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Goading Gloria

Why Barbara Bry deserves to be mayor of San Diego: mayoral candidate Barbara Bry in being more centrist than her opponent Todd Gloria is better positioned to work with all political factions in San Diego ("The Inzunza principle", News Under the Radar, September 16). She is a candidate without prejudice, a brilliant mind, competent, honest and hardworking. San Diego needs a mayor who is not a career politician. Several years ago, San Diego was besieged by the insanity of so-called alternative transportation, motorized scooters that proved deadly with untold fatalities and horrible personal injury. Used as toys by mostly thirtyyear-old boys, these scooters were in part the mastermind of Todd Gloria. Mr. Gloria using a poor historical analogy, went on record as comparing the recalcitrance to the automobile one hundred twenty years ago to that of scooters today. It was Barbara Bry who voiced early community concern of scooters and their safety. This is the kind of judgement we need in San Diego. In 2018 during the San Diego city council race in District Two, it was Gloria again who brought to prominence another member of the LGBT community, Jen Campbell. Campbell is under recall consideration for duping the voters on multiple issues. Quite frankly, State Assemblyman Gloria has trust and judgment issues. On the Ash Street fiasco housing an asbestos contaminated building formally the home of San Diego Gas and Electric, what did Gloria know and when did he know it? Personally, as someone holding a degree

in real estate, I would think that Gloria ought to have at least considered the age and concomitant construction of a building commanding such an expensive lease. Again, Mr. Gloria plainly exercised poor judgement. But finally, here is what the voters ought to know and take to heart. Having attended hundreds of Democratic Club meetings throughout the years, in all my interaction with Mr. Gloria never once did he make me feel worthy, accepted and honorable. He left me feeling as if a second-class citizen. My family were God-fearing salt-of-the-earth Democrats from the Midwest and I resent being looked down upon. San Diego ought to be welcoming to everyone. We are one humanity, one city with one common public good and for that reason, I urge a vote for Barbara Bry as next mayor of San Diego.

Daniel Smiechowski Bay Ho

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OCEANSIDE

The burning issue at the beach

Will rings of fire go down, down, down in history?

Are beach fire rings a beloved beach tradition, a place for families and youth groups to gather 'round while they roast marshmallows and tell stories? Or are they an attractive nuisance that draws transient drunks who like to fight and make late night pyres of wooden pallets, city property, and plastic? Because of covid's social distancing prohibitions, Oceanside mothballed its 18 cement fire rings, which are normally dropped in the sand adjacent to the pier and at the harbor beach. No one is predicting when they will return, and their summer-long absence gave locals a chance to contemplate whether the rings are an overall plus or minus.

"I think it's part of our culture," says Shawn Ambrose, whose Real Surf shop was featured in the *Animal Kingdom* TV drama. "Locals and tourists alike want to have a bonfire. It's been like a rite of passage for junior high and high school kids as long as I can remember."



Covid is only one of the reasons we can't have nice things. Literal garbage fires are another.

manager of Oceanside's public works division, says he is not aware of any move on the part of the city to remove the fire rings permanently post-covid. But he did admit that they have allowed some people to "be doing things that they shouldn't be," including burning city property like signs and A-frames. He also noted that wooden pallets leave dangerous nails in the sand after they are burned.

Some cities avoid fire rings altogether. Peter Pascual, field operations captain for the Carlsbad police, says the part of Carlsbad beach not controlled by the state of California has never had fire rings. And Del Mar and Solana Beach have no fire rings. Imperial Beach Mayor Serge Dedina says he and his neighbors are happy that his beach town hasn't had to deal with fire ring "zombies"

three at a time. They set off an intense tinderbox. It can get out of control. We don't want wooden pallets or Christmas trees, just cords of wood." He says that as long as people obey the rules, he sees no reason why tion may accept fire ring smoke wafting up to their seaside suites. "We have had some complaints from some local residents over noxious fumes," says Faumina. Jeremy Cohen, senior vice president for S.D. Malkin Properties which is building the hotels, did not respond to a request for comment.

"Our position is simple," says Kristin Kuhn, programs director of San Diego Coastkeeper. "People should enjoy the beach any way they choose, with the understanding they must keep the environment as sound as possible." She says the burning of plastic is a "most severe" example of disrespecting the beach. "Burning is simply not an acceptable way of eliminating rubbish."

Longtime local Carolyn Kramer points out that complaints about fire ring smoke have forced their removal from some Oceanside beaches in the past. "They've been taking them out little by little. The people in the San Miguel condos just north of the pier complained, and they ended up moving them to the south side of the pier. If they do bring the fire rings back, I think they should definitely bring them to

"Overall, we have had less debris on the beach with the fire rings gone. I would definitely say safety outweighs the luxury of having them on the beach."

the fire rings won't return to Coronado after the virus recedes.

Unlike Oceanside, Encinitas did not remove its eight firepits at Moonlight Beach. But due to social distancing restrictions, they were surrounded with orange fencing and signs notifying that bonfires were not permitted at this time. One Encinitas lifeguard said that the demand for Moonlight Beach campfires is so great that if there were 40 firepits instead of eight, they would still be snatched up.

A recent spate of bonfires has riled neighbors at Pacific Beach, Crown Point and South Mission. Marcella Bothwell told *Pacific Beach Monthly* that new laws may be needed to fight the toxic smoke from legal campfires. "The smoke is not just a nuisance. This is a real health problem. At what point and what areas are going to be designated for those fires?"

Richard Burns of Pacific Beach thinks that the fire pits will not win out in the end because they don't have a natural support group. "There's nobody with money or power who will get organized to back them," says Burns. "Businesspeople who own bars and restaurants don't want them, because people go to bonfires instead of their bars. We saved Bahia Point for public use because people got organized and rallied behind the cause. I just don't see that happening with fire rings."

In the case of Oceanside, Lifeguard lieutenant Faumina wonders if the new pier-view hotels currently under constructhe harbor beach [between the North and South Jetties], because that is a huge beach and they would be away from homeowners."

As competition director for the Western Surfing Association, Kramer has long been involved in youth surfing contests. She says the bonfire experience is not as vital to the surfing community as it once was. "Usually, after a contest, people are tired and they just want to go home." And Encinitas-based surf impresario Chris Cote admits the beach bonfire used to be a bigger deal. "The classic postsurf fire pit is a bit of a lost art unless you're at a campground. Most of us have great memories from around the firepit. That's where the best conversations happen. I guess fire is now a four letter word."

KEN LEIGHTON

Mothballed fire rings.

But Oceanside lifeguard lieutenant Blake Faumina says his crew is all about public safety, and the burning rings of fire aren't always safe. "We have always had signs that told people what they could and could not burn," says Faumina. "Yet they still burn tires and painted and treated wood that create toxic fumes for everyone. And broken bottles are always an issue. Overall, we have had less debris on the beach with the fire rings gone. I would definitely say safety outweighs the luxury of having them on the beach." Nathan Mertz,

for decades. "It's been since the '80s or '90s when they took them out. They drew a lot of criminal activity. It was like the *Night of the Living Dead* on the beach."

Possibly because it does not offer the same access to area homeless as other beaches, Coronado does not have the same fire ring problems as other cities, according to a Coronado lifeguard who identified himself as Sean. "It's a nice convenience to have," he says. "The biggest issue we have is when people bring down dried-out Christmas trees. Sometimes

DOWNTOWN

Cisterra firms things upA supersized version of the old apartment-over-the-garage model

A mixed-use project approved by the planning commission on Thursday will fill some gaps in downtown's East Village. But in some ways, the modern 9G tower resembles something from an earlier era. Some 241 new dwelling units in a 22-story tower will rise up over the old Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company garage on the south side of G Street between 9th and 10th avenues. The ground floor will hold a large retail store with a grocery department. There

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Gloria is learning that politics makes for strange bedfellows, some of them overly affectionate.

Dirty money

Gloria's shamed supporters

A controversial Los Angeles legislator turned lobbyist is among the latest donors to Assembly Democrat Todd Gloria's bid to become San Diego mayor, city campaign finance records show. Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, an Assembly Democrat who quit office in December 2017 following a spate of sexual harassment charges lodged against him by two legislative staffers, gave Gloria's 2020 mayoral campaign \$1150 on September 12 of this year, according to a September 13 disclosure filing.

Ridley-Thomas denied the allegations, maintaining that his resignation was for health reasons. But a subsequent report by the Assembly Rules Committee concluded in January of last year that the lawmaker "more likely than not" made an unwanted sexual advance toward the unidentified worker in August 2016, according to a Los Angeles Times dispatch of January 16. 2019. "The woman described the incident as Ridley-Thomas attempting to forcibly kiss her and said she could feel his erect penis against her leg," per a document released by the Assembly cited by the paper. Another Capitol employee alleged that the legislator had "shook her hand and lingered too long and winked at her in a way that made her feel uncomfortable," according to the Times account. Ridley-Thomas's attorney Nancy Sheehan complained that the investigation was stacked against her client. "During my 30 years of employment law practice, which has included conducting workplace investigations and defending cases based on workplace investigations, I would be hard-pressed to recall a more prejudicial complaint and investigative process than this one," Sheehan told the paper.

After quitting the Assembly, Ridley-Thomas, son of L.A. county supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (who is now running for L.A. city council), registered as a lobbyist, doing business as Millennial Advisors. But he ran into more controversy when he was fired in January 2019 by the Los Angeles Unified

School District on the same day the Assembly released its sexual misconduct policy conclusions. A 2018 *Times* account had earlier noted that Ridley-Scott had been fired by the University of Southern California as a professor of social work and public policy "amid questions about his appointment and a \$100,000 donation to the school from his father's campaign funds."

It isn't the first time one of Gloria's Sacramento campaign contributors has been ensnarled in a legislative sexual harassment case. As reported here in August of last year, state Senate Democrat Robert Hertzberg, who kicked in \$1050 to Gloria's mayoral fund on January 10, 2019, had been reprimanded in March 2018 by the Senate Rules Committee for excessive hugging. "The investigation did confirm that Hertzberg intimately hugged an unnamed female senator the day she was sworn into the upper house in 2014, but he did not repeat the behavior after she told him to stop, and that his embraces crossed a line for another woman lawmaker the following year." the Sacramento Bee reported. "You cannot solve the problem by asking someone if a hug is unwelcome or welcome because a person may not feel comfortable telling you it is unwelcome," the committee wrote Hertzberg in a March 8 letter, per the account, "Any further similar behavior will result in the Rules Committee recommending more severe discipline." **GOP** ex-Assemblywoman Linda Halderman claimed Hertzberg "pinned her in his arms and thrust his groin into her," according to the Bee. "Two sitting lawmakers came forward and said Hertzberg's hugs crossed a line for them, too,"

"All my life, a hug has been a way of greeting friends and colleagues — a gesture of warmth and kindness and a reflection of my exuberance," Hertzberg said in a statement by way of apology. The Gloria campaign refunded Hertzberg's money on June 30, 2019, the final day of the city's first-half annual reporting period.

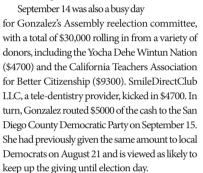
Matt Potter

UNDER THE RADAR

Gonzalez tithes to Dems With

election day fast approaching, last-minute special interest money has been flowing into local legislators' campaign funds and officeholder accounts. On September 14, according to disclosure filings with the California Secretary of State's office, Sempra

Energy gave \$10,000 to the so-called ballot measure committee run by Assembly Democrat **Lorena Gonzalez**, who is married to county supervisor **Nathan Fletcher**. The same day, the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters Political Action Committee came up with \$25,000. On August 25, the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California PAC gave the same.



Ben's pharma bucks Ben Hueso,

running for a seat on the San Diego county Board of Supervisors, has gathered a total of \$4200 for his so-called officeholder account from September donors: \$1000 each from the California Independent Telephone PAC, California Professional Firefighters PAC, and T-Mobile USA. Washington lobbyist **Derek Naten.** a vice

president at Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals, gave \$1200. Mallinckrodt, formerly known as Questcor Pharmaceuticals, allegedly bribed doctors and their staff members to hike sales of H.P. Acthar Gel, costing the federal government millions of dollars, according to two company whistleblowers, CNN reported last year.

A Mallinckrodt subsidiary played a key role in distributing the contro-

versial addictive pain medication oxycodone, per a July 27, 2019 *Washington Post* account. Mallinckrodt's generic drug unit faced bankruptcy from the fallout, says a *FiercePharma* account of this February 25. Hueso has tapped his officeholder account, filings show, for such expenses as a \$480 Airbnb stay in Los Angeles and another one for \$340 in Mexico, both in October of last year. A December 2, 2019, staff retreat at Puesto restaurant near Seaport Village cost \$1163.

Hueso campaign consultant **Julie Sandino** of Sacramento picked up a total of \$12,731. Verizon Wireless bills ran \$2730 from April 2019 through June 24 of this year.

UCSD cash and carry 2019 salary numbers for UCSD employees have just been released, showing 19 workers made annual gross pay of more than a million dollars. At the top of the list is cardiologist **Ehtisham Mahmud** with \$1.772 million, followed by **Michael Madani**,

another heart doctor, with \$1.658 million, and ophthalmologist **Robert Weinreb**, with \$1.577 million. **Patty Maysent**, chief executive of UC San Diego Health, made the number eleven spot with \$1.196 million. By comparison, UCSD chancellor **Pradeep Khosla** was earning challenged, bringing in a total of just \$491,442. Head basketball coach **Eric Olen** got only \$163,291, but that was better than **Heidi VanDerveer**, head

women's hoops coach, with \$131,646, barely beating out men's water polo coach **Dennis Harper** at \$131,275. A bit more up the ladder were those who included noted geoscientist **Shang-Ping Xie** at \$318,000. On the other hand, vice chancellor **David Brenner** got a handsome \$844,312. This past March, Brenner abruptly dropped his bid to become president of the University of Central Florida, declining to say what caused his abrupt change of heart.



Republican mayor **Kevin Faulconer** has turned off police access to the 3200 or so video surveillance cameras he ordered up for San Diego streetlights two years ago. But continued intelligence gathering may still be in the city's future, judging from a September 14 request for would-be vendor proposals to run something called the Regional Cyber Innovation Lab. "The presence of an Innovation Lab in the San Diego region will enhance existing

capabilities of local agencies and private sector partners by sharing access to cutting-edge cyber security tools and will create a safe, reliable information sharing environment for the region," says the document. Federal taxpayers are footing the bill. "The Innovation Lab project has been initiated as a direct result of the award of a Department of Homeland Security Urban Area Security Initiative grant award." Beyond that, project details



Lorena Gonzalez: fundraising

Ben Hueso dropped over a grand on a "staff retreat" at Puesto restaurant.

are scarce. Data gathered by contractors, including "video recordings," will be the "sole property of City." According to a February 14, 2020, news release by the Homeland Security Department, the program's money "is provided for law enforcement and terrorism prevention throughout the country to prepare for, prevent and respond to pre-operational activity and other crimes that are precursors or indicators of terrorist activity."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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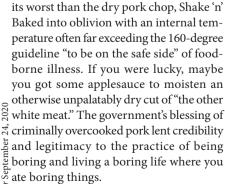
Is there a moment that you can identify as the birth of the modern hipster?

— 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



The USDA's 2011 rejection of the 160-degree guideline was a sign of maingstream 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

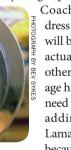
like eating medium rare pork chops, even the most skeptical hipster-haters in places like Iowa could get on board. The rest, as they say, is history — history we are in the process of writing.

Dear Hipster:

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

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



Keep it cool, people.

THERMOMETER

WELL, VEAL, POR

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, buzzcut, 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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expected to solve every societal problem. Teachers not only have to put up with the demands and expectations of parents they have to deal with administrators who, for the most part, get in the way of teaching. When I was going through grades 1-12 all the emphasis was on going to college.

