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### Potter's agenda

Matt Potter's September 5, 2020 post on Los Angeles Jackie Lacey was a cheap sophomoric political hit piece. When admitting Lacey had garnered support from San Diego Police, San Diego Deputy DA Assn and the San Diego DA, Potter tried to shade the truth by referring to a photo of Dumanis with another woman, Potter referred to her as "spouse".

Potter supports a RADICAL LEFTIST DA candidate George Gascon who refuses to prosecute drug dealers in the homeless community, looters, and believes in arrest and release without demanding bail. This places serious criminals charged with felonies back on the street the same day police arrest them. Gascon has ruined San Francisco during his time there as DA. He and his fellow anarchists who receive donations from the infamous Georgs Soros PACS want to eliminate police and destroy our judicial system. Have courage, *Reader*, and publish my comments.

Ed Marzec  
San Diego

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**"Faulconer figure barred from six-figure Community Power gig"**

### News Ticker

#### September 11

SAD, start since decisions are already being made without public over-site! Community Power should not be cozy with either SDG&E or the Mayor's office, since big money is

involved, instead CP should be governed by a rotating board of locally elected community members, to insure that the cost of energy is as low as possible! No energy fiefdoms...

—Visduh

Nice going, *San Diego Reader*! Connecting dots invisible to ordinary mortals by a *Reader* FOIA demand prevents a City insider who clandestinely arranged for controversial spy streetlights from "arranging" her own promotion to permanent head of the new Community Power agency. Thanks also to Fair Political Practices Commission for making this timely ruling.

—monaghan

**"Denny's adds new Slam to breakfast menu in honor of Padres historic performance"**

### Big Hits, Small Bites

#### September 4

Being a light eater, I'll take the Padres Slam at Denny's and let's go Oakland for tonight's game. The Bay Area has better sports teams, and we all like hanging with winners.

—Socks3742

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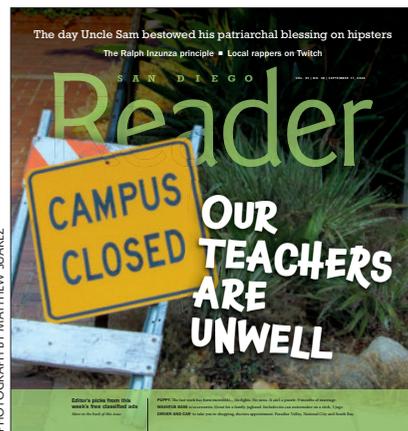
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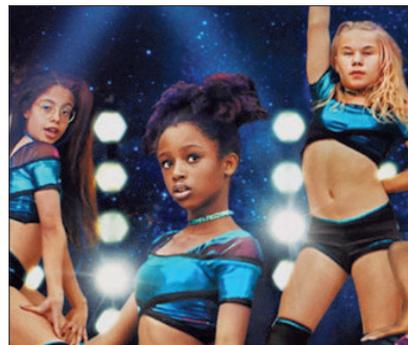


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# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

OCEANSIDE

## Sudberry shortchange Broken hearts (and busted plans) at El Corazon

The pandemic has not slowed the big dig at El Corazon, the 465-acre clump of mostly undeveloped mid-city parkland owned by the city of Oceanside. The heavy equipment work continues on the 2.2-acre Oceanside Aquatic Center, complete with a 56-meter pool suitable for competitive meets, a second instructional pool, locker facility and multi-purpose room. Opening is set for summertime, 2021. Three years ago, Oceanside's first "world-class" swimming facility was projected to cost \$15 million. The basic costs ended up at \$26 million. (If the bonds aren't paid off



Oceanside Girls Fastpitch softball players. "What are they going to do with an Olympic-sized pool?"

before their 30-year maturity date in 2050, the total cost of the aquatic center, including debt service, will be \$40.8 million.)

Competitive high school swimmers and their parents have thanked the city of Oceanside. But the Pop Warner, little league baseball, lacrosse, softball, and rugby kids who don't have fields to play on express different emotions when they show up at Oceanside city council meetings. "We could be doing so much more than spending this money on a swimming pool," says Kim Quamme,



Rugby scrums are nothing compared to the political kind.

who helps coordinate the Oceanside Girls Fastpitch softball league. "What are they going to do with an Olympic-sized pool?" she asks, noting that Oceanside already has two pools but few traditional sports fields. She says her league has 17 teams with about 250 girls aged 5-14. "It's rough as a parent. It is frustrating. We can use Capistrano Park [near Camp Pendleton's front gate], but a lot of parents don't want to use it, because they don't think it's safe."

Quamme says she and other parents haul goodies to stock a portable snack bar set up for each game. "We try to raise money so we can give scholarships to girls who want to play but maybe can't afford it. We have to schedule away games outside of Oceanside because we can't fit 17 teams on the two fields we use."

Also competing for space is Josh Williams, president of Thunder Rugby, which serves over 400 area kids. "We're in this weird period

of covid. Kids need to be out, running around right now. But they're not. There were never enough fields before, but when Covid is over, there is going to be a real challenge to find space for kids to play." Williams says the long-promised public park component to the city-owned El Corazon was never fulfilled. He notes that El Corazon does have 20 fully functioning soccer fields with adjacent parking on 97

acres, but adds that they are run by a private company working under the banner SoCal Sports Complex. He says the area kids who do get to play soccer at El Corazon generally come from families with means. "We don't charge kids \$2000 to play," says Williams, comparing his rugby league to SoCal Soccer. "It is my understanding the kids who play there pay between \$1500 and \$3000 a year."

Developer Sherman Whitmore is crying

foul, saying the city should break its agreement with San Diego-based developer Sudberry Properties, which has the El Corazon master lease with the city. "Those soccer fields are basically private fields," says Whitmore. "There are two other fields at El Corazon that they are supposed to provide to the public,

"We're in this weird period of Covid. Kids need to be out, running around right now. But they're not."

but the public can't get to them."

Whitmore says the Sudberry firm enjoys a one-sided relationship with Oceanside. "Sudberry doesn't own anything. Yet they get to keep rent money from the SoCal Soccer, and they get to keep the money that's collected from parking when there are soccer tournaments there. Yet what have they done



"We could be doing so much more than spending this money on a swimming pool," says Kim Quamme

to improve the property? I am proposing to make those two fields open to the public and to build another ten to 15 fields on top of that." He says he wants the city to buy out Sudberry's El Corazon agreement and let him and his backers come in and build out the new fields — as well as a hotel and a separate housing project. Deputy city manager Jonathan Borrego admits that the two other fields should be available and that they eventually

will be, but that Sudberry is not responsible. He says Sudberry's lease with the city runs until 2039 but can be renewed until 2059. He says if the city council wanted to buy out that lease, it would have to reimburse Sudberry for its lost revenue. "Sudberry is not out of compliance," says Borrego.

Whitmore also claims Sudberry is skirting other El Corazon obligations, including building a hotel. City planner Richard Greenbauer says there have been no submitted plans from Sudberry to build that hotel, even though there has always been one in the master plans. In February, the city council approved a separate, four-story, 137-room hotel for El Corazon that would have been part of the Hilton chain. The hotel was lauded as El Corazon's first big commercial venture, but the deal fell apart when the Dallas developer, Mid Continent Hospitality, could not commit to the funding, which was estimated to be in excess of \$4 million, according to one insider. (The failed deal was orchestrated by Stirling Development which controls a small portion of the Sudberry property).

Sean Bowers, general manager of the San Diego Sockers, says plans are still intact to build a sports-and-concert arena at El Corazon that will be anchored by the Sockers, the professional soccer team that for years played at the Pechanga Arena (long known as the San Diego Sports Arena). He expects the Sockers' new Oceanside arena to be built next year; it will hold about 5500 for sports events and up to 8000 for music concerts. "The pandemic has not diminished our enthusiasm for Oceanside. [Sockers owner] Phil Savaggio still wants to own his own arena."

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ON THE WATERFRONT

## Port retort Downtown has views about its views

If there's one thing community members around San Diego Bay agree on, it's hotels. They are view-killers, pedestrian blockers, tourist malls. First, it was the convention center and three large hotels, drawing a curtain on downtown's southern waterfront. The downtown portion of the bay is now girded by the Bayfront Hilton, convention center, Marriott Marquis, Manchester Grand Hyatt, the Manchester Gateway Development, the Lane Field InterContinental, Springhill Suites, and Residence Inn Hotels. Still the Port wants more.

When the San Diego Unified Port District, which oversees the 34-mile bay waterfront, released a draft Port Master Plan update last year, comments about hotel expansion poured

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**Who watches the watchwoman?**

Commission takes a close look at camera czar's calendar, cites conflict

An official behind San Diego's stealthy streetlight spy program can't become the permanent head of San Diego Community Power because she had a crucial role in negotiating terms of a deal setting up the newly minted joint powers energy authority. So say lawyers for the California Fair Political Practices Commission in an August 24 advice letter to Community Power's assistant general counsel Nicholas Norvell regarding a push by longtime city employee Cody Hooven to take charge of the Community Power Joint Powers Authority, which aims to take on San Diego Gas & Electric. "Ms. Hooven currently serves as the city of San Diego's chief sustainability officer, a position she has held for approximately five years," the letter says. "The sustainability department operates under the mayor's office and reports to the city's deputy chief operating officer, Erik Caldwell."

Among other assignments she has had over the years, Hooven has overseen the city's controversial streetlight surveillance program, officially known as Smart Streetlights, as initially reported by the Reader in February 2018. Revelations in that story about police use of the system to conduct video surveillance without public oversight drew subsequent scrutiny and criticism of the project, ultimately resulting in its suspension by mayor Kevin Faulconer on September 9. The Faulconer administration had originally pitched the video operation as an environmental enhancement project without mentioning secret plans by San Diego police to monitor allegedly criminal activity for later use against



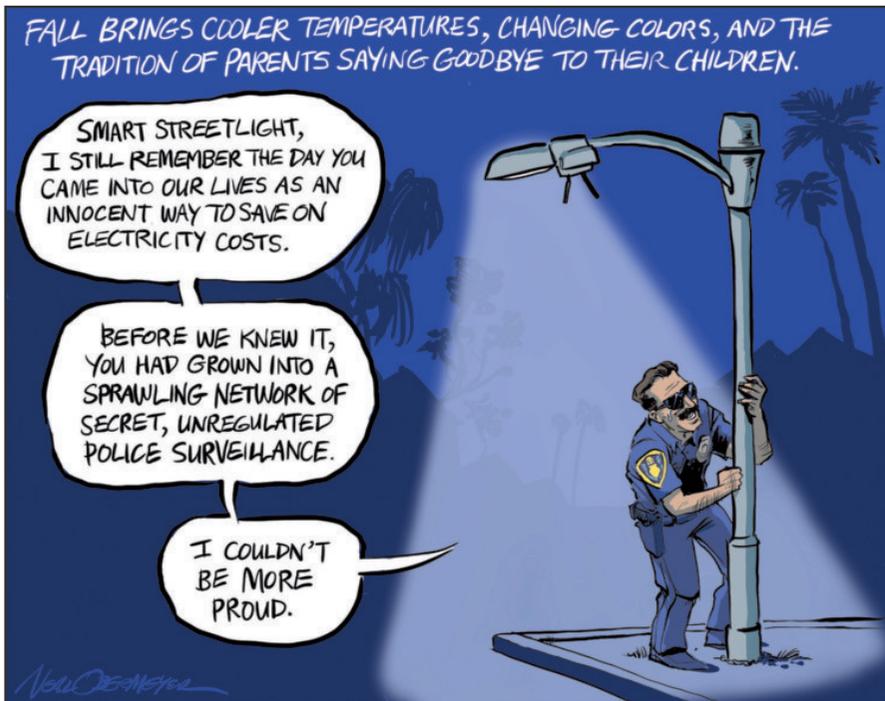
Mayhap it won't be Hooven to assume the Power position.

possible suspects. Video collected by the system would consist of "anonymous data with no personal identifiers" and "is not as detailed as security camera footage," mayoral spokeswoman Jen LeBron insisted to Reuters in February 2017. But Faulconer and the police knew otherwise. "Video data from digital smart city infrastructure will make it easier to identify, and, therefore, arrest criminals," according to an internal report. A 2018 public records request by the Reader forced the city to release documents describing local law enforcement's extensive use of the system to spy on the public. "The department may elect to integrate Intelligent Streetlights with other technology to enhance available information," according to the records made public in March 2019 in response to the records act request. "Systems such as gunshot detection, incident mapping, crime analysis, and other video-based analytical systems may be considered based upon availability, nature of department strategy, and seriousness of the crime investigated."

In addition to overseeing the surveillance network, Hooven has spent her time on the

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**Neal Obermeyer**



**UNDER THE RADAR**

**The Inzunza principle** The San Diego mayoral campaign of Assembly Democrat **Todd Gloria** has picked up cash from a close associate of two former aides to Democratic South Bay congressman **Juan Vargas**. **Casey Haeling**, a partner in San Diego's RAHD group, came up with \$1150 on September 5. His wife **Maybritt Haeling** gave the same the next day, according to city campaign disclosure records. RAHD's other partners are **Tim Walsh**, who left Vargas's employ as chief of staff a year ago in August, and **Colin Rice**, former head of Vargas's city council and state Assembly offices.

Back in 2005 Rice wrote a letter to federal Judge **Jeffrey T. Miller** requesting lenience in sentencing ex-city councilman **Ralph Inzunza**, a member of the Vargas political inner-circle convicted in the city council's Cheetahs strip club bribery scandal. "Ralph has had a huge impact on my life," wrote Rice, whose wife, **Jamie Fox Rice**, was Inzunza's chief of staff and later

was the same for Gloria. (In September 2010, Gloria said the city's ethics commission had told him that it wasn't illegal for him to vote on \$15 million worth of publicly subsidized financing for Sorrento Towers, one of Colin Rice's development projects.) Wrote Rice of Inzunza: "He taught me about political campaigns and how to help people with government service. For seven years, as his intern and then employee in the 1990s, I witnessed first-hand him manage a city council office and political campaign offices. During this time, there wasn't a single moment in which I saw him act criminally or unethically." Added Rice: "There are many who shake their head in bewilderment when thinking about the energy spent prosecuting Ralph and the punishment he faces relative to the amount of money involved (not to mention the fact that the money went into a campaign account, rather than a personal account). When the prosecutorial blue suits and overblown media coverage are stripped away, what remains is a

man who associated with the wrong guys. Ralph never needed the campaign contributions and was never personally enriched." Inzunza ultimately received a 14-month prison term.

Regarding RAHD, which bills itself as an affordable housing developer, the company's website says "Selling, refinancing or repositioning an asset can be difficult due to the sensitive nature of tenants' needs, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other governmental regulations, financing and construction"...Meanwhile, the campaign of city council Democrat **Barbara Bry**, who is running against Gloria for mayor, got its own dollop of developer

money in the form of \$1150 each on September 5 from **Michael Neal**, CEO of H.G. Fenton, wife **Merrilee Neal**, and **Henry Hunte**, "a fourth-generation beneficial owner" of the Fenton enterprise, per *Family Business Magazine*.

**Out-of-towners backing city tax hikes**

**Robert Price**, son of late Price Club founder **Sol Price**, gave \$25,000 on August 21 to Yes on Measure A - Homes for San Diegans. The proposal, requiring a two-thirds majority of

city voters to pass, would impose a property tax hike between \$3 and \$21 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation to pay for multi-million bond issues for subsidized housing. Emmerson Construction of Carlsbad gave \$25,000 on August 10, and Sun Country Builders, also of Carlsbad, came up with the same August 18.

San Diegan **David Malcolm**, the onetime port commissioner forced to resign after his conviction in a conflict-of-interest

case, his wife Annie, and affiliated entity CalWest Apartments gave \$1000 on August 28. "Whether it be making rental payments online or our mobile phone enabled laundry rooms, we endeavor to make residential life more efficient for our residents in today's fast-paced environment," says CalWest's website. San Diego Habitat for Humanity, Inc. gave \$10,000 August 31, and Carlsbad's All-gire General Contractors Inc. contributed \$12,500 on the same date. Red Stone Equity Partners of Cleveland, Ohio, gave \$2500 on September 1. **Mel Katz**, a wealthy Del Mar resident, gave \$10,000

on September 4. The Related Companies of California LLC of Irvine came up with \$5000 on September 3... PJHM Architects, Inc. of Laguna Hills, which specializes in public school work, kicked in \$15,000 on September 1 to a campaign group calling itself Friends of Oceanside Schools, Yes on W...Proprietors of controversial Campland by the Bay, the complex on Mission Bay land leased from the city, are spreading their political money

around this year. According to campaign disclosures, Beverly Hills resident **Herbert Gelfand** gave \$1700 to Democratic county supervisorial candidate **Terra Lawson-Remer** on August 21. AME, LLC, a Campland-related limited partnership based in L.A., gave \$10,000 on September 1 to backers of Measure E, which would eliminate the 35-foot height limit in the Midway district.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Ex-councilman, ex-con Ralph Inzunza "has had a huge impact on my life."

