bennett enters swinging, landing more punches than bullets. And instead of following the standard “avenge the death of a friend” plotline, this time, Boyask opts to follow an equally conventional “capture the bad guy and transport him to prison” thread. The action never stops, but what makes this sequel superior (though not by much) is Boyask’s emphasis on humor — and the addition of legitimate action star Vinny Jones to lend credence. Boyask doesn’t direct as much as he pauses the action long enough to move things to another part of the set, where the fisticuffs continue. For

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Ella Fitzgerald: Just One of Those Things: Ella Fitzgerald and Marilyn Monroe, aka her biggest fan, take a fabulous fling.

those in the mood to watch people get pummeled for 90 minutes, you could do a lot worse. 2020 —S.M. ★

Irresistible — A big time political strategist (Steve Carell), still stinging from Mrs. Clinton’s loss, spends the summer in South Carolina, helping to turn a retired veteran (Chris Cooper) into the Democratic mayor of a small conservative town. If you’re determined to pattern a Red State/Blue State variation on Frank Capra, there aren’t too many actors out there better suited to assume the Jimmy Stewart role than Cooper. But director Jon Stewart shifts the focus from Mr. Smith to Carell’s variation on Boss Jim Taylor, with Rose Byrne in the Jean Arthur role. The ending is nothing short of ingenious; be sure to stick around during the closing credits, wherein campaign finance expert Trevor Potter validates Stewart’s brilliance. But the level of the banter exchanged between Carell and Byrne seldom rises above that of penis jokes, making many of their exchanges easy to resist. The star of the show is Mackenzie Davis as Cooper’s clear-thinking daughter; let’s hope she can live long enough off the interest of her *Terminator* earnings to keep energizing low-budget films with her formidable presence. 2020. —S.M. ★★

Tommaso — With six years sobriety in tow, Abel Ferrara awards himself with an autobiographical AA coin of a movie. His sixth collaboration with Willem Dafoe, this is a typical family affair for the controversial filmmaker. Filmed in the director’s apartment in Rome, Dafoe stars opposite Ferrara’s wife (Cristina Chiriac) and three-year-old daughter (Anna Ferrara). But this is not a film

like *This Is Not a Film*, which was shot in Jafar Panahi’s home while the director was under house arrest by the Iranian government. Self-indulgent? Of course. Overlong? Yes, but not agonizingly so. And Ferrara may have kicked the drug habit, but the same can’t be said of his fetishistic practice of mentally undressing practically every beautiful young actress on the call sheet. (There must be a better

way of illustrating the perks of a job.) Dafoe is a superlative Ferrara substitute, but if you’re looking to find the two in top form, a download of *Pasolini* is in order. When this one was over, I turned to my viewing companion and sighed, “It’s not much of a step forward from *Dangerous Game*,” to which he unkindly replied, “I liked Ferrara better when he was high.” 2019. —S.M. ★★★

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WAKE IN FRIGHT (1971)

The arid desolation encircling John Grant’s (Gary Bond) easy work commute — train tracks are all that separate his dingy accommodations from his classroom — evokes the Outback’s answer to Sergio Leone. It’s Christmas break, and a funny thing happened on the way to Sydney to spend the holidays with his beloved: John took the cabbie’s advice and stopped in Bundanyabba, or as the townies call it, “The Yabba.” It’s a world of grubby enablers, where refusing to join someone in a beer is looked upon as a



Wake in Fright: Pleasance, as in Donald, brings pain.

criminal offense. Ted Kotcheff (*The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, *First Blood*) has the ability to unnerve an audience in ways that most directors can only dream about. This is a horror film in the vein of *Deliverance*, with a performance by Donald Pleasance that would terrify

Michael Myers. It’s steeped in atmospheric menace, so don’t expect a coven of vampires to supply a pat fantasy ending. These guys could be your neighbors.

The one gaping hole is Grant, whose inconsistency of character finds him either repulsed by a situation (dining on kangaroo) or excited by it (the mass murder of marsupials), but never at the same time. WARNING: The ‘roo shoot makes Renoir’s bunny bloodbath look like an Easter egg hunt.