No one told me that I could make a good living with my hands. Because teachers all went to college that was all they knew. I went to college, because I was expected to, and I hated it. I quit and never looked back. I went to work doing the things I liked and became good at what I did. I learned the things I needed to to be successful. I retired at 55 with a good income, a paid-for home and money in the bank.

Education is important, not just college education, but all education. I don't see that anything has changed. Teachers and the useless administrators and corrupt education boards (Spring Valley Union School District comes to mind) pay attention to only two groups: Those heading for college and jocks. The rest are left to their own devices. Schools have cut almost all programs except sports. The teachers I remember are the ones that taught me practical things that I would need in life. I have never needed to use algebra.

-AlexClarke

"Reading Cinemas and AMC Theaters to open tonight" Big Screen

September 3 Really, Mr. Marks!!! Are you that scared??? Do you have an underlying condition??? In which case, I understand. Yeah, well, I've been going to the drive-in, but too many distractions and i only went once in July. In early August they reopened the movie theater chain Cinepolis in Tijuana and right away I went to see 2001 for my umpteenth time. Limited seating, hand sanitizer and facemask required. They showed classics for the first three weeks along with some minor debuts. The week after they had Casablanca followed by the *The Exorcist*. Only five people including myself at 2001 and The Exorcist. At the end of August, i went to see a new Mexican film, Amores Modernos. Not very good, but The Personal History of David Copperfield was even worse!!! (Acomando likes it, LOL) That I saw by myself at the Regal 16 theater. Then I went to see Tenet at AMC Plaza Bonita. Well just today I saw a lot of cars at AMC Otay Ranch. You'd think there would be more Gavin Grusome fanboy and girls in that area, but I guess I was wrong. It doesn't feel the same though, but hey, at least they are showing them now. Dude, you're not going to catch the cooties by sitting in a movie theater seat. C'mon. When people turn away from common sense, that's when things really become dangerous. But yeah, TV is better than streaming. It's the big screen or not at all Van Thilo!

—SalULloyd

"Oceanside's El Corazon center will get olympic pool, concert venue - and the San Diego Sockers" Neighborhood News September 11

It's as if the city just cannot ever get much right. I can't remember just when the city did the deal with Sudberry, but it obviously wasn't done in a way to serve residents. Charges of thousands of dollars to just play kid soccer? Outrageous! The citizens of that hapless city keep electing city councilpersons who just don't deliver what they promise. Someday there may be some sort of national recognition for the most corrupt/inept/unresponsive city government in the nation. Of course, there would be massive competition for that dubious "honor", but O'side would be right up there every year. I am so glad I don't live in that city.

-Visduh

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But there won't be any affordable housing. Downtown has about 28,000 dwelling units, but only 5141 of them are affordable, and the city needs to bump that up to meet its share of regional housing needs. The city needs 88,096 units through 2020, out of which nearly 62 percent is for low and moderate income households. By paying an estimated \$2.7 million "in lieu" fee to support affordable housing elsewhere, developer Cisterra gets around the city's inclusionary housing policy, which would have required 10 percent of the homes to be set aside for households earning at or below certain income levels.

Another measure the city passed to boost affordable housing repealed the minimum parking rule. Now, new housing doesn't have to include new parking. The 9G project, however, comes with 243 parking spaces for cars:

the former garage will have one of its own.

"The increasing importance of the automo-

bile as America's favored method of private

transportation from 1900-1956" helped earn

"Twenty-eight thousand units is still woefully short of

concerned that affordable housing will also suffer"

where we want to be... but without redevelopment, I'm



The new above-ground parking levels will rest atop the old structure.

garage historic designation last year as a special element of the city's economic growth. Another reason for the designation was the building's art deco style, which emphasized bold geometric forms. The garage, built in 1932, was added onto in 1946; now, the 9G

project will make far bigger changes, keeping

the historic façade (except for the later addi-

tion) while rebuilding the interior to house a

Target. The new above-ground parking levels

Last week, the plan-

ning commission con-

sidered a number of

permits related to the

project. A site develop-

ment permit was needed

due to the massive size,

scale, and proportion of

the proposed 21-story tower above the garage.

Historic building rules don't allow a similar art

deco design for the new portion, and some com-

missioners thought there

was a lack of visual sym-

metry. (Laurie Jones, Tar-

get's senior development

manager, said they would

try to meld the historical

aspect into their bullseye

signage, as they did in

North Park.) A neighbor-

hood development per-

mit was requested for five

deviations from the city's

development regulations,

mainly due to constraints

of the lot size and the his-

toric resource — such as

a modification to the alcohol sales

The downtown group has reviewed the project. Like several commissioners, the group questioned the lack of affordable housing, which Cisterra's Wood says has prompted a "tentative arrangement"

ing developer Chelsea. "We've elected to go down the in-lieu path," Wood said, "but there are discussions between us, the city, and the San Diego Housing Commission and Chelsea about a transaction to help fund one of their projects, where we provide our units on site."

storage areas. Extension of hours for alcohol sales at the retail store was opposed by the San Diego Police Department; instead of the

hours from 8 am to 10 pm. Commissioner Austin praised the developer's tenacity at a difficult time, noting how much new housing is needed across the board. "Twenty-eight thousand units is still woefully short of where we

want to be downtown," he said. "But without redevelopment, I'm concerned that affordable housing will also

with affordable hous-

SHEILA PELL

reducing the number of required personal

standard 10 am to 10 pm, the

applicant asked to make it 8 am to 12 am, an exception made for Albertson's and Jimbo's. Jason Wood, with Cisterra, said the longer hours were a condition of the lease with Target, though 8 am to 10 pm would likely work. The last deviation concerned a tentative map for seven commercial condos. The permits were unanimously approved, with

suffer before too long."

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Drive-thru zoo

In Mexicali, social distancing rules don't apply to snakes

Recently, photos and videos of snakes hissing and slithering within the confines of Mexicali vehicles have surfaced online. "The last photo was with a viper," wrote Juan M. underneath a Facebook photo of a girl holding a large yellow-colored snake in the backseat. A woman named Aida posted a video of a snake that serpentined onto the door panel of the vehicle she was co-piloting. "Super cool," she wrote. "They give you the opportunity to touch them."

On August 29, Mexicali citizens gathered at the grand opening of "Safari en el Bosque" at the Bosque y Zoológico de la Ciudad de Mexicali park and zoo, situated about 120 miles east of the World Famous San Diego Zoo. According to the venue's Facebook page, the safari is open from Thursday through Sunday between

9 am and 5 pm.

Marina del Pilar Ávila Olmeda, the city's mayor, reportedly announced that "the first safari" in the entire state of Baja was opened to the public with the purpose of offering a "safe recreational space and re-activating the local economy. We know that there have been very difficult months of confinement for everyone," she

continued, "and little by little, we have to adapt to the new normal. The bosque (forest) of the city is an example of this." The circa-1964 park and zoo, which is located in the Río Nuevo area about four miles south of the Calexico and Mexicali port of entry,



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"that's \$74 for a car full of happy kids."

is charging 130 pesos (\$6) per vehicle to enter the safari. An El Imparcial news report showed the organizers squirting sanitizer onto visitors' hands and spraying down their vehicles prior to entering.

"It's good to share moments with the

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Mismatched tops and bottoms is a thing this year. I read it in Teen



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Let the wine make itself

The moment is almost here. It's a month since my friend Kim and I plucked his garage roof of grapes, pressed, cleared the must and leaves from his "King's ruby" grapes, and then stirred, and waited, and stirred again, almost daily. (See Golden Dreams, August 19th).

But today, I get the excited call. "You ready to rack and roll?"

"You mean it's ready?"

"Hey bro, it's almost clear! It looks like wine. Deep rosé. I got empty bottles and corks from Ballast Point! Wanna come over? Let's get cracking. It's time for racking!"

Hey hey! Been waiting for this day. Half an hour later, I'm in his kitchen with my step-daughter Maggie and Kim's wife Pam. Turns out "racking" means transferring the wine into bottles.

We haul out the carboy from the fridge, and Kim starts siphoning the wine into a big open bucket. "Why siphon?" I ask. "Because it's less disruptive to the wine," he says. We stick the bucket in the kitchen sink, grab a glass, and start pouring the pink stuff through a funnel into fresh bottles.

Twelve bottles later, we have enough left for one more. Kim brings out a really classy *bouteille*. "This will be for us," he says, "to celebrate. Vintage of 2020!"

He pours the ruby liquid into four glasses. We stand around like doctors who've just delivered a baby. "To the grapes," intones Kim.

Wow. To my mouth, it tastes fruity, but it's not sweety-sweet as you might expect from a completely fresh batch of rosé. It's got a sur-



Kim checks for clarity

prisingly mature finish.

Kim agrees. "It shows character that you might taste in full-bodied wines like a cabernet or a merlot. And it's mellowing out as we speak. The last time I tasted it, it had an almost hoppy bitterness to it. Now that's all gone. And there were some transitory not-sopleasant fragrances, but now they're all gone too. So the wine is continuing its maturation process. I have made wine from these grapes before. Three batches. And I'll tell you, this is the best I have made. By far."

"How come?" I ask.

"How to explain? Those grapes just want the wine to taste like this. My theory about winemaking is don't get in the way of the natural process. Eighty percent of the time, you let the wine make itself."

Is this his own philosophy?

"It's my grandfather's. He was a winemaker all his life. He came from Spain, and he was hired to be a viticulturalist for a French winery called Barré, because he spoke French. But not English. The only English I heard him say was 'You let the wine make itself, Goddammit."

Kim's calling this wine "Perica Niña," because a baby green parrot came and landed next to Pam the other day while we were harvesting.

He holds his glass up again and recites:
God gave us the gift of grapes
To cheer both great and small
Little fools will drink too much
And great fools not at all.
"Who said that?" I ask.
"Uh, Dave the Wine Merchant," he says.



Pulling a sample from the carboy

One or two puffs

"Hello?"

"Hello."

It's a woman's voice on the line. "The PATH study sent you a letter recently, letting you know that I would be calling to ask you to participate in the next interview. As a token of our appreciation, a PATH Study debit card will be sent to you for completing the interview."

from my friend Keith's cigar shop. Not only that, but guffaws, and good-hearted arguments. There's usually a small phalanx of dogs waiting outside, like nannies. You get into that chair-strewn place and I swear, it's like your club. Once you're in, you're a member.

"Just a little one," I say, as I follow Keith in to the humidor room. But it'll end up being a big one. Cooler, and actually milder. And, because this is going to be a couple of hours

"Please look at show card N-2. In the past 30 days, have you smoked a traditional cigar?"

Her name is Michaela. She is part of this federal PATH ("Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health") study of the habits and health consequences of smoking or chewing or inhaling tobacco. I don't know how they landed on my name, but seeing they give you fifty bucks every time they come by (or, in this covid year, call by phone) to do this

annual interview, I'm happy to help. And to confess, when they ask awkward questions.

The study has big backers: the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration. It involves 12,000 people from the age of 12 upwards, and has been going since 2011. They basically want to know when and why people start using tobacco, give it up, and sometimes go back to it. Also if men and women react differently, if old and young have different attitudes towards it, how different ethnic groups behave, what's cool in different parts of the country; or

how health awareness, medical advances, and the cultural zeitgeist affect people's decisions to smoke or not to smoke.

And so starts the procession of questions. "Have you smoked a cigarette in the past 30 days? In the past 12 months? Have you smoked an electronic device with names such as Blue, Logic, Enjoy, in the past 30 days? In the past 12 months?"

They get me when it comes to cigars. Sometimes, like maybe twice a year — before this pandemic year —I'm heading home from The Tavern, my favorite pub — especially now it's outside on the sidewalk — on a Friday night, and I catch a whiff of cigar smoke. It's coming

at least, it'll last the distance.

I have never been a smoker. I'm scared of smoking. But there's something about this occasional companionship, this brotherhood and sisterhood of the damned, that gives you faith in humanity.

"Please look at show card N-2. In the past 30 days, have you smoked a traditional cigar,



Corb at the cigar shop says covid hasn't slowed sales.

even one or two puffs?" This is Michaela again, hammering away gently to find a chink in my armor.

"No."

"In the past 12 months, have you smoked a traditional cigar, even one or two puffs?"

"D'aaaghh, maybe once or twice a year."

"Do you now smoke traditional cigars every day, some days, or none at all?"

"Once or twice a year maximum."

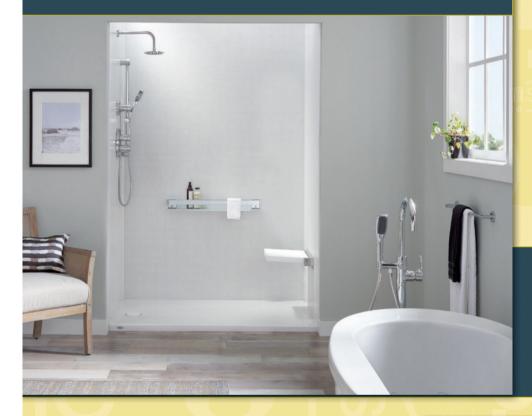
"OK. So would you say 'Some days?"

"That's way too frequent."

But that's the choice: "every day" or "some days."

It's going to be a long interview. ■

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In its early days, the Kline House operated as La Jolla Sanatorium, the community's first hospital, with six beds providing services ranging from basic treatment to surgery.

In 1920, the 3660-square-foot home was

moved from its original Prospect location to a quarter-acre lot at 438 Ravina, under the direction of Ellen Browning Scripps, a noted local journalist and philanthropist. It's still there, just a few hundred feet east of Whispering Sands Beach and the La Jolla Tide Pools in the heart of La Jolla Village.

According to listing materials, the "light-filled, expansive home is located just one block from the beach, and it's a short stroll to the museum, village restaurants, and shops as well as the theatre and symphony."

"Be enveloped by the property's timeless beauty, lovely hardwoods, four fireplaces, and eat-in kitchen with butler's pantry," remodeled a decade ago with farmhouse sink, soapstone countertops, refinished cabinetry, and modern stainless steel appliances.

During the home's Craftsman-style renovation, it also received new plumbing and updated baths, with new fixtures and custom tile work. Still, the home retains its original character with paneled doors, plank flooring throughout, and stained wood walls.

Outside, prospective buyers can "entertain all year long with an openair kitchen, dining area, and saltwater pool and spa" flanked by expansive brick patios afforded shade and privacy by the yard's mature, manicured trees.

While parking in the middle of La Jolla can be a pain, the home's pair of one-car garages and additional five off-street spaces provide plenty of space for residents and their guests.

The Kline House last sold in 2005, when it was purchased for a reported continued on page 22

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Zoom fashionista

Before covid hit, my friend Claire aspired to move to a new city for a fresh start. When the lockdowns started, she braced herself for the tough journey of job searching in the middle of a pandemic. "Of course, I didn't realize how it would become. So, it was a lot of video chats and interviews and phone screenings before anything actually happened."

Claire relocated to Denver back in April, but it took the 26-year-old transplant over four months to land her new gig. Now, Claire is a seasoned zoom fashionista, a veteran of no less than 20 virtual job interviews. "I never met anyone in person during this whole time... which is crazy. I never even met the boss that hired me!"

Though she could have worn sweatpants without her potential employers being any the wiser, Claire dressed head-



CLAIRE'S CLASSIC WHITE BUTTON UP AND STRETCHY SLACKS HELPED HER LAND A

NEW JOB DURING THE PANDEMIC

to-toe, because of a story she once heard in college. "My business professor said one of his students had a video interview, and they asked him to stand up to see if he was taking the interview process seriously. Luckily, he was wearing slacks and dress shoes and everything. But that scared me into dressing fully for every interview."