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Price Club heir Robert Price gave \$25,000 to the Measure A campaign.

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## Dear Hipster:

*Is there a moment that you can identify as the birth of the modern hipster?*

— DICK, BANKERS HILL

Well, as I have said before, the hipster is eternal. There have always been hipsters, and there always shall be. However, in an effort to answer your question rather than dodge the inquiry entirely, with the benefit of hindsight, we can place an exact date on the watershed moment for contemporary hipsterism: May 24, 2011, when the United States Department of Agriculture revised its recommendation for cooking pork.

Prior to that date, the federal agency vaguely in charge of American food safety had recommended cooking all pork products to a blistering internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit. For much of the 20th century, perhaps no single food better represented the bland, suburban drudgery of American cooking at its worst than the dry pork chop, Shake 'n' Baked into oblivion with an internal temperature often far exceeding the 160-degree guideline "to be on the safe side" of food-borne illness. If you were lucky, maybe you got some applesauce to moisten an otherwise unpalatably dry cut of "the other white meat." The government's blessing of criminally overcooked pork lent credibility and legitimacy to the practice of being boring and living a boring life where you ate boring things.

The USDA's 2011 rejection of the 160-degree guideline was a sign of mainstream society catching up with what hip, in-the-know people had known for years, and, since that date, the hipsterfication



of American society has done nothing but pick up momentum. Prior to May 24, 2011, mainstream Americans regarded hipsters with skepticism. They were essentially waiting for all the hipsters to suffer some fatal and unforeseen consequence of drinking kombucha, eating various forms of undercooked meat, and smoking artisanal strains of marijuana with idiotic names. None of these things proved deadly. Quite the opposite, in fact. After Uncle Sam bestowed his patriarchal blessing on hipster lifestyle choices

like eating medium rare pork chops, even the most skeptical hipster-haters in places like Iowa could get on board. The rest, as they say, is history — history we are in the process of writing.

## Dear Hipster:

*Why is it cute when hipster girls wear cowgirl boots (cowgirl boots?), but it would be totally weird for a hipster guy to wear cowboy boots without being an actual cowboy?*

— TESS

I think it's because there is virtually zero chance the young hipster girl attending Coachella in her sundress and cowgirl boots will be mistaken for an actual cowboy. On the other hand, your average hipster dude might need to be careful about adding a set of Tony Lamas to the wardrobe because, after you factor in the flannel shirt and

the tendency to admire Sturgill Simpson, the aesthetic divide between hipster and cowboy starts looking pretty narrow. It simply *would not do*, as the cheeky Brits say, for a hipster to be mistaken for a cowboy. Cowboys are, after all, what hipster guru Tom Robbins called "dour-faced, stiff-minded, suck-butt, kick-butt, buzz-cut, macho dickheads" in *Fierce Invalids Home From Hot Climates*. I rather doubt this description impugns the people who actually herd cattle for a living and ride horses. It is more a dig at the wannabes who, as Robbins says, "mostly just get in the way" of hipsters going about their business of making the world a better place.

— DJ STEVENS

## LETTERS

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I guess that is true, if you exclude the Dodgers, Padres, Lakers, Clippers, Kings and Ducks. NFL just started, so it is early, but I will concede that one, mainly due to the Chargers.

—DanFogel

## "Dumanis, spouse, and San Diego cop union back L.A. District Attorney Jackie Lacey"

### News Ticker September 5

After her dismal record of ignoring local political corruption and abuse by law enforcement, she might be best off to slink back to Bahston and disappear. She's supporting a soul sister in LA because they are both cut of the same cloth, and see the world through the same lenses. What this might also clarify is the actions of Bahnee's anointed successor, "sad face Summer." We still haven't seen her in any really down-and-dirty cases, where she has to show her convictions of what is OK and what isn't.

—Visduh

## "San Diego Democrats fight over Israel"

### News Ticker September 2

Mr. Karem Alhums's niece was shot by the Israel Defense Forces, but it's antisemitism of him to mention it? "Many countries have a problem with having their children killed?" Guess that makes it ok? And promoting human rights for Palestinian children living under Israeli military occupation act." It is widely thought to be an anti-Israel motion. But if promoting human rights for children is widely thought to be anti-Israel then I think people who are pro-Israel should re-consider what they support, and whether they share the values of the Democratic Party, or the Republican one.

—Wedad Saleh Schlotte

What do you expect from the party who fought against women's suffrage and brought us the KKK? Round them up!

—CaptainObvious

## Jacumba hotel sold for \$3.9 million Neighborhood News August 31

### "Jacumba hotel sold for \$3.9 million.

Almost \$4 million is a big price to pay for anything in that town. If it does include 80% of the town, then there is plenty of land involved and that might start to explain the price. As the story goes, Jacumba was seen as a refuge from the Imperial Valley heat by those who lived there and could afford to escape it. Say what? Jacumba was a cool spot? Well, yes, relatively speaking. Until about 1951 it had once a day passenger train service that ran between San Diego and El Centro (a grueling five hour trip with no AC in the coaches.) Those ruins of the old spa could themselves become an attraction, sort of like Pompei, minus the volcanic eruption and fossils. But is it ripe for a rebirth? I'm skeptical.

—Visduh

## "Border Patrol's ear blasting faulted by audit"

### August 31

I haven't heard a thing for almost two years and let me tell you, it's been *muy bueno*. "No Muller Report, no Impeachment Hearings, no Trump lies at rallies, no Democratic debates, no conventions with Kimberley Guilfoyle rants, no COVID-19 Task Force reports, nothing but video, including that endless funeral for Congressman John Lewis. It took some getting used to, but being stone deaf has advantages.

—monaghan

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in. The Embarcadero Coalition, a group of downtown dwellers, urged the port to keep in mind “the residential nature of downtown. Remember, we live adjacent to Port property, not 1/2 mile away.”

West of downtown, residents complained that new hotels on Shelter Island will cut off the harbor from the residents, and that 1600 more hotel rooms “is just too many for an area with one entrance and exit.”

Downtown, with its 40,000 residents, also wants to be heard. At a meeting on September 2, the Downtown Community Planning Council drafted a letter to the Port about their concerns. A main tenet of the downtown community plan is a diversity of uses, but due to the 11,827 hotel rooms proposed from the Hilton to the Wyndham, “any balance has been lost,” the council wrote. Downtown’s entire 2.7 mile southern and western borders



The views from the water are fine...

as much public access to the coast as possible while protecting natural resources. But under the Port Act, they must plan around the benefit of all Californians, “and may not implement traditional neighborhood or municipal uses.” The Port doesn’t collect tax dollars, but

### DOWN THESE MEAN STREETS Crimes of the times Fewer burglaries, more thefts, less graffiti in covid era

By the end of August, certain county crime rates had dropped in comparison to March, while others peaked. “I figured burglaries would be the crime that would be most affected, because everybody’s home,” said Jonathan S., a collectibles mail order sales rep from south San Diego. “Unless the burglars are high on drugs, it’d be nuts to break into a home in these times.”

I logged onto *CrimeMapping.com* and looked up Jonathan’s neighborhood,

which is west of the 805 and down the street from Palm Avenue. The furthest date I could backtrack to was March 12, so I checked the crimes between that and April 11; there were two burglaries in his neighborhood. For the 31-day month of August, there were none. However, Larceny went from two to six over the same period. “That’s because everybody’s ordering more online — through Amazon, eBay, and Etsy — because all of our brick-and-mortar stores were shut down or the poor owners had to close shop,” Jonathan opined. “That ‘six’ is a low number. On Nextdoor alone, I saw [reports of] six packages stolen in one day off of my street. Many people don’t make reports to the police, they just file a claim on the website they ordered from.”

An August article in *Forbes* stated, “While overall retail sales are

down right now (there’s been a 21.6 percent decline from April 2019 to April 2020), online sales are bucking the trend. The National Retail Federation reports a 21.2 percent rise in online and other non-store sales over the same time period.” As for Jonathan, he said he’s shipping more of his 1970s collectibles — including bronze age comic books, records, Atari video games, and board games — outside of the county. “I’ve spoken to other online sellers that drop off packages there, and we all noticed a surge in sales of tangible media. People on lockdown are tired of swiping and streaming; they want to share legit experiences with their family.”

C.M. lives about seven miles west of Jonathan in Imperial Beach. “Interesting: usually the mail [thieves] around here are the high school kids [who are] bused in. No theft lately, I mean in months, actually. Covid helped that shit stop over here.”

On September 7, I communicated with Claudia and Marcos from North Park. Last year, I joined their neighborhood watch excursion, and we strolled and drove through the streets and alleys, less than a mile west of the North Park sign. “We had to stop patrolling the neighborhood since Covid hit,” Claudia said, “but we are still very much aware of our surrounding area. So if we see something

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are adjacent to the Port’s waterfront, from Laurel Street to the 10th Avenue Terminal, plus a “front porch” view that stretches to Mexico. The city has established and protected view corridors on several downtown streets. “Our past and continuing efforts will be entirely wasted if these are not carried to the bay as was intended. Now with the

supports parks, promenades, piers and public art by generating revenue from businesses operating on tidelands — such as hotels.

A revised draft of the update expected in late fall. But whatever the revisions, at least one question remains: will thousands of new rooms rake in the revenue? Because of competition from Airbnb, and city rules



“with the existing & planned 5700 rooms to the west, downtown will be entirely walled off from the bay.”

existing and planned 5700 rooms to the west, downtown will be entirely walled off from the bay.” Further, many worried about a dearth of recreation downtown, and a draft plan that includes more commercial uses. In fact, hotel rooftops can even count as “recreation open space.” Opponents pointed out that these spaces “have severely restricted access through private businesses.”

The Port’s blueprint is designed to provide

that allow homeowners to add a rentable second unit easily, hotels may not always be first choice for visitors to San Diego. And business travel may slow in the era of online meetings. Hotels re-opened in June, but demand for them downtown was lower in August than it was in March when everything shut down, according to the San Diego Tourism Marketing District.

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Matt Armstrong: “Now I can go through with just a bucket and tongs and get all the trash.”



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Bleat: "Does anyone seriously believe that it's an accident when you see a boat at a Trump rally displaying a pointy white sheet?"

## White Suprema-sea?

*Protestors accuse Trump Boat Parade of trafficking in racist stereotypes*

"Nearly 70% of Black children cannot swim," says Sharon Bleat, head of San Diego's Grievance Brigade. "And they drown at a rate three times higher than that of white children. So when a bunch of Trump supporters take to the water to parade in front of people they no doubt refer to as 'dusky landlubbers,' the message is clear: 'Trump's America is White, and the age-old racist systems that kept you from joining us in the literal and figurative water are going to stay firmly in place.' The America of public pools and swimming lessons has historically not been the America seen by Black communities, and

so now, you have an economic discrepancy that has hardened into a cultural divide, with the Whites on the yacht while the Blacks are not. And instead of working to build a bridge over troubled waters, these Trumpists are trumpeting their privilege and difference. Terrible, but what do you expect at this point?"

Reached for comment, Trump supporter and skipper of the 102-foot *Caucasia* Randall Blankenship asked "You know what I like about boat parades? When I sit out on my deck with a lemon drop martini, nobody comes and shouts at me about how I'm evil."

## Fiery and Not at All Peaceful

*Nature joins antifa, burns large swaths of California in protest*



Nature: "I mean, from my perspective, no particular individual lives of any kind really matter. But life itself? That matters. And the planet is growing increasingly uninhabitable for, you know, living things. It's time for you fat, comfortable, human-type people to increase the peace and reduce the use. If I have to incinerate the entire West Coast to make myself heard, so be it. All y'all can rest in power for all I care. But enough with the systematic abuse of me, okay? Besides, I'm sure insurance will cover whatever damage I do. That's what it's for!"

## NERDS!

*Playboy.com rates SDSU worst party school in the nation after it narcs on Sturgis*

*Playboy* magazine may be history, but its website is still active, and last week, the brand used its longstanding reputation as the nation's official arbiter of party hardiness to issue an epic beatdown on "The Late Great San Diego State," after SDSU researchers Drew McNichols and Joseph Sabia contributed to *The Contagion Externality of a Superspreading Event: The Sturgis Motorcycle Rally and COVID-19*. The hotly contested report suggested that the most excellent motorcycle rally, an annual event that provides fully half of South Dakota's annual tourist revenue, could be linked to over 250,000 subsequent diagnoses of coronavirus around the country — a number large enough to kill even the most righteous beer buzz. But critics have criticized the report's methodology, and San Diego county health officials have noted that, while the study ranked San Diego among

the highest in terms of "Sturgis attendee inflow," so far, only two cases here have been traced back to the rally.

The outcry over the report was large enough to spark both speculation and censure from *Playboy*, which used to regularly rank SDSU among the top ten party schools in the nation: "One fact is clear: Sturgis was an awesome party. Another fact is clear: San Diego State is currently on lockdown because it tried to re-open, and, as its own *Daily Aztec* put it, 'The start of the semester has made it abundantly clear that besides bringing 2600 socially-starved 18 to 20-year-olds back to campus, the administration's biggest failure was assuming students could handle that much responsibility. In real-time, we see the consequences of this miscalculation playing out: large groups of students partying, not wearing masks, and cases on the rise. And all



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that the students who continue to disregard public health orders will have to show for it are hangovers and a couple of drunken memories. Frankly, we find that kind of fetishization of so-called 'responsibility' and callous dismissal of the essential role that partying plays in San Diego collegiate life to be shocking, and we here at *Playboy* are not easily shocked.

Our take: sounds like the bros couldn't handle the 'rona, and now they're slugging Sturgis to make themselves feel better. Dick move, SDSU, and not

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the good kind. Keep it up, and the only thing that will be a drunken memory is your standing in the pantheon of truly great party schools."

## Unwrite This!

*Padres continue defiance of baseball's unwritten rules, sparking concerns among MLB brass*

**BREAKING:** *SD on the QT* has spoken with a senior Major League Baseball official regarding the "profound unease" that the Padres have created this season. Said the official, "Look, baseball is essentially dull in comparison to other sports. But it survives on the strength of tradition and history, and part of that tradition and history is the idea of unwritten rules, the kind that San Diego keeps breaking. First it was Tatis Jr. swinging away on 3-0. Then it was the unconscionable number of grand slams — what is it, seven now? They're supposed to be special, you know? The kind

of thing you talk about seeing for years afterward. Now fans are going to be disappointed if the bases get loaded and somebody DOESN'T hit it out of the park.

And baseball can't handle much more in the way of fan disappointment, not after we stuck a DH into the National League and started conjuring up free runners in extra innings. Now comes this majestic 'dugout double bird,' which is egregious enough that we're actually looking into whether or not it breaks a written rule as well as an unwritten one. You've got to understand the concern here: indi-



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vidually, none of these events are a big deal. But taken together, they indicate a habitual disregard for unwritten rules, which has us understandably concerned about whether the Padres will actually attempt to break the biggest unwritten rule of all and win a major sports championship for San Diego. I think we can all agree that 2020 has seen enough cataclysm without *that*."





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“What I was doing before wasn’t nearly as cool,” says Jeff Coleman, CEO of BrainLeap Technologies, the company he co-founded with his wife, UCSD researcher Leanne Chukoskie and her colleague, UCSD professor Jeanne Townsend. “This is something that is going to change the trajectory of millions of kids’ lives.” “This” is The Attention Arcade, a suite of video games designed to help kids pay attention.

When I think of video games, I think of my boys shooting at things onscreen as chaos surrounds them: maps, charts, inventories, terrain — and

of those first-person shooter games actually benefit attention,” affirms Coleman. “But while those games are designed to entertain, ours are designed to train. The eye tracker makes a world of difference.”

The eye tracker, a narrow bar that sits below your computer screen and does just what it says in the title, is what made The Attention Arcade possible. “Eye movement is tied to attention,” explains Coleman. “We’re leveraging that, strengthening the connections between the different parts of the brain that you need to attend to things better” — parts involving, say, self-control, working memory, and cognitive flexibility. “We’ve likened it to doing a cartwheel. Once you ‘get’ how to do it, it’s not a lot of effort, because your body is working and moving all together.” Train someone to control and direct their eye movements, and you train them to control and direct their attention. “Some of the kids in the initial study were of driving age, and afterwards, they said they could ‘see better’ when they were driving. It’s not that their vision was better, it’s that they were able to attend to more things.” In a more academic setting, that might mean being able to keep the mathematical order of operations in mind even as you focus on a particular problem.

The Arcade trains eye movements by using the eye tracker to turn your gaze into your game controller.

“One child said it was like having superpowers,” says Coleman, and it’s not hard to see why. Consider Shroomdigger. All you have to do is spot the mushrooms scattered about a crowded landscape and stare at them steadily. As you stare, they shrink and eventually disappear. Focus improves. Distractibility decreases. *And you’re making things disappear with just your eyes.* (Of course, it’s not quite a superpower; for one thing, you have to train. “At the outset, kids may get tired in 10 minutes,” notes Coleman.)

