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### Retreat of no return

I was a little surprised that Beth Sarim was among the attractions ("San Diego's best roadside attractions," Cover Stories, June 24). I was raised in this sect and spent my youth going "door to door." There had long been a story about what the society had in this "retreat." Along with the faith that there were to be prophets resurrected and live there, there was the belief that there could also be "Nephilim." In scripture they were said to be the children of fallen angels and earthly women. Their children were said to have super-human abilities, strength, and some were much larger than normal humans. So it was told that they had custom made beds that were ten feet long. But as noted they never showed up.

Bob G.  
El Cajon

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"Big Oak Ranch – another roadside attraction"

Letters

July 2

The owner of Big Oak Ranch was convicted of murder and went to prison. The ranch was closed down and now there is little there of the original.

—AlexClarke

"How to get to the river path from Sports Arena Boulevard"

Neighborhood News

July 3

Is Jessica, speaking as a motorist -- in this article? Speaking in the context that -- she/Jessica "now unfortunately I never want to stop", because she/Jessica is afraid of getting 'rear-ended' (or whatever) by what may come from behind her/Jessica? Is this what Jessica is saying? As that will only further get her/Jessica into a traffic-involved accident.

—ised

"The Outpost"

Movies

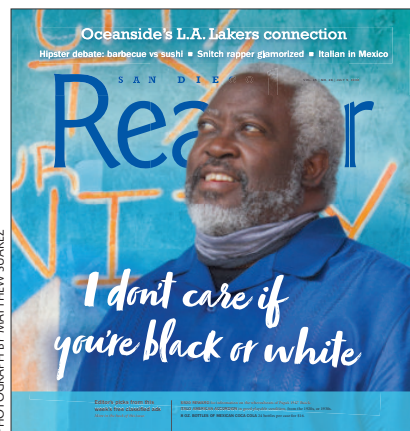
I was at Blessing with TF and some dudes from Regiment, along with a

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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

LOMA PORTAL

## Street-crossing: the most dangerous game?

Never mind the Thunderdome, we've got Sports Arena

As far back as March of this year, locals have been asking the city for better access to the San Diego River bike path from Sports Arena Boulevard. "Anyone else experience going to the bike trail and the crosswalk on Sports Arena and the

highway 8 onramp almost getting hit?" asked Angel on Nextdoor. "This is the 3rd time. This time someone stopped, but cars went around the nice lady who stopped as we were crossing with a child in the bike trailer. Then we heard skids from 4 cars behind, almost slammed into the cars waiting. The crosswalk is not lit when someone is trying to walk." The crosswalk in question, located at the entrance to the onramp and offramps for Interstate 8 from Sports Arena Boulevard/



"Most crosswalks in dangerous areas light up when you cross. A freeway onramp should be the first to do this."



A couple waits for traffic to pass before trying to cross.

West Mission Bay Drive, currently fall right in the middle of the West Mission Bay Drive Bridge Replacement construction zone. The project began back in 2018. "The construction workers that were

expanding the bridge said it's the worst they have seen," Angel continued. "And numerous people have almost gotten hit every day they have been out there. Is

there a safer way to get to the bike trail from the Loma Riviera community? I am scared now to go to the bike trail and have to cross that on ramp. I guess they won't do anything unless I start a petition to get some lights installed. Most crosswalks in dangerous areas light up when you cross. A freeway onramp should be the first to do this."

Another neighbor, John, shared a similar experience. "A couple years ago, I reported the same situation on the west side of Sports Arena Blvd to the city." (That is, cars coming south off the bridge and turning right onto the 8 onramp). "I was told it's Caltrans' responsibility. Reported to them, and they



The bike path provides a safe space to ride — if you can get to it without getting hit.

said there's a light at the ped crossing there, so they did nothing. The light is basically worthless — cars don't even see it. Both east and west sides are really dangerous. I heard a bike rider was killed on the west side awhile back."

Others contacted me with the same concerns. "I'm interested in creating a safe path for pedestrians to access the San Diego River bike path from Sports Arena," one woman wrote. "I live in the Loma Riviera community and many of us are hoping we can reach out, as the construction is ongoing." Point Loman Daniel shared his experiences with the crossing: "It was worse when traffic coming from the beach in the right lane never had to stop. It was impossible to get an opening to cross. At least now, they have to stop at a red light, periodically providing a window (albeit short) to dash across. I have complained many, many times about this, to no avail. Like Angel, I am always scared for someone who nicely stops, knowing someone is ready to slam into them. They need a quick button-activated light (like the road entering the Seaworld entrance). That would turn the light yellow, then red for a quick 10 seconds or so to allow crossing. But that will never happen. Hopefully, this entire bridge project will include a completely new design for safer access to the river path. The bike path is one of the best places to ride, safely away from traffic, from the beach all the way to Mission Valley. But if you have to risk your life to get there, it kind of defeats the purpose."

Eva has nearly been hit three times. "I live off West Point Loma Blvd," she

shared via email. "I almost got hit there many times before; the worst is when one car in one lane stops and then the other cars just keep going, even going around the stopped car as if they don't see people crossing. It's completely unsafe." Jessica: "I got badly rear-ended because I stopped for a pedestrian at that crosswalk, and now unfortunately, I never stop, because I'm scared of getting into an accident. The city needs to do something about that horribly unsafe crosswalk." "I've had this conversation way too many times," Mike commented. "If you have a mobility disability around here, drivers gonna run you down.

This is a major problem."

DELINDA LOMBARDO

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## Green Angels in the red?

Cutbacks rumored for highway helpers

San Diego's Michelle Cardenas is worried: she heard that Angeles Verdes (Green Angels), a free of charge and national road service, might be discontinued in certain parts of Mexico. "The Green Angels towed our car to Rosarito when we broke down on the toll road," she said. "They came up at the right



Going forward, the Green Angels will have less green, and also less gas.

time, and possibly saved our lives by helping us move our car." (Cardenas and her family traveled from San Diego to Ensenada on a regular basis until two months ago, when the port city restricted non-essential visitors to curb the spread of COVID-19.) "I saw the *ElSudCaliforniano.com* news report about the Mexican government cutting funding for the Green Angels," Cardenas said of the June 21 story. "We planned on driving down to Cabo San Lucas when they lift the restrictions, but we'll need to make an emergency plan if the Green Angels are 86'd."

David Ortega Castro, head of the Baja California Sur Angeles Verdes division,

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## Fletcher staffs up

Hopes move will help make him look good  
The sole Democrat on San Diego County's Board of Supervisors, onetime Assembly Republican Nathan Fletcher, is looking to

load up his county staff with social media- and video-makers to propel him to new political heights. "We are seeking a Videographer & Editor/Photographer/Graphic Designer to work with the Director of Communications and Social Media Manager to plan, create and deliver high-quality multimedia

storytelling using videography, photography and graphic design," says a job notice on Fletcher's supervisor website. "The person we are looking for must demonstrate a strong command of techniques and sophisticated craftsmanship in visual storytelling to accurately inform and effectively engage audiences through social media, web, print, and other digital platforms. In this role, the person will develop production strategy, creative direction and brand messaging and manage quality control for all visual deliverables used by the Office of Supervisor Nathan Fletcher in support of its policy, community outreach, and communications initiatives."

Also signing on with Team Fletcher will

be a social media manager with "the skills to help us connect directly to target audiences, build trust, create organic online dialogue and expand our reach using digital channels, including website, social media

platforms, blogs, email campaigns, mobile, and new innovations in digital. In this role, the person will develop strategy and voice of our online communities, create campaigns, write the copy, be our expert on how to get the most from our digital platforms, and analyze the results to ensure the Office of Supervisor Nathan Fletcher is

effectively communicating about its policies, positions, initiatives and events with its online communities."

How close the work of the two reputed high-power media recruits comes to verging

into the county's political arena is sure to be closely watched by political insiders, in particular, the job's requirement to "coordinate campaigns with our social media ambassadors and influencers." Besides that, the new hire must "connect with YouTube influencers to establish and maintain partnerships," and "promote and distribute news content on social media."

Other new employees sought by Fletcher, per two additional job notices on his site,

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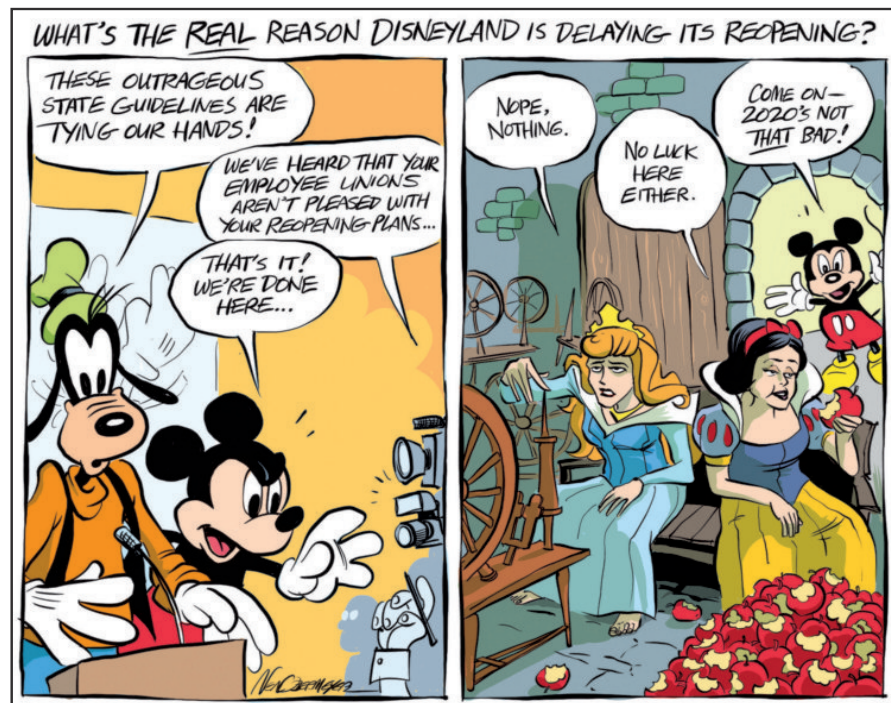


Will comm chief Canning prove as canny as his coal-consult gang back at Gallatin?



Chief of staff Paul Worlie's past clients include Harry Reid and Tom Daschle.

## Neal Obermeyer



# UNDER THE RADAR

## Oceanside Laker Trump backer

The COVID-19 pandemic may have cut the number of donations from San Diegans backing the reelection of president Donald Trump, but money continues to stream in. Among prominent contributors, per new filings at the Federal Election Commission, are Vista City Attorney Darold Pieper, with \$1000 on May 30. He was at the center of a marijuana flap at the city in November 2018, during which the city attorney accused a pro-cannabis group

of failing to disclose the identity of their mailer's sponsors. Also giving to this year's Trump cause was Oceanside's James Buss, son of late Los Angeles Lakers owner Jerry Buss and part-owner of the team. According to the federal filings, James Buss, who kicked in \$250 on May 28, is currently a Lakers department head. In 1984, he was sued for fraud and passing bad checks, according to a UPI account in October of that year. Three years ago, he was stripped of all power over the team by sibling Jeannie Buss in a family putsch that gave her control of the Lakers, as related by USA Today in February 2017. "She'd recount all the mistakes that her brother, part-owner and former front office executive Jim Buss, and longtime general manager Mitch Kupchak had made and wondered why her patience in them hadn't paid off, she was more and more ready to do this deed," the report said.

"The message is clear here: Do not underestimate Jeanie Buss," Adam Streisand, her attorney, told the L.A. Times in March 2017. "There is not going to be [another] palace coup. Not now. Not ever."

After Trump questioned the intelligence of Lakers star LeBron James in an August 2018 tweet, Jeannie came to the player's defense, writing, "We could not be more proud to have LeBron James as part of our Lakers family." Federal records show she gave \$270 to Act Blue, a Democratic online fundraising site, in February of last year.

Jerry Buss, who died in February 2013 at 80 of cancer complications, was a longtime resident of Rancho Santa Fe. An infamous womanizer, he was busted in May 2007 at 74 for driving drunk while cruising around Carlsbad in his gold Mercedes-Benz E320 after midnight with 23-year-old Jeannana M. Flores of New York City, according to an L.A. Times account of the day.

The Lakers are now partly owned by L.A. billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong, also the proprietor of the Times and San Diego Union-Tri-

bune, which rarely report on the inside doings of Lakers ownership.

