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### Bad habit

In this week's *Reader* (Volume 45/No. 42), I was appalled and truly disappointed in the *Reader* for allowing a full page ad for cigarettes! This is a giant step backward in trying to encourage people to stop smoking, or not start smoking. Shame on you!

Nancy  
San Diego

### Goadng Gloria

It is absolutely frightening that Todd Gloria might become San Diego's mayor ("Carl DeMaio pursues Todd Gloria for sex offender bill," News Under the Radar, October 21). Gloria wants to make your trip to the store or work more difficult. He wants to take away traffic lanes and turn them over to a minute percentage of San Diegans who want to use them for bicycling. He bragged about beginning this process when he was San Diego's interim mayor. In his State of the City Address he said, "Next month, we will eliminate traffic lanes on two local streets...Yes, we have begun eliminating car traffic lanes for bikes in southern California." Fortunately, he was mayor for just eight months. Imagine the damage to San Diego if he is mayor for four years! In addition to changing car lanes into bike lanes, Gloria wants to take away parking on many streets and turn that area into bike lanes. And he apparently supports "Bicycle Boulevards," which would "prioritize bicycle travel above vehicular travel." The city would put speed bumps on these streets to slow down traffic. Signs would alert you

that bicycles have priority. Imagine taking an extra 10 or 15 minutes to get to work each morning! Todd Gloria is clearly an extremist who will damage San Diego if elected mayor.

Richard Robertson  
Del Cerro

### Heights of slavery

I'm writing because of statement by food vendor at PB Market ("False bananas at Sabor Piri-Piri Kitchen," Tin Fork, October 8). The vendor said, "We were a colony of the Portuguese for 500 years." It made me think: San Diego region has been a colony of Europeans, greedy authoritarian land grabbers for just as long! And we've been a land of capitalist only Developers for the last 100 years. Century of divide and con(conquer)struct on someone else's dreams via false powers, and promises! Talking about stepping on a "banana" that has devastated our City, County & Region. From San Onofre(former State Beach & Navy land; one time exclusive white/ privileged surf beach park) to Imperial Beach Tijuana Estuary with Condos cutting off views of their magnificent beach and

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers

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### Cavalier treatment at mobile home park

**"You know what they say: 'Good fences make good neighbors.'"**

Bree Shook says a kind of class warfare has erupted among her 1000 neighbors in the Cavalier Mobile Home Estates and the traditional homeowners who live in the South Oceanside neighborhood that overlooks them. "They basically said, 'You're trash and you don't get to use our roads'" That was after a group of South Oceanside homeowners surrounding Stewart and Laguna Streets launched a GoFundMe page and raised \$5000 to build a gate that would prevent traf-



Is it still a gated community if the gate is designed to keep people in?

fic from entering their neighborhood from Cavalier's Hillside Lane. Those neighbors quietly worked behind the scenes to get the gate erected on October 5. The mobile home tenants were never officially notified that they would no longer be able to use Hillside Lane, which is also used for emergency access. Even Cavalier park owner Brian Alex was not notified until three days before gate construction began. Cavalier's main entrance on Oceanside Boulevard, just west of I-5, is now the only way to get in or out of the 373-home park. It is blocked four times an hour when the Sprinter shuttle passes by.

**"Having less traffic for them is not worth our safety.**

**What if we need an ambulance or we have a fire?**

The Stewart Street neighbors who put up the gate say that Cavalier's Hillside Lane entrance funneled too much high-speed, cut-through traffic into their neighborhood. Shook says that claim is overblown, and certainly not worth closing off the road which is needed for emergencies. "Having less traffic for them is not worth our safety. What if we need an ambulance or we have a fire? Blocking that road means bottleneck. That extra two or three minutes it takes a fire truck to get here could mean life or death." Cavalier resident Dennis Eller agrees. "I told the city the same thing," he says. "I told them a lock on the gate could be construed in court as a delay to get to Cavalier residents in an emergency."

At 11 pm on Tuesday, October 13, a fire started in the back wall of Mike Broeker's home at 231 Blue Springs Lane. "It started in

to Scripps La Jolla where he remains in critical condition. His son Legend and his mother were not hurt.

Cavalier residents have a number of questions in the aftermath of the fire. Some noted that one fire truck showed up at the fire lane entrance but did not have a key to



Mike Broeker was injured while rescuing his son Legend from a mobile home fire.

get through the newly installed gate and had to go around to the front. That is true, says Oceanside Fire Division Chief of Community Risk David Parsons. But Parsons explains that truck was sent only as a back-up by the Vista Fire Department, and was not a first responder. Another question: Cavalier's fire lane entrance on Stewart Street is only 0.8

miles from Oceanside fire station No. 2. Why did the truck from the station No. 2 instead take the Coast Highway route to Cavalier's front gate, which is 1.4-miles away and has six intersections with traffic lights? "The routing choices we make has to do with the time of the day and knowledge of the roads," says Parsons. He says the dips and road humps on Stewart Street might actually make the shorter route take longer, and that the first responder arrival time of 5:53 was "within our standards."

Still, Broeker's friend Miller says he anticipates a lawsuit over the fire lane gate. "We know for a fact that the owner of the park has an attorney looking into this. We don't always see eye to eye with him, but we are in complete agreement on this." Cavalier

spearheaded the project. He says he does not want to use his last name because of threats he has received since the gate went up. He says the gate was needed because the 100 cars a day that used to use the emergency access road for regular trips caused speeding traffic that made his neighborhood unsafe for children. Further, "One of our neighbors was burglarized in the middle of the night. He woke to find someone in his house, and was stabbed twice trying to hold the individual for the police."

"What does that have to do with us?" asks Miller. "And how could he get threats when no one knows who he is?"

The fire lane was gated off for most of the last 50 years, but was opened to through traffic about two-and-a-half years ago. Stewart Street neighbor Jim says he could not convince Cavalier to put the gate back up. Jim and his neighbors then discovered that the top ten feet of the fire lane was actually owned by Barbara Villaseñor, who lives in the sprawling rancho estate at the north end of Stewart Street. (She divorced from author Victor Villaseñor 25 years ago. The two split ownership of the hillside residence.) The neighbors convinced her to let them rereect the gate on her property at the top of the fire lane if they paid for it. Oceanside's deputy city manager Jonathan Borrego fast-tracked the gate's permit approval. The Cavalier gate got no city council or planning commission review and the Cavalier residents were not in the loop. He was out of town and not available for comment.



Fire damage at cavalier mobile home estates.

"Much of that traffic made the area dangerous and there have been accidents," says Villaseñor. "You know what they say: good fences make good neighbors. We're aware some people are upset about the gate; on the other hand, we have heard from many more people from Cavalier about how much they

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# NEWS TICKER

By Reader staff writers

## Sempra's energetic spending

Power company fighting to stay in power  
Sempra Energy, whose San Diego Gas & Electric subsidiary is battling the likes of Omaha billionaire Warren Buffett to keep its long-held power monopoly here, is setting new records for feathering political nests. At the top of the list of Sempra's 2020 beneficiaries is the California Democratic Party, which picked up \$75,000 on February 24 and \$160,000 on October 9, for a total of \$235,000 this year — so far. The state Republican Party has gotten less: \$150,000 on September 10. (The same day, an independent expenditure committee calling itself the Opportunity for All Coalition received \$90,000 from the utility giant. The committee is spending heavily on behalf of Proposition 16, endorsed by state Democrats, a measure that would end the



Sempra gave \$15,000 to San Diego Strong, a committee backing state senate Democrat Ben Hueso.

state's ban on affirmative action.)

Sempra's top San Diego contribution, \$45,000, went to a low-profile political action committee calling itself the Independent Voter PAC on October 9. During the final six months of 2019, the PAC paid \$24,000 to IVC Media, LLC, an online design and coding outfit run by Chad Peace, son of ex-Democratic state senator Steve Peace,



In the midst of a fight, Sempra gives to Chad Peace.

a longtime utility industry favorite. The Independent Voter Project, chaired by the elder Peace, got \$5000 from the PAC in 2019. Sempra gave \$15,000 to San Diego Strong, an independent expenditure committee backing state senate Democrat Ben Hueso, and kicked in a total of \$19,000 to the San Diego County Democratic Party, with \$15,000 of it rolling in on September 10. Another Hueso independent expenditure committee, Hard Working San Diegans for Ben Hueso Supervisor 2020, got \$20,000 on February 25. The group filed a termination statement in the summer. San Diego Works! PAC, run by the San Diego-Imperial Counties Labor Council, got \$20,000 on October 2.

The California Business Roundtable, a lobbying group seeking defeat for Proposition 15, which would hike taxes on commercial and industrial property, and Proposition 21, which would allow local option rent control, picked up \$30,000 from Sempra on October 9. On the other hand, San Diego's Measure A, a controversial proposal to boost property taxes to finance government-subsidized housing, also got the nod from Sempra, which gave \$10,000 on October 2. Californians for Jobs & A Strong Economy,

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## Neal Obermeyer



# UNDER THE RADAR

**Doped-up donor** An ex-San Diego Chargers defensive tackle with a history of doping has given \$1000 to San Diego city councilwoman **Barbara Bry**'s mayoral campaign. **Corey Liuget**, a 2011 first-round Chargers pick, is currently on the Houston Texans practice squad after playing the 2019 season for the team, per *CBSsports.com*. The L.A. Chargers let him go earlier the same year. He had been set to make \$8 million in 2019, according to ESPN; a torn right quad ended his 2018 season. At the beginning of 2018, the South Florida native received a four-game suspension from the NFL for violating its ban on performance enhancement drugs. Liuget subsequently sued ex-trainer **Ian Danney** for \$15 million, alleging he was responsible for administering the medications that got the player into trouble. The case was settled out of court in January of this year, with terms remaining private.

In late summer 2016, a jury acquitted one of Liuget's cousins of attempted murder related to a shooting during a birthday party Liuget had thrown for his mother at her house in North Miami, the *Miami New Times* reported August 22, 2016. Victim **Reginald Beauvoir** accused Liuget and his family of clammings up about the shooting to protect the player's fortune and reputation. The account also described a May 2010 incident in which an ex-high school teammate alleged Liuget punched him in the face. Without admitting guilt, Liuget agreed to pay an \$85,000 settlement determined through mediation, the story said.

## Gloria's non refunding contributor

SeaBreeze Vacation Rentals, run by short-term rental advocate **Jonah Mechanic**, kicked in \$20,000 to an independent expenditure committee calling itself Neighbors for Housing Solutions Supporting **Todd Gloria** for San Diego Mayor. The contribution was made September 10, according to a late contribution report filed with the city clerk's office on October 10. The rental operation came under scrutiny in an April 10, 2020, KFMB-TV investigative report. A bevy of out-of-town customers charged that the company's 50 percent refund policy for Covid-related cancellations was unfair. Said a SeaBreeze statement to the station: "The covid-19 crisis has created an unprecedented situation in so many ways. We are doing our best to provide our customers with options that allow us to provide fair reimbursements for all parties. As a result, we are offering their choice of a 100% credit for a future vacation in San Diego during the next 12 months or a 50% cash refund for any

costs incurred to date. We believe this is a reasonable solution to a crisis that nobody expected."

**Bailing billionaire** City plans to buy two hotels for homeless housing, backed by termed-out Republican mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, have raised the specter of corporate bailouts in some critics' minds. The council voted unanimously on October 13 to buy the 190-room Marriott Residence Inn, 1865 Hotel Circle South, for \$67 million, and the 142-room Residence



Corey Liuget: thick neck, thick wallet.

at 5400 Kearny Mesa Road for \$39.5 million. "Allowing people to live unsafely on the streets is not OK," Faulconer said after the action, according to a statement cited by the *Union-Tribune*. Cash for the deals is coming from federal and state housing programs. "The properties will be acquired and undergo upgrades to fire and life safety systems, accessibility and path of travel, termite fumigation, and minimal remediation for issues identified on the physical needs assessments for each of the properties," says a September 18 staff report to the housing commission. "A comprehensive renovation effort is not contemplated for these properties at this time."

Seller of the Mission Valley property is Chatham RIMV LLC, which state corporate records say is based in West Palm Beach, Florida. Manager **Jeffrey Fisher** is also the chief executive of publicly traded Chatham Lodging Trust, which as of October 20 had lost more than half its value since January 2020 and the onset of the covid-19 pandemic, according to *SeekingAlpha.com*. Fisher is among the signers of an October 15 letter to President Donald Trump

requesting release of funds from the federal Main Street Lending Program to players in the hotel industry. "Three out of every 10 hotel employees are now furloughed or laid off and more than two-thirds of hotels report that they will only be able to last six more months at current projected revenue and occupancy levels absent any further relief," the letter says.

The seller of the Kearny Mesa hotel is RT San Diego, LLC, a Delaware corporation with an address of One Executive Boulevard in Yonkers, New York. That's the headquarters of AVR Realty, another distressed big hotel owner.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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## Dear Hipster:

*What will be the top recreational drugs for hipsters in 2021? I'm guessing booze and buds, but not necessarily in that order, and I could be wrong. Anything else that may be on the plate?*

— PROGRESSIVE GURU

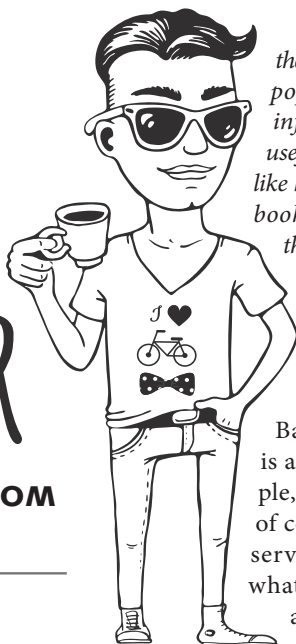
You're probably spot-on with your assessment. If 2021 is anything like the middle third of 2020, it's going to be a year where a lot of people mark time indoors waiting for things to stop being generally lame and boring. Factors not within our control have conspired to give most of us hipsters a collective case of that "disease" I'm feeling too classy and demure to spell out right now, but you know the one, it's the one where you

don't really care about anything anymore. Rhymes with "buckets." And you know what the prescription for that particular disease is, don't you? Yup. That's right. Sitting around the backyard with one or two trusted friends

watching the sun (or moon) crawl across the sky, drinking Tecate, smoking fat jbones, and trying to figure out which was objectively the best band of the 1990s; discounting personal preference and controlling for diminished life expectancies and cycles of breakup-reunion-breakup-replace singer-breakup-reunion-permanently disband-brief, ill-advised comeback-permanently disband but for real this time. It doesn't actually cure the disease in question — nothing will — but, if 50,000,000 tipster hipster stoners can't be wrong, it at least helps ameliorate the symptoms.

## Dear Hipster:

*I understand how it is very hipster to prioritize*



*the accumulation of obscure pop cultural and trivial information over boring, useful, practical knowledge like how to balance a checkbook. However, is there a threshold at which quirky hipster knowledge becomes so obscure its essentially useless?*

— HARRY

Balancing a checkbook is an unpersuasive example, given the immediacy of contemporary banking services, but I totally see what you're driving at. Is any information totally useless? I've been sitting on a piece of trivia

about the McDonald's sauce gun for years now, awaiting my opportunity prove some obscure point with it. Oh, you've never heard of the McDonald's sauce gun? Allow me to enlighten you. Mickey D's apparently utilizes a proprietary device to deliver Big Mac sauce from pre-packaged cardboard tubes. The dispenser resembles a stumpy version of a contractor's caulking gun, and it permits exacting dispensation of Big Mac sauce so the untrained hands of plebian McDonald's workers can't diverge from the corporation's secret recipes.

I love that I know about the existence of the sauce gun. Knowing about the sauce gun makes my life one tiny increment more

complete. I remain convinced that, someday, perhaps years from now, the existence of the McDonald's sauce gun will form the perfect metaphor at the time I need it most. Perhaps I will employ the sauce gun as a metaphor to

triumph in a barroom argument about something inconsequential. Perhaps the sauce gun metaphor will be the only way I can console an otherwise heartbroken friend. Perhaps some reader of *Ask a Hipster* will come to me with a most vexing question that can only be answered by making reference to the sauce gun as some kind of abstract metaphor for the futility of human endeavor. Yes, I firmly believe that even this most trivial and useless piece of information will someday, somehow, prove important. If it ultimately proves a good use of my brain to store this informational turd for years to come, then surely no pop cultural reference is too obscure.

