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Editor's picks from this week's free classified ads More in the back of this issue I'D LIKE TO THANK all my friends who looked in on me — Really I would. Ok who wants to be first? HASS AVOCADOS home grown on my property in Escondido, 20 lbs. for only \$20. HORSE CORRAL metal shade. 10' X 12" excellent shape. \$100.

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Ray's roadhouse

I was interested in "San Diego's Best Roadside Attractions" (Cover Stories, June 24). I saw several things I thought were really fun. Raymond Chandler's house was one of the things. I used to walk by there regularly and I saw the plaque on the thing. Also the Black. I happen to have a matchbook from there over in Ocean Beach. I enjoyed going over there for my incense. My spouse and I used to use their incense regularly. And lastly I thought maybe you would have something about the Big Oak Ranch. It was back off of Harbison Canyon Road and we used to go over there to hear music shows in the forest kind of. A group called the Tall Cotton Band used to play there, and they would warm up for people like

Waylon Jennings or Willy Nelson. Because some of those people played at that particular venue they got in trouble with the guy who owned the place. If there's a way I could get more about the Big Oak Ranch, how to find it. I that in the map book I have there's a place called Old Ironsides County Park off of Harbison Canvon Road. I don't know if that's a changed name for the Big Oak Ranch, or what. Ivan Schreiber La Iolla

Dumpster non-diner

As founder and president for life of the Amalgamated Dumpster Divers of America I enjoyed the author's creativity and fortitude in his dumpster endeavors ("A San Diego dumpster diver's honor," Cover Stories, June 10). Although I was personally never a food diver and never would or will be, diving of any kind during this virus epidemic is unthinkable. I was born at the height of the Great Depression in 1933. My dad had gone to a trade school in LA to learn the fine art of car painting, body and fender repair and car striping, which he was a master at. However, there was no continued on page 4





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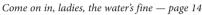




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NEIGHBORHOOD

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OVER THE AIRWAVES FCC v CPC ChiComm Commes come under fire

URadio 690 AM's official call lettters are XEWW. Two years ago, it flipped to an all-Chinese/Mandarin words-and-music format. (Before that, as The Mighty 690, and featured English-speaking formats including oldies and Top 40. In the 60s it was the West Coast's first all-news station. In the 80s and 90s, it was the Mighty 690, one of the first allsports stations in the west.) On June 22, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) told the operators of the station, which has a 77,000-watt transmitter in Rosarito Beach, that it had 48 hours to get its application in



Kaplan's new gig has him on Cloud Nine. Well, the cloud, anyway.

CHULA VISTA

it's already a local one

It may become a national holiday, but

On June 19, some San Diegans celebrated

Juneteenth. Others paid homage to San Diego

County's circa-1982 area code. "619 Day'

was more of an unspoken holiday, but it

didn't come to be until recently," explained

Ruben Torres of south San Diego. "The thing

with the numbers '619' is, back in the day, it

was more of an underground street code, and

it evolved in the streets." On social media,

San Diego supporters posted 619 memes

along with photographs of street signs, graf-

fiti art, 619 apparel, selfies, and tattoos. They

captioned the "flicks" with #happy619day. "I

miss the beaches and Robertos," commented

619 time

provider in North America, transmitting to over 200,000 subscribers via DISH and Direct TV. (Ray Fitch, a Washington D.C.-based attorney who specializes in FCC issues, says this move is "clearly political," and that it is interesting to note that there is an FM station in the D.C. area called Sputnik that broadcasts One longtime radio veteran says that income from radio advertising countywide is off by almost 60 percent compared to the same period last year. "And all those people furloughed by iHeart, I doubt they'll be coming back."

KEN LEIGHTON

a former local. Another wrote, "On 6/19, get the word out about our love for America's Finest City. Honor the people, places and things you love about San Diego by posting a video or photo using the hashtag #619day."

June 19th is also Rey Mysterio Day, which was proclaimed by the city of San Diego in 2018, and the city of Chula Vista in 2019. In 2006, Mysterio, a 5'6" Montgomery High alumnus, toppled 6'5" Randy Orton at Wrestlemania 22 to garner the WWE World Heavyweight championship title. More recently, he became a grand slam champion, winning every belt in the WWE organization. Throughout the Lucha Libre-styled wrestler's career, he has given back to his community, sometimes making guest appearances. On June 28, 2018, Torres, his former classmate Mysterio, and local R&B singer Frankie J joined with other community leaders and residents to present 36 new bikes to Smythe Elementary School third grade students as prizes for their essays on the "how they would change their community, serve the elderly, and help the homeless." Shortly after the San Ysidro school giveback, "David Alvarez pushed to make June 19, Rey Mysterio Day," explained Torres. "I then approached

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"We've had to rethink how we do things. These are different times in radio. Everything has changed."

order or it had to get off the air.

U.S. Senator Ted Cruz of Texas applauded the move, saying the feds, with his support, are now starting to crack down on this pro-China radio station that beams Mandarin language propaganda over the border. URadio 690 gets its audio feed from a company called Phoenix TV. which Cruz said is "a puppet of the Chinese Communist Party that broadcasts propaganda across the Unites States. I have long fought to expose and stop a scheme in which the Phoenix TV company was waging information warfare from a radio station across the border in Mexico."

Chances are, none of the Chinese voices you hear on URadio 690 belong to people who have ever set foot in Mexico. According to a spokesman for the FCC, URadio's programming originates from a studio in Irwindale, and is sent via shortwave to the studios in Baja. XEWW is a Tijuana station, so the FCC has little direct oversight; its involvement is due to the agreement it *does* oversee, the one that allows a feed to be sent across the border via shortwave and then back to the United States. In the June 22 declaration to fix it or quit, the FCC said that Phoenix Radio is not listed as part of the group that sends the 24/7 feed to the 690 studios in Baja. The FCC says Phoenix Radio is part of Phoenix TV, which is a publiclytraded Hong Kong company that claims to be the largest Chinese-language television pro-Russia propaganda in English. "It has raised some hackles over the years but it is still on the air.")

The answer to URadio 690's current FCC problem may be the technology that will be used by the other Baja-based "border blaster." the 50,000-watt XEPRS 1090 AM. That allsports station, formerly known as The Mighty 1090, went off the air a year ago when its San Diego-based operator, Broadcast Company of the Americas, couldn't remain solvent. It is now set to return to airwaves "before the end of summer," says new owner Bill Hagen. Hagen says the new station, rebranded as "The Mightier 1090" will be anchored by long-time sports talker Scott Kaplan, but he notes that the other hosts will not necessarily be talking sports. He also says COVID-19 has led him to rethink how radio stations will work going forward. Kaplan, for instance, will originate his afternoon talk show from his home in Solana Beach: it will then be "cloud delivered" directly to the 1090 transmitter in Rosarito. (Hagan says that all the other hosts will also be originating their shows from remote locations.) "Like with everything else, we've had to rethink how we do things. Look at Howard Stern. He's now doing his show from his basement. The pandemic has taught us how be nimble. These are different times in radio. Everything has changed. It's not the corporate radio world we've always known."



Who was that masked man? Rey Mysterio!

Chula Vista's Mayor Salas and our city council about giving Mysterio the day in Chula Vista, because he lives in Chula Vista and it made sense."

The champ's been championing his area code since the 1990s. "He emblazoned 619 on all his merchandise and everything he would wear in the ring. And his finishing maneuver in the ring is called the '619' — it's where he grabs the two ropes and he spins himself and kicks his opponent in the face."

Wuv Bernardo, drummer of local rock band P.O.D., grew up with Torres and Mysterio, and Torres recalled a time when "Wuv and his group were walking in Italy. He was wearing shorts, and a bunch of kids ran up to him, pointed at the tattoo on his calf, and said, *continued on page 6*

NEWS TICKER



With the money they save from cutting staff, they can get a nicer sign!

KP-BS

Property over people at public non-profit COVID-19 has finally hit KPBS - the San Diego State University-controlled and -funded public broadcasting operation - where it hurts: in the payroll. Three staff layoffs, along with a fifty percent cut in the hours of another 15 employees — effective July 1, per a Union-Tribune June 22 account — triggered campus complaints that the stations had axed workers in favor of a lavish new KPBS headquarters.

As noted here December 30, the SDSU affiliate raised \$26,225,000 in "gifts and pledges" during fiscal 2019 for its ongoing Capital Campaign, per a November 26, 2019 financial report. But COVID-19-related cutbacks faced by SDSU - which picks up a

significant portion of the station's costs – may be contributing to KPBS's budget pinch. Taxpayers forked over \$7.2 million in "university transfers" from SDSU to KPBS during fiscal 2019, the November financial report says, versus \$7.1 million the vear before.

Under the latest of California's rapidly shifting proposed budget deals, the state university sys-

tem - including SDSU - and the University of California would suffer more than a billion dollars in budget cuts, aggravating SDSU's financial woes. A hoped-for federal bailout under the so-called HEROES Act. might offset the reductions during the current budget period, but the future is uncertain. "Passage of the HEROES Act will also determine whether UC's and CSU's budgets will be cut significantly," noted EdSource in a June 23 account of the budget negotiations between legislators and Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom. "Newsom had proposed cutting \$1.17 billion in combined cuts and to rescind \$770 of that amount through federal funding. The final deal calls for cutting \$970 million — \$470 million for UC and \$500 million for CSU - which would be restored with federal coronavirus assistance."

Other burgeoning SDSU expenses may be putting pressure on KPBS's budget. Just three weeks before KPBS revealed the current round of staff cuts to the public, the university finally sealed an \$86.2 million deal with San Diego city hall for the Mission

By Reader staff writers

Valley parcel, once known as **Oualcomm Stadium.**

According to the U-T's account of the new layoffs, a statement from KPBS announced "possible pay cuts of up to 10 percent for senior managers" in the unspecified future. Based on salary numbers obtained under the state's public records act by TransparentCalifornia.com, compensa-

tion for highly paid top jobs was already shrinking. General manager Tom Karlo, whose state university system title is Administrator IV, received a total of \$257,289 in salary and benefits during 2019. Karlo got \$343,981 when he hit his earnings peak at the station in 2018 before heading down last year. In 2017, Karlo received \$333,106, according to data posted by TransparentCalifornia. In 2016 he got \$314,654. Nancy Worlie, associate general manager for content and communications, an Administrator III, got \$142,027. In 2018, she received \$191,012, per the TransparentCalifornia numbers. A year earlier, her compensation was \$182,301.

Matt Potter



Stacey Fulhorst seems to think that now is the right time to retire from her position as executive director of the Ethics Commission

Doing ethics in the dark

While things heat up in the lobby

Lobbying is way up at San Diego city hall, but anti-corruption enforcement by the city's Ethics Commission is another story. Those are the principal takeaways from the commission's June 11 meeting, held via online hookup due to the COVID-19 pandemic. "During 2019, lobbying firms reported receiving a total of \$4,272,931 from their clients, and organization lobbyists reported making a total of 1,612 lobbying contacts with high-level city officials," says a June 5 report to the commission by retiring executive director Stacey Fulhorst. In 2018, by comparison, the city's cadre of registered influence peddlers "reported receiving a total of \$2,578,595 from their clients, and organization lobbyists reported making a total of 1,441 lobbying contacts with high-level city officials," says a May 2019 commission memo by Fulhorst.

The city's registered lobbyists are responsible for a big jump in campaign fundraisers continued on page 40

UNDER THE RADAR

Liberally correct Just two days after a June 10 San Diego Reader report regarding Mercury Public Affairs and the controversial Los Angeles-based lobbying firm's advocacy for a Tennessee ambulance company seeking a piece of San Diego's paramedic business, the arrangement abruptly ended. Mercury registered May 29 with the city clerk's office to represent Priority Ambulance's quest for a deal with Republican mayor Kevin Faulconer, but then filed a June 18 amendment saying, "Deleting client - Priority Ambulance, (06-12-20)."

As previously noted, Mercury vice-president John Ek, who handled the company's San Diego lobbying business, received an \$11,000 fine from L.A.'s ethics commission in February 2017 for illegally hosting 37 public officials at a \$51,000 birthday bash two years earlier. Mercury is most widely known for how one of the company's key executives, ex-Democratic Assem-

bly Speaker Fabian Núñez, got son Esteban's San Diego voluntary manslaughter sentence cut to seven years by GOP governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. Esteban Núñez, who as a result of Schwarzenegger's action left state prison in 2016, is currently a lobbyist himself, advocating voting rights for California felons on parole. Now 31, the younger Núñez's latest quest was written up by CalMatters on June 22. "Softspoken and quick to acknowledge 'the damage that I personally caused,' Núñez combines an inmate's understanding of prison with a politician's understanding of the Capitol," the account says. "As a policy director for the criminal justice nonprofit program Cut50, Núñez is part of the

tide pushing California's penal system from tough-on-crime laws toward giving criminals a second chance."

Adds the story, "Núñez's transition underscores California's increasingly liberal shift on criminal justice - he credits the leader of a prison rehabilitation program with inspiring him to pursue an advocacy career. But it also reflects the reality of Sacramento, where family ties run deep inside the Capitol." Said Núñez, "I think I

do have a unique opportunity to use the doors that my father has worked hard to open, for the greater good."