## Nathan's Gaslamp safety pitch

It's been a torrent of mixed messages from local politicians racing to keep up with the always morphing COVID-19 pandemic, especially for Democratic county supervisor Nathan Fletcher and San Diego mayor Kevin Faulconer. The Gaslamp Quarter's "diligent cleaning crews pledge to pressure-wash all



Vista city attorney Darold Pieper chipped in \$1000 to President Trump's reelection campaign.

sidewalks and patios every week, and restaurants pledge to provide responsible dining service, and hotels pledge to keep guests safe and comfortable, and retailers pledge to keep customers safe while they shop," said Fletcher in a June 26 video for the Gaslamp Quarter Association. He strolled down a Gaslamp sidewalk while extolling the area's purported safety, with scenes of custodians hosing down sidewalks and waitresses taking safety vows. A separate video, using the same script, featured San Diego Republican mayor Kevin Faulconer. Four days later, the hammer dropped. Bars that don't serve food were ordered by the county to shut down, and eateries of all kinds slapped with a 10 pm curfew.

Ethical firewall Jill Galvez, a member of the Chula Vista city council elected last year, has been barred by an attorney for the state's Fair Political Practices Commission from voting on a proposal to buy fire trucks financed by the Bank of America. Her husband is a senior vice president at BofA subsidiary Merrill Lynch and owns BofA stock.



Nathan Fletcher wants you to feel safe eating and drinking in the Gaslamp.

"The City of Chula Vista seeks to purchase an aerial ladder fire truck and an engine/pump fire truck, which together cost \$2,273,805.23," says a June 25 letter to Chula Vista city attorney Glen Googins from the commission's general counsel Dave Bainbridge. "To finance the purchase of the two fire trucks, Chula Vista seeks to enter into a lease agreement with Bank of America Corporation with a written rate and term lock for up to \$2,400,000 at 1.39% interest with a five-year term." Though "Mr. Galvez owns less than 3 percent of Bank of America's stock and he is neither an officer nor a director of Bank of America," his wife still has a "remote" interest in the company and can't play any role in the deal. "Similarly, because she is also disqualified from taking part in the decision under the Act, she must follow the recusal requirement."

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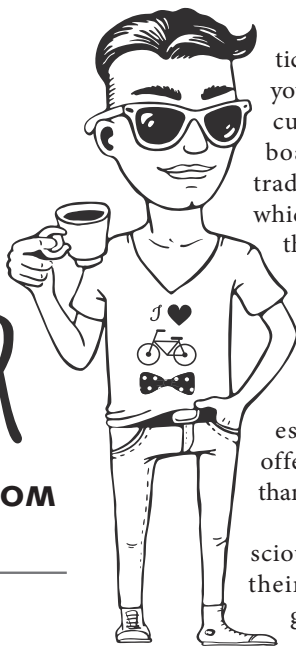


## Dear Hipster:

Although I love dining out, I haven't been to a restaurant since March. At first, everything was closed, and I spent all this time pondering when I would be able to go and sit at some of my favorite restaurants again. My wife and I spent hours brainstorming the first place we would go, and then we got burnt out on dreaming and resigned ourselves to home-cooked meals. As things started to open back up, we realized that, at least for us, it wasn't worth the hassle to deal with all the stress and weirdness, so I just kept cooking at home and eating very occasional takeout. Now, the novelty of home cooking is starting to wear off, and we are back onto obsessing about where we will go to break our figurative fast. After much spirited debate, we are deadlocked on two options. We will either go for barbecue (my personal favorite) or sushi (her personal favorite). We were laughing at ourselves the other night because, after sparring on the relative merits of the two cuisines, we realized we were having a comically hipster debate, and we decided, what better way of settling this endless hipster palaver than to ask the hipster himself?

— STEVE M.

You reveal as much with what you don't say as with what you do. I notice you omitted major trends from recent memory, like ramen, poke, avocado toast, and anything that comes in food-dye-flavored rainbow colors. Similarly, you do not dream of a par-



ticular location. Instead, you're stuck between two cuisines, each of which boasts its own peculiar traditions, and neither of which yields its secrets to the casual observer. To me, this says your long, self-imposed exile has distilled your hipster yearnings down to their very essence. Both choices offer you so much more than a delicious meal.

Normally, health-conscious hipsters will ditch their quinoa salads and green smoothies for a rack of ribs with nary a vegetable in sight, a full pound of chopped pork soaked in tangy sauce, or a flourish of sliced brisket from which decadent rivulets of rendered fat ooze their way into your heart (and the rest of your arteries). Somehow, the downhome charm of barbecued meats affords hipsters an excuse to eat staggeringly unhealthy meals under the ruse of a porkily authentic sense of Americana. Plus, it is unquestionably delicious.

Contrariwise, expertise in sushi bolsters the average hipster's international bonafides by several orders of magnitude. The phrase, "You know, in Japan..." has an almost mythic power to separate the discerning hipster from the chump downing sake bombs at the local discount sushi joint who proudly boasts, "I didn't think I would like raw fish, but you can barely taste it under the cream cheese, batter, spicy mayo, crunchies, avocado!" as he mixes fake

wasabi into his soy sauce.

Honestly, I don't mean to poke fun. These meta-culinary values separate rote nourishing of the body (which might just as easily be accomplished by piping a liquid mix of protein and vitamins directly into the stomach) from the more urbane task of feeding the soul (which, if you're talking about a hipster soul, and you usually are, requires the seasoning of context and the sauce of social cachet before it amounts to a filling meal). Whatever you choose, *bon appetit*.

— DJ Stevens



Sushi's not a shoo-in.

## LETTERS

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few tiered assets when this went down. Some of the worst shit I've ever seen in almost 20 years. Pilots wouldn't fly in to provide CCA because the area was too hot, sustained fire for hours, no way out or in. Basically a fishbowl with a two way gun range. The dudes that defended this place not only repelled the initial insider attack but continued to fight for hours after ward. I'll never forget the faces of the men we picked up when they finally let additional assets in to the area. Most of the guys we checked for IDs and dog tags had been shot in the back, the worst situation I've seen, and I'll never forget it. The COP was retrograded afterwards, all ordnance expended, etc; A10s flying low over the valley dropping ordnance as a deterrance to counter attack and to eliminate resistance. The best way to honor these men is to remember them, remember their families when you think of your loved ones, they had wives and

children that will never see their husbands/fathers again. That's the reality of war, it's not something to cherish, you experience incredible highs and lows, tremendous joy and pain, there's nothing like it, and you will never ever forget it. I would never take back the time I had, and I know most guys say the same, but it won't change the pain I feel when I think of those dudes and so many others you get to know along the way. Watch the movie, and if you have your own story, pass it on to others if you can, the real story is always passed down by the warriors that saw it, just like the old skaldic traditions. "Give strong drink to those who are perishing, and wine to those who are bitter of heart." Proverbs 31:6 "We fought with swords, before Boring-holmi. We held bloody shields: we stained our spears. Showers of arrows break the shield in pieces. The bow sent forth the glittering steel. Volnir fell in the conflict, than who there was not a greater king. Wide on the shores lay the scattered dead: the wolves rejoiced over their prey."

—Kevin Warner



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**Westerdam, the ship Linda Broyles nursed on.**

## The unsinkable Linda Broyles

Linda Broyles often goes to the beach, just to look. "I see the cruise ships anchored there just a mile out to sea," she says. "It looks romantic, but I know what's going on. On each ship there are crew, stuck."

Broyles is a San Diego ER nurse, but since 2016 she has been working at sea as a nurse on Holland America cruise ships, largely cruising Asia.

Until the end of 2019.

That's when she was on the *Westerdam*, an 82,500-ton, 2000-passenger mega cruise liner built in 2003, and beloved by older, richer cruise passengers.

"I didn't know that on the last trip, Coronavirus would hit, and keep me stuck at sea for five months," she says.

"January 31st was when things started to

**Linda Broyles**

day, our passengers wanted to get off the ship again, and they were denied, because they had discovered infected people aboard *World Dream*. And it was assumed that we did the same. And it was all downhill from there. They told us we actually had to leave. So we left, and then got turned away from port to port to port all through Asia.

"The passengers at that point were getting

had been no panic among the passengers. "Most were retired Americans. Everyone was very civil."

The captain told Broyles and the rest of the crew he had decided to head back across the Pacific to the US. They refueled and provisioned in Honolulu, and authorities even let the crew ashore for one night.

"So we sailed on, heading for San Diego. And I thought that was it. I could come ashore, see my family, contract over. But in San Diego they said 'Nope.' As a nurse, I was 'essential personnel.' We still had crew to look after. And the CDC was being strict.

"We're now talking mid-April. This was a long time together. Of course, relationships developed. There were certainly a few pregnancies by then. We hoped we'd get to port before they started having births on board. But we were one big family. And this was with 70 nationalities among the crew. Romanians, Chinese, Jamaicans, South Americans, Filipinos, Brazilians, Indonesians, Malaysians, Mauritians, Sri Lankans,

Dutch, on and on.

"I mean, when they said I couldn't go home, I could see Coronado! From the ship! My husband Rob and my two boys Andrew and Lucas could practically see me. On the phone, Rob said, 'Just barge down the gangplank, push past the security and run like hell. Port police will catch you, but I'll pay your bail.' But I knew I was no match for security. And then they made the ship leave San Diego again. So, back to Mexico. Mexico wouldn't let us off the ship either. Except, when we got to Puerto Vallarta, they let one guy from our casino leave, because he was Mexican."

Could it get any worse? Well, yes. The company decided to send the *Westerdam* back to Asia, complete with Broyles as nurse, to ferry the different Asian crews home.

Incredibly, Broyles told her boss she was okay with that, even though there was no guarantee if or when the *Westerdam* would be coming back.

But finally, the company found a replacement for Broyles. In a bizarre gathering of the clan, half a dozen cruise ships anchored in the waters off Ensenada and effected an exchange-by-lifeboat of crews. It took two days. Asian crew were shuttled to *Westerdam* and one other ship for the long voyage home. Broyles was taken aboard the *Koningsdam*.

Just over a week later, May 8th, the *Koningsdam* pulled into San Pedro. After more than five months at sea, Linda Broyles walked down the gangplank onto dry land.

"I felt elation. I couldn't believe it. To have solid ground beneath my feet. And no-one running up and telling me, 'You've got to go back!'"

But she has regrets too. "I felt I was leaving 'my' ship, the *Westerdam*, before she had completed her mission. I told my boss I felt I was leaving the job undone. They still had to return the Asian crews to Asia. And there are still so many stuck on other ships out there. And these are people who are usually not sailors. They are onboard shop concessionaires, spa masseuses, nannies, casino blackjack operators. Many aren't being paid. It has been months! I know three different crew members have committed suicide recently. And suicides continue. Like this Ukrainian girl who jumped overboard. She was booked on a charter flight to go home, and apparently it got canceled. I think that was aboard the *Regal Princess*."

After all this, would she go to sea again? "Well, I've been told I'm too old. So I guess I'll have to hang up my sea boots. But absolutely. I'd go in a heartbeat." ■

"One crew member on another ship hung a banner that said, 'I'm from the US. I'm being held hostage.'"

happen. We had been to Vietnam for Christmas, and then, for New Years, Thailand. We had also done an overnight in Shanghai. That was in December. And then we had gone to Ha Long Bay. On January 31st, we were meant to do an overnight in Hong Kong. But right then things were brewing. We were set to disembark 600 passengers and take 600 more on board. And we were scared. We screened passengers, but some got through the cracks. On February 3rd, we went to Manila, and we were turned away, because we had been to Hong Kong. So we went to Kaohsiung in Taiwan, and we didn't have any trouble. Passengers went ashore, explored the town. But a cruise ship called the *World Dream* was berthed alongside us. And supposedly, in their health declarations, [some of their passengers] were not completely forthcoming. And the next

very anxious. Rightfully so. Things were starting to erupt. People called home. One crew member on another ship hung a banner that said, 'I'm from the US. I'm being held hostage.' An Australian couple on board were doing regular video reports back to their home TV network. People were becoming desperate. But our Dutch captain, Vincent Smit, was great, and kept us all informed. The US embassies in the different countries were in touch, and the company guaranteed full refunds."

Finally, on the 13th of February, Cambodia let the ship dock and let the passengers disembark, until one tested positive. "Everything stopped," says Broyles. "Then it proved to be a false positive. So we finally got the last of the passengers off on February 19th. And the crew was tested, and nobody had the virus."

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Customer complaint chases bullying barista from corona-crazed coffee collective

When San Diego Starbucks barista Lenin Gutierrez rudely refused to serve a woman because she was not wearing a protective mask, she took to Facebook to complain, noting, "Next time I will wait for cops and bring a medical exemption." She also included a picture of Gutierrez. Amazingly, an Irvine man who saw the post set up a GoFundMe to thank him for his rigid, unquestioning adherence to store policy and state mandate, and even more amaz-

ingly, the masses sent over \$100,000 dollars as an expression of Soviet-style solidarity with the socialist server. "I'm so grateful," posted the freedom-friendly woman in a followup Facebook entry. "Now that he's loaded, this little Lenin says he plans to pursue his dream of getting a degree in kinesiology and entering the world of professional dance, which hopefully means he won't be working at Starbucks any more."