— DJ Stevens

## LETTERS

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pier. And now with Proposition E we are about to be taken down for another 50-100 years!! When the 30' (not 33 or 35) height limit gets taken from Point Loma, the Midway district, like Oceanside marina, Rolando Beach, and other LA, up coast regions we WON'T GET IT BACK. Like the recent old growth trees removed in Ocean Beach, once gone they are not coming back, and even if planted now would take decades, centuries to recover iconic growth & value. Why I write this is because the old Leaders of the community are dying, if not dead! Mr. Mel Shapiro used to regularly fill these spaces with sound voice of sage & wisdom. Not always sweet sage, but ALWAYS TASTY & FLAVORFUL! Like Mr. Ed Bedford's writing and musings. But do we want to be left with only an occasional Farmers' Market?? With only the homeless & unhoused to shop there because housing grows considerably too expensive for those that work those markets, small shops, and restaurants? Do we deserve the stealing of public parking lots/lands for Condo/Hotel developments that yield unlivable wages? That bring massive traffic, excess trash, sewer congestion, breaks, and pollution!? Or do we deserve the current AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Senior & Handicapped, maybe with minimal expansion WITHIN the current Height Limits. Do WE deserve to keep estuaries/sloughs, SD River expanse, and even a few new parks & play places? Do WE need to go beyond the broken: continued flooding of Mission Valley due to Billion dollar developer properties NOT paying their fare share for affordable housing, or fixing decades old River Channel and Bridge that floods/traps 1000s of cars, and area residents!?! Why

Daniel Beeman  
San Diego

## Lardy tortillas lauded

The only reason to go to Cuatros Milpas (a bonafide Greasy Spoon) is for the flour tortillas, which are not deep fried at all, but are made with lard. Deliciously special! But once I am there, I'll get a tamale, put it in a bowl with some of the beans, pinch off some of the tortilla... HEAVEN! At home I just eat a warm tortilla with real butter. I too have never gone there when Manuela wasn't manning the cash register, 35 years & counting.

P.S. Be sure to take home a dozen tortillas (\$3.25/1 doz.)

P.S.S. Since you are in Barrio Logan, stop in Panchita's Bakery for *ahualucas* (90¢ each). They don't make 'em evry day, but when they do, & if they aren't overbaked, they're GR8!

An SD Reader reader  
San Diego

## Fresh salmon

I enjoyed your "Best Of 2020" SD Reader issue. The salmon color used throughout the issue was novel. The layout of the "Writer's Best" was interesting, and Matthew Lickona's piece on Balboa Park was a standout. Thank you for a memorable edition.

A Reader reader  
San Diego

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appreciate the gate and their safer, quieter streets.” Some of the Cavalier neighbors down below have complained that the hillside above them, which is owned by the Villasenor, is full of dead trees and brush that could fuel a fire, and she acknowledges that “Yes, that is something that is being dealt with.”

The gate does not prevent foot traffic, and Jim says that Cavalier residents are continuing to park then walk down the fire lane to their mobile homes. He says that based on conversations he has had with city staff, he is confident that after the first of the year, the city will issue permits so that only residents who live in the Stewart Street neighborhood will be allowed to park on the streets near their homes. But one Oceanside staffer who did not want to be named says that the city only allows permit parking for city streets on “very rare occasions,” and that it probably will not happen.

A GoFundMe account has been set up for Mike Broeker.

KEN LEIGHTON

## ROSARITO

### Border bronco bash

#### Baja used to begin further baja

On October 11, from 2:30-4 pm, hundreds of “cowboys and cowgirls” trotted and galloped their horses across the Boulevard 2000 freeway in southern Rosarito. “There were about 700 horses documented,” said Diego Knight, an American who lives in Rosarito and reports for the the *Infonort* news outlet.



“It was windy, and I couldn’t fly my drone to capture the long line of horses.”

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Earlier that morning, at about 9 am, horse owners, groomers, riders, and the horses they rode on rendezvoused with family and friends a few miles east of Primo Tapia, a subdivision on the south end of the beach-front city, for the *Cabalgata Fiesta de las Fronteras* (border festival parade), organized by *Sociedad de Historia de Rosarito*. According to the event’s Facebook page, the annual horseriding festival/parade commemorates “the two intermission historical divisions of California: the first in 1773 and the second in 1788, before the current political dividing line between Tijuana and San Diego, was declared through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, beginning in 1848. [Settlers]

located the two political/religious divisions within the Rosarito municipality: the first in the Valle de los Médanos and the second in the Arroyo de Rosarito.”

Knight has covered the near 12-mile cavalcade since 2017. This year, he noticed horseriders who had trekked in from other Baja municipalities, plus a handful from southern California. “We met with the mayor, a priest, a shaman, and the organizer at the top of the hill by the cross. A ceremony preceded. During the rides, we noticed the burnt grass from the wildfires two months ago, but I don’t think the horses were bothered by the smell. If anything, they might’ve been bothered by the heat; that day was hot. Some of the horse riders wore bandana

masks with their sombreros. Keep in mind — this gathering was our first big event in Rosarito for this year.”

Rosarito, located between Tijuana and Ensenada, shut down in March before spring break due to the pandemic. Days before the Sunday horse ride, Mexican health authorities relaxed their covid restrictions. Happy to be back in the saddle, the riders advanced to Coronel Hill, where they tested their horsemanship as they approached steep



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embankments and descended into Rosarito Canyon. Knight said that he and his *Infonort* co-worker stood by and munched on Mexican pancakes at a *tiendita* (small store) by Bulevar 2000, near where the police stopped incoming and outgoing Tijuana traffic for the horses. “After the horses crossed the freeway, they walked down a long dirt road and reached the arroyo (dry creek), at the second historical borderline.” (Per the organizers’

Facebook: “In 1788, the Dominican Father Fray Luis Sales, founder of the Misión San Miguel Arcangel de la Frontera, found some indigenous ranches in what is now the city of Rosarito negotiating to extend the Dominican border to the Arroyo de Barrabás.”)

Across the dry creek was the final destination. Crispin Garrido Mancilla, Knight’s co-worker at *Infonort*, continued the story: “At around 3 pm, they began to arrive at the San Patricio Ranch, owned by the Machado

Angulo family. In the holm oak tree grove, located on the slopes of Cerro Coronel, which is a known resting spot for horses and riders, there was music, food, and drinks. There were five musical bands, folkloric dance, free barbecue for all its attendees. Many made their own *carne asada*.”

MIKE MADRIAGA

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DEL MAR

## And the winner is... Watermark!

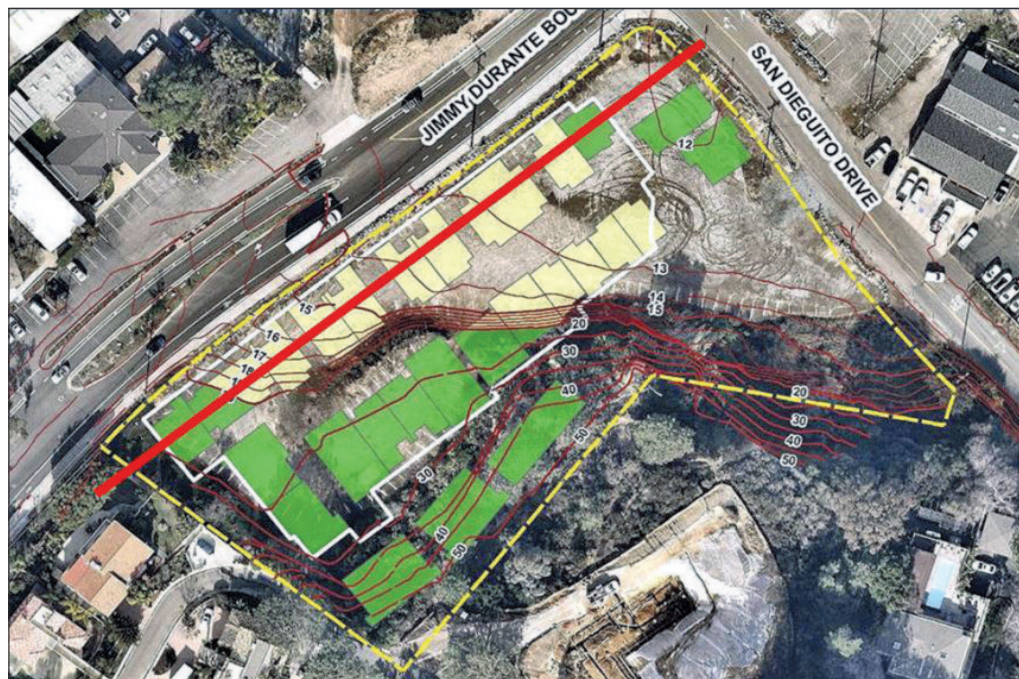
### Where the turf meets the housing cycle

On October 19, the city of Del Mar passed a key zoning amendment that helps it comply with state housing laws. But it's too little, too late for the developer of the lots, which will now move ahead. Watermark Del Mar, a controversial project that will yield 10 affordable units in the North Commercial zone, has been in the works for seven years. The zoning change allows higher density in the area, but the project still needs a specific plan amendment. And due to local opposition all along, the developer expects only more delays. "We have seen nothing to indicate that a viable 20 dwelling units per acre multi-family project with 20 percent affordable units will result from the city's current efforts," said a letter from their attorneys.

It was only two weeks ago that the city approved a draft 6th cycle housing element update — all while still juggling requirements and penalties from two previous cycles. And the city's sluggish pace

in building enough affordable units, which requires re-zoning to allow suitable locations, has put the city out of compliance with state housing laws.

The latest ding came September 30, with an enforcement letter from the state's Department of Housing and Community Development. Without the zoning change, the city risked having its current housing program decertified. According to staff reports, the city has until April 2021 — the end of its 5th housing cycle — to re-zone the Watermark lots. The 2.3-acre parcel at the corner of Jimmy Durante Boulevard and San Dieguito Road is now used as a temporary parking lot during events at the fairgrounds. To help meet its affordable housing needs, the city long ago committed to re-zoning the North Commercial land off Jimmy Durante Boulevard, but opponents have held it up, even after Kitchell Development Co. reduced the number of units from 48 to



Watermark site. "That's why we're facing by-right development," said Dwight Worden. "Seven years went by."

38 in a proposed alternative. The city had opted to use a specific plan process for the Watermark project, since having 20-25 dwelling units per acre was a category that didn't exist in their regulations, but many residents wanted to keep it that way. Rallying against the increased density, they

launched a ballot measure in 2016 to give voters the right to approve or reject projects that exceed the number of homes allowed on a property.

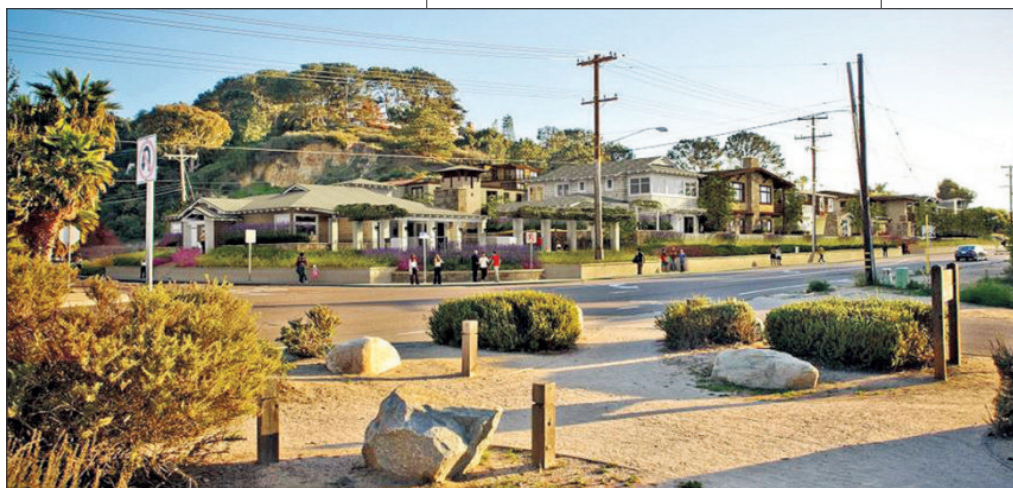
Last month, council members Dave Druker and Terry Gaasterland voted against the zoning change, which would allow up to 20 dwelling units per acre in the North Commercial area. It took the enforcement letter and a recommendation by the planning commission to revisit the issue to bring about an initial approval of the zoning change on October 7. But a community plan amendment, which Watermark still requires, was left out. In a reply to the enforcement letter, the city blamed the delay in completing the re-zoning mainly on the processing of a specific plan application for Watermark. Lacking the specific plan amendment, the developer has turned to the by-right option by taking advantage of the city's failure to accomplish the re-zone in the timeframe required under state code. "That's why

we're facing by-right development," said council member Dwight Worden at last night's meeting. "Seven years went by. The landowner didn't pursue it because the city had worked with them on the specific plan. Why did they abandon that and go by-right? Because of the blocked vote."

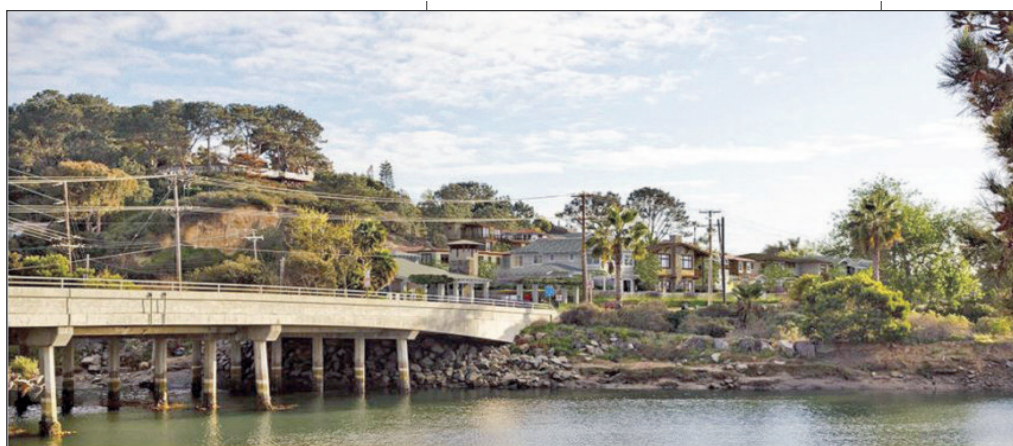
The streamlined by-right approach gets around discretionary review by the design review board or planning commission, as well as environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act. But while developers won't have to do the rigorous environmental analysis, the city isn't off the hook and agreed to allocate \$40,000 for environmental review. According to the developers, the revised project will remove units previously slated for the hillside, thus protecting sensitive habitat. Since the project requires an amendment to the city's local coastal program, it will need approval from the state coastal commission. And under the Watermark's revised plan, there will again be 48 units, rather than the 38 proposed in the alternative. Of these, 10 units will be designated "low affordable," the rest market-rate. The numbers are consistent with the city's inclusionary housing requirements and state density bonus law, the developer pointed out.

Phil Blair, a resident, vented his frustration with the city for ignoring the 2013 housing plan and "activating the by-right option," as opposed to the specific plan which would have given the city more control of the process. Council member Druker said he was "stunned that people would not believe a specific plan would pass."

SHEILA PELL



Opponents have held the project up, even after Kitchell Development Co. reduced the number of units from 48 to 38



"They failed to vote in time? And they call me dense!"

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## Point(s) Taken

San Diego Unified announces plan to judge winners of athletic contests based on "mastery" instead of scores

On February 28, the San Ysidro boys basketball team defeated Coronado 71-59 to win the Division III CIF Championship. For San Ysidro, it was an occasion to celebrate. For Rachel Justice, San Diego Unified School District's Anti-Racism Program Director and Re-Education Chief, it was an occasion to do some hard thinking. Says Justice, "When you see that kind of lopsided score in a game between teams that are supposed to be competitive, you have to ask

yourself some questions about why Coronado's players couldn't perform at the level of their Black opponents. Is it because they're white, and white men can't jump? Or is it because they've been told their whole lives that they'll never be able to compete in this arena? It is it because Blacks are just quicker, or is it because nearly every role model for a young basketball player is Black? Is it because Blacks have better court sense, or is it because these white boys have stood on the side-

lines at park pickup games, going unpicked again and again, and thus being denied the opportunity to hone their skills during crucial developmental years? These plucky, pasty youngsters have ignored the haters and persevered, content in the knowledge that they'll have to work twice as hard to earn a place at the table. They've beaten the odds, become the best ballers they can be, and made it all the way to the finals, only to get blown out of the house and essentially told they don't belong. It's not healthy, and it's not right, and it's not how it's going to be any more, I can tell you that."

