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Very poor taste

There was an article written by Mike Madriaga ("Bounce and Twerk," August 6) that I and many other people have found to be very problematic. He wrote an article about a dance instructor who dances to Bounce music and a very very loose connection to Megan Thee Stallion.

Megan was recently shot in both feet due to domestic violence but he somehow managed to focus his whole attention on a white woman who doesn't even know her and how she's affected by Bounce.

This is in very poor taste and Megan should have never been dragged into it. Instead of focusing on her pain and how rampant domestic violence is in the country, especially amongst WOC he decided to drag her name into an article that had nothing to do with her.

Stephanie Storm

Gompers teacher mis-represented

I was featured in a story by Joe Deegan titled "What a teachers union has done to Gompers" (August 12), and I have some concerns about the way that some ideas were captured and also some mis-representations. The first one is the section in his article titled Bullying and Silencing, and I am named by a teacher, Viridiana Word, and an allegation was made directly against me. Joe never talked to me about this. Joe never asked me for a comment on this and that the little part in there that is in parentheses is very misleading; actually it's factually inaccurate. It says in parentheses "when I caught up with Mills later, he said of the incident only that he has protected speech." First of all, that doesn't quite make sense;

it's right after a quote, and it's not assumed that it's the writer of the article; is that Joe's "I" or is that Miss Word's "I"? I think that's confusing, but secondly that's completely factually inaccurate.

Joe never asked me about this incident. I would have loved to give a statement to provide in response. There's this very intense allegation being made against me. The protected speech comment actually had to do with a completely separate issue, the issue of retaliation. That's part of why we filed the unfair labor practices charge. It had nothing to do with the situation with Miss Word.

Spencer Mills

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"Terra Lawson-Remer out-raises Kristin Gaspar"

August 12

The spending record of well-heeled political action committees should guide San Diego voters in November. Thanks for this update. It seems candidate Todd Gloria is up to his eyes in developer money -- Kilroy, Fenton, the condo guy from Beverly Hills. We know what to expect of mayoral candidates who are so beholden once they move into higher office. Much better mayoral candidate Barbara Bry is the friend of taxpayers incredulous at the profligate monthly spending on an unused Ash Street tower and residential neighbors reeling from COVID-defying loud parties in Vacation Rentals By Owner. Bry is also much smarter than her slick opponent.

—monaghan

"What a teachers union has done to Gompers"

August 12

This is just another hit piece on unions. Unions do not run the school. They do not make management decisions. They do not tell the teachers what to do. All union does is give voice to workers. Teachers decide and vote for their union leadership. Teachers

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OCEANSIDE

The court vs. public opinion North River Farms developer tactic: if you can't beat 'em, sue 'em

Newport Beach developer Integral Communities may have sensed that things weren't going well when Oceanside locals turned in 12,500 signatures in December to force a public vote on already-approved North River Farms: a 585-home, 214-acre development on Oceanside farmland. That created Measure L which



Sue? Sue? Ain't nobody here named Sue!

fees from the two suits. However, "they told [North River Farms] to pound sand," says the insider. "Apparently, [Integral] knows they are going to lose big at the ballot box, and they see this as their only way to keep North River Farms on the map. This is a last-ditch, Hail

member. That suit has similarities to the first suit filed against Hammerschmidt, Carbonne, and Hughes. (Bradley Hertz, an election lawyer with the Sutton Law Firm, represented the developers in both the Redondo Beach and first Oceanside suit.) "They had two individuals set up as the plaintiffs who claimed they were paying for the legal fees," says Craig of the Redondo Beach suit. "But the judge called up attorney Hertz himself to the stand, which is highly unusual. Hertz had to admit under oath that the developer [CenterCal] was actually paying for the legal costs. The judge actually said that they were shills for a sham lawsuit. We won the case, and the judge ordered the plaintiffs to pay almost \$900,000 for our legal fees." Craig says CenterCal has appealed, but Craig is confident his side will prevail. "With interest and additional fees, it comes up to \$1.5million."

Bill Brand, who was elected Redondo Beach mayor following his work with Rescue Our Waterfront, says that, like Craig, if he had lost the court case, he would personally

"The last time they used a shill plaintiff like this was in Redondo Beach, and it blew up in their face."

would turn back the council vote and squash the project. A month later, a lawsuit was filed against three citizen activists who helped spearhead the signature gathering. Retired school teacher Arleen Hammerschmidt, law student Kathryn Carbonne, and single mom Patte Hughes had to come up with thousands of dollars to defend themselves. Although that trial begins August 21, some close to the activists say things looked bad for Integral when, on July 6, judge Gregory Pollack released a letter that said the signatures were valid. Forgery and fraud were key issues named in the suit.

Eleven days after that letter, Integral filed a second lawsuit, again naming the three activists, who must now scramble to cover retainer fees to defend themselves again. Why another suit? Hammerschmidt, Carbonne, and Hughes would not comment. But some insiders with close ties to the lawsuit say that if the trio would simply agree to take Measure L off the ballot, then Integral would modify the North River Farms project and take them off the legal hook — in both lawsuits. "They said they would knock off 60 houses, build more affordable units, put up solar panels, and make a monetary contribution of \$1 million to an environmental charity," says the insider, who declined to be identified.

Oceanside City Clerk Zeb Navarro says that it is his understanding that a court order could get Measure L removed from the ballot up to the day it goes to press, which is August 28.

The three activists were allegedly told that if they agreed to take Measure L off the ballot, they would no longer face mounting legal

Mary legal play."

The official plaintiff of the first lawsuit was listed as Barbara Hazlett, the 91-year-old president of the Republican Club of Ocean Hills. "She is what you would call a shill plaintiff," says the insider about Hazlett. "The developer finds a shill and then butters them up. The last time they used a shill plaintiff like this was in Redondo Beach, and it blew up in their face."

In 2016, the Redondo Beach city council approved a 525,000-square-foot mall on the waterfront near its recreational harbor. "The project was approved by the city council against massive public objection," says Wayne Craig, a real estate agent who beat back the project with a group called Rescue Our Waterfront. "Our slogan was 'Revitalize, Not Supersize.' The developer, CenterCal, gave tens of thousands of dollars to political action committees run by the Chamber of Commerce and firefighters. They in turn paid to support candidates who were in support of the mall."

In spite of spending more than \$600,000, developer CenterCal lost to Rescue Our Waterfront with a 2017 ballot measure that passed by 14 percentage points. Pro-mall Mayor Steve Aspell was voted out. But CenterCal sued Craig and current Redondo Beach Mayor Bill Brand plus a second council-

have been out of tens of thousands of dollars in legal fees. "I got married right after that, and my wife and I had to keep our financial assets totally separate," says Brand. "They are nasty people."

Attorney Bradley Hertz did not respond to requests for comment. And when contacted by phone on August 10 about her involvement in the case or its status, Oceanside's Barbara Hazlett said she would have no comment.

Like CenterCal in Redondo Beach, Integral is greasing the wheels in Oceanside. It has given \$263,520 to a PAC called "Oceansiders for Jobs, Health, and Safety. Sponsored by the North River Farms Owners," administered by public relations executive Tony Manolatos. When asked who exactly belonged to the group, Manolatos did not name specific names, but said, "The Yes on L coalition includes local farmers, firefighters, community and business leaders, including the Oceanside Firefighters Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and others."

The second lawsuit, filed by the Carlsbad firm Tatzke Dillon & Balance, mentions a new California code 66300, which limits the electorate from reducing the size of housing developments through the initiative or referendum process. It is unclear if that code will have an impact, since the Measure L petitions were turned in last year and the new law went into effect January 1, 2020.

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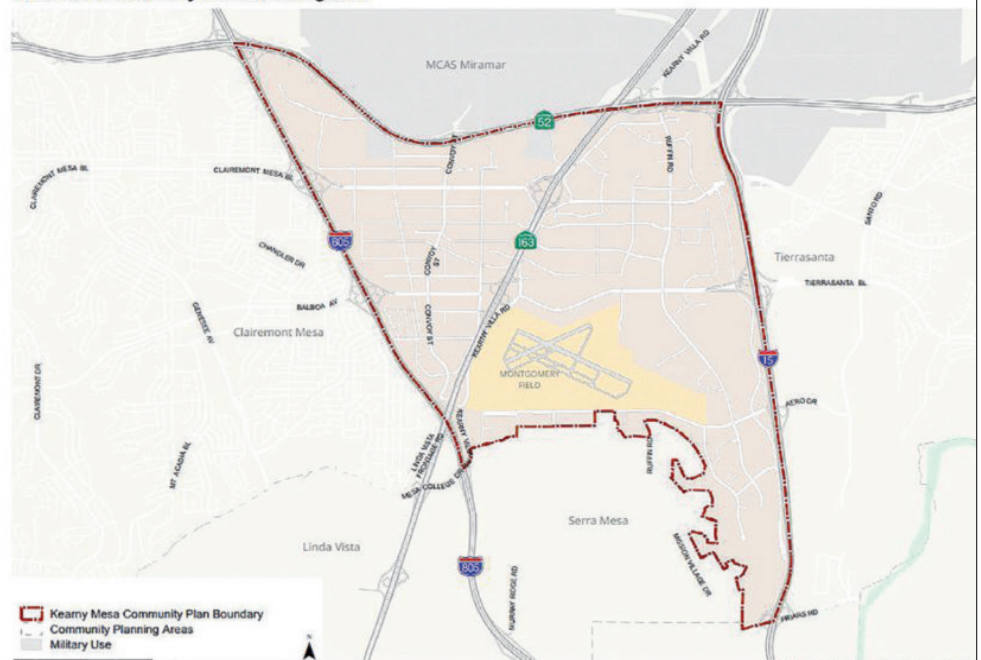
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It's not CAR-ney Mesa Driving for a pedestrian future

The updated community plan for Kearny Mesa includes more than 40 miles of bike-ways and numerous paths for pedestrians.

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Attachment 3: Kearny Mesa Planning Area



What's in a neighborhood? In this case, car dealerships and a huge Pan-Asian business district.

Toni Atkins: defund the police

At least, that's what her money says Democratic state senate leader Toni Atkins, a shoo-in for reelection this coming November, nevertheless raised \$1.2 million in campaign cash between January 2, 2019, and June 30

of this year, according to online state disclosure filing data. Labor unions topped the list of Atkins givers, with the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees, the California Teachers Association, and the California State Council of Service Employees each coming up with \$9300. The next tier of biggest

single givers included the Western States Council of Sheet Metal Workers PAC and the UFCW Western Staters Council Candidates PAC, with \$8800 each. The California State Retirees PAC gave \$7200 on June 20. Other recent donors included oil giant BP North America's employees PAC, which kicked in \$2500 on June 17; Sempra Energy, with \$4700 June 9; and the Farmers Group insurance giant, with \$2500 June 11.

Insurance companies have been under fire by consumer advocacy group Consumer Watchdog for allegedly trying to ramrod an industry-backed bill through the state senate, per an August 8 *Union-Tribune* account, and have called on Atkins to intervene. Besides Farmers, other insurance industry players donating to the Atkins re-election fund include Allstate (\$3500); Independent Insurance PAC (\$2000); Liberty Mutual (\$1500); Mercury General (\$4700); Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company PAC (\$3000); Pacific Association of Domestic Insurance Companies PAC, (\$1000); Pacific Life (\$1500); Personal Insurance Federation Agents and Employees (\$5300); the

Guardian Life Insurance Company of America PAC (\$1000); the Travelers Indemnity Company (\$2500); Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company (\$6400); and the Association of California Life and Health Insurance Companies PAC (\$1000).



Atkins donation recipient Laila Aziz: "The police are just as unsafe for us as any other thing that we look at as crime."

Because there is not much of a race in Atkins's senate district, the Democrat has been funneling much of her campaign cash to political causes, including the California Democratic Party (\$77,600); the San Diego County Democratic Party (\$40,000); and Friends of Terra Lawson-Remer, an independent campaign com-

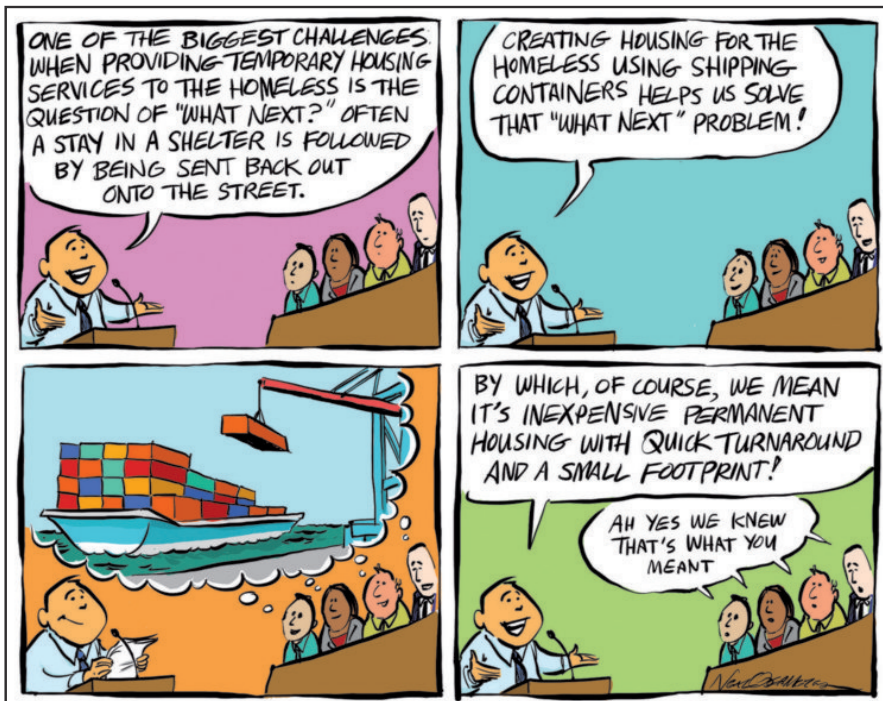
mitting fund backing Democrat Lawson-Remer over incumbent Republican Kristin Gaspar for county supervisor (\$30,000). On February 25 of this year, former state senator Christine Kehoe received \$805 for hotel and airfare to cover what was described as a "victory fund board meeting."

In addition, police-defunding advocacy group Pillars of the Community got \$10,000 on June 17. "Aziz said communities like La Jolla can continue to call the police" said TV station KNSD in a June 30 profile of Pillars leader Laila Aziz. "She wanted tax dollars that would be spent patrolling her neighborhood to fund a youth drop-in center, counseling, and a community council that would oversee the community."