Per the website InfluenceWatch: "Cut50 is an initiative of a left-leaning 501(c)(3) organization called Dream Corps. Dream Corps was founded in 2014 by Van Jones, a former 'Special Adviser for Green Jobs' in the Obama White House and a current CNN contributor." Among recent ventures, Dream Corps and Jones joined with Madonna and rapper Meek Mill in April to provide 100,000 masks to prisons and jails nationwide. Last year, rapper and Superbowl performer Travis Scott and the National Football League said they would give \$500,000 to Dream Corps to blunt criticism of the NFL's handling of ex-San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick.

Message to the Mayor It was a

"Nice try, but no cigar" letter from the state's

Fair Political Practices Commission to Santee city attorney Shawn Hagerty regarding the intention of Mayor John Minto to write a monthly column for a Santee Chamber of Commerce magazine partly funded by taxpayers. "Under the current agreement, the City pays the Chamber \$1,600 per issue in exchange for the Chamber's inclusion of two pages of City content (advertising and articles) in each issue," notes the

Lobbyist John Ek illegally hosted 37 public officials at a \$51k birthday bash.

> June 3 communication from the political watchdog's general counsel Dave Bainbridge. "Therefore, the City expressly funds the production and distribution of the mailing in an amount greater than \$50." Concludes Bainbridge: "Including the name, title, photograph, or other reference to the Mayor anywhere in the Magazine would be a prohibited mass mailing."

> Minto is currently at the center of a Santee term limits storm, in which a city council-sponsored measure he backs is facing off against a citizens initiative on the November 3 ballot. The citizens' proposal would impose a limit of three terms: whether the terms are served as Mayor or on the council. Minto's measure would allow

> > a Santee mayor two terms of four years each on top of three four-year city council terms, permitting a potential 20 years in office, versus the 12-year cap the initiative would create.

> > "This is nothing more than a self-serving conspiracy to confuse the voters who are looking for more honesty, integrity and transparency in our local government," resident Janet Garvin complained about the Minto-favored measure in a June 19 Union-Tri-

bune account. Responded Councilman Rob McNelis: "More choices doesn't [sic] make us self-serving; it gives an opportunity to those who want something different."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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The Fair Political Practices Commission sand no to Santee Mayor John Minto's paid column in a local magazine.

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ASK A HIPSTER

For whatever reason, I receive a steady trickle of bizarrely ordinary inquiries. I suspect people fire them off for no other reason than that they can. How can something be "bizarrely ordinary," you ask? Aren't "bizarre" and "ordinary" opposites, such that "bizarrely ordinary" would be an oxymoron? To which quibbling I reply, context is everything. "Ask a Hipster" is the home planet for the obscure and irrelevant. The ordinary seems out of place here. Regardless, the ingenious hipster mind lends itself to solving garden variety quandaries, so I shall answer these out-of-place musings.

Dear Hipster:

Why does ice smell funny and can it be prevented? — ANTHONY

I am aware of many apocryphal explanations for freezer stench, none of them definitive. No matter how much you clean, that stank will return harder

than acid-washed jeans every 15 years. It's probably alchemical in origin and not explainable by science. Easily rid yourself of nasty freezer smell (and taste) by rinsing your ice cubes in water before you put them in your gin & tonic.

Dear Hipster:

Is it unhealthy to drink two-day old wine that's gone a little sour?

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Not if you mix it 50/50 with Squirt! You'll thank me later. Really any cheap or day-old wine is much better this way, and you get to tell your friends, "this is really popular in Europe," which makes you sound cool and cultured. No downsides here.

The remnants of hard water are easily erased with white

ily erased with white vinegar. Come to think of it, almost everything in your house is best cleaned with white vinegar instead of the toxic crap they'll sell you at the store. Large chemical companies have been telling you for years you need increasingly powerful household

Dear Hipster:

Why does my shower

always get a white, pow-

dery film on the shower

doors? What IS that stuff

and why does it not wash off?

— ALEXIS

cleaning reagents, but you almost never do.

Dear Hipster:

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Squirt: instant sangria!

— KATIE

Is there an actual right way to make a Martini?

— JESSE

Yes. Rinse plenty of ice (I told you all this would come in handy) and put it in a shaker. Add four parts excellent gin; one part dry vermouth; and one part sweet white vermouth. Shake the living daylights out of it. Serve up

with three olives.

Dear Hipster:

How do you find North? — DEFINITELY NOT A BOY SCOUT

Easy. Get yourself a digital camera that can take long exposure photographs and/ or time lapses. Practice by

making ironic compositions, like a long exposure of the regulars at your favorite bar who sit there for hours without moving while other patrons come and go as blurs, or a time lapse of your cat napping its way across the floor to follow a patch of sunlight. Have a few drinks. Show your friends the photos. Loudly proclaim your mastery of photography. Now you are ready.

Take a time lapse or long exposure of the night sky. All the stars will rotate around Polaris (the North Star), which shows you exactly where North was last night. If you're in the Southern Hemisphere because you happen to live there, or you want to be difficult, then I don't know, but there's probably an app or something you can use.

DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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work and we were all living on my Grandfather's small chicken ranch in Ontario. All the family was busy trying to put my uncle through law school at Stanford. Being 4 or 5 yrs. old, I spent my day wandering around the ranch trying to find things to do help my Grandpa. One day while cruising along the curb(it happened to be trash day) I passed our trash, and there sitting atop the trash was a shiny but somewhat used trombone. Turns out it was my dad's old trombone from high school. I managed to get it put together and proceeded to march around the ranch tooting for and scaring the shit out of the chickens. This of course brought the wrath of my grandfather down on me immediately and firmly. Do you have any idea what happens when chickens get scared??? It causes them to lay eggs with blood spots in them, and you can't sell eggs with blood spots. Any eggs with blood spots had to be sold to bakers who just scooped out the blood spots and used them in their pastries. Needless to say, the





about to let my first and finest trash find end up in a landfill and found a hiding spot on the ranch only a 5 year old would know about. Several weeks later my uncle and aunt came to visit bringing their new son which they placed in a crib by the west side of the house for his afternoon nap. I decided that now was the time for me to help him to get to sleep with a trombone serenade under his bedroom window. Of course this scared the living crap out of the kid, and I never saw the trombone again. I'm sure it probably found its way into a dumpster behind some commercial garage. That was the formation and beginning of The Amalgamated Dumpster Divers of America. By the way, to my dad's credit, he did buy me another trombone when I was 9 yrs old in the 3rd grade. Paid \$15 for it, and I played it all through school up to my sophomore year in college. By the way, I am now 86 and still play in a 17-piece big band. Of course we are on recess now due to the virus but still love watching the TV westerns while practicing.

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'Rey Mysterio, Rey Mysterio.' They weren't even tripping that it was P.O.D.; it was the '619' and how they related it to Rey Mysterio. Rey's got a 619 tattoo on his forearm."

Reggie Bush, Heisman Trophy winner and running back for New Orleans Saints when they won the 2010 Super Bowl, sported "619" insignias within his eye black during his career at USC, paying homage to his Spring Valley roots and his days at Helix High School in La Mesa.

MIKE MADRIAGA

ON THE MOVE Fare fines foul

San Diego Transit to stop jumping on jumpers

Almost 66 percent of San Diego transit riders are low-income, and living on the economic edge can mean that a \$75 ticket for a missed fare will go unpaid, sending a simple violation to a criminal court. Once there, costs can soar into the hundreds. San Diego Metropolitan Transit System officials hope to change that via a new fare enforcement pilot program starting in September that will reduce fines, and provide more ways to resolve violations. The program, developed by the Public Security Committee and approved unanimously by the transit board last week, affects all riders. But it's the poor who will benefit most from a policy that reduces fines to \$25 if they are paid within 120 days, and options that



"Imagine your credit and income being damaged by a \$2.50 unpaid fare."

SAN MARCOS Jungle Love Hate Scratchers rub boyfriend the wrong way

The pretty young woman was crying and upset when she spoke to the deputies in San Marcos, one of whom was able to translate her Spanish for everyone else. The woman said she was walking with her boyfriend along Mission Road in San Marcos, near the bus stop at the corner of Pico Avenue. The sun was low in the sky. It was before 7 pm on May 21, so there was plenty of light for her boyfriend to see that she had some Scratchers. At a pre-trial hearing on June 15, San Diego County Sheriff's deputy Kyle testified that "the jungle" is what locals call a wooded place in that area, which is frequented by transients. After she refused to "go into the jungle," the woman said her boyfriend grabbed her clothing and pulled her close. She claimed he grabbed her neck and began to strangle her. She guessed he strangled her for maybe 30 seconds, and while he gripped her neck, he slammed her head into a tree. She said her head hit the tree maybe four times. She urinated on herself during this attack, she said.

Across the street from the bus stop, there is a tiny eatery called Tacos Alex. People there saw what was happening and yelled for the man to stop, and that police were on the way. According to witnesses, the violent man grabbed the woman's purse and ran away. Deputy Kyle said he arrested Saul Rios Guzman about one block away from the bus stop; the suspect was already being detained by another officer who was struggling with



The bus stop at the corner of Pico Avenue.

"We need to treat riders the way we treat drivers. Right now, drivers are getting a lot of incentives, and we're worried about someone not paying a \$2.50 fare."

include 3-4 hours of community service in lieu of a fine, or even a direct appeal.

Riders who can't prove they have a fare will be allowed to de-board to buy a ticket. "Sometimes they just don't realize that you're supposed to buy the fare before you get onto the vehicle," said city councilmember Monica Montgomery, who led the effort to re-think enforcement. "With some rail systems, you buy on board from the conductor." At Montgomery's urging, the board directed staff to create a policy to establish a civil citation process for fare evasion, which would prevent unpaid tickets from being sent to Superior Court — and often, from there to collection agencies.

Some officials worry that the relaxed terms may invite more people to skip fare, hurting the agency's bottom line. A staff report notes that a one percent increase in fare evasion could have a serious negative impact on the budget, which relies on fares for 35 wages being garnished while not being able to lease a place to live or get a job." He suggested saving money "by dismantling the fare box citation team, which has resulted in no significant change."

percent of its funds. Currently, the agency

has a \$278 million annual operating budget,

and \$97 million is expected in fares. Other

cities that have made a switch have seen fare

evasion shoot up 2.7-11 percent, said Karen

Landers, MTS general counsel, at a June 19

board meeting. If that happened, the agency

would lose from \$2.6 to 7 million dollars each

year. (The current fare evasion rate is just

the Voices of Our City Choir, countered by

saying, "Imagine your credit and income being

damaged by a \$2.50 unpaid fare, or going to

jail, or having your subsistence minimum

But John Brady, director of advocacy for

under three percent.)

Councilmember Vivian Moreno agreed. "I'm not clear that enforcement at this level reduces fare evasion at all." She asked if a sharp increase in citations issued between 2014-18 had reduced fare evasion. Landers wasn't sure: "Over the last three years, our rate has remained steady."

Montgomery called on staff to be innovative. People may take transit because they have to, but they're still helping meet climate action goals, she said. "We need to treat riders the way we treat drivers. Right now, drivers are getting a lot of incentives, and we're worried about someone not paying a \$2.50 fare." Fare recovery is important, she said, but it's "not sustainable as a main source of operations." SHEILA PELL



Like the fairy tale says, don't go into the woods.

those California lottery tickets. This angered him; he demanded to know where she got the money to buy lottery tickets. The day before, he had given her one hundred dollars cash. He began to accuse her of wasting money, and they argued. And then her boyfriend told her to "go into the jungle" so he could kill her. Guzman on the ground underneath the Twin Oaks Valley Road overpass.

Kyle said that when he spoke with the alleged victim, "She could barely breathe, and she thought he was going to kill her." He described her as "very afraid" of her boycontinued on page 40



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The inverted cathedral

No cross tops the spire attached to the Legacy International Center, Christian evangelist Morris Cerullo's new, nearly \$200 million campus in the heart of Mission Valley. Instead, the spire's gray façade, set among limestone blocks imported from Israel, displays the words "Love," "Peace," and "Forgiveness" in a multitude of fonts, sizes, and languages.

The lack of Christian iconography is fitting. First, the spire is not a spire: it's a Tower



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A monument to healing in the age of COVID-19.

of Peace. Second, the Center is not a church; during a recent tour of the facility, executive director Jim Penner asked guests to think of it as "a luxury resort hotel complex," complete with restaurants, spa, wedding venue, and conference center — itself complete with a 500-seat theater capable of hosting first-run films, concerts, plays, and well, yes, ministry events. A one-year membership to the Center is \$112 and gets you two guest passes and 10% off at the International Market. "What

is different for tourism in San Diego," Penner continued, is the Attractions Building. "Just as folks go to Sea World or the Zoo, it's just another interesting item that they can come to. Yes, it's faith-based, but it's not faith in your face. It's very friendly. We try to be as inclusive as we possibly can."

That is perhaps the second reason there's no cross on the spire: there's nothing friendly about the method by which the Roman Empire executed Jesus. (You can find crosses in the Market, but they are of the decorative variety: floral prints, polka dots, etc.) And the church Jesus founded can feel rather exclusive to those who don't believe he founded it. There are intimations of the divine set into the walls as you approach the entrance, but they tend toward the positive and motivational: "God has promised to take you step by step, and each step will be a miracle." "Every promise of God contains the seed for your miracle."