Continues Justice: "San Diego Unified has already announced

their plan to stop issuing grades based on test scores and the timely completion of homework or any 'other factors that directly measure students' knowledge and skills in the content area,' since Blacks, Hispanics, and Native Americans were shown to be more likely to fail when those are the criteria. Instead, grades will be the result of a student's mastery of the subject matter, as determined by the instructor. Similarly, going forward, the officials regulating high school sporting events within the school district will determine the winner based on a number of factors, as opposed to the reductive simplicity of the final score.



Above, San Ysidro's starting five. Below, four of Coronado's starters. Justice: "The idea that there's a level playing field here — or in this case, a level basketball court — is simply laughable."

Things like fundamental skills, teamwork, and a demonstrated

understanding of the sport's dynamics. Fair is fair."



Garter: "Anyone who says we're not essential workers is either married, dead, or both. We're used to using our bodies to secure an income. Now, we're using them to secure our right to secure an income. We're not just going to lie down and take it."

## Strippers Stripped of Right to Strip

To whom will our nation turn its lonely eyes now?

"Do you read Medscape?" asks Lacey Garter, a stripper who normally works weekday lunches at Cheetah's Gentleman's Club, but who is today standing outside in the brisk October air, completely naked except for her cowboy boots and Hello Kitty merkin, protesting the city's decision to enforce its prohibition on live entertainment within the club's mirrored

walls. "I read Medscape. It's one of those sites that collects medical journal articles. Anyway, they had a piece yesterday about the surge in opioid overdose deaths since covid began. It's always hilarious when science gets around to confirming what everybody already knows: people in pain only feel worse when you isolate them in home environments that are frequently

causative of some aspect of that pain. People need help in these troubled times. The government knows this - it's why they classified marijuana dispensaries as essential businesses. Marijuana makes people feel measurably better. Well, let me tell you about another obvious fact that science has gotten around to acknowledging: human contact, especially when it's of a sexual nature, also makes people feel measurably better. And we're not even talking about actual touching — San Diego's strip clubs have been practicing the six-foot rule for years, thanks to the limp old men who run this town. You

shut down strip clubs, you wind up with things like *New Yorker* writer Jeffrey Toobin masturbating during a business Zoom meeting — at least in the club, there's a bouncer handy for dudes like that. Classic return of the repressed — I read about that on Medscape, too. We're here to help, and we're hoping that our protest attracts enough attention to make that possible." As of press time, no less than four traffic accidents had taken place outside the club on Clairemont Mesa Boulevard, one of them involving an ambulance that mysteriously lost control upon arriving at the scene of a previous crash.

## WHO PLAYS WHO

## POST-PLAYOFF PADRES EDITION



Keenan Ivory Wayans directed *Scary Movie 2*, which featured a weed monster that seizes people.

Catcher Luis Campusano was arrested in Georgia with a monstrous amount of marijuana - 79 grams.



In *Z for Zechariah*, Chiwetel Ejiofor plays a man who goes from humanity's last hope to the sidelines.

Pitcher Luis Perdomo was a promising prospect before getting sidelined by Tommy John surgery.

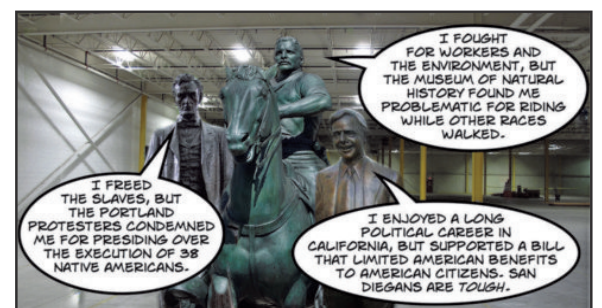


In *Straight Outta Compton*, O'Shea Jackson, Jr. plays Ice Cube, a rapper who relates stories of the violence all around him.

Outfielder Tommy Pham was recently filmed after being stabbed during an altercation outside Pacers strip club.

## Statues With Limitations

Following outcry, Horton Plaza's statue of Mayor/Governor/Senator Pete Wilson joins Portland's Lincoln and NYC's Teddy Roosevelt in storage.





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### Recycling racket?

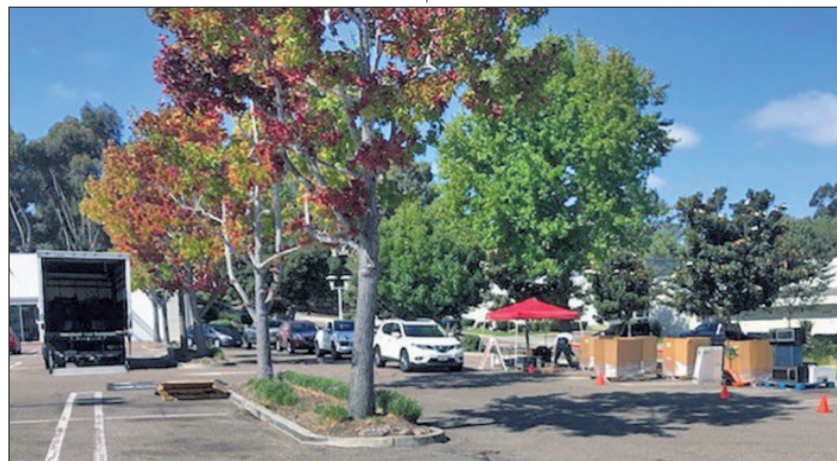
#### U.S. Kids reaping the green from a green city

On weekends in the pre-covid world, most communities in San Diego had a drive-through electronics recycling center set up at a local school. They were free and welcomed everything; computers, TVs, microwaves, pretty much anything with a power cord. Now, with Covid restrictions loosened, a new firm set up an operation at the Kohl's shopping center on El Camino Real: the La Jolla-based nonprofit U.S. Kids Chamber of Commerce. It was their second within a month. A staff member was overheard telling motorists the organization did everything from "keeping kids off the street and employed," to "releasing baby turtles in Mexico."

Throughout the weekend, cars and trucks lined up ten deep to rid themselves of electronic junk. But once a vehicle arrived to talk to the attendee, the driver was advised there would be a charge for some items. Sonya from Escondido unexpectedly had to pay \$10 cash to get rid of three items; two CD

players and a receiver. No receipt was issued for the cash payment. Brian and Tiffany from Encinitas unloaded a truck bed full of items. They weren't asked to pay except when it came to an old printer. "He wanted five bucks," said Brian. "We passed." Some drivers drove away in disgust after being asked to pay to recycle. "If it's hazardous waste, there's always been a fee," said the staffer from the youth charity. A sandwich board advertising the prices was posted, but turned around backwards so drivers couldn't read it when they pulled in. "Don't we already pay for recycling?" asked customer Brian. He was correct. Most new electronics carry a recycling fee added upon purchase, such as the state-mandated \$7 for new TVs. Recycling companies are paid from the state's recycling fund, based on poundage of electronic waste collected.

A call to the group's toll-free number solicited a quick return call from Josef, who said he was a representative and event planner. (The public record of California's Secretary of State lists the chief financial officer and the person responsible for the firm's reporting as Josef Shannon from Bakersfield, operating the organization at 7514 Girard Avenue #1216, in La Jolla.) Josef said the firm holds around 1000 recycling events a year in California. They gener-



Why is an outfit named for U.S. Kids opening computer labs in Mexico?

ally collect 10,000 pounds of electronic junk per event. The Encinitas event collected 30,000 pounds. "Encinitas is very green," he said. Josef acknowledged that the recycling events are a source of funding for their programs. He said that because Covid restricted opportunities in the U.S., "We opened up several computer labs in Mexico." Their Facebook page shows many reposted pictures of youth activities, but none credited to the U.S. Kids Chamber of Commerce.

Formed in 2015, the organization has a website containing language about youth

leadership sparking an entrepreneurial spirit, life skills, civil mindedness, environmental stewardship. But nowhere on the website, with its many dead links, does it read who they have served, or to what extent, or how a school or youth organization could seek their assistance. Further, the organization does not have non-profit status with the IRS, nor do the watchdog groups that report on non-profits have any record of U.S. Kids Chamber of Commerce. The five Google ratings listed each give the organization a one-star rating for their seeming lack of transparency.

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## Hundred-dollar documentary

"At 6pm, the police came. They started to kick everyone off the beach. Do it every day. But one man got up and ran. He leaps around the police vehicle, then dives into the water and starts swimming."

Fausto Celis is telling me this.

"I made this our final shot. It's a very powerful shot, because it represents what has been going on in Tijuana through these months: that the government can tell you whatever, to wear a mask, not to go out, to leave the beach, to go home. But the people will do whatever they want."

Celis studies film at the Autonomous University of Baja California, UABC. He and four fellow students have just finished an exhausting documentary schedule. They conceived, shot, and edited together a 10-minute film in four days. Cost: tons of stress, but only \$100.

The 100-Hour documentary contest they entered is run by Docs MX out of Mexico City, with international participation. This year the theme for contestants was "The New Normal."

I meet Fausto sitting in the morning sun with his team and his Sony 4K XD Cam at a food truck on Tijuana's Agua Caliente. It's their first relaxation since delivering their ten-minute baby.

"To do something about truth, especially on these times, which are very uncertain, it's overwhelming, but at the same time, it's very rewarding. Because you get to do something that will stay forever in history. I wonder how people will see this time in 2020 in 60 years. Just like we today are talking about things in the '60s and '70s. We have made a time capsule, a record."

Besides, the theme struck home. "For me, when I go out to the streets, when I go out to the markets, when I'm talking to a stranger, I feel fear, just getting near to them. I feel this emotion that unsettles me. And I wanted to represent that visually, to see how people behave in a market, at a bus stop, in a restaur-

rant. Because as we're getting more used to having a mask, whatever, we're letting go of the responsibilities we have in this pandemic, washing our hands, keeping our distance. So I tried to convey these [feelings and fears] visually. It's a very visual film. It shows you a day in the life of the city of Tijuana. We went to very common places. We saw people coughing, not wearing masks, not keeping

"Making this doco took me to places that I didn't want to see, to be honest. We just want to look the other way."

their social distancing, doing things which you question. I mean, after six months or more, is it that they're tired of the pandemic? Of the consequences, of the numbers of deaths?

"This documentary is not very traditional. It doesn't have someone talking to the camera, and showing you images about their daily life. What I'm looking for is something more about feelings, emotions. I want the audience

to feel the pressure, to feel the paranoia, to feel the fear.

"On our two-day shoot, we saw a lot, I mean a lot, of people in the streets. You question, why? But of course they're not there just because they want to have fun. They are people who are working. Not everybody has the privilege of staying home. Eighty percent of the people here have to go out, earn a living day by day by selling things in the streets, by selling food.

"That is the purpose of this whole documentary: that we have to get out of this bubble we live in, and see beyond our houses, see beyond our towns.

"So it was a lot of observation, staying in a corner, watching the flow of the whole city. I've traveled to a lot of cities in Mexico, and you don't get this kind of movement of people in other cities. With Tijuana, you get the border, you get immigration, you just get constant crowds.

"And we wanted to be loyal to the real soundtrack. If we were on a street, we wanted to hear the street. We didn't want to saturate it much. Because the city itself is very saturated. You don't need to add a lot of sounds, music,



Boys juggle for money beside lines of border-crossers and cars

"Yes. Yes I did. I have lived here in TJ 19 years of my life, and I'm still learning things. Making this doco took me places that I didn't want to see, to be honest. We just want to look the other way. We don't want to look at the problems. Because life is hard enough. But we need to start doing it. We need to have empathy. That's where I think Tijuana is lacking sometimes. Empathy and humility, because we get lost in our own ego.

"We were shooting the border crossing between San Ysidro and Tijuana. You do get used to it when you are crossing every weekend. Like, we filmed young kids standing on each other's shoulders, juggling, dancing for people waiting in the line. Working! Six, eight years old. And then you contrast that when you go to Avenida Revolución, where you see kids [playing] on the zebra donkeys. It's the contrast. Kids trying to earn a living and others enjoying the privileges. I've seen the border since I was four years old. I've always seen it, but not seen it. But now, making this \$100 film, you sense the power. The contrast that you can make, the juxtaposition between one image and another, that can cause emotion. Like we jump from the kids juggling on the border to the kid getting his picture taken enjoying himself on the donkey on Revolución. It's very powerful, it's very sad. As a 22-year-old person learning to make films, I question myself: what can I do? You have to help to make things better, right? I don't have that answer right now, but I'll be looking for it for years to come." ■



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Clinton's hypocrisy, Kevin Koch says, "is what flipped me. I wasn't pro-Trump when [the campaign] started, but as time went on, everything became clear."

# It's not safe to wear a Trump label

**TRUMP IS A RACIST**, his critics charge. He's a clown. He's a narcissist, a blowhard, an asshole. He's despicable, deplorable, and so (as Hillary Clinton said four years ago) are his supporters. "I'd rather vote for my dog's asshole than Donald Trump," one friend of mine said in a Facebook post.

The media has written extensively about the Lincoln Project, a political action committee formed in late 2019 by current and former Republicans. Their goal is to prevent his reelection and oust his supporters in Congress. Much less has been written about the #WalkAway movement of disenchanted Democrats

who are throwing their support behind Donald Trump.

It began just ahead of the 2018 midterms with a viral video featuring a gay hairdresser from New York named Brandon Straka, and his repudiation of liberalism — and the Democratic Party. Two years later, the #WalkAway campaign has become a national social media movement that, according to its website, "encourages and supports those on the Left to walk away from the divisive tenets endorsed and mandated by the Democratic Party of today. We are walking away from the lies, the false narratives, the fake news, the race-baiting,

the victim narrative, the violence, the vandalism, the vitriol. We are walking away from a party driven by hate. We are walking toward patriotism and a new, unified America! We are the future of this great nation!"

The so-called mainstream media has questioned the #WalkAway campaign's impact as well as its motives. Shortly after its launch, Abby Ohlheiser in the *Washington Post* wrote that "there's little actual evidence to suggest that #WalkAway represents a mass conversion of millions — or even thousands — of Democrats." CNN's David Love blasted the campaign as "pure propaganda, a psychologi-



cal operation” connected to “Kremlin-linked Russian bots.”

Today, the #WalkAway campaign has 90,000 followers on Twitter, compared to 2.2 million for the Lincoln Project, and 16,000 followers on Instagram to the Lincoln Project’s 440,000.

#WalkAway fares a little better on Facebook and YouTube, with 455,000 followers and 209,000 subscribers, respectively, compared to 775,000 Facebook followers and 582,000 YouTube subscribers for the Lincoln Project.

Looking for #WalkAway members from San Diego, or at least former Democrats who now support Donald Trump, I put up posts on the #WalkAway Facebook and Twitter pages and contacted some of my GOP friends. I turned to my own Facebook page and put out a call. I received comments from both my liberal and conservative friends. “You can find them at the Loch Ness Monster Cafe, just around the corner from the unicorn breeding facility,” wrote one of the former. “People that stupid probably can’t read,” wrote another. “Do they even exist?” wrote a third. From the right, one friend wrote, “They work, make money, pay taxes, contribute to society.” Another wrote, “Silent. They won’t come forward for fear of being ostracized.” A third sent me a link to a recent KUSI interview with prominent black civil rights attorney Leo Terrell, a longtime liberal who recently announced he will be voting for Trump. It will be the first time he has ever voted for a Republican president. Terrell told KUSI that today’s Democratic party “has been hijacked by Antifa and Black Lives Matter. ... I will not be part of that. A civil rights attorney

believes in equality and fairness, and that’s what I’m proud of. And... the only party that offers that is the Republicans, and Donald J. Trump.”