For most of her interviews, she paired a classic white button up (Abercrombie & Fitch, \$40) with black ankle-length, cigarette style pants (H&M, \$20), and polished her look with a pair of beige pointy ballet flats. She stressed that stretchy slacks were important, because "you don't want to be uncomfortable during an interview, then it's just going to make you more nervous."

Claire likes adding a suit jacket to achieve an extra level of professionalism, but decided to borrow one since it would be worn only once or twice. "I got a jacket from my mom that she sent me. It had shoulder pads, which was funny," she

chuckled, raising her shoulders to her ears.

Now that she has the job, Claire dresses more casually during work hours. "If I know I have a group meeting with my whole team, I'll dress up a little more. Sometimes a nicer top, but mostly just basic tees that aren't too flashy or distracting. I guess I dress up a little bit more because I'm trying to still maintain a good first impression."

Claire does believe in wearing pants while working remotely, and sticks with one simple trick: "very comfy jeans." She recently found a pair of loose-fitting boyfriend-style jeans at TJ Maxx for \$15. "I bought some that are maybe a size bigger than usual, just because they're comfier. Because I don't like to sit with really tight jeans. Still looks put together if I need to stand up for anything. I feel like that's kind of the look these days anyway — oversized."

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o talk of the economic fallout from the covid-19 pandemic is complete without a nod to the commercial real estate market. While residential real estate commands record prices, thanks to a shortage of supply, the commercial real estate market remains mired in uncertainty.

Since the declaration of a global pandemic in mid-March, thousands of San Diego County white-collar workers have been sent home. Will they ever be sent back to the office? Or will remote working remain commonplace as businesses rethink the need for expensive office space?

Travel is down, particularly business travel. Occupancy rates at hotels have plummeted. Areas such as downtown, where hotels rely heavily on conventions, have been hit hard. Will business travel return to pre-pandemic levels? Or has Zoom permanently replaced the airplane?

Bars which don't serve food remain closed. Restaurants, meanwhile, have had to either shut down or contend with restrictions such as takeout only (in the first two months of the pandemic), then no indoor dining, then severely restricted indoor dining. Will a night on the town ever look like it used to? And will these restaurants be able to pay their rents?

Retail stores, already under attack from online merchants, endured a two-month forced shutdown and are now desperate to woo back their customers. How can they pay rent under such circumstances?

And despite the housing shortage, owners of apartment buildings are contending with missed rent payments from legions of tenants whose livelihoods have been damaged by the state's reaction — overreaction, many say — to covid-19. State and federal eviction bans make it impossible to replace non-paying tenants. Will things ever return to normal?

"I will tell you that the best minds in real estate

are struggling over these questions, with no clear consensus," says Stath Karras, the executive director of the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego.

"There's just a lot of uncertainty, and this uncertainty is more timerelated as opposed to uncertainty over whether product types will continue to exist. If we had a vaccine tomorrow, if people could congregate and go to restaurants and bars again, if they could travel again, things would be a lot different, a lot clearer."

Uncertainty is the last thing you would expect from Karras. Silver-haired and bushy-browed, he comes across equal parts college professor and corporate titan, an expert in real estate with a knack for explaining the intricacies of the business to students — and reporters. He is a past chair of the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation, and earlier this year received a lifetime achievement award at the 2020 Commercial Real Estate Awards organized by the San Diego Business Journal.

While the future of commercial real estate may be cloudy, Karras remains bullish on commercial real estate as an investment. "The analogy I use is the stock market," he says. "If GE stock is trading at \$48 a share, would you pay \$52? The answer is no. But would you pay \$48, or less? Most likely. Real estate is the same. Would you pay historic values? No. But is there a price at which you would buy, say, a shopping center that's having issues? Sure. That's why you are seeing distressed asset funds starting to build up, with the thought that in the current environment,



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there may be opportunities to buy. Shopping centers, hotels. Hotels are getting slaughtered, and yet there are funds to buy distressed hotels."

Lanz Correia of The Correia Group Professional Real Estate Services agrees with Karras that the question of whether things will ever return to normal "is the toughest question to answer right now. We have volatility and insecurity today, so predicting inevitability for tomorrow is a tall order. What we are

seeing now are widespread changes that may continue and evolve, and will definitely be impactful for the foreseeable future."

Commercial real estate can be broadly defined as any property that is used for business activities, or intended to generate a profit, such as large apartment buildings. Commercial real estate includes retail space, office, hospitality, industrial, and large residential. Each commercial "food group," a veteran San Diego commercial broker says, has its own opportunities and challenges.

The office vacancy rate in San Diego County during the second quarter has only risen one-tenth of one percentage point, to 10.7 percent, according to a newly published report on the local office market by the CoStar Group, an international company which provides analytics and marketing services to the commercial property industry.

But that's because many leases are long-term. "I don't think we've felt the effect yet," says Tim Lopez of KW Commercial in Carlsbad, who has been dealing with commercial real estate for more than 30 years. "It's too soon. It's only been six months, and those leases are generally five- or ten-year leases."

According to CoStar, "As schools, businesses, and countless other ventures transition into a new normal to combat the spread of the coronavirus, the immediate and longer-term impact on the office market is still not fully known. Leasing volume has slowed. In fact, leasing volume in the second quarter recorded its lowest stretch since the depths of the Great Recession.... The impact of the coronavirus is likely to spread across the market's office-using employers, as workers have transitioned to telecommuting. Office size requirements may change going forward, and new leasing has slowed notably."

"The big question is,





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Lanz Correia of The Correia Group Professional Real Estate Services agrees with Karras that the question of whether things will ever return to normal "is the toughest question to answer right now. We have volatility and insecurity today, so predicting inevitability for tomorrow is a tall order."

when we get past the pandemic and people will again feel good about congregating, will things look the same?" Karras asks. "And the answer is, probably not. Office is a good example. People are now used to working remotely. It's now been proven that while it may not be as efficient or productive, it provides flexibility and positive lifestyle changes. So as an employer, you might consider a structure that provides at least some level of telecommuting, and you might decrease the amount of

office space you need. A lot of companies are looking at shared desk space: if one employee works at home two days a week and the other, three, you can use the same space just by scheduling them to come in on different days."

And yet, Karras concedes, "I don't think anyone knows the answer to how many people are going to physically go back to the office, and in what capacity. I teach a market analysis class, with 32 students, and I asked the students what percent of the workforce they think is going to go back to a physical office. The answers were as high as 80 percent and as low as 40 percent. No one really knows, and I don't think we're going to know for probably a year or a year and half, at the earliest."

Correia agrees. "Office space is probably the toughest commercial market to project because it is so reliant on the profit and losses of each individual tenant," he says. "How to proceed with office space has a lot of businesses flummoxed. On the one hand, business are learn-





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ing employees can work remotely effectively, and on the other, they may have long-term leased space they feel the need to fill. Additional considerations include cost of utilities, maintenance, and even liability for employee and consumer welfare amidst a pandemic. Much like the proposed repurposing of Horton Plaza to a tech hub, I would not be surprised if we didn't see some repurposing of office space, for example, to multi-family. We see a long-term need for housing in San Diego and there is already a national discussion regarding converting office space to housing."

Lopez is a lot more optimistic about the office market's eventual recovery. "Have you tried working at home, with kids?" he asks. "It's absolutely going to recover. I believe a majority of people want to go back to the office, especially with so many employers offering amenities like gyms and free food. People miss that. They want to have that corner office. They want to eat snacks, and go to the fridge, and turn the air conditioner to 60 without having to worry about paying for it. People are tired of staying home. The Zoom thing is boring. They want to go out and meet and look people in the eye and say, 'We have a deal."

Lopez also notes that many businesses have spent big bucks over the last few years improving the workspace by adding fitness centers, game rooms, and other amenities. "Take Viasat. They just built this huge new campus in Carlsbad," he says. "They're not just going to walk away from that."

The market rental rate for office space in San Diego County is \$35 per square foot, according to CoStar. Rent growth is currently cooling, and CoStar predicts that "as the office environment slowly grapples with the spread of the coronavirus, rent growth is expected to turn negative," although the decline is not expected to be as much as it was during the Great Recession. The strongest markets are Del Mar Heights/ Carmel Valley, Kearny Mesa, and Mission Valley. "Demand for traditional office space among tenants and investors in Kearny Mesa and Mission Valley remains high, while Del Mar Heights/ Carmel Valley's trophy offices and demand from legal and tech firms are driving growth," CoStar says. Areas like downtown, "where the availability rate is already above 25 percent, could feel the impact of rent losses more deeply," CoStar says.

The market price for office buildings is nearly \$340 per square foot, about \$100 lower than in Los Angeles, according to CoStar. "But pricing ... is forecast to pull back amid slowing rent growth and demand," CoStar says.

Retail has been hit particularly hard by the pandemic, particularly malls. Karras notes that malls were already undergoing a transition "to more experiential" because of e-commerce. "And part of that experiential transition has been more restaurants," he says. "If you look at University Towne Center, for example, you see a lot more restaurants, a lot more places for people to congregate. But then

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retailers got hammered because of covid-19, and all those restaurants that allowed socializing had to put that on hold as well...."

"We're never going to see malls come back the way they were," Lopez adds. He notes that one of the largest mall operators, Simon Properties, is negotiating with Amazon to turn vacant Sears and JCPenney stores into distribution centers.

While malls may be getting hit particularly hard by the pandemic, the entire retail business "is under double attack" from e-commerce and state restrictions on "non-essential" businesses.

The only safe category, Karras maintains, is neighborhood centers anchored by service businesses like grocery stores and dry cleaners. "That retail model is still working pretty well," he says.

According to the CoStar report, "San Diego's retailers are likely to endure a stretch of turbulence that may exceed that of other property sectors as the economy has re-opened in fits and starts.... Nordstrom in Westfield North County closed as a result of the pandemic. Leasing has slowed notably since the middle of March after the statewide shelter in place order was issued. Since mid-March, San Diego recorded its lowest level of retail leasing in more than a decade through the second quarter, and with so much uncertainty in the air, it is not expected to pick up in the near term."

A CBRE report underscores this, noting that "new leasing activity in the retail sector dropped to nearly a 10-year low in the second quarter, down nearly 50 percent from the first three months of 2020."

The market rent for

retail space in San Diego County, CoStar says, is just over \$30 per square foot. Rent growth is also expected to turn negative before the end of the year.

Due to "substantial uncertainty in the retail market surrounding the spread of the coronavirus, sales activity.... Both deal flow and sales volume cooled notably in [the second quarter of 2020]. Both reached near-decade lows after nonessential retailers had shut down for two months."

Over the past 12 months, 448 retail properties have sold for an average of \$381 per square foot, per the CoStar report. "In April 2020, a private investor from Los Angeles paid \$27.7 million (\$630 per square foot) for a Vons grocery store on 30th Street in North Park.... And in May, a private trust purchased the Albertson's grocery store in downtown San Diego for \$22.2 million (\$516/square foot) from a local party."

The hospitality industry has been hit even harder than retail, Karras says. Recovery is coming, but it won't be fast. On a national level, the weekly hotel occupancy rate just hit 50 percent for the first time since mid-March, according to STR, a data research firm serving the hospitality industry. STR data shows the local hotel occupancy in San Diego rate peaked at 79 percent in 2018, then dropped to 77 percent in 2019. In May, San Diego Tourism Authority data showed that average countywide occupancy rates dropped to as low as 24 percent among hotels that had remained open. Much of the drop has been attributed to a decline in business travel.

"Businesses have found that Zoom, in particular, has been effective enough that there's a way to decrease business travel and the associated costs of business travel," Karras says. "So once this is over, yes, we might not see as much business travel as we have in the past, but I think people will be anxious for vacation travel, which is good for San Diego, because San Diego is a tourist destination." The recovery period for downtown hotels may take longer, he cautions, due to the lack of conventions.

One area of commercial real estate that's doing just fine is industrial, fueled by the growth in e-commerce and the need for "last mile" distribution centers ("last mile" is a term used in supply chain and transportation circles to describe the movement of products from a transportation hub to the consumer's home or place of business).

The CoStar report maintains "industrial space markets may be best positioned to weather the storm from the spread of the coronavirus, given the strength of the life science and logistics sectors.... Construction starts skyrocketed after Amazon's 2.6- million-square-foot distribution center in Otay Mesa broke ground in [the second quarter of 2020]. That was one of several new leases for the ecommerce giant in San Diego. It committed to the 530,000-squarefoot speculative Vantage Point in Poway during [the second quarter of 2020] and the spec RB Vista in Rancho Bernardo in [the third quarter of this year]. In all, Amazon has leased roughly 3.5 million square feet across San Diego since 2019."

Karras isn't surprised. With so many consumers ordering directly from continued on page 39



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sodas, which we can take into the vehicle during the safari, that's \$74 for a car full of happy kids."

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animals," said a driver of a red Jeep in the news report. "My nephews, little girl, and my wife came with me." Photos taken at the safari captured kangaroos, horses, ostriches, donkeys, goats, llamas, deer, and camels, plus a dozen animals parading across a dirt road in front of a stopped SUV. The majority of visitors who posted about the 45-minute drive-through petting zoo were content, though a handful wondered why the tigers from the adjoining zoo weren't allowed to roam within the separated safari confines.

Not everyone was satisfied. "A total disappointment," complained Gallegos B. "The poor people lined up for hours [and] there is no seriousness in the staff. You get to the dinosaurs, and you are welcomed by a speaker at the top of the stairs, and it's not even hidden. Asked if I'd go back? Never."

"He probably expected a Jurassic Park [styled] tour," commented Jenny from City Heights. "What do you expect for six bucks? In all honesty, we don't even mind the two-hour drive from here to Mexicali. We're planning to pay the extra 50 pesos to reserve our spot; that's 180 pesos total, which exchanges to what — \$9 USD? Even with an additional \$40 in gas, and another \$25 for tacos and

OCEANSIDE

A sinner in St. Malo Did the Zodiac killer start his spree here?

When an Oceanside historian set out to research the history of the exclusive beachfront neighborhood of St. Malo, she had no idea that she would run across what might be the first murder committed by California's infamous Zodiac killer. Kristi Hawthorne, the events coordinator for the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, is a published historian, and

paper reported that on April 9 of that year, the unidentified murderer called the Oceanside Police Department, stating, "I am going to pull something here in Oceanside, and you'll never be able to figure it out." Two nights later, at 11:10 pm, the cabbie Davis radioed his dispatcher that he was taking a fare from his Mission Avenue taxi stand to the South Oceanside area. He was never heard from again. In the early morning hours following that call, a patrolman discovered the Davis' body in an alley in St. Malo, with two bullet wounds. His bloodied cab, with one shot fired through the windshield, was found hours later in the 400 block of South Pacific Street. A few days after the murder, the supposed perpetrator called the police department again. He knew details of the cabbie's murder, and stated he

was next going to kill a bus driver. For the next three days, Oceanside police officers and military police from Camp Pendleton were placed aboard every city bus. No further incident occurred.

"I was the first one to put this together," says Hawthorne, referring to the possible Zodiac connection. The Zodiac killer plagued Bay Area cops from late 1960s to the early 1970s, phoning police and sending taunting letters to authorities and the press concern-



Is this the face of a killer's first victim?

tion of a bus echoed the threat to the Oceanside police. In one taunting letter to Bay Area police, Zodiac claimed he had killed many undiscovered victims in Southern California.

"When I first called OPD in 2018, my biggest concern was that they'd think I was a crazy person," says Hawthorne. But she says Oceanside police's cold-case investigator, Tom Heritage, listened to her. "The case was so old; their cold case list only went back to the '70s." Still, a week later, Heritage called her with the news that they had found the Davis murder file, with crime scene photos. "Of course, they can't share them," Hawthorne says. But she found images from other sources, and used them for her recently published expose in the September/October issue of *O'sider Magazine*.