"Success is dealing with people as they are, not as you would like them to be."

Once inside, instead of the old rugged cross and the Blood of the Lamb, the Attractions Building leads with the world Jesus putatively came to save. Explained Penner, "Dr. Cerullo has spent 70 years traveling the world in ministry; I think he's been to 100 nations." His one another." You have to be curious to find out the reason why.

But after the paintings, and after the collections of substantial Torahs and Bibles and eagles, it's on to the 4-D motion-seat domed theater for *Wings Over Israel*, which is not unlike *Soarin' Over California* at Disney California Adventure, except it tours "the only

"Just as folks go to Sea World or the Zoo, it's just another interesting item that they can come to."

goal with the center: "How do I introduce the people who come here to the people of the world? How do we have more understanding?" First answer: a massive interactive globe, built from 2500 flexible LED panels, powered by more than 1500 components, and operated via touch screen. "We came up with some real cutting edge technology," said Penner. More tech is on display as you make your way down the long ramp and in and out of the four fourwall theaters showing films that gently broach the topic of a Creator behind creation. The ancient Greeks are invoked, as are the ancient Egyptians. For the kids, there are interactive video games based on the sci-fi comic book *Lightfall*. They are also cutting edge.

Jesus? He's underground, in the catacombs. And before you get to him, you've got to pass by his good and faithful servant Dr. Cerullo, whose monument is made from cast-off crutches. (Supernatural healings are a facet of Cerullo's worldwide ministry.) The Christian is presented as person devoted to helping other people. Only after the Cerullo mini-biopic A Life Well Spent do you peruse Kurt Wenner's stone-framed paintings of Jesus, the apostles, the angels, and ultimately, apocalypse and afterlife. The goal seems to be the evocation of that old-time Athenian Aristedes' reaction to the early Christians: "See how they love

nation ever given birth by God" — Israel, "proof of God's promise kept." There is a pass over the Dead Sea, "a fitting location for the infamous cities of Sodom and Gamorrah," and the Church of the Transfiguration, "where Jesus revealed his divinity to his disciples." Also showing: Walk Through the Bible, which a narrator describes as "an incredible four-dimensional experience" and "a spiritual journey in every sense of the word," one that will feature, in addition to the moving seats, mists of water at the Flood and puffs of air as the plagues descend. Dr. Cerullo's welcome message in the Center's brochure invites guests to "experience the cultures and stories of the world afresh!" That seems right: the old story, told with better tech and a human touch.

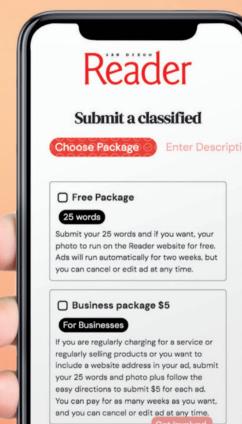


Lightfall: The Spiritual Combat as comic book and video game.



Legacy International Center's Attractions Building; Tower of Peace at far left.

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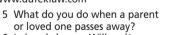
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Finally, a chance to dress up!

As San Diego began to open up, I joined a small group for a backyard wine tasting. I wasn't going to miss an opportunit to dress up a bit. My friend Hillary felt the same way. While we sipped on rosé, I asked about her outfit choices for the first day of summer.

Hillary used a versatile lightweight denim jacket (about \$25) to keep warm in the afternoon June gloom. "At some point, I



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had a jean jacket and was like 'These will never be in fashion again; I'm donating it and I don't want it anymore." She rolled her eyes and continued, "And then like a year or two later, they were everywhere and I broke down and bought a new jean jacket that I've now had for like eight years."

She found her olive green, draped

hem dress about 10 years back for less than \$15 from a small local retail store. "It's still one of my favorite dresses. I really like the color because I feel like it works for all seasons. I like the hem, because it's a little bit different," she said, tugging at one corner. "It feels like I can dress it up or down — that's very important — day to evening, very easily."

Originally from Lompoc in Santa Barbara County, Hillary told me a little bit about her fashion influences. "My mom and I would go shopping all the time on the weekends as a hobby; we'd have to drive 30 minutes to the mall, and then it was all about the sales. We would go bargain hunting a lot, so I still have that mindset."

Hillary cited her tan cork wedges, which she found shopping at the outlets in San Ysidro (around \$40, Aerosoles). "I have an unhealthy obsession with wedges. Because in the summer, when you're at outdoor events especially, you're walking around on different surfaces, and heels always go into the ground. It's a big pet peeve of mine."

The medallion necklace was a gift from her mother, who found it at Pier 1. "I'm very minimalist when it comes to continued on page 13

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by Dave Rice

The Harrison G. Otis House, a Mission Hills mansion with nearly 3900 square feet of living space, was originally built in 1910. Per listing materials retrieved from Realtor.com, "historic details abound" throughout the home.

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Why have a brick fireplace when you could have a much hipper *clinker* brick fireplace?

County Courthouse in Yuma, Arizona. Sited along what was once known as San Diego's "Lawyers' Block," the home was more closely associated with West Point cavalry officer Otis, who shared a name

with but was not related to the Harrison Gray Otis who published the Los Angeles *Times* for several decades in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. Per listing materials, the home remained in the Otis family

until 1975.

The family kept the Tudor Revival residence "maintained to early original condition" throughout their ownership. Much of the craftsmanship and styling cues of the era remain on display today, including "original wood floors and vertical-grain, old-growth Douglas fir woodwork throughout, picture rails, a built-in china cabinet in the formal dining room" and "leaded glass doors repeating the front door stained glass pattern opening onto the formal entry leading to the main stairs."

A grand fireplace in the living room is constructed from clinker brick - bricks originally rejected by builders for their nonuniform shape and color, but prized by early interior designers for their uniqueness. It's flanked by builtin leaded glass bookcases. These are fixed in place, but others leading up to the attic-level library and bedroom suite slide aside to reveal a hidden storage space.

The chef's kitchen has been updated with

retro-look modern appliances from Le Cornue and Gaggenau and "maintains its charm by incorporating the original butler's pantry cabinetry" while providing for easy entertainment with windows that open onto a "lush patio and garden complete with fountain and retractable awning." The original maid's quarters have been converted to a "generous laundry room," but period-specific wallpaper and an original early-1900s John Douglas toilet keep the downstairs halfbath and telephone room true to the home's vintage.

The primary master suite sits on the second floor, and still houses its original wall safe and brass speaking tube, a means of communicating with servants in the era before telephones or intercom systems. (A separate staircase continued on page 13



my jewelry choices. My mom, though..." She smiled. "She has a theory that every woman needs several statement pieces in her wardrobe."

Like many, many of us, Hillary has been working from home, so she hasn't had to get dressed up much. "For three months, I existed on only yoga pants and sweatpants." She suddenly found herself needing to put together an outfit for our Saturday gathering. "I was like, 'What am I gonna wear?!' And I looked at every single thing that I owned. Some things I couldn't find. I'm pretty sure they exist in my closet, but I haven't even opened the door in months."

She isn't as anxious to trade her sweatpants in as she would have expected. "There is a shift, in that it feels more ok to stay at home. And fashion is a big part of that, right? Because I would rather be comfortable than get dressed up. I can't just go back to being in nice, structured clothing. Which is a weird phenomenon."

LETTERS

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My second life as a dumpster diver took place several years ago when I worked on Shelter Island. I often worked late at the office, and it was usually dark when I headed home. I had a route that took me by most of the sail makers' shops, and it was amazing how many usable sails were being thrown away. Sailboat racers always want the newest and tightest sails for rac-



Old-growth Douglas fir woodwork throughout.

UNREAL **E**STATE

continued from page 12 between the basement and first two levels would have further served to hide domestic staff who'd otherwise use the grand wood-lined stairwell). There's also a sewing room with French doors leading to a balcony and a separate "gentleman's quarters" adjacent to the suite, while the "spa-like en suite includes clawfoot tub, separate shower, and 'Pacific' toilet."

"West facing windows open to face San Diego harbor and breathtaking sunsets," while "true-to-the-era landscaping boasts fruit trees, assorted flowers, and rose garden" along with copper gutters, fountains, and a "huge front porch with views of passersby, all lend to comfortable outdoor living space."

"Captivating and elegant, the Otis House is an enchanting piece of history waiting to be called home."

Public records indicate ownership of the Otis House currently lies with Jonathan Durnford and Marianne Ries, both local professionals. While the house last sold in 2011 for a reported \$1,358,000, the county assessor values it at just under \$296,000 thanks to a significant tax savings afforded by the Mills Act to owners who maintain historic buildings with their original architecture. Similar tax benefits would transfer to a new buyer.

The house was listed for sale in late May after nearly a decade offmarket. Its asking price of \$1,895,000 remains unchanged to date.

ing so were always ordering new sails and throwing out their old ones. Perfectly good sails. Maybe not for racing anymore but perfectly good enough for local sailing or cruising. I started diving and found those sails made good car covers, patio covers, shopping bags etc. Deepbone President for Life Amalgamated Dumpster Divers of America

Buggy transit authority How much is the fine that MTS pays when they force the passengers to sit shoulder to shoulder because they don't abide by the law that says only ten passengers can be on a bus at one time? ("Will lower fines encourage fare skipping on buses and trolley?" News Ticker, June 23) How much is a fine that MTS pays when a bus or trolley car reeks of fecal matter or urine? How much is a fine that MTS pays when a car or bus is infested with bugs?

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ions and tigers and bears. Is it possible to say the words without at least thinking of Dorothy's punch line? But a stronger exclamation might be appropriate as Nola the 600-pound white tiger leaps ten feet in a single bound onto the chain-link fence containing her. To our relief, it's not us, but Conga, the German Shepard-sized leopard taunting the big cat from a nearby enclosure, that is the target of what, in the wild, could have proven a deadly vault. As Conga retreats, Nola hits the ground with a somehow graceful thud before slithering into the comfort of her luxury watering hole.

Aside from being a musical chorus, Lions Tigers & Bears is the name of the big cat and exotic animal rescue facility in Alpine, situated on 94 acres of pristine scrub oak and sagebrush on a parcel rivaling the African savanna for stillness and sparse beauty.

While Lions Tigers & Bears was opened by Alpine native and facility director Bobbi Brink and her husband Mark in 2003, the seed for the operation was planted years earlier. Back in 1990, Bobbi was living in Sugar Land, Texas running a restaurant and a hay farm. According to her, "I was flipping through the newspaper when I saw an ad for big, exotic cats that were being bred and sold. Out of curiosity, I answered the ad and ended up at a mobile home on five acres where they kept 33 big cats while their cubs crawled all over the ground. The cats were being bred for big names like Disney and Siegfried & Roy, but the breeders would sell to any willing buyers for \$200 to \$800. Later, I discovered that most of the people who bought these animals as pets couldn't properly care for them, and eventually looked to find a sanctuary."

Lions Tigers & Bears is the only accredited animal sanctuary of its kind in San Diego. While similar to a zoo in some ways, it differs in others. The main difference is that a sanctuary does not breed, buy, or sell the animals under its care. Additionally, the majority of sanctuary animals have been rescued from abusive environments



Lions Tigers & Bears was opened by Bobbi Brink and her husband Mark in 2003.

or were victims of the multi-billion dollar exotic animal trade. Lions Tigers & Bears also lacks four-deep crowds, cement walking paths, tour buses, and gift shops. Attendees come into close-yet-safe proximity (36 inches to be exact) to creatures that could prove deadly if encountered in the wild.

The sanctuary houses 65 different animals from 17 species, including lions, tigers, American and Himalayan black bears, grizzly bears, leopards, bobcats, mountain lions, and servals. One of the lions has had her teeth filed down, and most of the bears have been declawed after being confined for years within cinder block walls referred to as "the pits." None of these alterations make the animals any less intimidating.

There's a sense of intimacy, but no danger here. That's not accidental. According to Brink, "These are wild, top-of-the-food-chain



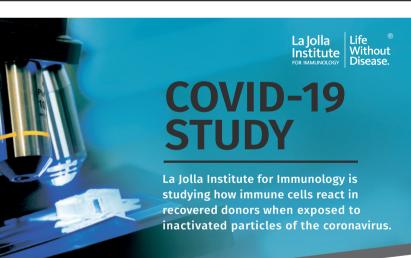
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apex predators with innate instincts. They're dangerous and can turn on a dime. You can't get that out of them. Because of that, everyone here has safety training. All the keepers work in pairs, and enclosures are double fenced, even though only one fence is required by law. When cleaning habitats, we shift the animals into their bedroom enclosures until we're finished. We are a strictly no-contact facility, and nobody ever goes into the enclosures with the animals. They know the routine, and that they'll get their treats when they come out."

A moment of enlightenment occurred for Bobbi when she volunteered to help a keeper tend his bears back in Texas in the early '90s. According to her, "He would leave the bears for days with no care and if I didn't feed them, they would have starved. I soon called the sheriff, Animal Control, the Humane Society, and any other animal-related facility to seek help. They couldn't do anything, however, because it was perfectly legal to keep bears as long as they had food and water and could stand upright on their own.

"One day, I saw the keeper load up the bears

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and I followed him from Southwest Houston, Texas to the Arkansas border. Once there, he set up this big ring where you could wrestle a bear for a \$1000 while the spectators bet on the outcome.