Ultimately, I found plenty of people who had walked away from the Democrats. Some were not willing to be interviewed, fearing backlash on social media, in their workplaces, or from their family and friends. One elected official told me about a good friend “who is a Democrat, and once was a Hillary supporter, who has decided to vote Republican *only* from this point forward.” I asked her to set up an interview, but a day later the official texted me back: “Sadly, she is too scared to speak.... She was heavily criticized during the [Black Lives Matter] protests by friends, which has left her scared to speak.”

Others were quite willing to share their walk-away moments.

## Don’t lock me down

It’s only been five months since Sunshine Makarow walked away from the Democratic Party whose candidates she supported at the ballot box her entire life. “I always voted Democrat, straight party line,” she said. “I never voted for a Republican for any office.”

But this year she will vote for Donald Trump.

“I grew up in California and went to state schools, and it was just the culture,” said Makarow, 42, a resident of Carlsbad who works in marketing at a biotech firm. “I had professors who said Reaganomics doesn’t work, we need government spending to get that money out. I went to college in San Luis Obispo, and they said, ‘Hey, look around, Cal Fire, the men’s colony, these are all government-funded.’ And it just got drilled into my head that the Democrats



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are really the ones who are working to protect the environment and open space, which have always been really big concerns of mine.”

She pauses. “To be honest, I wasn’t a super big Hillary fan, but she was a Democrat and especially Trump, with all that talk about him being so sexist and the comment where he said grab them by the you-know-what. ... I said, ‘That’s not who we want to be our President.’ Hillary struck me as being brash and out of touch, but not so offensive, like Trump.”

The catalyst behind Makarow’s decision to walk away from the Democratic party and support Trump’s re-election came last April, shortly after the covid-19 lockdowns began. “On a very local level, I was looking at who was voting to keep us locked down with no articulate reasoning behind it, versus who was really pushing for the reopening of businesses and schools, and it was the Democrats keeping us locked down,” Makarow says. “Obviously there’s a very serious disease out there, but everyone’s life doesn’t need to stop. Even things like be-

ing able to go to the beach or on a hike — they were voting to keep us locked down, not even allowed to get fresh air. It made zero sense. I can see rules about not being able to congregate on the beach, don’t have picnics, but if you’re actively running, walking, or surfing? It was just nonsensical.”

She began talking to some of her friends who were Republicans, and found they shared her feelings regarding lockdowns and business closures. “I started hearing their opinions and then started looking statewide and nationwide. The more I looked, the more I found that it was the Republicans who were in favor of personal choice and freedom and limiting that government overreach. Government shouldn’t be acting like a babysitter and you’re a six-year-old child.”

It wasn’t just covid-19, Makarow says. She began reading articles and studying issues, and after a while, came to a realization that her perception of the GOP had been all wrong. “I really started to see that much of what gets put out there is just PR and spin,”

she says. “There really is a lot more to the story than what’s presented on the five o’clock news and cable news channels. I read more about free speech and how a lot of things are censored for different reasons, and it struck me as wrong. There may be unpopular opinions, but they shouldn’t be censored or regulated. It was just a very eye-opening experience, and I began to rethink my long-held belief that the Republicans are basically just trying to make the rich richer. There’s so much more to the story.”

There’s no doubt in Makarow’s mind that come November 3, she will vote for Donald Trump, “because I think he fights hardest for keeping government limited and giving citizens more choice. You can make your own educated choices and make decisions that are in the best interests of you and your family. He’s also going to be working hard to keep the American economy strong instead of making decisions behind closed doors that we all have to abide by without having much, if any, say in. I really feel he will be fighting for

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What about claims that Trump is a racist? A misogynist? An asshole? “I think a lot of politicians are not necessarily of the best character, so I don’t think it’s that unusual,” she says. As for Trump’s alleged disdain for immigrants, best exemplified by travel bans and his insistence on building a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border, Makarow says, “That’s an interesting point. I thought it was terrible, at first — you know, why are we putting so much effort and expense to keep people out? And then one of my Republican friends explained that a lot of it has to do with sex trafficking, and that’s why they separate ‘families’ at the border, to make sure it really is their child, and it made a lot of sense.”

Makarow has similar thoughts about the wave of protests and riots that have swept the nation since the killing of George Floyd. She was horrified at Floyd’s murder and felt the protests were justified. “But there’s a difference between peaceful protests and some of the other events that are happening.”

Makarow also takes issue with efforts to defund the police. “I’m a big fan of law enforcement,” she says, “and think they deserve all the support they can get to do their jobs properly. Are there things that go wrong? Absolutely. But the question is, what is the best way to address that, and get things in a better place?”

#### God. Family. Country.

Rich Rocha is a 49-year-old contractor who lives in Carlsbad. Divorced, he has two teenage kids. I found him on Twitter. His profile picture shows him shirtless, on a boat with a Trump flag. His tag reads “Retired Navy pilot. God, Family! Country!”

Rocha walked away from the Democratic party more than two decades ago, as an enlisted man in the Navy. “It’s kind of the standard story,” he says. “Like Churchill said, ‘If you are not a liberal when you are young, you have no heart, and if you are not a conservative when old, you have no brain.’ When I was young I believed everything. My parents weren’t rich, and I believed the Democrats were the party of the work-

ing people. The first time I actually voted was for Bill Clinton in 1992.”

Four years later, Rocha recalls, he was having second thoughts. “I realized I wasn’t looking at the same military,” he says. “Budgets were cut, bases were closed, and as an air crewman, I couldn’t get a new flight suit, even though mine was falling apart. When I saw how Bill Clinton decimated the military, that was my walkaway moment. It scared me, and I started listening to the other side.”

At this point Rocha interjects, “It might be noteworthy to say that I am Hispanic. My parents came up here legally with green cards, became citizens, and instilled in me a strict work ethic. They left Mexico because Mexico was crooked; they would have stayed poor. They came here because they thought there was opportunity, and they did everything right.”

The first time Rocha voted for a Republican presidential candidate was in 2000, for George W. Bush. “I just saw that hatred for the military and remember being in San Diego, down at the docks, and getting paint thrown at us by

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Greenpeace. At one point, I was walking through the mall, in full uniform, as a second-class petty officer, and someone yelled 'Baby killer' at me. I thought it was ridiculous. The Left has no love for the military, first responders, or law enforcement. They don't."

Rocha voted for Bush again in 2004 and John McCain in 2008. "When Obama came into office, I was a military officer and couldn't say a lot. But I did criticize his policies and everything I said, anything that was contrary to the Democratic stance, I was called racist. There was hypocrisy in every issue from the Left. That's the way they are, when they don't get their way. When Obama was in office, you couldn't criticize anything he did. There were stickers that read, 'Peace,' 'Tolerance,' 'Coexist.' When

Trump took office, those stickers disappeared. Everything was 'Fuck Trump.' A rapper even put out a 'Fuck Trump' song. They are not tolerant, they are not loving, they are not peaceful. When [Brett] Kavanaugh came out [as a Supreme Court nominee in 2018], here was a Boy Scout and they called him a racist. They threw all those things at him: 'You have to believe the survivors, the women.' And now Biden is out there and it's all disappeared. They're screaming, whiny children, trying to get their way."

Rocha voted for Donald Trump in 2016 and will do so again on November 3. He participates in Trump boat rallies and car rallies and has worked on fundraisers for Melanie Burkholder, the Republican running against Democratic incumbent Tasha Boern-

er Horvath in the 76th Assembly district race.

"When everyone is spoon fed, you start to believe the lies," he says. "But what's happening with Portland and Seattle, the riots and the violence.... Social media is circumventing CNN and MSNBC. People are beating people up just for being white. Rioters are burning cities down. And you want to defund the police?"

#### As goes California

During the 2016 presidential campaign, Alex Galicia says, he was "a hardcore Never-Trumper." As a Latino, the 52-year-old Chula Vista resident, a plumbing contractor by trade, couldn't stomach what he perceived as the "anti-immigrant rhetoric. It was his words. I was offended by his comments. 'Rapists



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and murderers?' I didn't like that at all. I kept thinking of my parents, my grandparents...."

Four years later, Galicia says, he is a "reluctant Trump supporter, and I say 'reluctant' only because I think the alternative is much worse."

Galicia's disdain for Donald Trump goes back decades: "I didn't like him when he wrote the book *The Art of the Deal*, and I didn't like him on *The Apprentice*. The British version had Richard Branson, who I admire. We had Trump, a cocky dude who was famous for his bankruptcies."

The last time Galicia voted for a Democrat was in 2008, when he cast his ballot for Barack Obama. In 2012, he voted for Mitt Romney, the GOP nominee, and in 2016, he voted for former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson, the Libertarian Party candidate. "I'm really a Libertarian, and I thought he could win. I really thought he had a chance," Galicia says. "I took a hard anti-Trump stance, because I just didn't like his ways, even at the beginning of his term. I remember thinking, 'Why is he appointing his son-in-law and daughter?' It reminded me of a

banana republic, where you appoint your whole family to run the country. I focused on his personality, which even now I don't like, and I didn't like his rhetoric — the whole immigrant thing — and I thought his rallies were over the top. It reminded me of watching some socialist personality cult in Eastern Europe, with all these people cheering him on, half of whom truly didn't even know what he was all about."

But then, just like that, Trump "started to hit certain key points," Galicia says. "I'm a veteran who

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GREENSKY BLUEGRASS

## Thursday | 29

### GREENSKY BLUEGRASS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Take in a three-night run of drive-in performances from Blue Ridge Falls, a former golf course near Asheville, NC, by Anders Beck (dobro), Michael Arlen Bont (banjo), Dave Bruzza (guitar), Mike Devol (upright bass), and Paul Hoffman (Mandolin). The performances will be broadcast to fans live in HD and then made available on demand. The shows are each two full sets, lasting over three hours. All performances are viewable in the concert archive following initial showings.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 29, 4 pm

**WHERE:** [hyfi.com/home/greensky-bluegrass](http://hyfi.com/home/greensky-bluegrass)

## Friday | 30

### SAM SMITH LIVESTREAM FROM ABBEY ROAD

Sam Smith returns to Abbey Road Studios for a livestreamed pay-per-

view performance highlighting his new album, *Love Goes*. Smith will be singing tracks



SAM SMITH

old and new, such as "Stay With Me," "Lay Me Down," and "Too Good At Goodbyes," as well as treating viewers to the world premiere of new music from *Love Goes* and the current single "Diamonds." Live Q&A, audience participation, and guest

performances from collaborators.

**WHEN:** Friday, October 30, 1 pm

**WHERE:** [amex.co/3oiRKvj](http://amex.co/3oiRKvj)

## Saturday | 31

### CARNEVIL: HALLOWEEN POP-UP SIP, SNACK, AND SHOW

This Halloween season, a demented circus called Carnevil hits the Gaslamp Quarter. There will be four seatings per evening, and each session will showcase 30 minutes of fire, acro, and contortion starring a ringmaster and his underling as they manipulate the land of Sideshows and Phenomena with a gypsy DJ. Guests can enjoy pre-selected plates and cocktails while watching the show, and drinks can be ordered from carnies roaming the Big Top. All ages welcome. Costumes encouraged, masks and social distancing required.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 21 through Sunday, November 1; 5:30 pm to 11 pm

**WHERE:** Dick's Last Resort, 345 Fourth Avenue, Downtown, [gaslampcarnevil.com](http://gaslampcarnevil.com)



### FULL MOON HALLOWEEN HIKE

Enjoy a night hike in Sorrento Valley under a full moon with trail guide Will Bowen. Look for owls, bats, toads,

Art Group. Build your own altar and sip on some hot chocolate while you watch Ballet Folklórico and Aztec dancing. Gold box ticket buyers will receive a traditional Mexican cloth

table covering, paper flowers, candles, sugar skull, *loteria*, hot chocolate, Mexican candy, Catrina, and a hand-painted frame made by the Art Group.

**WHEN:** Monday, November 2, 3 pm to 5 pm

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

scorpions, and spiders. Bring a regular flashlight, plus a black light for scorpions if you have one. RSVP required.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 31, 7 pm to 9 pm

**WHERE:** Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard, Sorrento Valley, [penasquitos.org](http://penasquitos.org)

## Tuesday | 2

### DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ART FUNDRAISER

Virtually celebrate Dia de Los Muertos with Christie's Place





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## ART

### Día de los Muertos Art Fundraiser

Virtually celebrate Día de los Muertos. Build your own altar and sip on some hot chocolate while you watch Ballet Folklórico dancing, Aztec dancing, and view our altar from home. All the proceeds from the boxes will go to support the Christie's Place Art Group. Monday, November 2, 3pm; \$50-\$100. [bit.ly/2TmyfUj](http://bit.ly/2TmyfUj). (ONLINE)

### Russell Lecture with MCASD: Njideka Akunyili Crosby

MCASD and the University of California, San Diego presents Nigerian-born, LA-based artist Njideka Akunyili Crosby, who is known for her mixed media paintings that include photo transfers and textiles of her home country. Wednesday, November 4, 5pm; **free**. University of California San Diego, 9500 Gilman Drive. (LA JOLLA)

**The Wine Up** Enjoy a wine and dessert pairing event featuring black owned vineyards and bakeries. Plus enjoy a curated art exhibit with live paintings by local San Diego artists all to the backdrop of tunes curated by Angshus. Thursday, October 29, 5:30pm; \$35. 21 and up. Creative Studios, 1835 Imperial Avenue. (LOGAN HEIGHTS)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Achieving Your Zero Waste Potential** Join Solana Center for this 1-hour webinar where you will learn the basics of waste reduction, why it's important, and how to keep at it even with our changing circumstances. This webinar will be held using Zoom. Wednesday, November 4, 10am; **free**. [bit.ly/34pIBt8](http://bit.ly/34pIBt8). (ONLINE)

**Art For Kids** Each week students will be introduced to different artists and art history movements as they experiment with their own creative and playful ways to use watercolor, acrylic paint, and screen printing, through both 2-D and 3-D projects. Materials included. Ages: 5 - 7. Wednesday, November 4, 4pm; \$185-\$195. Lux Art Institute, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Backyard Chickens "Cluckin'"** Join Solana Center for this free 1-hour webinar where you will learn the basics and many benefits of raising chickens at home. This webinar will be held using Zoom. You will receive an email with the link and password to join on the day before the webinar occurs.

Thursday, October 29, 2pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/35DVdfI>. (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, November 1, 12pm; \$99. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

**Beginning Watercolor** In this beginner watercolor class you will learn the basic watercolor techniques in order to bring out their artistic expression. This process can be a source of relaxation and creativity in stressful times. No experience necessary. Wednesday, November 4, 6pm; \$150-\$160. 18 and up. [classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new](http://classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new). (ONLINE)

**Break Into Travel Writing** Award-winning travel writer and author, Lenore Greiner, will help you develop your area of expertise and choose your travel writing niche. Get practical advice on story angles, deciphering writers' guidelines, pitching your work and press trips for free travel. 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](mailto:programs@sandiegowriters.org) for your link. Monday, November 2, 6:30pm; \$22-\$27. 18 and up. [bit.ly/37CbW5D](http://bit.ly/37CbW5D). (ONLINE)

**Fencing Online Class Ages 5-18** The ROC's online fencing classes emphasize conditioning and technique with exciting reaction drills, coordination challenges and super fun games. Thursday, October 29, 2:30pm & November 5, 4pm; **free**. [bit.ly/34srjSD](http://bit.ly/34srjSD). (ONLINE)

**Indian Rhythm & Hand Drumming Workshop Series** Directed by acclaimed percussionist, educator, and entrepreneur, Dr. Rohan Krishnamurthy. Participants will learn the foundations of rhythm, ways to improve rhythmic time and feel, essential hand drumming techniques, vocal percussion, and approaches to improvisation. Sunday, November 1, 10am; \$35. <https://bit.ly/3cXVaON>. (ONLINE)

**Intro to Budgeting & Saving Ages 8-12** Camp Millionaire: Make, manage, and multiply money. In this introductory class, explore the concepts of earning a paycheck, paying taxes and expenses, and reconciling a bank account. Wednesday, November 4, 4pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3ojPVOK>. (ONLINE)

**Introduction to Acrylic Painting** In this course with Lux Art Institute and Bailey Davenport, you will be introduced to the unique forgiving qualities of acrylic paint. Learn about the basics of color theory, color mixing and composition as well as textures and techniques. Tuesday,

## Rhyme & Verse

Three poems by Jane Blanchard in anticipation of All Saints Day

### The Third Station

The First Fall  
I must recover from this fall.  
No other Savior can be found.  
I will redeem the sins of all,  
So must recover from this fall.  
I still can hear my Father call.  
To His intention I am bound.  
I must recover from this fall.  
No other Savior can be found.