"We want that money going to youth violence," Aziz told the station. "We want to attack youth violence with best practices and prevent it. Let us build our infrastructure to keep our people safe. The police are just as unsafe for us as any other thing that we look at as crime."

Matt Potter

Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

John Moores' hidden hand

How much would a brand-new Midway sports arena cost San Diego taxpayers? The answer hasn't yet been made public, but leaks and news releases emerging from city hall indicate a closed-door deal for a costly new sports palace may be just around the corner. It comes as no surprise to city insiders that a key covert player in the potential giveaway is **John Moores**, the ex-Padres owner. The

super-rich Rancho Santa Fe denizen got himself a ballpark and millions of dollars in taxpayer-financed downtown development rights after showering then-city councilwoman **Valerie Stallings** with undisclosed gifts back in the 1990s. "A development group led by Toll Brothers Housing initially proposed a \$125 million renovation of the existing arena, but recent public feedback prompted the group to decide a new arena costing \$300 million to \$600 million is an option," the *Union-Tribune* reported August 1. Without mentioning Moores, the paper's account said that **Erik Judson**, "who helped coordinate the development of Petco Park in San Diego's East Village," had signed onto the project.

Though also unmentioned, Judson, an ex-minor league baseball player and former Padres official under Moores and his then-sidekick **Larry Lucchino**, is the chief executive officer of Moores-owned JMI Sports. That ubiquitous consulting operation has a major piece of San Diego State University's new football stadium development. Per the *U-T*, the would-be kingmaker of the deal is Republican mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, who departs office at the end of the year. "Once the mayor chooses a developer, his staff will start the process of negotiating a comprehensive lease and development agreement with the winning developer."

Much of the behind-the-scenes intrigue involves a measure on the November ballot favored by development interests to raise the 30-foot height limit in the Midway district. It promises to turn the area into a forest of high-rises in a repeat of Moores's lucrative downtown densification. Observers fear that Faulconer may attempt to gift the Moores-led group with the sports arena site and surrounding city-owned property as a down payment on the construction of a new arena. But among the unknowns are whether such a sweeping land giveaway by the mayor and city council would be prudent or even possible amid a growing city budget gap caused by the COVID-19 economic meltdown.

Nathan's and Gavin's shared moneyman

Democratic county supervisor **Nathan Fletcher**, whose 2018 bid for the job was financed by cash transfers to the San Diego Democratic party from the campaign fund of wife Assembly Democrat **Lorena Gonzalez**, is

already raising 2022 reelection money via Sacramento connections. Having come up with \$39,687 during the first half of this year, Fletcher's campaign reported a total of \$90,826 in the bank as of June 30.

Maximum contributions of \$1700 included those from divorce lawyer **Myra Fleischer** of Rancho Santa Fe and downtown workers comp attorney **Robert McLaughlin**. Further afield, Sacra-



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ramento-based lobbyist **Paula Treat** came up with \$1100. "She's built a formidable list of a dozen clients that includes Tesla, the California Medical Association, the Brandenburg Group and two major Native American tribes — the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians and the Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of Colusa," reports *Capitol Weekly*.

Mark Weideman

listed on Fletcher's disclosure report as an attorney from Loomis, California, gave \$1700. A full-time Sacramento lobbyist, Weideman has been fingered by the investigative website *Cal-Matters* as representing four of the biggest COVID-related contractors chosen by Democratic Gov. **Gavin Newsom**. "His firm represents BYD, an electric bus maker that landed a \$1 billion contract to produce medical masks for California; Bloom Energy, which the state is paying \$2 million to refurbish ventilators; Blue Shield, the health care behemoth that dominates the task force Newsom assembled to increase testing for COVID-19; and NextGen America, the progressive advocacy group headed by **Tom Steyer**, whom Newsom named as the co-chair of his economic recovery team. Those four organizations paid The Weideman Group a combined total of \$663,000 last year to lobby before the Legislature and the Newsom administration, according to disclosure reports lobbyists file with the state."

Added the account: "Campaign finance records show that some of Weideman's clients wrote big checks to support Newsom's gubernatorial run in 2018. Blue Shield and the California State Council of Service Employees each donated about \$1 million to an independent campaign supporting Newsom." Personal injury attorney **Shabnam Raiszadeh** of Tork Law in Los Angeles gave the 2022 Fletcher campaign fund \$1000. Biotech PR maven **Carin Canale-Theakston** gave \$850, as did Fletcher himself, along with investment banker **Ted Roth** of Carlsbad. San Diego Gas & Electric president **Scott Drury** and chief operating officer **Caroline Winn** each gave \$250.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Dear Hipster:

What are some non-hipster things that are secretly (or not so secretly, considering you will publish this for all the world to read) revered and enjoyed by even the snootiest hipsters?

— B.

They like to pretend they're better than everyone else, but hipsters love basic-ass, trashy garbage just as much, if not more, than the next guy.

Consider so-called “pickleback” shots — an acceptable thing among hipsters. For those who never drank at a college bar worth half its salt, that's when you chase a shot of whiskey with actual pickle juice. Conventional wisdom suggests the “best” ingredients are not obscure rye whiskeys from small distillers and the juice of carefully fermented pickles made from heirloom cucumbers. Instead, you are looking for that toxic green Vlasic dill juice, glowing like antifreeze; and you want to pair it with the cheapest Irish whiskey you can get off the bottom shelf of the local Rite Aid. By every rational measure, it should be a heinous, revolting experience, and yet it's weirdly delicious, and even the hippest hipster will gleefully smack one of these things down if given half a chance.

You can apply the same logic to greasy drive-thru cheeseburgers, fanny packs, and *Love Island* reruns. I could go on listing things till the end of time, but I think you're probably picking up what I'm putting down here.

It's easy to write this off as ironic pos-



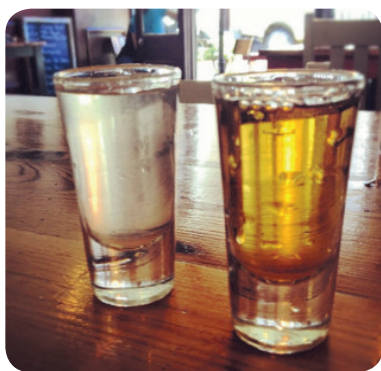
turing — “watch me slam this pickle shot lol” — but the draw runs deeper.

From Charles Bukowski extolling the virtues of the dingy dive bar to Christina Tosi convincing people they should pay handsomely for the privilege of eating cornflake flavored milk, there's a long tradition of hipsters exalting the unglamorous. The impetus towards this is the same burning desire for ever greater authenticity that drives hipsters towards the artisanal and handmade, but you end up with the exact opposite expression of the same urge.

Keep in mind, things don't have to be “good,” at least not in the strictest sense of the word, to qualify as suitably gritty, grungy, grimy, and authentic. Shriveled up TJ-style hotdogs made from grade-Z meat, wrapped in Costco-reject bacon, griddled on a barely-hot hot plate, served on stale bread, and topped with watered down sauces are neither good for you nor objectively good to eat. Yet, at the same time, if you're standing around eating one of these types of hot dogs, you are almost certainly having a Good Time. You know this because the only way you get in the situation where you are eating one of these danger dogs is when you have either come from something that was definitely a Good Time; are headed towards something that promises to be a Good Time; or you are in between two things, each of which qualify as Good Times. In any event, you can rest assured that This Is As Real As It Gets, which reassurance you can never receive from anything that has even a whiff of chi-chi posturing and pretension about it.

I realize this may actually prove too much, because if such non-hipster things are permitted to become hipster things purely by virtue of their non-hipsterness, then how do you tell the difference between anything anymore? I don't make the rules. This is one of those dreadful paradoxes we have to live with, and I leave it up to you to determine if any difference survives.

— DJ Stevens



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Pooh pooh to pale picklebacks!

LETTERS

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tell the union what they want in a contract. The union negotiates with the school systems negotiator to arrive at a contract that can be presented to the teachers. The teachers then vote to accept or reject the contract. The teachers decide, not the union officials, if and when they strike.

—AlexClarke

As far back as 2009, there have been articles pointing out the duplicity and charade performed by the leadership at GPA. (Read the comments in *The Reader* article “Gompers Takes a Bow”). Here we are, ELEVEN years later, with even more articles and exhaustively researched data driven proof of transcript inequities which paint much different pictures of the reality of life at GPA for teachers and students than the Disney version fairy tale plastered everywhere by Mr. Riveroll and company.

At this point, the response to any challenge of their questionable practices is predictable and outdated. Anyone who raises concerns about the learning and/or working environment is labeled either disgruntled, racist, classist, lazy, burned out, or an outlier. It is one thing for the school to try to deflect the comments and concerns of past and present teachers, it is quite another for it to discount the many thoughtful and moving reflections that have been written by the very students that the school is/was entrusted to protect and educate.

—REACH

“North River Farms foes face lawsuit heat”

August 11

This is just the sort of thing that anti-SLAPP laws were aimed at eliminating. These people are getting desperate, and are ready to modify the proposal one more time. Hey, if this keeps up they might actually have a plan that looks like a good way to go. But that's not what they're

trying to do--they want to intimidate, and it is working to some degree. I'd be reluctant to get involved in one of these drives if I thought some deep-pockets developer could sue me and try to ruin me.

Here in No County we're seeing more and more developments that just don't fit with the area, become massive traffic generators on already-burdened roads and highways, and require massive land reshaping, and don't actually add that much housing after all.

—Visduh

“Angry Pete's Pizza brings Detroit to Kensington”

August 11

I guess some folks are too young to remember the local “Square Pan Pizza” chain that was a popular Detroit style pizza joint in the 70's and 80's. Square Pizza in Pacific Beach is Detroit style, they've been serving pies since 2016.

—ponzi

“Cop defunding advocate gets \$10,000 in Tony Atkins campaign cash”

August 14

Didn't former state legislator now-Congressman Juan Vargas also feed at the insurance industry campaign contribution trough? Maybe that's a trait common to Democrats, or maybe just Larry Remer-connected Democrats, as Vargas has been for many years..

Tony Atkins is funneling her own insurance haul to the County Supervisor campaign of Democrat Terra Lawson-Remer whose father is longtime Dem political consultant Larry Remer. Maybe Atkins is sowing goodwill while hoping to become Gavin Newsom's pick for the U.S. Senate seat that will become vacant should the Biden/Harris presidential ticket prevail in November. That would be okay: California needs two working Senators and Tony Atkins has more serious legislative chops than bright and shiny Kamala Harris could ever muster.

—monaghan

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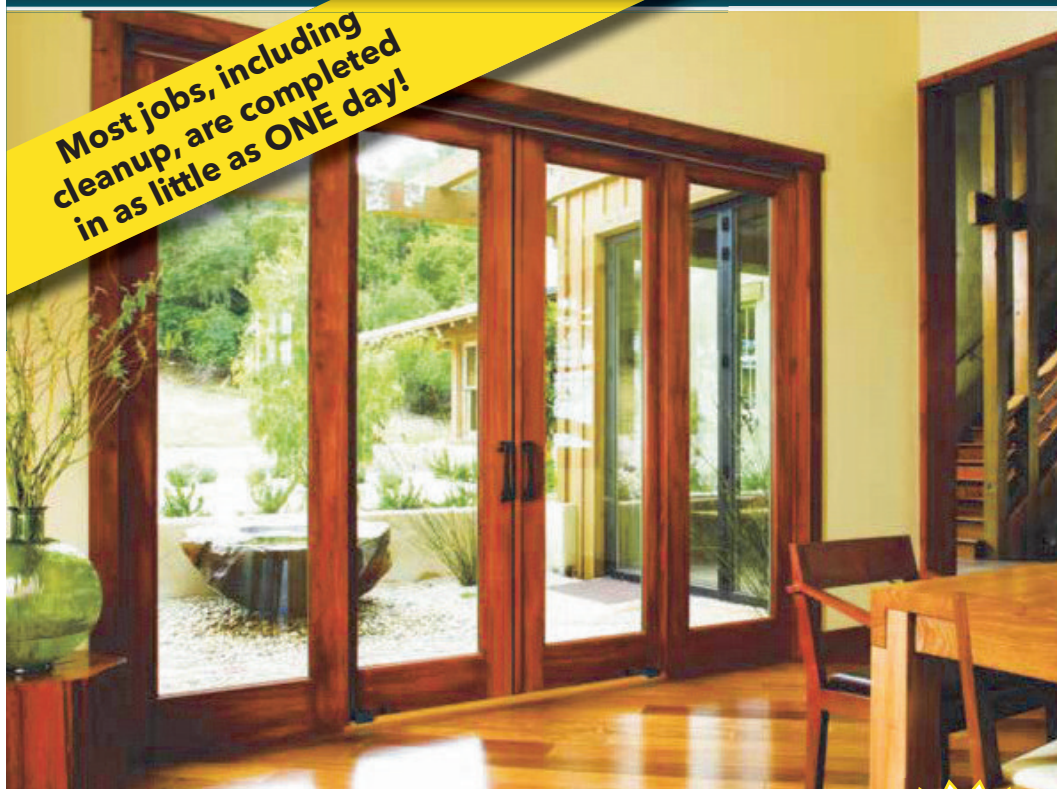
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But rezoning for the sake of selling cars? Not this time around. Because it's a 30-year plan, commissioners wanted to take the long view, imagining a time when self-driving cars and seamless transit will have revised the roadways. "There's a model out there. Call it the Tesla model. The car industry is changing," said commission chair Bill Hofman, adding that the auto businesses would now have to design around pedestrian-friendly areas. Auto dealerships may have flourished throughout Kearny Mesa's history, but now, shoppers are going online and taking virtual test drives. A letter from land-use attorney Andrea Contreras argued that "inventory must be displayed in parking lots in front of the dealership," but Hofman disagreed, saying that there's no need any more "to have masses of cars to look pretty for people to drive by."

The commission voted on July 30 to recommend the city council approve the new plan — which covers about 4400 acres — with one amendment: the creation of a specific plan for the Convoy district, one of the largest Pan-Asian business districts in the country. Right now, it's known for its restaurants and car dealerships. "It's a complicated area," said commissioner Vicki Granowitz, who sought the amendment. Comments rolled in during the workshop phase, suggesting the change. The district, which lies east of Interstate 805, west of State Route 163, and south of State Route 52, is "skimmed over in lots of ways" in the community plan, she said. The specific plan she seeks would include both the Pan-Asian area and the car dealerships. Granowitz believes that the area is going to transition into something else, along with the car dealerships. "And I would be opposed to anything that downzones" the area.