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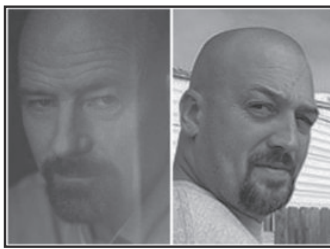
San Diego Lotharios rejoice at news of mandatory 10 pm nightlife shutdown



A San Diego couple on their first date survey the post-10 pm social wasteland and contemplate their options.

## WHO PLAYS WHO

## CLIFF DRIVER EDITION



On *Breaking Bad*, **Bryan Cranston** played a man who broke the law to help his family, but who ended up becoming a danger to them.



In *Star Wars*, **Harison Ford** played a daring hero who swooped in at the last minute to save the man he called Kid.



San Diego Police Officer **Jonathan Wiese** rappelled down a cliff to save two kids from drowning after their car dropped into the ocean.

## WHO PLAYS WHO

## MURDER PARDON EDITION



In *The Quiet American*, **Do Thi Hai Yen** plays a young woman caught up in a wartime love triangle that eventually turns deadly.



In *Good Morning, Vietnam*, **Tung Thanh Tran** plays Tuan, a VC operative who kills Americans even as one of them romances his sister.



In *Passengers*, **Chris Pratt** plays a man who ruins a woman's life because he really wants to get with her.

# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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reportedly said: “The reduction of 75 percent of operating expenses in federal agencies went into effect earlier this month, after the decree that President Andrés Manuel López Obrador issued on April 23 went into effect. The [services] will be exercised with a different work schedule; we will only provide the service on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.” The news report added that the national road service “used to have 30 liters of gasoline allocated daily. However, given the budget cuts, they will only have 10 liters available.”

In 2006, my group’s Toyota broke down by the cliffs overlooking Salsipuedes north of the Ensenada toll booth. I remember a Green Angels truck driver coming by to our assistance with tools and canisters of gasoline; the only thing the driver requested was our toll booth ticket. Last year, Pam posted on Facebook that she and her husband were driving from Ensenada northbound to San Diego; she said her husband locked the keys in their SUV when they pulled over. “The engine was running. A Green Angels guy came along after about ten minutes and popped the lock. Just so you know, there’s no charge for the Green Angels, but tipping is customary.”



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Angeles Verdes hasn’t updated their Facebook page since January 8, when they honored the passing of the head of their Tabasco region. The day before, they posted a meme that read: “Cumulative report of services attended by Ángeles Verdes from December 20 to January 6: 14,169 services provided; 59,312 tourists served; 779,471 kilometers traveled; 41 accidents attended to. Call 078.” The government’s

website states that “Angeles Verdes has a great objective: that the tourists live a pleasant experience on their vacations and road trips. The Green Angels offers quality services in the 32 entities of the country, and thanks to a team of 697 public servants driving in 323 units, they travel up to 22 million kilometers a year.”

Cardenas says there are other options for American travelers: “Go to Talk Baja on



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Facebook and reach out to the expats that have been on the forum for years. Message them for advice, and see if they can check up on you as you travel north or south — city to city, and town to town. I’ve seen many Americans relocating to Baja to retire and/or save money, and they get daily advice and keep one another in the loop on the Talk Baja page.” The page is the “largest online discussion group forum for the Baja California peninsula with over 48,000 members and growing. News, weather updates, hurricane forecasts, highway and road conditions, fishing/surf reports, off-road racing intel, travel, ex-pat retirement living, and more.”

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# I don't care if you're black or white

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## "You painted a black person"

Last year, while exiting an MTS bus at the El Cajon Transit Station, I heard a man yell, "Imagine a world without black people!" A black girl walked away from the bus with her head held down. I normally ignore

the ravings of crazy street people. But I replied, "The world would be a gloomy place!"

When I was 11, a white supremacist moved in across the street from my childhood home on the south side of Chicago. He plastered swastika-covered papers on light poles all over the neighborhood with

the message, "Keep this neighborhood white."

Up to that point, all I'd done was tell my white and Hispanic neighborhood friends to stop using the n-word. But now, I got to stand up against an actual neo-Nazi. I grabbed a step stool and a paint scraper and walked from light pole

to light pole, up and down the surrounding streets, tearing all the papers down. Every time he put them back up, my brothers and I took them down.

My experience with race doesn't fit the standard white privilege/white ignorance/white guilt narrative — not that anybody's does.

As a white kid attending Chicago public schools, I was the minority. In sixth grade, I and a small group of white kids were bused to a school on the other side of the railroad tracks. Black kids routinely lined up to throw rocks as the bus passed by.

But I was accepted by my classmates. One day, the alpha male of the class, William, announced who his list of “cool kids” were. I made the cut. The only other white boy didn’t. A couple years later at another south side school, my friend Jovan, a towering figure, announced in class, “If I ever see Eric getting beat up outside, I will help him.”

I’ve experienced the bond of friendship with many African-Americans and was often treated with fondness — even by my middle school social studies teacher, who frequently taught us how evil “the white man” is. I quietly wondered if she realized I was a white male.

I think of a painting I did in 8th grade of an African-American baseball player. When my black classmate Lisa saw it, she was jubilant. “You painted a black person!” I didn’t understand. I hadn’t even thought about the subject’s skin color. But it meant the world to her.

When I heard about

African-Americans being disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and related comorbidities, I thought of Sharon Buchanan, who was the first friend I lost to a tragic death. We became friends freshman year as we sat next to each other every day in one of my classes. She really enjoyed playing with the hair on the back of my head. She was the first person I looked for sophomore year, but I couldn’t find her. I was shocked to find out she died of a heart attack during the heatwave of the summer of 1994.

And as the world shakes with the declaration that black lives matter, I think of Christopher Pinkins, a gentle autistic African-American kid I mentored when I started volunteering at church. He was murdered at age 27. He was walking in a neighborhood in which his skin color made him a minority, and wandered into an alley, where he found a car wheel to roll around. Two men accused him of trying to steal it. They chased him down, beat him, and crushed his windpipe with a crowbar. This happened in broad daylight, at a busy intersection, as a crowd of pedestrians stood by, watching, doing nothing to stop it.

His killers weren’t police officers or white


supremacists. They were a Mexican immigrant and a Hispanic gangbanger. (When I shared what happened with a Mexican friend, she pleaded with me not to think all Mexicans are bad people, a thought that had never crossed my mind.) The men were convicted of murder, but got out of prison after five years.

There were no rallies cries for justice. Neither Jesse Jackson nor Al Sharpton held a press conference to speak against the racism that killed Christopher or to say his life mattered. As I investigated the incident and made inquiries, the only response I got from the social justice-oriented church in that neighborhood was that I should think about how the killers and their families will be affected if they go to prison.

#### “Racism is being taught”

El Cajon resident Lori St. Pierre, a black woman, lost her nephew Jordan Davis to a racist killing in Jacksonville, Florida in 2012. It made national headlines and drew in famous voices.

She explains, “Jordan and his friends went Black Friday shopping. While stopped at a gas station, [Michael David Dunn, a white man] pulled up next to them and yelled at them, tell-



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Dunn was convicted of murdering Davis and attempting to murder Davis' three friends and sentenced to life in prison without parole plus 90 years.

It wasn't the first run-in with racism St. Pierre had. Her father, Dr. Lucien Holman, worked with Dr. Martin Luther King during the 1960s civil

rights movement. He was the state president of the Illinois NAACP and served on the executive board of the national NAACP. He also owned a black-oriented newspaper and sat next to President Johnson as he signed civil rights legislation. She says, "We always had people in and out of the house, civil rights activists, people writing news stories. It was a way of life."

Then one day as a little girl, she had to flee her home in Joliet, Illinois (outside of Chicago) when white supremacists firebombed her father's rental properties and the Jewish-owned grocery store across the street.

She says, "They didn't want blacks to own property. They didn't want us to have equal rights. And they didn't like that Mr. Kaye had his store in the black neighborhood."

Though she has been afflicted by racism all her life, St. Pierre says, "We weren't raised to think white people are the enemy. People say whites are out to get us. That's racist. And that racism is being taught."

"I don't know anyone on this earth who was part of slavery. Why hold that against generation after generation? Slavery cursed us all, but we can be released from that with repentance and forgiveness. We have a



Lori St. Pierre holds a newspaper clipping with a photo of her father, Dr. Lucien Holman, with President Johnson during the signing of a Civil Rights Bill.

choice to love or hate, to choose the peace of God or the division and havoc that is coming from the enemy of our souls.

"Dr. King said, 'I have a dream that one

day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will sit down together at the table of brotherhood.' I don't care if you're black

or white. We all can have misconceptions about other people.

"Look at Santee. You hear [it called] Klante. I've experienced racism almost everywhere, but

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when I lived in Santee, I didn't feel any. I still do most of my shopping there, and my family has never felt uncomfortable or unwelcome.

"Dr. King also dreamed that in America, people would 'not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.' Today they're judging police by the color of their uniform. You can't blame an entire group for the actions of a few, whether it's whites, blacks, or people who wear a blue uniform.

"If there's 100,000 police, I refuse to believe any of 99,000 would want to harm black people or anyone. Abortion is a bigger threat to black lives. Planned Parenthood's founder Margaret Sanger's agenda was to eradicate the black race. I mean, if we're aborting babies, how can we value anybody's life?"

Then she brings up the identity issue. "Most African-Americans can't trace our roots. We don't know which country our ancestors came from. Personally, I've found even deeper roots in my identity as a child of God. That is where I find my peace, strength, truth, forgive-

ness, and love for others."

St. Pierre adds, "It's something we grow up with. You explain to your kids, primarily your boys, be extra careful, think twice before you speak, know your surroundings."

#### Black elder from La Mesa

Pastor Rolland Slade of El Cajon's Meridian Baptist Church says, "As a black person, I have more awareness of my skin color than a white person does. As a young man my father taught me, 'If you engage a white man you don't know or he calls you out, don't look him in the eye.' That advice came from his southern experience. He was not allowed to engage my grandmother's employers as an equal." He says those words affect him to this day. "I would never tell my sons to look away. I tell them, 'You have nothing to be ashamed of and no reason to be looked down on.'"

He says he has relayed the rest of his dad's advice to his sons. "Unfortunately, it's a rite of passage between African-American fathers and their sons. My father sat me down at 17 and



PHOTOGRAPH BY MATTHEW SUAREZ

**In response to the recent riot, Pastor Rolland Slade says, "Seeing La Mesa burn really gripped my heart, because I consider that my hometown. It hurts to see your home burning. In civil society, we're supposed to be able to talk. Violence is not supposed to be part of American politics. We need to get back to that."**

taught me how I should engage with police officers if I got pulled over. You make sure your window is down. Don't obstruct their vision. Don't move quickly. Tell them everything you're going

to do. Put your hands on the steering wheel so they can see them. If he says he needs your license and registration, you communicate, 'I'm going to reach into my glove compartment to get my registra-

tion.' I shared that with my boys as well. I wasn't trying to scare them; I was telling them, 'These are things you need to know.'"

He clarifies that he has never feared police officers. "I never allowed myself to get in a position where I was breaking the law. I had more fear of my dad killing me than a policeman. He loved me deeply, but he was a disciplinarian. He had a good reputation, and that's not something to take lightly. He got respect, because he did his job and did it well. He started in a segregated Navy in 1942 during World War II. He served in Korea and Vietnam. The Navy he went into was vastly different from the Navy he left as a Senior Chief. In all, he had over 50 years of government service."

Slade was born in southeast San Diego but moved to La Mesa as a child. "Going from an all-black neighborhood to being one of only three black families in the neighborhood was traumatic."

Though nobody targeted him with racism as a child, he says, "We had

a white supremacist retail store along my route to school. The *Daily Californian* published the letter I wrote about it in elementary school." He says when he came back to La Mesa in 1998, he found flyers for a Klan rally lying on the ground. "I wrote another letter to the same paper.... Now I'm a married man with children, and I'm back." He says he couldn't imagine that happening in La Mesa today.

In response to the recent riot, he says, "Seeing La Mesa burn really gripped my heart, because I consider that my hometown. It hurts to see your home burning. In civil society, we're supposed to be able to talk. Violence is not supposed to be part of American politics. We need to get back to that. The civil rights movement had its roots in the church. My understanding of BLM is it does not. That creates a big chasm.

"I don't think police brutality against blacks is happening more now. I think we have more access to seeing it when it happens. Our cameras go to social media instantly. If the nar-

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rative is that you're being hunted, you'll be on the defensive."

Slade says he got involved during the protests in El Cajon after Alfred Olango was killed by a police officer in 2016. "I was part of a group of leaders that stood between protesters and police. I was in a meeting when we heard police siren after police siren going by. I thought, 'Something's going on.' Instead of just sitting there, we got involved. I met some young guys and had respectful conversations. I got them to safety before they could do something that might harm themselves. We found mutual respect. They invited me to things after that, and I showed up."