### The Sixth Station

Veronica  
As all continue toward the place,  
A woman in the rowdy crowd  
Steps forth to wipe the Savior's face:  
Her veil anticipates His shroud.

Jesus, never mind the throng.  
May such faith as yours stay strong.  
Only you can right much wrong.

This act of kindness captures stains  
Of pains endured phase after phase;  
An imprint on the cloth remains  
And lasts until the end of days.

November 3, 10am; \$150-\$160. 18 and up. [classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new](http://classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new). (ONLINE)

**Junior Theater Virtual Fall Classes & Camps** Spend this fall learning to act, sing, and dance at the nation's oldest youth theatre program. Virtual Fall Classes run September 14 - December 18. There's something for every age and ability level. For registration and more information, visit [juniortheatre.com/classes/](http://juniortheatre.com/classes/). Mondays, 10am; through Tuesday, December 8, \$180-\$200. (ONLINE)

**Meditation & Mindfulness on 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. Saturdays, 11am; through Saturday, October 31, **free**. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Meditation Practice for All Levels** Join Mark from Dharma Center on Thursday evenings this October for seated meditation, Q&A and discussion. Everyone is welcome. Thursday, October 15, 7pm; **free**. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com](http://dharmacenter.com). (ONLINE)

**Middle-Eastern Drumming Class** Middle-Eastern Drum-

### The Eleventh Station

The Nails  
All three are driven into him,  
In Roman fashion, limb by limb.

These soldiers have been ordered to  
Give every criminal his due.

Their posting at Jerusalem  
Has proven grueling, gross, and grim.

They often wonder just how true  
Is any claim of what or who.

Affixed, a sign amuses them:  
INRI the acronym.



Jane Blanchard lives and writes in Georgia. Her poetry has been published around the world and online. Recent work appears in *Aethlon*, *The French Literary Review*, *THINK*, and *Third Wednesday*. Her latest collection with Kelsay Books is *In or Out of Season*. Blanchard's three "Station" poems are part of a larger cycle of poems commemorating the passion and death of Jesus Christ as traditionally depicted in the Catholic devotional series of prayers known as The Stations of the Cross.

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

ming with Frank Lazzaro, all levels welcome. Outdoor covered area, social distancing and mask required. Extra drums available. 760-703-1487 for info Mondays, 6pm; through Monday, December 14, \$15. WorldBeat Cultural Center, 2100 Park Boulevard. (BALBOA PARK)

**Painting for Kids** This course is for those young artists with a creative mind. In this class students will be introduced to the basics from how to handle the paint and introduced to different techniques. Students will acquire painting skills combining elements of composition and color theory

using acrylic paints. Ages: 8 - 10. Monday, November 2, 3:30pm; \$185-\$195. Lux Art Institute, 1550 S. El Camino Real. (ENCINITAS)

**Prescriptive & Explanatory Nonfiction** In this course, three established nonfiction authors will introduce you to the process of creating and publishing how-to, self-help and explanatory books and articles. Sundays, 12pm; through Sunday, November 1, \$180-\$216. 18 and up. <https://bit.ly/3djKA4U>. (ONLINE)

**The Art of the Sketchbook** Join Lux Art Institute for an exploration of intermediate collage and the art of the sketchbook

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## SHEEP and GOATS

### George Duncombe Cox

The sound of evening music  
Vibrates along the mind,  
And strikes a chord of feeling  
Too sweet to be defined.

When, with the moonlight rising,  
The nightingale's sweet voice,  
We doubt, and know not wether  
To sorrow or rejoice.

Her song has too much sweetness  
To be the voice of pain,  
But yet she seems to murmur  
O'er hopes indulged in vain.

'Tis said that as she's sitting  
Upon the midnight spray,  
She weeps her ravished  
young ones  
That death has torn away.

Oh, many is like the warbler  
That pours the flood of song —  
His chaunt of joy is fleeting  
His dirge of grief is long.

He mourns o'er hope in ruins,  
O'er bliss that is no more;  
The youth-bloom that must perish  
The noon of life before.

Like her he moans in darkness  
But, after night, a morn  
Shall rise and shine for ever  
To cheer the sorrow-worn.

There, by the living waters,  
And the life-bearing tree,  
Shall man drink deep of beauty,  
Through fresh eternity.

There, lofty angels soaring  
Through thought's celestial sky,

Shall contemplate God's wisdom  
With an enraptured eye....

And man thus mourns in Heaven;  
For happy tears shall flow  
In pity for the love  
That gave a God to woe.

There is the cross triumphant,  
The thorny crown there blooms,  
And Christ's dear blood is flowing  
Beyond the land of tombs...

Bright soul! Break through  
thy bondage,  
And all thy chains be riven;  
Then shalt thou sing and sor-  
row—  
The nightingale of Heaven.

-from "Hearing Heaven in the  
Nightingale's Song"

George Duncombe Cox was a 19th-Century English poet and medical doctor. While his poems have long been out of print, they reveal a long-abiding interest in matters of faith in God and humanity's ultimate destiny beyond this world. In 1840, he started the Catholic journal *The Phoenix*. Four years later, he died of illness – leading some to compare his life and poetic interests (including a common love for the nightingale) to that of his better-known semi-contemporary, the poet John Keats (1795-1821), depicted here by Keats's friend, English artist Joseph Severn, listening to his rather more famous nightingale.



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with Bailey Davenport. Examine the work of well known collage artists while learning various collaging techniques and continue the development of your own sketch-books and artist books. Monday, November 2, 6pm; \$150-\$160. 18 and up. [classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new](https://classes.luxartinstitute.org/adults-classes-new). (ONLINE)

### DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Fall Back Festival** This year, San Diego families can bring the history of the Gaslamp Quarter into their own homes. Learn how to make your own Victorian-style fan Watch a special puppet show about the adventurous Bum the Dog Take a guided virtual tour

of the Davis-Horton House Make your very own bum the dog puppet to retell the story at home Sunday, November 1, 11am; **free**. [facebook.com/gaslamp-museum/](https://facebook.com/gaslamp-museum/). (ONLINE)

**Nar-Anon Support Group** Nar-Anon is a 12 step support group for families and friends of addicts. There are no dues or fees to join. Just come to a meeting. You will hear others who are going through similar problems talk about how they cope and find recovery. To locate a meeting the San Diego area, go to our website : [www.nar-anon.com](http://www.nar-anon.com) or call (800) 477-6291 or text (908) 914-2848 Tuesdays, 7pm; through Monday, November 29, **free**. 18 and up. Del Cerro Baptist Church, 5512 Pennsylvania Lane. (DEL CERRO)

**Screenwriting Read & Critique Workshop** Meet every Sunday to critique a few pages of a screenwriters' scripts, offer feedback, provide encouragement, and get that screenplay from concept to completion. This is not a screenwriting class. It is assumed that you know how to write a screenplay, including structure and formatting, and this workshop is designed to help you put that knowledge into practice. Sundays, 4pm; through Thursday, December 31, \$100-\$125. 18 and up. [sandiegowriters.org/sundays-screenplay-read-and-critique-david-raines/](https://sandiegowriters.org/sundays-screenplay-read-and-critique-david-raines/). (ONLINE)

**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. Learn more and RSVP for an Information Session online. Information Sessions will be held virtually. Wednesday, November 4, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. [speakupnow.org/volunteer-2/information-sessions/](https://speakupnow.org/volunteer-2/information-sessions/). (ONLINE)

### FARMERS' MARKETS

**Escondido Certified Farmers Market** Local, organic and delicious produce from 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

**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. (ESCONDIDO)

### FUNDRAISERS

**Bike for Humanity** Bike for Humanity is a nonprofit fundraising initiative started in April 2020 by Bill Walton with quarterly bike rides to raise money for important causes. The event went virtual with COVID in April and on October 31, we're riding for wildfire relief. Saturday, October 31, 8am; [bike-forhumanity.com/](https://bike-forhumanity.com/). (ONLINE)

### HALLOWEEN

**Drive-Thru Scream Zone** Mask up and buckle up for "Road Kill," a wild ride of Halloween terror at the Drive-Thru Scream Zone. Experience history being made at the drive-thru Haunted Attraction at the Del Mar Scaregrounds. Stay in the "dis-comfort" of your own car and get a "revved up" Halloween experience. Wed-Sun through Oct 31, 7pm; \$55-\$70. Del Mar Fairgrounds, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard. (DEL MAR)

**Full Moon Halloween Hike** Night hike under the full moon with Will Bowen to look for spooky beasts such as owls, bats, toads, scorpions, and spiders. Bring a regular flash light (and a black light for scorpions). We also must limit the number of participants to no more than 10, so RSVP to 858-863-7393 to reserve a spot on the hike. Saturday, October 31, 7pm; **free**. Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve Trailhead, 4206 Sorrento Valley Boulevard. (SORRENTO VALLEY)

**Halloween Fun** Tour the school and check out the stage room and recording studio. Many musical activities will be going on throughout the day, including lesson demos. Bring your masks if you would like to tour the school.

Enjoy live music in front of the school from our student bands and student performers. Come dressed up in your costume and pick up a goodie bag. Saturday, October 31, 11am; **free**. Bach to Rock Rancho Penasquitos, 13185 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Halloween Open House** Join us for our Open house and get to know the 2021 Indian Motorcycle lineup. 1st 50 visitors will receive a limited edition Indian Motorcycle neck tube. While observing social distancing guidelines, bring your costumed kiddos for contactless trick-or-treating with the assistance of the 2021 bikes. Participate in our virtual costume contest by posting a pic or video of your costume on IG or FB & use hashtag #IMSD at time of check-in/enrollment at the counter using our customer rewards program. Every entry wins \$10 instant credit. 3 winners will be chosen to receive \$100 gift cards for Most Creative, Scariest, and Best costumes. Enter to win 1 of 2 eFTR Jr packages. Saturday, October 31, 10am; **free**. Indian Motorcycle of San Diego, 9240 Clairemont Mesa Boulevard. (CLAIREMONT)

**Howl-O-Ween Harvest Family Festival** Gather up your little ghouls and goblins for some festive fun. This family event includes hands-on animal encounters, trick or treat stations, a cute craft, a journey through the perilous path, and a mini pumpkin patch for you to pick one out to bring home. Walk-up registration is not permitted this year. Saturday, October 31, 9am; \$48. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

**Laurie Berkner Family Halloween Party** children's musician Laurie Berkner will give the season of costumes, candy, and jack-o'-lanterns a "BOO-st" with

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two Halloween Party live virtual family concerts on Laurie's website. Saturday, October 31, 12pm and 5pm; [facebook.com/LaurieBerknerBand/](https://facebook.com/LaurieBerknerBand/). (ONLINE)

**Sharon & Randi: Skinnamarink Halloween** Sharon Hampson and her daughter Randi Hampson are planning a Halloween costume party sing-along. Viewers will be able to see, interact with, and sing along with each other and the performers. Friday, October 30, 3:30pm; <https://bit.ly/2HoXUCX>. (ONLINE)

**Spooktacular Species Family Wildlife Program** De-mystify some of the many Spooktacular Species surrounding the Halloween night. You might just find out they are not as creepy as you think. Virtual Event: Use code VIRTUAL20 for a 50% off discount at checkout. Price is per household. Zoom link will be sent via email. Friday, October 30, 6pm; [bit.ly/2FYn3dH](https://bit.ly/2FYn3dH). (ONLINE)

**Spooky Science: Bony Skeletons Ages 7-12** In Bony Skeletons, learn about the techniques and technology that scientists used to discover the different bones of the body, and will design and test the strength of different bone structures. Thursday, October 29, 4pm; [bit.ly/37J5VUC](https://bit.ly/37J5VUC). (ONLINE)

**The Supernow Halloween Spectacular** Join Camp Supernow for an interactive Halloween mystery adventure to find the missing Halloween candy. On their adventure, kids will go trick or treating in a haunted house and meet a cast of silly characters - each with a trick for kids to complete. Thursday, October 29, 1pm; [campsupernow.com/halloween](https://campsupernow.com/halloween). (ONLINE)

**Trucks and Treats** As you drive through Trucks & Treats, you will be greeted by dressed up and decorated trucks, Halloween music, and spooky decorations. Kids ages 2-12 will get a ghoulish goodie bag (while supplies last). To support social distancing and capacity limits, this event is grouped by last name. Please plan to attend during your designated time: 11am-Noon - Last names beginning with A-I. Noon-1pm - Last names beginning with J-R. 1-2pm - Last names beginning with S-Z. This is a vehicle drive-through event - pedestrian traffic is discouraged. Face coverings are highly recommended during goodie bag and giveaway pickup. Event staff and authorized volunteers will wear face coverings and delivery methods will be done in a safe, distant manner. Friday, October 30, 11am; **free**. Town Center Community Park, 550 Park Center Drive. (SANTÉE)

## LECTURES

**Autonomous Bias Detection In Sensational Headlines** In a world of clickbait news, it is hard for people to receive objective information without reacting emotionally to provocative text. This talk will outline how

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**Changing the Landscape of Life Sciences** The premier development is poised to spark the commercial life science market in San Diego by attracting top-tier companies and talent with an iconic urban, mixed-use waterfront campus including laboratory, office and retail space. Join us to hear about IQHQ's plans for the project and to understand how this will bolster the local economy, while changing the landscape of downtown and the life sciences market. Thursday, October 29, 8am; **free**. [accelevents.com/e/BABMC2020](https://accelevents.com/e/BABMC2020). (ONLINE)

**Cornelia Feye: Eastern Influences in Western Art** Art historian Cornelia Feye elucidates the underpinnings of Asian cultural influences on Western art from Impressionism to Abstraction to Conceptual Art in Eastern Influences in Western Art from the Late 19th Through the 20th Century. The lectures will be live-streamed via Zoom. Ticketholders will receive a link a week before the first lecture. The lectures will be available for 24 hours to ticketholders. Tuesdays, 6:30am; through Tuesday, November 17, \$12-\$17. [ljathenaum.org/art-history-lectures](https://ljathenaum.org/art-history-lectures). (ONLINE)

**History Talks: Southern California's Casa Romantica** Take a virtual road trip up the California Coast to Casa Romantica in the seaside town of San Clemente. Overlooking the gorgeous Pacific Ocean, Casa Romantica is a classic Spanish Colonial Revival-style Cultural Center and Garden. Built in 1927, it was once the home of Ole Hanson, the Founder of the city of San Clemente, and represents his vision of the California Dream. A guest speaker will discuss the history and mission of this beautiful Southern California historical landmark. Thursday, October 29, 7pm; **free**-\$100. [bit.ly/3mmN1a8](https://bit.ly/3mmN1a8). (ONLINE)

**Miguel Guzaro Raymundo: Surviving Genocide** Surviving genocide: The Ixhil Maya Story - Don Miguel Guzaro Raymundo will speak about his experience as one of the leaders of the Communities of Population in Resistance during the Guatemalan Civil war. Wednesday, November 4, 5pm; **free**. [bit.ly/3miqV8T](https://bit.ly/3miqV8T). (ONLINE)

**Salome Asega: Remote Guest Lecture** University of California San Diego Guest Lecture: Salome Asega is an artist and researcher whose practice celebrates dissensus and multivocality. Salome is also the co-host of speculative talk show Hyperoropia: 20/30 Vision on bel-air radio, and a director of POWRPLNT, a digital art collaboratory in Bushwick. Friday, October 30, 12pm; **free**. [bit.ly/35E42WS](https://bit.ly/35E42WS). (ONLINE)

## NATURE

**Virtual Fun Animal Friday: Salamander & Owl Meet Whisperm**, the Eurasian Eagle Owl, and a Barred Tiger Salamander up-close to learn how each animal is important to our world. Get your questions ready, they'll answer them live during the event. This Fun Animal Friday will take place on Facebook. Friday, October 30, 10am; **free**. [facebook.com/sdcdm](https://facebook.com/sdcdm). (ONLINE)

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Beginner Tennis 1** Tennis is a great way to meet new people, have fun, stay healthy and live longer. Learn forehand, backhand, ground strokes, volleys, lob, overhands and serves. Instructor: Andrew Cretella ([andrew@cretella.com](mailto:andrew@cretella.com)). Saturday, October 31, 8am; \$95. Westview High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Competitive Tennis 3: Drills & Games** This class is for those who play tennis, but want to learn to hit better and move faster. Designed to be more effective and more fun than just playing tennis, the class includes some instruction of traditional tennis plus special games designed to accelerate learning skills and techniques. Games include 4-Square, Olympics, and Offense/Defense. Bring a tennis racket, water, hat or visor and sunscreen. Saturday, October 31, 11am; \$95. Westview High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

**Introduction to Tantric Buddhism** Starting from the view that transformation and enlightenment are possible for each person, Tantric Buddhism presents a radical path for transforming suffering to wisdom in the midst of everyday life. Over four weekly sessions (10/14-11/4), this class presents the view and foundational meditations of Tantra's "resultant" path from the living wisdom lineage of Tantric Buddhist Master Traktung Khepa. In accord with San Diego County's COVID requirements, class size is limited to 10 for distancing, and masks are required. Registration is required, single registration covers all sessions. Suggested donation \$20 for entire class. Wednesday, November 4, 7pm; **free**. TriPower Yoga, 2183 Bacon Street. (OCEAN BEACH)

**Tennis 2 Experienced** This class is about developing more control, for those who have already taken Beginner tennis class. We'll include instruction, traditional tennis plus special games designed to accelerate learning skills and techniques. Saturday, October 31, 9:30am; \$95. Westview High School, 13500 Camino del Sur. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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

BY IAN ANDERSON

### Great American Beer Festival shows continuing fondness for San Diego beer

Fans know it. Brewers know it. And for the fourth time in five years, the judges of the Great American Beer Festival have affirmed it: the best robust porter in the United States is brewed by **Second Chance Beer Co.** in Carmel Mountain Ranch.