That's the future; but what about the past?

The seemingly faceless Kearny Mesa, chopped up by four major freeways and home to warehouses and manufacturing as far back as 1937 — beginning with Gibbs Airfield, now Montgomery-Gibbs Executive Airport — didn't undergo a historical survey in the update process. Planners found nothing worthy of preservation; instead, a historic statement was produced that lists buildings and areas that have potential historic interest. But historic preservation group Save Our Heritage disagreed. Granowitz said the historic preservation stuff was difficult to sort out, "because it's new." But she hoped there would be follow-through related to a letter from Save Our Heritage, and "what was agreed on." That is, a specific date to reevaluate the Pan-Asian presence in Kearny Mesa, as well as the aerospace industry. "I had never thought about the aerospace

industry in historic terms, but it is really an important part of San Diego's history, and a lot of it did happen here."

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MISSION VALLEY

Max Boost's buggy boosted But car kid's creator gets Civic back thanks to civic-minded fans.

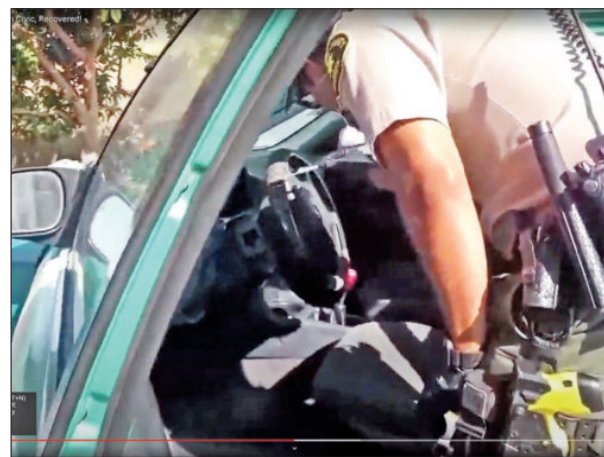
On August 1, Dennis Caco's Midori green 1998 Honda Civic was stolen off the street near his Mission Valley home. "Before I went for a run, I went to check on the car," he told me on August 10, "and it was gone." It wasn't just any car. Caco is the creator and artist for the *Max Boost* comic book, in which the main character, Max, drives a stock Midori green



Misadventures indeed.



Caco (left) is elated to get his "Midori" back.



Deputy checks to ensure the Midori green machine is clean.

Civic that was given to him by his mom on his birthday. "It's a far cry from the sports car Max actually wanted, but luckily, in the comic, he discovers a local tuner shop called Papa Wheely's Performance Pagoda, and they work some magic to his car to make it race-able."

Caco filed a police report, and the next day, took to his comic book's Instagram, Facebook, and YouTube pages to postphotos and memes of the stolen Honda. His August 2 Instagram post was captioned, "The Max Boost Civic

now-defunct *Import Tuner* magazine from 1998 to 2006. The "import racer whoops muscle car" lead-up storylines garnered Max and creator Caco lots of fans; Boost was a kind of Gen X Speed Racer around whom they could rally. Accelerate and brake into 2020, and Max is still "dead on," catching traction within the tuners of Generations Y and Z.

Almost three days after Midori was stolen, Caco's sad story power shifted into what he later describes as an "adrenaline rush for the

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was stolen. I am super bummed, in particular, because this car was not a regular car: it was donated through money raised [15 days ago] by Max Boost fans for the purpose of building it into the official Max Boost car."

The local import and domestic tuner communities put aside their differences and shared the posts. "No [expletive] way," said one fan, "I donated to this, and hopefully, it turns up. I'll donate to rebuild. If not, I'll get one and re-donate."

The comic was originally featured in the

entire day. I woke up at seven in the morning and saw something on my phone that said, 'Take a look at your DMs on Facebook.' I looked and was like, 'Oh my God' — they sent me videos and photos of the car. I was freaking out, and I didn't know what to do. I had to take my son to school first, before I could to go see Midori. And the guy [who found the car was] like, 'Hey I gotta go,' so he leaves the car, and now I'm like, 'No one's at the car.'" Caco made his son's lunch, then the two jumped into the family's daily-driver en

route to boy's elementary school. "So everybody from a particular Honda group has been trying to get a hold of me. One of the guys sat there next to the car for over an hour, [took off], and then went back and was waiting for me to get there, because the cops haven't even gotten there, and it's been over two hours."

Caco, now sans co-pilot, sped to Sweetwater Road, then pulled into parking lot shared by Ramberto's and Jack in the Box. "The guy who found it, [John M.], he was there waiting for me," Caco explained. A sheriff's vehicle pulled up, and the deputy asked, "Do you have the keys for it?" Caco nodded, recording the event on video for his fans. ("This Midori is making memories in the making," commented someone watching online. "For sure this adds to a great story telling." But it wasn't just a story. "Some people thought I made this up, [like] a publicity stunt," Caco said. "Nope, [I] ain't messing around, I did the full-on police report.")

By now, the deputy was depicted on Caco's video. "Before I let you go inside," he said, "I have to take some DNA swabs off the steering wheel."

"You'll probably find COVID," Caco jokingly replied. "This car was kinda junky, man." The deputy didn't respond.

"I don't know if you're cool being on camera," Caco asked John, the tuner who initially

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Campo Reservation Fire Protection District

Campo Reservation pit fires set to safely burn cut-down underbrush and return productive ashes to the soil.

Indian fires

Have we been fighting wildfires the wrong way?

Because there's a new idea spreading like, well, wildfire: that California's native Americans had it right, and the rest of us have had it wrong. For the last century, at least. When state and federal authorities took over management of California's wild lands, our attitude towards fire brought a subtle but vital change: where fire had been an ally in the fight for fertility, now, under the leaders of western settlers, fire meant fear, not a rejuvenator of life. The Forest Service saw fire as purely a destructive force. So no more annual mini-burns across the state. No more letting Native Americans manage the wild lands through regular, small burns. For the last century, the Forest Service policy has been fire suppression. Result: wildly overgrown

their undergrowth fuel. Demonstration burns have been happening in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

So how about here, with the fire season all but upon us? Connolly doesn't hold out great hope. "There are 3 million of us squeezed into San Diego County. There's not enough space the way it's organized — or

not organized — out there."

The Kumeyaay idea is not just for annual burns, but for clustering country dwellers in defensible villages, rather than allowing people to build houses every which where, each in its own 10, 20, 40-acre property, giving fire services an impossible job.

"If you look at an aerial map of San Diego County, you see a checkerboard development, which authorities are not preventing, and which insurance companies are not discouraging with higher rates."

He says this "dispersal pattern of human habitation" is crazy. "You have to clear huge amounts of 'land buffer.' Some terrain where people are allowed to build is in fire corridors. Developers give no consideration to natural realities. It's like building houses on top of railroad tracks."

He praises UCSD's plan for using supercomputers to quickly track wildfires before they get out of control. "But this doesn't solve the problem," he says. "This is just a very good response tool."

Connolly's home reservation of Campo has been doing its best to prepare for fire seasons. For starters, by use of partial dams, they have slowed streams and raised the water table, so they have emergency underground water even in droughts. Instead of doing controlled burns, they hack down the undergrowth and haul it to an empty spot to create mighty bonfires,

supervised by reservation fire truck crews. He acknowledges they're not as effective as controlled burns, "but at least they restore some fertility back into the earth."

How long before we could have the old system totally back? "At the present rate, it could take 100 years of land-use planning."

The next Robert Mondavi?

"Can you come today?"

It's my friend Kim on the phone.

"They're red, they're ready. They're free wine!"

He's talking about his vast vineyard. Okay, it just covers the fencing around the deck he

built atop his garage. "Might get 15 bottles out of this," he says as he hands me gloves and clippers. "Just don't fall off the roof."

Three (exhausting) hours later, we waddle down the steps with two large punnets of "vinifera King's ruby" grapes still on their stalks.

"That's it then?" I say. I'm looking for an out.

"Uh, not quite," he says. "We've got to start them on their journey to wine, my friend. And I know you want to be part of it."

"Oh no. No foot stomping on this wine. How do I know where your feet have been?"

"I do?"

He hauls out this 40-gallon gray plastic drum to a dappled sunlit spot under a tree. Soon, we're tipping the grapes in.

"So is this when I take my flip flops off?" I say.

"Oh no. No foot stomping on this wine," he says. "How do I know where your feet have been?"

fites in. They get rid of bacteria spoilage and wild yeast. I'll put the Fermaid powder in to help fermentation."

He says he'll also "check for Brix" with his hydrometer. "It measures density, the percentage of sugar by weight in the juice. I'm hoping for around 20.5 Brix. That'd predict around 12 percent alcohol when it's ready, which is what we want."

"Yes but when? When's it going to be ready

to drink?" I say. "Months?"

"No way! Ten days. Maybe a little longer for it to settle," Kim says. "By then you'll be able to add 'vintner' to your resume. Think of that, my friend."

Hmm. Of course, I can't resist. Next day, I scurry over to his place, opening up the bin, taking the nose-hit of fermenting grapes, getting the potato masher and sinking it down into



Campo tribal leader Michael Connolly Miskwish believes we should try the native way when it comes to wildfires.

undergrowth, bigger, more destructive wildfires. And with the way San Diego settlers have scattered throughout the back country, county and tribal fire services are over-stretched when it comes to saving people and property.

But up north, in places like Mammoth Lakes, new experiments are happening. "They are trying to revive the old ways," says San Diego's Campo Reservation Tribal leader Mike Connolly Miskwish. "The state is starting to ask us Native Americans how we did it, how come our way worked."

Indeed, the state and federal authorities have recently been asking tribes to show how they used to set small fires to deprive large fires of



Kim clips grapes from his garage rooftop vineyard.

He grabs what looks like a giant potato masher.

"That's exactly what it is," he says. "For industrial kitchens." And he starts squashing the grapes. They don't want to go. "It'll take a few days. This is called punching down. Their skins will break, and gradually they will turn into must, young wine juice. And this is where you come in."

Uh oh. He wants me to come every day. Squish the grapes all around. Scrape the bottom. It turns out Kim has heard of a vineyard in Idaho going for a song. He's heading north. "All you'll have to do," he says, "is punch down every day for the next week. I'll put the sul-

ever-more liquid must. As the days proceed, it's becoming less smelly and more winy. Soon enough, I find myself talking to it, picking out twigs and grape branches. It comes bubbling back up at me like some grateful little animal. There's something about dealing with life itself here. I resist having Deep Thoughts. But I do like the feeling I'm joining a brother/sisterhood that probably included Pliny the Elder and a zillion peasants through the millennia who did just this, tapping into life's energies to create a magic ruby elixir. Can't wait for the moment when we actually drink it. Must remember to take over some cheese and salami and a big long baguette. Only five days to go. ■

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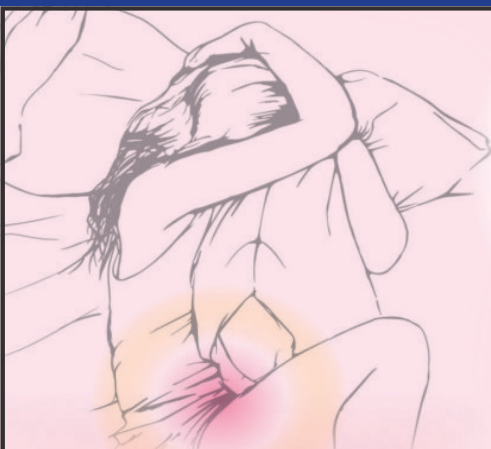
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"It's true that Stone Brewing did not invent the gargoyles," admits Rocky Flint, Stone Brewing's Brand Protection Manager. "But we did trademark it. And we think it's pretty clear that the gothic cathedrals of



A vision of the future?

Europe — Notre Dame in Paris chief among them — are in violation of that trademark. But we're not unreasonable. We understand that the building is in need of some remodeling these days, and so we're offering the Church a chance to make things right without paying out millions in fees or taking down the offending structures. All they have to do is give up a little bit of real estate to our marketing department, insert a few taste-

ful product placements while they go about their repairs. Who knows? French people might start going to church again if they thought it involved a chance to enjoy our delicious craft beers. I understand they're already drinking wine at their gatherings, so it's just a short hops — get it? — to our side of the rail. Miller, on the other hand, they're going down. They can argue that the company is named after founder Frederick Miller, but HE was named after the profession of miller, and we all know that a miller can't do his work of grinding flour into wheat without, you guessed it, a millstone. Wait, what's that? Mill. *Stone*. That's our brand name, and we're going to protect it."

Back to Balboa

Protest leads to position shift for AIDS memorial



"San Diego spoke out, and we listened," said Mayor Faulconer in a statement. "We planned to erect a memorial to San Diego's 8000 AIDS victims within a small park along Olive Street. But you said that somewhere with easy access would be better, someplace like Balboa Park. You were right. The park's Redwood Circle — aka The Fruit Loop — was for decades a place where gay men could meet and mingle, out of sight from from a society that condemned their behavior. And those gay men were the population that was hardest hit by the AIDS epidemic. So what better location for a memorial to those we lost to that terrible disease? Best of all, the memorial will also provide a public service: the pedestal below the pink model of an AIDS virus is a public rest room. Once, harassed souls were forced to meet in public bathrooms for relief, and eventually, even that was taken away by the authorities. Now, we've fixed that mistake."

We Have Met the Enemy and He is Us

Museum of Us agrees to destroy itself

"Looking back, it was inevitable, really," says Esther Erasure, Director of Change at the soon-to-be-razed-and-recently-renamed San Diego Museum of Us. "When we adopted our Decolonizing Initiatives in January of this year, we explicitly acknowledged that it would be an ongoing effort that required ongoing reflection. I think it was February when one of our board members pointed out that the museum's Saint Francis chapel, while touted as non-sectarian, was actually quite Catholic in both design and decor. Catholicism, of course, was just one tool used by the Spanish colonizers to subjugate and eventually destroy the Indigenous population. Further, it was patently ridiculous to have a functioning religious space in a museum devoted to humanity. It wasn't an exhibit in the Museum of God, you know? So the chapel was dismantled. But then another board member noted that the museum *itself*

was designed by a White man to resemble a Spanish Colonial church, and then built on ancient Kumeyaay land — a triple whammy of no-nos. We already knew we were going to get rid of that awful phallic tower when we switched from Museum of Man to Museum of Us. But upon further consideration, we realized the whole thing had to go if we were going to fulfill our mission. Really, the very notion of a museum is a bit absurd — as if we need to make pilgrimages to learn from our cultural betters. What we need is dialogue and exchange. And we invite the rest of Balboa Park to join us in our efforts to decolonize San Diego, starting with that monument to Dead White Male cultural imperialism right next door: The Old Globe Theater. Shakespeare, Shmakespeare. Whoever thought it was appropriate to build a replica of an English theater in a country that was born by rejecting English colonialism,



Erasure: "Some say it's San Diego's most famous landmark. We say, 'most infamous.'"

anyway? And while we're at it, how on earth is our city's main urban park named after a Spanish conquistador? Why does it house a museum devoted to railroads, which did so much to aid the replacement of Indigenous civilization with our current White dystopia? Really, we just hope that our demolition will be remembered as the first domino to fall as America's Finest City finally decided to join the 21st century."