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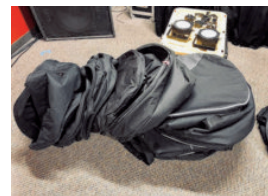
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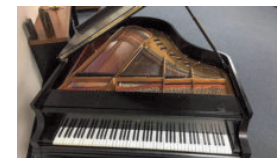


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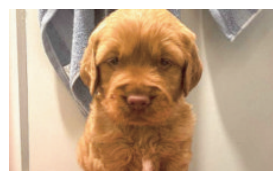
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Questionable Judgment

— Shaun Michaelsen, 41, told police in Jupiter, Florida, he was only trying to be a "cool father" when he let a friend's 12-year-old daughter drive his Jeep on June 8. Officer Craig Yochum saw the Jeep make an illegal U-turn and speed away, the Associated Press reported, so he followed as the vehicle hit speeds of 85 mph in a 45 mph zone. The underage driver told Yochum that Michaelsen, who admitted he had been drinking, told her to drive fast. He was arrested and is being held in the Palm Beach County Jail.

Least Competent Criminal

— An unnamed 29-year-old man in Berlin, Germany, triggered alarms at a supermarket on June 5 when he tried to leave without paying for \$5.65 in merchandise. The Associated Press reported that police had little trouble apprehending the man because, in his hurry escape, he left his 8-year-old son behind. Not only did the burglar's "accessory" help police identify him, but the thief fell down as he was escaping and ended up in the hospital.

Can't Possibly Be True

— The Daily Star reports that a 30-year-old man turned up at Zhaoqing First People's Hospital in Guangdong, China, on June 3 suffering from abdominal pain. Doctors performed a series of scans before discovering a freshwater fish in the man's large intestine, the presence of which he explained by saying he had accidentally sat on it. "Do you think I'm an idiot?" one of the doctors replied. The spiny fins of the Mozambique tilapia had caused ruptures in the man's intestine and had to be removed through his abdomen by surgery, but the man survived the ordeal and recovered.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Canadian Glen Richard Mousseau's adventure with Michigan law enforcement began on May 10, when he was arrested in St. Clair County driving a U-Haul truck and in possession of \$97,000. He cooperated with authorities, admitting he was the owner of a submarine seized by the Border Patrol April 23 and he had been using it to ferry drugs between

Michigan and Ontario, Canada. *Mlive.com* reported Mousseau agreed to await the investigation's outcome in a local hotel, but on May 22, federal agents said he had absconded, leaving behind five phones, a laptop and a diving suit. On June 5, Border Patrol officers observed packages thrown into the Detroit River from a vessel entering U.S. waters and found Mousseau unconscious in the water with 265 pounds of marijuana tethered to him with a tow strap. He's being held on charges of smuggling and possession of a controlled substance.

Fail

— Several sailors of the Royal Navy found themselves in over their heads on May 30 as their plan for a barbecue and beers got out of hand. A witness told *The Sun*, "They were smashed and hadn't bothered to watch for the tide." *The Daily Star* reported that one partier became cut off from the group, and when another went out to rescue him, they both struggled. Emergency services had to be called in, and one of the sailors had to be lifted off a cliff with a winch, the coast guard confirmed. The Royal Navy expressed its regret that emergency services were needed, but they "remain grateful for their help."

Overreaction

— Richland County (South Carolina) sheriff's officers are searching for a man and woman who held a Pizza Hut manager at gunpoint on May 29 in Columbia -- because they didn't receive the 2-liter bottle of Pepsi they had ordered for

delivery with their pie. The manager told WIS the couple entered the restaurant complaining about the delivery, then came behind the counter and as the man held out a gun, the woman removed a bottle of Pepsi from the cooler. Once the goods were in hand, the man put his gun away, and they left the store.

Bright Idea

— A tech startup called ChampTrax has a novel solution for the problem of professional sports being played in empty stadiums. Jason Rubenstein told Fox4 News in Kansas City, Missouri, that his company's Hear Me Cheer technology allows fans watching at home to enable a microphone on a phone or laptop as they watch a game; the sounds fans make will then be captured and aggregated into a single track for the broadcast. "If you're alone in your home, what's the point of booing if no one can hear you?" Rubenstein asked. ESPN featured Hear Me Cheer on a June 9 boxing broadcast and during the NFL draft in April, and the company says it is in talks with other networks and sports leagues.