"It's important that the clergy in El Cajon knew each other.... You have to know people before a crisis comes, so you're ready to cut straight to dealing with the issue."

"My advice is to actively listen. To me, that's a lost art. Everybody wants to talk and give their opinion. We're not taking the time to listen. Right now, people are hurting. The young people who are protesting want to be heard. I'm older, but I still don't know it all."

Slade made history June 16 when he was unanimously elected the first African American chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the world's largest Protestant Christian denomination.

## Statistics

According to a San Diego District Attorney 25-year officer-involved shooting review, subjects of police shootings in San Diego County "are mostly male, Hispanic or white, and

age 18-35... Ninety-two percent of subjects were armed with weapons."

No details were given about skin color in incidents involving unarmed subjects. An officer was killed or injured in 12 percent of incidents. "San Diego County had over 1,000 officers assaulted in 2017, up from an average of 700 over the previous nine years."

According to the *Washington Post*, the number of unarmed subjects shot and killed by police in America dropped from 94 in 2015 to 55 in 2019, "with white people accounting for 25 of them, while 14 of them were black."

Though police shootings of unarmed subjects have been decreasing, assaults on police officers and rates of violent crime have been increasing. The odds of a black citizen being killed by police or white supremacists are far lower than being killed by another black citizen. And though more police shooting victims are white, more murder victims are black.

According to *statista.com*, in 2018 there were 7407 black victims of murder and 6088 white victims. A 2018 Bureau of Justice Statistics survey reports, "After declining by more than 60 percent from 1994 to 2015... the number of violent-crime victims rose from 2015 to 2016, and again from 2016 to 2018. In 2018, the offender was of the same race or ethnicity as the victim in 70 percent of violent incidents involving black victims, in 62 percent of those involving white victims, 45 percent of those involving Hispanic victims, and 24 percent of those involving Asian victims."

— Eric Bartl

# Calendar

# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 9



### INTERACT WITH ANIMALS

The weekly Summer Critter Camps at Helen Woodward Animal Center give kids the chance to interact with animals, create crafts, and play games. And now, virtual summer camps are available. They include a different theme each day and a craft to make at home.

**WHEN:** Ongoing until Monday, August 24.

**WHERE:** Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe. [animalcenter.org](http://animalcenter.org)

## Friday | 10

### ON THE HARBOR WITH HARD KOMBUCHA

Every Friday night, there is a craft beer dinner cruise hosting a differ-

ent San Diego brewery each month. Throughout the month of July, JuneShine Hard Kombucha will be served on board. Enjoy a meet and greet with brewers, prizes and giveaways, and views of San Diego Bay. Hosts will be reducing boat capacity for social distancing, and asking that all passengers wear masks while away from their table.

**WHEN:** Friday, July 10, 7 pm to 10 pm

**WHERE:** Flagship Cruises & Events, 990 N. Harbor Drive, Downtown. [flagshipsd.com/cruises/hops-harbor](http://flagshipsd.com/cruises/hops-harbor)

## Saturday | 11

### INTERIOR DESIGN HOME TOURS

Join the American Society of Interior Designers as it hosts a self-guided tour



of 14 interiors. The homes, several of which are whole house remodels, range from downtown San Diego to

Oceanside, and include urban and suburban, contemporary, traditional, and eclectic styles.

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 11, 9 am to 5 pm

**WHERE:** ASID California San Diego, 233 A Street, Suite 200, Downtown. [casd.asid.org](http://casd.asid.org)

### JAZZ THE NIGHT AWAY

Southern California jazz artists Steve Oliver, Kyle Eastwood, and Rebecca Jade perform for a drive-in concert. Oliver's career spans over 20 years in music as a multi-instrumentalist, singer, songwriter, and producer. He just released his eleventh full-length album, *Illuminate*. Kyle Eastwood is an American jazz musician and actor. Eastwood plays fretted and fretless electric bass guitar and double bass. Rebecca Jade has



been touring with percussionist Sheila E. since 2017 and has performed on a Soultrain Party Cruise and Dave Koz Cruises, which included singing with

Kenny Lattimore and Larry Graham.

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 11, 7 pm to 10 pm  
**WHERE:** Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante

Boulevard, Del Mar. [delmarfairgrounds.com](http://delmarfairgrounds.com)

## Sunday | 12

### REOPENING CELEBRATION AT THE AQUARIUM

Enjoy a new ocean-view Shark Café and updated exhibits. The aquarium will open with pathways and procedures to keep guests and staff safe and healthy. Guest capacity will be limited during this initial phase, so advanced reservations will now be required for all guests, including members. Timed tickets are available online.

**WHEN:** Everyday, 9 am to 5 pm

**WHERE:** Birch Aquarium at Scripps, 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla. [aquarium.ucsd.edu](http://aquarium.ucsd.edu)



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## ART

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**Gizmos & Shivelight Opening Reception** Distinction Gallery is proud to present our solo exhibition featuring the artwork of local artist Eusebio Travis Sevilla. Reception with the artists will include live music, ArtHatch open studios, and drinks available from Last Spot. Tuesday, July 14, 6pm; 21 and up. Distinction Gallery, 317 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

**San Diego Artists in Unity: An Online Silent Art Auction** The Artists in Unity Silent Auction was organized through the Artist in Residence program at Art Produce in North Park, featuring work from local San Diego artists in which all proceeds will be redistributed to two Black led organizations. Thursdays, through Thursday, July 9, free. [SDartistsInUnity.studio.design](mailto:SDartistsInUnity.studio.design). (ONLINE)

## BOOK SIGNINGS

**Liz Fenton & Lisa Steinke: How to Save a Life** Warwick's will host the bestselling authors of *The Good Widow*, Liz Fenton and

Lisa Steinke, for an in-person discussion and signing of their new book, *How to Save a Life*. This is a ticketed event limited to 20 attendees. The event will also be available via Facebook Live. Wednesday, July

## Rhyme & Verse

Two poems by Julia Wehner

### Sea Foam

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This is the way I wish to love you.

### Cosmic

I want my voice to make everything feel larger. Well, maybe not everything. I do like the current size of fresh pears. But even still, I believe I have a power to make their juice taste of their entire life cycle, carbonated by the tendrils of the earth's own vernal skin. Yes, I want my words to let you drink creation.

I want my voice to make living feel more important: a lantern held to the fact that one person breathing changes everything. And I am not finished working. I will never tire of speaking, of making you feel like you're at a planetarium show. See if you can picture it:

the moth-trodden florescent lights are gone, you are swallowed by black and orange beneath the covering of an unmarked dome of constellations from every hemisphere, flickering faster and faster as you realize that the center of our solar system is the human heart.



Julia Wehner has been writing poems from her home in Connecticut since her first school poetry unit in 3rd grade. She graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a bachelor's degree in English, and her biggest dreams for the future include teaching creative writing, educating her own children someday in how to seek what is most beautiful, and making the perfect crème brûlée, often. She hopes to tell honest stories through everything she writes, innovating commonly-felt human emotions in an attempt to catch readers off-guard: to remind them how richly good it is to feel, and to live.

Find more poetry online at [SDreader.com/poetry](http://SDreader.com/poetry)

15, 6:30pm; Warwick's Bookstore, 7812 Girard Avenue. (LA JOLLA)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Cara Wall** Warwick's and Liz Fenton & Lisa Steinke will host the Couch Surfing Book Tour with founder and inaugural director of Iowa Young Writer's Studio, Cara Wall, as she discusses the new paperback edition of her book, *The Dearly Beloved*. This is a free virtual event on Zoom. Thursday, July 9, 4pm; [warwicks.com/event/wall-2020](http://warwicks.com/event/wall-2020). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Neal Griffin** Warwick's will host Los Angeles Times bestselling author, Neal Griffin, as he discusses his new book, *The Burden of Truth*, in conversation with Ruben Navarrete, Jr. This is a free virtual event on Facebook Live. Tuesday, July 14, 4pm; [warwicks.com/event/griffin-2020](http://warwicks.com/event/griffin-2020). (ONLINE)

**Warwick's Author Livestream: Rachel Conners** Warwick's and Mission Viejo Library will host founder of the Bakerita blog, Rachel Conners, for a live virtual baking demonstration and discussion of her new cookbook, *Bakerita: 100+ No-Fuss Gluten-Free, Dairy-Free, and Refined Sugar-Free Recipes for the Modern Baker*. This is a free virtual event on Facebook Live. Tuesday, July 14, 6:30pm; [warwicks.com/event/conners-2020](http://warwicks.com/event/conners-2020). (ONLINE)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Consciousness Expansion with Sound & Meditation** Teresa's joyful presence is a blessing. Take time out of your busy life to sit with her in the bliss of meditation and explore the expansion of conscious-

ness through the power of sound. Thursday, July 9, 7pm; free. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Finding A Way Forward Through Grief** Living Compassionately: A new online, 4-session workshop on compassionately moving through grief. This workshop series will help you to grieve in a healthy way by learning how to safely face your pain. The course format will be online. Each session will be presented on Zoom, including a presentation of the session's information, one or two guided meditations to help you get grounded and discern what is going on inside, and a time to connect with other participants in small chat rooms. Thursday, July 9, 4pm; free. [belovedsandiego.org/living-compassionately-grief-workshop.html](http://belovedsandiego.org/living-compassionately-grief-workshop.html). (ONLINE)

**Grossmont College: Entrepreneurship in the Digital World** The Virtual Summer Career Academy event will provide an avenue for anyone interested in exploring exciting careers in Administration of Justice; Business Administration; Child Development, Education, and Family Studies; Computer Science and Information Systems; Culinary Arts; Drone Technology; Entrepreneurship; Hospitality and Tourism; International Business; Marketing; Management; and Programmable Logic Controller. The public will interact with the education and industry experts during this 2-day event, learning more about career options and services. The Summer Career Academy will be held via Zoom conferencing. All interested in attending, please register in advance. Students and parents/guardians are welcome to join. If you have additional questions, please email Erika.Arangure@gcccd.edu or Vanessa.Barron@gcccd.edu.

Tuesday, July 14, 10am; Wednesday, July 15, 10am; free. [eventbrite.com/e/grossmont-college-2020-virtual-summer-career-academy-tickets-103153171914](http://eventbrite.com/e/grossmont-college-2020-virtual-summer-career-academy-tickets-103153171914). (ONLINE)

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Women's Financial Fitness is a free series that empowers women by helping them achieve financial stability and homeownership. This series is designed for women at any stage of life. There will be guest speakers and women experts from different industries covering budgeting, credit, investing, the homebuying process, home organization, goal setting, and more. Thursday, July 9, 5pm; free. gaylordhansen.com/events/2020-investing-saving-101. (ONLINE)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

### Dr. Michael E. Mann, Climate Scientist

The North County Climate Change Alliance invites you to a special event! Join us to hear from renowned award-winning scientist and climate activist Dr. Michael E. Mann during a one-hour interview and Q&A session moderated by journalist Steve Horn. There is no charge for this online event but you must register in advance. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting, Thursday, July 9, 4pm; free. us02web.zoom.us/join/register/t2MufuitpjkHNUcjCB\_evs2iqB-v3JZVu7KW. (ONLINE)

## BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

### "We had to get canning quickly."

Rollercoaster 2020 continues to hammer home the message we have little idea what's coming next. At this writing, San Diego somehow escaped being one of the 19 California counties the Governor ordered or recommended bars, breweries, and wineries be re-shut down.

However, remaining open invited a perfect pandemic storm as we entered a no-boom 4th of July weekend: COVID-19 cases have been mounting in Los Angeles and Arizona, both of which have ordered their bars to close. Thousands of people from both places appear likely to cruise into San Diego for the long weekend, and they will be out drinking. So, to mitigate the almost certain local spread of

coronavirus over the holiday, San Diego County proactively made the move to once again ban on-premise drinking in bars, breweries, and wineries that don't serve food.

So locally, fans of social drinking may have to settle for spreading the virus at backyard barbecues for another few weeks.

It's tough to see the re-opening move backwards, but this time around, at least we know the drill, which includes picking up take-out cocktails, and to-go cans and crows from our local breweries.

That now includes a few breweries you might not expect. When they closed to drinkers the first time, in March, San Diego's micro- and nano-breweries found themselves relying on packaged beer more than ever. Those already canning, started canning more. And several began releasing beer in cans for the first time.

**Double Peak Brewing Co.**, for example. The small San Marcos brewery, which opened early last year, had planned to put beer in cans eventually, but "COVID-19 rushed us into it a lot faster than originally planned." Since March, Double Peak has released no fewer than eight of its beers in 4-packs, including its best sellers Whodunit IPA, Intergalactic Haze, and Day Hike Pilsner.