OB-Smacked

Lawless, dirty hippies break laws, leave trash at drum circle gathering

Last Tuesday, San Diego city councilperson Jennifer Campbell said that "we have to get tough" on participants in a weekly Wednesday night drum at Veteran's Park in Ocean Beach. "They have to stop it. They've got to behave in a responsible, adult, mature manner. This is a worldwide emergency. Every single person has to take part in ending it." But in a surprise turn of events, the drum circle took place as planned the following evening, in spite of the warning from this duly elected government official.

"I don't understand it,"

said Pearl Clutch, a contracts attorney who moved to Ocean Beach in November of last year. "The City put up an orange fence around the space where the filthy hippies did their drum circle-rub-shoulders-without-masks thing. They even put up a sign reminding people that gatherings were not permitted because we are in the midst of a pandemic, and must put aside our own personal desires for the sake of the common good in the manner of responsible citizens everywhere. And then these rebellious miscre-



The fence and sign proved no match for the hippies.

ants — with their soiled feet, their unkempt clothing, and their matted hair — just took the fence down and held their drum circle anyway! And to make matters worse, they filled the surrounding public trash receptacles to overflowing! Don't these people have respect for authority, for property, for social norms? Who are these people? What's this country coming to?"

One possibility: a place of greater unity between

people of different political backgrounds. Greg Angry, a Trump supporter and covid skeptic from Arizona who recently appeared in a viral Twitter video in a confrontation with Sprouts employees over his refusal to wear a mask, stopped by the drum circle's Instagram page to comment, "You people are disgusting, perverted animals, but at least we agree on SOMETHING. #covidmyth #nomask"

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An immigrant's point of view

I grew up in the United States with a German-American father and a Mexican-American mother. Her name, Lupe, was a common feature of racial jokes at the time, but I could camouflage my Hispanic roots behind an Anglo last name, pale skin, and green eyes. Still, don't take my mongrel word for anything. I am no more qualified to comment on the lives of immigrants than they are on mine. To better understand an immigrant's point of view, I recently interviewed a Sudanese family, a Kenyan man, and a Mexican woman raised on both sides of the border.

Civil war and civil disagreement

Please don't accuse me of racial profiling, but in some ways, the Kubari family fits a Sudanese stereotype: tall, dark, attractive, and articulate. As with many parents and their children, there is a peaceful divide on various issues. Chief among them is discrimination.

Emma Kubari, who arrived in San Diego when she was seven, says "The United States can give you a false sense of safety where you think, 'I lived through a war; how much worse can it get?' But you come here and it's like an ongoing racial war."

I was introduced to the Kubaris through Karen Richards, who once assisted them and other Sudanese refugees — most notably, the Lost Boys of Sudan after their thousand-mile walk to freedom.

The father of the house is Sabit Kubari. He and his two daughters — Emma (21) and Kani (20) — spoke freely during our time together, while wife and mother Najua listened quietly, not believing her English adequate to voice her opinion openly. Perhaps her hand-crocheted American flag purses made a statement for her.

Sabit and Najua grew up in South Sudan, where he was a civil engineer before the family escaped a bloody civil war some 15 years ago. “I saw people killed and their houses burned,” Sabit said. “When the government became suspicious of South Sudanese intellectuals, they followed and targeted me. I was in Khartoum for my studies when I decided to flee the country, acting quickly because I could have lost my life. I found asylum in Egypt, and once there, sent for my wife and family, along with my wife’s brother. From Egypt, refugees were sent to the United States, Canada, or Australia.”

The Kubaris landed in San Diego, where they continued working and raising a family of three girls and one boy. Emma,



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who recently graduated from UC Santa Barbara, was seven, while Kani, an incoming junior at UCLA, was five when the family touched down on American soil. Keji (27), a graduate from Point Loma Nazarene College, was away at work, and Yohannis (29) was also absent, serving in the U.S. Army. Pre-covid, Sabit worked double shifts at a nursing home. According to him, “If I ever encountered racism there or anywhere else in this country, I was too busy to notice. We were focused

on creating a better life for our children.

“Coming to this country wasn’t a big culture shock for us because we knew a lot about the United States before we arrived. Like many Sudanese, we love to read. I had been an electrical engineer in Sudan, and when I came here I got a job as the housekeeping supervisor for Barona Casino. That lasted three years, until I became a certified nursing assistant and eventually a licensed vocational nurse. Working at healthcare

facilities you are exposed to a lot of sick people, and I contracted covid there. I was in bed for 20 days with a fever, and my wife got it from me.”

Covid also closed Kani’s school, and after she returned home, she worked to nurse her mother and father back to health.

The Sudanese civil war began in 1955 and ended with a peace agreement in 1972. When violence ignited again in 1983, it burned until 2002. “The African culture of South Sudan is different than the rest of Sudan,” Sabit explained. “South Sudanese are mostly African Christians, while in the north, the majority are Arab Muslims. Individually, I never felt a great deal of difference between Muslims and Christians, but when they tried to force their customs on us, we resisted.”


According to Emma, “There is no separation of Church and State in Sudan. Religion plays a huge role in everything. Children are

supposed to stay with their families until they are married. You get married first, and then you date. Parents control everything, from the way you dress to how you behave socially.”

Kani added, “Even most of the parties are centered around religion in Sudan, but over the years, we’ve influenced our parents toward more progressive thought.”

Responding to a question about protesters and rioters, Sabit replied, “It was not good what that cop did [to George Floyd,] and I hope they will do better protecting the citizens. In South Sudan, law enforcement can only shoot someone below the knee. If the person is shot in the back, it’s considered murder, because they are trying to escape. As blacks, we have the right to live as any other Americans. Every-

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body's supposed to be free here, not intimidated by any means. I support a peaceful protest, but not the destruction of property. They have to voice their concerns in a way that people will sympathize with their cause."

Emma and Kani disagree with their father on at least one point. According to Kani, "I believe rioting may be justified at times. If things don't work, you have to try another tactic. Sometimes it goes a little too far and moves away from the cause of the problem. But the news only draws attention to whatever bad is happening. They don't show black people trying to stop looting. You get a very biased story point, so the truth of what's happening is not well covered. There are far more peaceful protests than violent ones, but peaceful protests don't get

much hype. That's dividing us."

While Sabit claims not to have noticed racism applied to himself in the US, both Emma and Kani say they have encountered it. According to Emma, "I used to work at a Fun Zone in Santee, and I would have a lot of racial encounters there, to the point where I would sometimes be sent to the back by my boss. If I worked the night shift, I would have to have one of my co-workers walk me out to my car. The United States can give you a false sense of safety, where you think, 'I lived through a war; how much worse can it get?' But you come here and it's like an ongoing racial war. Our society is more into action movies and gore, so peaceful community events get far less media attention. But discrimination has become

normalized to the point where you never realize the economic and class differences until you don't get hired because of race."

Concerning the national conversation about defunding the police, Emma said, "Defunding the police doesn't mean abolishing the police, but creating a specialized force trained to deal with criminals on a much higher level. Many encounters don't require a person to show up with a gun. That can escalate the problem and cause a lot of fear. Many politicians run on that fear, and there's a lot of fear in this country right now."

Two sides of the border
Isela Moncada is a business owner currently living in Oceanside. Growing up on both sides of the Mexico/US border



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Isela Moncada:
"To me, the key to making things better is communication. It's ironic that we have so many ways to communicate now, but that we don't communicate with each other as well as we used to."

has given her a unique perspective on racism in this country. According to her, "My parents both immigrated from Mexico to the US before I was born. I grew up in California and Mexico, but never experienced racism here. Somebody may have looked at me sideways or mentioned my accent, but that's not racism. Being the oldest of six children, I had to take care of a lot of things at home. I had no time to do anything that would take me away from helping out the family. What-



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Edward Karithi claims to have encountered systemic racism, not in the US, but his home country, Kenya. According to him, "There are public offices a white person cannot hold there, no matter how long their families have lived in the country. That's institutional racism."

ever the reason, I never experienced racism when I was growing up.

"My mother only went as far as third grade, and her mother said that before she could step out of the house, she needed to make two stacks of tortillas. They were made by hand while kneeling, and then thrown into a wood fire. She barely knew how to read, and I realized early on that the way out of that sort of life was through education.

"I did my elementary school education in

Calexico before my parents moved the family to Mexicali so we would learn to speak and read Spanish better. Public education in Mexico is only free to sixth grade, and from there, your parents have to pay for it. One of the good things about that is that people take school seriously in Mexico. My years in Mexicali made me appreciate free education and a lot of other things we take for granted here.

"The impression many people in Mexico get of the US is mainly from the movies and the news, where the goodness of our country is usually not portrayed. People who have not traveled here think everyone here is rich, and don't realize how hard people work to get ahead. Some people come to this country without knowing the language, and they get by living in places where English isn't spoken at all. If you live that way, the only method you have of knowing anything about the US is through watching Spanish-speaking channels. I've watched those channels and they are anti-everything US. When the caravans were coming here, everything they said

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WHEN: Friday and Saturday, August 21 and 22, 6 pm

WHERE: fans.com

WHEN: Saturday, August 22, 12 pm

WHERE: grammymuseum.org

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WHEN: Saturday, August 22, 10 am to 12 pm

WHERE: sandiegowriters.org

Saturday | 22

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Jared Lee, *aka* Duckwrth, is the subject of this week's Grammy Museum Spotlight. The 32-year-old south LA rapper first earned notice in a 2015 split project with the Kickdrums before releasing his debut solo Duckwrth album the following year, *I'm Ugly*. Expect to hear about his newest full-length *SuperGood* and its first three singles.

Sunday | 23

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WHERE: soapmakingstudio.com

Tuesday | 25

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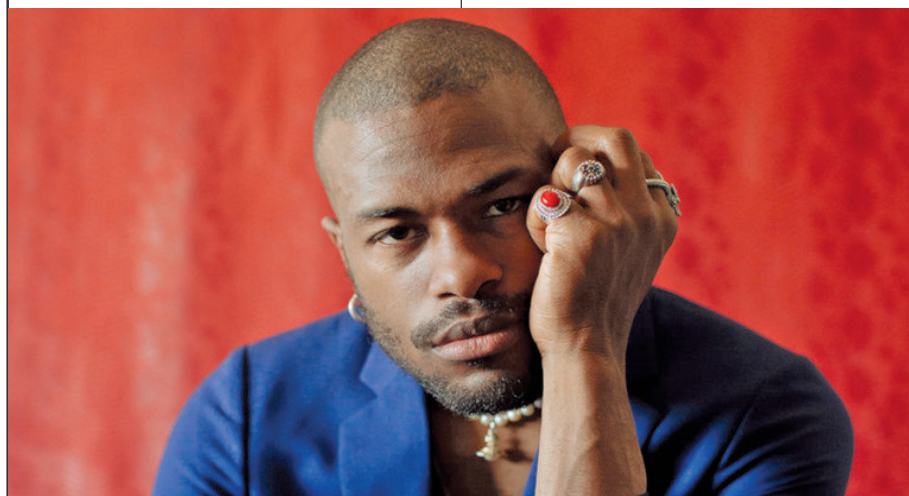
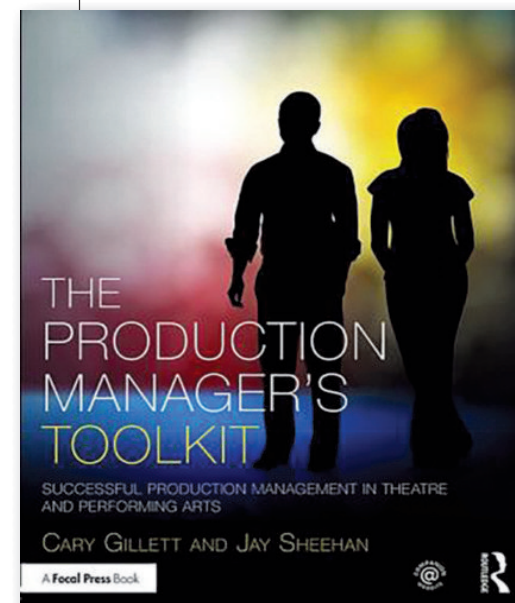
Joining Sheehan in conversation is actor, director, producer and founding partner in The Roustabouts Theatre Co. of San Diego, Phil Johnson. This is a virtual event.

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WHERE: warwicks.com



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the yellow bakery

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my nuts won't freeze

Third week of the plague
he plays sax alone, shrouded
by the bus shelter

Third week of the plague,
Venus glows red tonight...
silent street

Third week of the plague
grey above, so below...
a barge steams steady

Third week of the plague
drunks laugh, back of the bus...
nothing can kill them

Third week of the plague
the laptop warms my lap...
safe from the rain

Third week of the plague
is it the same hummingbird
each morning?



Andrew Hamlin likes to photograph shoes and write about dog shit. He was born and raised in Seattle, where he resides today. He attended the Evergreen State College, where he wrote

and edited arts coverage for the *Cooper Point Journal*. He is the film critic for the *Northwest Asian Weekly*, and he's published arts coverage and criticism in the *San Diego Reader*, *Village Voice*, *Seattle Times*, *Seattle Weekly*, *Goldmine*, and other publications. He misses Helen Wiggins. Hamlin's website is www.andrewhamlin.org.

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Saicho

In the lotus-flower is implicit its emergence from the water. If it does not emerge, its blossoms will not open; in the emergence is implicit the blossoming. If the water is three feet deep, the stalk of the flower will be four or five feet; if the water is seven or eight feet deep, the stalk will be over ten feet tall. That is what is implied by the emergence from the water. The greater the amount of water, the taller the stalk will grow; the potential growth is limitless. Now, all

human beings have the lotus of Buddhahood within them. It will rise above the mire and foul water of the Hinayana and Quasi-Mahayana, and then through the stage of the bodhisattvas to open, leaves and blossoms together, in full glory.