Reportedly, Oceanside's cold-case investigators say the opening of the Davis murder file has sparked interest from the law enforcement detectives and crime analysts from around the state. Investigator Sylvia O'Brien will enter old fingerprint cards collected from the scene in 1962 into the FBI's high-tech Fingerprint Identification System, hoping for a break in the infamous case.

KEN HARRISON

I am going to pull something here in Oceanside, and you'll never be able to figure it out."

enjoys investigating the city's past. In 2018, she began researching the enclave of St. Malo, a gated neighborhood at the beachfront end of South Pacific Street. As she worked, she stumbled upon an item labeled, "Rich people killing each other."

"I thought this would be juicy," she says.

The details: an Oceanside Checker Cab
driver named Ray Davis was murdered in
1962. The now-defunct Oceanside Blade news-

ing his horrible crimes. He had five known victims, but he claimed 37. He stated that he was unstoppable, and that police would never capture him. He was right.

Hawthorne discovered that the Oceanside cabbie was murdered with the same type of weapon, a 22-caliber pistol, that the Zodiac killer used years later. She also learned that the Zodiac's first threat in the Bay Area was that he would kill a busload of children. The men-



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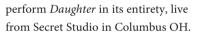
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LYDIA LOVELESS

Lydia Loveless has announced a series of three ticketed livestream shows, beginning this month, in support of her new album Daughter, due out September 25 via her own label. The first will be a full-band record release show on September 24, where she will



WHEN: Thursday, September 24, Thursday, October 8, and Thursday, October 22; 6:30 pm

WHERE: noonchorus.com/lydia-

loveless

rience of Frazey Ford's material from the new album, plus old favorites.

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 6 pm

WHERE:

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YOUR FEAR OF **SNAKES**

workshop and overcome your fear of snakes and other reptiles. You will learn about these animals and their behavior, find out how to react if you see a snake in the wild, and get hands-

on interactions (if you are comfortable doing so).

WHEN: Saturday, September 26, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

WHERE: Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road, Rancho Santa Fe. animalcenter.org



Dancing (10/1), and Back to the Future (10/4).

WHEN: Sundays and Thursdays, 6 pm to 9 pm. Through Sunday. October 4.

Diego's history with toy pianos dates back to 1966 when composer Robert Erickson, a founder of the university's music department, wrote a piece for

Flynn and Scott Paulson, who were on

campus for the eclectic musician's lec-

tures, will perform a Cage tribute piece.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 30,

toy pianos and bells that premiered on California's PBS television stations. The first composer to write a "serious" work for toy piano was John Cage, who visited UCSD's campus. Peter



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FRAZEY FORD LIVE FROM THE **COMMODORE**

BALLROOM Vancouver-based soul-Americana artist Frazey Ford released her album U kin B the Sun on February 7. A virtual performance will be broadcast live from the Commodore Ballroom in Vancouver, BC, as part of Live Nation's Live From Inside livestream series. The

virtual show will give

fans an intimate expe-



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FLOATING OUTDOOR CINEMA ON THE BAY

time, movie lovers can set sail on San Diego Bay aboard Hornblower's biggest yacht, Inspiration, for a top-deck bigscreen experience complete with food and drinks. The lineup includes: Crazy Rich Asians (9/24), Toy Story 4 (9/27), Dirty

For a limited

Wednesday | 30

TOY PIANO FESTIVAL

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BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream: Deepak Chopra, M.D. Warwick's will host a Total Meditation Webinar with New York Times bestselling author and founder of The Chopra Foundation and Chopra Global, Deepak Chopra, M.D., as he discusses his new book, Total Meditation: Practices in Living the Awakened Life. The is a ticketed event; the ticket includes a 60-minute webinar. 15-minute meditation, and a copy of Total Meditation mailed to U.S. attendees. Thursday, September 24, 7pm; www.warwicks.com/event/ chopra-2020. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

American Buddhist Healing Practices This Dharma Center class meets regularly on Mondays

and is led by Varada, who introduces you to three techniques to help alleviate suffering. These are mantra recitation, tonglen, and chakra meditation. Monday, September 28, 6pm; free. 18 and up. dharmacenter.com/. (ONLINE)

Beginning Cold Process Soapmaking Class Soapmaking 101 is a beginning-level soapmaking class designed to teach students to make soap by hand at home. The main focus of this class is the "cold process" soapmaking method although the class does briefly describe "melt and pour" soap crafting. Attend in person. Classroom hours: 4.5 hours, includes one 15-minute break. Class fee: \$79. Materials fee: \$20. Sunday, September 27, 12pm; \$99. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

Conquer Your Fear of Snakes

Join us for a SnakeSmart workshop and overcome your fear of snakes and other reptiles. You will learn about these animals and get hands-on interactions and come to appreciate reptiles. Visit online for full details and online registration. https://animalcenter.org/programsservices/education/snakesmart. Saturday, September 26, 1:30pm; \$25. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RAN-CHO SANTA FE)

Exploring the Spiritual Path

This class meets regularly on Saturday mornings and consists of seated meditation and a Dharma talk that speaks to integrating ancient Buddhist teachings into our 21st Century daily lives, Saturday, September 26, 11am; free, 18 and up. dharmacenter.com/. (ONLINE)

Getting Started with Organic Gardening Join Solana Center for a 4-week interactive webinarseries to learn the basics of organic gardening in San Diego County - from soil health to seed starting. Gardening is truly a way to "go green" and provide positive benefits to you and the planet . WEEK 1: Intro to Organic Gardening, Permaculture, and Soil. WEEK 2: Planning your garden design. WEEK 3: Plant selection and seed starting. WEEK 4: Irrigation and harvesting. Friday, September 25, 10am; free. https://bit.ly/3mhJtXs. (ONLINE)

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I Slept, and Dreamed that Life was Beauty

I slept, and dreamed that life was Beauty: I woke, and found that life was Duty. Was thy dream then a shadowy lie? Toil on, sad heart, courageously, And thou shalt find thy dream to be A noonday light and truth to thee.

Wayfarers

How they go by—those strange and dreamlike men! One glance on each, one gleam from out each eye, And that I never looked upon till now, Has vanished out of sight as instantly. Yet in it passed there a whole heart and life, The only key it gave that transient look;. But for this key its great event in time Of peace or strife to me a sealed book.

Hymn of a Spirit Shrouded

O God! who, in thy dear still heaven, Dost sit, and wait to see The errors, sufferings, and crimes Of our humanity, How deep must be thy Casual love! How whole thy final care! Since Thou, who rulest over all, Canst see, and yet canst bear.

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Beauty may be the path to highest good, And some successfully have it pursued. Thou, who wouldst follow, be well earned to see That way prove not a curvéd road to thee.

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Online Beginning Cold Process Soapmaking Class Online Soapmaking 101 is an online interactive video and audio feed of the live Soapmaking 101 class at the Soapmaking Studio via Google+ Hangouts. Online attendance includes access to an online workbook only during the time of the class via an email hyperlink to Google Drive. Online students are mailed a bar of soap made during the class. 4.5 hours, includes one 15-minute break. Sunday, September 27, 11:45am; \$99. https://bit. ly/33EbsIk. (ONLINE)

Pizza Pazza Class Why not spending a nice time cooking together some pizza pazza with Giacomo(our chef from Tuscany)? Ingredient kit delivered the day before event so we can cook together through our online live class. You need to sign up at least 48 hours before the class. Friday, September 25, 6pm; \$45. https:// bit.ly/3iNAYS5. (ONLINE)

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The Elements of Songwriting Take a deeper dive into the fun-

Which thou on thought's broad, bloodless field has won. Thou art the mountain where we climb to see The land our feet have trod this many a year. Thou art the deep and crystal winter sky, Where noiseless, one by one, bright stars appear. It may be Bacchus, at thy birth, forgot That drop from out the purple grape to press

The straightest path perhaps which may be sought,

Lies through the great highway men call I ought.

Dry lighted soul, the ray that shines in thee,

Shot without reflex from primeval sun.

We twine the laurel for the victories

But, all more surely do we turn to thee When the day's heat and blinding dust are o'er, And cool our souls in thy refreshing air, And find the peace which we had lost before.

Doth miss the heat which ofttimes breeds excess.

Which is his gift to man, and so thy blood

To R. W. E.

Ellen Sturgis Hooper (1812-1848) was an American poet and member of the Transcendentalist Movement. She is often cited as the most gifted of the poets in that group, which included such literary luminaries as Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Henry Thoreau. It seems the other members of the movement recognized Hooper's talent:

Emerson often commissioned her to write verse for The Dial (the official publication of the movement), and an excerpt from her poem "The Wood-Fire" was quoted by Thoreau in his monumental work, Walden (1854).

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damentals of songwriting, using guided prompts and fun collaborative exercises to explore new musical aspects of your creativity. You will be emailed the Zoom link 24 hours before the start of class. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Wednesday, September 30, 7pm; \$180-\$216. 18 and up. sandiegowriters.org/ elements-songwriting-suzanneyada/. (ONLINE)

Virtual Workshop: Back Pain Management Back pain is one of the most common reasons people miss days at work or see a doctor. Watch this free health workshop to learn about the body mechanics that cause lower back pain, how to prevent it from occurring and how it can be managed through physical therapy when needed. Monday, September 28, 10am; free. https:// bit.ly/35Su0HH. (ONLINE)

Writing About Mental Health In this class, Rebecca Chamaa discusses the pros and cons of writing about our mental health or the mental health of a family member or friend. She will also briefly touch upon good practices for writing a character with a mental illness. If you sign up less than 24 hours before the start of the class, please email Kristen at programs@sandiegowriters.org for your link. Saturday, September 26, 4pm; \$30-\$36. 18 and up. https:// bit.ly/3j0GznS. (ONLINE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Are you Tired of Repeating the Same Old Patterns? Are you stuck repeating the same patterns? Are these patterns creating more possibilities or less? What would be possible if you stopped doing the same things over and over? You have more control than you think. Tuesday, September 29, 4pm; free. 18 and up. https://bit. ly/3mBgEWd. (ONLINE)

Coastal Cleanup Day 2020

The 36th Annual Coastal Cleanup Day is going virtual in San Diego County. Volunteers of all ages are invited to grab buckets and work gloves and walk your block or hit a nearby Litter Hotspot with your household to stay close to home and protect the health of our community and our environment. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. cleanupday.org/. (ONLINE)

Grants Education Series: Breaking Down Housing Barriers The San Diego Women's Foundation will be holding the Grants Topic Education Series: Breaking Down Housing Barriers via Zoom. This virtual event is free and will entail a facilitated conversation with representatives from the San Diego County Department of Housing and Community Development. Thursday,



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September 24, 3pm; **free**. https://bit.ly/3hOEdHp. (ONLINE)

Love Connecting Live Event Love Connecting Live Event by Tru2ndChances: Shared Wisdom Seminars, Experiential Workshops, One on One Private Sessions and lots more other wonderful offerings. Everyone is welcome. Friday, September 25, 7am; Saturday, September 26, 7am; \$199-\$299. Encore Event Center, 8253 Ronson Road.

O.U.R. W.H.A.T. Awareness Event Experience the nostalgia of Julian's rich history while enjoying a classical meal at the Miner's Diner. All net proceeds for that day will go to O.U.R. An O.U.R booth will be set up for the day and volunteers will be onsite to answer questions and help out at the Diner. If you would like to volunteer for a shift, please contact Erin Packard at packardkids@hotmail.com Friday, September 25, 8am; Miner's Diner, 2134 Main Street. (JULIAN)

Voices for Children CASA Volunteer Information Session As a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer, you will work with a child or teen in foster care by advocating for their needs while serving as a consistent and supportive person in their life. Attending an Information Session is the first step to making a difference in a foster child's life. Information Sessions will be held virtually. Wednesday, September 30, 6pm; free. 21 and up. www.speakupnow.org/volunteer-2/informationsessions/. (ONLINE)

FARMERS' MARKETS

Escondido Certified Farmers Market Local, organic and delicious produce fro certified farms. Also, a variety of local hot food vendors such as El Veganito, Evelias, Little Someone Japanese cuisine and much more. Tuesdays, 2:30pm; through Monday, December 27, free. Escondido Arts Partnership Escondido Municipal Gallery, 262 E. Grand Avenue. (ESCONDIDO)

FOR KIDS

Free Diaper Drive-Throughs

Miracle Babies is extending its diaper drive-through events. The next two September events will both occur on Saturday, September 26. One will take place at National City Public Library. The other will take place at North Coast Church in Vista. The diaper donations will be open to all San Diego families in need during this difficult time. Diapers will be loaded directly into the families' vehicle for a no-contact experience. Visit www.miraclebabies.org for more information. Saturday, September 26, 9am; free. National City Library, 1401 National City Boulevard, (NATIONAL CITY) & Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. North Coast Church, 2405 North Santa Fe Avenue. (VISTA)

KPBS Kids Event: Xavier Riddle San Diego Children's Discovery Museum: Travel back in time with Xavier Riddle to meet some world famous heroes. For this Facebook live event with KPBS, Ms. Sarah will be doing a live reading with a surprise craft at the end for you and your family to do at home. Thursday, September 24, 12:30pm; free. https://www.facebook.com/events/610316173187719. (DOWN-TOWN SAN DIEGO)

Kids San Diego Poetry Virtual Workshop Calling all young poets: The Kids San Diego Poetry Annual is holding its first virtual 2020 workshop in partnership with the Escondido Library. Francisco Bustos will lead participants through a series of fun activities designed to stimulate creativity and self-expression. This workshop is free and open to young poets (ages 6 - 12) from anywhere in San Diego County. Advance registration is required via the Escondido Library Saturday, September 26, 11am; free. https://library.escondido.org/register.aspx. (ONLINE)

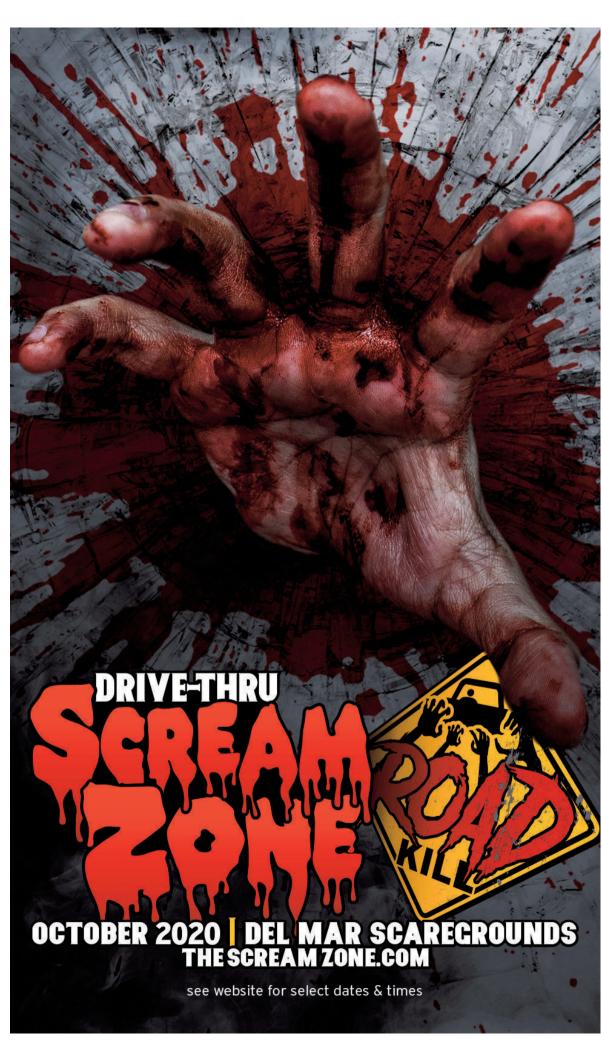
Musical Theatre Day Camps STAR Repertory Theatre is offering Live In-Person Theatre Day Camp Programs weekly with three different age groups between 5 to 16 Monday-Friday. Each camp is 1 week featuring shows such as: Beetlejuice, Hamilton, Hairspray, Backstage Tech, SIX, Matilda, Grease, 13, Heroes/Villains, Improv, Wicked, Annie, Frozen, Seussical, Disney. Twelve campers only per camp due to COVID-19 restrictions. Mondays, 1pm; through Friday, December 18, \$195-\$550. Star Repertory Theatre, 329 East Valley Parkway. starrepertorytheatre.com/ (ESCONDIDO)