**Chula Vista Brewery** had always been a community-oriented space that sold all its beer in person, so when that was disallowed in March,

"We had to get canning quickly," says cofounder Tim Parker, "We weren't even doing crows." Now, crows and limited 4-packs are available, including Guerita blonde ale, Beautiful View pale



Double Peak Brewing Co., in San Elijo hills, released beer in cans for the first time to improve take-out sales during the pandemic.

ale, and medal-winning brown ale Browner Than Ivan. Canning should increase soon, including limited retail distribution, as the brewery has picked up its own canning line.

**Thre Punk Ales Brewing Co.**, another popular neighborhood hangout in Chula Vista, has long offered crows, but the July 4-pack release of Emo Brown coffee brown ale is its first official can release. Cofounder Steve Garcia says Thr3e

Punks had always planned on putting beer in cans at some point, but calls it "much more of a priority now." Next up are 4-packs of Kill the Pour IPA, La Flama Blanca Mexican lager, and a watermelon hard seltzer dubbed SandiaGo.

**White Labs Brewing Co.**, the small beermaking extension of the San Diego's global yeast purveyor, didn't seem like a likely candidate for canned releases. Much of the value of drinking in its taproom is educational: a chance to drink multiple versions of a single beer recipe, brewed with differing yeast strains, to compare and contrast each yeast's distinctive results. However, the brewery has found a clever way to recreate this at home. Its first ever can

release is called Tabberer IPA, and features two versions of the beer: a piny west coast IPA made with the company's signature California ale yeast, and a tropical hazy, brewed with East Coast ale yeast. White Labs will even post a guided video tasting of the two beers to its YouTube Channel.

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## NATURE

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# Italian at a Czech restaurant in Mexico

*Not many pedestrians. No mariachis. And definitely no striped zebra-donkeys.*

**T**ijuana! It feels like a lifetime. I'm down here checking on when Caesar Hotel's opening. (They say they're looking at mid-July.)

And, hey hey! There's my fave cafe, Praga, right across Revolución.

It's not hard to get over. Traffic on this Sunday afternoon is, well, scanty. Mostly taxis, listlessly tapping their horns to get pedestrians' attention. Except, not many pedestrians either. No mariachis. And definitely no striped zebra-donkeys.

Praga (Prague, in Spanish), on the other hand, is open. Of course, they've reduced their outside tables from 12 to 6. They also now have a gal named Aracely who unhitches the chain across the entrance, takes your temperature while you stand on a water-filled rubber mat, squirts antibacterial gel on your hands, and checks your *maskara* (that's mask, not make-up). She's wearing hers, plus a curved face shield.

She guides me to one of the six white tables on the sidewalk patio. Glad not to have to go inside, even though you can see at a glance it really has that Bohemian feel — like you imagine from Bohemia itself. Black marble counter, white tables, sepia photos. On the other hand, hey, Bob Marley's "Jamming" on the system.

Carlos brings the menu. "It is simplified," he says. Only three other tables with customers, but the patio feels cozy, with black planter boxes and their red-flowered shrubs protecting you from the foot traffic of the street into which we're jutting out. Hmm. Menu has *desayunos*, sandwiches, pizzas, and a pasta dish. This is around six o'clock in the evening, but they're still doing breakfasts.

I'm sort of tempted by the breakfast dishes,

specially the 85-peso combo deal: Two eggs your way, *frijoles* (refried beans), toast, Cafe Americano. Eighty-five pesos is about \$4.

The two main breakfast dishes are *chilaquiles*. *Chilaquiles* are a basic "leftover" breakfast idea. You fry corn tortillas chopped up into quarters, and add whatever's

left over from yesterday. But in restaurants, those "leftovers" are usually red or green salsa, chunks of chicken, cheese, *frijoles*, scrambled eggs. I've always been interested in them because for starters, they are delicious, as only refried leftovers can be, and then there's the fact that they come in a direct line from the ancient cultures of Mexico. Of course, what you get depends on where in Mexico you eat them. Central Mexicans like them crisp, with the salsa added at the last moment, whereas Tapatios — people from Guadalajara — seem to love them thick and soggy, like polenta. *Chilaquiles* means "chiles and greens" in Nahuatl, the language of the Aztecs. So here, you can have it with green or red salsa,

plus eggs or chicken, for 130 pesos, say \$6, or without the eggs or chicken for 110 pesos, maybe \$4.85. Hot cakes or French bread go for \$4.50, and the chipotle chicken salad sandwich and club sandwich with chicken are both \$4.50. Revolución prices, but still a deal if you're from across the line. Pizzas go for 130 pesos, maybe \$5.75. And sweet crepes are about \$4.

Then I spot their one pasta dish. The "fettuccine con pollo" in a "creamy Alfredo sauce," with chunks of chicken breast a *la plancha* — grilled — comes in at 145 pesos, less than \$6.50. Love that Alfredo. Gotta go for it, even though we're talking Italian.

"To drink?" says Carlos.



Carlos, rigged up like a COVID warrior, brings a chocolate mousse dessert

Hmm. As the evening comes on, I'm thinking at these prices, a glass of wine would go down a treat with creamy Alfredo. "Do you have a red house wine?" I ask. I know, Alfredo pasta, should ask for a white, but I'm hoping they have one of those really robust reds from Mexico's wine-growing Guadalupe Valley.

"I will show you," Carlos says, and a moment later, comes out with this classy bottle of "Nostro vino de la casa," from Grupo



A Mexican wine in the heart of Tijuana's downtown. Elegance hangs in here



Fettuccine con pollo. Lots of pollo

Plascencia. Oh, so the Plascencia family, which owns Caesar's, and a bunch of other restaurants on both sides of *la linea*, owns Praga too. And even the wine they serve here.

"From Guadalupe?" I ask Carlos.

"From Guadalupe," he says.

Done. And what a beautifully robust gulp of red it is. And only about \$3.50 a glass.

Carlos brings my fettuccine. And yes, the Alfredo sauce is rich and creamy, and the cut strips of roasted chicken have a great taste of Parmesan and garlic. They give plenty of chunks of baguette to soak up the puddle of Alfredo. Nice. But it's the atmosphere that seduces you. Something about the

place. You think Paris, Madrid, New York, Mexico City. Three businessmen at the next table are sipping on complicated coffee drinks and chatting like they're old school pals. Conversation is everywhere, along with a retro track of north-of-border tunes like "Why Do Fools Fall In Love?" What's more, a bunch of Sunday cruisers are out. Guy slides by driving a red and white '65 Thunderbird, I'm guessing. And dig those big whitewall tires.

I finish up the plate of pasta and the glass of wine no problem.

Dang. So good. I'm thinking of heading for the border when Carlos comes up. "Dessert? We have a very good charlotte, chocolate mousse with banana and a *biscocho* base."

Ayee! Can't resist. I get that (\$3.50), and another glass of the delicious house wine (\$3.50). A guy could swoon at the perfect match.

Cost for the whole meal? It comes to \$22.05.

When is it a good time to go down to TJ?

Authorities are talking of opening the border July 21st. How bad are things down here? One big billboard says, "Let's Support Tijuana." All the others have nothing but one word: *Disponible*.

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# Craft satire

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## Craft & Commerce gets fast foodie

*Craft and Commerce*; 675 W. Beech Street, Little Italy. There's something familiar about the creepy clown sitting at the middle table, like I've seen him

## FEAST!



A pair of "Jack in the Crack" tacos, familiar to fast food buffs for their sliced of American cheese

before. I'm pretty sure last I saw him, he was giving off his too shiny, too smiley vibe to customers at the East Village space shared by the J & Tony's negroni bar and Modern Times coffee shop, where the Consortium Holdings restaurant group has its offices.

Consortium shut down its properties with the pandemic, and has been selectively re-opening them in recent weeks, with occasional quirks and sharing of resources. For example, Morning Glory didn't open till early July, but I hear you can get its famous Japanese soufflé pancake at the Modern Times shop in the meantime.

Where I guess you'll no longer find that satirically creepy Ronald McDonald statue. At the moment, he's been reassigned to the re-opening of another Consortium property, Craft & Commerce. The cocktail hub and eatery returned the last weekend of June, with the faux-Ronald serving as quirky



A satirical Ronald McDonald statue buffers socially distanced parties at Craft & Commerce

reminder that social distancing rules are still in place, and masked bartenders and waitstaff a reminder that facial coverings are a must.

The presence of the fast food clown reflects another pandemic change as Craft & Commerce returns. In keeping with the half-dine-in, half-take-out theme we're seeing in many restaurants, Craft has selectively revamped its menu, embracing a fast food theme.

The idea is to reinterpret fast food favorites, but make them with quality ingredients, and maybe a bit of cheffy flourish. It's not entirely fast food derivative (there is still a bone marrow appetizer, bacony brussels sprouts, and chopped salad), but

classic drive-thru orders definitely dominate. Probably my favorite reimagining is the McDonalds hash brown: the real thing gives you a mildly greasy, crispy patty for a little over a buck. Here, the Mc C Hash Browns are served blini style, a thick potato cake dressed with crème fraîche, pickled shallots, and smoked trout roe, for \$9.

There's a Chik-Fil-A style chicken slider (\$5), a bacon wrapped Hot Dog on a Stick (\$10), and in reference to der Wienerschnitzel, a chili dog (\$7.29). Of course, no San Diego fast food riff would be complete without a nod to Jack in the Box, and its crispy shell, value menu tacos. Likewise served by the pair, the Jack in the Crack

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The C&C fast food burger box, with creepy clown and fast foodie logo

tacos have been made vegetarian, with soyriso to go with the shredded iceberg lettuce and slice of American cheese (\$5). The upgrade here is really all about the fresh corn tortillas and guajillo salsa.

Despite the availability of dine-in reservations, I opted for a take-out order. Consortium is so committed to the bit, it made up its own cardboard fast food packaging, printed with a creepy clown graphic and logo repurposing golden arches to spell the initials CC.

So, I was a little disappointed when my four piece bucket of C Fried Chicken (\$15) didn't

actually come in a bucket. It was good chicken — I went for the OG seasoning rather than the buffalo or chili-garlic styles, and it came with a trio of sauces anyway. But I think going after KFC may be the Achilles heel of Consortium's cheeky fast food endeavor. At twice the price, I can't definitively say it tastes better than the Colonel's secret recipe, which has never asked for sauce.

For the most part, though, I found this a fun way to return to the San Diego dining landscape while subtly encouraging take-out as an option. And you definitely won't find a McDon-

ald's burger that comes close to the one served here with waffle fries and topped with white cheddar, onion confit, and kosher dill pickle. Craft & Commerce always belongs on the short list of best burgers in the city.

by Ian Anderson

### A taste of New Orleans on the corner of Louisiana Street

*Louisiana Purchase; 2305 University Avenue, North Park.* "Bringing New Orleans to North Park," says the home page of Louisiana Purchase, and from a kitchen standpoint the University Avenue restaurant did so literally. It recruited chef/co-owner Quinton Austin from New Orleans, bringing his Big Easy bona fides to San Diego.

Indeed, Austin's menu offers nods to New Orleans restaurants that inspired several of its dishes, including a Drago's Seafood style lobster pasta; and garlicky, buttery chargrilled oysters in the manner of Acme Oyster House. His own creativity comes through in spins on Cajun and Creole classics such as gumbo yaya, and his signature savory cheese-cake, made ultra-rich with alligator and andouille sausage, served with crawfish cream.

If it sounds too good to miss, get in line: particularly since



The stylish bar area of Louisiana Purchase



Chargrilled oysters, with garlic, butter, and parmesan

curated lists of Black-owned restaurants were shared and re-shared on social media, Louisiana Purchase has become

ground zero for fans of Southern favorites ranging from low-country boil to shrimp and

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It's a shame North Parkers can't make better use of Louisiana Purchase's gorgeous bar during the pandemic — though it doesn't stop a litany of craft cocktails being served. Fortunately, the restaurant has done a nice job making the most of its indoor/outdoor and patio seating, installing glass partitions between booths and alternating guest seating to one side or the other of some booths to keep more tables open.

I can't complain that a New Orleans restaurant menu is dominated by shrimp dishes I can't enjoy due to allergy, but I can let fellow sufferers know the service and kitchen staff were helpful in letting me know which dishes would put me at risk. In the end, I opted not to try the chicken wings encrusted with a crawfish meat batter, but

I might have to return with an epi-pen to take my chances with this dish.

What I can do is watch "Chef Q's daily specials," which on Thursdays include fried crab legs. For \$30 you get a pound of deep-fried, cornmeal dusted snow crab legs (and knuckles), served with a dish of melted butter. It feels exquisitely messy,



in such a fine-looking establishment, to crack these legs apart in search of sweet crab meat. But it's hard work that must be done, in North Park, with cocktails.

by Ian Anderson

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# blurt the inside track

**Snitch rapper reactions** San Diego hip-hop heads were baffled as to how Tekashi 6ix9ine and Nicki Minaj's "Trollz" copped the number one spot on

what I hate even more is that he'd literally do anything for the money or fame, and he's got millions of kids out there following anything he says." Local fashion model



PHOTOGRAPH BY CARINOE

Local hip-hop head, Kahlee310, says, "I'm obviously not feeling the fact that [6ix9ine] is a snitch."