“The initial research was funded by the

National Institutes of Health,” concludes Coleman. “Fully 23 of the 23 kids who finished the study saw benefits. That’s very unusual in a human study, and that’s what motivated my co-founders.”

**Chalk talk**

On August 27, San Diego’s chapter of Black Lives Matter held a protest in the Poway cul de sac that is home to San Diego Chief of Police David Nisleit. The “black women and femmes” who directed the event decried

pretty houses where no black folks live are the result of redlining. Must be nice. Run me my reparation check so I can live next to these white folks and scare the shit out of them.”

More chalkings attacked the police. “Blue lives don’t exist. It’s a shirt. Get over yourselves.” “The police are the biggest gang in this country.” “Y’all should have just finished high school.” “SDPD = Terrorists/killers.” The woman shouted, “Police come from protecting capital and property. They were slave patrols. They were never created to protect people. We

“And yeah, so what Chief Nisleit isn’t here? He gonna come home to all this chalk.”

patriarchy, capitalism, and the abuse of crime statistics, but their chief aim was to call for the resignation of Chief Nisleit and the seven police officers involved in the July 9 shooting of Richard Price. (During a standoff with police, Price picked up pointed what turned out to be a pellet gun, and the officers opened fire, killing him.) One protester repeatedly shouted that the officers murdered Price by shooting him 40 times while a supervisor instructed them to “kill the mother-fucker already.”

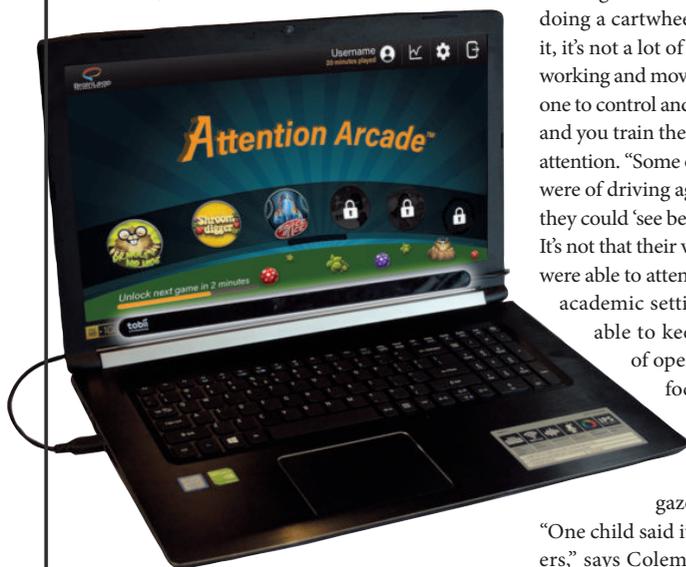
“Y’all are bringing a gunfight to chalk,” she called to the many police gathered in the cul-de-sac. “We out here writing intentions.” Another woman encouraged attendees, “As we chalk the street here, put words of affirmation, like ‘live.’ They hate us. We have to love one another.” A few people responded, writing things like “Black trans women’s lives matter,” “We will live as much as you hate us,” “Justice today,” “Difference is possible,” and “Community can be the most revolutionary thing. Care for each other.”

Other chalked statements that issued a challenge to the neighbors, many of whom had stepped outside to observe the protest. “Fuck your peace.” “Your silence is racist.” “Join us or go the fuck home,” a woman called to them. “My people are being murdered in the street. You’re either on the right side of history or the wrong side. Come on over. We are not a zoo. You all love watching black pain. All these

see folks of color on the police force. Put down your badge. You can do better.”

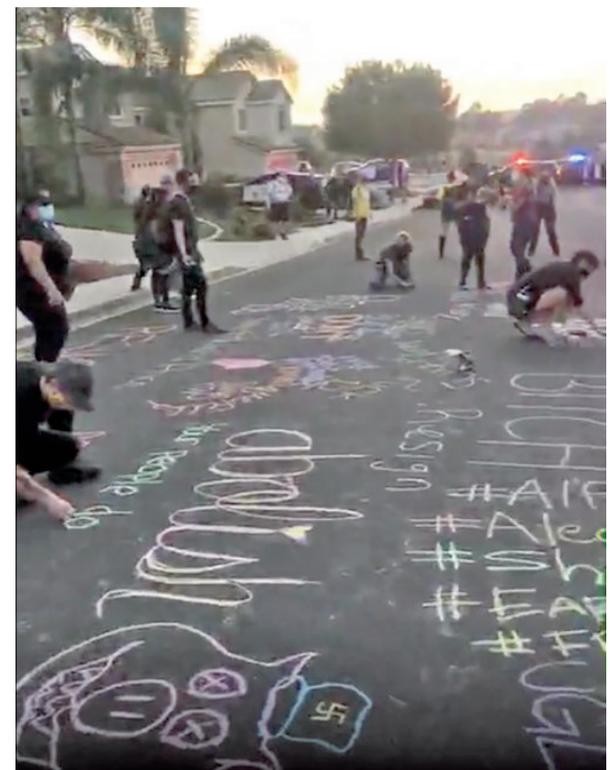
Many other chalkings were more aggressive. “Don’t be shy David, quit your job. Then tell your wife to call me ;) The lesbians would show her a good time.” “Oink oink, bitch. Abolish pigs.” “How do you spell ugly pissboy? SDPD.” “Chief Nipslip guzzles kkkop cum.” “You’re the load your momma should have swallowed.” “White supremacists/cops 4 the guillotine.” “Murderer lives here.”

“And yeah, so what Chief Nisleit isn’t here?” asked the woman on her livestream. “He gonna come home to all this chalk. He gonna come home to know that we know where he live at. And we could be here every night, asking for his resignation.” ■



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oh yes, people shooting back at them. The panoply of sight and sound dizzies me. But they have no trouble processing the flood of visual data, even as they carry on conversations with friends. So BrainLeap’s model makes a certain amount of intuitive sense to me, even as I instinctively push back against another opportunity for screen time. “Some



BLM protesters leave their mark in Poway.

## NEWS TICKER

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city payroll as interim administrator of the Community Power project. Her duties have included the arranging of permanent staffing for the new agency. “This has been done through a temporary arrangement between [San Diego Community Power], and the City of San Diego,” says the FPPC’s advice letter. “Ms. Hooven has no contractual or employment relationship with SDCP itself.” According to the FPPC, in her role as interim administrator, Hooven “would regularly meet with [San Diego Deputy Chief Operating Officer Erick Caldwell] to share progress and determine next steps. Moreover, along with Mr. Caldwell and sometimes [a staffer referred to by the letter as “A.L.”], she attended several meetings with other agencies to work on the term sheet. At these meetings, Ms. Hooven participated in the discussions, including some with potential member agencies’ staff and counsel from other cities.”

As a result, the FPPC’s lawyers concluded that Community Power’s CEO spot, which will likely pay in the mid-to-high six figures, is now off-limits to Hooven, though she may still apply for lesser positions. “We believe the facts reasonably support the conclusion that Ms. Hooven influenced the decisions concerning the final [Joint Powers Authority] agreement that included the requirement of a CEO

through her participation in the planning, preliminary discussions and negotiations involving [San Diego Community Power. While we recognize that Ms. Hooven insulated herself from the CEO search and hiring process after expressing an interest in the position, in our view, the fact that [Shawn] Marshall, who reported to Ms. Hooven as the city’s consultant, participated in developing the CEO position qualifications — as well as Ms. Hooven’s three interviews for the position — only adds to that perception. We also point out that this conclusion does not suggest improper motive on the part of Ms. Hooven.”

Matt Potter

### D.A.s circle the wagons

While ex-cop Wambaugh sides with cop critic Gascón

In the rough-and-tumble battle to decide Los Angeles County’s top prosecutor, San Diego’s District Attorney and her minions are backing the campaign of incumbent Jackie Lacey. Meanwhile, ex-L.A. cop and best-selling crime writer Joseph Wambaugh of Point Loma is kicking in for Lacey’s challenger, former San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón.

The latest San Diego D.A. money to make it into Lacey’s campaign, according to disclosure records, comes from San Diegans Against Crime Sponsored by the San Diego County Deputy

District Attorneys Association, which came up with \$1000 on August 1. Ex-San Diego D.A. Bonnie Dumanis gave \$1500 in December 2018, and her appointed successor, subsequently ratified by voters, Summer Stephan, gave the same on November 20 of last year. Denise Nelesen, a retired aging program specialist for the county who is married to Dumanis, contributed \$500 to the Lacey effort in February of this year.

Other heavy financial hitters for Lacey working for San Diego’s D.A. have included investigator Paul Choi, who gave \$1000 on December 7, 2019.

Wambaugh, author of such hard-boiled crime classics about L.A. police as the *Onion Field*, *Lies and Shadows*, and *The Choirboys*, made his \$100 contribution to the Gascón campaign last November. But Wambaugh’s backing for Gascón has been outflanked by other cops, including the San Diego Police Officers Association’s Political Action Committee, which delivered \$5000 to a committee called Families & Communities Supporting Jackie Lacey for District Attorney 2020 Sponsored by Peace Officers Research Assn. of California on August 18, per San Diego city disclosure filings.

Gascón has been pounding Lacey for what he claims is her laxity with respect



“Get off of my porch” is the new “Get off my lawn!”

to prosecutions against police who kill suspects, as related by a July 1 *Los Angeles Times* account. “In this moment, when policing is on trial so to speak, and some municipalities across the country... are talking about approaching public safety and law enforcement through different models, what [Lacey] represents is certainly out of step with people who are taking to the

streets,” UCLA professor of social sciences and African American studies Darnell Hunt told the paper.

“Yes, people are going to be talking about social justice and reform, but I think in the end, the majority of voters who show up in November are going to be equally concerned about their safety,” retorted Lacey. Her husband, David Allan Lacey, was charged in August with three misdemeanor counts of assault with

a firearm for a March incident in which he showed up at the couple’s Granada Hills front door brandishing a revolver at Black Lives Matter protesters.

Matt Potter

### Audit-ory

Report blasts Border Patrol for blasting border rushers San Diego Border Patrol agents improperly deployed high-powered “acoustic

devices” during confrontations with migrants at the San Ysidro border two years ago, says a newly released audit by the federal Department of Homeland Security’s Inspector General’s office. The same August 24 report, entitled “U.S. Customs and Border Protection Compliance with Use of Force Policy for Incidents on November 25, 2018, and January 1, 2019,” clears the agency of misusing its tear gas arsenal. “In response to congressional concerns, we reviewed [Customs and Border Protection’s] use of tear gas against migrants near the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry on November 25, 2018,” says the document. “We also reviewed CBP’s [Customs and Border Patrol] tear gas use in a January 1, 2019 incident near the same port of entry. Our objective was to examine circumstances surrounding the use of force in these incidents and deter-

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In order to succeed, Cindy Bledsoe said, teachers “need a good sense of who they are, how they are as a learner.” They also need to eat right, exercise, and meditate.

# OUR TEACHERS ARE UNWELL

**T**he past six months have been a bewildering time for education. Many teachers I know have been filled with anxiety about how best to instruct our students and how to support them emotionally online, all the while juggling concerns about their own family’s health or their spouse’s employment status. The tactile stuff that went into teaching was gone — the high fives and handshakes, the physicality of pacing around the room that allows you to observe the body language of engagement and comprehension. And the spontaneity and pageantry of the classroom has been replaced by Zoom tiles and digital document dumps.

School sites for the past few months have been ghost towns, forlorn posters put up pre-shutdown adding to the contrast: promises of a lower ticket price with an ASB card for a long-canceled dance, a limp banner in a darkened gym advertising Opening Day for a

volleyball season that may or may not resume, even this school year.

With all these sites relatively unpopulated, we ask, *What even is a school?* In some ways, the brick-and-mortar school is like a city-state. There's a bureaucratic jargon (ILTs and 504s, SSTs and MTSS); there's a justice system of sorts (restorative circles, in-school suspension, lunch detentions); there are codes and mythologies, rivalries with other schools from time immemorial.

When things as we know them go away, we look to representations to remind us of how they used to be. It's hard to capture everything that happens in a school accurately, though, which is why I suspect that there never has been a teacher movie or TV show that's both good and realistic. Hollywood writers don't know what to do with educators, because they have never been able to picture them as human beings.

But maybe it's not just a problem specific to screenwriters. Dana Goldstein, author of the book *The Teacher Wars: A History Of America's Most Embattled Profession*, has said that our high expectations for teachers to resolve problems outside their control, and the resulting disappointment in them, have led to teaching being labeled as one of the most controversial professions in our country.

Veteran teachers know that priorities in education change over time. What's in vogue in one year might pop up again in another, just under a different name. The past decade has seen an increase in schools' addressing the topic of mental health resources for students. Some schools hold mental health aware-

ness events and adopt spaces for mindfulness with names like The Zen Den. More staff meetings now prioritize connecting personally with students, and some schools try their best to make sure there is at least one adult to whom a student can go for support.

This is all for the better. And it's not a sign that today's youth are more fragile. Rather, it's a recognition that quality of life encompasses the immaterial. It's the understanding that a necessary component of a life well lived is a sense of purpose, powered by seeing the humanity in others, and having others recognize our own humanity in return. Wellness, after all, is not the absence of illness. It is, according to the National Wellness Institute, "an active process through which people become aware of, and make choices toward, a more successful existence."

And yet, our teachers are unwell. In 2013, a Gallup poll found that 46 percent of teachers in K-12 settings reported high levels of daily stress during the school year, a

number that mirrored levels seen in nurses (46 percent) and physicians (45 percent). A wide-ranging 30,000-teacher survey published by the American Federation of Teachers in 2015 noted that 89 percent of teachers reported feeling enthusiastic about their profession at the start of their career. That number plummeted to 15 percent who felt enthusiastic about their profession when asked how they felt about it at the time of the survey. In 2017, the same survey found that 61 percent of educators reported that work was "always" or "often" stressful, double that of the general population.

These numbers shouldn't surprise anyone. It's expected that education will be challenging. But do things have to be this way? Educators' mental health can have a direct impact on students' learning. A National Institute of Health report on teacher wellness in 2017 cited two studies that, respectively, drew correlations between teacher burnout and lower levels of effective learning and higher stress hormones in that

of their students. Another study on work-related stress reported that only a quarter of schools offered stress-management support for educators, compared to 36 percent of all professional fields.

The author Yuval Noah Harari writes in his book *Sapiens* about "imagined realities" that drive societies' growth. These are not the same as lies or fictions; rather, they are necessary belief structures that groups reinforce within themselves to push towards a material goal ("The gods want us to build this ziggurat," "These shells can be exchanged for goods and services"). There is a common belief within education that the suffering is worth it because you are dedicating your labors toward the intellectual and moral improvement of future generations. It's an ember of warmth that every educator holds onto to get through the roughest stretches of the school year.

Still, it makes me think of the Wilfred Owen poem that ends, "My friend, you would not tell with such high

zest/ To children ardent for some desperate glory,/ The old Lie: *Dulce et decorum est/ Pro patria mori.*" (It is sweet and fitting to die for one's country).

Caroline Yang, who taught math and science at High Tech High Chula Vista for nine years after teaching in Los Angeles, told me she had retired from teaching in 2018. She was in her mid-thirties.

"I think teachers get really burnt out," Yang said. "There are so many demands on us, we wear a ton of hats, and we don't get compensated very well for all that."

Yang attended college at UNC at Chapel Hill, and during her senior year, her suitemate, who had been recruiting for Teach For America, reached out to her as a possible candidate. From there, it was interviews, a frenetic six-week orientation over the summer, and

then she was in her own classroom with her own students. She had been hired on an emergency credential with a salary of \$38,000 in Los Angeles.

"The kids ate me alive my first year," Yang said. As a new hire, she was given the hardest assignments with little administrative support. A recurring prank involved all the students coordinating with each other to turn off the lights in the room and overturning tables and bookcases. It got so bad that she feared getting a substitute teacher when she needed to be out.

Still, she found colleagues who stepped up and supported her. Another science teacher gave her his curriculum and pacing guides. Fellow teachers mentored her on the finer points of classroom management. Yang thought about the cross-country drive she

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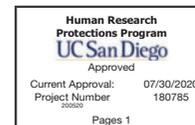


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had made, about the grueling summer sessions, the camaraderie: “No matter how hard things were, I couldn’t quit.”

Although the LA schools were hard, High Tech High brought its own challenges. While her new school did not have the same numbers of students living in precarious economic and immigration situations,

the work demanded additional creative and organizational energy beyond the classroom. The model of instruction there was Project-Based Learning, which reversed the typical curriculum taught in schools. While traditional schools taught content that would lead to some major summative assessment, Project-Based Learning’s content

revolved around the kind of project that students were expected to complete, one that had some bearing on the world outside of school.

“I think High Tech High works their teachers quite a bit,” Yang said. “Projects take so much time to plan. There was a lot of pressure, that was all unspoken, to do these amazing projects, make a

big impact on your community.” Yang spent more and more time trying to get guest speakers and to book venues to display her students’ work. And without a set curriculum, it was more challenging to gain traction year over year.