– from the writings of Saicho

Saicho (767-822) was a Japanese Buddhist who founded the Tendai school of Buddhism,

based on a form of Chinese Buddhism in the Tiantai school, which he visited during a trip to China in 804. He is also credited for having been the first to bring tea to Japan. Basing much of his form of Buddhism on the ancient Sanskrit text known as the Lotus Sutra, Saicho held that all humans have the potential to become the Buddha, that is, the divinely enlightened one, and that the Buddha is himself eternal.



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Argentina vs. El Salvador

Because cattle of the pampas is what Argentina's all about.

Argentina? El Salvador? Empanadas? Pupusas? What's the difference?

I'm wandering, wandering, and wondering as I wander. I've just come down from City College. Had this crazy notion that their cafeteria might be open. What I found instead was an orange and black kaleidoscope of butterflies drinking from all the flowers of the college's abandoned wild garden, and flying and flirting with each other. No humans! Felt a little post-apocalyptic.

Whatever, I'm kinda relieved to make it out to this bunch of eateries down on 10th and C. And the yellow one with the Argentinian comfort food hits the spot. Empanada Kitchen. I've been here before, but forgot how beautifully they bake their "rope"-enclosed *empanadas*. Golden, almost crunchy, but not overpowering the filling inside. I end up getting three. The beef, because cattle of

eat outside.

So first, I've got to test my *empanada*/ *pupusa* theory. "Authentic Salvadoran food," says the menu.

These are ancient foods. I heard *pupusas* ("swollen bread" might be a good translation) came from the Pipil people, the ancient folks who lived where El Salvador is today. They usually filled their *pupusas* with cheese and *frijoles*, but also the flower of the loroco

plant, *chicharron* (the Salvadoran version, pork paste, not the Mexican pork rinds); *revuelta*, meaning a mix of beans, cheese, and pork paste; and alongside, *curtido*, the sauerkraut/kimchi of El Salvador that always comes with *pupusas*.

The menu says they have stuffings such as spinach, pepperoni with cheese, fish, potatoes, *calabaza* (winter squash), cactus, broccoli and hongo (mushrooms). Cost \$2.50 each, except for fish. That one's \$2.75.

So the question is, if they have burritos, omelets, tacos, tamales — and they do — why go for *pupusa*?

Because *pupusa* is so-o Salvadoran. And this little country is so steeped in the lore of ancient America, ya just gotta sink your teeth into its history. The Salvadoran government even made the *pupusa* El Salvador's national dish in 2005.

But which *pupusa*?

"The *chicharron*. I have it every time," says this guy John. He's Salvadoran-

American, in the line ahead. Turns out he's from Texas. Navy dental assistant ("so everyone's nice to me").

Hmm.

When it's my turn, I start with a drink, *horchata*, that's as much Mexican as Central American, with its milky vanilla flavor actually derived from rice (50 cents). It's another majorly historical item. The Muslim Moors brought it to Spain 1000 years ago, so we're drinking history here. Then I choose the *revuelta*, because it's that mix of cheese, beans and *chicharron*. Dang it, I completely forget to ask for that other Central American classic stuffing, the flowers of the loroco plant. I just ask for one stuffed with *papas*. Potatoes. Because now I'm distracted by this other dish I have to ask for: *yuca frita*. It's a whole bunch of cubed, sautéed pork, with *curtido*, and most importantly, fried yuca. You wanna talk ancient? People around here have been domesticating and eating yuca (manioc, tapioca, whatever), for the past ten thousand years. So I order that, too. Costs \$7.99 with a bit of salad.



Cheese leaks out of *pupusa*

the *pampas* is what Argentina's all about, but then one with mushroom and goat cheese, and another with sweet corn and basil. Goodness, each of them is delicious. The basil really tweaks the sweet corn, and the flavor of the mushrooms with the twangy goat cheese has me swearing to come back and explore more.

Two days later, I'm down in National City, standing in front of a Salvadoran *pupuseria*. Silvia's. Hits me: really, what's the difference between an *empanada* from Argentina and a *pupusa* from El Salvador? They're both kind of bready stuff wrapped around different fillings. Of course a *pupusa*'s "bread" is usually cornmeal, but it's still got interesting things stuck in between the wrap.

We're at the Highland View Center on East 8th Street. Pupuseria Silvia looks closed, like so many of the other places here, but no. People are eating at a couple of the tables set up outside. I head in. The inside tables have all been enclosed behind plastic curtains, except nobody's sitting there. "Solo para llevar," says a sign. "Only take-out." But the guy at the counter, Raul, says we can



Land of volcanoes. Salvadoran art dominates interior

I head out, sit down at a polished wooden table. Get talking to John. He says this Salvadoran food is better than in Texas. "Up here, it's more mom and pop, family-style, hand patted. Down in Texas, it's more industrial."

Raul turns up with my *pupusas*, and the plate of *yuca frita*. And I do see how uneven and hand-shaped the *pupusas* look — just like the Pipil people made it back in the day, I'm guessing.

The *pupusas* feel and taste like comfort food. And now I think of it, that's how it has always been: the further south you go, the hotter the weather, the tamer the food gets. None of the scalding peppers from Mexico's *El Norte*. But I like it. And I like the crispy-fried *yuca* root. It really has a neutral taste that works well with the savory chunks of marinated pork. Again, the *curtido*'s here to clean out your mouth.

Sun's setting. Our colony of eaters sits huddled against Silvia's windows. We're serious about chomping down while the sun's still lighting and



John Mancia, from Texas, says National City does Salvadoran better than Texas

warming the place.

And the war between *empanadas* and *pupusas*? Turns out Salvadorans make their own *empanadas*. The difference? Guess I'll have to come back on that one. ■

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Tahona's street cred

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Tahona Bar takes it to the street

Tahona; 2414 San Diego Avenue, Old Town. As indoor dining is still off limits, I didn't expect to find myself at Tahona Bar. Old Town's best modern Mexican eatery boasts a stunning rustic-meets-contemporary interior, punctuated by tastefully arranged bottles of its signature booze, mezcal (a *tahona* is the traditional stone wheel used to crush agave *piñas* in making the smoky spirit). As much as the creative food and craft cocktails, a romantic setting is the lure here, and shame as it is, I wouldn't have thought the place could replicate the same level of charm while embracing the sidewalk and asphalt *al fresco* that dominates this corona summer.

And it hasn't.

FEAST!

But neither has Tahona withered in the face of covid restrictions. Instead, it's made the most of the resources available to provide an altogether different experience that remains worth a visit.

For one, it's switched to counter service, taking orders from a table crossing its entrance. Food prep, too, has been taken outside, to a *plancha* just off the sidewalk. The menu has been stripped down, losing refined takes on *antojitos*, *moles*, and *aguachiles* to focus on street tacos and burritos.

Which isn't to say the food has lost any luster. The \$4 tacos include a *pollo al pastor* with pineapple, *carne asada* with a black bean puree, shrimp *al diablo* with Oaxacan cheese, and a vegan taco of cauliflower and *maitake* mushroom with black mole and sesame seeds. My favorite was the slow-braised *carnitas*, far less greasy and salty than what you'll find at the majority of local taco shops, yet every bit as satisfying. In all the tacos, the fresh corn tortillas were scrumptious: light, and slightly crispy at the edges, they set the tone for my whole meal.

Order a \$13 "fuerte", and your choice of above proteins are served on a plate, with tortillas on the side, along with black beans and tender kernels of barley. That barley an appearance inside the \$10 burritos. As someone who tends to prefer casual dining, I enjoyed the food here better out on the sidewalk, minus the fuss and expectations of the beautiful interior.

As far as atmosphere goes, there's not a ton



The Tahona VW bus parked out front feature a mezcal bar inside.

by Ian Anderson

to enjoy on San Diego Avenue, but Tahona sits next door to the historic El Campo Cemetery, which dates back to 1849, so we enjoyed watching tourists explore the small graveyard and its mix of stone and wood markers.

Beside that, Tahona has proven its character with a couple of quirky touches. Sidewalk tables themselves are shaded by turquoise umbrellas, the seating bracketed on one side by a metal donkey sculpture, on the other by a blue VW bus. The back hatch of the bus is flipped open to reveal the restaurant's mezcal selection inside. Tahona may have moved out to the street, but most of its tasty cocktail selection came with it, a bartender putting cocktail shakers to work, even during weekend lunch hours.



A trio of tacos- (front to back) *carne asada*, *pollo pastor*, *carnitas*.



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Serving pizza allows brewery to serve beer.

Angry Pete's Pizza brings Detroit to Kensington

Angry Pete's Pizza; 4067 Adams Avenue, Kensington. I couldn't be sure Detroit pizza was really a thing. I'd read about the Motown style, sure. That it was a thick crust pie, baked in rectangular pans, a descendent of Sicilian pizza. But it was something that only existed 2000 miles away, in a city I've never seen, all but eclipsed in the imagination by the bravado of New York slices, and the deep dishes of Chicago.

Then Angry Pete's Pizza moved into neighborhood brewery Kensington Brewing Company and I realized that, not only is Detroit style pizza real, it's among the most satisfying pies in San Diego.

Would that I had found it sooner! Angry Pete's has apparently been around a couple of years, popping up at breweries and bars and markets. It still does so, serving take-and-bake pies at bar Sin Nombre in Chula Vista, for example. But in setting up a 500-degree oven in the back of Kensington Brewing, Pete's has settled into a daily location, while allowing the brewery to serve beer on its patio during the current round of covid restrictions.

Wet dough and that 500-degree cook makes its crust porous and fluffy; a focaccia yet more fun to chew owing to its pan-crisped edges. Also crisped at the edges is the generous yet not over-the-top layer of cheese: a combination of mozzarella, white cheddar, and, true to Detroit tradition, Wisconsin brick cheese. Pete's serves four-slice rectangular

pies for \$18 apiece, ensuring every slice yields a corner edge, where the caramelized cheese and crust delivers a most exquisite last bite.

A quirk of the Detroit style is that the basil- and oregano-tinted tomato sauce goes on top of the cheese and toppings. As for the micro basil chef Peter Harbison adds to each finished pie, I'm not sure whether that's more a nod to the Michigan native's 15 years spent in Southern California, or to his own 24-year professional culinary history. His choice of toppings may be a window into his own tastes.

Of the three different pies available, one keeps it relatively basic, going without toppings

and a four-cheese blend. A second layers the crust with cheese-filled raviolis, in turn smothered with a meaty take on his tomato sauce. This one will fill you up fast.

My favorite has to be the double pepperoni — and not simply because the pepperoni is generously applied. In addition to the customary thin, round slices, it also features diced pepperoni, little chunks of America's favorite pizza topping, creating added bursts of flavor and chew to a style of pizza with plenty of flavor and chew to go around.

I'm still a fan of Chicago pizza and Neapolitan pies. But now I'm a hundred percent sold on Detroit pizza and forced to

wonder: is New York style pizza even good? Or does New York just have a larger, louder population constantly telling us so?

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Hatch Chile Season: Chile Roastings To Go The distinct fragrance and taste of Hatch Chile Peppers is always a favorite of the Gelson's customer. This year,

Gelson's will offer their customers roasted Hatch Chile peppers to go. Chiles can be ordered online and are available for pick up. Gelson's has long been a local advocate for Hatch Chiles, a mildly hot and savory pepper that, when perfectly roasted, yields a uniquely delicious flavor, both spicy and sweet, offering a flavor pop that enhances a range of recipes. The Gelson's Kitchen also offers Hatch Chile Cornbread, Hatch Egg Salad, Hatch Chile/Grilled Corn/Heirloom Tomato Salad, Hatch Macaroni & Cheese, Mini Quiche

Hatch Chile, Hatch BBQ Chicken Wings, Hatch Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla and, new on the menu, Hatch Shrimp and Cheese Quesadilla. Hatch Chile Chicken Sausage, Hatch Chile Bratwursts and Hatch Chile Chicken Chorizo are among the many offerings from the meat department. Customers can order their chiles for any Saturday, up to the Thursday immediately prior (while supplies last). Customers can choose a pick-up window. Saturday, August 22, 10am; \$40. Gelson's Market, 2707 Via De La Valle. (DEL MAR)



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Closed-Mic By the time Jefferson Jay started hosting the Thursday night open-mic at Winstons he was already an old pro. At that point Jay already had a long history of running these events at venues that included Tom Foolery's, O' Connell's, and Gallagher's. Out of all the former gigs, it was a mid- to late-2000s run at Portugalia (now a Breakfast Republic in Ocean Beach) that Jay seems to remember most fondly.

"The owners had a wild west mentality, and they set me free on the music side of it," Jay explained. "I like to think that me and the people I got involved with helped save that place. It was totally failing and then we came in and brought a lot of energy and it built up."

He continued, "I was eventually there three nights a week. I hosted 12 hours and 24 hours of free music there in 2008 and 2009, picking up on those shows I did at Lestat's in 2003 and Hot Monkey Love Café in 2005. That was pretty cool because you can't really find a venue anymore, even before the pandemic, that's willing to do 24 hours of free music at this point."

Jay was offered a 6-9 slot at Winstons while he was still hosting at Portugalia, but he declined. "I was so into the whole idea of 'this show starts at 6 pm and goes till 2 am.' I was young and fired up and that's what I wanted," he said. Fast-forward to 2012 where a not quite as young and less fired up Jay (who also happened to be an open-mic free agent at the time) suddenly found the same offer quite enticing. He accepted and has hosted a successful open-mic at Winstons for eight years now.

And then COVID-19 happened. For the first time, Jay would move an open-mic night



Nobody rocks purple like Jefferson Jay.

into the digital realm. "Closed-Mic" was born. The new show features pre-taped music clips from a variety of artists. Some are well-edited music videos. Many are taped live performances, and there's even a father-son duo that specialize in karaoke sing-alongs to songs such as Bon Jovi's "Livin' On A Prayer."

"Anybody can submit, and I'll take anyone," Jay explained. "It's just like open-mic. My one criteria for the most part is the same that it is at open-mic at Winstons — I would like it to be music. I don't want a comedy thing."

According to Jay, the Closed-Mic show usually gets 800-1000 viewers during the 60-90 minutes while it's streaming live on Facebook. That number then tends to double over the next week or so, and levels off when the next episode comes out. Since "some people don't do Facebook" he also uploads every episode to his YouTube channel The Good Vibe Network.