The 34th edition of the annual beer competition announced results last week, operating a little differently this year. Rather than 60,000 beer enthusiasts gathering for a long weekend in Denver, this year's contest consisted of 115 socially distanced judges deliberating over 91 beer styles during 35 sessions that took place over 18 days.

That's down from 332 judges in 2019. The 91 categories judged was down from 107 last year. So were the number of entries (8806 from 9497) and breweries participating (1720 compared to 2295). Nevertheless, the competition grew steeper this year, with an average of 97 beers competing

within each category, compared to 88 per category in 2019.

Second Chance collected two of San Diego's 14 medals — in addition to the porter's impressive fourth gold (the fifth gold in this category for brewmaster Marty Mendiola), it earned a silver medal in the German-style sour category, with its *Slightly Sour Berliner weisse*.

Also adding to an impressive medal-winning resume was the Pizza Port family of brewpubs. **Pizza Port Ocean Beach** has its own perennial winner with its 4.2-percent Belgian blonde, Guillaume, which medaled for the fourth time since 2014, showing consistency despite a change in brewers. Former head brewer Ignacio "Nacho" Cervantes won silver and bronze in 2014 and 2015, while current head brewer Matt Palmer earned silver this year to go with a 2017 gold. The OB brewpub has earned an impressive 13 medals since 2011, including three golds.

Meanwhile, **Pizza Port Carlsbad** continues to pace the brewpub family. Its Locals Only pale ale earned gold with a mix of Mosaic, Citra, and newer generation Strata hops. Appropriately, Locals Only gets its name from the concept of locals passing on lessons to the next generation. Current head brewer Mike Aubuchon started with Pizza Port in 2007, and has been leading the Carlsbad Village brewpub since 2012, joining a list of head brewers winning hardware at this location: 46 medals and counting, 15 of them gold.

The entire Pizza Port brand can claim 35 golds overall since it started collecting medals in 1994. The two medals this year to bring its total medal haul to 98 — meaning a real chance it breaks 100 in 2021.

Nineteen breweries celebrated their first Great American medals this year, including three from



Wild Barrel has a hit in many colors with its tart Vice series of fruited beers

San Diego. **Dos Desperados** took bronze for its Hell Camino Belgian Quad, and **Belching Beaver's** Vista Village tavern won a silver for its fresh hop ale, Ride the Pine.

But the biggest first time medalist is San Marcos' **Wild Barrel Brewing Company**, which gets a well deserved gold medal in the American sour category for its *Berliner weisse*-inspired tart ale, Vice. While a *Berliner weisse* typically measures under 4 percent alcohol, Wild Barrel's Americanized version (Vice is spelled the way *Weisse* is supposed to sound) sits above 5 percent.

Wild Barrel has already released more than 20 fruited versions of Vice since opening in 2017, ranging from early favorites such as pink guava and black currant, to recent additions including mango lychee and the intriguing "passion cactus dragon fruit."

What's noteworthy about this medal, is Wild Barrel earned recognition with its Vice Sans Fruit, proving once and for all that the success of this

beer starts with its tasty, lacto-soured base.

See all of San Diego's winners below.

**Gold:**  
American-Style Sour Ale - Vice Sans Fruit, Wild Barrel Brewing Co.  
International Pale Ale - Locals Only, Pizza Port Carlsbad  
Robust Porter - Tabula Rasa, Second Chance Beer Co.

**Silver:**  
Coffee Beer - Golden Stout, Karl Strauss Brewing Co.  
Session Beer or Non-Alcohol Beer - Guillaume, Pizza Port Ocean Beach

Fruited American-Style Sour Ale - Peach Afternoon, Port Brewing Co. / The Lost Abbey  
Golden or Blonde Ale - Salty Crew, Coronado Brewing Co.  
International Pale Ale - Carlsbad Crush, Burgeon Beer Co.  
German-Style Sour Ale - Slightly Sour, Second Chance Beer Co.  
Specialty Berliner - Style Weisse - Glitz & Glam, Eppig Brewing  
Fresh Hop Beer - Fresh Hop Ride the Pine, Belching Beaver Brewery - Tavern & Grill  
Bronze:  
Session Beer or Non-Alcohol Beer - Straight Drank N/A IPA, Two Roots Brewing Co.  
Bohemian-Style Pilsener - Tres Tres, Ocean Beach Brewery  
Belgian-Style Strong Specialty Ale - Hell Camino Belgian Quad, Dos Desperados Brewery

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

## EAST VILLAGE

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

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

## LITTLE ITALY

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

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

## MISSION BEACH

**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, Polish 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.

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

## MISSION HILLS

**Shakespeare Pub & 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.

## NORTH PARK

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

## OCEAN BEACH

**Sunshine Co.:** *Monday-Friday*, *Sunday*, 5-6pm: Half-price pitchers.

*Saturday*, 5-6pm: Half-price pitchers, \$10 Sam Adams pitchers.

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

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

## OCEANSIDE

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

## PACIFIC BEACH

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

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

**Latitude 32:** *Wednesday-Friday*,

3-6pm: \$3-\$5.50 beer and wines.

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

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

## POINT LOMA

**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 Pearl:** *Monday-Tuesday*, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty cocktails. *Wednesday*, 4-6pm: 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty drinks. *Thursday-Friday*, 4-6pm: \$4 select beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 house wine, half off specialty drinks.

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



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# Quartyard's glowing

*It's so good to see a chef taking the trouble to create tastebud-caressing flavors*

So last week, down in TJ, this cool courtyard, Telefonica Gastro Park, instantly reminded me of our very own Quartyard, that deliberately temporary spot for getting together with a few drinks, a few dogs (they get their own playpen), and a few snacks of bar-type food.

That got me wondering. Have our guys survived? Because casualties around East Village have been heavy.

Tonight around six, I'm bouncing up on the Blue Line trolley from 12th and Imperial. We get to Park and Market. Can't resist. Have to jump off and go see if you can still go get a pint at Quartyard.

I head east. Get tempted by the sight of Beshock, the really cool ramen and sake place across Market. But no. Eyes on the Prize! Looking for the converted shipping containers across 13th. Because that's what Quartyard is: a couple of containers around an empty lot turned into social gathering spot with long tables and benches, a Burgers & Bites kitchen, the Seahorse coffee place, a stage for shows in better times, and a fenced-in dog run.

Huh. First thing: the green astroturf dog run is no longer for dogs. Second is the benches and long picnic tables have been replaced by actual tables and chairs. Oh yeah. Bet that's all about social distancing. Third thing: alright! The bar is still here, and still open.

A cool dude behind it comes up. Michael. "Sit anywhere, or at the bar. We've got happy hour for the next ten minutes."

So I think of sitting at a courtyard table under the strings of overhead lights that are just coming on. That's when I see a muralist has been at work. Man! He's painted the en-tire building next door, which used to be one big ugly wall. Alpha Square. Now it's like a rainbow that got caught in the rain. So great. Someone at the bar says it cost about \$30K.

I decide to jes' sit up here. Quicker action as the end of HH approaches. I hitch a ride on a tall stool opposite the list of beers.

"In time?" I ask Michael.

"Oh sure. We can stretch it. You sat down in time. That's the main thing."

While I'm waiting, I check through their

website. Love that students from NewSchool of Architecture right here in the Village got like three old shipping containers, hit 'em with the oxy-acetylene torch, and turned them into a coffee place, a kitchen, and a nice long bar.

So lessee now: "What's most popular?" I ask Michael as he flashes by. He's the lone guy serving everybody, and the place is filling up.

"Juicy Lucy Burger, for sure," he says. "The patty is stuffed with cheese inside. People love it. That or the BBQ and bacon burger. Or the flatbreads."

I see flatbreads are \$14. Not the cheapest, but fries or salad are included. Plus you can add bacon, egg, or avo for \$1.

Then they have "bite-size burgers," at \$15 for three of them.

Also, they have a ton of "bites," like "loaded fries," stuffed with avo cream, sour cream, pico de gallo and your choice of carne asada, chicken, pulled pork or Impossible crumbles - the pretend meat. That's \$15. Wings and fries are \$13, and for \$12, cauliflower bites with stuff like carrot sticks and celery for your wascally wabbit side.

But I don't want to push my luck on HH; there's just two minutes to go. Two bucks off all beers, \$5 beers as selected by the barkeep, plus \$7 mule or margarita, and \$2 off certain bites. I go straight to a can o'beer I know I love: Modern Times coffee stout. Then I decide on the loaded fries.

And this pile is totally delicious. With lots of the carne asada I opted for, lots of tentacles of cheese, guac, cream, tomatoes, the usual, but dang, so good. Perfect with this beer.

But... in my usual greedy way, I can't resist the mix'n match of the three sliders with a side salad. I choose one each of the three flavors, shrimp, short rib, and pulled pork. I take a bite each, just to see what they're gonna be like when I get them back to the ranch. It's like Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The panko-breaded shrimp patty is in a nice remoulade sauce, but still a little fishy.

Short rib slider? Love the iceberg lettuce, horseradish sauce, marinated mushrooms, and pinot noir wine sauce. Sweet thing going on, and mustardy prickles from the horseradish sauce.



Kim, Brandon from Beshock ramen restaurant nearby. Quartyard is their go-to



Nicest guy in Quartyard, but don't mess with Barkeep Michael



Quartyard's courtyard. Graffiti artist RISK's 6K-square-foot masterpiece in background

So the race for best in class is all tied up between the short rib and the pulled pork sliders. Because the smoked pork butt, pineapple ginger slaw, and gentle BBQ sauce, make a truly delicious combo. And value-added: They give you actual chunks of marinated pineapple.

Honestly, it's so good to see a chef really taking the trouble to create interesting, tastebud-caressing flavors in the oh-so humble burger slider. Website says Chef Cirilo's the guy.

On my way out, I pass this gent chomping away. Local East Villager. Have to ask him if he knows about who did the mural. "RISK," he says. "All caps! Just about the most famous graffiti artist on the coast. Brilliant guy. Real name's Kelly Graval."

Props to RISK. Who else would dare to make a



Bite-size burgers: Flavors rule

6000-square-foot painting. And to Quartyard for commissioning it. Now, everybody you see here is like bathed in colors. And at night? Can't wait for concerts to come back. ■

**The Place:** Quartyard, 1301 Market Street, East Village, 619-432-5303

**Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, 3-9pm; Wednesday-Sunday, 12-10pm

**Prices:** Juicy Lucy Burger, (cheese-stuffed patty), with fries or salad, \$15; (add bacon, egg, or avo, \$1 extra); three "bite-size burgers" (carne asada, pulled pork, shrimp), \$15 for three; loaded fries (with carne asada, chicken, pulled pork or Impossible crumbles), \$15; BBQ chicken flatbread, \$14; Hawaiian flatbread, \$14; wings and fries, \$13; grilled cheese, tomato bisque, \$8; cauliflower bites, \$13

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# Brigantine taco block

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## Great views within Brigantine at Portside Pier

Brigantine at Portside Pier; 1360 N Harbor Dr, Little Italy. We were told that happy hour specials would only be available at the bar. Fair enough: the bar area is large and stylish, and still

within view of the boats and harbor. However, I was less concerned about eating \$5 wagyu sliders than I was enjoying the real million-dollar view in the dining room.

Make that \$25 million. That's how much reported went into the Portside Pier, which debuted this summer, replacing the 70-year-old institution, Anthony's Fish Grotto, along downtown's waterfront. And Brigantine Seafood & Oyster Bar has the plum spot,

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Grilled swordfish with broccolini, avocado butter, and risotto.



The \$25 million Portside Pier.

practically in the shadows of the Star of India's sails. You can see the sailing vessel from the bar. But from the dining room you can see so much more: boats cruising the bay, Coronado across the way, and the sun setting over Point Loma.

No offense to Anthony's die-hards, but the entire, stylish Portside complex feels like a step up, lookwise at least. With a half-century of San Diego seafood history of its own to draw upon, Brigantine moves in with its eighth county location, and at the south end of the development, adds a domed bar and grill for its Ketch Brewing beer spinoff.

Several Ketch beers are served on the Brigantine

side, and I enjoyed a tasty West Coast IPA while appreciating the golden light leading up to sundown. I ordered Brigantine's best-selling classic, grilled swordfish, and served with avocado butter and broccolini over risotto. Honestly, this was the best version of the dish I've tried all my years in this town. Quite satisfying.

But that's not to say I didn't want to follow up with a fish taco or two. Sparkling lights were coming alive around the harbor, and besides, I still had room (always have room) for tacos. The same could be said about beer. I waved over our server, and asked to see a taco menu.

That's when I learned that happy hour wasn't

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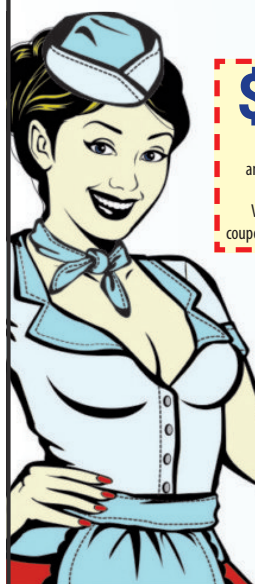
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The sun sets over the harbor, viewed from the Brigantine at Portside Pier dining room.

the only thing restricted to the bar. At this new Brigantine, tacos are available in the bar area only.

There are two exceptions: the lobster taco plate offered on the dining room menu, and all-day Taco Tuesday specials offered throughout the restaurant.

I suppose I could have crossed over to the bar, ordered tacos and beer, then returned to our table with a view. But should I have to?

I can appreciate, in a new, multi-million dollar restaurant, that Brigantine might want to reserve its best tables for someone more spendy than a casual taco diner. But considering I'd already ordered and eaten an entrée, and tacos were being served elsewhere in the restaurant, I found this taco blocking activity an odd stance. So, rather than order more food and drinks, we went elsewhere.

by Ian Anderson

### Notice the difference in Zgara gyros

Zgara Greek Grill; 1229 Morena Blvd, Bay Park. Anyone who's eaten at a Greek restaurant the past four decades or so is familiar with gyro meat — the finely ground blend of beef and lamb.

Except it's not really Greek. Apparently, the ubiquitous beef and lamb gyro rotisserie meat is an American invention, mass produced by companies based in the Midwest. In Greece, it turns out, gyros are usually made with chicken, or more commonly pork.

And that's why I find myself ordering a pork gyro at Zgara Greek Grill, a tiny strip mall restaurant that opened in Bay Park two months ago. If the name sound familiar, you've probably lived in Pacific Beach within the past 10 or 12 years.