Not all schools actively seek to burn teachers out. The adding of priorities is more like a slow planetary accretion that happens year after year. Some new administrators add new programs while never completely getting rid of old ones. Others create various campus initiatives, but leave teachers to fill out the details on their own, a process some call “Name-it-and-forget-it.” After a while, Yang began to feel her enthusiasm for teaching dissipate. “On the outside, it probably didn’t seem that way to my colleagues,” she said. “I think I’m good while I’m on campus, putting on a front and being like, ‘Hey, this is cool! I love being here.’”

But she didn’t, not toward the end. Yang had become a mother, and she found that, having expended her patience and bandwidth at work, she had none to give to



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her own children when she came home. It was finally the irreconcilable conflict between being a good teacher and a good parent that led to her leaving teaching altogether.

I met Yang during my first teaching stop at John Liechty Middle School in the Pico-Union section of downtown Los Angeles in 2007. Many of us teachers who began our careers in challenging school environments view those for-

mative years with pride, but also with a sense of wonder about how we made it out alive. Because things were deeply unhealthy and unsustainable. When fellow teachers left for easier situations, we sneered at their lack of grit. We made bets about which ones among us would turn their experience into a bullet on their law school applications. Teaching is not the Peace

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LE COULEUR

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**WHEN:** Thursday, September 17, 6 pm

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

### ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORY OF TORREY PINES STATE NATURAL RESERVE

The San Diego Archaeological Center hosts a Living Room Lecture on the archaeology and history of Torrey

Pines State Natural Reserve. People have lived on or near the Reserve for at least 10,000 years. When the Spanish first came to San Diego, the people there were known as the Kumeyaay. What natural resources did they utilize? Did they have a village there? Learn the answers to these questions and more during a virtual event on Zoom that's limited to 100 attendees.

**WHEN:** Thursday, September 17, 5:30 pm to 7 pm

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

## Saturday | 19



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### WALK THE BLOCK: BARRIO LOGAN

After months of pandemic-related economic downturn, Logan Avenue's small businesses are taking to the street

with outdoor retail, music, and dining from Chicano Park to 26th Street. Masks mandatory, social distancing enforced.

**WHEN:** Saturdays, 12 pm to 6 pm

**WHERE:** Logan Avenue, [barriologanassociation.org](http://barriologanassociation.org)

## Sunday | 20

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**WHEN:** Thursdays, 5:30 pm to 6 pm and Sundays, 3 pm to 3:30 pm. Through September 30.

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



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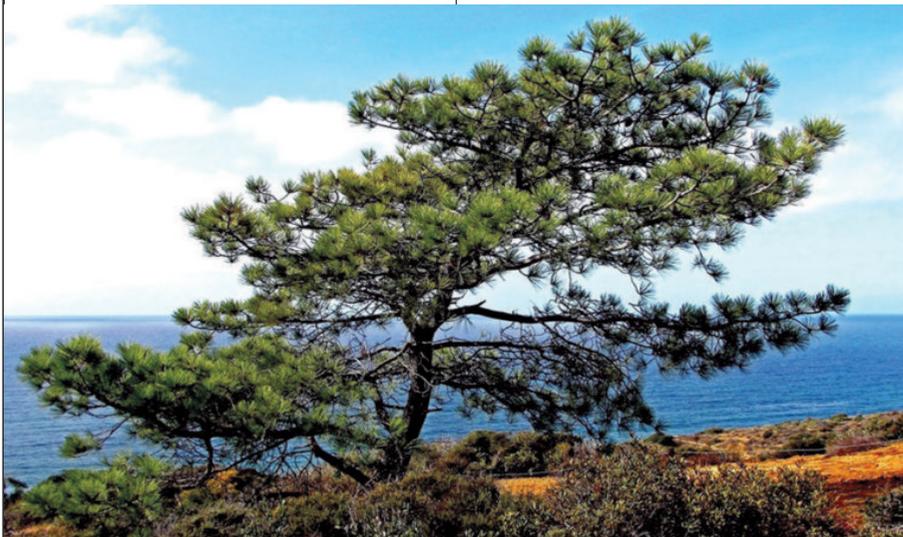
## Tuesday | 22

### MUSIC BOX: DAUGHTRY LIVE FROM HOME

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**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 22, 7:30 pm

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



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## ART

**To Tame a Wild Tongue Charla (Talk)** The Charlas feature exhibition curator Alana Hernandez in conversation with exhibiting artists on Instagram Live. Join the Charla for a conversation with Julio César Morales. Tijuana-born Julio César Morales's practice focuses on issues of migration, labor, and informal economies, on both a personal and a global scale. The artist has positioned himself as a documentarian of people across the United States-Mexico borderlands. Thursday, September 17, 11am; free. [mcsd.digital/to-tame-a-wild-tongue/eng](https://mcsd.digital/to-tame-a-wild-tongue/eng). (ONLINE)

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Absorbed in the creations of thy mind,  
Forgetting daily self, my truest self I find.

### The Highlands

Saw ye first, arrayed in mist and cloud;  
No cheerful lights softened your aspect bold;  
A sullen gray, or green, more grave and cold,  
The varied beauties of the scene enshroud.  
Yet not the less, O Hudson! calm and proud,  
Did I receive the impress of that hour  
Which showed thee to me, emblem of that power  
Of high resolve, to which even rocks have bowed;  
Thou wouldst not deign thy course to turn aside,  
And seek some smiling valley's welcome warm,  
But through the mountain's very heart, thy pride  
Has been, thy channel and thy banks to form.  
Not even the 'bulwarks of the world' could bar  
The inland fount from joining ocean's war!

### The Passion Flower

My love gave me a passion-flower.  
I nursed it well — so brief its hour!  
My eyelids ache, my throat is dry:  
He told me that it would not die.

My love and I are one, and yet  
Full oft my cheeks with tears are wet —  
So sweet the night is and the bower!  
My love gave me a passion-flower.

So sweet! Hold fast my hands. Can God  
Make all this joy revert to sod,  
And leave to me but this for dower —  
My love gave me a passion-flower.

### Winged Sphinx

Through brute nature upward rising,  
Seed up-striving to the light,  
Revelations still surprising,  
My inwardness is grown insight.  
Still I slight not those first stages,  
Dark but God-directed Ages;  
In my nature leonine  
Labored & learned a Soul divine;  
Put forth an aspect Chaste, Serene,  
Of nature virgin mother queen;  
Assumes at last the destined wings,  
Earth & heaven together brings;  
While its own form the riddle tells  
That baffled all the wizard spells  
Drawn from intellectual wells,  
Cold waters where truth never dwells:  
—It was fable told you so;—  
Seek her in common daylight's glow.



Margaret Fuller (1810–1850) was an American writer and critic, and an early advocate of the women's rights movement. Considered an influential member of the Transcendentalist Movement — founded by Ralph Waldo Emerson — Fuller also wrote the first major American work of feminism in the United States — *Women in the Nineteenth Century* (1845). She became the

first editor of *The Dial*, the official publication of Transcendentalism in 1840 and joined the staff of Horace Greeley's *New York Tribune* in 1844. Traveling to Italy to cover the revolutions taking place there, she eventually married Giovanni Ossoli, with whom she had a child. While returning to the U.S., the entire family died in a shipwreck off Fire Island, New York, in 1850. Her poetry had met with mixed reviews, although Walt Whitman took her work as an inspiration for his own attempt at writing poetry with a uniquely American identity.

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tember 19, 10am; free. <https://bit.ly/3bSOjpv>. (ONLINE)

**Zen Kitchen: Sweet Potato Brownies Ages 9-15** A Culinary Social Club for kids and teens where we'll learn the culinary fundamentals to gain confidence and independence in the kitchen. We'll be making sweet potato brownies, a nutrient dense dessert that

everyone can feel good about. After registering, you will receive an email with instructions on how to join the class. Thursday, September 17, 4pm; free. <https://bit.ly/2ZwvPWY>. (ONLINE)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**District 1 Candidate Virtual Forum** La Jolla Community Center presents a virtual Candidate Forum allowing its members and the La Jolla community to learn more about candidates Joe LaCava and Will Moore, running for the District 1 Council seat. Questions will be submitted prior to the moderated event and participants can also ask questions during the Zoom session that will be reviewed, then presented to each candidate. Registration required. To register, please visit [www.ljcommunitycenter.org/forum](http://www.ljcommunitycenter.org/forum). Thursday, September 17, 7pm; free. (ONLINE)

**Evolution 2020** Evolution 2020 is a co-creative Community Building Celebration; harmoniously weaving

together elements of holistic health, resilience, regeneration and conscious community development. Friday, September 18, 9am; \$55-\$77. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

**Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series** San Diego State University: For the first Hugh C. Hyde Living Writers Series for Fall 2020, faculty from SDSU's MFA Program in Creative Writing will share excerpts from their latest publications and answer questions from participants. This event will be virtual, with Zoom and Facebook Live. Wednesday, September 23, 7pm; library.sdsu.edu/events/sdsu-mfa-program-faculty-reading. (ONLINE)

**Outside the Lens: The Creative Collective** The time is now. How are storytellers transforming the structures of racism, economic mobility, poverty through media? Through an exploration with newsrooms, photojournalists, educators, and youth content producers, this panel will take an intentional look at perspectives shared across news and social media platforms. Thursday, September 17, 5:30pm; free. <https://bit.ly/2GNuNcp>. (ONLINE)

**Virtual 20th Anniversary Gala** Tune in for a virtual celebration of the Museum's past 20 years and look ahead to all the incredible opportunities the future holds with a family-friendly event from the comfort of your home. Thursday, September 17, 5:45pm; free. [sdcdm.org/virtual-20th-anniversary-gala](http://sdcdm.org/virtual-20th-anniversary-gala). (DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO)

## FOR KIDS

**Animal Care Camp for Kids** Kids will get to experience what it's like to have a career with animals. This camp involves unique hands-on activities led by professional animal care staff to give campers experiences with the different aspects of animal husbandry. Campers will be encouraged to follow their passion and explore their skills with animals of all kinds. Spots are limited, register at link: <https://bit.ly/2Fpj8WY>. Ages 9-17 Sunday, September 20, 9am; \$200. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

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## SHEEP and GOATS

### Kukai

From the deep, dim, most distant past,  
A thousand thousand tomes we hold  
Of sacred texts and learned lore  
Profound, abstruse, obscure and dark,  
Teachings diverse and manifold —  
Who can encompass such a store?

Yet, had no one ever written such,  
And if no one read what they have told,  
What should we know, what should we know?  
However hard they strove in thought,  
The saint today, the sage of old  
Would still be lost, have naught to show

The ancient god with herb and balm

Took pity on the stricken host  
Of suffering, sore humanity  
And he who made the compass-chart  
Showed them the way whose way was lost,  
A guide in their perplexity

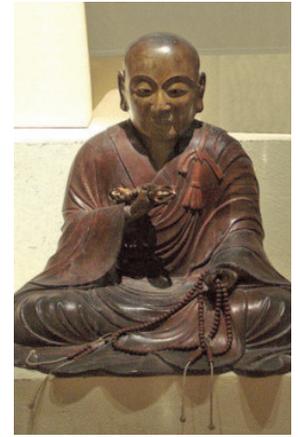
Yet senseless dawdlers in this world,  
The three-fold realm of fantasy,  
Mad, their madness do not perceive,  
And all the four-fold living things  
Are blinded so they cannot see  
How blind they are, the self-deceived

Born, reborn, reborn and reborn  
Whence they have come they do not know.  
Dying, dying, ever dying

They see not where it is they go.

- from *The Ten Stages of Religious  
Consciousness* by Kukai

Kūkai (774-835) was a Japanese monk, scholar, and poet who founded the “mantra” school of Buddhism, also known as Esoteric Shingon Buddhism. He is often attributed as the inventor of the syllabic system with which the Japanese language is written. According to Shingon Buddhism, enlightenment is achievable not only by the select few after ages of study, but by all who cultivate their spiritual potential – known as the Buddha-nature. This nature emerges in expressions of innate wisdom, and is often attainable with the help of a teacher and through proper discipline of mind and body.



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## FUNDRAISERS

### Zero Prostate Cancer Run San Diego

The San Diego Run/Walk is still on for September 19, but this year’s community celebration will be held online to make sure that you and your loved ones are safe from the spread of COVID-19. Join us September 19 at this website for a livestreamed day of support and celebration for amazing men in the ZERO community! Saturday, September 19, 9am; <https://bit.ly/2GU6QWV>. (ONLINE)

enhanced especially for this event. To participate, you’ll need to download the free Zoom software onto your computer, tablet, or phone. The cost is \$25 per connection. Saturday, September 19, 9am; \$25. [wildwonders.org/everything-you-want-to-know-about-cats/](http://wildwonders.org/everything-you-want-to-know-about-cats/). (ONLINE)

## OUTDOORS

The time of sunset changes most rapidly this time of the year. This is mainly because the sun is swinging rapidly south along the ecliptic (its apparent path through the back-

ground stars). From the latitude of San Diego, the sun is now setting about 75 seconds earlier every day (equivalent to about 9 minutes earlier per week), and its setting position along the horizon shifts southward about one-half degree per day.

San Diego’s coastal sage-scrub vegetation is now at the very nadir of its growth cycle. Shades of gray and yellow have replaced the bright greens that carpeted many of the still-wild coastal hillsides up until April or May of this year. Sometime within the next several weeks, the first substantial autumn rain will shatter the usual summer drought, and our “summer deciduous” veg-

etation could bounce back in a matter of days.

Fall migrant birds such as wood warblers can be seen at Cabrillo National Monument and its vicinity on Point Loma, Torrey Pines State Reserve, and other parks and open spaces near the San Diego coast. Cooper’s or marsh hawks and even peregrine falcons may be seen following or pursuing these smaller birds.

The zodiacal light, which can appear as a diffuse, pillar-shaped glow in the eastern sky for up to an hour before dawn, will be quite conspicuous at dark locations this week-

end. The subtle glow is caused by the sun’s light reflecting off dust particles floating in space in the plane of our solar system. In the sky, this reflected light appears superimposed along the string of constellations we know as the zodiac and especially those zodiacal constellations closest to the direction of the sun. An old name for this phenomenon is “false dawn” — a good description of the effect under clear and very dark skies.

The above comes from the *Outdoors listings* in the Reader compiled by Jerry Schad, author of *Afoot & Afield* in San Diego County. Schad died in 2011.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Fashion Week San Diego’s Virtual Runway Show

Join Fashion Week San Diego for their next virtual runway show. FWSD’s fourth virtual runway show features one of this year’s designers, Kelly Leanne Apparel Designs. Temporarily holding on all live events virtually on FWSD’s IGTV, YouTube, and website. Friday, September 18, 2pm; free. [fashionweeksd.com/events/](http://fashionweeksd.com/events/). (ONLINE)

## LECTURES

### Archaeology & History of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve

People have lived on or near Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve for at least 10,000 years. What does the archaeological record tell us about how they survived? When the Spanish first came to San Diego, the people there were known as the Kumeyaay. This virtual event will be held on Zoom and is limited to 100 attendees. Thursday, September 17, 5:30pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3hpcNHX>. (ONLINE)

### Solutions-Oriented Visioning for Environmental Challenges

Sage Lenier is a visionary and inspiring leader in environmental problem-solving and human-rights activism. Lenier’s mission is to curate and present scalable and practical steps to addressing the ecological crisis, from your personal life to changing the systems you live in. All donations will go back into the Arts & Lectures fund to provide for future events. Wednesday, September 23, 6pm; free. <https://bit.ly/2FtFmXL>. (ONLINE)

## NATURE

### The Wild Cats at Wild Wonders

Wild Wonders is hosting a very special Zoom broadcast in which you’ll go into our “keepers only” areas to visit with our cats. As a special treat, we’ll provide all participants with a version of our Cheetah Activity Kit,

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## CORONADO

**Brigantine Coronado:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$1 off all draft beer, well drinks, and featured wine by the glass, \$4 sparkling wine glass.

**Nicky Rottens:** Monday, \$8 select mules all night. Tuesday, \$4 any canned beer. Wednesday, \$5 draft pints. Thursday, 22 ounce draft for pint price. Friday, \$6 mimosas and Bloody Marys. Saturday, 3pm-6pm: \$5 drafts, well cocktails, house wines. \$5 pretzels & beer cheese, side of fries, tots, \$6 buffalo wings, \$7 house nachos, \$8 chicken fritters & fries, \$10 chicken lettuce cup.

## DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

**Asti Ristorante:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$5 beers, \$7 house wine and cocktails, bites from \$5.

**Barleymash:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Half off all beer, wine, and spirits. Half off select appetizers.

**Cheesecake Factory Downtown:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

**Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar:** Monday-Friday, Beginning July 2020: 5-7pm: Five cocktails, five wines, and five appetizers, \$6 each.