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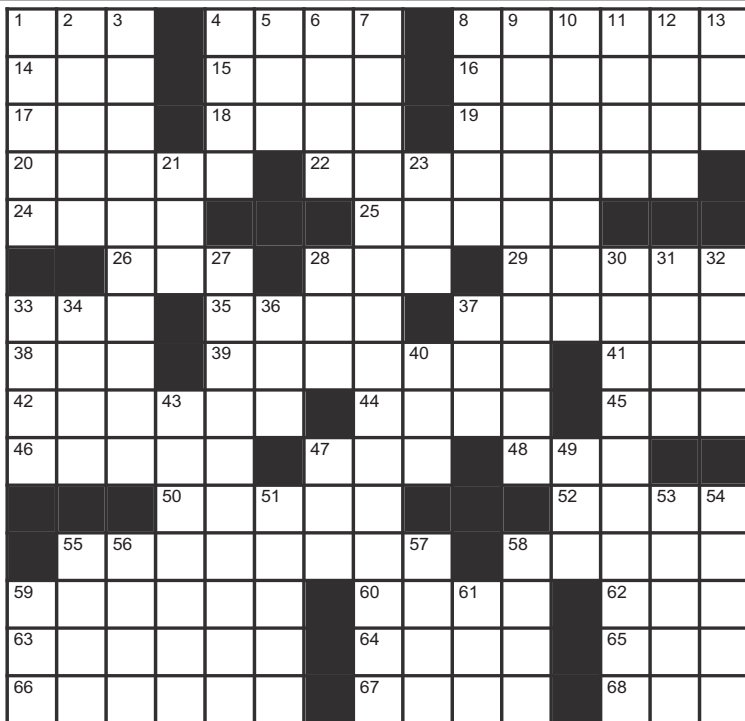


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14. Scarfed down
15. Scent
16. TV's Greene and Michaels
17. The Bulldogs' sch.
18. Singer born Paul David Hewson
19. Words that begin the line before "Deny thy father and refuse thy name"
20. Kids' character Eddie Murphy spoofed on "SNL" in the early '80s and again in 2019
22. "Can't wait!"
24. Jane of fiction
25. Back in fashion
26. Abbr. in many company names
28. Scuba tank filler
29. A single Time?
33. Swiffer product
35. Called up
37. "_____ Sings Dylan" (1965 folk album)
38. Snake in "Raiders of the Lost Ark"
39. Brainiac
41. T or F, frequently: Abbr.
42. Something to pass at a fund-raiser
44. Lug

45. After-tax amount
46. Not halal, in Arab cuisine
47. "_____ all a blur"
48. Doze (off)
50. Top-quality
52. Beach hill
55. Ugandan leader?
58. Lukewarm
59. _____ van
60. Very light brown
62. 1011, in old Rome
63. Monty Python co-founder John
64. Botch
65. Waste away
66. It may be hard to keep
67. "Ciao!"
68. _____ and outs

12. One in a gardener's handful
13. General on Chinese menus
21. Jerry's partner in ice cream
23. _____ capita
27. Conditioner's cousin
28. "Life of Pi" director Lee
30. Med. scan that allows the body's organs to be seen in their normal functioning position ... or what can be seen in 3-, 7-, 9- and 27-Down
31. _____ Reader, quarterly magazine that uses the slogan "Cure ignorance"
32. Right direction?
33. Trig or calc
34. Fed. workplace monitor
36. Actor's representative: Abbr.
37. Breakfast grain
40. Canon SLR
43. Not so gloomy
47. "_____ little teapot ..."
49. Praiseful poem
51. "Does _____ any better than this?"
53. Resignee of 1974
54. Finds the right words, say
55. _____ slaw
56. Sans opposite
57. 11-time NCAA basketball champs
58. Low brass instrument
59. Variety show hosts, briefly
61. Daily grind

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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John Liedle, San Diego, 1.

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due to staff vacancies or various assignments, but they were working on filling staff vacancies to minimize overtime hours," according to the report. "During this review, Management evaluated overtime causes and started taking appropriate steps to minimize overtime. We will contact you at the appropriate time to evaluate the status of the management action plans," auditors told campus officials.