Virtual Fun Animal Friday: Tortoise & Guinea Pig Put on your cape and mask and join Zovargo in learning all about some extraordinary super-hero creatures. Meet Puck the tortoise and Biscuit the guinea pig up-close, and learn how each animal is important to our world. This Fun Animal Friday will take place on Facebook. Follow San Diego Children's Discovery Museum to be notified when stream go live. Friday, September 25, 10am; free. https://bit.ly/3hNFfDH. (ONLINE)

Virtual Tiny Tots Music Time Ages 3-6 If you have a tiny tot aged 3-6 years old you are invited. Come ready to sing, play instruments, explore movement, and make new friends all while strengthening those tiny brains. Register to RSVP, space is limited. Thursday, September 24, 10am; free. https://bit.ly/3kAsga9. (ONLINE)

FUNDRAISERS

Kathy's Legacy Foundation Golf Tournament Join us for a day of fun at Kathy's Legacy Foundation inaugural golf tournament. It is sure to be an exciting day with lunch, bar stops and contests on the course, as well as great raffle items, a 50/50 and swag bag. Funds will benefit children and pets of domestic violence in San Diego. Kathy's Legacy Foundation revives hope, restores normalcy, and inspires dreams in the lives of children orphaned by intimate part-



SHEEP AND GOATS

I ANSWERED THE CALL

First Presbyterian Church of San Diego

Contact: 320 Date Street, Bankers Hill, 619-232-7513, www.fpcsd.org

Membership: 430
Pastor: Jerry Andrews

Age: 67

Born: Detroit, MI

Formation: Detroit Bible College (William Tyndale College); Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Chicago; Princeton Theological Seminary; University of Pittsburg; University of Chicago

Years Ordained: 42

San Diego Reader: What's your favorite subject on which to preach?

Pastor Jerry Andrews: The bad news is that most preachers only preach one sermon. I

think that's true for me, too. You'd have to ask my congregation what sermon I preach over and over again — but it would probably be on the beauty of the savior — and his humiliation and exaltation. If my preaching can move people to draw closer to Christ, I think it will have done its work, and the Holy Spirit does his work in continuing our conversion in Christ.

SDR: Why did you become a minister?

PA: There were a number of people who influenced me. My father, who passed away about ten years ago, was an electrician and highly admired in the church. Everybody thought well of him. He was very kind and

sweet, and an unassuming, good person. But I knew that he deeply admired our pastors; he looked to them as someone worthy of affection and support and deference. So I think that was part of what inspired me. Two of my mother's brothers were pastors in the Pentecostal Church, and so ministry was also in the family.

SDR: What is the mission of your church?

PA: We want to get the gospel right in matters of instruction and doctrine. We want to get the gospel deep within, as a matter of formation of the person and church community. We also want to get the gospel out, and that's a matter of proclamation of the Savior

in both word and deed. **SDR**: Where is the strangest place you found God?

PH: My life has been easy. I don't think anyone would look at my life and say, "Gee, how did he survive?" I was happy in the family I was raised in, and knew I was happy at the time, which was an additional blessing. I also raised a good, happy family... So life is good. The line I grew up with was, "Don't doubt in the dark what God has shown you in the light." So when times are hard, I try not to forget what I have had confidence in and learned to trust when things were more normal. The opposite is true too, though. The things I learned in those times in my

Jerry Andrews

life when I was troubled, I am not to forget when things are easy. I think prosperity in life is as great a temptation to despair the value of the life in Christ as when we experience trouble in life.

SDR: What one book most influenced your ministry? PH: Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion shaped me and shaped my doctrinal thinking when I was younger. It spoke to me and spoke for me. Augustine's *Confessions* and *The City of God* probably linger longest and went deepest in my thinking.

SDR: Where do you when you die?

PH: I think that there is a heaven and a hell. But that's not how I would ask the question. Rather, I would ask, "To whom do I go?" We return to our creator, who is the judge of the living and the dead, and filled with more mercy than any of us have experienced or imagined. I'll trust him with what comes next.

– Joseph O'Brien

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ner violence. Ticket price includes green fees, range balls, cart, lunch and swag bag, You can bundle and save with our "Hole in One" package that includes all of that plus 2 drink tickets, 3 mulligans and 4 raffle tickets. Saturday, September 26, 8am; \$100-\$140. Lake San Marcos Resort, 1750 San Pablo Drive.

LECTURES

Caring for Older Adults During COVID-19 If you're caring for an older loved one, you might be worried. Dr. Daniel Cardenal Castro, medical director of Birch Patrick Skilled Nursing Facility at

Sharp Chula Vista Medical Center, shares what you need to know to keep older adults safer, and what to do if they do become infected with COVID-19. Saturday, September 26, 10am; free. https://bit.ly/2RJWQlf. (ONLINE)

OUTDOORS

Fall Officially Begins on Tuesday, September 22 — possibly good enough to throw a premature, afterwork celebratory party. The event is also known as the "autumnal equinox." Technically, this means that at that on this day the sun will be shining directly down somewhere on the Earth's equator — in this particular case, near Christmas Island in the mid-Pacific Ocean. The autumn season will continue for three months until the sun "moves" to its farthest southerly point, winter solstice, December 21.

Equal Days and Nights everywhere on Earth, 12 hours each, are only one noticeable consequence during the time of equinox, either autumnal or vernal (spring). Another consequence is that the sun at equinox always rises from a point on the horizon due east and later sets due west. You could calibrate a compass this way if you had access to a true (unobstructed) horizon. Another very subtle consequence is that at mid-latitudes like ours, morning and evening twilight periods are shortest during equinox. From San Diego, the duration of twilight this week is about 80 minutes; last June it was about 100 minutes.

The Smoggiest Days of the Year are most likely to occur during the next two or three months. Persistent temperature inversions (warmer air overlying cool marine air) are frequent this time of year. These inversions conspire with the mountainous topography of East County to trap locally generated air pollution under a low-lying lid. During the worst episodes, San Diego County's coastal area is the hapless recipient of additional smog sneaking down from the Los Angeles Basin. This often occurs when a Santa Ana wind condition begins to weaken: L.A. smog blown offshore by a Santa Ana may get pushed back our way when the normal sea breeze returns.

Chinese flame trees are starting to display colorful clusters of orange, reddish, or salmon-pink seed pods. Good specimens line the south end of Balboa Drive in Balboa Park, and Lake Murray Boulevard through San Diego's San Carlos district. Most of the remainder of San Diego's ornamental trees will continue to remain

drab until November, the onset of "autumn" botanically.

Saturn and Jupiter near the moon. On Wednesday September 23 there will be a first-quarter moon (exact at 9:55 p.m. EDT). The moon shines in the south at dusk. To its left are Jupiter and Saturn, pointing at it. On Thursday, September 24, the Moon, a day past first quarter, shines just a few degrees from Jupiter. Saturn looks on from their left.



The kitchen: updated, but not too updated.

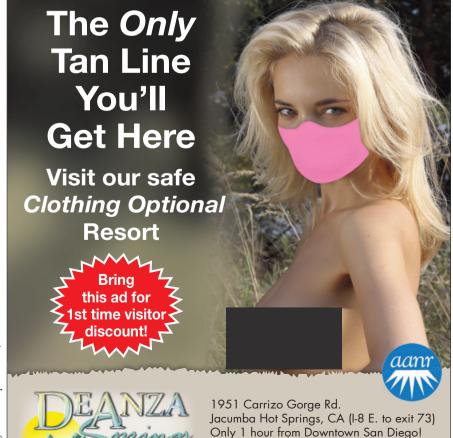
UNREAL ESTATE

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\$2.4 million by attorney Rick Knock and his spouse Jennifer. They currently use the property as a short-term vacation rental, where it's advertised as holding up to 14 people for \$760 per night.

Several attempts

have been made to sell the property, dating back to 2011. Listing prices ranging from \$2.99 million to \$3.6 million in 2011, 2012, and 2014 failed to attract a buyer. After sitting off-market for about six years, the Kline House was offered for sale again in late July with an asking price of \$3,199,999 that remains unchanged to date.



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HAPPY HOUR

You can submit a listing or find more information about these establishments online at SDReader.com/drinks

ALLIED GARDENS

McGregor's Grill and Ale House: Monday, Thursday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers, \$5 Pacifico pints and Margaritas. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$1 off all pints, wells, house wines, \$5 off half gallon pitchers, \$5 whiskey cocktails

and shots, half price bottles of wine.

BANKERS HILL

Bankers Hill Bar + Restaurant: Wednesday-Saturday, 4:30-6pm: \$6 select draft beer, sangria of the day, \$7 glass of red or white wine, house sparkling wine, cocktail of the day, entire craft cocktail list priced at \$10.

BAY PARK

Off Shore Tavern: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6pm: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks. *Saturday*, 9pm-close: All beer \$1 off, \$4 house wine, \$4.25 well drinks.

CARDIFF-BY-THE-SEA

Chart House: *Monday-Friday*, 3-6:30pm: \$4 import & specialty draft beers, well spirits, \$6 wine by the glass, \$7 cocktails.

CARLSBAD

Chandler's: Wednesday-Thursday, 4-6pm: \$2 off wines by the glass, draught beers, and signature cocktails. \$3 off appetizers.

CITY HEIGHTS

Alcove Wine & Beer: *Monday-Friday, Sunday*, 4-6pm: \$1 off beer, \$2 off wine & appetizers.

DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

Knotty Barrel: Monday, Thursday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, \$7 cocktail of the month. Tuesday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, \$7 cocktail of the month. Half off craft beer all day. Wednesday, 4-7pm: \$2 off craft beer, \$6 premium wells, house red and white wines, \$7 cocktail of the month. Half off wine bottle all day.

Werewolf American Pub: Tuesday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4 drafts, house wines, and wells.

Whiskey Girl: Monday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Stella, \$5 select wine, \$6 Don Julio Tequila. Tuesday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Dox XX, \$5 select wine, \$6 El Jimador Tequila. Wednesday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$4 wells, \$4 Firestone Walker 805, \$5 select wine, \$6 Sailor Jerry. Thursday, 7-9pm: \$3 off drafts, \$3 Truly Hard Seltzer, \$4 wells, \$5 select wine, \$5 Patron Tequila.

The Whiskey House: Daily, 4-7pm: \$4 French pale lager, \$5 Moscow mule, whiskey sour, Daiquiri, house wines (red, white, sparkling), \$9 Carsberg Danish pilsner (1 liter can). Add a shot of house whiskey to any beer for \$1.

BOOZE NEWS

Tiki culture in a can

Back in the days of Prohibition, party boats would sit off the coast of San Diego and other California cities, just outside U.S. jurisdiction. Onboard, revelers could booze, gamble, and otherwise indulge.

"They had free taxi service out to them," explains Mark Eicker. "They were popular with a lot of A-list celebrities: Mae West, Charlie Chaplin, Douglas Fairbanks."

Moralists onshore took to denouncing these boats as "sin ships," which is the name Eiker and his wife Rozlyn have given their rum business. **SinShip Spirits Co.** grew out of a hobby creating liqueurs at home, but the Eikers' hearts really belong the booze culture that emerged immediately after Prohibition ended.

"We both love rum, and we love tiki cocktails," says Mark.

"We've got a little tiki bar here in the house," adds Rozlyn. "We do cocktails most nights."

The couple operates SinShip Spirits out of **Liberty Call Distilling** in Spring Valley, where they began distributing specialty rums in the spring of 2019. So far, their initial releases have been less about producing grain-to-glass spirits, and more about refining imported Caribbean rum, whether by



Zombie cocktail

further distillation or experimentation. For example, their 1930 smoked rum, inspired by Scotch whiskey, was the first peat-smoked rum to market. (The Eikers used imported Irish peat for the job.)

However, after the pandemic began, the small startup lost a year's worth of traction distributing to local bars and bottle shops. So the Eikers decided to speed up a plan to produce ready-to-drink canned tiki cocktails.

"Once the pandemic hit," says Rozlyn, "we thought we needed to get something out there that would sell all by itself."

Their first cans hit the shelves in late September, and they went with a tiki classic: the Zombie,

first created in 1934 at O.G. tiki bar Don the Beachcomber in Hollywood. The 12-ounce cans measures out to 19.5-percent alcohol by volume, delivering the usual tiki wallop with a combination of aged rum, fruit juices, plus the Eikers' own recipes for falernum, grenadine, and cinnamon syrup.

The cans are expected to be the first in a series, but the couple's tiki love runs deep, so future canned cocktails promise to be less mainstream. "We want to keep it fairly obscure," says Mark, "so you're probably not going to see a mai tai or piña colada." Instead, they're thinking about such drinks as the Shrunken Skull (rum with lime, grenadine, and cinnamon syrup) or Shark's Tooth (lime and pineapple juices, plus cherry liqueurs).

SinShip's canned tiki cocktail push will postpone — the Eikers hope only temporarily — their other long term plans for the business, including the production of aged rums, and their first grain-toglass spirit, a 151 proof rum.

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

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

Vintana Wine + Dine: Daily, 4-6pm: \$8 martinis and appetizers.

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

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa: Tuesday, All day: \$5 house margarita. Tacos \$3-\$3.50. Wednesday, All day: Half off all whiskey, house red and white wines. 75 cent wing specials. Thursday, All day: Irish beers \$5. Irish food boxty \$10. Friday-Saturday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. Sunday, 11am-2pm: \$5 Bloody Marys, \$10 Champagne bottles.

LAKESIDE

\$4 micro drafts.

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

LEMON GROVE

Dirk's Niteclub: *Daily*, 10am-4pm: \$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails

LITTLE ITALY

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

Coaster Saloon: Monday. 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft. \$5 well drinks. Tuesday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and El . Jimador shots, \$5 well drinks, house margarita. Wednesday, 3pm-6pm: \$1 off all IPA, \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft and Fireball shots, \$5 well drinks. Thursday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, Mission Blonde draft, Pol ish Pie shots, \$5 well drinks. Friday, 3pm-6pm: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$4 select Bud draft, \$5 well drinks, Captain Morgan, Jack Daniels, Jager shots, Saturday, All day: \$15 Champagne bottles. Sunday, All day: \$3 Jager shot with any beer purchase, \$12 Champagne bottles.

MISSION HILLS

Shakespeare Pub & Grille: 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

Cheesecake Factory Mission Valley: 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.

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.

draft beers, \$8 vodka cocktails. 8 nibbles for \$8 each.

OLD TOWN
Old Town Mexican Café:
Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: Half off well

drinks and selected appetizers.

333 Pacific: *Daily*, 5-7pm: \$8

Rockin' Baja Lobster — Old Town: 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.

PACIFIC BEACH

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

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

Mavericks Beach Club:

Monday, 3-8pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 3-10pm: Half off one pound orders of all wings, no limit. Tuesday, 3-8pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks, 5-10pm; \$10 all you can eat taco bar. 5pm-2am: \$4 all Mexican beers, \$4 Margaritas, \$4 shots of Eljimador. Wednesday, Friday, 3-8pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. Thursday, 3-8pm: \$4 beer, wine, and wells, \$6 margaritas and mai tais. \$2 off snacks. 9pm-2am: \$3 Natural Lite seltzers and Naturdays, \$4 shots of Jameson, Altos, Absolut, Malibu, Jagermeister.