**Gaslamp Fish House:** Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$4 Fireball shot, McCormick bourbon, shot of Torado Silver tequila, \$5 craft beer on tap, vodka soda, select wine by the glass, \$7 skinny margarita, select signature cocktails.

**Gaslamp Tavern:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: \$2 off drafts, wine, specialty cocktails, \$5 wells.

**Maryjane's:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 wells drinks, beer, \$6 wine.

**Rockin' Baja Lobster — Gaslamp:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot; \$5.50 Jameson shot, house margaritas; \$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels, Grey Goose.

**The Tippy Crow:** Monday-Thursday, 3-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary). Friday-Saturday, Noon-8pm: Drink exchange (prices vary).

# BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

## What a year it's been for Pure Project

"Times are moving fast right now and we are adapting," read the email from Pure Project. The Miramar-based brewery had reached out to let me know it would begin serving beers at its new satellite location, set in one of North County's most desirable commercial districts: Carlsbad Village.

Except, that was in late June, and by July 3, the governor was shutting things down again. Instead of pouring beers, the email informed me, Pure Project Carlsbad would be open for take-out beers only.

Sudden changes have been par for the course, not only for Pure Project, but for all San Diego breweries, which have had to repeatedly plan for one

contingency only to see changing county restrictions mandate another.

Having made it through the long and costly permitting process required by the city of Carlsbad, Pure Project had originally planned on a spring opening for its stylish indoor-outdoor beer space, which sits on the short block between State Street and the Carlsbad Village train station. When it finally started to serve beer outside later in July, nearly two years had elapsed since it first signed the lease.

Normally a very organized business, prone to patient and detailed planning, Pure Project has been tested by a pandemic that has forced it to improvise. When covid first hit, the brewery initially doubled its canning output to account for the lost retail and distribution. It started shipping directly to consumers throughout California and Nevada. It signed a short-term lease to set up a beer garden in an empty lot across the street from its Bankers Hill location, used seasonally to sell Christmas Trees.

To get Carlsbad open, the brewery had to team up with a pair of Village restaurants — Señor Grubby's and El Puerto — to meet the county mandate that beer only be served with food. It trained staff to adhere to rigorous safety standards and converted a small parking lot to supplement the spatially distanced limited patio seating.

"It's a game of Tetris," says cofounder Mat Robar, "always figuring out how to move things around and fit parties in the appropriate spaces." They face a similar state of flex with regard

2020. Between government assistance and the continued support of loyal fans, Pure Project looks to finish the year strong, and has even stayed with its mission to support environmental stewardship. In August, it partnered with the National Forest Foundation in its efforts to replenish forests lost to wildfires, for example. The beer company has committed to planting 10,000 trees this year, with a goal to plant 150,000 by 2030.

Meanwhile, the new Carlsbad location will serve as a barrel-aging facility, to help expand Pure Project's sour ale production. This will be bolstered by the imminent installation of a 15-barrel wine cask currently being shipped from

Italy's Barolo wine region.

Robar says other long term plans may move forward, likely at a slower pace. Though, who knows what 2021 may bring? "Everything's changed so quickly," he says, "We have no idea what it's going to look like in a month."

For more craft booze news, see [sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news](http://sandiegoreader.com/news/booze-news)



Pure Project's new taproom and patio, next to the Carlsbad Village train station

to packaging. Now that indoor dining has resumed, Pure Project's Miramar tasting room has also resumed service. With three taprooms open, the brewery needs more beer in kegs, less in cans. "It's been a task to try and guess which percentages go into which formats," says Robar.

Despite the relative turmoil, the steadily growing business has managed to stay on course in

## EAST VILLAGE

**Bootlegger:** Tuesday, 11am-1:30pm: \$2 tacos. Sunday, 9am-1pm: \$14.95 bottomless mimosas.

**El Dorado Cocktail Lounge:** Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday, 7-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails. Friday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails.

## EASTLAKE

**The Cheesecake Factory Eastlake:** Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.

## ENCINITAS

**Encinitas Ale House:** Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$2 off select beers and wine, half price appetizers. Tuesday, 4-6pm: Half off select burgers with beverage purchase. Saturday-Sunday, 11am-3pm: \$15 endless mimosa with brunch purchase.

**Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 well cocktails, house wine, domestic draft.

## ESCONDIDO

**Brigantine Escondido:** Daily, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, well drinks, featured wine, \$5.75 house margarita.

## KENSINGTON

**Bleu Bohème:** Monday-Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, 5-6pm: \$5.95 beers, \$7.95 champagne cocktails, \$9.95-\$11.95 wines, \$10.95 martinis. Friday, 5-6pm: \$5.95 beers, \$7.95 champagne cocktails, \$9.95-\$11.95 wines, \$10.95 martinis.

## LA MESA

**Brigantine La Mesa:** Daily, 3:30-6:30pm: \$1 off well drinks, drafts, featured wines, \$4 glass sparkling wine, \$5.75 margaritas, \$6 happy hour red wine, happy hour white wine.

## LAKESIDE

**Eastbound Bar & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 2-5pm: \$2 off all house cocktails, \$3 domestic bottles, \$4 micro drafts.

## LITTLE ITALY

**Carruth Cellars Wine Garden:** Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 off glasses, \$5 off bottles of wine.

**King and Queen Cantina:** Monday, 3pm-midnight: \$1 off drafts, \$4 beer bottles, \$7 well drinks, wine, sangria, \$8 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9. Tuesday-Sunday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$4 beer bottles, \$7 well drinks, wine, sangria, \$8 margaritas. Appetizers \$5 to \$9.

## MISSION BEACH

**Guava Beach Bar & Grill:** Monday-Thursday, Sunday, 3-6pm: \$5 drafts and bottled beers, wells, house wines, house margaritas, Guavaritas, Moscow mules. half off all tequilas, 20% off all appetizers. Friday, 3-7pm: \$5 drafts and bottled beers, wells, house wines, house margaritas, Guavaritas, Moscow mules, half off all tequilas, 20% off all appetizers.

## MISSION HILLS

**Shakespeare Pub & Grill:** Monday-Friday, 3-7pm: All draught pints (excluding cask, \$6 Anytime, and Black Velvet) and bottled beer \$1 off. well liquor \$4.50, \$5 house wine, appetizers \$5.95-\$7.95.

## MISSION VALLEY

**Lazy Dog:** Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm and 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Friday, 3-6pm: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Sunday, 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini.

**North Italia Fashion Valley:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$5 glasses red wine, white wine, sangria, beers, \$16 wine bottles and beer pitchers.

## NORTH PARK

**Redwing Bar & Grill:** Monday, 6-9pm: \$2 domestics, \$4 craft drafts. Tuesday, 2pm-1am: \$10 Coronita buckets (6), \$7 Cuervo Jefe margaritas. \$1 house-made tacos. Wednesday, 2pm-1am: Happy hour food & drink all day & night. Thursday, 6-10pm: \$4.50 24 oz. Tall Boys, \$12.50 burger and Tall Boy. Friday, 2pm-6pm: \$1.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 domestic bottles, \$4.50 wells. Saturday, 2pm-6pm: \$3.50 domestic beers, \$4.50 wells. Sunday, 2-6pm: \$9 twelve oz. domestic draft with burger.

## OCEAN BEACH

**Sunshine Co.:** Monday-Friday, Sunday, 5-6pm: Half-price pitchers. Saturday, 5-6pm: Half-price pitchers, \$10 Sam Adams pitchers.

**Winstons Beach Club:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3 wells.

**Wonderland Ocean Pub:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, \$2 off wine, \$3 off mules. \$1 off tacos. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-1pm: \$12 Bottles of Champagne.

## OCEANSIDE

**Rockin' Baja Lobster — Oceanside:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot, \$5.50 Jameson shot, house margaritas, \$6.50 wine by the glass, Jack Daniels, Grey Goose.

## OLD TOWN

**Casa Guadalajara:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off draft beer and La Terre wines, \$3.95 house margaritas and well drinks.

**Home & Away:** Monday, Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$1 off glass of wine, draft and bottled beer, well drinks, \$3 to \$6 off specialty cocktails. \$2.75 tacos. Tuesday, 3-6pm: Taco Tuesday specials, see server.

**Old Town Mexican Café:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Half off well drinks and selected appetizers.

## PACIFIC BEACH

**Ambrogio15:** Monday-Friday, 4-5pm: \$19 per person biodynamic (organic) wine flight with three selected biodynamic wines

(two ounce pour) and focaccia bread, olives, artichokes.

**Latitude 32:** Wednesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$3-\$5.50 beer and wines.

**The Local Pacific Beach:** Monday, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.

**The Turquoise Café-Bar Europa:** Tuesday-Sunday, 5-9pm: Bottles cocktails to go.

## POINT LOMA

**Banza Bar:** Monday, 2-5pm: \$4 select drafts, wells, wine. Tuesday-Friday, 2-5pm: \$4 drafts, wells, wine. Saturday-Sunday, Open-noon: \$20 bottomless champagne with breakfast.

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# China's Wild West

“Muslim people love lamb, and always with cumin.”

**O**K. What else?”  
“OK. What else?”  
“OK. What else?”

The gal’s taking a food order at max speed over the phone. She reads all the items back. “OK. *Xié xié* (thank you)!”

She clacks her way back to the kitchen.

Pretty soon she reappears with my plate of *kung pao* tofu. Hmm. Looks fine. Just not sure if it’s genuine Uyghur food.

Uyghur? The Muslim people of western China. The ones being put in “re-education camps.”

Because now I’ve found these guys, I’m interested: what kind of food do Chinese Muslims eat? And specially the Uyghurs (“We-gurs”) in Xinjiang, China’s “Wild West?”

Actually, I didn’t know that’s what I was looking for till I spotted the sign, “Ma’s House,” yesterday. The name sounded so homey. And then I noticed big Chinese characters. So “Ma” doesn’t mean “Mama,” it’s a surname. Usually means “Horse.” Also, forget burgers. We’re probably

Silk Road. They brought their middle eastern food with them. Hand-pulled noodles, lamb, *kawap* (kabobs), *naan* (tandoor-baked bread), *manta* (that’s their dumplings), and *polows*, which is their take on pilaf. So Xinjiang is a real mixing ground. And if you’re going back, don’t forget they do cold dishes like beef tendons. Ah! Tendons! Addicting.”

Tendons? Really? Whatever, today it’s Jia who is here to take customers’ orders. She’s dressed in this light black silk scarf over her head, and a kind of decorated shoulder covering, also black, a Chinese take on the *hijab*. Her bright, intelligent eyes shine through the standardizing outfit.

“I am Muslim,” she says, “but I normally don’t wear this. The owners ask me to.”

She leaves a big long menu. Items like Dim Sum (10 beef dumplings, \$9.95), shrimp fried rice (\$11.95), to Three Flavors sizzling rice soup (\$12.95). “Warm pots” look really interesting, in a comfort food way. Like beef stew warm pot, or ox-haslets warm pot. “Haslets?” Turn out to be like entrails. Organs, heart, all the messy stuff. Problem is, they’re made to feed 6-12 people. The smaller pot of ox haslets goes for \$20.95. The larger lamb stew warm pot costs \$29.95.

But with Jacob’s words ringing in my ears, I try to stick to “Western” dishes, meaning western Chinese dishes, from like Xinjiang, where the Beijing authorities’ current rounding up of so many Uyghurs for “re-education” is horrifying people worldwide.

I ask Jia if they have food from the Muslim west of China. “I am from Harbin, in the north of China, far away from Xinjiang. But Muslim people love lamb, and always with cumin. Also Ma’s specialty, noodles chow mein. Every Chinese Muslim, including Uyghur, loves Three Flavors Dough Sliced Chow Mein (\$14.50). And not just Muslims. We have 56 different ethnic nationalities in China.”

Pretty sure the “dough sliced” is cut noodles, hand pulled at this location.

Boy. Decisions. A little at sea here. I ask people at a nearby table. The Sayed family, from Pakistan. They’re sharing orange chicken (\$14.50), beef with green onions (\$14.95), shrimp chow mein (\$12.50), and chicken chow mein (\$11.50). Hmm. All very nice, but nothing that says “Uyghur.”

I narrow my choice down to lamb - gotta have lamb - stir fried and with plenty of cumin (\$15.95), because Jia says it’s real “western.” I also ask about Jacob’s tendons. “People become total devotees to a good plate of beef tendons,” Jacob said.

So I end up with lamb plus a plate of cold spicy beef tendon (\$10.95).

The lamb is great. Fried slices with onions,



Jia with my lamb dish



Tofu Kung Pao



Sayed family. They’re used to more spiciness in Pakistan, but give Ma’s good marks

cilantro, and of course, cumin laid richly on. It gives out an earthy, sweet, spicy, slightly mushroomy flavor.

The tendons? Yes, they take a little getting used to. They are slices, with a slippery gelatin-ish texture about them. But once you start in, Jacob’s right. You just can’t stop. They have a deep savory taste with a minty add of cilantro leaves, plus — is that soy? Garlic? Ginger? All three, for sure. And is that a prickle of pepper in there too?

This is a first for me. Don’t think I’ve ever eaten tendon before. And it makes great contrast with the lamb. Wow. Something new!

So yes, as far as Chinese food, this is different. I guess the food reflects the collision of Chinese and Middle Eastern cultures they’ve got going on out there in China’s west. (“Xinjiang” means “New Frontier.”) And yes, Ma’s House might be a good place to start learning about it, one tendon at a time. ■

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looking at a ton of Americanized Chinese dishes like orange chicken or *kung pao* chicken.

Then, close up, you see the sign. “Chinese Halal.” Aha! Chinese Muslim food!

Now I’ve got to venture in. Inside’s a large plain place with a little reception area. Rubber tree plants, fountains, swirling Arabic lettering on plaques, a certification by the Halal Board of San Diego, and a sign saying “In this house, we laugh a lot, we try our best... we hug often, we make mistakes, we never give up, we always forgive... but above all, we love.”

Nice. So I order the *kung pao* tofu. It’s pretty much tofu chunks plus *kung pao* sauce, plus peanuts and green onions. Cost, \$11.95. Not bad. My problem is you can always taste the tofu, and I ain’t totally into tofu. But 24 hours later, as it happens, I’m jumping off the 44 again. Because now I know more. This morning, I bumped into my friend Jacob, who has been to China many times.

“The thing about Uyghur,” he says, “is they weren’t originally Chinese. They moved in from the west. Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan. The Stans! Think

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# Take-out ramen

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## Menya Ultra to go

Menya Ultra ; 8199 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, Kearny Mesa. Indoor dining has resumed in San Diego, though at a limited (25 percent) capacity, it won't be enough to keep most restaurants afloat, so outdoor dining and take-out remain crucial to their success.

That includes a certain highly touted ramen brand. When Menya Ultra opened in

## FEAST!

Kearny Mesa in 2017, the hype came with it. Menya opened its first shop in 1994, in the city of Odate, about 300 miles north of Tokyo. After multiple ramen awards and numerous expansions throughout Japan and Taiwan, San Diego became its first U.S. outpost. A Mira Mesa location quickly followed, and a Hillcrest location could open by the end of the year.

Those added locations are necessary, because, with celebrity chefs and ramen influencers raving about the quality of Menya's noodles and broths, the lines form quickly. It was so long my first attempt — over an hour was the estimate — that I gave up and went to locally owned ramen bar Tajima instead.

I thought I got the jump on the crowds a second try, when I showed up 15 minutes ahead of its 11am opening. Nope. Nearly a dozen people had already lined up ahead of me.

The tiny ramen bar can only serve so many at a time, so I thought I'd come up with a work-around, and order myself a bowl of ramen to go. Wrong again. Wanting to preserve the quality of their noodles, best eaten fresh and on site, they told me over the phone that they don't do phone orders.

Take-out ramen from Menya Ultra, put together at home with simple instructions.



Cold tantan men ramen with paiko chicken cutlet, from Menya Ultra.

Fast forward to summer 2020, and sure enough, Menya has put together a way to offer take out. It involves separate packaging: not just the broth, but also the noodles and toppings (which is actually pretty common among local ramen bars doing take-out). Menya adds instructions on properly heating and assembling separate components.

The only complaint I've ever heard from ramen eaters is that the pork tonkotsu broth can be a bit salty, and that's true enough here. That's never been a problem for me though, and the miso broth, mixed with tonkotsu, was luxuriously savory. Menya adds fish oil to its tonkotsu, which lends added umami and complexity, and

combined with that of the miso and sesame flavors (\$13), it's easy to see why ramen lovers repeatedly line up for the stuff.

Of course, we've recently been hit with a heat wave, and not likely the last we'll see this summer, so a bowl of hot ramen isn't on everyone's agenda. No worry, though, because Menya offers a pretty special cold ramen as well.

For the cold version, the broth is whittled down to a sauce, which lightly dresses the noodles. I went for the cold version of its tantan men, a spicy sesame ramen featuring ground pork and a choice of fried pork or chicken cutlet. My cold tantan men included the pork, and my pick of chicken



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cutlet, and unlike the hot stuff it was topped with raw slivers of red onion and julienned cucumber, plus a handful of fresh cherry tomatoes.