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around and began to see that in Texas, the exotic animal trade was everywhere. I'd see tigers for sale in Walmart parking lots, or at auctions, where they were held up by the back of the neck and auctioned off to the highest bidder. Most times, the breeders were selling them right out of their houses. From then on, I tried to give these animals a voice and a better life."

As one might imagine, the idea of sheltering wild animals in San Diego County was met with some resistance. According to Bobbi, "It took a couple of years to get our permits. We surpassed the minimum safety standards and even then we had one neighbor complain. Although she lived hundreds of acres away, she was fearful of what she thought might happen. She has since apologized for what she put us through. She didn't understand how safe our facility would be, and that if we didn't rescue these animals. they wouldn't have had anywhere to go."

Because of Lions Tigers & Bears, Nola the white tiger has a good home. She wouldn't exist at all, however, without human involvement. Nola weighs in at around 600 pounds. Her white coat aside, she is everything you would expect from a tiger: powerful, fast, agile, graceful, and potentially deadly. She paces near the fence as we observe her. Then, without warning, she

leaps toward Conga the leopard with savage ferocity. Conga is saved by the fence between them.

"The only way to get a white tiger," according to Brink, "is through inbreeding. They all have bone deformities, crossed eyes, and visual problems." If you look closely, you can see that Nola's eyes are crossed. "You won't see any [Association of Zoos & Aquariums]-accredited zoos breeding white tigers. In the wild, there might be one of them

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born for every 10,000 births. Our tigers, Nola and Moka, are about two years old now and they'll continue growing for about two more years. Moka's scared of anything new, but Nola has no fear."

While Nola was humanly engineered for appearance, Louie the white lion is a natural blond. Louie was "captive-bred," but white lions, while rare in nature, do exist. According to Bobbi, "White lions come from Timbavati, South Africa where there are only 10 to 15 of them left in the wild."

In the wild, a lion's favorite meal includes zebra, giraffe, and antelope on the hoof, most with their flesh still twitching while they bleed to death. But lions will settle for most any flesh they can get their paws on, about half of it being carrion. When they do take down live food, it's generally the females performing the honors. Once the victim has fallen, the pride eats quickly to avoid sharing their prey with other species of predators. Since the next meal could be days away, the lions eat as much as 15 percent of their body weight (up to 90 pounds) in a sitting.

Most mornings, Louie devours 13 pounds of raw chicken. beef, duck, elk, horse, or rabbit along with his supplements. Mimicking his diet in the wild, Louie fasts one to two days a week. Like most sanctuary male lions, he was never neutered, because male lions will lose their manes and the tips of their tails if they are. The females, Arusha and Zulu, are spayed, however. All three of the sanctuary's lions have been retired from traveling shows and the movie industry.

According to Bobbi, "Arusha is the boss of the pride, and Louie needs to seek her permission when he wants to come close by to rest in the grass near her. He will mount the females occasionally, but they have a way of communicating in similar ways that a wife does to a husband. Louie knows when he is allowed to come around or not.

"Sometimes, all three lions will be lumped together in one place, while at other times, Arusha makes Louie sit apart from her and Zulu. Whatever Arusha does, Zulu does the same. We think Arusha and Zulu are sisters, but we're not certain. They've been near each other since birth, but until recently they were in separate enclosures. You have to be careful when you put animals together that have never before shared the same space, because they could kill each other. We had to introduce them slowly. It's a very long and slow process — if we attempt to introduce them at all. If we're not sure, we don't do it. Lions are naturally pride animals and want to be together. Leopards and tigers are more solitary.

Lions Tigers & Bears is surrounded by the Cleveland National Forest, and the vibe lies somewhere between a bush outpost and a five-star hotel for some of the toughest critters on earth. They may share instinctual traits, but these animals are unlike their forebears who once earned dinner the old fashioned way— chasing it down

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might imagine, there are dozens of other little and big jobs, including wading through a sea of paperwork. There's always something for the 21-person paid staff and 80 to 82 volunteers to do. According to Bobbi, "We can always use more volunteers."

Also according to Bobbi, "The hardest part of this job is that you get very attached, especially to animals who have suffered the most abuse, because you spend more time working with them. Over time, you get to know each animal in a variety of ways. You watch their eyes and how they move to determine their emotional states. It soon becomes apparent that each one of them has a different personality. It's your job as a keeper to know your animals.

"We get a lot of bobcats and servals. People bring these cats home, thinking they're going to be house pets, but it doesn't work out. Once they sexually mature,

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"We get a lot of calls about bears. It starts when people feed them. Bears are so smart; they know where to find a food source. Once they do, they keep coming back to the same places until eventually, they get into trouble. The key is to keep them afraid of humans, keep them wild, and not to feed them. If you're going to feed a wild bear, you might as well just shoot it because it's going to cost the bear its life. We have a saying: 'A fed bear's a dead bear.' "At the bear pits,

you will see some bears displaying behavior that can only be described as psychotic. They pace back and forth and are stressed. You will see them pacing normally, but there's good pacing and bad pacing.

"Our grizzly bears, Cherry Bomb and her late brother Albert, came out of a roadside attraction in North Carolina. They were confined there in "bear



Lions Tigers & Bears is the only accredited animal sanctuary of its kind in San Diego. While similar to a zoo in some ways, it differs in others, The main difference is a sanctuary does not

breed, buy, or sell the animals under its care.

pits," which are cinderblock enclosures in the ground. There's a boardwalk where people can look down into the pits and throw food to them while the bears can't see anything except them and the sky above. It's heartbreaking to see.

"Many of these bears are put into breeding pairs, and their babies are pulled from their mothers when they're about six to eight days old — before they can even open their eyes. Then the babies continued on page 38

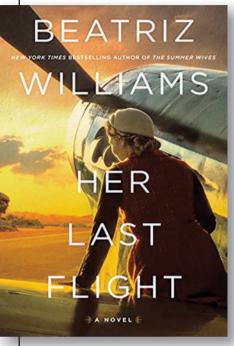
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BEATRIZ WILLIAMS AUTHOR LIVESTREAM

In 1947, photographer and war correspondent Janey Everett arrives at a remote surfing village on the Hawaiian island of Kauai to research a planned biography of forgotten aviation pioneer Sam Mallory, who joined the loyalist forces in the Spanish Civil War and never returned. Obsessed with Sam's fate, Janey has tracked down Irene Lindquist, whom she believes might be the legendary Irene Foster, Mallory's onetime student and flying partner. Foster's disappearance during a round-the-world flight in 1937 remains one of the world's greatest unsolved mysteries. Join New

York Times bestselling author of eleven novels Beatriz Williams as she discusses her new book, Her Last Flight, in conversation with New York Times bestselling author Kate Quinn.

WHEN: Thursday, July 2, 4 pm WHERE: warwicks.com

Friday | 3

BALLEY TV ARLO PARKS & BILLY BRAGG

Enjoy a virtual talk show hosted by Joe Talbot of the British rock band Idles. Balley TV bills itself as both free therapy and a virtual pub. Interviews are conducted remotely and participants are in isolation for conversation topics ranging from current events to creating music during quarantine, with the occasional quiz segment or marshmallow eating contest. This episode of the weekly series involves young British singer and poet Arlo Parks, known for her 2018 single "Cola," as well as British singer-songwriter and left-wing activist Billy Bragg, who has some recent music and a couple of political books to promote.

WHEN: July 3 WHERE: YouTube.com

Monday | 6 SAN DIEGO MUSIC **AWARDS**

The 2020 San 004 Diego Music Awards will be available at no cost via the event's official website, plus its Facebook, and YouTube pages. Award winners will be named

in 23 categories, and there will be multiple performances by several of the 2020 nominees. Confirmed performers include Gregory Page, MDRN HSTRY, Sully, Rebecca Jade & the Cold Fact,



David Maldonado, Evan Diamond, the Sleepwalkers, and Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Richard Livoni (Blitz Brothers).

WHEN: July 6, 7 pm **WHERE:** sandiegomusicawards.com

Tuesday | 7

PAW-MICON

Helen Woodward Animal Center's PAWmicon 2020 goes virtual with help from the Comic-Con Museum. Check out the pet cosplay contest, panel dis-

cussions, trivia rounds, vendor shopping discounts, and virtual reality experiences.

WHEN: Tuesday and Wednesday July 7 and 8, 9 am to 7 pm **WHERE:** *animalcenter.org*

Wednesday | 8

BINGE

This one-on-one performance piece by Brian Lobel takes the solitary experience of binge-watching television

shows and transforms it into an opportunity to find comfort in the lives of fictional characters. Tailor-made to fit the life of each individual

> audience member, the performance offers a live Zoom

> > session and a personal artist companion, resulting in the

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a classic television episode to provide a little bit of solace at home.

WHEN: Wednesday, July 8, 10:15 am to 8:30 pm, Through July 12 **WHERE:** lajollaplayhouse.org



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PAWmicon with the Comic-Con Museum Helen Woodward Animal Center's PAWmicon 2020 goes virtual with the Comic-Con Museum. Registration will gain you access to our pet cosplay contest, panel discussions, trivia rounds, vendor shopping discounts, augmented and virtual reality experiences. Register now to setup your profile, submit your cosplay contest photo and meet other pet and PUPculture loving people. Tuesday, July 7, 9am; Wednesday, July 8, 9am; \$10-\$25. 18 and up. eventbrite. com/o/helen-woodward-animalcenter-30092676444. (ONLINE)

BOOZE NEWS by IAN ANDERSON

Outdoor beers rule coronavirus summer

This is usually the time of year to spotlight San Diego's best outdoor brewery venues. However, in the summer of 2020, that could be just about anywhere.

Thanks to some late May regulatory relief by the state of California, breweries and bars have an opportunity to expand drink service to outdoor areas, typically within their parking lots or sidewalk spaces. This gives otherwise indoor brewery venues a fighting chance to sell beer on premise while coronavirus restrictions remain in place. California Alcoholic Bever-

california Alconolic Beverage Control licensed breweries to serve drinks at a specific location, with explicit boundary lines. Under the new, temporary policy, a brewery (or meadery, cidery, winery, distillery, etc.) may apply to expand the boundaries of that license, "on property that is adjacent" and "under the control of the licensee."

For some breweries, that means repurposing their outdoor space. For example, **Fall Brewing Company** in North Park has often used its small streetside parking lot to host food trucks; now it's filled the lot with picnic tables and shade structures, and they've dubbed it the "punk rock patio."

In Kearny Mesa, **Societe Brewing Company** has done something similar, but with a much larger parking lot. "The extension of premises really helped us get closer to our previous maximum capacity," notes Societe's retail manager, Jake Nunes. Pre-COVID, Societe could welcome 148 guests in its tasting room. "Our capacity with social distancing guidelines is approximately 100 people," says Nunes. That's about 50/50 indoor and outdoor, with "a maximum of 8 people allowed per seating area."

As recently as June 8, the number of county establishments submitting the \$100 application fee required to take advantage of the policy stood at 130 and rising, according to ABC administrator Melissa Ryan. She says there's a same-day turnaround on application fees, which must include a diagram of the property, with the proposed new boundary lines.

Those lines needn't be restricted to parking lots though. Sidewalks, lawns, courtyards, and just about anywhere can be converted to a drinking area, "at the discretion of the Department." Ryan notes that the temporary license expansions may even include spaces shared with other businesses, or even public property, provided

Fall Brewing's so called Punk Rock Patio gives the brewery an outdoor venue this summer, thanks to regulatory relief from the ABC.

they have "legal authority to use the space."

We've already seen some municipalities experiment with closing off streets or sidewalks for expanded restaurant seating, and San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer has proposed a fast track application process for businesses seeking to do likewise. **Chula Vista Brewery** cofounder Tim Parker told me last week that the city of Chula Vista actually invited his brewery to expand into the sidewalk and metered parking lot spaces immediately outside its storefront. Just like that, the brewery has a front patio.

The expansion won't mean much to breweries already built around excellent outdoor spaces,

such as **Amplified AleWorks** in Pacific Beach and East Village, the **Eppig Brewing Waterfront Biergarten** in Shelter Island, or the new rooftop lounge of **Bay City Brewing**, also in East Village.

However, for very small breweries built in industrial parks, and with limited taproom seating, being able to add square footage outdoors offers a much needed boost, especially this summer, when those willing to leave the house during the pandemic will be seeking outdoor activities most of all.

Businesses like **Rip Current Brewing** and **Dos Desperados** brewery, in San Marcos; **Longship Brewery** in Mira Mesa; or **Circle 9 Brewing** in Kearny Mesa.

"It's really helped my business tremendously," says Circle 9 cofounder Darren Baker, "Now I can hold a big cornhole tournament."

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

ART

Art of Elan: Julie Smith Phillips The San Diego Museum of Art is pleased to announce its partnership with Art of Elan to host an online video series featuring musical performances inspired by works of art from the Museum's permanent collection. Having made her debut with the National Symphony Orchestra in 2003, Phillips has been honored for her playing, including the 2004 USA International Harp Competition silver medal. Tuesday, July 7, 6pm; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

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SDR: What's your main

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PP: Many times, people just don't view the word of God,

the reality of God, until it's

too late. That's my main con-

cern - for folks to realize that

God is real. Life is important

on this side of death, but

what really matters is eter-

nity. We have a short time on

this side of death - that's just

the way it is. Even if we live a

hundred years, it can't com-

pare to eternity, and I don't

think people really get that.