Zgara operated there until a couple years back, when the family who owns it sold the restaurant and moved out of town.

However, they recently moved back, and picked back up where they left off, serving virtually the same menu from a counter shop on Morena Boulevard.

Part of Zgara's charm is it doesn't order processed foods from the Midwest, rather it makes food from scratch, using its own recipes. So when you order the gyro platter, there's no beef or lamb in sight. It's all pork (\$14.75). And while Mexican *al pastor* was famously adapted from Lebanese rotisserie tradition, this Greek tradition of pork gyro much more closely resembles pork butt and shoulder *carnitas*.

Which isn't to say eating the gyro sandwich (\$8.75) corre-

sponds to eating a *carnitas* taco, but there's a similar joy to be found. One much better than the flat, earthy savor of the beef-lamb hybrid.

Should you want beef and lamb at Zgara, you'll find it in a ground meat kofte kabob, though you'll do better to try the *bifteikia gemista* (\$15.75), a roll of ground beef with a melted cheese center.

By ordering a mix grill platter (\$26.25), I was able to try both the gyro and *bifteikia*, as well as a skewer of bacon-wrapped chicken, and *loukaniko*. You can see the linguistic connection between *loukaniko* and other nation's sausages such as *linguica* and *longanisa*. This house-made Greek sausage is marinated in white wine and orange peel, producing a satisfying tang to go with beef, if not a combination of meats.



Bacon wrapped chicken, *loukaniko* sausage, and *bifteikia gemista* (spiced ground beef with a cheesy center).

Including fluffy rice, fresh vegetables, and tender grilled pitas, the entire platter delivers on the promise of homemade Greek cuisine. Everything tastes better than what is now revealed to be a rather tired, Americanized substitute for Greek cuisine. Whatever you order at Zgara, be sure to start with the pork.

by Ian Anderson

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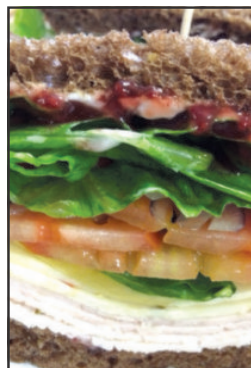


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Even when there are only three or four Wanted Noise fans in the room, "They're rocking out and moshing like [it's] our greatest show ever."

**Wanted Noise** is a bit of throwback to the free-for-all attitude that bands such as The Minutemen personified. The execution of their songs falls comfortably under the punk rock umbrella, but the influences at play are what set them apart. This is all apparent on their 2017 seven-song taster, *Plate Lunch*. Guitarist/vocalist Suri Sherman said the title was a homage to the variety-pack nature of the recordings. "The reason why the album's called *Plate Lunch* is because our producer, who was from Hawaii, said 'You guys remind me of a plate lunch of punk rock styles. You've got your fast-punk, your reggae/Sublime punk vibes, your shoegaze vibes, your Sum-41 and hardcore vibes. It's like a plate lunch where you've got your beans, meat, and veggies. You've got a little sampler of everything,'" Sherman said.

The all-over-the-place nature of their music makes sense when you investigate their roots. The band was born out of random San Diego State jam sessions by a collection of musicians with diverse musical resumes. Sherman is a skate-punk devotee, while Jin Salamack (bass/vocals) harnesses the same love of punk but an appreciation for indie music as well. Additional guitarist/vocalist Caleb Adkins,

the young cub of the band, played in a ska-punk outfit while he was in high school, but now dabbles in reggae and a current fascination with Black Sabbath. The final member to join the band, drummer Taylor Wagnerowski, was the oddest fit of them all.

"Our drummer never even listened to punk rock before we started playing together," Sherman explained. "He had never even heard of NOFX, which is my favorite band. He's into Rush, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, and Metallica. Until this year, he never really knew punk beats from punk songs. He played beats by just trying to play with whatever we were playing."

This finalized line-up of Wanted Noise has been playing shows around town since 2014, and they credit their fans for energizing their gigs. Sherman explained that even when there are only three or four Wanted Noise fans in the room "they're rocking out and moshing like they're in the middle of our best show ever."

He continued, "I feel like all the people my age in their mid to late 20s just want to rock out and mosh. People will start mosh pits for rap songs because they just want to rock out and mosh. We are an outlet for that. We want to rock out and mosh."

Since March, the band

has been solo-rocking-out and home-moshing. Further complicating matters, covid arrived on the eve of Wanted Noise releasing their first full-length album *Next Generation* which was due to be completed in April.

"That was actually a blessing in disguise, because it gave us lots of time to reflect and just chill," Sherman explained. "We've been working on this album since 2017 and started recording it in May of 2019. We've had most of the songs recorded for over a year at this point. So, this has been an album that we've had a lot of time to digest and go back and make sure everything is perfect."

As of late, the band have been promoting their new single "Go Get" as they try to build their online fanbase and presence. A studio cover of Kut U Up's "Destination," featuring a video with each member tracking the song, is coming soon as well.

Further down the road are shows. Sherman already has a launch pad in mind for when the moshing and rocking-out resumes. "Honestly, a Tim Pyles Tuesday night at The Merrow after covid," he said. "We'll still get 100 people. We might fill The Merrow too fat, honestly. Just a packed show there like old times would be a great start for getting back into it."

— Dryw Keltz

**Clout chasing** "It means buttering up to advance one's cause," J. Suarez said, "now the presidential candidates are clout chasin' with hip-hop artists to sway our votes."

J. Suarez is a south San Diego hip-hop dancer and painter. "I'm not voting this time around. I don't know if my vote will really make a difference. Ninety percent of politicians only do things for folks with better incomes."

On October 21, President Donald Trump posted a photo of the *New York Post* newspaper headlined "50 Cent says 'I don't want to be 20 Cent'



under Biden tax plan."

A day before, 50 cent, a rapper turned entrepreneur and television producer who is registered to vote under his real name Curtis James Jackson III, posted a screenshot of a televised news report that reads in part: "Top tax rates by state under Biden Tax Plan — California 62.6 percent... New York City 62 percent." 50 Cent then captioned the screenshot, stating in part: "WHAT THE FUCK! (VOTE For TRUMP) IM OUT, FUCK NEW YORK .... I don't care [if] Trump doesn't like black people .... 62 percent[.] are you out of ya fucking mind."

In 2020, the 44-year-old "Poor Lil Rich" rapper from Queens is reportedly worth about \$30 million; in 2014, *Forbes* reported he was clockin' in at \$155 million.

Rapper and English teacher Nate "Knew-Balance" Whitsell is voting for Biden/Harris via mail-in ballot and "dropping it off at my official ballot drop-off here in Ocean Beach. As far as 50 and anyone else zeroed in on financial prosperity as the number one marker for who to vote for, I will refer to the New Testament scripture that states, 'the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.'"

"I believe President Trump cares for the American people, and I want my kids to grow up in a safe country with conservative morals," said Danielle a local college student and hip-hop fan who listens to Kendrick Lamar and rapper turned 2020 presidential nominee Kanye West. "I am voting for President Trump because he has made the economy the most successful it's ever been:

record low unemployment, taxes have been cut, businesses are no longer offshoring, families were succeeding like never before. The economy is only hurting right now due to governors shutting down their states due to covid-19. President Trump has brought back the American spirit, and the people now want to fight to keep the American dream alive."

*Until you rest in peace you should restlessly and seemingly endlessly chase want, not necessity, the American dream won't get the best of me..."*

That's part of Whitsell's verse from the "Dead Precedents," a track he produced with his brother-in-law PAZ1 as The Piecemakers. "It is paramount to pay reparations and to

clout chased with rappers Jay Z, Common, and Kendrick Lamar — Whitsell disagrees. "As a teacher and a dad, I have honed and learned to really trust my intuition/vibe-reader, and Obama and these artists seemed to actually connect."

The presidential/hip-hop connection goes way back. It even predates Eric B. & Rakim's 1986 "Eric B. is President" rap song.

Around 1983, Suarez breakdanced to Project Future's electro-funk song titled Ray-Gun-Nomics — a wordplay on Reaganomics. "Then in '84 or '85, President Ronald Reagan invited the New York City Breakers to breakdance at his inaugural ball after he beat out Mondale," Suarez recounted. "And around the same time, former First Lady Nancy Reagan was on CNN breakin' to



Local hip-hop artist J. Suarez believes presidential candidates "clout chasing" with popular rappers to be fake, except in president Obama's case.

provide financial/economic equity," Whitsell said, "and not just a shallow sense of equality to Black Americans (and to American Indians), so money matters. I just don't think it's the most important issue to base your vote on."

While Suarez opines that former President Obama

some old-school hip-hop."

"[I] don't think that was clout chasin', they already won the election."

— Mike Madriaga

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## CATHYRN BEEKS

Cathryn Beeks first earned local notice in JunkQueen, the Gandhi Method, and her own band The Ordeal before launching her series of Listen Local band showcases around town and taking a turn hosting radio's Homegrown series. She also helped operate a vintage clothing store geared toward musicians, and her Lunch Ladies project was designed to provide live acoustic entertainment and catered meals for mid-day events. Beeks is currently finishing a new volume of her *Listen Local Cooks* book series, first launched in 2006 with a paperback cookbook featuring recipes from San Diego musicians along with a

CD containing songs by participants. "Volume two contains 30 songs and 74 pages of recipes," says Beeks, "and this time we also included food related art, poems, stories, and photographs from our local creative community. Among the notable chefs was Eagles songwriter Jack Tempchin, who donated his song 'Eat Some Food,' along with his recipe for Ginger Snaps." *Listen Local Cooks Volume Three*, due in mid-November, will be offered as a digital version with more music and recipes, illustrated by Beeks' husband Jon Edwards, and available free to participants and subscribers of Listen Local Radio.



## THE LYRICAL GROOVE

"We infuse a potent message with social consciousness and a spiritual awareness that sings to your humanity and moves your soul," according to the Lyrical Groove, which combines spoken word and live instrumentation. The band took home a trophy for Best Hip-Hop at the 2013 San Diego Music Awards, which anointed their *Spoken Soul* full-length Best Hip-Hop Album the following year. Even before the pandemic put an end to live performances, the individual members and contributors were already turning

up in a number of other projects. Kendrick Dial and Jonnae Thompson have hosted the *Spoken Soul Radio Show*, a soul edition of San Diego music produced in collaboration with Listen Local SD. They also produced a music video for "Wake Up," inspired by the movie *Get Out*. Singer Brisa L. Johnson, an alum of Point Nazarene University and Mesa College, has a new solo single currently streaming online, "Ode to the Petty," with an accompanying video directed by Yellow Nguyen.



## ED KORNHAUSER

Jazz pianist Ed Kornhauser grew up in Escondido, later attending SDSU and earning a Bachelor's Degree in Music in Jazz Studies. Ensembles he has performed with include retro funk quartet Juicebox, Soft Limits with Charlie Weller, and the Matt Smith Neu Jazz Trio, and he also frequently backs area vocalists such as Amelia Browning, Jonathan Karrant, and Whitney Shay. The longtime staff accompanist at Unity Way Church in Vista will debut a new album of original music via livestream on November 8. "I've called the record *The Short Years*," he tells the *Reader*. "It's something I heard a while back, that the days are long but

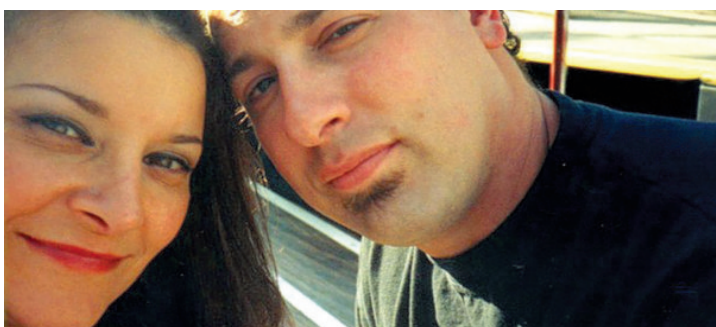
the years are short. Time flies and all that. This year alone has been a whirlwind. We have to appreciate the time we have, the moments we share together, and the things we do." Guest players include Dylan Hermansen (sax), Mackenzie Leighton (bass), Kevin Higuchi (drums), and Robert Dove will be joining the livestream on sax. "This is my first album as a leader. It's all my original tunes under my own steam. I tried to put together a mix of vibes and moods I like, and give it a decent flow. For whatever reason, I've been continuously putting this off for years, so consequently I'm quite excited about it."



## TORI ROZE

In high school, Tori Roze fronted the local band Carne Askata before leaving to attend Boston Conservatory for a year. After doing a semester in London and taking music and theater classes at the Old Globe, she eventually graduated with a degree in theater from UC Santa Cruz. She played her first show with her rock 'n' soul band the Hot Mess in 2008. In addition to her regular Costume Karaoke livestreams, a new Tori Roze and the Hot Mess (and Friends) single drops this week, a cover of "Ghost Town" by The Specials, but with a COVID-19 pandemic twist themed for Halloween. Recorded at the contributors' respective

homes and sporting additional lyrics by Roze, the track was mixed and mastered by Rolling Stones producer Alan Sanderson at local Pacific Beat Recording Studios. Roze is also featured in a new collaborative single by Cottonwood, Arizona songwriter Kizmet, "Bullet In a Gun," also recorded remotely. "Kizmet wrote the music as well as her vocal parts back in March and April and I added my vocal parts in August," says Roze. An atmospheric black and white video is streaming online. "I shot my portion of the music video in University Heights, my community, and Kizmet recorded her portion of the video at her house in Arizona."



## BLACK MARKET III

"In addition to original music, we play covers by Tom Waits, Wayne Walker, Hank Williams Sr., Leadbelly, Dead Weather, Social Distortion, and many more," according to Scottie "Mad Dog" Blinn, co-founder of Black Market III. Blinn's tenure as frontman for the Mississippi Mudsharks included multiple nods from the San Diego Music Awards, and a run of CDs that reached the top ten on several European blues charts. Among those he has performed, recorded, and shared stages with are Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top, Stray Cat Brian Setzer, Willie Nelson, Buddy Guy, George Clinton & the P-Funk All Stars, Dr. John, and Dick Dale. Blinn

and his Black Market co-founder Roxy Coverdale recently dropped *The Let It Be Project*, created in their mobile Grease Punk Studio and featuring musician contributions from around the world, and they also released a single and video covering Tom Petty's "Swingin'." "Right now," says Blinn, "we're working on our fourth music video of the year. For this one, we're planning an ambitious mini-movie to be released on Halloween...then it's back into the studio to finish the new CD for Rip Cat Records by the end of the year."



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## IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

### Mainly Mozart's bittersweet festival

The Mainly Mozart Festival concluded on Saturday, October 24, 2020, at the Del Mar Fairgrounds.

On opening night, Saturday, October 17, the event was sold out for Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* and Astor Piazzolla's *Four Seasons*. The pieces were performed concurrently. The orchestra performed Vivaldi's "Spring," followed by Piazzolla's "Spring." Then Vivaldi's "Summer," followed by Piazzolla's "Summer," and so on and so forth. I think I would have rather heard Piazzolla's piece played straight through, and then the Vivaldi.

Tuesday night, October 20, felt like a proper concert. The night opened with Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*, followed by Mozart's *Horn Concerto No. 3*, and then Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8*.

I must admit that this was a bittersweet experience for me. It was sweet because it was a great concert. It was bitter because I yearned to have the true Mainly Mozart concert-hall experience, not a drive-in concert heard through giant speakers.

The performance of the Prokofiev was excellent, but the sound balance, as was the case for the entire evening, was dominated by the strings. I swear I could hear the bows on the strings. I heard details in the string section that are usually in the background

become front and center, while the woodwinds and brass were playing in the distance.

To their everlasting glory, the strings were flawless. I could hear them attack every phrase because of the soundstage, and it was stunning. That was sweet.

The bitter side was that the soundstage created an often harsh quality to the strings that doesn't exist in a concert hall. I found myself creating a mental concert hall, trying to place the sound that was coming through the speakers in the Balboa Theatre.

It also sounded as if there were a volume leveler in place that made all the dynamics basically the same. That could be a necessary measure given the outdoor circumstances, but it was part of the bitter side of the experience.