Whether or not indoor dining is on your agenda yet, cold ramen should be on everyone's summer eating list (Tajima and Hachi Ramen often offer it too). Consider it a rare covid silver lining that you don't have to wait in line for it this year.

by Ian Anderson

### Fortunate Son arrives with too much success

Fortunate Son; 2943 Adams Ave, North Park. A synthetic voice answered the phone of Fortunate Son, the new Chinese food spot opened by Consortium Holdings, in

I was told two hours.

It was surprising and, frankly, encouraging to see a restaurant debut to such immediate demand during the pandemic. Apparently, San Diegians are starting to rediscover their hunger for restaurant food.

When I arrived to pick up my food, I would find the patio seating full, with up to an hour wait. Several other customers were there to pick up orders from the takeout window. The menu offers not entirely traditional takes on the classic dishes of Chinese American restaurants: crab egg foo young, kung pao chicken with honey roasted peanuts, or beef and shishito peppers (instead of broccoli). Packaged, of course, in the classic cardboard take-out boxes of Chinese restaurants.

The place looked like an

and the fact rice must be ordered separately.

Eventually, the crowds will subside and the food should live up to its potential. In the meantime, as classic a take-out concept as this may yet become, like most Consortium properties, the number one reason to visit is the décor. Fortunate Son's elaborate devotion to Chinese restaurant design almost makes North Park's old Peking Restaurant Chop Suey look plain by comparison.

Ornate wood carvings, paper lanterns, and screens throughout the dining room make it somehow easy to miss the huge dragon head looming behind them. With the return of indoor dining, this is poised to be another Instagram sensation. Even those of us sticking to outdoor dining for now may appreciate the patio umbrellas designed to resemble the paper umbrellas found in tiki cocktails.

by Ian Anderson



Cardboard take-out boxes are part of Fortunate Son's Chinese restaurant charms.

the Adams Avenue property where the restaurant group used to operate Soda & Swine. Sounding like a female Stephen Hawking, the voice instructed me to press one for to order a to-go order, mispronouncing it "Togo," like the West African nation.

Fortunate Son opened in August, with pandemic restrictions still in place. So, while it offered outdoor seating that included the patio of Consortium cocktail bar Polite Provisions, I opted for take-out, repeatedly encountering the automated voice menu, and its hold music: the Creedence Clearwater Revival song "Fortunate Son," naturally.

"Wow, this is crazy," came back the artificial voice, interrupting the classic rock tune every ten or twelve seconds to let me know the restaurant was experiencing high call volume. This could go on five, ten minutes before a person would pick up to take my order. Some calls, I was told my order could take 20 minutes to a half hour. Once,

instant hit. But, most likely due to the deluge of incoming orders, the food going out has proven inconsistent in the early going.

For example, while I have become addicted to the chili garlic chicken wings at the top of the menu (\$10), my first order was soggy. I might have given up on them if they hadn't crisped up so well in the oven. Same deal with an order of orange chicken, while a friend complained of overcooked pork in the pork belly sweet and sour.

It's the kind of stuff that drives Yelpers crazy — that

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# blurt the inside track

**Twitch** is an internet streaming platform known for its live video game streams. Its name is based on gamers' vernacular for the act of twitch video gaming, in which the player abruptly moves, or twitches, in reac-

Reyes says, "that are gaining monetization in various ways: including traditional sponsors, ad and product placement, and direct from fan donations and merch."

Recently, the circa 2011 streaming service that was



Local rapper Chris Reyes streams on the video game-oriented platform Twitch. "It's a lot of technical stuff, but it's easy for the viewer."

tion to a scenario in game play. Lately, musicians have been using Twitch as a performance venue.

Barrio Logan rap artist Chris "KILLcRey" Reyes recently transitioned onto the Twitch streaming platform. "It's a relatively new platform for musicians and thus the market is still wide open. Gaining followers is easier than on other similar platforms."

Reyes, a video gamer himself, is depicted playing the Grand Theft Auto V and NBA 2K20 video games on his latest "Never Heard It" rap video, which he edited entirely on his cellphone, then uploaded on September 9.

"That's been a goal of mine as a filmmaker for a while.... The community on Twitch seems to really be craving new content and are open to experimenting more and taking a chance in developing talent."

Twitch reports that it has 15 million unique daily viewers. Good news for musicians who can't make money doing live shows at the moment. "There are a lot of indie hip-hop artists on the platform,"

copped by Amazon.com for a reported \$1 billion was hit by copyright claims on the music played by its streamers.

While chatting with Reyes, I found a Twitch video of DJ Murdoc spinning hip-hop records on a September 2 stream — sans audio. A pop-up window read "audio for portions of this video has been muted as it appears to contain copyrighted content owned or controlled by a third party."

Many music streamers that are facing cease-and-desist notices because they sampled a video game sound byte onto their music without the game developer's co-sign, or because a gamer streamed a two-hour video trollin' whilst a smidgen of a 90s hip-hop diss track could be heard in the background. Reyes, one of 3.8 million streamers on the platform, says he's not one of them. He has three hip-hop shows that are hosted by local musicians, including Chris See's *The Internet*; *Mission Failed*; and *2MexTV*. "2Mex, an artist on our platform will occasionally have fans 'tip' via PayPal to perform songs or freestyle," Reyes explained. "Other artists like San Diego's

Gene Flo and Boxcutta Maxx have as well.

"It's easier for streamers to add a donate and subscription tab onto their Twitch channels," said Andre Murrh, a Chula Vista hip-hop head and beatmaker.

"Twitch got really big because of how the platform was set up, especially the screen layout, and the adding of 'Emotes' helped."

"Emotes: Twitch-specific emoticons that viewers and streamers use to express a number of feelings in chat," says the site. "They're a language of their own. They're also a way for partners and affiliates to reinforce their branding and personalities, and give fans ways to celebrate epic moments, poke fun at fails, spread love in chat, and become active members of

your community."

"Twitch provides resources to get partnered with large companies," Murrh corroborated, "and also you can host people pretty easily and allow them to be your moderators. Videos can be clipped and implemented easily, too."

"Basically, a streamer-friendly interface?" I asked.

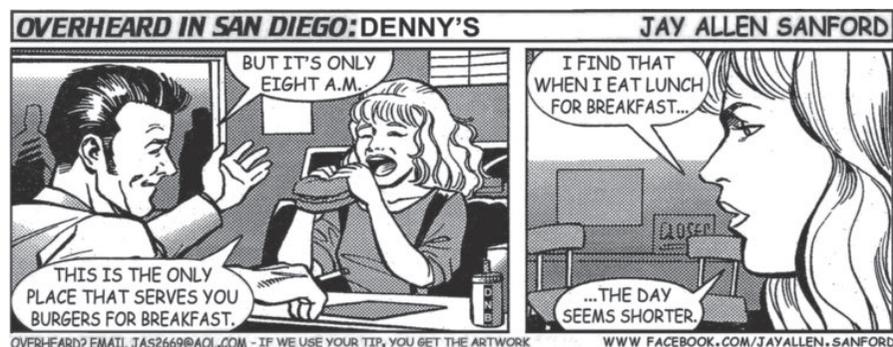
"Yes, it's a lot of technical stuff, but it's easy for the viewer."

— Mike Madriaga

**Belle and the Dragon's** new video "Trees," shot in Barrio Logan, evolved from the confluence of two situations: An inability to emulate John Travolta's swagger; and a lust for the perfect vegan taco.

"Originally I wanted to steal the opening scene from *Saturday Night Fever*," explains guitarist/vocalist Sameer Bhattacharya, "but after trying to edit the footage together realized I wasn't going to capture that magic. Then one night I was running the song through my head and I saw it like a kaleidoscope and was immediately inspired."

As for the perfect



vegan taco?

"While we were recording [album] *Birthrights* in April 2019, I was asking [drummer] Noah "Wuv" Bernard where to find some killer vegan tacos, and he introduced me to Salud! in Barrio Logan. I fell in love with the neighborhood. The art, the vibe, the low-riders driving by. All the colors come together into something dynamic and alive."

Bhattacharya, longtime resident of Encinitas and veteran of the bands Flyleaf and P.O.D., put Belle and the Dragon together using Wuv, from P.O.D., and Flyleaf bassist Pat Seals. Dave Hidek signed on as producer and

to aid in his investigation. I love that."

Of course, by that point, he was a longtime veteran of San Diego playing. "It was surreal, when Flyleaf was co-headlining with P.O.D. at the House Of Blues. I remember the show itself being great, but since we had just played L.A. the night before and I was living in Studio City I decided to drive instead of stay on the tour bus.

What a mistake. I got caught in traffic and caused us to miss out on a proper soundcheck and the tension that had been building all tour snapped. It was the best, worst, and oddest experience rolled

Wuv was already booked for Shiprocked as a Stowaway (a group of incredible musicians from established bands who get together to become the coolest cover band ever). We were all able to play with the Stowaways and do a Belle And The Dragon set. It was serendipitous, because Stowaways needed more players and Belle And The Dragon got to play on the ship."

The virus situation hit him as hard as anyone else, although he avows: "Since the quarantine I've been organizing the studio, reorganizing the studio, writing new songs, and going live on Facebook every Friday at noon."



Belle and the Dragon couldn't capture that John Travolta magic.

they cut the debut album at Professor Bombay Sound.

The band name, explains Bhattacharya, "comes from the Book of Daniel, chapter 14, where Daniel debunks the two Babylonian gods, Bel and the giant serpent who they called a dragon, using practical means. Daniel didn't need any supernatural influence

into one day."

And in better days, he took to the ocean as well. "Shiprocked" is a cruise full of rock bands. It's a lot of fun for us in the touring world because it's like a family reunion. A lot of bands we play with at the big festivals.

I was fortunate enough to play it in 2018 with P.O.D.

And future plans?

"California says no concerts until 2021, so next year there will be new tours and a new album."

—Andrew Hamlin

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## LEXINGTON FIELD

Released just over a decade ago, the debut full-length from Americana fiddle rockers Lexington Field featured their take on classic traditional Irish tunes like “The Wild Rover” and “Molly Malone,” as well as original songs. Subsequent recordings have continued their contemporary reimagining of Irish classics, as well as developing emerald-tinted folk-punk originals that take their sound from tin whistles and twee into full-on mosh pit madness. Known for constantly gigging, whether or not they have a current release, a new holiday single debuted last December, “Christmas at the Pub,” but they’ve since maintained a somewhat low profile,

as the entire music industry awaits a plan for restarting the concert circuit. Their upcoming EP *Win the Day*, recorded earlier this year in Rancho San Diego at Clarity Recordings with Sean Tolley, debuts October 2. “We wanted to tap into the reality of our current lives, some past experiences, while still capturing that true fiddle rock sound,” says singer-guitarist Beau Gray. “We kept with the catchy theme throughout the record, and found a really good balance throughout all six songs.” A music video is streaming online for the first single, “Dear Sorrow.”



## WANTED NOISE

Jin Salamack, bassist-singer for Wanted Noise, was originally from Hawaii before relocating to San Diego and hooking up with SDSU and UCSD grads Taylor Wagner, Suri Sherman, and Caleb Atkins. The surf-skate band’s main inspiration is the vintage pop-punk sound of Blink-182 stirred up with a beach-bro vibe cut from the same tropical terrycloth as fellow locals Pepper, Unwritten Law, and Sprung Monkey. Their seven song EP *Plate Lunch* was released in 2017, after which the band embarked on their first tour. They just dropped a new single and lyric video for a track called “Go Get” that Salamack says was named after an inspirational

phrase his high school track coach used to yell at practice, “If you want it bad enough, you need to go get,” intentionally leaving off the “it.” “I swear he knew that it would spark a song title one day,” says Salamack. “This single speaks for the youth and adults who never grew out of doing what they’re passionate about. Not giving up on your dreams by giving in to what society thinks is best for us. This song also speaks for this band. We met in college, got our degrees, but at the end of the day, we still would much rather be on stage sharing our experiences with our fans.”



## JELANI ARYEH

20 year-old Jelani Aryeh got his start making YouTube videos of himself rapping original lyrics over instrumental tracks poached from other artists. Once he felt he’d developed a knack for lyrics, he bought a midi keyboard and began moving in more of an R&B direction, developing his vocals as a soft rock crooner inspired by meditation and yoga, but set to an urban beat. He was still a teen when his seven-track EP *Suburban Destinesia* (an alternative reference to San Diego’s initials SD) debuted in 2017. Last year’s *Helvitica* was somewhat of an autobiographical concept album, with several songs making serious online

inroads across the major tastemaker sites, including “Patagonia” (which *Rolling Stone* wrote up for its “Song You Need To Know” column), “Union Station,” and “Decide.” Jelani Aryeh is featured in the San Diego installment of the *Verizon Staycation Road Trip*, a web series allowing travelers to virtually explore cities across the country, along with the artists, small businesses, and local attractions of each featured city. Aryeh is seen performing his latest single, “Stella Brown,” an indie rock anthem with over a million streams on Spotify, and Lt. Col. Brandon Newell discusses MCAS Miramar.



## BELLADON

“We’ve missed live shows,” says Belladon, who recently taped a two-song *Halfway Home* session that can be viewed online. “This was filmed back when things were opening up. It was great to do our thing again, [including] a slow version of ‘Haisa’...our single ‘Shoot’ off our EP *Dreading* got placed on some major Spotify. We’ve had 9,800 plays so far!” The performance of “Haisa” was taped August 2, with the members seen individually in black and white clips, keyboardist masked, the dual female vocalists in opposing locales: one indoors, rain fogging up the windows behind

her, while the other stands in an open doorway, an apparent forest visible just outside her doorstep. Both harmonize beautifully as they plaintively sing “How am I staying alive, trapped in my soul, not my body?” Even the band seems momentary taken aback at the end, as one understates how “That felt nice, I’m happy with that.” Their performance of “Shoot” takes the rocking anthem into full-on jam band mode. Other locals with *Halfway Home* sessions available for streaming include the Petty Saints, Nicely, Quali, Wild Wild Wets, Secret Fun Club, and Weatherbox.



## PLANET B

Dark dance duo ADULT. says that they seek to harness “the perverse aspects of the late ’70s analog dystopian post-modernism.” A similar description could also be applied to San Diego’s Planet B, featuring Justin Pearson (the Locust, Dead Cross, Deaf Club) and Luke Henshaw (Sonido de la Frontera), who say their music “lays somewhere just out of reach of genre, with aesthetics rooted in hip-hop, hardcore punk, turntablism, and ’70s-’80s horror movie scores. It is catchy, heavily percussive, and eerie all at once.” Planet B and ADULT. recently collaborated on a track called “Release Me,” which they say “encapsulates the ethos of both, allow-

ing the duos’ similar mindsets to collide. Nicola Kuperus’s hypnotic vocals add an occult aura, mysteriously alluring and supernatural, in contrast to Pearson’s more aggressive style. Henshaw and Adam Lee Miller’s sampling, sequencing and synthesizing entangle and diverge seamlessly, providing a dance-driven soundtrack fit for an apocalypse. The track ebbs and flows, pulls, and pushes, begs to be released, and yet remains throbbing in your head long after it ends.” Planet B’s previous single, a cover of M.I.A.’s “Bad Girls,” was released earlier this year.

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### THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

#### Kit Carson Park:

Saturday, 8pm — Drive-Up Dueling Pianos. \$40.

#### Off Broadway Live:

Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 6pm — Encore Tribute: Abba.

#### Online Internet Events:

Thursday, 6pm — Le Couleur Album Release Concert.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, 6pm — Say Hi Livestream. Free.

Friday, 6pm — 10 Years: Violent Allies Livestream. \$6-\$55.

Friday & Saturday, 6pm — Morsefest 2020: Lockdown.

Saturday, 5pm —

CentroameriCanto Fest.

Saturday, 4pm — Grammy

Museum Spotlight: Breland.

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Livestream From the Cave.

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Sunday, 5pm — Whispering

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Lost Dog Street Band. \$9.

Monday, 5pm — Della Mae

Monday Night Hoedown. Free.

Tuesday, 7:30pm — Music Box:

Daughtry's Live From Home

Tour.

Wednesday, 5pm — Blackberry

Smoke Pandemic Jam

Livestream.

#### Starlight Theater:

Friday, 8pm — Yesterday. \$10.

Saturday, 8pm — War. \$52-\$78.

#### Tony Pepperoni Pizzeria:

Friday, 7pm — Some Guy With a

Blue Shirt. Free.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

#### Belly Up Tavern:

Friday, Oct. 9 — Seun Kuti and

Egypt 80. \$25-\$44.

Saturday, Oct. 10 — Soul Asylum

and Local H.

Monday, Oct. 12 — The Teskey

Brothers.

#### Brick by Brick:

Thursday, Oct. 8 — Amorphis

and Entombed AD.

## IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

### Alexa, play something less vapid

Shame on Amazon UK and their new Alexa commercial that asks Alexa to stop playing Mozart and start playing "something more fun." The entire commercial makes Mozart's "Queen of the Night" aria from the opera *The Magic Flute* appear ridiculous, pompous, and boring. It is none of those things. I am tired of popular culture and commerce constantly trying to belittle high culture in order to make a buck.

This commercial glorifies a basic fool in a deck chair as having better musical taste than Mozart. There is no music more fun than Mozart's. There is music that is simple and stupid, but simple and stupid aren't fun. Simple and stupid are simple and stupid.

This is another example of popular culture and commerce lionizing the mundane and the average. The mundane and the average are realities, but they need to be kept in their place. Life is full of the mundane and the average. Well and good. Let's not pretend they are better than what is exceptional and outstanding. Mozart, for example.

When are we going to stop letting commerce tell us that a mundane and average individual is actually a fully integrated person with highly developed aesthetic tastes?

I get it. Amazon is portraying the everyman as a monarch in charge of his domestic castle. The average man can tell his lackey (Alexa) to "play something more fun" and Alexa does his bidding. But why does Mozart have to be dragged through the mud in this case?

Here's an idea for an Alexa commercial. A young person is studying, and tells Alexa to "play something less vapid and obvious" and Alexa chooses Mozart. It's the same

idea. You, the individual are in charge, so long as you pay Amazon.

Maybe Amazon understands us better than I realize. Maybe Amazon realizes that despite copious amounts of education and mountains of information, most people are still peasants at heart. Maybe Amazon knows that most people are mundane, average, simple, and stupid, aka peasants.



The entire commercial makes the Queen of the Night aria appear ridiculous, pompous, and boring.

Maybe Amazon realizes it can make money by telling the peasants they are kings.

Is Amazon right? Are we mostly mundane, average, simple, and stupid? Are we still peasants? I'd like to think not, but I've been wrong before, and Amazon appears to be right a lot of the time when it comes to knowing how the market will respond.

The other side of this story is high culture apologists who routinely give popular culture merit. You will routinely hear the leader of a classical music organization say something along the lines of, "All music has merit and sometimes people just want to let their hair down and have fun."

High culture can't even get consistent support from itself. It's a shame, because high culture *is* fun. Exploring the wisdom and insights of the greatest minds of the ages is a blast. I'm not being facetious here. It's fun to gain wisdom from high culture.

It's time for the peasants to revolt and demand something better from their corporate overlords.

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#### Casbah:

Friday, Oct. 23 — Diet Cig.

#### Estate:

Saturday, Oct. 17 — The Original Starfires Album Release.

#### La Jolla Boulevard & Cove.:

Sunday, Oct. 11 — Art of Elan: Musical Migrations La Jolla. Free.

#### Magnolia Performing Arts Center:

Friday, Oct. 16 — Wardruna.

#### Music Box:

Friday, Oct. 2 — Sir Veterano, Murs, Fashawn. \$20-\$30.

#### Off Broadway Live:

Friday, Sep. 25 — Encore

Tribute: Abba.

Saturday, Sep. 26 — Encore

Tribute: Abba.

Thursday, Oct. 1 — Encore

Tribute: America & Bread.

Friday, Oct. 2 — Encore Tribute: America & Bread.

#### Open Air Theatre:

Thursday, Oct. 15 — Maren

Morris.

Friday, Oct. 16 — Juanes.

#### Pechanga Arena San Diego:

Saturday, Oct. 17 — Lauren

Daigle.

#### Soda Bar:

Saturday, Oct. 3 — Torres and

Ariana & the Rose.

Wednesday, Oct. 7 — Lilly Hiatt

and Logan Ledger.

Thursday, Oct. 8 — Corb Lund.

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# Girls, girls, girls

Remember when Cuties were orange and tasty and sold by the box? They still are, just don't expect any promotional tie-ins with Maïmouna Doucouré's controversial debut feature, the straight-arrow coming-of-age dramedy *Cuties*. Why the recently trending hashtag #CancelNetflix, the streaming service guilty of showing the film? Cutie pies from Trump's Orange Army are once again up in arms, this time projecting feelings

## MOVIES

about themselves by alleging that a film clearly intended to criticize the sexualization of young children is in fact a clarion call for pedophiles worldwide.

We start out of order, with a parting shot — a closeup of frightened and over-made-up 11-year-old Amy (Fathia Youssouf) fills the screen. From there, we flash back, and watch and wait as the narrative to bring us up to date. Another mystery — the one behind the vacant room in the Parisian slum that Amy, her mother, and brother just moved into — is quickly solved: it's reserved for her father's new bride. While polygamous Pop prepares for his arrival from Senegal, Muslim mother Mariam (Maïmouna Gueye) sees to it that Amy is the youngest person in attendance at the daily prayer ritual. Not surprisingly, the group stresses modesty in dress and the obligation to obey one's husband.

Nowhere is it written "Thou Shalt Not Twerk." No sooner does new girl in school Amy spy classmate Angelica (Médina El Aidi-Azouni) busting a few moves in the laundry room than she wants to be part of her clique, an elitist foursome looking to become an internet sensation by auditioning for a local dance contest. It begins with assimilation through imitation, as Amy learns the hard way that an Afro is more difficult to iron than is Angelica's baby-fine hair. Her initial attempt to make inroads is met with harsh consequences: getting caught spying on a practice session results in a rock to the forehead. Still she perseveres, swiping with envy through the group's Instagram photos, longing to belong.

By way of consolation, Amy's ancient Auntie informs the young woman that she was already married when she had her first period. She prays the same fate will soon

befall her niece. As for sex ed, what pre-teen didn't first learn about coitus from the kids at the playground? When I was nine years old, a neighbor kid told me that babies came from two naked people kissing while standing up. Is that any different from Coumba (Esther Gohourou) saying that the used pink "balloon" she found in the woods and proceeded to blow up couldn't have been a condom because of its color? There's no sexualization here. If anything, Doucouré is pointing out the dangers inherent in the giggly naivete of a group of overly-curious Kardashian wannabes.

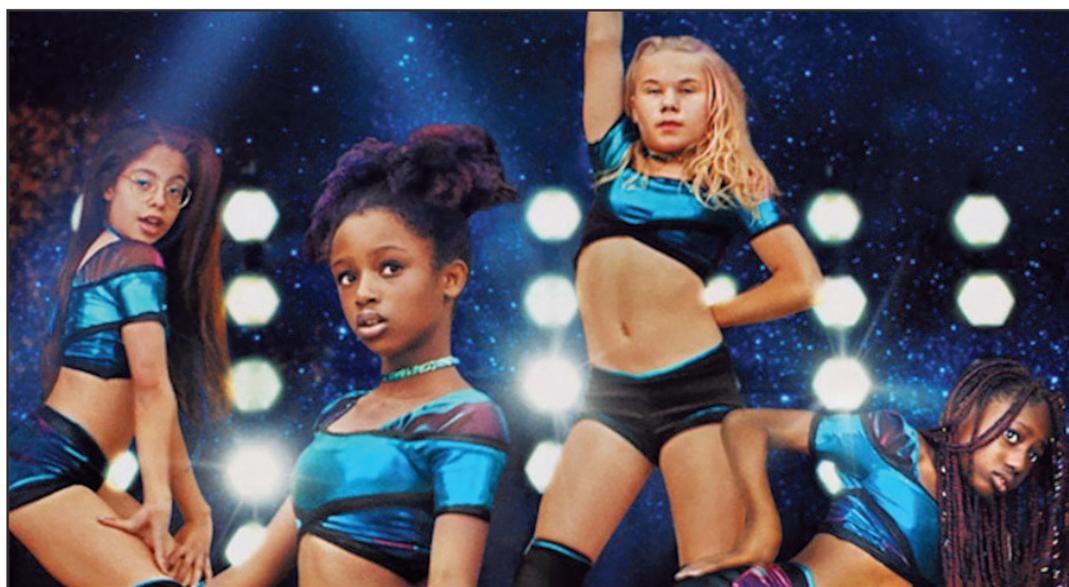
The kids attend school, and for the most part, have at least one parent at home. But not one adult takes the time to explain to the children the ways of the web. Not wanting her daughter to be fouled by the horrors of cyberspace, Mariam refuses to buy the child a cell phone. But that doesn't stop Amy from stealing her father's. And at some point, it's a parent's responsibility to stress that being "liked" shouldn't entail emulating the manner and style of strippers on the internet.

Netflix is guilty of many things — start with the small screen banishment of films by Orson Welles and Martin Scorsese to entice subscribers — but pandering to child molesters is not one of them. It's rare for a film to justify its use of child sexualization to make a point. As such, this stands as an online updating of such previous squeam-inducing cautionary fables as *Thirteen*, *Kids*, and *L.I.E.* ★★★★★

—Scott Marks

### Video on Demand New Release Roundup

**The Secrets We Keep** — It's 1959, and while at the park with her son, Maja (Noomi Rapace) notices what appears to be a new addition to the neighborhood: the Nazi (Joel Kinnemann) who killed her sister and left her for dead. A hammer to the head and a ride in the trunk lead to an open grave and a cocked gun. Alas, she can't bring herself to kill him, call the cops, or let him go, so Maja decides to bring her work home with her, much to the chagrin of soon-to-be complicit husband Lewis (Chris Messina). The production design is spot-on and the cast strictly top shelf — it's a charge



**Cuties: Much ado about something: the poster art that caused the controversy.**

watching Rapace chain-smoke her way to vindication. Not based on a true story and better for it, until writer-director Yuval Adler's plotting springs a few leaks. (How is it the audience can hear Lewis and the goose-stepper quarrel in the basement while the cop upstairs turns a deaf ear?) Not a patch on *In a Glass Cage*, but a good time nonetheless. 2020 — S.M. ★★★

### The Sit-In: Harry Belafonte Hosts The Tonight Show

— He was the first person of any color who Johnny Carson asked to guest-host a week's worth of *The Tonight Show*. Nebraska-born Carson didn't feel qualified to talk about the Civil Rights Movement, but recognizing both the significance and immediacy of the subject — the date was February 1968 — he asked Harry Belafonte to assume a spot behind a desk heretofore reserved exclusively for white males. At a time when blacks were largely ignored on television, Belafonte was a household name, thanks to his work on stage, screen, and music. (He's credited with Americanizing calypso.) "He was a black artist with a white fan base," observes the Clive Davis Institute's Jason King, "at a time when there was still legal segregation." Director Yoruba Richen's pithy time capsule of the era shows a culture in desperate need of healing. Belafonte seized every opportunity to engender discussion of critical issues, most notably racial equality among Black Americans. (The next time a black man would hold a similar seat of power was Arsenio Hall.) Carson gave Belafonte creative control, right down to the guest list: a catalog of activists, celebrity and otherwise, that included Lena Horne, Sidney Poitier, Aretha Franklin, Nipsy Russell, the Smothers Brothers, Zero Mostel, Rob-

ert Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, etc. When might we expect a blu-ray release of all five shows? Never. Videotape was expensive; the two-inch quad recordings that housed the shows were degaussed and recycled immediately upon broadcast. It wasn't until the early '70s that Johnny Carson paid, out of pocket, to have the shows preserved. All that remains of

Belafonte's week from February 1968 are a half-hour with Dr. King, another half hour with Robert Kennedy, and Leon Bibb singing Leonard Cohen's "Suzanne." Add to that a local collector wise enough to retain audio recordings of the first two nights, and we shall be thankful for what we have. Now streaming on Peacock. 2019 — S.M. ★★★



### FIRST BLOOD (1982)

Abandoned, betrayed, and taking it on the

arches, Vietnam veteran John Rambo's (Sylvester Stallone) rambling eventually lands him in Hope, WA, where he's instantly given a

personal escort out of town by Sheriff Will Teasle (Brian Dennehy). Refusing to heed the advice of authority, in no time Rambo, is booked for vagrancy and carrying a concealed weapon. And in even less time, he's taken down half the town's police force, clotheslined a passing motorcyclist, and set off to his makeshift woody hideout.

Ted Kotcheff's *First Blood*



*First Blood: John Rambo draws second blood.*

is one of the most underestimated action films of the 1980s. It houses a solid script (co-written, as they all are, by Stallone), expert supporting work (most notably from Brian Dennehy and Richard Crenna), and cinematographer Andrew Laszlo's stunning use of British Columbia as a stand-in for the Pacific Northwest. And what a punchline: the Congressional Medal of Honor-winning Green Beret

who prevails through survival instincts passed down from Uncle Sam is not responsible for one of the films innumerable deaths. And correct me if I'm mistaken, but if memory serves, the film comprises a pair of firsts: a veteran waging war against his country, and a character self-suturing a wound. For more on Rambo, visit us online.

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**PUPPY** The last week has been incredible... No fights. No mess It ain't a puzzle. Love you shawshank. 9 months of marriage. We will always be together.....Gman

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**GABBY, GIVE IT UP** It's so easy, just dump Trump! Don't be duped, write in David Duke for 2020. He's the real deal!

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**CAREGIVER NEEDED** Caregiver needed for disabled individual in El Cajon, CA. IHSS registry preferred, if not registered we'll work with you with registration and background check. In-person interview required. Must have CA drivers license. On-the-job training provided. (619) 756-2079 / pilar.santamaria@emeraldsight.com

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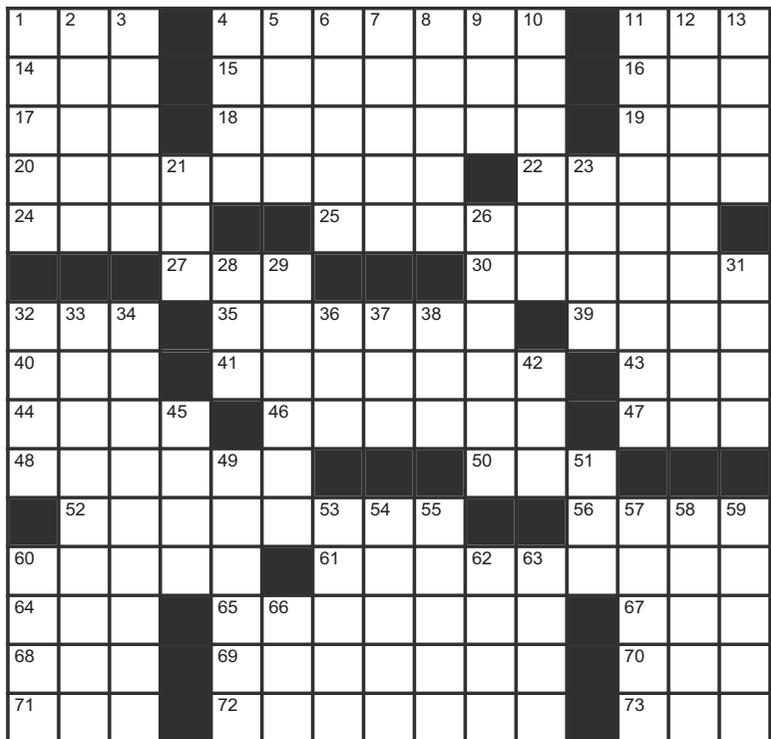
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# CROSSWORD



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## Across

1. Ewe can do it!
4. Tiny biter causing intense itching
11. Org. with the Suns and the Heat
14. "Right you \_\_\_\_!"
15. Witness
16. "\_\_\_\_ the land of the free ..."
17. "Just kidding!"
18. Port-au-Prince resident
19. Outline in the Arby's logo
20. Punny name of a marijuana dispensary in Alaska (it really exists!)
22. Major League team that, aptly, has won the World Series two times
24. Toot one's own horn
25. School whose motto is Latin for "Never tickle a sleeping dragon"
27. Queen \_\_\_\_ ("Halo" singer, to fans)
30. Pub spigot
32. Four-year degs.
35. What a dental scaler removes
39. 1994 title role for Jodie Foster
40. Inexplicable ability, for short
41. Punny name of a marijuana dispensary in Washington State (it really exists!)

43. "This Is India" novelist Santha Rama \_\_\_\_
44. "... so long \_\_\_\_ both shall live?"
46. "Goodness gracious!"
47. '60s antiwar grp.
48. Jill \_\_\_\_ of "Charlie's Angels" (Farrah Fawcett's character)
50. "A mouse!"
52. Drug-induced hostility
55. Jazz legend Fitzgerald
60. Gave in
61. Punny name of a marijuana dispensary in California (it really exists!)
64. Sudoku digit
65. "Whew!"
67. Watch chain
68. \_\_\_\_ tear (athlete's injury)
69. Boy who challenges stereotypes
70. Quadri- minus one
71. "\_\_\_\_ Misérables"
72. "Understood"
73. Red Sox Hall-of-Famer, to fans

## Down

1. Quaint inn, informally
2. Loud, as a crowd
3. Big name in insurance since 1853
4. Fish also known as a blue jack
5. Letter-shaped girder

6. Pistons great Thomas
7. Outset
8. "Peer Gynt" composer
9. Actress Mendes
10. Prom tux, usually
11. Nolan Ryan pitched seven of them
12. Marinated side dish
13. Performing \_\_\_\_
21. Former CIA foe
23. Small songbird
26. "No surprises, please"
28. Extras on many Syfy shows
29. Talk. All. The. Time.
31. +
32. Structural support
33. Promise
34. John le Carré works
36. Rob \_\_\_\_
37. Fight-ending letters
38. "That sure hits the spot!"
42. Size up
45. Niagara River source
49. Curious thing
51. London's \_\_\_\_ Gardens
53. Throat-clearing sounds
54. \_\_\_\_ apparatus (cell part)
55. Perry of fashion
57. Southpaw
58. "Arrowsmith" wife
59. "Mad Men" milieu
60. Frosty the Snowman's eyes
62. Heavenly instrument
63. School since 1701
66. Here's the kicker!