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SDR: Why did you becometa minister?S

PP: The Lord had placed a passion to change people's lives on my heart. I had a relatively recent call to ordained ministry, but I worked in the church for well over 40 years. I retired from a federal government job, full time for 44 years, as a logistics director in the U.S. Department of Defense; and 35 years of that, I was also doing ministry full time through the church. After I retired, it was perfect: my pastor was working toward retirement, and I didn't see it coming or it wasn't something I pursued. But it was a perfect fit - so I stepped in to take the leadership of

the church. **SDR**: What is the mission of your church?

PP: Our mission statement says we are a diverse family founded by faith in the gospel, motivated by love for God and others, to reach and teach this community. Thus our main purpose is to reach folks for Christ in this community, to teach and minister to them not only spiritually but for their physical needs as well. There are folks who are borderline poverty, so we make sure we reach them with a food distribution center we have, health fairs, and things like that. We seek to assist this community, even in this pandemic. On a monthly basis, we reach

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vou die?

PP: Anyone will spend eternity in heaven who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior (Romans 10:9-10). Scripture speaks very clearly to the fact that we go through a phase when we're saved, which is sancti-

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– Joseph O'Brien

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onk for Barbecue," says the sign outside. And hey, I'll honk. Or I would, if I weren't on a bus. Because now I'm curious. I remember this corner where El Cajon Boulevard meets

Rolando. An Israeli place was here. I jump off the #1, and soon I'm heading into a room full of rusty country hardware from days of old. Massive toothed crosscut saws, plow blades, wagon wheels, and signs like "Dad's Garage. Oil Changes Always Free."

And actually, outside is this big grill with a massive grate-lifting wheel, and ashes in its belly that are still hot. So I'm just picking up the menu when my buddy Leon rolls in. "I thought you said 'Health Food,'" he says.

"Exactly," I say. "Healthy for the soul. That's why they call it soul food."

I know this'll be okay with him, even though he's trying to lose weight like I am. "It's the pandemic," says Leon. "I'm so tense, I have to grab something, anything."

We've each been trying: nibbling nuts, twigs, lettuce leaves. Drinking carrot juice.

But sometimes you gotta let your inner monster take over.

Comes the question, "Something to drink?" It's a tall, cool-looking guy with a bass-ackwards cap on over fair hair and a black and red "Corbin's Q" shirt. Nick. Manager.

"I'm thinking beer," I say to Leon. "I just passed this new brewery. And I see they've got one of their's here."

It was Black Market Brewing, a few blocks west of here on El Cajon Boulevard. Never heard of it before, but I like the name. "Southern Hemisphere Double Hazy IPA," says this list. Always like the hazy thing, too. Also, wow, 8.4 percent. That should wake me up.

Leon goes for Bootlegger's "El Chango" Mexican lager, 5.3 percent.

And hey, only \$4 each. Meantime, food. Hmm. Doesn't look that cheap. Pulled pork sammitch with sweet sauce and slaw is \$13. So is

almost missed the 3-rib combo with sweet sauce, \$11. Tri-tip sandwich and a side is \$16, and half a rack of ribs goes for \$19. They do have cheaper items. Chicken Caesar salad is \$12. A

CQ Burrito loaded with pulled pork, chicken breast, tri-tip, or sausage, plus beans, fries, queso, pico, and sour cream, sounds like a filler at \$11. Also, under "Big Bites," we have BBQ loaded fries

(\$11), BBQ loaded mac'n cheese (\$12), or BBQ loaded nachos, (\$11). Like the burrito, they are stuffed with the likes of meat, queso, beans, pico de gallo, bacon, sour cream.

the chicken breast sandwich. But they each come

with one side and a fountain drink. And hey,

Cholesterol City, in other words. But hey, a little of what you fancy is good for you, right?

"You may want to consider our BBQ by the bulk," says this guy Vince. "A lot of customers go for the CQ Sampler. For 14 bucks you get tri-tip, sausage, pulled pork, and chicken quarter, and you can add a quarter-pound of baby back ribs for \$8. So that comes to \$11 each."

Hmm. Sounds like a deal. But "by the bulk" means no sides included. "I like the sound of Mama's Country Mac'n Cheese," says Leon. In the end, we go a little crazy on everything. We order the combo, plus sides of mac'n cheese (\$4), baked beans (\$4), sweet potato tots (\$4), potato salad (\$3), and the side salad (\$4.50). Vince reads out the list, just to be sure we haven't gone stark staring crazy. Because it's gonna come to around \$50 between the two of us.

But, fact is, this is breakfast and lunch for me, and Leon says that with all these smoky smells, he could eat a horse.

While we're waiting, hey hey! Here comes da beer. Leon sips and moans his approval of his Mexican Lager. And I have to say, my Black Market Hazy IPA is Dee-Lish. I mean, an exceptional combo of tastes. And at \$4, say no mo'.

The food arrives and arrives and arrives. 'Course, we start off with the beans and potato salad, then lunge into the big combo. Ribs: lus-

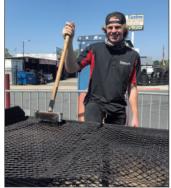


cious. Tri-tip, maybe a little dry. Pulled pork, smoky yet moist. Grilled garlic bread, nice surprise. Chicken, great strong taste on the rub. Andouille sausage, wickedly tart. Tots, meh. The sauce on the ribs, on the other hand, so rich, honey sweet, more than a touch of cumin, yet with a North Carolina vinegary thing going that makes it totally tantalizing. None of it is the best you've ever had, but altogether it's a kingly feast. And the leafy green salad freshens you up along the way.

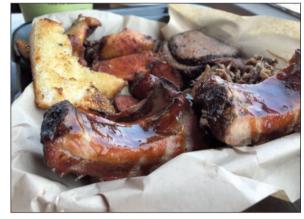
Get talking to Nick the manager. About what they call SLO barbecue. San Luis Obispo.

"It was where Corbin was brought up" Nick says, "on an Angus cattle ranch."

So turns out Corbin is a real person. Still in his twenties. Has started up market stands, this place, and a fleet of "tap trucks," '50s wagons that he's fitted up with beer taps sticking out the side, so they can drive to your party and start pouring. "He has 14, 15 trucks franchised out across the country," says Nick.



Map where customers pinpoint where they came from Manager Nick cleaning up after a morning's grilling



Ribs, the highlight

The SLO style, or Santa Maria-style BBQ, involves coast live oak - red oak, the logs are right here — grilling the ribs for 45 minutes, then steaming them in apple juice for 30 more minutes. It was a style beloved by Ronald Reagan. He even invited the SLO boys to BBQ for him at the White House.

But hey, that hazy Southern Hemisphere beer would keep me coming back anyway, even without this mountain of SLO scrumptiousness.

The Place: Corbin's Q, 6548 El Cajon Boulevard, at Rolando Boulevard, 619-913-3287 Hours: 11am-7pm, daily (till 8pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday)

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Outdoor is in

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Live music and fresh air make lunch at Homestead

Homestead Solana Beach; 346 S Cedros Ave, Solana Beach. Outdoor dining is set to become the norm

this summer: that is, even more so than usual. In a bid to add capacity amid social distancing rules,

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restaurants are looking to make use of every bit of sidewalk, courtyard, and parking space by adding outdoor tables for diners concerned about indoor transmission of coronavirus. Some places are going a step further to lure guests out of their homes Case in point: Homestead, the wine bar and local-source food counter in Solana Beach. Over the past several weekends, Homestead has taken over the parking lot of its small shopping center to create an asphalt piazza with room to space out umbrella shaded tables for casual outdoor dining. The ad hoc al fresco set up has been popular enough Homestead's expanding its hours,

> now offering outdoor seating form 10 am to 4 pm, Wednesday through Sunday.

What got four of us out for what turned into an afternoon revisiting the shops and galleries of South Cedros Avenue, is that, Sundays at noon, Homestead brings in local musicians to perform on a small stage overlooking the piazza. On a recent Sunday,



A bacon, lettuce, tomato, and avocado sandwich.

A french bread pizza topped with bacon.



Local musicians perform for diners outside Homestead, in Solana Beach.

that meant popular covers by Carlsbad female vocalist and sometime opera singer Alex Elisabeth.

Live music has been tough to come by under covid restrictions, so the chance to enjoy a seated performance brightened our June gloom outing considerably. The availability of beer, wine, bloody marys, and coffee drinks didn't hurt.

Homestead has always offered pantry items and other provisions, but the shop's market has been beefed up since the pandemic began, including organic chicken, eggs, and the addition of a small produce stand out front, sourced by local farms such as Be Wise Ranch, Stehly Farms, and Aschbrenner Acres.

Many of the market products are locally sourced, including bread and bagels from Poway bakery O'Brien's Boulangerie. That said, the bulk of the sandwich and salad counter items are made from scratch, including the pastries.

Regular sandwich offerings range from a pastrami reuben (\$15) to a vegetarian bánh mì (\$13), though veggie fans will surely gravitate to the creative salad menu, led by a blueberry kale salad dressed with maple vinaigrette and featuring



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Organic produce, chicken, fresh pasta, and other provisions now being sold by wine bar and restaurant counter, Homestead.

slivered almonds, goat cheese, and cranberries (\$13). We had good luck with daily specials, including an opah ceviche (\$13), french bread pizza with bacon (\$7), and BLT with avocado (\$12).

All of it would have made fine take out under any circumstances, but the day was truly made by the opportunity to enjoy our meals together, in the fresh air, while hearing live music for the first time in three months.

by Ian Anderson

The kids in all of us enjoyed Bing Haus Bing Haus; 4425 Convoy St Ste 216, Kearny Mesa. Summer is officially here, and even if the experience is going to be a bit different this year, it won't be due to a lack of frozen desserts.

I went with a young family to try Bing Haus, expecting to dig into a little soft serve and rolled ice cream, and we were not disappointed. However, the real star of the Kearny Mesa shop's signature dish: bingsoo (sometimes spelled *bingsu*).

The rolled ice cream came out first. It's made by spreading a thin layer of flavored cream over a supercooled plate, then using a spatula to scrape it into small rolls of fresh ice cream, which may be dressed with sauces or toppings, such as a coffee rolled ice cream topped with sliced banana and heath bar crumbles (\$6.50). The kids enjoyed watching their rolled cookies and cream ice cream being made, almost as much as they enjoyed eating it.

I didn't tell them about the bingsoo, partly to surprise them, and partly because I didn't know quite how to explain it. It's a variation on the Korean dessert patbingsoo, which is shaved ice topped with fruit, condensed milk, candies, and red beans. Bing Haus serves this original dessert for \$12.

But for \$11.50 I couldn't resist the watermelon *bingsoo*: the same shaved ice and condensed milk construction, but topped with melon balls, Fruity Pebbles, and gummy-like mochi candies, and served within a hollowed out watermelon half shell. (Another option builds the same style dessert out of a honeydew).

The undeniably photogenic treat arrived at our table with a side dish: soft serve ice cream, a swirl of vanilla and cookie monster (chocolate in flavor, but with a bright blue color). The kids immediately took notice, forgetting their rolled ice cream, with its whipped cream and drizzle of chocolate syrup.

Beneath the melon balls. the shaved ice was unflavored except for the splashes of condensed milk, but between the fruit, cereal, and chewy mochis, there was plenty of sweetness to go around. We did lose more than a few of the melon balls to gravity - prying one loose could cause a Jenga-like avalanche to roll off our table — but

when we got near the bot-

we were rewarded

by a

tom of the watermelon shell

Swirled soft serve ice cream, served as a side dish with bingsoo.

Watermelon bingsoo, with shave ice, condensed milk, and candy toppings.



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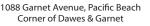
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small treasure trove of mochi and pebbles, buried within the slush of condensed milk and ice.

Soft serve is the quickest and cheapest of the frozen dessert options here (starting at \$3), and at least one of the kids preferred it to both rolled ice cream and *bingsoo*. But our small party spends enough pandemic time and meals together that we were willing to share.

Bing Haus is a stylish little shop tucked away in a Convoy Street shopping strip, and seating diners at every other booth, it can't fit too many parties at once. So bring friends and family you don't mind sharing with, because rolled ice

> Rolled cookies and cream ice cream with chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and cookie cereal toppings.

cream and soft serve might be something you can eat on the street or in the car on the way home, but that melon bowl *bingsoo* is something you'll really need to eat on premise,

a fun excuse to get out of the house this summer. by Ian Anderson





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Musicianship cuts

through it all He played San Diego County Mental Health and watched a patient attack another patient during "Freedom Jazz Dance." He went back to San Diego County Mental Health and made it through a "chilled" set of Stevie Wonder songs.

ging in to play with other in real time.

He's tackled big agendas before, including a doublefocus on both jazz and classical music. "Both traditions, as well as free improvisation and composition, have always been part of my musical life. In 1972, I was concurrently playing



Mark Dresser — jazz man, classical musician, telematics pioneer.

He watched a patient die during a gig at a rest home. He survived playing with Diamanda Galas. But these days, he's most interested in playing over the computer with a bunch of folks from around the country, and around the world.