Billboard's Hot 100 list on June 12.

Towards the beginning of the three-plus-minute cut, 6ix9ine raps:

*I know you don't like me, you wanna fight me*

*You don't want no problems at your party, don't invite me*

*I don't worry 'bout you n\*\*\*\*z please stop talking 'bout me*

*Always talking 'bout me 'cause you looking for the clouty*

I reached out to my Instagram network to see if any were feelin' or liking the bass-infused track. Most replies were of disdain, which contrasts with the duo's accompanying YouTube video that accumulated 148 million clicks and garnered a disproportional 648,000 dislikes to its 4,700,000 likes as this article goes to print.

"I'm obviously not feeling the fact that [6ix9ine] is a snitch," said Kahlee310, "but

Lookimabat isn't a part of the "Gooba" rapper's 23.6 million IG followers. "It's because he's a snitch," she commented on my timeline. "He's (supposedly) donating money to an organization that bails people out of jail, but he snitched and got a lot of people put in jail. Kind of hypocritical if you ask me."

The Brooklyn-raised, 24-year-old 6ix9ine, known to his former acquaintances as Daniel Hernandez, performed at the Nick Cannon Presents: Wild 'n Out event at Viejas Arena in 2018. Shortly after, 6ix9ine reportedly testified against some of his former entourage in order to serve a less time on his own racketeering, firearms, and drug trafficking conviction. The rainbow-haired rapper, who has asthma, was reportedly let out of prison early in April due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Kahlee310, 35 years old, is a Mira Mesa based hip-hop artist.

He hosts #HipHopWEDS, a weekly platform for live hip-hop events and San Diego hip-hop artists' features.

"For me and what I'm into, I'd have to give him a 3 out of 10. He seems willing to do anything on stage which might satisfy his supporters, and you can't discount the fans' hype reaction, though that's also due to his overall shock and celebrity. But for whatever that's worth, he loses mad points for rapping over his vocals, and he still has a hype man singing half his words. We're definitely not down with that. I don't wanna see that from any rapper, emcee, or singer. For me it's lazy, and ruins the experience."

"And, what do you admire about him?" I asked.

"Far from admiration, but if I had to compliment him on something, it would be his understanding of social media and ability to go viral.... Mix that with a ghostwriter and the willingness to abandon all principles and ethics," continues Kahlee310, "and you have a successful rap star in 2020. If I throw out all the emotion and dislike for him as a person, the music is cool. Shout out to his ghostwriter."

Army, a local hip-hop dancer and graffiti artist, disagrees with the "pa-trolling.... it was an impressive music video, it's ultra colorful, and with us going through shitty ass times in lockdown, it's something refreshing to hear and see. Even though 6ix9ine did scandalous things, we ain't perfect, he and Nicki are producing something avant-garde in a Skittles kinda way to transport us temporarily outta the pandemic prison. I think the other hip-hoppers are miffed because they didn't do it to this level first."

— Mike Madriaga

**Sinatra crooner style** If you are one of the millions of Americans whose couch and flatscreen have transformed into personal, makeshift AMC theaters, you may have already rented the Pete Davidson film, *The King of Staten Island*. Local musician Archie Thompson does not appear in the film, but he did land a song in it. His original "Just Wasn't Meant To Be" is played in the background



of a scene set in an Italian restaurant.

"I wrote a song for Whitney Shay for her album that I produced a few years back," he explained. "It was called 'Just When I Thought I Had Seen It All.' We did well with that and placed it several times. My publisher said 'Hey, write another song like that.' That song is about finding that special someone — new love, new relationship, everything is rosy and there's a rainbow up above. It was a cool early '60s Motown type of thing. So I thought I would write the answer to that song which is 'Just Wasn't Meant To Be' — which is when the relationship falls apart and the love is gone. I wrote that song in the same type of style with the female vocals and then I thought it would work well Sinatra style. So, I cut it again old school Sinatra crooner-style and had Dave Stanger come in and sing it. That's actually the version that we placed."

The film was originally intended to be released in theaters in June, but the Coronavirus pandemic changed that. Instead, the film went to straight to video-on-demand where people could pay to rent it through streaming services. The shift in initial release is bound to benefit Thompson due to an archaic old-Hollywood business model that still exists to this day.

"That kind of works in my favor, because you don't make royalties on domestic box-office," Thompson explained. "The industry is trying to change that. It's an old Hollywood rule that they've had forever. You make royalties on foreign box-office, but not domestic. So, the fact that it went straight to video-on-demand and that's where people

had to see it will be good for us on the back end."

He added, "It's done quite well too, so it should be a nice little surprise next year when the royalties come through."

The quarantine aspect of 2020 works in favor of musicians like Thompson who license music to different film and TV projects. "In about nine months royalties are going to climb because everybody is stuck home watching television and watching Netflix," he said. About one week into the lockdown he got a nice win when he was asked to create a



Pre-pandemic, Archie Thompson "worked five or six or sometimes seven nights a week."

theme song for a new BET show called *All The Way Black*. He also landed songs in the recent FX series *Mrs. America*.

Besides all the licensing work, Thompson is probably one of the most steady-gigging musicians in this city. In fact, his recent COVID-enforced three-and-a-half-month break

from local stages is the longest live performance drought that he has had in decades. "I have been married 26 years, but even longer than that I worked five or six or sometimes seven nights a week," he said. He is also notable for being one of the few local musicians to have scored an actual live gig since March. He recently played a solo weekend residency at Truluck's in UTC.

When it comes down to it, Thompson is happy that his career as a musician didn't make him a one-trick pony. "For me, what I preach to musicians all the time is just don't do one

thing. Be diversified. Do a little bit of this and a little bit of that. Diversity is saving me. It totally saved me through this," he said.

— Dryw Keltz

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## ALFRED HOWARD

“Last week, I released a song called ‘America’ about the recent and not so recent systemic racism in this country,” says man-of-a-hundred-bands Alfred Howard of his new collaboration with local singer Rebecca Jade. The tune can be heard on Howard’s website, and a vocal-only track was posted on his Facebook page that features video footage of Jade singing solo from a remote locale, in front of a blank backdrop. In addition to that creation, “I’ll be releasing two songs a week for a year,” Howard tells the *Reader*. “My mother will be doing two original pieces of art over the course of the year as well. The website

[[alfredhowardwrites.com](http://alfredhowardwrites.com)] is a subscription site and it will feature a lot of San Diego musicians.” Howard certainly knows plenty of players, having recorded or performed with the K23 Orchestra, the Heavy Guilt, Karl Denson’s Tiny Universe, Umphrey’s McGee, Digital Underground, Garaj Mahal, the Slip, Jacob Fred Jazz Odyssey, ALO, the Breakfast, and many others. As if he wasn’t already busy enough, Howard cofounded a new record label with his Heavy Guilt bandmate Josh Rice and Matt Molarius of Transfer, the Redwoods Music, whose debut release was a 7-inch single of The Midnight Pine’s “Caution.”



## JAMES BRADY

In order to keep new music flowing, Aether X have posted some demos in progress on their Facebook page, and members also took part in the recent 14-guitarist “San Diego Quarantine Guitar Collaboration 2020.” The track features players from RDG, Up the Irons, Woke Up Dead, Night Shadow, Strange Crew, Axe of Creation, Township Rebellion, Chosen Arrows, and 2lil2late, all performing their contributions from isolation. In addition, Aether X singer-guitarist James Brady, also from New Day Mile

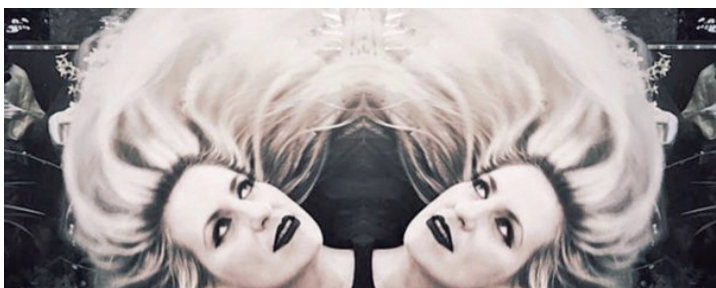
and Dolan Brotherhood, tells the *Reader* “Got some solo stuff coming out soon, Brady Guitar, should be on iTunes and Spotify. I’m exploring other personalities and the art of home recording in lieu of COVID-19. Aether X is still a thing, but this was a good excuse to explore a bit.” A new solo track, “Our Time Has Come,” is available on YouTube. “It’s an experiment with influences by Tom Petty and Puscifer, the lyrics speak for themselves. Recorded in my living room with GarageBand.”



## ME, MYSELF AND EYE

Me, Myself and Eye was a 1960s act now considered pioneers of electronic space rock, almost creating a techno sound with records like “I Come From the Andromeda Galaxy” and its flipside “You Look For Trouble,” recorded in 1969 at Fanfare Studios. The band was the mostly-solo brainchild of Carl Gerde, who lived on Chase Avenue in El Cajon and played in a short-lived group called The Yellow Jackets, which performed only a handful of gigs before splitting. Gerde was an ingenious electronics whiz who loved both the Beatles and, later, Scientology. He made elaborate recordings in his garage, often tackling

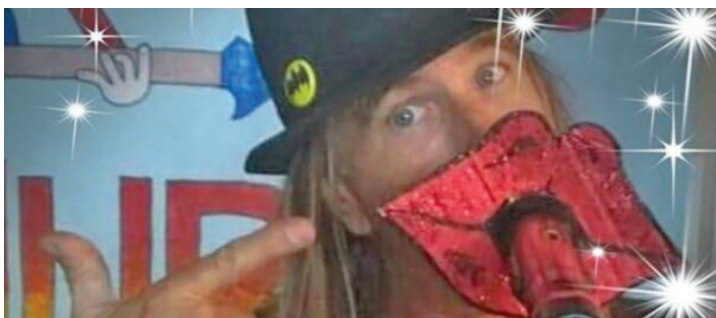
topics such as his own abusive father (the inspiration behind “You Look For Trouble”). An avid UFO researcher who befriended principals from Area 51/Roswell reports, he reportedly struggled with mental illness, telling people he was experimenting with electromagnetic wave fields and the power of human thought, as well as building a machine that could bridge dimensions. A 1981 suicide attempt resulted in a coma that lasted just over ten years, until he passed away in 1992, at the age of 71. A copy of “I Come From the Andromeda Galaxy” recently sold for just over \$300 on eBay.



## ORCHID MANTIS

Performing original compositions inspired by jazz, classical, and drum ‘n’ bass, initial members of Orchid Mantis included Nina Deering (vocals, vocoder, synth), Harley Magsino (e-bass), Caitlin Fahey Crow (cello, vocals), Rebecca Matayoshi (viola, vocals), John Smith (violin), Cliff Thrasher (cello), and Isaac Crow (drums, synth). Multi-instrumentalist Harley Magsino is originally from the Philippines and has his Masters from SDSU. Drummer Isaac Crow is a San Diego native known from

bands like Latin Jazz Quartet, bLUMPY, and Humankind. Cellist Caitlin Crow has performed with Thousand Butterflies, and cellist Cliff Thrasher has been a member of the Mid-Century Cello Quartet and the Bonita Trio. After releasing a self-titled album, the lineup distilled down to a core foursome of Isaac Crow, Nina Deering (who played with Crow in Humankind), Harley Magsino, and Caitlin Fahey Crow. Deering was killed in a car accident on June 11.



## PUTTIN’ ON THE FRITZ

“I’m an up-tempo original artist who likes to do fun songs,” says Puttin’ on the Fritz frontman Fritz Jensen. His former band Collage Menage proudly proclaimed themselves The Jesters of Rock for over two decades, staging prop-heavy video-accompanied extravaganzas that aspired for all the pageantry and spectacle of a Pink Floyd concert, with the budget of a high school prom. Fritz, one of the twins who fronted every incarnation of that group, has been performing solo around town at various open mics, trying out new material as

well as reworked tunes from the Collage catalog. “I like to perform my own original songs. I love to do performance rock, having props or anything else to stimulate the audience to enjoy the song.” A new version of CM’s party time favorite “Liquor Store Next Door” was recently uploaded to SoundCloud, in a decidedly different incarnation from the hard rock anthem found on CM’s album *Dog Tacos*. “This one is done in a country style,” says Jensen, who also hosts a weekly livestream performance series on Facebook Live.

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

## THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

### Del Mar Fairgrounds:

Saturday, 7pm — Jazz the Night Away. \$125.

### Online Internet Events:

Thursday, Saturday, Monday, & Wednesday, 12pm — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives. Thursday, 5:30pm — Mike Pinto Acoustic Livestream.

Saturday, 7pm — Belly Up Livestream: BetaMaxx. Free. Saturday, 7pm — Whisky A Go Go Livestream: Alien Ant Farm. \$10.