Pacific Beach Shore Club: Monday, 4pm to close: Half off

drinks with proof of restaurant industry employment. \$5 basket of wings. *Tuesday*, 4pm to close: \$4 Tecate, Corona, Victoria, Altos Silver Tequila shots, \$5 Jameson, \$6 house margaritas. *Wednesday*, 8pm to close: \$4 Jameson, Absolut, and Altos Silver Tequila, \$5 Kona. *Thursday*, 8pm to close: \$4 Tecate, \$5 Kona drafts, Captain Morgan, Don Julio, Ketel One, Bullet Bourbon, Rumplemintz, Crown Royal. *Friday*, 4pm to close: \$5 Jameson, Lagunitas IPA. Kona.

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

POINT LOMA

Banzai 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.

The Wine Pub: *Daily*, 4-6pm: \$5 craft beers on draft, \$5 select red and white wines.

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego: Tuesday, All day: \$5 house margarita. Tacos \$3-\$3.50. Wednesday, All day: Half off all whiskey, house red and white wines. 75 cent wing specials. Thurs-

off all whiskey, house red and white wines. 75 cent wing specials. *Thursday*, All day: Irish beers \$5. Irish food boxty \$10. *Friday-Saturday*, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. *Sunday*, 11am-2pm: \$5 Bloody Marys, \$10 Champagne bottles.

SAN MARCOS

Churchill's Pub and Grill:

Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells. Sunday, All day: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells.

SOLANA BEACH

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

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Et Voilà French Bistro:

Tuesday-Sunday, 4:30-7pm: \$7 cocktails, glass of house made sangria (\$14 pitcher), draft Iron Fist Counter Strike IPA, and draft 1664, \$5-\$9 wines by the glass. Discounted food menu.



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Bratwurst and ball whacking

"This is the first golf bar in San Diego."

hat does that mean?" I mumble to myself. I'd noticed it when I came out from Ma's Place, the

Muslim Chinese eatery (see last week's column). This sign across the parking lot: The Golf Bar.

Hmm. First clue: a couple of young business bucks walk through the front doors carrying loaded golf bags. It's around five in the afternoon. And yes, I'm feeling peckish by now. So hey, maybe my first golf meal?

I swing open the door and thwack! A gal and a guy actually swing their golf clubs and contact a real ball, full power. "Swing, 45mph," says an info box on what looks like video of what might be a Torrey Pines fairway. A painted line follows the real ball the gal has just struck. As my eyes get used to the low light, I see there are four booth areas where groups are sitting, sipping beers, snacking on foods, and taking turns at whacking the ball.

get instant info on the distance, speed, wind sheer,

whatever a golfing fanatic needs. This guy Christo-

pher Go says it costs around \$40 an hour for up to

I notice that in the last booth, a guy and his

"You can choose from 84 golf courses, and play

other games too," Christopher says, "from football

"But can I come and just get some food and a

"Of course!" he says. "It's very social."

I take a seat. At first it feels like you're in a

Chris brings me a menu sheet. "Everything's

girlfriend are throwing a football, as if they were

quarterbacks. The ball hits a cloth screen.

four people to play.

to zombie dodgeball."

Each time they go thwack!, they can see their ball, just like on the TV shows, zooming away. They

"The Turn," braised bratwurst with sauerkraut, caramelized onions, spicy mustard

So lessee. First good thing is, no dish is over \$11, except \$15 for a meat and cheese board. Straight away, I'm looking at the first two: "The

> Turn," which is a "beer-braised bratwurst" with caramelized onions and sauerkraut and spicy mustard, served in a Hawaiian roll cut into thirds for \$9. The other choice Chris says is by far the most popular: "crunchy garlic wings."

> > They're "boneless wings tossed

in a savory crunchy garlic sauce, toasted sesame seeds, and cilantro, and served with a side of ranch." They cost \$10. You get seven wings, judging from a couple of plates I see passing by.

Then there's "Buffalo cauliflower," with blue cheese dressing, celery sticks, carrots. Goes for \$8. Sliders with chicken breast, bacon, mozzarella, and ranch are \$10; cheese bits and tomato basil soup to dip them in cost \$10; a "loaded" spicy quesadilla with grilled veggies and pickled jalapeños comes with ranch and pepper jack (or hummus), and for two bucks extra you can add bacon or grilled

> chicken. A bacon and cheese flatbread's \$9. Add a \$9 farmer's toast (think hummus), and the \$15 meat and cheese board, that's pretty

D'agh, I go for the wings, natch, and the bratwurst. Have to say, the crunchy, boneless, totally garlicky wings are so beautifully sesame-twanged, it's almost a travesty to dip 'em in the ranch. But of course I do.

"The Turn" — golf lingo for the break between 9th and 10th holes, during which

golfers like to eat hot dogs — is a really good and filling brat. Sauerkraut puts up a good battle with the sweetness of the onions, and the mustard smacks'em both upside the head. I can eat only one of the three. Blame the wings.

And goodness, don't they all mesh nicely with the Robot Panda hazy — and gentle — IPA. It's more fruity than bitter. Out of Portland, Hopworks Urban Brewery.

Of course, it's hard to concentrate when you're in the front row of this spectator gallery, feeling like you're at Torrey Pines. The video, including real flying golf balls, is so realistic you almost want

"This is the first golf bar in San Diego," says Chris, "so we're feeling our way."

And covid?

"Four days after we opened, they announced the lockdown. We had to close. Then, with outside only, we couldn't do any golf. So we concentrated on serving food. We set up tents, until it got unbearably hot out there. But thank goodness we've been able to re-open the golfing side. Social



Christopher Go. A two handicap, but this is his baby

media has saved us. It's going well."

In the end, I can't resist ordering one of the two desserts they have, the Warm Chocolate Chip Cookie (\$5). Chris's buddy brings out this mini iron skillet, kinda sizzling with the cookie, and a vanilla bean ice cream trying to slide off the top like an Antarctic ice shelf.

"Don't hold the handle," says Chris. "It's scalding hot."

Glad he told me. I was about to lift it up. So I bend down and start cutting out a bit of melting cookie, nicely in time to The Beatles' "A Hard Day's Night."

"What else do you do?" I ask.

"I'm a financial analyst," says Christopher. "I'm also into real estate."

The guy never stops. "Then one night, I



Wings: sesame is the killer app

had this idea. I sat up in bed: 'Let golf come to the people!"

Since then, despite little problems like a global pandemic, he hasn't looked back. Only thing I've got to learn: how to whack a golf ball. ■

The Place: The Golf Bar, 5583 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, Kearny Mesa, 858-598-5101 Hours: Monday - Thursday, 4:00pm-10:00pm, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 11am - 10pm. Closed Tuesday **Prices:** "The Turn," a "beer-braised bratwurst," with caramelized onions and sauerkraut and spicy mustard in a Hawaiian roll, \$9; crunchy garlic wings, (boneless), \$10; "buffalo cauliflower," blue cheese dressing, celery sticks, carrots, \$8; sliders with chicken breast, bacon, mozzarella, ranch, \$10; cheese bits and tomato basil soup, \$10; "loaded" spicy quesadilla, grilled veggies, pickled jalapeños, with ranch, pepper jack (or hummus). Add bacon and grilled chicken (\$2 extra). Bacon, cheese flatbread, \$9; farmer's toast (hummus), \$9; meat, cheese board, \$15

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beer?" I ask him. golfers' war zone, but everyone's laughing and chatting. The Beatles are singing "She Loves You, Yeah Yeah," and they even have kids and babies running around. boneless, and baked, not fried," he says. "Healthier, and doesn't make your hands sticky. Sticky's not good when you're gripping our Calloway golf clubs."

Trucks fully embraced

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Chula Vista de los tacos Over the Border: 3008 Main Street, Chula Vista, On the patio of the Over the Border nightclub, an accordion player in a cowboy hat led his band through a set of *norteño* music, while a small crowd of fans

danced and drank beer, with the express purpose of socially un-distancing themselves

This was Saturday night at the northeast corner of 4th Avenue and Main Street, in Chula Vista. But I wasn't there for the entertainment. I was there for tacos.

For a little over a year, a couple of taco trucks have made a regular home in Over the Border's parking lot. El Cacho Fish Tacos got the ball rolling, I'm told, serving a menu of mariscos: seafood tostadas, fish tacos, aguachile, etc. Soon enough,

> it was joined by Taqueria El Poblano, which offers

beef and pork dishes, and specializes in birria.

The two trucks remained open through the first five weeks of the pandemic, but business slowed considerably as people staved home through the shutdown. But then the city started allowing restaurants to extend outdoor seating into parking lots. The two trucks fully embraced the concept, setting up a large tent for spaced out, covered seat-

> ing. In the months since, they've been thriving.

Mask wearing and social distancing was more common in the food truck area than the club patio, but the music could be heard throughout, while a large gathering of families, couples, and friend groups milled about, sorting out their food and drink orders.

Poblano and El Cacho aren't the only mobile food businesses operating here: on weekends they're joined by a crepe cart and another offering fruity drinks and tostilocos. There's the Just Coffee cart, which serves keto-friendly pastries in addition to coffee drinks including café de olla (flavored with spices including cinnamon and piloncillo).



Live music and taco trucks drive the scene at 4th and Main in Chula Vista.

Vistans out for the evening — cars spilled over into a dirt lot next door. I picked up a terrific quesabirria grilled taco from Taqueria El Poblano, and decided to follow it up with a delightfully messy adobada taco smothered

I wanted to add Baja-style fish and grilled octopus tacos to my dinner, but the hefty line for El Cacho kept getting longer, not shorter. I take it evervone's in



A grilled, cheesy quesabirria taco.

The Tagueria El Poblano food truck, set up six days a week at 4th and Main, Chula Vista.

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the mood for seafood tacos and tostadas on a Saturday night. Fortunately, the two primary taco trucks are there at 4th and Main all day, every day except Monday, with plenty of tacos to go around.

by Ian Anderson

Brooklyn Dogs goes uptown

For most of the 27 years Pete Soto has operated his food cart, Brooklyn Dogs, he's done so by the Civic Center. But since the pandemic has thinned out both foot traffic and the lunch crowd downtown, he's been parking it out front of the Uptown

Car Wash in University Heights.

The Brooklyn native has lived in San Diego three decades, but for the most part, his food cart brings a taste of the five boroughs to So Cal. As the branded, blue and yellow umbrellas shading his cart suggest, Soto serves hot dog made by Sabrett, maker of "the original New York pushcartstyle frankfurter."

Along with Hebrew National and Nathan's Famous, Sabrett is one of the New York brands that helped popularize hot dogs in the U.S., going back to the 1920s and 30s. According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage wrapped tamales, sold for three bucks each by the Brooklyn Dogs food cart.

Council, Americans now consume about 20 billion hot dogs a year. However, while Sabrett indeed dominates street carts in New York City, it's less well known out here

Same could be said about the red onion sauce that commonly smothers Sabrett dogs back east. Soto tops dogs with the tomato and red onion sauce for three bucks. offering a genuine taste of the city so nice they named it twice. I was able to finish one, plus a similarly priced sauerkraut dog, before the folks at the car wash had finished cleaning

The cart offers grilled brat-

(\$6) and picotopped Bajastyle dogs. But where Brooklyn Dogs really dips into local culture is its tamales. Made by Soto's Mexican-American wife, the stubby, neatly tied \$3 tamales are filled with beef, chicken, pork, cheese, or jalapeño. I wonder if anyone in Brooklyn realizes how fine a street food pairing a hot dog and a tamal can be.

in a concession

to our So Cal

tastes, bacon

wrapped

When downtown fully reopens, expect Soto to take Brooklyn Dogs back to Civic Center, where business was more regular than this streetside car wash location (4157 Normal Street, University Heights). But who knows when that could be? For now, let the crust on your car be a reminder it's time to eat tamales and hot dogs.

by Ian Anderson

FOOD & DRINK EVENTS

Fall Tasting Menu Experience The fall-focused menu will be paired with wine and cocktails. The price is \$150 per person for the 8+ course tasting and beverage pairings. There are two seating times available at 5:15pm and 8:15pm Reservations are required. Visit www.fortoaksd.com to reserve a table. Through Wednesday, October 14, free. 21 and up. Fort Oak Restaurant, 1011 Fort Stockton

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Sound showers Claudia Gomez keeps a lot of irons in the fire. She's a musician and a tap dancer, and she taught at Tap Into Yoga & Reiki all over San Diego until just before the pandemic hit when she decided to open up her own studio in North Park (3930 Oregon Street). She was even doing the occasional show at her new space.

"I had a had a few events



Dancer Claudia Gomez seems quite fond of that pillow.

of the jazz community. Music in the park on a sunny afternoon sounds pretty idyllic. But what about safety in this time of Covid-19?

session during the second set.

It felt kind of like a celebration

"I actually do feel safe," Gomez explained. "I feel safer than most places, because the park is such an open area and we're out in the sun and for the most part, people observe the social distancing. It feels good to play in an open environment and feel good about it. Because a lot of people have been feeling isolated and depressed and they haven't had any motivation to go out and do what they love.



Besos de Coco: Claudia Gomez on tap/percussion, Evona Wascinski on bass, and Lorraine Castellanos on vocals and guitar. "Oh my gosh, that was such a blast." Gomez says.

before the shutdown and then I thought I'll just continue to do this outside with masks and social distancing," said Gomez, speaking of her regular live performances held at Bird Park (28th & Thorn, every Saturday.) "I just said 'let's go for it.' We've been doing these for just over a month now. It started out with just a few musicians who would come out and sit on the wall and I decided to bring the band Trio Gadjo (Aaron Mahn, Jeremy Eikam, and Jason Durbin) out to the park. I would promote it and tap dance, and during the second set (shows typically run from 5:30 p.m. to sundown) we'd open it up for a jam session."

What kind of response have these events in the park been getting?

"People really love it," says Gomez. "People keep telling me how much they've missed the music. And why not? You know it's so beautiful out and the weather has been perfect. And music has a healing

effect. I call these 'soundshowers,' because when we play our instruments, when I dance, it feels good for everybody."

On August 8, the event featured a reunion of the band Besos de Coco, featuring Gomez on tap/percussion, Evona Wascinski on bass and Lorraine Castellanos on vocals and guitar. What was that like?

"Oh my gosh that was such a blast. It feels so good to play with them. It was special because Lorraine just had a birthday and it was Evona's birthday and it was so great to reconnect with them, because we're like sisters. It was the perfect time and a lot of people came out to see us perform."

Afterwards, Trio Gadjo played with special guest Gabriel Sundy sitting in on tenor saxophone. There were numerous local musicians including Robert Dove, Mike Benge, Dan Atkinson, and Rob Thorsen who brought their instruments for the jam

"Putting on these shows and doing my classes outside has really saved me. At first I was feeling crappy and isolated. It was ridiculous. I wasn't motivated to go out or exercise or anything. Playing again has lifted everyone's spirits."

Do you have a message for people who want to attend when it comes to wearing masks?

"Yes," she answers, "We don't want any excuses that would lead to us getting shut down. We're staying healthy and at the same time we're following the rules so that we can continue to do what we're doing.

— Robert Bush

When Pigs Fly A founding member of Forbidden Pigs, Flipside Burners, and Hot Rod Lincoln, Americana/roots rocker Chris Giorgio took his stage name Jackslacks from the 1957 Sparkletones hit "Black Slacks." He embarked on a



solo career in 2002 with his

length, produced by kindred

rockabilly soul Lee Rocker

(the Stray Cats) and featur-

ing ex-Pig mate Billy Bacon.