He's Mark Dresser. double-bass virtuoso and long-time professor at UCSD. He's performed with the San · Diego Symphony Orchestra and with too many jazz musicians to name. But his main interest over the last few years — since long before the virus struck — is telematics: the art and science of plug-26

with the free jazz group in LA, Black Music Infinity, led by the well-known writer Stanley Crouch with Bobby Bradford, Arthur Blythe, James Newton, and David Murray, while at the same time I had a contract with the San Diego Symphony.

"To this day I teach classically via repertoire and its pedagogy, contemporary music repertoire, jazz repertoire, and improvisation. Musicianship cuts through it all, and in combination with knowing your instrument, emerging opportunities arise which nurture rich musical relationships and friendships that continue throughout one's life."

To Dresser, making music long-distance seemed a formidable, but not insurmountable challenge. "I got interested in telematic music," he relates, "after relocating to San Diego to teach at UCSD in 2006. After 18 years in New York City, I found myself artistically separated from my natural community of collaborators. I had a need to connect, not dissimilar to the moment we are living now in the Covid era.

"Network music performance is not plug-and-play," he stresses. "At the beginning our goal was to play the same concert as if we were there in person, always compared to the live concert. Thirteen years later it is clear that telematics is an audio visual medium with properties and poetics that are uniquely rich and magical.

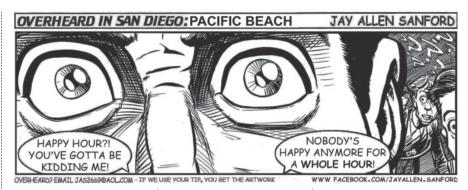
"Why do this? Because it exercises the best kind of collaborative muscle, unleashing the creative potential between artists and technologists, of good will to problem solve and work together. The implications of this kind of process transcends the medium itself."

He's proud to teach and play, although he allows: "The most challenging part of teaching is being organized enough with my time, so that I can maintain a decent level of my own playing, as well as push new envelopes of composition and teach at my highest level. So I can walk the walk." — Andrew Hamlin

Matthew Stewart

blends electronics, synths, piano, and rock guitar to create a lush, futuristic sound on albums such as his A World Bathed in Sunlight full-length, a science fiction epic about the destruction of the earth and the discovery of a new world by the few survivors.

His protest song "Alternative Facts" uses the catchphrase coined by presidential counselor Kellyanne Conway as both title and topic of a tune that quickly earned heavy spins online. It appears on his just-released full-length Broken Grace, with a lead single called "Accept the End" that was also the album's most recently-composed track. It created over the past month. "There's a video for it, which



I'll be launching on YouTube in the upcoming week. It ties into current events and the connection to the 50s era Civil Rights movement. Jaret Young, who created the video with pretty minimal direction from me, just a concept and a few small details, has done a knockout job of capturing the essence and metaphor in the song."

The La Mesa-based musician has long endorsed politically aware songwriting. "I definitely think we'll be seeing a lot more protest music. I've always been a fan of artists whose lyrical content goes beyond the typical pop realm; Pink Floyd's The Wall, for example, and pretty much any Rush song. But I feel the time for playing safe is over. We've got one planet, which we're systematically destroying at a dizzying pace, and to

tions have already exceeded \$500, with a few people paying even more than the asked-for \$10. Our country in turmoil over COVID-19, the Trump administration leaning increasingly and overtly fascist, and continuing racial injustice inspired me to use my work as a platform to contribute to a meaningful cause, in a way that feels tangible... I'm really hoping to grow my audience and send the NAACP a big donation."

But why should people take their political cues from and donate money through musicians? "I've thought about this issue a lot over the years. On the one hand, music can provide comfort to people in hard times, and pull them back from the darker places. This is where I come from, when I'm working in the ambient instrumental space. But it's also

it feels vital and necessary to not just look away. We're all citizens, of this country and the world, and I don't think an artist's role is always to be a dispassionate observer. Sometimes, you have to get in the conversation."

Many of the songs on the album were begun almost 20 years ago. "It's been my intention for years to put them out, but the timing was never quite right, the collection was never quite complete. I jokingly called it Grow, after having amassed about 30 songs. These 14 are the ones that I'd consider my best and most relevant works. The album was entirely self-produced, I played all the instruments, mewled all the vocals, so I assume all blame for the mistakes made. Music has always been my therapy, and there are some songs here that represent clo-



Matthew Stewart: "The album was entirely self-produced... so I assume all blame for the mistakes."

pretend like it's not happening is suicidal."

Stewart says he plans on putting his money - or rather your money - where his mouth is. "Until July 19, I'm giving all my artist proceeds from album sales to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund," says Stewart. "Donaobvious that a lot of the music of the 60s was a rallying cry for positive changes. It's hard to know whether it just reflected what was going on at the time, or helped drive it forward. I think it did both."

"As an artist choosing to do this, I'm definitely aware that there could be blowback. But

sure on various chapters of my life. I suspect people will relate, in their own ways." - Jay Allen Sanford

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JAY ALLEN SANFORD

JONNY TARR

"I started playing the saxophone when I was 11 years of age because I thought it might get me girls, and I ended up really loving it," says Jonny Tarr. Originally from Cardiff, Wales, Tarr attended Paul McCartney's Liverpool Institute for the Performing Arts to get his music degree before embarking on a career as a touring and recording musician. He's spent most of his adult life making electronic soul music in many formats, whether singing his own material with a selection of instruments (guitar, synth, sax, flute, vocals, loop station, samples), leading a full band, or even blowing sax over a DJ. "I was one of the first people in Europe to play saxophone with house music DJs

and found that I was mostly interested in music that made people dance. This is the music I wanted to create. With the realization that the saxophone is not really a songwriting tool, I taught myself guitar and piano and I used my understanding of music theory to help me form bands and a unique solo show where I can pretty much incorporate all of my skills at once. I now consider myself a singer/songwriter first and foremost." The 2020 San Diego Music Award nominee for Best Pop just recorded a fully live album with his Jonny Tarr Quintet, *Live at Studio West*. "During lockdown, we have properly mixed and mastered it." says Tarr.



DEAD CROSS

Dave Lombardo's Dead Cross features the co-founding drummer of Slayer paired with locals Gabe Serbian (the Locust, Retox, Cattle Decapitation) on vocals, Justin Pearson (the Locust, Retox, Head Wound City) on bass, and featuring Mike Crain (Retox, Festival of Dead Deer) on guitar. The group came together during session booked by Lombardo with Pearson and Crain, shortly after Lombardo's band Philm had split. Their December 2015 live debut at the Casbah was followed by a period where Faith No More/Mr. Bungle frontman Mike Patton was recruited to be their lead singer. Since the 2017 release of their self-titled debut, they've become staples of the festival circuit, appearing at Download Paris festival and Barcelona's Primavera Sound festival, as well as similar outdoor events at Novarock, Graspop, Roskilde, and Dour. While the concert circuit rebuilds to account for the pandemic, the band has released a cover of Black Flag's "Rise Above" that they say was "created in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and staunchly opposing police brutality and systemic racism. As such, the track opens with a recording of a Los Angeles resident voicing his displeasure with the LAPD during a public comment period from a regularly scheduled L.A. police commission meeting." The video was filmed by Lombardo with the Lonely Rager and Becky DiGiglio.



ELECTRIC MUD

Classic rock lovers Electric Mud features New York City brothers Marc and Matty Hansen, who relocated to San Diego for a turn in the U.S. Navy. They were soon joined by guitarist Colton Cori and the Hansen's cousin, Matt Sorena, who moved out from the east coast where he was finishing up his degree in music therapy. Their album *Dangerous Promises* was released in 2017, and they've gone on to become favorites on the North County club scene, particularly in Solana Beach. They have a new *Live at the Belly Up* album (part of the venue's new concert archive series), as well as a new full-length of their own recorded during lockdown, *Communication*. Its lead single is now available online: "Should've Cried." The release of their third studio album was celebrated by communicating with fans via two performances at a closed circuit release party on June 13, livestreamed from the Belly Up stage while the venue was otherwise closed to the public.



HOWARD BLANK'S OUTSIDERS

In an unlikely surprise play from deep in the pop culture outfield, long-gone 1960s white soul hitmakers Howard Blank's Outsiders have signed a record deal with local Pacific Records and announced plans for a new album. Founded in Cleveland Ohio, the Outsiders are best known for "Time Won't Let Me," which reached number five on the Billboard charts in April 1966 and was later covered by both Iggy Pop (on his *Party* album) and Texas-based all-girl rock band the Heart Beats. They also had minor hits such as "Girl in Love," but have otherwise been mostly forgotten outside of garage

band aficionados. The new album features Blank (the original Outsiders drummer, though he'd left the band by the time of their biggest hit) with San Diegans like singer Lori Wilson and bassist Matt Simpson, as well as latter-day Mamas and the Papas singer Laurie Beebe Lewis, Brooklyn singer Eli Holland, guitarist Mel Vernon, keyboardist Yasha Susoeff, and sax player Jim Bruno. The release will include two previous Outsiders hits, "Time Won't Let Me" and "Respectable," a cover of Climax's "Precious and Few," and new tracks "True Love," "Fly Me Away," and "Everyone Has Gone."



TREES

The 1982 Trees album *Sleep Convention*, the result of an MCA Records deal initiated by Runaways mastermind Kim Fowley, has just been reissued with a dozen bonus tracks. Trees began as a one-man band consisting of keyboardist Dane Conover (perhaps best known from the Puppies with Richard Filaccio and Nino Del Pesco), who later teamed up with Marty Elridge to flesh out the sound. *Sleep Convention*, produced by Earle Mankey, earned positive reviews at the time, but remained obscure until the age of the internet. Thanks to prolific sharing, the album became somewhat of an online cult sensation and early viral hit, earning hundreds

of thousands of streams and inspiring Conover to begin producing new solo music, as well as revisiting his Trees project. In summer 2007, Conover began uploading Trees videos to YouTube, including tracks that had never been publicly screened. Conover also wrote the Beat Farmers concert staple and regional radio hit "Happy Boy." In related news, Conover's Puppies partner Richard Filaccio recently performed Conover's song "Devil on a String" for day 23 of his pandemic home performance series Covideo-19. "His original was ethereal and dreamy, and I took it in a swampy, bluesy direction," says Filaccio.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Blackthoven?

There are a multitude of stories currently circulating which present the idea that Beethoven was black. The claim is that he had a Moorish background through his mother's side. His mother's family came from Flanders, which was briefly controlled by Spain. Verdi's Don Carlo takes place during this time. Since Spain was previously controlled by The Moors, this means Beethoven, with his swarthy complexion, must be of Moorish descent. The genealogy goes Africa to Moorish to Spain to Flanders to Germany to Beethoven.

I'm not exactly sure what being Moorish actually

means so I looked it up. It basically refers to any Muslim living in Europe, North Africa, or the Middle East during the Middle Ages. The Moorish culture was superior to European culture in terms of science, mathematics, civic engineering, and astronomy. They were into STEM while Europeans didn't trust a bath to be good for one's health.

At the time, The Moors were in control of Naples and Sicily, so maybe Beethoven is also Italian. Spain was dominated by the Moors from the 8th to 13th Centuries. The capital city of Moorish Spain, Cordova, was perhaps the greatest city in

the world during the 10th and 11th centuries. Maybe Beethoven is also Spanish?

After doing a little more digging, I came across an article from 2013 that explains that the "Beethoven was African" theory goes back to at least 1915.

I have no problem at all conceding that Beethoven was Black, Spanish, Italian, and Moorish when it comes to his genome. I'm dead serious.

Beethoven was a product of The Enlightenment and the ideals of equality, egality, and education. The ideals of The Enlightenment are summarized quite well by



The value of Beethoven is not his Germanity or his African DNA.

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Beethoven himself, "Then let us all do what is right, strive with all our might toward the unattainable, develop as fully as we can the gifts God has given us, and never stop learning."

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What matters is that Beethoven is Beethoven.

The conversation must stav focused on what is essential. What is essential in our current cultural context? The same things that were essential in Beethoven's cultural context. Beethoven made it quite clear when he said, "In the world of art, as in the whole of creation, freedom and progress are the main objectives."



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Palomar Starlight Theater: Friday, 8pm - The Long Run. Saturday, 8pm — Kalimba. Sunday, 2pm - La Sonora Dinamita con Vilma Diaz.

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> **Open Air Theatre:** Saturday, Aug. 1 — Primus and Wolfmother. Sunday, Aug. 2 — David Gray.

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The Truth be told

or decades, Fabienne Dangeville has been the face of French culture (and haute couture). Considered by many to be one of history's most celebrated beauties (and Europe's greatest actress), the icy blonde was set to star in a Hitchcock film until the Master up and died on her. Today, the occasional model and two-time recipient of the César Award is on the promotion trail, stumping a tell-little

autobiography. She has also been presented with a bit of a come-

down: a supporting part in a low budget sci-fi epic, playing, fittingly enough, the daughter of a woman incapable of aging. The Truth be told, there is no better actress better suited to play Fabienne than Catherine Deneuve.