### Palomar Starlight Theater:

Friday, 8pm — Queen Nation.

## UPCOMING SHOWS

### Belly Up Tavern:

Wednesday, July 29 — American Aquarium.

Thursday, July 30 — Los Lobos.

Monday, Aug. 3 — John Hiatt and The Jerry Douglas Band.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 — John Hiatt

# IMMORTAL BEAUTY

## Trees prefer Palestrina

I'm spending some time in the Santa Cruz mountains and the Redwood forest. A Redwood forest is often compared to a cathedral and for good reason. I must admit, there is something of a sacred quietude that combines with the soaring trees, creating a cathedral-esque atmosphere.

The music of the late Renaissance and early Baroque fits the forest perfectly. If they could sing, the trees would probably prefer Palestrina.

I did begin to wonder if there was any music inspired by the Redwoods. I should qualify that. I began to wonder if there was any good music inspired by the Redwoods. I'm sure there is some "innovative" com-

position which tries hard to represent the Redwoods as victims of the patriarchy. I'm not going to waste a moment looking for it.

I was thinking there might be something of substance, such as Frederick Delius's *Florida Suite* or Ferde Grofé's *Grand Canyon*. The British have done a good job of immortalizing their countryside with pieces such as *On the Banks of Green Willow* by George Butterworth and *In the Fen Country* by Vaughan Williams. Of course, Beethoven and Mahler immortalized the German and Austrian countryside with their symphonic efforts.

The only thing of substance I came up with for the Redwoods is Puccini's

BY GARRETT HARRIS

*Girl of the Golden West*, which is set in a Redwood Forest during the Gold Rush. Obviously the opera is not specifically about Redwoods, but it is an under-appreciated masterpiece.

The opera is based on a play by David Belasco. Belasco was also the author of the play that inspired Puccini to write *Madama Butterfly*.

The character Minnie is the girl. She's a strong woman, making her way in the wild west. Minnie runs a saloon and gives the miners reading lessons. She is Puccini's strongest heroine, but doesn't always get the respect she deserves. It could be because she falls in love with the wrong man.

Minnie is supposed to



Puccini's *Girl of the Golden West* is set in a redwood forest during the Gold Rush.

marry the upstanding sheriff, but she's not into him. Instead, she falls for Ramirez, the bandit masquerading as Dick Johnson. Minnie even cheats at cards to help Ramirez escape.

Ultimately, Ramirez is captured. The miners decide to hang him, but Minnie interrupts the execution and faces the mob down, holding them at gunpoint. She convinces the miners that they owe her

for all the care she's given them and they allow her and Ramirez to leave and start a new life together.

Minnie combines qualities of care and compassion along with the willingness to wield a gun in defense of the man she loves. She is unique in opera. She is neither a victim nor temptress but a fully integrated character who owns her dark side and uses it when necessary.

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and The Jerry Douglas Band. Friday, Aug. 7 — Robert Cray. Saturday, Aug. 8 — Dennis Quaid and the Sharks. \$30-\$53. Friday, Aug. 14 — Queen Nation.

### Casbah:

Friday, Aug. 7 — Guttermouth, The Line, Authentic Sellout. \$18. Saturday, Aug. 8 — Owen. \$20.

### Ferry Landing Marketplace:

Sunday, July 26 — Miss Demeanor.

### Harrah's Resort Southern California:

Saturday, Aug. 15 — Shinedown.

### Kensington Club:

Saturday, Aug. 15 — Spanish Love Songs and Future Teens.

### Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Wednesday, Aug. 12 — The Mavericks.

### Music Box:

Friday, Aug. 14 — Sweet & Tender Hooligans and Shake Before Us. \$20-\$22.

### Online Internet Events:

Thursday, July 16 — NPR Livestream Session: The Dears. Thursday, July 16 — Mike Pinto Acoustic Livestream. Saturday, July 18 — Royal Albert Home Virtual Country Concert. Saturday, July 18 — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives. Sunday, July 19 — Dex Romweber Livestream From the Cave. Monday, July 20 — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives.

Wednesday, July 22 — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives. Thursday, July 23 — Mike Pinto Acoustic Livestream.

Saturday, July 25 — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives. Saturday, July 25 — Monsta X Livestream Concert.

Sunday, July 26 — Joshua Scott Jones Sunday Sunset Livestream. \$10.

Monday, July 27 — Live From the Grammy Museum Archives. Thursday, July 30 — Mike Pinto Acoustic Livestream.

Friday, July 31 — Diet Cig NoonChorus Livestream. Friday, July 31 — Balley TV: Jeff Ament, Jehnny Beth, Fern Ford. Saturday, Aug. 1 — Steinbeck Country United Global Festival. Sunday, Aug. 2 — Steinbeck Country United Global Festival. Friday, Aug. 14 — Balley TV: Ishmael Butler & Sharon Van Etten. Sunday, Aug. 16 — Dex

Romweber Livestream From the Cave.

### Open Air Theatre:

Sunday, Aug. 2 — David Gray.

### Palomar Starlight Theater:

Friday, July 24 — Elton: The Early Years. Friday, Aug. 7 — DSB. Saturday, Aug. 15 — The Family Stone. Sunday, Aug. 16 — Dreaming of You: Selena Tribute.

### Pechanga Arena San Diego:

Tuesday, Aug. 11 — Camila Cabello.

### Soda Bar:

Monday, Aug. 10 — La Luz and Silver Synthetic.

### Viejas Arena:

Monday, Aug. 10 — Janet Jackson.



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# The Tobacconist: Stogie story

Other than an innate ability to turn heads with each passing performance, what do Montgomery Clift, Alan Arkin, Alec Guinness, Bud Cort, and Viggo Mortensen share in common? At a given moment in each man's career, he was handed a cigar and hired to put Sigmund Freud on the couch. Adding another credit to the good doctor's celluloid resume is Bruno Ganz, who, in one of his last performances, works hard to make this visit to *The Tobacconist* a healthy choice.

What would a film about Freud be without dream sequences and symbolism? Set in Vienna during the days leading up to World War II, both sorts of imagery occupy prime real estate in Nikolaus Leytner's (*Lemming's First Case*) strikingly appointed coming-of-age drama. At the bottom of Austria's Lake Atter, enwombed by a sea of green, sits Franz (Simon Morzé). A clap of thunder draws the 17-year-old out of the water and into a torrential downpour that leaves him slipping and sliding his way back home and under the covers. The same electrical storm that Franz fled claims the life of his mother's (Regina Fritsch) current lover. With money tight and the prospects of securing a new meal-ticket uncertain, mom has no choice but to ship her only son from Attersee to Vienna, where he'll live with, and apprentice under, a former lover.

Otto (Johannes Krisch) is more than just a cancer salesman; he's a one-man (and -legged, thanks to WWI) authority on smoking culture. "A tobacconist's capital is his memory," tops the first day's lesson plan. It is essential that Franz take stock of his clients' tastes and habits the moment they walk through the door. His job is to sell pleasure and desire, cigars "hand-rolled tenderly by beautiful women on their thighs." As if that cigar-box promise of lust were not enough, there's a stack of girly magazines, sold on the side and kept hidden from view. (The only merchandise Otto refuses to stock are national socialist publications.) For his part, Franz finds his way into a relationship with Anezka (Emma Drogunova), a mercurial Bohemian fan dancer at the Black Cat cabaret. Their lovemaking spills out of the embryonic smoke shop and

into an exquisitely designed and lit studio mockup of the snow-covered storefront. Their nude, albeit condensation-free romp is an exhilarating moment of freedom; take sides against the Nazis, and it could be your last.

Franz's first impression of Freud comes from the town postman. When asked what the

doc specializes in, he replies, "He treats nutcases." It's his relationship with Anezka that causes Franz to wonder if maybe he's one of them, and to seek the advice of the shop's most famous stogie sucker. (Oddly enough, it's Freud who first expresses an interest in the young man's sexcapades.) As played by Ganz, Freud's downfall is a good cigar. If Franz's offer to exchange imported Havanas for the doctor's advice feels like a stretch — how can he afford them on an apprentice's salary? — it's nothing compared to Freud cutting short a plump and pampered patient, whining on the costly clock, to answer the call of Franz, motioning outside his window.

The mechanics of hate are steadily set into motion: the prominent doctor arrives at his favorite coffee shop, only to find himself relocated to a newly-established "Jewish Only" section. Antisemitic diatribes supplant topical stand-up comedy. The degree of down-to-earth rapport reached by Morzé and Ganz would normally be recommendation enough, but the story is at its most compelling when the stars are asked to share billing with the rise of Naziism. Without the balance of equal attention, it would be a simple tale of hero-worship, a variation on *My Favorite Year* with psychoanalysis and Nazis substituting for Errol Flynn and NBC. ★★★

—Scott Marks

## Video on Demand New Release Roundup

**The Beach House** — In the spirit of 1950s sci-fi comes Jeffrey A. Brown's gripping debut feature. Recent college dropout Randall (Noah Le Gros) is content at the thought of spending an eternity bumming around his father's spacious waterfront property. Emily (masterfully played by Liana Liberato), his semi-estranged girlfriend, is a bril-



**The Tobacconist:** What would a film about old Dr. Unconscious be without a few dream sequences?

liant college student eager to attend grad school. (Liberato is one of the few young actresses around capable of convincingly pulling off the role of organic chemistry major.) What is meant to be a weekend devoted to romantic reconciliation gets disrupted, first when an oddball pair of dad's old friends, already granted use of the space, show up, followed by strange atmospheric phenomena materializing on land and sea. Because I don't want to keep audiences away, I am loath to peg this as a cautionary fable about climate change. The point is there, but never hammered. And the film offers no explanations; the horror lies just out of sight, somewhere below the horizon line. 2019 —S.M. ★★★★★

**Four Kids and It** — Dad (Matthew Goode) might have used his surprise holiday as an excuse to reconcile with Mom. Instead, his son Ross (Teddie Malleon-Allen) is greeted at the lake house by her replacement parent (Paula Patton) and his surrogate siblings Maudie (Ellie-Mae Siame) and the smashingly appointed Smash (Ashley Aufderheide). Forced to co-exist, the kids initially bond, not out of friendship, but rather out of fear of what's furrowing underground. The tunnelling effect that introduced the magical sand creature called Psammead looked promising — and any character voiced by Michael Caine, even this threadbare imitation of a Lorax, is worth a listen — as did his strict miracle-per-day limit to granting wishes. But clueless parenting and a badly miscast bad guy (Russell Brand) contribute to the film's ultimate downfall. Still, Caine and the kids have their fun — as when the Psammead is first introduced to the concept of carpeting. Andy De Emmony directs this adaptation of E. Nesbit's 1902 children's novel, farts and all. 2019. —S.M. ★★

**Shanghai Traid** — We open on a tight shot of Tang Shuisheng's (Xiaoxiao Wang) face, the world swarming around him. And for the next 7 days, we view life exclusively through the 14-year-old boy's eyes. It's the provincial lad's first visit to the big city. (Recreating Shanghai in the 1930s was a task for which production designer Juiping Cao was clearly ready.) Call it guilt by association: Shuisheng is drafted by his crime boss uncle Tang (Li Baotian) to tend to his mistress Xiao

Jinbao's (Gong Li) every wish. The decision was based not on the boy's desire to be a gangster, but on the luck of the draw: the untrustworthy Tang will hire only from within the family. Zhang Yimou directs as if assigned a pre-code Warner Bros. contract picture, and befitting its period, there is no nudity, and only the aftermath of violence is seen. The sparkling new digital restoration is currently available for download via Film Movement's Virtual Cinema. 1995. —S.M. ★★★★★



## ALBERT BROOKS FAMOUS SCHOOL FOR COMEDIANS (1972)

Omnibus television at its finest, *The Great American Dream Machine* was a weekly PBS presentation that John Lennon called "as good as, if not better than...Monty Python's *Flying Circus*." The series will live on for eternity, if for no other reason (and there are many) than this 10-minute short, based on a 1971 *Esquire* article, that introduced the world to Albert Brooks. Watch as Albert's embryonic mockincommercial blows the lid off the "comedy fraternity of show business" by revealing, with near Masonic-like abandon, its deepest secrets. From an office that could just as easily

belong to an Allstate agent, Albert makes a mockery out of intercutting — a simple turn of the head — before leading us on a personal tour of the campus. Core curriculum includes classes on punctilious pie-placement, how to properly execute a spit-take Danny Thomas-style, or, in the event the student cracks the big



Albert Brooks Famous School For Comedians: Peep the sweet patch!

time, finding what disease best suits their talent (and so which charity to rep). All the while, Albert, the glad-handing human laugh track, assures his audience, "That was funny." Bits and pieces are available on YouTube, but the only way to see the short in its entirety is on the 4 disc DVD collection.