As Jackslacks, he went on to

release several subsequent

albums and EPs that occa-

sionally featured Bacon as a

guest or songwriter, as on the

2013 Jackslacks EP Farm Jazz,

Bacon passed away in August

2019 after a long battle with

"I have a brand new

Jackslacks EP," says Giorgio.

"When Pigs Fly is a tribute to

Billy Bacon with three former

Pig guitarists and original stu-

dio engineer Steve Wetherbee

of local San Diego recording

studio Golden Tracks."

Giorgio

describes each

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life-long friend

Billy Bacon.... I'm

joined by remain-

ing Pigs Jerry 'Hot

Rod' DeMink,

Adrian Demain,

and Tim 'Steelbone'

Cook, plus pianist

Dave Roof."

track. "Hog

with the Bacon co-written

track "Don't Mind Me."

rheumatoid arthritis.

Rock & Roll Dinosaur full-



Giorgio's who has toured and recorded with Billy Joel and Joan Jett, also played on the first Jackslacks album.

Billy Bacon & the Forbidden Pigs were formed in 1984, releasing their first single "Una mas Cerveza" a few years later on local label Swingin' Records. "Billy and Pete [Conway, guitarist] had recently graduated from St. Augustine High School in North Park," recalls Giorgio. "I myself [was] a recent transplant from Long Island and sporting my new Pig stage moniker Long Island Link. Just a three-piece outfit, featuring an old American Telecaster guitar, Kay upright bass, and vintage Ludwig drum kit.... Our monthly fanzine newsletter was appropriately titled Slop, which humorously lent itself to both



continued to pay tribute to the vintage sound honed while with Bacon and Forbidden Pigs. His tenure with Hot Rod Lincoln included co-writing a Sun Records-inspired number called "Bank Account's Too Small," for the band's Blue Café CD, which won best local recording at the San Diego Music Awards. The title track of that album was written specifically for Hot Rod Lincoln by fan and supporter, and lead Stray Cat Brian Setzer.

Giorgio also landed some prime gigs opening for his own musical heroes, including Jerry Lee Lewis and a Little Richard show that was co-headlined by Chuck Berry. "Getting to meet, hang out, and share the stage with three of my all-time favorite artists has been the highlight of my



Jackslacks' song "Are You Going Back There Tonight" was heard in the Matthew McConaughey movie Killer Joe.

"Up next, 'The Way, a horn-infused little ditty imagined in a time machine dialed back to the Summer of Love. This track swings hard, highlighted by an uplifting message of hope, Billy Raven's thumping doghouse bass, and driving hollow body guitars courtesy of DeMink and Gig Fortier. 'Just For Me' is a straight-up, red-hot rocker featuring the former Stray Cat, Tommy Byrnes, playing his big, fat, 6120 model Gretsch."

Byrnes, a childhood elementary school friend of our band name and some of our earliest performances."

Even after being sidelined from most gigging, Bacon announced in 2012 that a new Forbidden Pigs album was in the works. Their song "Are You Going Back There Tonight" was heard in the 2012 William Friedkin film Killer Joe, starring Matthew McConaughey, and a final album, High Wide and Handsome, was released in August 2016.

As Jackslacks, Giorgio has

musical journey so far."

When Pigs Fly is due November 1 via the Shield of Love label. The previous Jackslacks release was 2018's Earthling Sessions, which included an ode to O.B. called "The 92107" and featured guest appearances from both Tommy Byrnes and Billy Bacon.

— Jay Allen Sanford

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LOCAL Live

BRUCE ROBINSON



Songwriter Bruce Robinson played Major League baseball with the New York Yankees and Oakland As during the late '70s and early '80s. After his debut full-length was released in 2012, he played the main stage at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, when the Cleveland Indians hosted the Yankees that August. "Since that time, I've continued to write and produce music, now having written 81 songs, 71 which appear on my three fully produced CDs. This past week I received shipment of my newest CD, number four, *Red Rose*." The album was recorded with Jim Nau (Stone Horse, Lost Coyotes) at Blue Horse Studios in Ramona. "Jim Nau and I go back to La

Jolla Elementary and Muirlands Jr High, where we were in our first bands together in 5th, 6th and 7th grades." Red Rose melds acoustic country, blues, reggae, pop, and Latin rock. "There are 21 original songs, lyrics and music all by me. The musicianship is terrific, with San Diego stalwarts like John Rekevics on saxophones and flute, John Cain [who recently relocated to New Orleans] on keyboards and harmonica, Rick Nash on bass, Jim Nau plays both drums and lead guitar, and I play acoustic guitar, resonator guitar, and vocals. Up and coming country singer Leah Keane from Ramona is the harmony vocalist."

FRED BENEDETTI

Fred Benedetti began playing guitar at age nine. In 1986, he was one of twelve guitarists chosen worldwide to perform in the Master Class of Andrés Segovia at USC, where *Guitarra Magazine* wrote "Fred Benedetti amazed the audience with his performance of the Bach *Chaconne*." Peter Sprague picked up the guitar at age 12, studying with San Diego jazz guitarist Bill Coleman. On August 29, Benedetti and Sprague joined an all-star lineup of guitarists and musical innovators who participated in Muriel Anderson's All Star Guitar Night to support inclusive, safe,

student instruction, instruments, and teacher training during the pandemic. The YouTube livestream also featured performances by Muriel Anderson, David Broza, Laurence Juber, Stanley Jordan, Larry Mitchell, Christie Lenée, Rory Block, Andrew York, Alex de Grassi, Vicki Genfan, Makana, and Stephen Bennett & the Harp Guitar Orchestra. The concert turned a spotlight on the work of national nonprofit Guitars in the Classroom (GITC) and Anderson's Music for Life Alliance (MFLA), supporting inclusive music programs for students in Title 1 schools.



NICKEL CREEK

An acoustic music trio with roots in bluegrass, Nickel Creek features three permanent members: Chris Thile (mandolin), Sara Watkins (violin, fiddle), and her brother, Sean Watkins (guitar). They formed in 1989 with Scott Thile, Chris's father, playing string bass. The Watkins and the Thile families met after Sean Watkins and Chris Thile had mandolin lessons with the same teacher. The band will be the subject of an ambitious Craft Records reissue campaign for long out-of-print vinyl releases, including their platinum self-titled album (2000), the Grammy Award-winning *This Side* (2002), and the best-selling *Why Should the Fire Die*? (2005). Each

album will be pressed on two 180-gram vinyl LPs cut at 45RPM, featuring mastering from the original tapes or high-resolution sources by Chris Bellman at Bernie Grundman Mastering.. Due November 6, each reissue is housed in a double-disc, gatefold jacket. Additionally, the band will offer exclusive editions of each title on their website, limited to 500 copies each. These include *Nickel Creek* pressed on translucent opal vinyl, *This Side* on marbled mahogany, and *Why Should the Fire Die*? in a translucent gold and red marbled variant. The hi-resolution audio for each album will also be made digitally available for the first time.



BLACK LICORICE

Formed last year, alt-rock band Black Licorice features Conner Farrell, Jason Nierenberg, Isabelle Bain, and Ryan Marshall. According to the group, "The band was not only created out of a desire to bring rock back into the mainstream and release the greatest music of all time, but also to inspire future generations to live more fulfilling lives without fearing the judgements of others. Our motto is 'Never Live from a Position of Fear'... when you're unafraid of others' opinions of you, you're untouchable and able to reach the people that you want to be speaking to." Their debut single "No Patients" was released earlier this year.

When the COVID-19 pandemic began, the band headed to Arizona to record a series of four singles, which they released throughout the quarantine, including "Tell It to Me" (which was produced as a video utilizing footage from *Rick and Morty* and the *Howard Stern* show), "Fun Times" (featured on Spotify Brazil's official playlist Volume Máximo), "Getting Closer," and concluding with "Down the Drain." With the band now back in San Diego, a new single called "Coughdrops and La Croix" just dropped. They're reportedly working on a new EP due for release later this year.



ROB HALFORD

Occasional Judas Priest frontman Rob Halford says he's working on a blues album, telling the Paltrocast "It's already begun. I've been working on this blues album with my brother [Nigel] and my nephew [Alex] and friends that I worked with together on the Celestial album. We had such a great time, and they're so talented. And that blues thing has never left me, it's just part of rock 'n' roll...We're slowly putting bits and pieces together. There's no timeline on it. We're kicking the tires, and I've already got some

bits of ideas here and there, and they sound great." In addition, Judas Priest has announced that they will launch their own music festival next year as part of their ongoing 50th anniversary celebration. Dubbed the Warlando Metal Fest, the event will take place on September 11, 2021 at the Orlando Amphitheater at Central Florida Fairgrounds Orlando. Priest will be headlining the festival, and have recruited Sabaton, Lacuna Coil, Soulfly, Mushroom Head, and Uncured to perform as well.

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Saturday, 7:30pm — Concerts In Your Car: Kane Brown.

Off Broadway Live:

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

Online Internet Events:

Thursday & Friday, 4pm, Saturday, 2pm, Sunday, 12pm, Monday, 4pm — 2020 D.C. JazzFest. Free. Thursday, 7pm — Belly Up

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 5pm — Cold Waves Industrial Music Festival. Free.

Thursday, 6pm — Courtney Marie Andrews Livestream.

Thursday, 6:30pm — Lydia Loveless. \$10-\$25.

Saturday, 6pm — Frazey Ford Live From the Commodore Ballroom.

Saturday, 5pm — Osees
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Saturday, 8pm — Wonho
Livestream Concert.
Sunday, 4:30pm — Allison
Adams Tucker & Friends Fall
Fest GardenStream. Free.
Tuesday, 3pm — Creekside
Music Hall Show with Scott
Guberman. Free.
Wednesday, 5pm — Michael
McDonald Home Alone Solo
Concert. \$20.\$60.

Starlight Theater:

Friday, 8pm — Don't Look Back.

Saturday, 8pm — La Septima Banda. \$30.

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Purcell persists

Three is some live music in San Diego these days. On Friday, September 11, my kids and I were able to attend Mainly Mozart's drive-up *Resilience* concert at the Del Mar Fair Grounds. Mainly Mozart chief Nancy Laturno says, "*Resilience* was conceived as a product of quarantine in recognition of the incredible ability of humans to adapt and to thrive."

The Resilience concerts showed Mainly Mozart's incredible ability to adapt and thrive as an organization. As for the music, the performance was spectacular, but I found myself having to infer an element of resilience not self-evident in the pieces selected.

There were three pieces of classical music, performed along with a variety of other styles including fiddle music, Billy Joel, and an original composition by pianist Joshua Fobare. Of the three classical pieces, my kids and I enjoyed the trumpet sonata by Henry Purcell the most. It was performed by Indiana Symphony principal trumpeter Conrad Jones.

I recalled that Purcell was born just after the Restoration of the English Monarchy and the crowing of King Charles II. King Charles II reigned for 25 years. King James II came to the throne after Charles II died in 1685. Purcell, an established composer by then, composed the orchestral-choral anthem *My Heart is Inditing* for the coronation of James II. Three years later, James II was deposed and replaced by a constitutional monarchy.

Purcell managed to be the most successful composer in English history in spite

of living through three different political regimes. When Purcell was a boy, Charles II had political conspirators against the crown publicly executed.

James II was deposed because of his gross abuse of power. The removal of James II was "bloodless," but it did involve a foreign army, led by William III of Orange, invading England.



In Purcell's day, Covid-19 would have been just another pestilence upon the land. (Purcell portrait by John Closterman)

The details of this historical period are confusing, but what was consistent over all three political environments was the resilient Henry Purcell, composing great music. Purcell would remain the undisputed greatest English composer for over 200 years. (I don't count Handel who was born, raised, and educated in Germany.) The resilience of Purcell inspired me to consider my own resilience. In Purcell's day, Covid-19 would have been just another pestilence upon the land.

In Purcell's day, political upheaval was very real. There was no such thing as a peaceful transfer of power. Regicide and civil war were not uncommon. The resilience of Henry Purcell, and his compositions, reminded me that great music can thrive in any context.

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Soda Bar:

Saturday, Oct. 3 — Torres and Ariana & the Rose.

Starlight Theater:

Friday, Oct. 2 — Summer of '69 Concert. \$10.
Saturday, Oct. 3 — Stevie "E" & The LCB Band. \$10.



MOVIES

t would be impossible to discuss Antebellum without giving away the film's startling secret. Clip this review or bookmark the page for future reference.

It takes five minutes for the unbroken shot that opens the picture to streamline us from the meticu-

lously manicured entranceway of the sprawling planta-

tion through its grounds, past the tree-limb confederate flagpole and clotheslines bearing breeze-dried sheets to the hind-quarters of the estate, the part that houses the slaves responsible for keeping the grounds both cleaner and more efficiently run than Disneyland.

The setting is what's known as a "reformer plantation." (To give you a hint, the enclosure comes equipped with a state-of-the-art crematorium.) Compliance is mandatory. Those who disobey are roped and branded like cattle, which is exactly what slaves were: the property of their owners, sold to the highest bidder much the same way one might purchase a prize bull or an impounded car at a government auction. New to these parts, Eden (Janelle Monáe) is still foolish enough to believe in the possibility of escape. Monáe has a smolder and confidence that draws the viewer's eyes quicker than a bar magnet draws metal filings. She communicates in whispers with her fellow enslaved souls, her facial expressions frequently called upon to carry a scene. Eden's plan is to keep her head down and her mouth shut until the time for rebellion is upon her. Add to that the "practice steps" she rehearses every night, a bit of mysterious character nuance that pays off in abundance.

The trailer and butterfly-bound poster art (borrowed from The Silence of the Lambs) may convince audiences there's horror ahead. And there is, just not the kind inspired by the empty-headed, atrocity-inducing monsters to which audiences have grown accustomed. On their best days, Jason Voorhees or Michael Myers are no match for the inhumane massuhs of the deep South or Hitler's jackbooted SS officers. The trailer, featuring characters in present day dress, also cautions audiences that at some point, a chronological leap is in order. If ever there was a case of

the end justifying the means, it's this.

The time warp hit around the 50-minute mark. I was beside myself. The performances were across-theboard superb and the transition from present to past smartly effective. But talk about mounting a black-andwhite defense. How about wrangling

> up some character shading? All of the whip-cracking red-

necks are evil incarnate, the slaves their defenseless casualties. Even Drum presented a more unprejudiced view of slavery than this. It's been some time since a film suckered me in this way. Don't you love it when art retains the ability to piss one off? The exact same reasons that fanned initial dislike soon became the film's biggest selling point. And I defy anyone to tell me that they knew in what direction this was all going before the second cell phone rang.