To celebrate the book's publication, Fabienne has invited her daughter Lumir (Juliette Binoche) - a successful screenwriter in her own right - sonin-law/"internet actor" Hank (Ethan Hawke), and young granddaughter Charlotte (Clémentine Grenier) to her chateau in France. It's telling that this is the first time Fabienne has seen Lumir since she and her American husband tied the knot stateside. The copy of the memoir she claims to have sent Lumir might have been lost in transit, but it's more likely that it never shipped. Fabienne doesn't want her daughter reading the glossy account, and rightfully so. When her child accuses her of fact-fudging, all the author can say is, "My memories, my book."

It's not only her immediate family that Fabienne snubs; nor is hers the only life driven by vanity. (Given the choice between being a bad mother and friend or a great actress, Fabienne circled "all of the above.") Her current director professes to be an ardent admirer of the her illustrious body of work, but after one look at the fledgling filmmaker's previous work, all Fabienne can ask is, "Does he ever use a tripod?" As for the Boudu-ish creature making his entrance through the back door, that's Lumir's father Pierre (Roger Van Hool). At least his name appears in the book, even if he's listed as dead. That's more than can be said for her long-time personal assistant (Alain Libolt). And it's one thing not to know the name of your grandchild, but to wholly exclude him from the memoir is cause for resignation.

The film's one blind spot is Hank. Initially targeted as the butt of Fabienne's scorn - "Anyone can be an actor," she grumbles before muttering something about her son-in-law's lack

of screen presence — she later plies the recovering alcoholic with booze, knowing full well what it will do to his marriage and career. It's only after he falls off the wagon that motherin-law dearest welcomes him to the family with a kiss on his cheek. Fabienne may not realize that the joke is on her: Lumir's main motivation for bringing Hank and Charlotte along for the ride was to make mom jealous of

MOVIES

their happy family.

How many times can one say that Cath-

erine Deneuve gives her greatest performance? Clearly not often enough, as she once again tops herself. Director Hirokazu Kore-eda allows just enough room for Fabienne to indulge her flights of hypocrisy: over dinner, she complains of a former rival ruining her voice with booze and smoking. One cut later finds her in the drawing room, a cigarette in one hand, a drink in the other. On set, she insists that Lumir not refer to her as "mother." Personal feelings for her daughter can only be defined in terms of her art. Hers truly is an imitation of life.

Crashers) other than that he allows

his star ample room for indulgence

while displaying an uncanny inability

to properly time a rimshot cutaway.

With two Mamma Mia! films and this

to his credit, Brosnan should forever

be barred from appearing in any mu-

sicals with a Nordic connection. If

you are a Ferrell fan, God bless you.

I don't get it. What I do get are the

raves McAdams is drawing for her

infectiously winsome performance.

John Lewis: Good Trouble — "My

biggest fear," says 17-term U.S. Repre-

sentative and civil rights warrior John

Lewis, "is one day we may wake up

and our democracy is gone." Dawn

Porter's biodoc stands as a sad re-

minder that, 65 years after its incep-

tion, America is still fighting to finish

the Civil Rights movement. (The title

refers to the kind of difficulty one gets

in through non-violent protest.) A

description of Charlie Kane leaps to

mind when watching Lewis' lifetime

of accomplishments: "All of these

years he covered, many of these years

The Outpost — An Afghanistan

valley steeped in insurgency is the

eponymous setting for this gallant

portrait of a group of U.S. soldiers

fighting in the face of certain de-

feat. Why the Kamdesh base came

to be known as "Camp Custer" will

soon become all too apparent. Scott

Eastwood stars in this adaptation of

Jake Tapper's exhaustively researched

book, and not unlike Papa Clint's

Tightrope, when viewed at home,

several of the inkier nocturnal se-

quences may require the use of night

he was." 2020. —S.M. ★★★

2020 —S.M. ★

At any moment, this could have veered off the rails in the direction of Hollywood's golden age of melodrama, with dialogue so ripe you could pick it. But those familiar with Kore-eda's previous films (After Life, Our Little *Sister, Shoplifters*) can expect the same caring approach to humanism we've grown accustomed to, even though the canvas has broadened. (We never do learn what Fabienne wants to hear God say at the Pearly Gates, or see how the retake in question turned out.) It's his first film set outside Japan, and his first to feature an all-star international cast, but don't let it throw you. The director didn't. ★★★

-Scott Marks

Video on Demand New **Release Roundup Eurovision Song Contest: The**

Story of Fire Saga — Or: Lars (Will Ferrell) and the real actress (Rachel McAdams). We open in 1974 with an Icelandic nod to The Jazz Singer: only over Erick Erickssong's (Pierce Brosnan) dead body will his son Lars be allowed to appear on the world's largest televised singing competition. From that seed grows a typically dim-witted, featherlight comedy in which Ferrell adopts just enough of a scarecrow goggle to assure audiences that it's not just the costumes and wig doing the acting. What can be said of director David Dobkin (The Wedding



The Truth: Catherine Deneuve and Juliette Binoche go digging.

vision goggles. (In a note to critics, director Rod Lurie asks that viewers "try and replicate the theater experience as much as possible...as there are a few night scenes that may get lost otherwise.") Names printed on screen introduce each character, no matter the size of their role. Undoubtedly a fine way to honor the heroes, but mighty damn confusing for an audience, particularly when it's

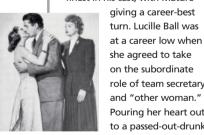
so dark one can barely discern facial features. Unquestionably grim, but an exquisitely executed long take on a suspension bridge held more thrills than anything in the gimmicky 1917. Just make sure the lights are low and the brightness level cranked. With Caleb Landry Jones surpassing all past performances as a real-life hero Ty Michael Carter, a specialist in saving lives. 2020. —S.M. ★★★



Jacques Tourneur had never seen a football

game when RKO assigned him to direct this story of an aging gridiron star (Victor Mature) diagnosed with a bum ticker. Team physician Dr. Jim

Backus warns Mature that any strenuous activity could prove fatal, which forces him to choose between his health and an enterprising wife (Lizabeth Scott). Tourneur's preoccupation with what goes on outside the stadium (rather than in it) no doubt contributed to the film's failure to connect with audiences hungry for action instead of character-driven melodrama. Decades later, it remains one of the film's strongest points. The director's naturalistic approach to the subject brings out the finest in his cast, with Mature



Easy Living: Lizabeth Scott, Victor Mature, and Lucille Ball score a touchdown.

> Baker as Scott's dissolute but wealthy sidepiece casts a darker shade of twilight. In its day, audiences no doubt cheered Vic's immature smack to Scott's jaw that closes the picture. Not no more!

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role of team secretary and "other woman." Pouring her heart out to a passed-out-drunk Mature, Lucy's caring (and exquisitely lit) barroom confessional made me love her all the more. And Art



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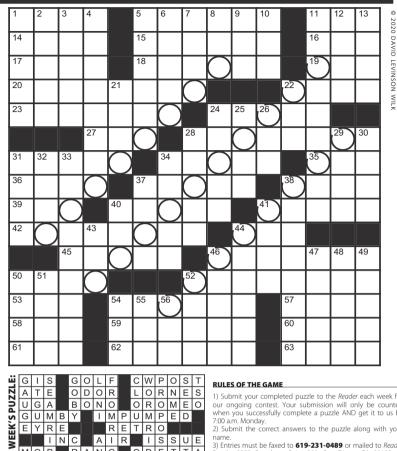
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45. Coffeehouse entertainers

53. "Green Book" Oscar winner

57. Utah town near Arches and

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59. "Lawrence of Arabia" star

60. Red resident of "Sesame

63. Pal of Kyle and Kenny on

4. What T-Mobile has that Sprint

61. English breakfast

1. Fix up, as a building

62. See 5-Across

"South Park"

3. Brisk paces

6. June birthstone

Jima

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Disney princesses

9. "Dancing With the Stars"

10. Salonga who voiced two

11. They're set for drinking and

7. Blood: Prefix

46. Boardwalk scavenger

50. Business sch. major

52. Open (to)

54. Haul (around)

58. Sleep state

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5. Erect

12. "Frozen" snowman

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29. Rescue

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46. Whiff

21. Add to the staff

25. Hank Aaron's 2,297

22. Food writer Drummond

26. Suffix with glob- or gran-

28. Ending for sooth or nav

30. Where Adam met Eve

a walk" (quote by 51-Down)

33. Korean-made sedan since

41. Tolstoy's "The Death of _____

47. Many a bike lock, essentially

48. Animal wearing red pajamas

32. Scand. country

34. Kathy of "Misery"

38. Magic moments?

43. Captain's record

in a children's book

50. 7-Eleven, e.g.

51. Surrealist Paul

55. Windy City rail org.

56. Like the summer sun

52. Boatloads

54. [Poor me!]

44. Home on the range

49. Simon of Duran Duran

37. Rifle part

40. French "Inc."

31. "A line is that went for

24. Like easy, well-paying jobs

Wallace, co-founder of

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42. Like some bottles

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1. Ora, for students in uniform 5. With 62-Across, a difficult engagement ... or a description of each set of circled letters 11. "u r 2 funny!" 14. Fitch of Abercrombie & Fitch **15.** Tiny 16. Two-time Super Bowl MVP Manning 17. Hula **18.** Beezus' sister, in children's literature **19.** Actress Gadot **20.** Walter White on "Breaking

Bad," for one

22. Tennis star Nadal, to fans

- 23. Inhuman
- 24. Inhumane

27. Amtrak schedule abbr.

28. Renter's rental

31. It's just over a foot

34. Count who composed "One O'Clock Jump"

35. Josh _____, the voice of 12-

Down

36. "Stop stalling!"

37. Evan and Birch of Indiana politics

38. Actress Campbell of "Scream"

39. "... good witch, _____ bad witch?"

40. Adorable one

41. "A Doll's House" playwright Henrik

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Awesome!

 The Boston Typewriter Orchestra has been performing its unique brand of music throughout New England since 2004 and will now be releasing its first vinyl album later this summer. Self-proclaimed conductor Tim Devin and a group of friends founded the ensemble as a joke, reports *Ripley's Be*lieve It or Not, and after premiering at Boston's Art Beat Festival, the idea took off. Using vintage machines to rhythmically clack, roll, spin and bang out "music," the typistmusicians say different models produce different sounds. "A Smith-Corona Galaxy 12 has a power space function that makes a nice metallic clang sound," explained Brendan Emmett Quigley.

Animal Antics

– Kalua, an infamous alcoholic monkey in Kanpur, India, has been sentenced to live out his days in isolation, *Gulf News* reported. The animal once belonged to a local occultist who would give him alcohol. After the owner died, Kalua couldn't get his fix and became aggressive, sinking his teeth into more than 250 people, one of who died of his wound. The Kanpur zoo took Kalua in, trying to acclimate him to captivity and other monkeys, but zoo workers are throwing in the towel. "It has been three years since he was brought here," said zoo doctor Mohd Nasir. "He will remain in captivity all his life."

Desperate Times

- For those missing travel abroad, Songshan Airport in Taipei, Taiwan, is offering 90 people the opportunity to tour the airport and "pretend to go abroad." On July 2, 4 and 7, participants can spend a half-day going through immigration, boarding an airplane, and then getting off the plane and re-entering the country through immigration. "People who didn't have the opportunity to take international flights at Songshan (can) use this chance to experience and learn more about the boarding process and relevant service facilities," Chih-ching Wang, deputy director of the airport, told *CNN Travel*. Tour customers will also get to take home "exclusive mysterious gifts."

Awwwwww

- Seniors from Glens Falls High School near Tulsa, Oklahoma, pulled a classic prank on what would have been the last day of their high school career: On June 12, they hung a large sign from the school saying, "For Sale! Vacant Since March," along with some of the school's attributes, such as "2 full size gyms" and "swimming pool." But Principal Tammy Silvernell could hardly be mad: attached to the back of the sign was a letter from students she characterized as "the most polite pranksters ever," according to *The Daily Gazette*. "This was all in good fun," the letter read. "We hope to have made you laugh and miss us a little more ... thank you all for an amazing four years at GFHS!" The students also offered to remove the sign and included a phone number to call.

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The Way the World Works

Saying that "extra precautions are justifiable and understandable where the president is concerned," Russian spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that anyone meeting President Vladimir Putin at his house outside Moscow or in the Kremlin must pass through a disinfection tunnel that showers visitors with a "disinfecting aerosol" and a bath of ultraviolet light. The Guardian reported on June 17 the tunnels can also use facial recognition software and take the visitor's temperature. Peskov said, "They were installed when the epidemic was in full swing," but would not say whether Putin has used the tunnels himself.

RIP

- The Hollywood Reporter announced on June 16 that puppeteer Pat Brymer, 70, passed away in April. As a puppet builder, Brymer worked with ventriloquist Shari Lewis on Lamb Chop's Play Along and with Trey Parker and Matt Stone's Team America: World Police, but he is best remembered for bringing to life Bill Murray's pesky nemesis gopher in 1980's Caddyshack.

Florida

Police in Miramar, Florida, are still trying to identify a man who was caught on surveillance video ransacking Miramar High School on May 25. The suspect spent nearly 24 hours destroying computers, painting graffiti on the walls and flooding areas of the school, the *Miami Herald* reported -- all while stark naked, except for headphones. School officials put the cost of the damages at about \$100,000.