UCSD's Chief of campus police is alumnus David Rose, who was highly praised by Chancellor Pradeep Khosla in a statement announcing Rose's appointment in July 2014. "With his experience and knowledge of the university, David Rose is an exceptional choice to lead an agency that is absolutely critical to maintaining the safety and well-being of our campus community."

Matt Potter

Under the radar

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our milestones."

The job notice adds that, "with philanthropic support as the highest priority, this position will carry a portfolio of major and principal gift prospects and provide critical support to all other members of the revenue team. inewsource has been quite successful in raising its current \$1.4M budget through individual memberships and major gifts. The CRO's challenge will be to expand our base of traditional funding sources by creating new and innovative revenue streams through leadership in marketing and strategic partnerships." Among funders of the American Journalism Project, according to its website, is Facebook.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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estimation, all ten members of the Del Mar and Solana Beach city councils are in support of a total overhaul of the fairgrounds governing board, one that would mandate more input from those two cities. She said that while locals are now talking about a new fairgrounds governance, it would get complicated since it would probably involve the governor, state legislators, and the county. Also involved are the Del Mar Racetrack Authority, the State Racetrack Leasing Commission, and the Del Mar Turf Club. "I would like it to be controlled by a new authority. I hope it's not a pipe dream."

The Orange County fair board (32nd District Agricultural Association) will again reconsider the Del Mar Fairgrounds' \$5 million loan request at their June 25 meeting. The teleconferenced meeting will be viewable live in real time.

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The Black is a 1960s-style “head shop” where you can still buy glass and ceramic pipes, incense, psychedelic art and even *Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers* and other underground comics.

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square feet of living space and two garage doors facing the street, are the cornerstone of San Diego’s first suburb and largest post-World War II subdivision. They were built by developer Lou Burgener and Carlos Tavares and

named after Tavares’ wife, Claire. Richard Morris, a longtime Clairemont realtor, says the duplexes are “cash cows,” generating as much as \$4000 a month in rent. “As soon as one comes on the market, it’s insane how competitive people are on those

things,” he says. The typical purchase price is in the mid-\$700,000s.

Shootout on Fifth Avenue — William Penn Hotel

Fifth Avenue and F Street
SAN DIEGO

This historic hotel, built



PHOTOGRAPH BY THOMAS K. ARNOLD

The Ocean Beach Youth Hostel is painted in bright colors like something out of a Ken Kesey book.

in 1920, was ground zero for the biggest and most notorious gun battle in San Diego history. On the afternoon of April 5, 1965, 28-year-old Robert Anderson walked into the Hub Jewelry and Loan Company on the ground floor of the hotel to buy a gun, only

to turn it on the credit manager, Louie Richards, who, after being shot, fell just inside the doorway. Another clerk fled into a second-story room and called police. Anderson holed up inside the store and began shooting at police, who shot back. They commandeered

a Coca-Cola delivery truck for cover and sent a rescue party to retrieve Richards’ body “while the sound of gunfire rattled and echoed throughout the street,” according to a Channel 8 newscast at the time. Another police officer snuck into the hotel to rescue the clerk



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and managed to shoot Anderson. By then, a total of 65 police officers had fired more than 1000 bullets. (Anderson was convicted and sentenced to death, but in 1972 his death sentence was commuted to life in prison. He was paroled in 1976 and

moved to Seattle, where he died in 1999 at the age of 62.)

Two days, two deaths — Spreckels Mansion

1043 Ocean Boulevard
CORONADO

This elegant mansion,

across the street from the ocean just north of the Hotel del Coronado, was built for San Diego business titan and sugar king John D. Spreckels, who also built the Hotel del and owned vast amounts of downtown property, the two daily newspa-



PHOTOGRAPH BY THOMAS K. ARNOLD

This sprawling mid-century house on a corner lot at the north end of Bird Rock was once the home of famed mystery writer Raymond Chandler.

pers, and the San Diego and Arizona Railway. The original home was built with steel-reinforced concrete construction and initially featured four bedrooms, six baths, and about 6600 square feet of living space.