Get Out didn't work for me. With his back painted into a corner, Jordan Peele violated the reels of tense psychological horror he spent cultivating with an easy out. Instead of thinking things through to a logical conclusion (or better still, offering no explanation at all), Peele ordered up a cup of hocus-pocus-dominocus that sent our hero sinking into the comfort of an easy chair and the director falling headfirst into a vat of formulaic fantasy. Antebellum is no stranger to formula: think Westworld with slaves. But it's like I always say: if one must remake a movie, make sure it's a bad one. Other than its solid premise and Yul Brynner's quixotic cyborg gunslinger, Westworld misfires on all cylinders. Kudos to first time writing/directing duo Gerard Bush and Christopher Renz for stealing an idea and making it their own. The second act, with Monáe playing a bestselling sociologist, shows signs of wear, but not enough to dampen the ultimate impact. Not since Planet of the Apes has a remake brought such pleasure. And the film couldn't have hit at a better time. ★★★

-Scott Marks

Video on Demand New Release Roundup

The Devil All the Time — Just because you've never heard of someplace doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Take unincorporated Knockemstiff, Ohio, the setting for several of the



Antebellum: Janelle Monáe proves more than capable of opening a picture with this timely film.

acts of venality and vile affections that litter the film's 138-minute running time. With its depiction of soldiers bringing the violence of war back home with them, The Devil All the Time continues what The Irishman started. There were also moments that couldn't help but call to mind pulp novelist Jim Thompson's vivid slime. (A character is described as smelling "worse than a truck stop shitter.") From post-WWII through the early '60s, we follow a remarkably unsavory group of characters; cancer claims the only decent one in the bunch at the 30-minute mark. Fed up with the questionable veracity nostalgia lends to period pictures? Longing for films that depict the past in the same unflatteringly perverse light that they often do the present? Curious about a time where it was heretofore unthinkable for a killer thumbing a ride to be picked up by a pair of serial killers? Fans of grubby crime thrillers who don't mind a lack of character development and who are willing to overlook some of the film's campier flights of lunacy are in for a good time. Antonio Campos directs a capable cast led by a finely nuanced performance from Bill Skarsgård. 2020 — S.M. ★★★

The Garden Left Behind — Tina (Carlie Guevara), a streetwise Mexican trans woman, supports her equally undocumented grandmother as an Uber driver in New York. She adores her granny, but Tina is not one to take advice from old people. Is there an actor out there more trusting than Ed Asner? He plays Tina's

shrink, gently trying to chip away at her tendency to clam up when the topic turns to gender dysphoria. She's dating a guy, but his refusal to bring her home to meet the folks is bringing things down. And there's another man in her life, Chris (Anthony Abdo), the glazed-out pariah who works the register of Tina's local

convenience store. All that's known about Chris is what we're able to read into his facial expressions, which appear to indicate a self-loathing homophobe at the wheel. Guevara is so good you wish the film had offered her character a better fate. Skip this and track down a copy of Breakfast on Pluto. 2019 — S.M. ★



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tion to his mighty contributions to the soundtrack, Sammy Davis, Jr. dropped in as "Educated," a diceologist for whom life is just a roll of the bones. Henry Silva, one of the original Ocean's 11, remained a loyal Rat-Packer to the end, appearing in Contract on Cherry Street and

Mr. Sinatra's big-screen swan song, Cannonball Run II. Born of Sicilian and Spanish descent, the grimacing tough guy was frequently assigned the role of Asians. His big breakthrough came playing "Chink" in Budd Boetticher's otherwise admirable The Tall T. Fox later cast him as Mr. Moto, and who will ever for-

> get Chunjin, the karate-chopping houseboy in *The* Manchurian Candidate? Johnny Cool afforded Silva his first shot at opening a picture.





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News That Sounds Like a Joke

 Ander Christensen, 27, of Lincoln, Nebraska, has had to take time away from his job to field the media requests that have been pouring in since his Aug. 31 appearance before the Lincoln City Council, reported The Washington Post. Reading from a script, Christensen, whose father, Roy, is a councilman, made an impassioned plea against the widespread use of the term "boneless chicken wings," pointing out that "boneless chicken wings are just chicken tenders" and don't "actually come from the wing of a chicken." Laughter and applause broke out in the chamber as Christensen made his presentation, and his father said the council was "taking the matter under advisement. ... He's a chemical engineer by profession," he said of his son, "but he's a comic at heart."

Nuts!

 Detectives with the Tulare County (California) Sheriff's Office arrested Bhavna Singh Sekon, 23, of Fresno, in late August on suspicion of involvement in an "elaborate" scheme to steal and sell pistachios, to the tune of almost \$300,000. According to YourCentralValley. com, detectives were called to Setton Pistachio on Aug. 14 where employees reported someone using the name of a legitimate trucking company had picked up two tractor-trailer loads of pistachios but failed to deliver them. Sheriff's department spokeswoman Ashley Ritchie said detectives discovered the thieves had also stolen the trailers, which were equipped with GPS

that allowed authorities to track them down. Sekon was charged with grand theft, looting, identity theft and conspiracy.

Entrepreneurial Spirit

- Paul Derham of Dorset, on the southwest coast of England, worked on cruise ships all over the world for 27 years before settling down and taking over two local ferries in Mudeford. As he has gazed out to the English Channel recently, he's seen some of the world's most famous cruise ships, moored and sidelined by the coronavirus pandemic, and he hit upon an idea: using his ferries to conduct tours around the huge, empty vessels. Ghost Cruise Tours offers 2 1/2-hour trips to a socially distanced 30 passengers at a time, and has become a hit. "I am completely overwhelmed with the attention," Derham told CNN Travel. He plans to run the tours through the fall as long as the weather holds out.

Briaht Idea

- Officials in Amsterdam have installed 12 hemp-filled urinals around that city's notorious red-light district in an attempt to control if not eliminate late-night public urination, or "wild peeing." The boxes, called GreenPees, resemble planters, according to CNN, and the hemp filters inside turn urine into an organic fertilizer and water that feed the plantings on top. During initial trials in 2018, inventor Richard de Vries said, "there was a 50% reduction in wild peeing. It was a great success." For his next project, de Vries is researching how electricity

can be generated whenever someone pees into one of his GreenPees.

Great Art!

 Drivers on U.S. 70 in southeast New Mexico have wondered about the 18 wooden chairs set up six feet apart in rows on a hill between Clovis and Portales. KRQE reports they are the work of three local sisters who wanted to express their feelings about socially distanced learning as schools struggle to open. "I have a daughter that's a teacher and both my sisters have kids who are in school and this is really, really difficult for them not to be in school," said Alyssa Idsinga, who created the art installation along with April Rutter and Abigail Pritchett. "It's just so lonely." She had the chairs in a shed and said the installation would remain as long as the pandemic continues or until the weather destroys it.

Least Competent Criminals

 Herbert McClellan, 27, took advantage of a distracted clerk at a Speedway gas station in Clearwater, Florida, on Aug. 18 to snatch about \$100 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets, according to police, who were alerted by store employees a few hours later when McClellan returned to the store to claim the \$30 prize offered by one of the tickets. Fox13 reported Mc-Clellan was charged with petit theft and dealing in stolen property.

No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

- An unnamed 66-year-old woman in Ew-

ing, New Jersey, gave \$1 to a man begging in a drugstore parking lot on June 18 and became the victim of a carjacking, according to the Associated Press. Ewing police said Tomasz Dymek, 31, of Queens, New York, "was not satisfied with the dollar, so he forced his way into the victim's vehicle and drove from the lot, sitting on top of her in the driver's seat." Witnesses alerted police, who followed Dymek into Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania, where the car broke down and officers arrested him.

Compelling Explanation

- Nicole Dozois, 40, was arrested in Largo, Florida, on Aug. 23 on charges of domestic battery after allegedly attacking her father "due to his flatulence," according to an arrest affidavit. The Smoking Gun reported that Dozois, who shares a room in a home in Largo with her 59-year-old father, allegedly punched him in the face numerous times, leaving him with a "bloodied left eye and scratches all over his neck," authorities said. She pleaded not guilty before being released, with the proviso that she have no contact with her father.

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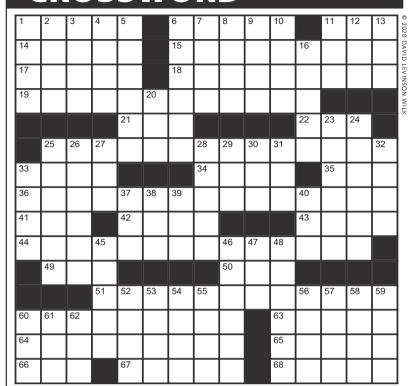
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- 1. Strive for an epic effect
- **6.** "Four-alarm" food
- **11.** Hip-hop radio/TV host Charlamagne ____ God
- 14. "Don Giovanni." e.g.
- 15. Author of a 1952 novel published in full in Life magazine
- **17.** Mah-jongg pieces
- **18.** 7ap
- 19. Top cowboy?
- 21. "Well, well, well, whaddya know"
- 22. " Said." 2019 bestseller on the #MeToo movement
- **25.** Crosby is dressing up for Halloween?
- **33.** Like vino de Rioia
- **34.** Most common commercial name in New York Times crosswords
- **35.** Hit from the '60s?
- **36.** Route one decided to take?
- **41.** The Pistons, on scoreboards
- 42. "Grand" or "demi" ballet move
- 43. Say it isn't so
- **44.** Spend an overnight overlooking Puget Sound?
- jokes
- **50.** Doofus
- **51.** "That being said ..." (or this puzzle's theme)

- **60.** 1960s-'80s Chevrolet coupe utility vehicles
- **63.** Advice to a base runner
- **64.** Beverage originally called Brad's Drink
- **65.** "Tsk. tsk!"
- **66.** ____ quitar
- **67.** Put back to zero, say
- **68.** Worker in a trauma ward. for short

Down

- 1. One wearing black eyeliner and ripped jeans, say
- 2. Anthony's longtime partner on satellite radio
- _ Fleck, banjo virtuoso
- 4. Furious
- 5. Non-fuel-efficient vehicle
- **6.** Wisest of the centaurs, in Greek myth
- 7. That woman's
- 8. 2002 Literature Nobelist Kertész
- 9. Neeson of "Schindler's List"
- Club" (#1 hit for 50 Cent)
- 11. Pan Am rival
- 12. Fashion item always foung in mid-Manhattan?
- 13. Mate's consent
- 16. Kind of knife in old infomercials
- **20.** "____ get it now!"

- 23. Jewish campus group
- **24.** Dead Sea Scrolls writer
- **25.** Observed
- **26.** Component of an Arnold Palmer
- 27. Neither's partner
- **28.** Is grandmotherly, in a way
- **29.** Abbr. in a discount bin
- **30.** Adriatic or Aegean
- **31.** Cuomo, for one: Abbr.
- **32.** Small whirlpool
- 33. Norms: Abbr.
- **37.** Vs
- 38. Mahershala or Muhammad
- **39.** Awful racket
- **40.** "Spring forward" hrs. in
- **45.** Ferber and Krabappel
- 46. Really rankles
- 47. Grateful?
- **48.** Carrier of sleeping sickness
- **52.** Kuwaiti leader
- **53.** "Miami
- **54.** Grandson of Adam & Eve
- 55. Part to play
- **56.** Bert of "The Wizard of Oz"
- **57.** "Jiminy Christmas!"
- **58.** Sport that takes place in a dohyo
- **59.** Something journalists may work on
- **60.** Org. that cleans up oil spills
- **61.** Luau garland
- **62.** EMT's procedure

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Amazon and other e-commerce providers, a centralized warehouse is no longer sufficient, he says. For one thing, he says, because items are shipped directly to consumers instead of to stores, merchandise is no longer stacked onto spacesaving pallets. "Every one of those little items is now in a box," he says, "taking up three times as much space."

And then there's the speed of delivery. "People want things more quickly," he says, "so you're seeing more warehouse space closer to suburban areas. It's all about getting that product to the customer today, or the next day. You can't ship it from Riverside or Ontario; you need to have it close to the population centers, and that's why you're seeing industrial space continue to be in high demand."

Lopez says it's not only

e-commerce giants snapping up warehouse space, it's also Amazon resellers. "You've got people trying to lease 4000, 5000, 10,000 square feet of industrial space because they are distributors for Amazon and they need the space for fulfillment," he says.

Industrial rents in San Diego, according to CoStar, are averaging around \$16 per square foot, and are expected to "stall and possibly fall in the near term... amid continued disruption from the coronavirus." Industrial rent growth tends to be strongest among tech submarkets, CoStar says, noting that "Sorrento Mesa, Sorrento Valley, and UTC were all near the top of the market for the strongest annual rent growth in the past 12 months, and companies continue to seek expansion space for lab or life science requirements in those areas." Otay Mesa



Viasat just built a huge new campus in Carlsbad.

Tim Lopez says, "They're not just going to walk away from that."

has the cheapest industrial rents, with average rents less than \$12 per square foot. "Tenants commonly lease space here for less than \$6/square foot and are frequently involved in the movement of products coming from Mexico," CoStar says. "Asking rents for new space

typically fall under \$12/ square foot. For instance, Mad Engine's deal at the newly built Siempre Viva Business Park in 2019 had an asking rate of \$9.84/ square foot."

On the sales end, Otay Mesa also has the most available land at the lowest prices, according to CoStar. Developers can often acquire land for less than \$15 per square foot. The 65 acres on which Atlanta-based Seefried Properties is building Amazon's distribution center sold for about \$8 per square foot in 2019.

The multi-family residential market — apart-

ments — is also in good shape, although the pressing need for more housing is tempered by the high unemployment rate and the inability of some tenants to pay their rent. "Everyone needs a place to live," Karras says. "The big issue here is: now that government subsidies are starting to wear off, what are collections going to look like?"

"We don't have enough multi-family housing in San Diego," Lopez asserts. "Look at what's happening in Carlsbad. By 2029, to satisfy state requirements, the city needs to have 3900 additional housing units, so that's 487 units a year over the next eight years. And of those 3900 units, 2100 have to be affordable for people with very low to moderate incomes. That means apartments."

No surprise, then, that multi-family housing "is flying off the shelves,"

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Lopez says. Adding to the frenzy is the fact that some landlords are panicking because tenants aren't paying their rents and evictions are on hold. "In a market like here, there's blood in the water," he says. "And that's when sharks feed."

Landlords may be in for a rough time. According to the CoStar report, "demand has slowed ... and vacancies may rise above the level of the Great Recession. At the same time, rent growth decelerated in mid-March through April. That is the first time rent growth slowed in the spring since the Great Recession, resulting in rents falling in the first half of the year. Rent levels largely stabilized by the end of May, but that came at a time when rent growth typically surges heading into the summer. California passed a statewide rent cap measure in



A CBRE report notes that "new leasing activity in the retail sector dropped to nearly a 10-year low in the second quarter, down nearly 50 percent from the first three months of 2020."

October 2019 that limits annual rent increases to 5 percent plus local inflation. That figure is set at 7.2 percent for San Diego in 2020, which most assuredly will not come into play this year..."

Rents in big apartment buildings are averaging

\$2.20 per square foot, according to CoStar. The typical market rent for a one-bedroom apartment in San Diego is just north of \$1600, with two-bedroom units going for \$2000 and three bedrooms for \$2500.

Over the past 12 months, CoStar says, 385 apartment buildings have sold at an average purchase price of \$6.1 million, or \$282,000 per unit. The average price per square foot is \$416. A 16-unit apartment building in University Heights is currently listed for sale for \$6.7 million. That's \$418,750 per unit, or

\$547 per square foot. The building is located on the 4300 block of Mississippi Street and was constructed in 1956.

A new report by the market research journal Visual Capitalist found that nationwide, the default rate among hotel and retail properties funded by commercial mortgage-backed securities debt soared 792 percent between May and June. "Ratings agencies are growing increasingly nervous about the... business side of the residential mortgage-backed securities market that touched off the 2008 global financial crisis."

Lopez isn't overly concerned. "People want to own commercial property in Southern California. I don't think it's ever going to be a bad buy. I think a lot of it is overpriced, and one reason for that is that buyers aren't necessar-

ily looking at cash flow, they're looking at depreciation, where they can take a tax break."

Karras isn't worried either. "At the end of the day, if you think about what drives demand for almost all of this product, it's employment. If you have good employment, if people have disposable income, people are likely to buy things, eat out at restaurants, and travel. And I think we're pretty well positioned, from an overall standpoint. San Diego has a pretty diverse economy. Military isn't going anywhere, so you have military and spending associated with it. You have tourism, once we get through the pandemic. And San Diego is a very robust technology center that should have pretty good employment growth. I think San Diego will fare fine over the long term."

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