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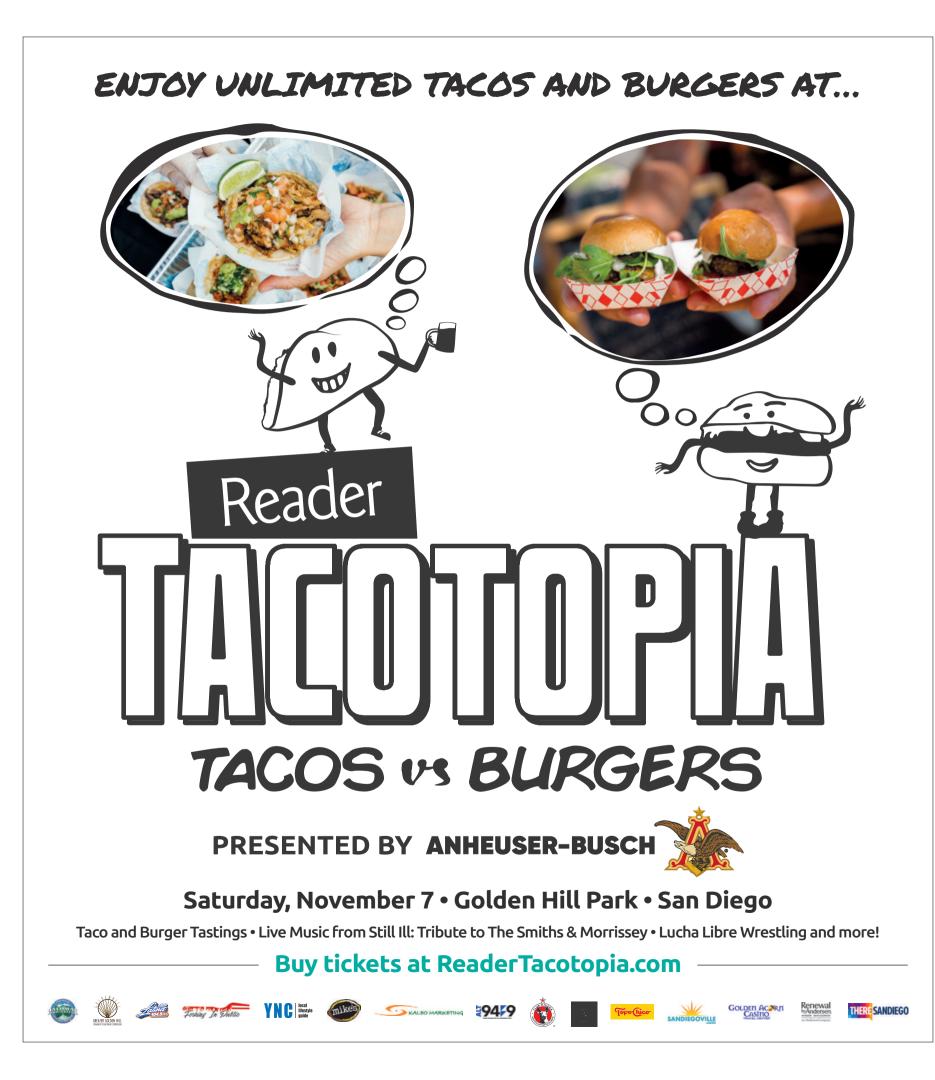
- Saxophonist Christian Beck, 50, has been treating his neighbors to two hours of music from his front porch in Sible Hedingham, England, every Saturday during the local coronavirus lockdown. Passersby would stop and listen, residents of Forest Home care facility nearby were particular fans, and money has been raised for charity through donations. But Beck told the Dai*ly Gazette* his Saturday concerts will come to an end on June 13 after a letter from the Braintree Council informed him that an official noise complaint has been lodged against him. "Playing the saxophone is like a therapy for me... and it's upsetting that someone complained, I didn't want to go against anyone so I'm calling it a day."

More Desperate Times

- In Logrono, Spain, an unidentified man pushed the envelope on Spain's stringent lockdown rules, which make an exception for pet owners, who are allowed to go outside briefly with their pets, according to *Gray News*. The National Police tweeted a photo on April 24 of the man being arrested for sitting on a city bench holding his pet fish a fish bowl.

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are put up for public photo opportunities. Because our bears were housed on concrete floors before they came here, they tend to get arthritis when they get older. Here, for the first time, they can get out on the dirt and walk around. It's really good for them.

"When they are raised for entertainment, bears are given sugar-flavored drinks and sugary cereal to get them to cooperate and do photos. They often end up with malnutrition and neurological diseases. When we got Albert, he couldn't walk, and Cherry Bomb would only walk on her tiptoes. They ended up in someone's backyard as pets. Then, of course, the owner couldn't keep them any longer, and



Moka is about two years old. Brink says, "Moka's scared of anything new."

here they are. The wife of the man who kept them still comes out here on her vacation and spends a week volunteering with us.

"Worse than anything are the "canned hunt ranches," where you can pay to shoot a bear or another exotic animal in its enclosure and take home the carcass as a trophy. I don't get how anyone could shoot a living, breathing, beautiful animal.

"Bears naturally eat more in the summer than they do at other times. In summertime, they can eat anywhere from 10-25 pounds. They forage for food and are omnivores so they eat cooked meats, raw fish, raw fruits and veggies, grain or nut breads, raw nuts, nut spreads, and fruit spreads. Avocados, however, are a favorite.

"Two of our Himalayan black bears, Teddy and Baloo, are brothers. They were bounced around from roadside zoo to roadside zoo until they ended up in someone's backyard as pets in North Carolina. The owners couldn't keep them any longer, and here they are. As babies, they were declawed. They can still climb trees, but they can't get back down. We let them climb trees that are more horizontal than vertical.

"Like all the animals that end up here, our bears improve emotionally because now they have space to move. They can dig, they have rocks and pools; they pretty much have everything here, including medical, dental, and daily room service. We say of all the animals that come here that they have gone from rags to riches. When bears are kept in small enclosures, they get bored and often chew on the iron bars of their cages. Because of that, a lot of the bears that come here need a lot of dental work. We do root canals and fillings, and almost anything a person would have done by a dentist.

"Ninety percent of the animals we receive have been abused before they get here. Many times, we give them the first medical care they've ever had. We try not to dart them when we rescue them. When we go on a rescue, we provide a thorough medical assessment right there in the field. When an animal arrives at our sanctuary, they are placed into our quarantine area, which gives them time to get acclimated and for any medical issues to be addressed. Then we take our time to introduce them to their new habi-

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tat. This is not a oneman job. There has to be somebody on the property 24 hours a day. We have nine vets that work with us."

The need is great and the work unending, says Bobbi. "An estimated 10,000 big cats are being kept in backyards and roadside zoos, and most of them are living in deplorable conditions. If you see a place selling exotic animals and there are a lot of babies, that's a really bad sign. Most of those animals become disposable once they get bigger. A lot of places will breed a couple hundred animals a year, and suddenly, they disappear. There's no federal tracking of these animals. But there's not one legitimate place in our country that offers photo opportunities now.

"I have easily driven

300,000 miles placing cats in sanctuaries. My team and I once moved 300 lions, tigers, bears, and cougars out of Ohio after the state law passed prohibiting possession of exotic animals. Before that, every type of animal you can imagine was being sold in that state. When we go on raids, the first responders go in and secure the people first. We come in behind them and secure the animals. Sometimes, you want to free the animal and put the person who has been abusing it in the cage.

"We get some grants from family foundations. One of the pools the animals use came from a grant from Pam Slater when she was a county supervisor. Still, we are constantly fundraising."

Initially, the Lions Tigers & Bears gala was scheduled for May 9th. It has always been a family event, and the biggest annual fundraiser; they seat about 600 people. They hoped to raise around \$250,000 of their \$2.8 million operating costs at that time. COVID-19, however, threw a wrench in the event while closing the park to the public.

Brink had hoped to use some of the profits from the gala for "expansion of habitat, so we can accommodate more animals and have the funding required to aid animals in other regions of the country. We recently traveled to the Philippines to do medical on some animals. We were trying to get the animals moved, but that's difficult because their country has never before released exotic animals to the United States."

While Brink attempts to aid needy animals internationally, there's still a lot to be done at home. "Right now, we're working on a law in the state of Virginia to make the private possession of exotic animals illegal there. We're also working on a federal bill, the 'Big Cat Public Safety Act, that would make it illegal to own big cats as pets. The resistance to these bills comes primarily from the breeders and roadside menageries. They make a lot of money on exotic animals, and they argue that a tiger is their private property and that it's their constitutional right to own them as pets or to breed them. They call what they're doing conservation, but it isn't. Nola (the white tiger) has no conservation value. that's why you'll never see an [Association of Zoos & Aquariums] zoo breeding white tigers. These animals can't go back into the wild, or they wouldn't be here.

"When we started Lions Tigers & Bears in 2003, 23 states allowed private possession of exotic animals; now there are seven. It's all about greed for them. For us, it's all about education.

"My husband Mark and I live right above the lion enclosure where we can hear them and the other animals at night. For me, that sound is my paycheck for the work we do, and it's something I love sharing with others. To that end, we have a few rooms where people can spend the night."

Brink's obvious comfort in natural surroundings makes me wonder if these her charm and ease of

conversation transfer to artificial environments, where she is forced to speak on behalf of her beloved animals, not in jeans and work boots, but, more likely, in evening gown and heels. I get the impression that little but her love for the animals who depend on her for their lives would lead her to make this sacrifice. When questioned about fundraising she said, "I am a true country girl and only go to town for business, and wear a dress and heels when necessary."

As of this writing, Lions, Tigers & Bears expect to be open by July 1st of this year. Until then, private "behind the scenes" visits can be booked for those desiring to see wild animals that are given human care.

— Chris Ahrens



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continued from page 2 during 2019, Fulhorst's June 5 report shows. "Lobbying firms and organization lobbyists disclosed \$924,273 in fundraising activities for City candidates and committees formed to support/oppose City candidates." Fundraising activities by the lobbyist corps in 2018 brought in just \$544,107, per the 2019 memo.

"It should be noted that the definition of 'fundraising' is limited to: (1) funds personally delivered to a City candidate; and (2) contributions a lobbyist has taken some credit for raising with the candidate or the candidate's controlled committee," the 2020 report adds. **Direct lobbyist-related con**tributions fell sharply last year, from \$746,399 in 2018 to a meager \$268,835, possibly an indication that as political money demands climb, the growing raft of lobbyists is shifting more of the fundraising burden



KPBS General manager Tom Karlo received \$257,289 in salary and benefits during 2019.

to their clients to preserve company margins.

Few other details are available to the public. Unlike the state's Fair Political Practices Commission, the San Diego ethics panel conducts its deliberations in secret. The minutes of the group's most recent closed session, held June 11. report six actions taken in secrecy. Just one, a \$500 sanction against defeated city council candidate Wendy Wheatcroft for failing to label her fliers, door hangers, and banners with an "ad paid for by" disclosure, saw the light of day. A single case, identified as "Solicitation [of] City



Nancy Worlie, KPBS's associate general manager for content and communications, got \$142,027.

Employees for Contributions," got a green light for investigation. The four cases dismissed in secret included Disqualification: Conflict of Interest, Accepting Contributions from Organizations, Disclosure of Economic Interests, and Failure to Timely File Campaign Statement, according to minutes released after the 6 pm meeting.

By cloaking dismissals in confidentiality, members of the commission, including Republican politico and professional campaign treasurer Bill Baber and Democrat Sid Voorakkara — commission chairman and San Diego vice president of Strategies 360, a national consulting and lobbying outfit — make public scrutiny of the commission and its processes complicated if not impossible. Among other assignments, Strategies 360 is running a pot legalization campaign in Arizona, per a June 1 account by Phoenix New Times. In California, the firm boasts a host of controversial lobbying clients with San Diego ties, including scooter company Bird Ride and gig transit operator Lyft, Inc. according to filings with the California Secretary of State.

Baber, an ex-aide to former GOP mayor Dick Murphy, has had his share of run-ins with campaign watchdogs, including being forced in 2011 by the San Diego ethics commission to pay a \$10,000 fine for failing to identify the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation as a major donor to a charter change campaign.

Matt Potter



friend; when he noticed redness on her neck and offered to phone paramedics, she refused. She also refused to be examined by a forensic expert who could have documented any alleged injuries. But she did agree that she wanted a court protective order, and deputy Kyle contacted the on-duty judge to arrange that.

During the pre-trial hearing, defense attorney Crystal Salumbides protested that the prosecutor was trying to claim the tree as a "deadly weapon." The defense attorney asked the judge to reduce all charges to misdemeanors, pointing out that the alleged victim apparently did not require any medical treatment. But prosecutor James Teh insisted, "This tree is being used as a deadly weapon. That was described by the victim."The prosecutor claimed that independent witnesses heard screams and saw



Saul Rios Guzman, 38, pled not-guilty.

the victim struck several times. Judge Kelly Mok declined to reduce charges, and ordered Guzman to trial on four felonies, including assault with a deadly weapon, assault on spouse or significant other, and felony resisting officers.

Saul Rios Guzman, 38, pled not-guilty to all charges.

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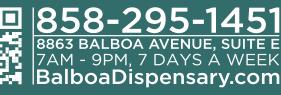
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