Speaking of which, The Good Vibe is the company he started to spearhead his new passion project, in his words "An animated, holiday-season, musical-comedy series that will

show what people with disabilities are capable of when given a chance.... A program with characters you can trust for generations, like *Sesame Street*."

The pilot for the series is almost done, and then it's a matter of setting up meetings to secure a deal with a network or streaming service.

And if all this wasn't enough, Jay is also sitting on five albums of acoustic recordings that he's hoping to release before 2021.

And as for returning to the regular open-mic, he isn't in a rush. "The last line in the 'Star-Spangled Banner' is 'The land of the free and the home of the brave.' That's a great statement, but when you look at it maybe it should be 'The land of the smart and the home of the safe.'"

That's a lot more sustainable long term. It's great to be free and brave, but I think we're seeing what that can lead to."

— Dryw Keltz

Tyson Motsenbocker's worried about the virus, and who isn't? But he's looking forward to playing shows when he can, showcasing his new album *Someday I'll Make It All Up To You*. He was kind enough to take some questions.

What are your best, worst, and most unusual stories from playing San Diego?

I played in La Jolla before Trevor Davis a long time ago, and the audience was primarily La Jolla women and their much younger boyfriends. I played a bunch of sad songs while they looked at me very displeased until Trevor came up and did an a capella version of Michael Jackson's "Beat It," including all the vocal ad-libs. One of the women audibly sighed with relief.

My favorite San Diego memories are at the Melody League Christmas show that we do at La Paloma at Encinitas every year. So many heroes show up, everybody plays for free, and we donate



all the ticket sales to charity. It feels like the purest form of live music to me.

Best, worst, and most unusual stories from playing around the world?

Playing the Wiltern in Los Angeles, the Ryman in Nashville. Some of the other clubs that turned modern music towards the place it is now, like 9:30 in DC or First Avenue in Minneapolis.

Pretty often the most magical moments come out of nowhere — we played our final show on the postponed tour in Minneapolis, and the city was entering quarantine for Coronavirus. It was the last event before they shut the town down. Everyone was unsure

of business two weeks before I was supposed to start working there. All of my friends lost their job offers as well, so I called everybody I knew and told them that if we were going to work lousy jobs, we might as well be by the beach. Twelve of us moved into a house in Solana Beach, and I've been in North County ever since.

What are your favorite venues to play and to watch music in San Diego?

The Belly Up is my favorite. It's really close to where I live and I know a lot of the folks who work there. It's basically the perfect size club. It sounds amazing, and it's run well. Casbah is great as well.

Favorite places to eat, drink,

San Francisco. What possessed you to do that?

When I walked across California I didn't really have a lot of goals so to speak, aside from reaching the end. My mother had just passed away and my entire world was in a massive tailspin. I wrote a lot of the songs while I was walking by beginning to formulate what loss meant, categorically and specific to my situation. When I finished the walk I had a little yellow notebook filled with the words, themes, and thoughts that would become *Letters to Lost Loves*.

A guitar was too big to carry, it also wasn't the point of the thing I was doing. I slept on the side of the road most



Tyson Motsenbocker: "It feels like the purest form of live music to me."

and a little afraid to be there, it was this incredible moment where I could watch folks settle into the music from the stage. It was an odd time to be out in the world.

When I graduated from college I had a job offer to work at a booking agency in Portland, Oregon, but the economy crashed and the place went out

and hang out in San Diego?

I don't even want to know how many breakfast burritos from Rudy's in Solana Beach I've had. Seaside Market in Cardiff. Campfire in Carlsbad. In the city, all of the Consortium Holdings restaurants are incredible — Underbelly is a favorite.

You wrote your first album while hiking from San Diego to

nights, or in fields or people's barns. I ate what I could carry, and I met some of the most fascinating people I've ever known.

— Andrew Hamlin

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ALICIA PREVIN

Singer-violinist Alicia Previn is the daughter of André Previn (the conductor of the Houston, Pittsburgh, and London Symphony Orchestras) and jazz singer Betty Bennett. She began playing the violin at age seven and was classically trained at the Royal Academy of Music in London by Virginia Majewski and Joan Rotchford-Davies. Among the local acts she's performed with are the New Archaic, In Tua Nua, Folding Mr. Lincoln, Tim Foley, Yael & Vlady, the Rose Three, Big Boss Bubeleh, Now Jazz Quartet, the Young Dubliners, and others. Those she has recorded with include Philip D'Arrow, Andy Leek, the Hothouse Flowers, Flogging Molly, Katmandu, Finn MacCool, Ten Bright

Spikes, the Bumpin' Uglies, Cracker, Great White and Jack Russell, Richard Thompson, General Public, and the Communards. Previn has also authored several children's books addressing the Earth's ecological future regarding earthworms, tortoises, and bees, sometimes tying her music in with the book projects. She recently added a new page to her website called Book Music, which features each song written for her four books in the *Love of Nature* series. "The Earthworm Book also has my narration with page-turning sounds, other instrumentals, and a dance by David Ybarra," says Previn.



STEPH JOHNSON

Singer-songwriter Steph Johnson quit her job at a bank in 2009 to pursue music as a full-time career. Her debut album *Genesee* was nominated for a 2006 San Diego Music Award, and her 2010 full-length *Mysterious Feminine* won Best Jazz Album at that year's SDMAs. That album, however, was more R&B and funk, a sound she has since embraced and expanded upon. Aside from sharing the stage with headliners such as jazz bassist Stanley Clarke and Latin percussion master Poncho Sanchez, she's been a member of various local combos featuring players

like keyboardist Leo Dombecki, drummer Jesse Charno, bassist Rob Thorsen, and drummer Fernando Gomez, and her 2016 album *Music is Art* was produced by Kamau Kenyatta. Johnson just released a new album on all streaming platforms, *So In Love*. In addition to planning upcoming tour dates and other efforts to promote the album in the age of COVID-19, her involvement with the local Voices of Our City Choir has helped land the homeless advocates of that vocal ensemble in the live rounds of the TV competition *America's Got Talent*.



ROGER!

Citing influences such as Guided by Voices, Ween, Wilco, the Band, the Replacements, and Flaming Lips, Roger! was founded in Escondido circa 2008 by singer-guitarist Ernesto Garcia Jr. (Sour Mash Jack, Stunt Double), aka Ernie Garcia, who moved from west Texas to southern California in 2000. Their debut full-length *Dark Matter* was released in 2012, followed two years later by *Wishing for Boredom*. Whereas their debut was basically a rock and roll record,

the sophomore effort displayed more of a country sound, no doubt inspired by Garcia's Texas roots. Other releases through the years have include the EPS *Circle of Willis*, *Try*, and *Ugly American*, a full-length called *Tomorrow is Today*, and a concert album, *Live in Long Beach*. Another EP debuted earlier this year called *Hivemind*, and the band is currently in the mixing stage of a new LP, which will be their first full-length to be pressed in a vinyl edition.



SLUKA

Singer-songwriter Christopher Sluka is an FAA gold-seal-certified flight instructor, with a commercial pilot's license and over 3000 hours of flight time, who has served as assistant chief instructor for National Air College, Montgomery Field. In 1994, Sluka bought PB's Javanican Coffeehouse, soon opening a Mission Beach branch where he also regularly performed for years before getting out of the coffee business around 2010. His album releases have included *Introversions*, released in 2016 via his own Steel Flower Music label, and *Colorful Radiation*, released in November 2017. The latter full-length spawned a hit single, "Rise," which he described as "my reaction to the Trump phenom-

ena." It reached number 17 on the *Cashbox* Rock Chart. Last year's *Ready to Connect* album was promoted with a single for "Hey Oh" produced, engineered, mixed, and mastered by Rolling Stones producer Alan Sanderson at local Pacific Beat Recording Studio. A video for "Hey Oh" was directed and edited by Eric Bishop. Early 2020 saw the release of a new single and video for "VIP" Sluka's current four-piece psychedelic-goth rock band recently released a new single and video for "VIP" as well as a politically-themed single called "Vampire's Ball" that comes with a video featuring footage shot at recent protest gatherings around San Diego, mixed with band performance footage.



SICKSTRING OUTLAWS

"I feel it's time to open up on my feelings regarding the Confederate flag," says Sickstring Outlaws singer-guitarist Ron Houston. "I finally came to realize that to be an outlaw country band didn't mean you had to embrace the confederate flag. I was born in West Monroe, Louisiana. Southern blood runs through my veins and I always felt that the Confederate flag was about heritage, not hate...when I was younger and drinking daily and totally immersed in the rebel country music scene, I bought into it. I got a tattoo of the Confederate flag on my arm, along with skulls which represented the lives lost fighting under the Confederate

flag. What I have come to realize is that the Confederate flag has nothing to do with southern heritage, at least not for me. It's not a state flag for any southern state that I know of. It was a war flag made specifically for the civil war and flown by the side that wanted to keep slavery alive and well...the Confederate flag should be in a museum as a civil war relic and be there to teach our youth about our dark past, not out in today's society to make people feel angry or uncomfortable. I made the very heartfelt decision to have my tattoo covered up because I was wrong. It's not part of my heritage at all. It's not a part of who I am."

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Off Broadway Live:

Friday & Saturday, 6pm — Encore Tribute: The Beach Boys.

Online Internet Events:

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Friday, 7:30pm — Belly Up Livestream: The Sully Band.

Friday, 6pm — Old Globe: Word Up.

Saturday, 12pm — Grammy Museum Spotlight Saturdays.

Saturday, 2pm — ProgStock Virtual Series.

Saturday, 12pm — Unleash the Archers Livestream Concert. \$10. Sunday, 10am — Björk Live from Reykjavik.

Monday, 5pm — Topeka Presents John Hiatt.

Wednesday, 7:30pm — Ellie Goulding: The Brightest Blue Experience. \$15.

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Friday, 8pm — Yachtley Crew.

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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Pried from Italy

Giovanni Sgambati conducted the Italian premiere of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 3* in 1867. He also conducted the Italian premiere of Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7* in 1870.

Let that sink in for just a moment. Beethoven composed his Third Symphony in 1803 and the Seventh in 1812. He died in 1827. Two of his greatest symphonies weren't heard in Italy until 40 years after his death. Italy was all about opera in the 19th Century.

Can anyone name an Italian symphony from the 19th Century? Who was this Sgambati character who finally brought Beethoven's symphonies to Italian audiences that clearly weren't clamoring for symphonies?

Sgambati was born in Rome. His father was an Italian lawyer who spent his leisure time with expatriate artists living in Rome. Sgambati's mother was the

daughter of the English sculptor Joseph Gott.

From the beginning, Sgambati had a cosmopolitan experience of the world. He was a gifted pianist and began playing in the salons of Roman high culture at the age of five. At age six, he gave well-received public performances in Rome.

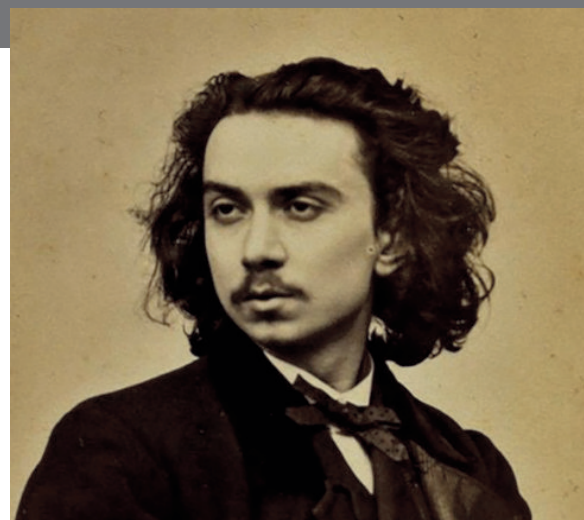
Sgambati's father died around this time, and the family moved to the small town of Trevi in central Italy. In Trevi, Sgambati perfected his technique as a pianist and moved back to Rome in 1860.

In 1862, he met Franz Liszt who saw an opportunity to pry a young Italian pianist away from the clutches of opera, and arranged for Sgambati to move to Germany. While in Germany, Sgambati experienced the rigors of German compositions and marveled at the sonic ability of the German orchestras. He met Anton

Rubenstein, the founder of the St. Petersburg and Moscow Conservatories. Rubenstein, considered the greatest pianist in Russia, offered Sgambati a position in Moscow. Sgambati refused the position and founded his own music school in Rome.

Sgambati is something of the Italian Liszt or Rubenstein. All three men composed music, but they were best known for their piano performances and as educators. Sgambati wrote some good music. I've been listening to his first two symphonies, his piano concerto, his piano quintets, and his requiem.

I find the symphonies to be quite satisfying, and I think the audiences of today would respond well to them. The piano concerto is resurrected every now and then by a big name pianist such as Jorge Bolet. The music itself



At age six, Sgambati gave well-received public performances in Rome.

isn't that compelling, but the piano part is solid, much like the piano concertos of Liszt and Rubenstein.

I tried to listen to Sgambati's *Requiem* but I found it tedious. It was written in 1895, and by that point, Verdi's *Requiem* was established as the preeminent Italian requiem.

The piano quintets are fantastic. I would love to

get a chance to hear them live. In 1876, Sgambati met Richard Wagner. Wagner was so impressed with Sgambati that he pushed for the publication of Sgambati's two piano quintets.

Was Sgambati a genius? Not by 19th Century standards. However, his music is worthy of consideration. Listen to those piano quintets and I'm sure you will agree.

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UPCOMING SHOWS

House of Blues:

Sunday, Sep. 6 — Juice.

Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Sunday, Sep. 6 — Clannad.

Music Box:

Saturday, Sep. 5 — Gondwana, E.N Young, DJ Richie.
Thursday, Sep. 10 — Squirrel Nut Zippers. \$35-\$37.
Wednesday, Sep. 16 — Manic Focus and Mersiv.
Friday, Sep. 18 — She Past Away and Forever Grey.
Thursday, Sep. 24 — Digable Planets.

Off Broadway Live:

Friday, Aug. 28 — Encore Tribute: The Beach Boys.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Encore Tribute: The Beach Boys.
Sunday, Aug. 30 — Encore Tribute: The Beach Boys.
Friday, Sep. 11 — Encore Tribute: Abba.
Saturday, Sep. 12 — Encore Tribute: Abba.
Friday, Sep. 18 — Encore Tribute: Abba.
Saturday, Sep. 19 — Encore Tribute: Abba.
Sunday, Sep. 20 — Encore Tribute: Abba.