More than 100 years later, the home — which

has since been expanded to nine bedrooms plus a guest house — was the scene of a tragic, fatal accident and a second, mysterious death. In July 2011, then-owner Jonathan Shacknai's son, six-year-old Max, fell down the stairs and, four days later, died of his injuries.

In the meantime, two days before young Max died of brain damage, the wealthy pharmaceutical executive's girlfriend, Rebecca Zahau, was found nude and hanging by a rope around her neck from a second-story balcony overlooking the interior courtyard. Au-

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These two homes, built in the shape of boats, occupy two narrow lots near the ocean's edge in the heart of Encinitas.

thorities ruled her death a suicide. Her family disagreed and filed a wrongful death suit. In the civil action, Jonah's brother, Adam Shacknai, who found Zahau's body, was found responsible. But the case was dismissed when Zahau's family reached a settlement with

Adam Shacknai's insurance company.

Jonathan Shacknai sold the home in 2011 for about \$9 million to a Utah-based limited liability corporation. It was subsequently listed for sale several times at prices as high as \$17.9 million; as of March 2020, the home

is being offered as a rental for \$80,000 a month.

Fear and loathing at the Travelodge

3737 Sports Arena Boulevard
MIDWAY DISTRICT

It's called Wyndham Garden San Diego these days. But back in January 1988, when this was still



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The spark for this unusual architectural style was the hit 1921 movie *The Sheik*, with Rudolph Valentino, and the discovery a year later of Tutankhamen's tomb.

a Travelodge, celebrated gonzo journalist Hunter S. Thompson stayed here for three nights while in town for an appearance at Symphony Hall the night before the January 31 Super Bowl between the Washington Redskins and the Denver Broncos.

Thompson didn't attend the game; he traded his two tickets for an ounce of cocaine and spent most of his stay here inside his second-story suite, drinking and doing drugs. The night after the big game, there was a party in his suite;

among the guests were political consultant and pollster Patrick Caddell, one of the architects of George McGovern's unsuccessful 1972 run for the presidency. Thompson got belligerently drunk and screamed at everyone to leave the

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room. Thompson would only venture out of his suite to eat at the hotel restaurant, known at the time as Baker's Square. He caused a fracas when he chased a girl into the kitchen because she rebuffed his advances.

Rudford's — in the footsteps of Kennedy

2900 El Cajon Boulevard
NORTH PARK

On June 6, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was riding in his black Lincoln bubbletop convertible eastward along El Cajon Boulevard toward San Diego State, where he was to deliver the commencement address. In one of the most famous photos of that day, the President can be seen cruising right past Rudford's, a classic diner that had been opened in 1949 by John Thomas "Tommy" Rudford. The restaurant remains open to this day and hasn't changed much in appearance, neither inside nor out. Kennedy, of course, was shot to death less than six months later in Dallas, sitting in the exact same spot in the exact same car.

Raymond Chandler's house

6005 Camino De La Costa
LA JOLLA

This sprawling mid-century house on a corner lot at the north end of Bird Rock was once the home of famed mystery writer Raymond Chandler, the author of such literary classics as *Farewell, My Lovely*; *The Long Goodbye*; and *The Big Sleep*. The last was made into a film noir classic by director Howard Hawks, with Humphrey Bogart in the lead role and a screenplay written by William Faulkner.

Chandler moved into the house in 1946 with his wife, Cissy, 18 years his se-

nior, and their cat, Taki, according to a February 2018 story in the *La Jolla Light*. After Cissy died in 1954, he remained there until his death in 1959. While in the house — which at the time was a single-story ranch-style home; a second story was added later, in 2007 — he drank heavily, wrote the novels *The Little Sister* and *Playback*, and tried to kill himself. According to the *La Jolla Light* story, on February 22, 1955, Chandler was found in the bathroom of the home, "wrapped in a shower curtain and trying to summon the nerve to insert a gun into his mouth. San Diego Police were notified when the mystery novelist phoned a friend, distraught, saying that he planned to kill himself. Chandler got off one shot, which missed. A second failed to fire just before the officer discovered him."

But he loved the house, according to the *Light*, and once called it in a letter "a far better home than any out-of-work pulp writer has any right to expect."