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

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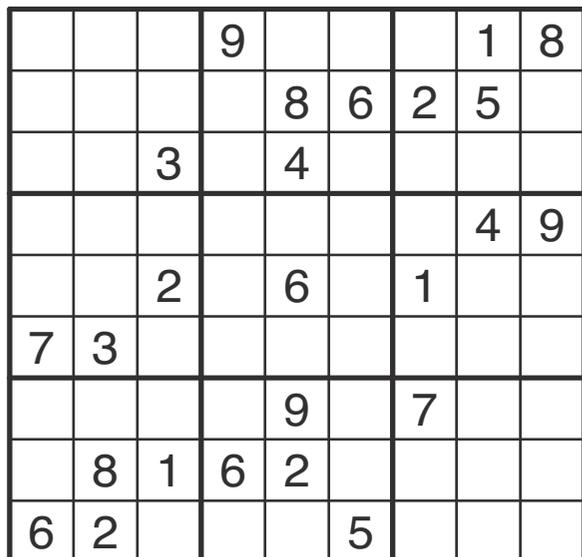
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☛ **Ramie Tateishi, San Diego, 7.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

# SUDOKU

## EVIL:



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☛ **John Carleton, El Cajon, 1.**

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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

### EVIL:

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

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## Unwell

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Corps, we groused. The Happy Hours started with once a week, then twice, maybe more on the side. I gained 40 pounds in six months. Sleep apnea and dizziness spells punctuated my nights and days. But at the end of it all, That Old Lie dug into our consciousness: *It is sweet and fitting...*

The idealizing and sentimentalizing of teachers finds its roots in the early period of compulsory education in Amer-

ican history. According to Goldstein, 90 percent of teachers were men in 1800. Today, 76 percent of teachers are women. This happened partly because, in the 1820s, as school became universal and mandatory for children, people needed to be convinced that it would be worth their tax dollars. Education reformers argued that women were more virtuous and more Christian than men. Men were abusive alcoholics who would beat kids, they said; women were more

in tune with children on a biological level. Even better: they could be paid half of what men were getting. It was seen as a moral and fiscal win-win.

"Schools are microcosms for what happens in society," Yang said. They've often been on the front lines of the country's most pressing issues, whether it's poverty (now euphemistically called "inequality"), racial inequality, or the coarsening of our political discourse. The current conversation on whether and how

schools should reopen is part of a long American tradition of projecting our collective anxieties onto public institutions whose structures are incapable of satisfying everyone, yet which are too big to fail. The fact that everyone has been to school gives many the impression that they somehow have the correct opinions on schooling, when they are merely projecting their personal experiences onto something they don't fully understand.

It is no wonder, then, that there is a national teacher shortage. In 2017, the Learning Policy Institute reported that two-thirds of teachers who left the profession did so for reasons other than retirement. From 2008-2016, there was an almost 38 percent drop in applicants to teacher prep programs. The Economic Policy Institute reported in 2019 that schools were having a harder time filling teaching vacancies. Additionally, "about 30 percent of college graduates who became teachers were not in the profession five years later."

These compounding effects lead to what the report's authors call

a perfect storm: "Lack of sufficient, qualified teachers and the staff instability that accompanies turnover threaten students' ability to learn, and reduce teachers' effectiveness, and high teacher turnover consumes economic resources that could be better deployed elsewhere. The teacher shortage makes it more difficult to build a solid reputation for teaching and to professionalize it, which further contributes to perpetuating the shortage."

But the research indicates that teachers stay in their classrooms when they feel a sense of autonomy and administrative support. The Economic Policy Institute report cited testing and accountability measures and lack of administrative support as the first two reasons why teachers leave the profession. Test scores obscure important contexts: the relative ability of the cohort that year; how well its members get along; and the economic or cultural factors that contributed to the test score. Anyone who's taken a test knows, too, that often, a test merely tells you how good a test-taker someone is, not their content knowledge or habits of mind.

Cindy Bledsoe, a teacher at Tierrasanta Elementary School, has been in education for over 30 years. She has been an administrator as well as a classroom teacher, and her observations about the teaching field reflect the same concerns as those presented in the various studies mentioned here. "When we're at school, and our 'armor' is on, we're not people," Bledsoe said. "If you had a bad night at home, that's too bad. That's just the job. That's the way you survive, too. You compartmentalize."

She rejects the suggestion that the summers off make up for the grueling year. "It literally takes me a month to feel normal" at the end of the school year, she said. Like many other teachers, Bledsoe spends her summers taking classes and reading books that help her instruction during the school year.

A lot of mental energy goes into operating a classroom. *How do we begin routines? What about transitions? How many students in the room have special accommodations? Of these accommodations, how many of them are based on processing versus social-emotional? Who is being bullied? Is the bully experiencing his own struggles at home? By the way, did you get back to that parent whose email was cordial but slightly menacing at the same time?*

In her three decades as an educator, Bledsoe has gone through deaths in the family, uniquely challenging students, and health issues. She had been married for 30 years, and in the last decade of their marriage, her husband was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and she with breast cancer. "On a scale of 1-10, I was a 12 on stress," she said.

"Every teacher is going through a thing," Bledsoe said. "It's like we're human and we're trying not to be. We're trying to be superheroes." The culture of support for mental health within the educator community, though, is not always as cohesive as those on the outside would think it. "We had access to a hotline number, but the culture wasn't there for a lot of support, I hate to say it," she said. "Our day is so jam-packed, that for someone to reach out to that person other than their friend, it takes a lot."

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into teaching are self-sacrificial,” Yang said. Bledsoe has a similar view: “Teachers are, in their heart of hearts, codependents.” That means if their school culture pushes them in unhealthy directions, most of them are obliging subjects, even if it leads to unsustainable practices.

In 2015, a study found that “educators and other school-based staff can experience the stress of compassion fatigue and/or vicarious traumatization.” This is sure to increase over time, as teachers are now expected to keep track of their students’ academic as well as mental health needs. Younger teachers, who sometimes confuse activity with accomplishment, can find themselves overly available to students who might benefit from healthy emotional boundaries.

Reading over these

studies, I grew more pessimistic about the future of my profession. But the more I spoke to Bledsoe, the more I was encouraged by her example.

All of the major studies on teacher retention recommend the same things: better teacher preparation training, consistent and quality professional development that allows for horizontal advancements, greater autonomy and administrator support, higher salaries.

The way Bledsoe talked about her upcoming school year challenged the stereotype of someone who’s been in teaching for a long time. Instead of counting down the days until retirement, she often talked about coordinating with her team about how to implement new literacy programs and Zoom protocols. She told me about the speech she gives her elementary

kids on the first day of school, the one about the brain and the uniqueness of each person’s learning style. She spoke glowingly about professional developments that piqued her curiosity, and we exchanged stories in which our respective students demonstrated incredible feats of grace and generosity to us when we were in bad shape.

In order to succeed, Bledsoe said, teachers “need a good sense of who they are, how they are as a learner.” They also need to eat right, exercise, and meditate. At her site, Bledsoe mentors young teachers, and yells at them if she thinks they are doing too much and burning out too soon.

Bledsoe remains optimistic about the future for educators. In the past, there were not as many ways to share and collaborate, and today, she em-

braces the opportunities technology has afforded her. From a public perception standpoint, too, Bledsoe has faith that people outside of education are “going to see more and more that we’re human beings,” she said. “They’re going to want us to take care of ourselves more.”

To ascertain whether someone or a group of someones is truly valued, ignore platitudes and gestures. Instead, look to actions. The story here is bigger than teaching. It’s really about the sincerity of our words, and our laziness in letting words do the work for us. Often, the more we rhetorically enoble a group of people, the more we are willing to sacrifice them for our own ends.

My 67-year-old mother is a certified nursing assistant in a nursing home, taking care of patients with dementia and

Alzheimer’s. Our family nickname for her is based on a reckless white-bearded old general who loved to charge headlong into battle. When several people tested positive for covid-19 at her work, my sister and I pleaded with her to stay home. But she missed the residents under her care, and goaded by her restlessness under quarantine, she went back to work after a few weeks. The nursing home promised it would show proper appreciation for its workers, who were risking their lives during the pandemic. The reward was a celebratory breakfast of bagels with cream cheese and a banana, and a two-dollar raise in a city where the cost of living is 49 percent higher than the national average, and where the average home price is above \$1 million.

In the early days of the pandemic, when we

obsessed over *Tiger King* and stress-baked at home, we saw advertisements thanking essential workers who risked their health so we could go to the hospital or pick up bread from the grocery store. What we did not see was a dramatic increase in their pay, or guarantees that their medical bills would be taken care of should they catch the virus. We saluted them from afar and returned to our quarantine bubbles. Some of us yelled at them for doing their jobs by asking us to enter their places of work wearing a face covering.

Ignore the platitudes. Look to actions. If you can read this, don’t just thank a teacher. Make sure they get all they need to teach our children well, and advocate to get them paid more. It might be a while before we get many new ones.

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mine whether CBP complied with its use of force policy.”

The redacted document, formerly labeled Law Enforcement Sensitive, concludes that the two incidents of tear gas deployment against groups of migrants who rushed the border at San Ysidro complied with agency policy. But auditors flagged as improper the use by untrained Border Patrol officers of an “acoustic device” deployed against the would-be border crossers, risking permanent damage to the migrants’ hearing. “Border Patrol obtained an acoustic device and used it in an ‘alert tone’ mode on November 25, 2018, which we determined did not conform to CBP’s use of force policy because Border Patrol did not get advance authorization to have a device with this capability,” the report says. “Using the acoustic device in this mode may increase the risk of temporary or permanent hear-



A disturbing update to the “Ride of the Valkyries” scene in *Apocalypse Now*.

ing loss to those exposed to the sound and thereby increase the Government’s risk of liability.”

The unidentified device was “borrowed” from the manufacturer on November 15 “for demonstration and testing in preparation for the migrant group’s arrival,” per the report. “According to a San Diego Sector official, the device was to be used to gain attention and clearly communicate messages to a large group of people. The official also said the sector was unaware that use of the acoustic device in alert tone mode was not authorized.”

Agency follow-up inves-

tigations also missed key details, says the audit. “CBP’s own internal investigation of the November 25, 2018 incident regarding the acoustic device was incomplete and inaccurate. Therefore, CBP did not have all the information it needed to determine whether the CBP officer and Border Patrol agents involved had complied with the use of force policy. We noted the following instances of inaccuracy and incompleteness, as well as inconsistencies between the [Border Patrol Office of Professional Responsibility’s] investigative report and Border Patrol agents’

incident statements. For example: the investigative report stated the acoustic device was used only in ‘audio function’ or ‘audio mode,’ although agents did not include such information in their statements. The Use of Force Review Board’s executive summary report indicated the the acoustic device

was used for ‘audio-only’ as a public address system, although [the Office of Professional Responsibility] had radio transmission and video evidence that the device was used in alert tone mode.”

The report describes a chaotic scene confronted by agents patrolling the border. “In October 2018, CBP monitored an expanded group of about 7000 migrants believed to be heading north from Honduras to the United States. According to CBP, as the group moved north, it overwhelmed Guatemalan and Mexican border security efforts with actions that

included tearing down a border gate, throwing projectiles, and attempting to discharge weapons at border guards. On November 25, 2018, about 1000 migrants attempted illegal entry into the United States near the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry in the San Diego Sector,” according to the document. “On January 1, 2019, a group of about 100 migrants attempted to enter the United States illegally west of the San Ysidro, California [Port of Entry]. CBP personnel who used less-lethal devices in connection with both incidents generally reported they did so to protect themselves or other officers and agents from migrants throwing rocks and other projectiles.” The border patrol told auditors that its agents “intended to employ an acoustic device to broadcast spoken announcements to deter migrants from illegally crossing into the United States, per the report. “However, the

device was used in an ‘alert tone,’ reportedly to deter migrants from throwing rocks and projectiles.”

According to the audit, “The alert tone produces a loud, piercing sound to gain attention or to cause physical discomfort in a target. The device can produce sound pressure levels that have the potential to cause temporary or permanent hearing damage.”

On the other hand, auditors concluded, “Given the totality of circumstances” during the two incidents, the use of tear gas “appears to be within” the Border Patrol’s policy. “Border Patrol agents generally indicated that migrants began making verbal threats and throwing rocks at them while damaging fencing and the Tijuana River channel’s dirt berm. Six Border Patrol agents reported individuals in Mexico were throwing rocks at CBP personnel while hiding behind members of the media.”

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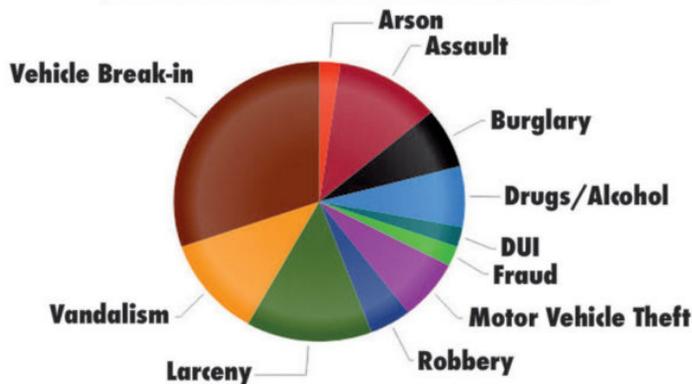
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out of the ordinary, or if our neighbors have any issues, we will address it. Neighbors will call us before calling the cops. Police will not respond to calls that have to do with theft or car break-ins. If cops happen to be patrolling and witness a crime, then they will take action, but only then."

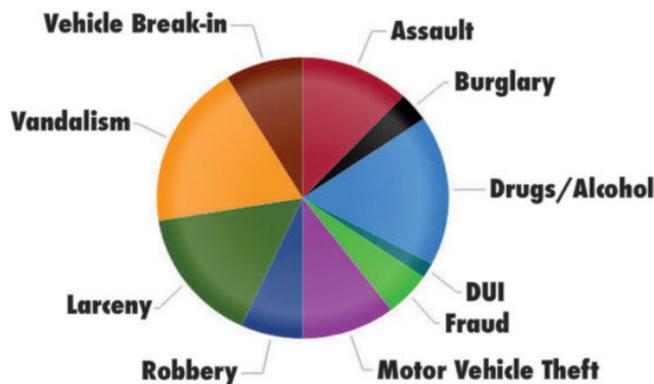
Within the area of North Park that the couple patrolled — south of University Avenue and northeast of Morley Field — most of the crime rates increased between March and August. "Small businesses that are still shut down are targeted by crime, and the homeless are very aware that whatever crime they commit, it won't be investigated, much less pursued," Claudia said. "A lot of petty crimes from the homeless are happening more around the North Park Rec Center as well." Vehicle break-ins and theft, on the other hand, dropped from 13 in March/April to five in the month of August.

Local auto racers, such as Michael from Cherokee Point, a neighborhood that borders North Park's east side, noticed less car thievery going on. "Selling chocolates [stolen American vehicles in Baja] is harder, because of the new registration laws there, and with the random Covid-19, military, and police checkpoints in

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Baja, stolen vehicles are harder to pass through."

In a *CrimeMapping.com* search of Cherokee Point comparing the two aforementioned time periods, vehicle break-ins and theft dropped from 23 to 19; burglaries from nine to four; and weapons charges, five to zero.

About two miles south of Cherokee Point is the Azalea Park neighborhood; martial arts instructor Matt Armstrong monitors the canyons and streets here. "I still go into Hollywood Canyon, Pepper Canyon, and Manzanita Canyon regularly, picking up trash and making sure no one is living in there and starting fires and such. I go two to three times a week, and the canyons are looking a lot cleaner. I used to go in with contractor trash bags and haul the trash out, now I can go through with just a bucket and tongs and get it all." (*CrimeMapping.com* states vehicle break-ins and theft dropped from seven to one; burglaries from three to two; motor vehicle theft six to three. Arson — which Armstrong is the most worried about, due to our weather and dry vegetation within the canyons — was a zero in August.) "Not only is the trash [including illegal dumping] down, but the graffiti is also very low. "F the pigs' was all over our bridge after the first protest, but we just painted it out right away. I am worried that after the pandemic and rent moratorium is over, there will be a flux of peeps trying to live in the canyons, but not on my watch."

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