Old Town Blues Club:

Saturday, Aug. 29 — Rod Run Classic Car Show & Sock-Hop. **Free.**

Old Town State Historic Park:

Saturday, Sep. 12 — Fiesta Old Town. **Free.**
Sunday, Sep. 13 — Fiesta Old Town. **Free.**

Online Internet Events:

Thursday, Aug. 27 — Peter Sprague Weekly Livestream Concert. **Free.**
Friday, Aug. 28 — Belly Up Livestream: The Score - Carry On. \$10.
Friday, Aug. 28 — Inside Lands Virtual Music Festival.
Friday, Aug. 28 — Old Globe: Word Up.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Whippoorwill Arts Festival.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — ProgStock Virtual Series.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Grammy Museum Spotlight Saturdays.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Idles Livestream Concert.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Follow The Light Virtual Music Festival.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Inside Lands Virtual Music Festival.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Tommy Emmanuel. \$15-\$20.
Saturday, Aug. 29 — Idles Livestream Concert.
Sunday, Aug. 30 — Whippoorwill

Arts Festival.

Sunday, Aug. 30 — Pete Yorn Livestream Concert. \$15-\$60.
Sunday, Aug. 30 — Joshua Scott Jones Sunday Sunset Livestream. \$10.
Sunday, Aug. 30 — Idles Livestream Concert.
Monday, Aug. 31 — Topeka Presents John Hiatt.
Thursday, Sep. 10 — A Stray Catalyst Living Room Stream. **Free.**
Friday, Sep. 11 — Lacuna Coil Live From the Apocalypse.
Saturday, Sep. 12 — San Diego Blues Festival.
Friday, Sep. 18 — Morsefest 2020: Lockdown.
Saturday, Sep. 19 — Morsefest 2020: Lockdown.
Sunday, Sep. 20 — Dex Romweber Livestream From the Cave.
Tuesday, Sep. 22 — Music Box: Daughtry's Live From Home Tour.

Pala Mesa Resort:

Thursday, Sep. 10 — MohaviSoul.

Palomar Starlight Theater:

Friday, Aug. 28 — Wayward Sons.
Saturday, Sep. 5 — Rose Royce.
Sunday, Sep. 6 — Mariachi Divas.
Friday, Sep. 11 — Metalachi.
Saturday, Sep. 19 — War. \$52-\$78.

Soda Bar:

Sunday, Sep. 13 — Christian Death.
Tuesday, Sep. 15 — Negativland.
Wednesday, Sep. 23 — The Meteors.

Soma:

Wednesday, Sep. 2 — AJJ, Xiu Xiu, Emperor X.

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Atom Egoyan's rabbit feat

The way *Guest of Honour* is being vaunted in some circles, one would think that it had been decades since its writer-director had turned in anything of quality. The truth is that Atom Egoyan has never made a bad movie, just one that isn't as good as the others. (This one, alas.)

MOVIES

The tension between public perception and private history is always at the core of Egoyan's work. Jim (David Thewlis) is a persnickety, permanently punched-in city health inspector. Though not a religious man, when his time came, the widower left instructions with his daughter that he be given a church funeral, which is where our story begins.

Veronica (Laysla de Oliveira), a former high school music teacher, meets with Father Greg (Luke Wilson) to make arrangements for Jim's service. No one would ever confuse the aseptic beauty for an ex-convict, but when asked to provide memories for the eulogy, all Veronica has to offer is that her father did a great job of looking after her pet bunny while she was in prison serving time for a prank that got out of hand.

Technology as a tool for evil is another of Egoyan's pet concerns, this time, it shows up in the form of a single-note school bus driver (Rossif Sutherland) who frames Veronica by surreptitiously using her phone to sexually harass a pair of underage students. For reasons I won't spoil, Veronica pleads guilty and insists on receiving the maximum sentence.

There's a saying that lucky rabbit's feet come from unlucky rabbits, but you couldn't prove it by Benjamin Bunny, who, for 15 pampered years — the timeline of the film — provided the family with loyal companionship. Jim lost his daughter's respect the day she spied him in church, seated between her dying mother and her music teacher, and holding hands with the latter. This audience member's respect died along with the rabbit. Benjamin's peaceful passing was but a contributing factor to what turned out to be a ghastly day for Jim.

A visit to an Armenian restaurant finds the owner (played by Egoyan's wife and stock company accomplice Arsinée Khanjian) not only purchasing rabbits unskinned and unprocessed, but repurposing their ears for other purveyors to sell as deep-fried delicacies. As great a performance as Thewlis gives — and there hasn't been one quite this memorable since *Naked* — the film never gains the dramatic foothold needed to make

his character's implausibilities plausible. Any animal lover who has formed a relationship even remotely similar to the one between Benjamin and Jim would have viewed the stack of rabbit pelts as an omen, shuttered the establishment until it was once again brought up to code, and been off. In an attempt to

tie three storylines together, Jim returns later that evening, where he winds up as the eponymous toastmaster, drunk, angry, and issuing a death threat against the driver who ruined his daughter's life. A video of Jim's meltdown soon goes viral.

It's been five years since Egoyan gifted us with a movie: I found *Remember* the most memorable picture of 2015. Others were quick to forget it. Had this been the work of a novice, I'd probably proclaim eternal buddyhood on the basis of one picture. Egoyan-lite is still more full-bodied than almost all of his contemporaries, but this one ends with a bitter aftertaste. ★★

—Scott Marks

Video on Demand New Release Roundup

An American Pickle — A trustworthy storyteller recognizes that the essence of fantasy relies less on a filmmaker's potential to suspend disbelief and more on their ability to create a plausible universe within which to frame their work. Herschel Greenbaum (Seth Rogen) is a Russian-Jewish immigrant, transplanted to Brooklyn in 1919, where he worked as a pickler. Revived from a briny, 100-year snooze, and without so much as one tweet or TV crew to acknowledge him, Herschel exits the hospital freer than if he'd been there visiting a sick friend. Huh? There's not one wrinkled nose when a dead-ringer for Tevya in a touring company of *Fiddler on the Roof*, back from the dead and sporting the same clothes he was pickled in, walks past. Big lapses in logic to overcome, but then, it's early in the picture. Next up, the presence of street-corner seltzer vendors in ancient Brooklyn. I'll go along with them, and even buy into Herschel's desire to just once in his life have a sip of the then-cost-prohibitive carbonated refreshment. The centenarian goes to live with his great-great-grandson, and the presence of a seltzer water maker in Ben's (Rogen in a dual role) kitchen doesn't trouble me one bit. What sets me spinning is that after a full reel spent milking this cow-sized



Guest of Honor: David Thewlis' wabbit twouble in Atom Egoyan's latest.

gag, Ben hands Herschel a glass of freshly-charged water without so much as one bubble surging through it. We open strong (a gag in the old country involving defective shovels) and close big (a mid-credits nod to Rogen co-star Barbra Streisand's *Yentl*) — but it's the enclosed bickering and one-upmanship, compounded by obvious political parallels, that leaves the audience in a pickle. 2020 —S.M. ★

Unfit: The Psychology of Donald Trump

— According to intelligence expert Malcolm Nance, "Prior to Trump, every president maintained the continuity on how the constitution was upheld and defended." Life changed the day after the inauguration, when presidential water bearer and spinner of "alternative facts" Kellyanne Conway grossly overestimated the number of attendees. It was her Trump-hating husband George who famously sided against his wife, their carnival sideshow bickerings playing out on the nightly news. He was also a major proponent of a *Rolling Stone* article that, borrowing a page from social psychologist Erich Fromm, labeled Trump a "malignant narcissist." (Trump checks all four boxes: 1. Narcissism. 2. Paranoia. 3. Antisocial personality disorder. 4. Sadism.) The commentariat, give or take an Anthony Scaramucci, boasts more Ph.Ds than a free postdoctoral job board. Gaslighting is given a rigorous explanation, and try as one might to tune him out, The Mooch does a damn frightening job of delineating the average Trump-humper and what it is about their billionaire regular guy that renders their faith unflappable. And lest we forget: the Hitler similitudes that kicked into full gear instantly after Trump's inflaming "both sides" snipe. Never one to defend

a Nazi, I was still quick to observe that Hitler sent roughly 16 million people to their doom, while the only thing Trump ever killed was a 24 oz. Porterhouse. Dan Partland's seditious documentary argues that while President Trump doesn't possess a similar capacity for evil, he does fit the same psychological *modus operandi* as Chancellor Hitler. According to the

first Mrs. Trump, the Donald's habit of repeating things three times came from reading Hitler's speeches. There's the occasional misstep — the Jane Goodall analogies drawn between gorillas and our alpha-male orangutan-in-chief are amusing, but fruitless — but for the most part, the film does a fit job of arguing in favor of insanity. 2020. —S.M. ★★★



BROADWAY MELODY OF 1940 (1940)

If Orson Welles is credited with introducing the ceiling to cinema (he didn't), then the "Begin the Beguine" number here should go down as the *Citizen Kane* of scuffless, glass-floored musical extravaganzas. It took more than elbow grease and a river of Johnson's Wax to pull it off: each of the 10,000 lightbulbs in the highly-reflective firmament was present and accounted for, thanks to the film's true auteurs: set designer Merrill Pye and cinematographers Oliver T. Marsh and Joseph



Broadway Melody of 1940: Mirrors, mirrors everywhere, to reflect the brilliance of Powell and Astaire.

Ruttenberg. (The best that can be said of Norman Taurog's direction is the story never gets in the way of the numbers.) It took eight weeks to construct what was at the time the largest set ever erected for a musical. A cyclorama consisting of 30-foot mirrors curved around two-thirds of the soundstage. MGM had to

build the thing from scratch, pouring 6500 feet of molten mirrored floor into giant wooden frames; there wasn't a glass-maker in town capable of doing the job. According to TCM, the

mirrored surface "had to be kept at temperatures near freezing to guard it from cracking under the lights." Fred Astaire and co-star Eleanor "Queen of Tap" Powell rehearsed on a covered stage. The end result is nothing short of staggering.

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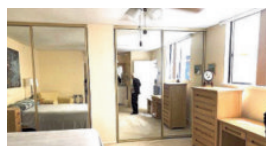
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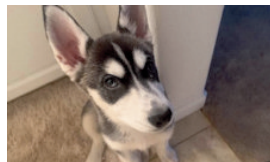
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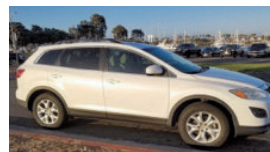


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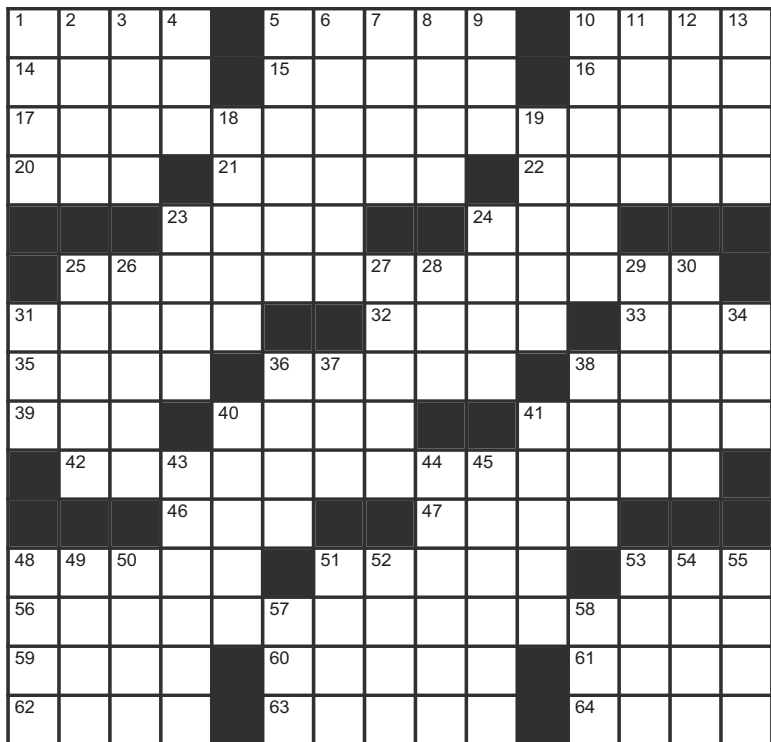
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Across

1. Pac-Man's place
5. "Beau ____"
10. His last words are "Thus, I give up the spear!"
14. Opera solo
15. Plain to see
16. Supermarket section
17. Modern-day urban fop's YouTube journal? (hint: why have a four-word answer when two will suffice?)
20. "Take me ____ am"
21. Strong suit
22. Like bicycle chains
23. AMC's "Better Call ____"
24. Ocasek of the Cars
25. False ally who's cranky due to a lack of food? (hint: why have a four-word answer when two will suffice?)
31. 1960s activist Hoffman
32. Freestyles, say
33. Birth control option, briefly
35. "Stop that!"
36. Olympic swimmer Janet
38. Arrived
39. Letters in some church names
40. Deadlocked
41. Wonderland cake words
42. Dressing up like Theresa May or Boris Johnson to espouse their isolationist views? (hint: why have a four-word answer when two will suffice?)

46. Georgia's capital: Abbr.
47. Err
48. "Correct!"
51. ____ Goldfinger (Bond villain)
53. Singer ____ King Cole
56. "Calm down, competitive problem solver!?" (hint: why have a four-word answer when two will suffice?)
59. Sundae alternative
60. Prada competitor
61. Female name that's the name of a female assistant backward
62. Upscale hotel amenities
63. NFL's Aikman and Polamalu
64. Pac-Man's food

Down

1. Baby's first word, maybe
2. Mars, to the Greeks
3. Farfalle alternative
4. Musician's asset
5. Turn
6. "Wake Up Little Susie" singer Don or Phil
7. Scandalous selfie, maybe
8. "Can't argue with that"
9. LAX listing
10. Counsel
11. Fire place?
12. Soothing ointment
13. City NNE of San Antone
18. 18 or 21, typically

19. Butcher's cuts
23. Foul mood
24. Weightlifting units
25. 1950s WMD
26. Baseball's Doubleday
27. Pre-euro coin
28. Went for office
29. Mazda model
30. "Delish!"
31. Org. that puts its seal on toothpaste tubes
34. Ruby of "Do the Right Thing"
36. Sinister
37. Doc for dachshunds
38. Massage target for a runner
40. Hail
41. Historical period
43. Animals with bills that appear on bills
44. "Sweet Rosie ____" (Betty Grable film)
45. "You're right after all"
48. Secretly adds to an email
49. It uses 1.5 million gallons of maple syrup per year
50. Simone who sang "I Put a Spell on You"
51. Paul Bunyan, at times
52. "... on second thought, pass"
53. "I, Claudius" role
54. Squabbling
55. "____ of the D'Urbervilles"
57. Toward the stern
58. Ceiling

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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☛ Jeff Sperling, La Mesa, 1.