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**MERNIE & PAT** Hope that next year we can enjoy the La Mesa Foothills Dems bbq. Brian B

**PAT GRIFFI** of El Cajon, glad Roscoe will be around awhile. Cherish him BB.

**HBD TO MYSELF** Happy 36th! love life and every adventure life presents. Keep striving towards positivity and forward motion. Be wise, and grow wiser each year. Vow to oneself, be truer than true even when you're bluer than blue.

**LV IN AGONY** Let's make sure we do some laundry after getting that toe fixed. The perspiration and sunscreen stains are a permanent reminder of our emotional win together. Guess the location under the bottle cap to find me. RFK

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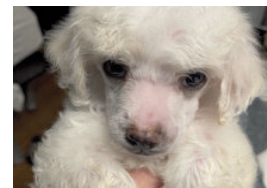
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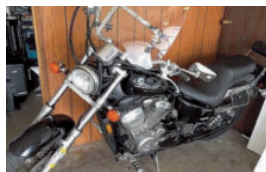
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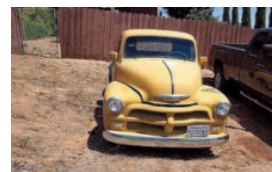
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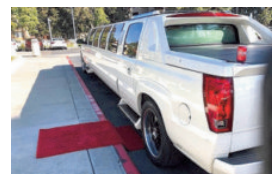
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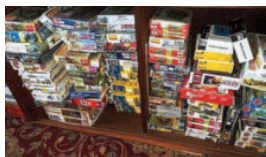
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## Complaint Department

— Car buyer Da Tong Yang of Richmond, British Columbia, became so frustrated with his local Mercedes-Benz dealership that in January he flew to the company's headquarters in Stuttgart, Germany, to seek help. Yang bought his wife, Guifang Huo, a brand-new S550 in 2017, partially because he believed the \$155,000 car to be one of the safest vehicles available, but a year later, the couple claimed, the steering wheel locked, causing the car to nearly crash into a concrete wall. Mercedes-Benz said an "internal electrical issue" was at fault and assured the couple it was fixed. Yang wasn't convinced, demanded his money back or a replacement car, then sued the company when it declined. The case has languished in court, prompting Yang's trip to Stuttgart in early June "to find justice, not only for him but also for other drivers," he told the *Richmond News*. Despite his personal appearance, litigation is still underway.

## 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.

## Bright Idea

— Bradley Bell, head writer for *The Bold and the Beautiful*, told the *New York Post* the show is experimenting with using life-sized dolls in love scenes as the daytime soap, in hiatus since March, resumed taping on June 17. Challenged to adhere to COVID-19 protocols, Bell said, "We put our heads together trying to figure out a way to make these scenes work without breaking the 8-foot (distancing) rule ... and we brought out a doll we used years ago as a corpse." The result, he said, "was very convincing ... We'll be using her with hair and makeup as a stand-in to match some of our leading ladies." The show has also recruited some of the actors' spouses as body doubles. "We've had stunt doubles before," Bell said, "but this is the first time we've had kissing doubles."

## Least Competent, Most Ambitious Criminals

— Donnovan Russell Jester, 28, of Largo, Florida, was arrested on June 18 for grand theft of a vessel -- a \$900,000, 46-foot-long yacht. The *Tampa Bay Times* reported the theft took place March 20 at Thunder Marine, where Pinellas County deputies said the 2019 Jeanneau Leader was stolen and driven into four channel-marker pilings, doing about \$60,000 worth of damage, before being abandoned to drift in an oyster bed. Investigators found Jester's thumbprint on a cabin door; he was held at the Pinellas County jail on \$50,000.

— At 1:28 a.m. on June 20, airport air traffic control in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, contacted police about a distress call coming from an aircraft. Officers already at the airport trying to locate a car they believed had been stolen from Daytona Beach found Robert Stienstra, 22, of DeBary, Florida, sitting in the airplane on the airport apron, according to an arrest report. Stienstra asked an officer whether he knew how to fly a plane, the report stated, then explained that he had recently purchased the aircraft (valued at \$1 million) for \$20,000 and needed to fly to California to take marijuana and meet his girlfriend. The *Daytona Beach News-Journal* reported that along with a bag of weed, Stienstra had in his possession a glass pipe with remnants of methamphetamine and other drug paraphernalia. New Smyrna Beach police charged Stienstra with grand theft over \$100,000; he was also wanted by Daytona Beach police on charges of grand theft of a motor vehicle.

## Creme de la Weird

— Koji Ishii, 39, of Tokyo, admits his passion is sometimes more like a "curse": He is compelled to document every lost glove he sees on the streets of his city. He photographs and records details about each one, whether they're stuck in drains or washed up on a beach, but never touches or removes them. Over 15 years, he's curated more than 5,000 stray gloves, including children's mittens, heavy workman's gloves and lacy ladies' accessories. "I live with the

constant fear that there might be a glove right around the corner," Ishii told *AFP*. He even gets off buses before his stop if he sees a glove on the ground. For him, the attraction is thinking about how the glove got there and who once wore it. "Lone gloves are a constantly changing, dynamic phenomena," Ishii said.

## Government in Action

— In 2013, Chad Dearth of Overland Park, Kansas, purchased his dream car, a 1964 Chevy Impala, and got an "antique" license plate for it. Since then, he has sold the car and moved to a new neighborhood, but earlier this year he received word that seven to 10 collection letters a day were arriving at his old address from state turnpike authorities up and down the East Coast. That's when Dearth learned that Kansas is one of a few states that assign identical numbers to different categories of specialty license plates, and his old antique plate number matched the number on a commercial semi truck -- the one photographed by one of the authorities demanding payment for toll violations. Lee Ann Phelps, vehicle services manager for the Kansas Department of Revenue, told Fox4 she doesn't know why the state uses identical numbers, but there are about 625,000 plates in the state that share a number. Kansas has issued a new license for the truck, but in the meantime, the bills continue. Dearth most recently got a letter from the Delaware Turnpike Authority seeking \$479.

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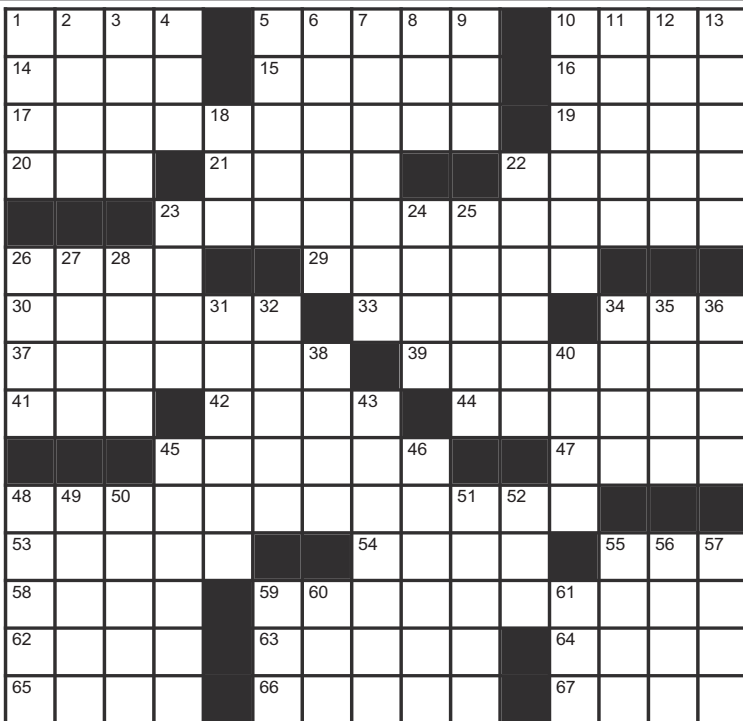
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## Across

1. Physician with a daily talk show
5. Itinerant sort
10. Nada for Nadal
14. Prefix with nautical
15. Bakery fixtures
16. Environmentalist's subj.
17. \*Unspeakable situation?
19. Dock figure
20. Blue expanse
21. Third-northernmost national capital
22. Reduce by 50%
23. \*Magazine that put Linda Evangelista on its cover holding a Cohiba panatella
26. Final Four org.
29. It's unlikely
30. \*2013 disaster film that spawned many sequels
33. Rabbit relative
34. POTUS when Sputnik was launched
37. "All will be well"
39. Wharton, e.g., informally
41. Oz. and kg.
42. "Modern Family" actor
44. \*1885 operetta set in Japan
45. Words before "the blues" or "the Mondays"
47. Charged particles
48. \*Setting for "Mork & Mindy"
53. Actresses Kendrick & Paquin

54. Coat of frost
55. Fly catcher
58. California's \_\_\_\_ Valley
59. What each of the starred clues are "without"
62. Fake IRS call, e.g.
63. Blue eyes or hairy legs, e.g.
64. Where approximately 60% of people live
65. Urges
66. Tooth: Prefix
67. Fly catcher

## Down

1. Stand taken by a speaker?
2. Philosopher Descartes
3. "Free Willy" creature
4. Workplace for some veterinarians
5. Declaration on a Chinese menu
6. Egglike
7. It's lit eight nights in a row
8. Singer DiFranco
9. Mil. decoration since 1918
10. Enduring aspect of a person's life
11. Orbicularis \_\_\_\_ (eyelid-closing muscle)
12. Swedish automaker
13. Titular host of NBC's "Game of Thrones"
18. Miss Piggy's coy question
22. Containing state-of-the-art gadgetry
23. Caleb who wrote "The Alienist"
24. Many a Meccan
25. "To begin with ..."
26. [Avoid watching this in front of the boss]
27. Jazzman Baker
28. Some batteries
31. Works, as dough
32. Language from which "reindeer" comes
34. "\_\_\_\_ arigato, Mr. Roboto"
35. "Whatcha \_\_\_\_?"
36. Fraternal order with an animal emblem
38. Level
40. One who's succeeding
43. Johnnie who said "If it doesn't fit, you must acquit"
45. Alleges
46. Go by walking
48. Deep, musically
49. Waiting in the wings
50. Emasculate
51. "Chicago Hope" Emmy-winner Christine
52. Underground find
55. "Now, where \_\_\_\_?"
56. Polish for publication
57. Dinghy or dory
59. 1-800-Flowers competitor
60. Suffix with script or text
61. Zodiac animal

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

R	O	T	C		U	P	H	I	L	L		L	O	L
E	Z	R	A		P	E	E	W	E	E		E	L	I
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Jon Christianson, El Cajon, 14.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# SUDOKU

## EVIL:

						3	1	8	
	2	9		6				7	
				5					
8					6	4	1		
		7				8			
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### HARD:

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1	8	9	7	5	2	3	6	4
7	2	3	4	8	6	5	9	1
3	6	7	2	4	1	9	5	8
2	9	1	5	7	8	4	3	6
8	5	4	9	6	3	1	7	2
9	1	8	6	2	5	7	4	3
4	3	2	8	9	7	6	1	5
5	7	6	1	3	4	2	8	9

## NEWS TICKER

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include an LGBTQ+ community representative and a community representative to “act as a liaison to the African American community.”

Fletcher, husband of Assembly Democrat Lorena Gonzalez, currently has a staff of nine, according to his website, including director of communications James Canning, formerly with Gallatin Public Affairs of Seattle. Before Canning arrived at Gallatin in 2017, the firm came under fire by environmentalists for work on behalf of a controversial coal export depot on the Columbia River, according to published reports. Gallatin partner Bruce Gryniowski defended the company’s involvement in the project in a June 6, 2015, *Seattle Times* account: “The reality is, energy is a complex issue,” he told the paper. “We need to explore all of these methods when looking at climate change, and drawing lines in the

sand is not how the real world operates.”

Fletcher’s chief of staff Paul Worlie also hails from the world of public relations, having served as a public affairs and government relations specialist for Nuffer Smith after a long career as a political operative. “He is the former deputy executive director of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee,” according to an online write up by the local public relations society. “His past clients have included U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and former U.S. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle.” In February 2017, Worlie became enmeshed in a Fletcher-related controversy when the *Union-Tribune* reported that a Fletcher nonprofit known as the Three Wise Men Veterans Foundation was paying Nuffer Smith \$5000 a month for PR services. Worlie is a onetime board member of the charity. Three Wise Men, the

paper noted, was the beneficiary of \$35,000 from special interest contributors, including oil giant Chevron, San Diego Gas & Electric, and casino-owning tribes Barona and Viejas, thanks to fundraising behests by Assemblywoman Gonzalez.

Matt Potter

## Under the radar

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ments... which includes the further requirement that Councilmember Galvez recuse herself and leave the room after identifying her economic interests.”

Galvez caused controversy this April when she inadvertently emailed her contact list with home addresses and private notes to 940 people and asked the *U-T* not to report the breach.

— Matt Potter  
(@sdmattpotter)

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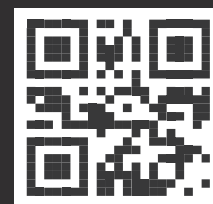
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