The Cardiff Kook

Chesterfield Drive and Coast Highway
CARDIFF

The official name of the six-foot-tall bronze sculpture of a surfer is *Magic Carpet Ride*. It was commissioned by the Cardiff Botanical Society at a cost of \$120,000 and installed in 2007 at the entrance to the San Elijo State Beach campground. The sculpture, mounted on a six-foot-high granite base, was crafted by Matthew Antichevich, an artist and sculpture instructor at Mount San Jacinto College in Riverside County. Locals soon christened it the Cardiff Kook, "kook" being a pejorative slang name for a beginning surfer, and began decorating it in outlandish

manners. The Kook has been dressed up as Santa Claus, Uncle Sam, and a Mexican *lucha libre* wrestler. Since the pandemic began, the Kook has been wearing a mask.

The Boat Houses of Encinitas

726 and 732 Third Street
ENCINITAS

These two homes, built in the shape of boats, occupy two narrow lots near the ocean's edge in the heart of Encinitas. The *SS Moonlight* is at 726 Third Street, while the *SS Encinitas* is right next door at 732 Third Street. Both homes were built in 1928 by Miles Kellogg, an architect whose father was a sea captain. He constructed the side-by-side homes "using timber salvaged from the local bathhouse and a hotel that failed to survive Prohibition's dry years," according to the Encinitas Historical Association, which acquired them in 2008 for preservation. The Encinitas boat houses are among the first local structures to be built of repurposed materials, and represent what the association calls "early California 'courtyard architecture' as well as the kind of vernacular design associated with historic Highway 101." Each house is 15 feet tall and 20 feet long and consists of about 1100 square feet of living space.

Little Egypt

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home in Cardiff. The spark for this unusual architectural style was the hit 1921 movie *The Sheik*, with Rudolph Valentino, and the discovery a year later of Tutankhamen's tomb. The unearthing of the final resting place of the boy king by British explorer Howard Carter and his colleagues was a huge media sensation. "The fact that Carter was being assisted by archaeologists and photographers from an American museum, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, added to a sense of national pride and personal involvement with the discovery," according to the *Journal of San Diego History*.

This particular house was built in 1923 by land developer and builder O. L. Steel, on a hilltop lot in what he hoped would be-

come a tract of Egyptian-style homes surrounded by avocado groves. The house retains its carefully painted columns, planters, and bas-relief winged suns over the windows and pharaoh heads on the walls by the front porch. Steel later built a second, smaller Egyptian-style home down the hill from the first house, in the 1200 block of San Dieguito Drive.

Log Cabin Apartments

1660 North Coast Highway
ENCINITAS

Back when the Coast Highway was the main north-south artery in coastal California, the two-lane road was dotted with auto courts, later known as motels, catering to travelers in search of cheap and easily accessible overnight accommodations for



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Before they died, the Heaven's Gate cult gathered at this restaurant — at the time, a Marie Callendar's — for a final meal together. On the menu: iced tea, turkey pot pie, and salad, with blueberry cheesecake for dessert.

themselves and their cars. This charming little roadside village of 15 red cabins was built in 1935, when Highway 101 was the only way to get from Los Angeles to the Del Mar racetrack, San Diego, and Tijuana. Famous overnight guests

reportedly included a honeymooning Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball as well as Sammy Davis, Jr. and his dad, who lived in Cabin No. 5 during the Del Mar racing season in the 1960s. The cabins were converted into apartments in the 1980s.

The Last Supper — Miguel's Cocina

5980 Avenida Encinas
CARLSBAD

On March 26, 1997, police discovered the bodies of 39 victims of a mass suicide in a Rancho Santa Fe mansion. The 21 women and 18 men had

been members of the Heaven's Gate cult, whose leader, Marshall Applewhite, a former music professor, preached that suicide would allow them to leave their bodily "containers" and enter an alien spacecraft hidden behind the Hale-Bopp comet. In late March 1997, as Hale-Bopp reached its closest distance to Earth, Applewhite and 38 of his followers drank a lethal mixture of phenobarbital and vodka and lay down to die, believing they were on their way to a higher existence.

Before they died, they gathered at this restaurant — at the time, a Marie Callendar's — for a final meal together, according to the book *Weird California*. On the menu: iced tea, turkey pot pie, and salad, with blueberry cheesecake for dessert.

— Thomas K. Arnold

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