Name: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
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EVIL:

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EVIL:

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| 2 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 5 |
| 3 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 1 |
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spotted the vehicle.

"Yeah, it's OK," he replied. "I called them around six, [left and came back], and I've been here since 7:30."

"You're still here waiting; what an awesome dude," Caco said.

"It's because I owned a Honda, and the shit got stolen over in San Bernardino, that's why I feel it," John continued. Hours before, John had seen the shared post about the stolen Midori on #YOHBRSSS. YOHBRSSS is a social media brand, and the local car scene's digital hub. In December, it helped recover stolen wheels from a Nissan 240SX that was left on cement blocks — also in Spring Valley. "You never know the difference one share would make, how crazy is it that that led to [Midori] being found — thank you," he said to his fans.

In 2006, Caco retired his *Max Boost* creation to concentrate on a new family and other ventures. More recently, he and his partners raised over \$2 million on Kickstarter campaigns; his 2019 relaunch of *Max Boost, Volume 1* "raised over \$50,000 in crowdfunding, and we shipped over 3000 books and accessories, and all back orders were fulfilled. We have sold over \$110,000 in book and product sales for Max Boost in less than a year. Anything left over is used to continue to fund the growth of the comic book, with a goal to produce animation and toys."

Caco just signed a licensing partnership with Honda. John, the tuner who found Midori, received an undisclosed amount via Venmo from the *Max Boost* fans.

MIKE MADRIAGA

OCEAN BEACH

The trashman cometh Holding back the tide (of trash) beachside

About nine weeks ago, Cameron Reid got so fed up with the overflowing trash cans in Ocean Beach that he bought and installed cardboard trash bins around the neighborhood. Today, despite having a full-time job, he continues to maintain them with the help of the community. "I've paid for everything," Reid explains. "I'm in for about \$300 so far. I started with 20, and five were removed or destroyed within a couple days. So then I put out ten more. Over the past few weeks, some more have been removed or destroyed. So I think I'm back to around 20."

Reid, who's been in OB for four years, is serving his second term as the Community Enhancement Chair for the Ocean Beach Town Council. He volunteers along with the OB Street Stewards, who, on July 9, shared his request for help via their Facebook page: "You may have noticed these cardboard containers put up around busy areas by the amazing Cameron Reid. As of now, he is emptying all of them every couple days



Cameron Reid: If cleanliness is next to godliness...

trash can, similar to adopting a street like the Street Stewards. Unfortunately, it hasn't really taken off yet, so I continue to service all the cans three-four times a week. I don't own the truck, I just borrow it during pick-

tions to some of our common community issues. I'm also corresponding secretary for the Ocean Beach Town Council, so I can very much speak to the massive silence from elected officials," he added. "We and the OBMA have sent countless messages, letters, requests, demands, pleas to the city and county for help with this and the public alcohol consumption, drug consumption and distribution, mass gatherings, unpermitted food vending, noise pollution, vehicle habitation, oversized vehicles, parking overnight in city lots. Crickets back. At least before they would respond with false promises and political spin. Now they just don't even acknowledge us."

DELINDA LOMBARDO

"We are trying to get more people involved so that I don't have to be the OB trash man for the rest of the year."

and it is a massive job. We are looking for some stewards to show interest in helping."

Reid says that he's hoping more people will step up and help. "We are trying to get more people involved so that I don't have to be the OB trash man for the rest of the year. Hoping people will each adopt a

up days. I use dumpsters in OB that people have offered to let me use. I really don't care about the money spent. It's just the man-hours. I have a full-time job, so I do this in the mornings or afternoons. I really just want more people to help, or again, have the city step in. The current model isn't sustainable, and truly my back is really starting to pay the price."

He's learned some lessons along the way. "I had been putting them down at Veterans Plaza (Newport Ave. and Abbot), but that was just a lost cause. I had kept a couple near the encampment setup at Santa Monica (and Bacon), but after a few weeks of changing the trash there, I just felt like I was exposing myself to Covid way too much. I always wear a mask and blow through bottles of sanitizer, but changing trash goes aerosol, so I stopped going there."

The trash bins are now located between Niagara and Narragansett; Sunset Cliffs to Abbott.

"I'm just trying to implement known solu-



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Privately purchased cardboard trash bins around OB.

Bright Ideas

— Chen Haigang, 50, of China's Shanxi province, credits his good health and well-being to a fitness regimen he created and has been following for about 30 years. Instead of doing tai chi or heading to the gym, *Oddity Central* reported on July 9, Chen acts like a monkey, walking on all fours and dangling his arms, even climbing trees and swinging from branch to branch. "I often watched the monkeys at the zoo. I thought it looked so fun and I started imitating," Chen said. "Since I moved to the city for work, I've spent my free time doing the (monkey) walking exercise. ... I never need to see a doctor." Recently, Chen has added other animals' movements to his routine, such as crawling like a crocodile. He said many people have asked him about his routine but are too embarrassed to do it in public.

Awesome!

— Father's Day in Taiwan is celebrated on Aug. 8, and EVA Air wanted to make it special, so working around global travel restrictions, it announced a Hello Kitty flight to nowhere, *Travel & Leisure* reported. The anime character-decorated airplane is scheduled to take off from Taipei Taoyuan Airport and fly over the coasts of Taiwan for three hours at 25,000 feet, then land again at the same airport. Guests will receive a special goody bag, enjoy a seafood feast created by a Michelin three-star chef and be given the opportunity to purchase Hello Kitty duty-free products at a big discount. Tickets cost \$180 for economy seats and \$215 for business class.

Karen Not Karen

— Domino's pizza restaurants in New Zealand were forced to end a promotion to give free pizza to women named Karen "that aren't, well, Karens," the promotion announcement read. United Press International reported that customers named Karen were invited to fill out an application for one of 100 free pizzas, but people objected online, suggesting the chain offer food to minorities or people who have been impacted by COVID-19. "We wanted to bring a smile to customers who are doing the right thing — Karen the nurse, Karen the teacher," the company posted on Facebook, but "people interpreted this in a different way."

Nature Calls

— An Amazon delivery driver in Nuthall, Nottingham, England, is out of a job after Sharon Smith, 53, discovered him defecating in her back garden in late July. Smith said she saw the man run toward her garden and went to investigate. "I asked what the heck he was doing," Smith told *Metro News*, "and he just remained pooping whilst asking me what my problem was -- the cheek of it." The driver told police he wasn't feeling well and was desperate, and he didn't realize he was in a private garden. Smith agreed to not press charges as long as he cleaned up the mess and his employer was informed; Amazon promised a gift voucher as a goodwill gesture.

Police Report

— A 26-year-old man in Plymouth, England, was detained on July 9 after officers working nearby heard a commotion and looked up to see the man struggling with a seagull and biting it. "He sunk his teeth into it before throwing it to the floor," a police spokesperson told *Plymouth Live*. The man told police the seagull had attacked him, trying to get his McDonald's meal, and also "volunteered ... that he was under the influence of drugs ... The seagull was clearly injured by the incident but flew off before we were able to check on its welfare," police said. The man was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Ironic

— Researchers at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, have made an unexpected discovery in their study of the endangered night parrot, one of only two nocturnal parrot species in the world: It has poor night vision. The night parrot lives in Australia's outback and differs from the other nocturnal parrot, New Zealand's kakapo, which has lost its ability to fly, ABC reported. "The night parrot still flies, and there lies the problem of the bird running into things," said Dr. Vera Weisbeck, which may be contributing to its decline.

Oops

— Dang those tricky Zoom calls. As at least 12 government officials met online on May 29 in Mexico, Sen. Martha Lucia Micher

thought her camera was off and changed her top as her colleagues looked on. Micher, 66, issued an apology, saying: "In one part of the session, without realizing and while the camera of my computer was on, I got changed showing my naked torso. ... Thanks to a call from (other) senators ... I realized my error." She went on: "I am a woman who has fought for the left for almost 40 years and who has occupied various public roles in my fervent commitment for the defense of human rights, I am a woman who is not ashamed of her body." According to the *Daily Mail*, she blamed the mistake on her lack of technological savvy.

Recent Alarming Headline

— A July 29 headline in the Ken-Ton Bee in Kenmore, New York, caught the attention of *The Buffalo News*: "Leprechaun spotted looting cars on Hamilton Boulevard." Kenmore Police Capt. A.J. Kiefer told the *News* a white male with orange hair and wearing a green shirt (and "possibly plaid pants") was reported to be looting vehicles on the street July 23. Police arrested the 36-year-old, who measured 5 feet 11 inches and had someone else's debit card, but no pot of gold, according to Kiefer. He was charged with petit larceny.

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Immigrant

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was twisted to make this country appear racist.

"When I was at school in Cal Poly, I met [Chicano activists] from La Raza and MEChA. The Aztec dances they were doing say, 'This is our land; it was taken away from us.' I've gone to the MEChA meetings and heard them blame the pilgrims for taking what used to be Indian lands. There's this brainwashing that says you have to hate the white man for stealing the land. It unites people toward revolution.

"To me, the key to making things better is communication. It's ironic that we have so many ways to communicate now, but that we don't communicate with each other as well as we used to. We have to get better at that. Communication will fix things, but we have to learn to do it the way we used to before

social media.

"How can anyone integrate into society if we aren't even speaking the same language? Most of the racism I see comes from those who came to this country and never took the time to learn English. I don't think that's this country's fault."

From Kenya with love

Kenya-born Edward Karithi and I walk into a bar. I am white and he is black. When a white woman of college-age walks in wearing a "Black Lives Matter" mask, Karithi glances at her, then at me, and chuckles at the slogan of an organization of which he is apparently no fan.

Edward is a 46-year-old computer programmer and father of five. His day starts at 6 am. and ends at 10 pm. He knows about hard work and recognizes racism when he sees it. He

claims to have encountered systemic racism, not in the US, but his home country, Kenya. According to him, "There are public offices a white person cannot hold there, no matter how long their families have lived in the country. That's institutional racism. Here in the United States, I think there are vested political interests that don't want racism to go away. But I've never been denied a job because of color. Where I work, the people couldn't care less [about race.] Now, if you come in there with a chip on your shoulder, you're going to have a problem.

"Institutional racism does not exist in this country. There is not a single person who can cite for me a federal, local, or state law, or any company that has a policy discriminating against people based on their sex, skin color, or religion. Now, are there racists? Of course! I know

pure racists who are black and hate someone simply for the color of their skin.

"But this is an Anglo culture, and not based on my native culture. If I wanted to live like an African, I would have stayed in Africa. I need to adapt to the culture here. You cannot go to France and expect the French to behave like Americans. If you came to Kenya and burned a Kenyan flag, you would be in jail for so long you wouldn't know what year it was.

"I went to Kenya about three years ago to do some business. I had forgotten my visa and I walked back through the exit to get it. Nobody cared, but when a Somali guy tried to do the same thing, there were like five cops on top of him, punching him and cuffing him. The fact that someone looks different from me in Kenya means he is treated completely differently."

Karithi chuckles. "The only problem I've had here with the police in my 21 years here is that they give me speeding tickets.

"I arrived in the US at age 23 for school and I started looking for work. Five years later, I got a green card and then my citizenship. It's very easy to do; find out what the laws are, and follow them. The doors are not closed.

"In Kenya, I lived better than I live here. I grew up with house help and drivers who were mostly other Kenyans, to take us wherever we wanted. The two things that attracted me to the US at the time were the folly of youth and the idea that I would have become a really bad person if I had stayed in Kenya. The law is not as strong there as it is here, and you can get away with a lot. I tend to cut corners if I can, and I realized my life was not on the right path

there. I could have made a shitload of money, but also would have become extremely corrupt.

"The United States is unique because it's a melting pot. America's real problem is not race, but politics; the politics of division. To tell you the truth, we don't have serious problems here. We don't have starvation or roads you can't drive on. Even the worst hospitals here are like five-star hotels. Some Africans will call me an Uncle Tom for talking like this, but I don't care. Most Africans I know disagree with me, but one black friend of mine who is a director of a major medical company in the United States doesn't buy the bullshit at all. He said, 'If you don't do your job, the white dude or the black dude is going to fire you.'

"My kids' mom is Polish, and our family doesn't identify with the African-

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American thing. There's a problem when black men are six percent of the population, and commit 52 percent of the murders in the United States. If I made you the police chief of this city and gave you the mandate to reduce crime, are you going to put the cops in the church or where the crime is? People bring emotion and irrational temperaments to some very serious problems. If you pick up a stone and break someone's window, you can't blame anyone else for it. Just as when you do something good, you did it, and it was not because you're black or white. I think another major problem in our society is a lack of fathers or good role models."

"It says it in the preamble of our constitution that all men are created equal. But right now, the reality is that you [as a white man] are a second-class citizen and I'm not.

Have you ever had slaves? Why should you suffer the consequences of those who came before you? People come to this country as immigrants and are received well and now they think this country is unfair to them? How?

"President Bush had a difficult presidency by any measure: two wars, Katrina, economic crisis. When he left office and was asked about the worst day of his presidency, he said it was when Kanye West called him a racist. If someone called me a racist I wouldn't take it seriously, but for you to be called a racist in America is the worst thing that can happen. Does it make someone's day to destroy another person's livelihood? That does not change their heart; they remain a racist. Loving one another is the answer to so many of our problems. True unity cannot be found

outside of Christ.

"There's a tension that exists here between black and white people. That's an American thing, I think, but the United States is not the only place where people lack unity. In places like Rwanda, different tribes hate each other. That venom doesn't help anyone. In the 1800s black people did not think white people were human and vice versa. It's not the same anymore. People have interacted and it helped them realize we are all human beings. You change through personal encounters.

"People should be free to speak their minds. How does anything change unless you let everyone, including the racist, speak? I will always speak my mind. I'm not willing to lose my freedom over income. That's too high a price."

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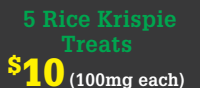

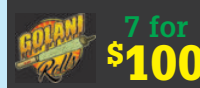


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