Following the Prokofiev was Mozart's *Horn Concerto No. 3* with Andrew Bain of the LA Philharmonic playing the solo. Bain is famous for having performed the horn solos in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*. During the first movement cadenza, Bain slipped in just a hint of the Luke Skywalker theme. Mozart would have loved it!

Beethoven's *Symphony No. 8* is one of my favorite pieces of music. It's on



A great concert, despite the imperfect venue.

my morning playlist and I listen to at least the first movement almost every day. Beethoven's music is full of optimism and joy, so why not start my day with that?

During the performance, I forgot all about the circumstances and was taken into a world in which anything is possible and every obstacle is overcome. As we came to the final movement, I waited with anticipation. This was the moment of truth. I would either be elated or disappointed.

Here's the thing with the finale of Beethoven's *Eighth*, it must be played at break-neck speed or it sounds like death. It's a tough situation. The conductor and orchestra must risk killing themselves with the tempo or sounding like a slow descent into the grave.

Of course, Michael Francis came through with the proper tempo. I felt ashamed for having doubted the acumen of Maestro Francis and the Mainly Mozart Festival Orchestra. They are the gold standard.

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**Online Internet Events:**  
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday,

4pm — Greensky Bluegrass 20th Anniversary. \$25-\$65.

Thursday, 4pm — Story of the Year Livestream Series.

Thursday, 5pm — The Mipso Show. \$6-\$50.

Friday, 5pm — Blackberry Smoke Pandemic Jam Livestream.

Friday, 5pm — Cam Live From the Bluebird Cafe.

Friday, 8pm — Creepy Creeps Virtual Casbah Halloween Party.

Friday, 5pm — Gwar: Scumdogs XXX Live.

Friday, 5pm — Puscifer: Existential Reckoning Live At Arcosanti.

Friday, 1pm — Sam Smith Livestream From Abbey Road.

Friday, 6:30pm — Skatalites Skalloween Live from New York.

Saturday, 12pm & 5pm — Laurie Berkner Family Halloween Party.

Saturday, 1:30pm — Moonspell Halloween Livestream.

Saturday, 12pm — Mr. Bungle: The Night They Came Home.

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Sunday, 5pm — Belly Up Livestream: Easy Wind.

Sunday, 2pm — Spreckels Organ Webcasts. **Free.**

Monday, 5pm — Della Mae Monday Night Hoedown. **Free.**

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# Play 'em again, Sacha

**B**orat Subsequent Moviefilm, the sequel we prayed for but never dreamed possible, is now a reality. It's been 14 years since Sacha Baron Cohen's signature character made his big screen debut. In no time, the racist, sexist, scion of political incorrectness became a household name. Was anyone left to play along? Who among us doesn't know Borat?

## MOVIES

Rejoice: people will do anything when a camera is pointed in their direction. There's the baker, for one, who uses her cake-writer to scribble "Jews will not replace us" across the top of a pastry. And I'm not sure if Michael Pence recognized the guy dressed in the Trump fat suit who interrupted his CPAC 2020 speech. Watch out, White House. Borat's back — and this time, he's taking prisoners.

Sprung from a chain gang, our plucky hero is sent by government of Kazakhstan to America; the authorities are looking to expunge the stain of humiliation still visible from his last trip. Gone is Azamat (Ken Davitian). This is one sequel determined to be more than just a bigger-budgeted remake. This time, Borat arrives bearing presents, though not as intended, seeing as how Kazakh pornstar Johnny the Monkey died in transit. Fortunately, Borat's 15-year-old daughter Tutar Sagdiyev (Maria Bakalova, up for the task), who has stowed away in the chimpanzee's crate, would make a perfect gift for America's most famous ladies' man, Michael Pence. For this, Dad must first make her look presentable — "prepare her for market," as he puts it.

An "Instagram influencer" instructs Tutar on how to snag a rich husband. A plastic surgeon puts to rest any fear that the young woman's nose makes her look even remotely Jewish. She asks if the spacious kennel in which she sleeps comes close to matching the beauty of First Lady's "wife cage." (We all could have stood more of King Donald and Princess Melania's straight-to-video animated variation on Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.) And to Rudy "Fluffer" Giuliani, we say: the best way to tuck in one's shirt and remove a microphone is with your back on a mattress and your feet pressed flat against the floor.

Like its predecessor, *Borat Subsequent Moviefilm* is an unremitting well-spring of laughs, many refreshingly disgraceful. As with everything Cohen signs his name to, the artist's mind may be in

the gutter, but his moral compass generally points due north. Throwaway gags brought gales of giggles — the Johnny the Monkey/lipstick gag almost splintered my knee from the slapping it took — but this was the first time Cohen asked more of his audience than their laughter. His experiment in empathy was a resounding success. The film's two

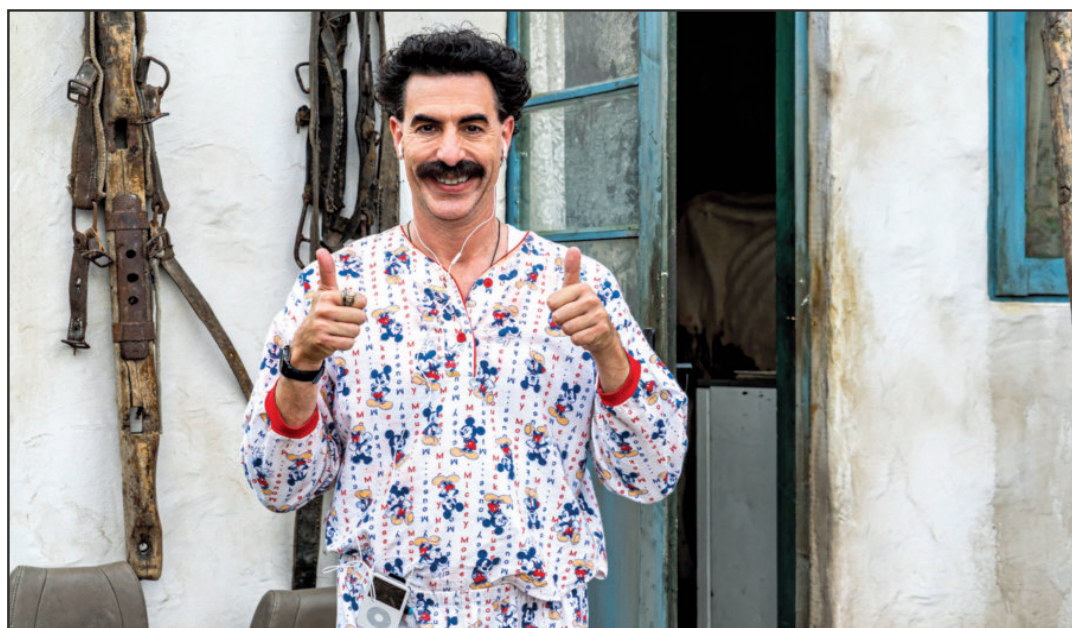
most memorable civilian exchanges involve Jeanise Jones, an African-American woman hired to babysit Borat's wild child; and a Holocaust survivor he encounters while taking refuge at a synagogue. Compare them to the redneck who makes a strong first impression by offering Borat shelter from the pandemic. Once indoors, our innkeeper and his equally oblivious roomie champion "Pizzagate," both secure in their knowledge that Hillary Clinton drinks the blood of babies.

Crude? You bet, though not near as obscene as suggesting people inject household disinfectants as a cure for covid-19. Not all of it connects. We've seen the redneck sing-along before, and Tutar's first brush with self-pleasure in the middle of a meeting of the Hillsborough Republican Women's Club was too easy a target. Fear plays as much a part in the film as laughter. I found it frightening to watch Pence assure the crowd at CPAC that "the risk to the American public remains low, we're ready for anything." In Cohen's universe, the virus was spread around the world to get even for a cruel joke, similar to the one that was elected in 2016. ★★★★★

—Scott Marks

## Video on Demand New Release Roundup

**On the Rocks** — The poster art for *On the Rocks* bears more than a passing resemblance to a moment from Sofia Coppola and Bill Murray's hit from yesteryear, *Lost in Translation*. Surely they weren't trying for a repeat May/December romance this time between Murray and Rashida Jones? Initial relief (the two play father and daughter) is quickly felled by dad's extra-pervy asides about people mistaking his daughter for his date. Felix (Murray) is a raconteur with money to spare, a playboy with a big personality who is quick to flirt with anything in a skirt and charming to the point where he can talk himself out of a speeding ticket. When his daughter Laura (Jones) suggests that her husband Dean (Mar-



**Borat Subsequent Nightgown Sporting Corporate Spokesmouse to Make Fun on Glorious Nation of Disneyland: Two thumbs up!**

lon Wayans) might be carrying on an affair with his account manager, bored Felix, looking for a way to get back into her life, decides to play detective. What begins with dad encouraging Laura to go through her husband's texts ends up with the two tailing Dean on what may or may not be a Mexican business trip. Fans of characters one loves to hate will find great pleasure in Murray's disagreeableness. He has played unappealing types in the past, but none more smugly repellent than Felix. And I haven't liked one of Coppola's films this much since *Lost in Translation*. It's her most mature work to date, and Felix her most complex creation. (One wonders how daddy Francis felt after seeing the picture.) The performances are superb at all levels; how wonderful it was to see Barbara Bain as Laura's crusty grandmother, the first to sow seeds of suspicion. The film begins to totter only when the otherwise dependable Jenny Slate is wasted as the galpal Laura never has any time for. 2020 —S.M. ★★★★★

**The Witches** — Please excuse the disadvantaged viewpoint, but having never read Roald Dahl's source novel nor seen Nicolas Roeg's 1990 big screen adaptation, it's difficult to determine how much of the dark appeal of Robert Zemeckis' remake can be attributed to the filmmaker. The setting's been modified from England to Alabama at the tail end of 1967, but one would be hard-pressed to justify the shift, given how little mention is made of the Civil Rights Movement. (And what's with the anachronistic disco dance-along to Sister Sledge's "We Are Family"?) If *Polar Express* was meant as a metaphor for the *Kindertransport*, surely all of the experimentation that goes on

towards the outset is a direct nod to Dr. Mengele? Anne Hathaway's Grand High Witch takes full advantage of her digitally extensible grin, barbering the scenery while her counterpart, Octavia Spencer's alprazolam-voiced Granny, acts as a calming agent, lest the youngsters in the audience spend the first third of the picture looking on from behind a parent's arm. The setup and payoff are exquisitely staged, and the visual humor, particularly the fes-

tival of exploding witches, is nowhere near as oppressive as Zemeckis' past effects-hikes. The middle section could have used a support beam, however; the trio of transfigured mice leave one longing for the simpler times of *Chip 'N Dale*. Wikipedia assures me that unlike its predecessor, this version's ending is faithful to Dahl's vision. If your kid's nerves can stand it, there are worse ways to spend 90 minutes. 2020 —S.M. ★★

## MOVIES@HOME

### BORAT (2005)

Remember when enlightened comedy meant playing to the brightest bulbs in the room? By 2005, it had been four decades — way back when when Woody Allen, Mel Brooks, and a pre-MPAA John Waters began convulsing audiences — since there had been cause for such ground breaking and side-splitting laughter in movie theaters. Albert Brooks returned to form with the *Looking for Comedy in the Muslim World* and Kevin Wilmott introduced himself to moviegoers with *CSA: Confed-*



Borat: BG (Before Giuliani)

erate States of America, a pair of dead-on anti-racist satires, period. Then came *Borat*, a film that had both the Iranian government and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) calling for its boycott. High five! Billy Wilder said it best: "If you want to tell people the truth, you had better make them laugh or they will kill you." The ADL issued a statement on September 28, 2006, voicing concern over "one serious pitfall... the audience may not always be sophisticated enough to get the joke, and that some may even find it reinforcing their bigotry." As with any great satirist, Sacha Baron Cohen asks nothing more from a viewer than an open mind and an ability to face the screen; he'll fill in the rest. For more, visit us online!

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## NEWS TICKER

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which spreads its money to the reelection campaigns of industry-favored legislators, got \$10,000 from Semptra on October 9.

Additional recipients of \$10,000 donations from Semptra included the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce PAC.

Matt Potter

## Chamber of contradictions

Commerce makes for strange bedfellows

Jerry Sanders, chief executive officer of the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, has come out against the property-tax-increasing Proposition 15, so describing the mission of the chamber's political action committee has just become easier. But whatever the PAC's goals are, its giving appears paradoxical and not ideological. While the chamber stands against raising property taxes on commercial enterprises –

not a surprise to anyone – it has poured more than \$100,000 of dollars into the campaigns of candidates who favor the increase. According to San Diego city data harvested and studied on October 9, all the council district candidates have benefited from the chamber's war chest.

Even more startling, the chamber PAC has channeled at least \$99,963 into Neighbors for Housing Solutions Supporting Todd Gloria, with strange bedfellows; Neighbors' largest contributor is the San Diego Municipal Employees Association – often at odds with the chamber, along with Airbnb, and a multitude of laborer and construction worker-funded PACs. Though the Neighbors PAC is paying for independent expenditures for Gloria – more than \$160,000, it has spent at least \$73,000 on television ads and mailers, split about equally for two opposing candidates, Marni

Von Wilpert and Joe Leventhal in city council district 5. The data available from the city's open data portal shows that the spending was reported at the end of September and this



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Chamber cash — only Gloria will get more than Will Moore.

month. (The chamber PAC also reported a \$25,000 expenditure for Leventhal in July.) The Neighbors PAC has spent about \$90,000 on a mailer for Will Moore, candidate in city council district 1.

So far this year, the chamber PAC spent \$25,000 on Measure E

to lift height limits in the Midway District, about \$65,000 on Democrat Chris Olsen, who lost in the District 3 primary, and of course, \$70,000 on the convention center expansion. The chamber PAC's two largest incoming contributions, at \$35,000 each in 2020, come from Kilroy Realty in Los Angeles and a limited liability corporation based in Beverly Hills called XJD, created by Michael Schlesinger, per Secretary of State records. In 2016, XJD sold the property at 7th and A streets downtown, according to the *Business Journal*. Schlesinger is a developer who buys golf courses and redevelops them – and once spread chicken manure over the defunct Escondido Country Club golf course. He has a net of limited liability corporations, a common approach to limiting potential liability from projects that almost all developers use. The other \$35,000 donor, Kilroy Realty, is a

real estate investment trust specializing in West Coast properties from Seattle to San Diego, holding 13.3 million square feet of office space and at least 200 residences, according to Reuters. Kilroy developed One Paseo, and holds properties in Sabre Springs, Carmel Valley, and Del Mar. (Since it's publicly traded, more information is available from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.)

That might explain the chamber PAC's strong support for District 1 candidate Will Moore; he is the most pro-development candidate for north coastal district. Only Todd Gloria won more chamber PAC money. According to city data records, Moore's campaign has benefited from about \$57,000 in chamber PAC-funded mailers in the primary election, as well as a \$25,000 contribution in September to Reform City Government Supporting Will Moore for City Coun-

cil, a PAC sponsored by the chamber and funded by the BIA.

Developer H.G. Fenton tied with Cox Communications as the chamber PAC's third largest funder, at \$20,000 each this year, and the local Building Industry Association pumped \$12,500 into the chamber PAC despite having its own PAC. Semptra Energy brought \$12,000 to the PAC, and Republic Services — a publicly traded trash and recycling company in Arizona — threw in another \$10,000.

Just 20 contributors gave the chamber PAC more than \$5000 each, and a handful donated \$1000; the remaining 50-some funders range from Rady Children's Hospital (\$930), General Atomics (\$700), the United Way (\$375), and several cannabis outlets, to two dozen anemic contributions from locals including NBC (\$150) and Old Town Trolley (\$120).

Marty Graham

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**HELEN BEBE ROSS** You are remembered on this Dia De Los Muertos. Brian B

**JERRY VARON** Have a good Thanksgiving. Brian B

**MERNIE A OF MORENA** and Pat G of El Cajon, looking forward to seeing you at the end of the month. Brian B

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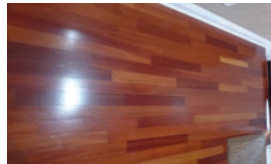
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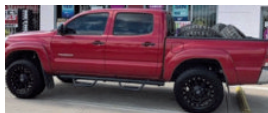


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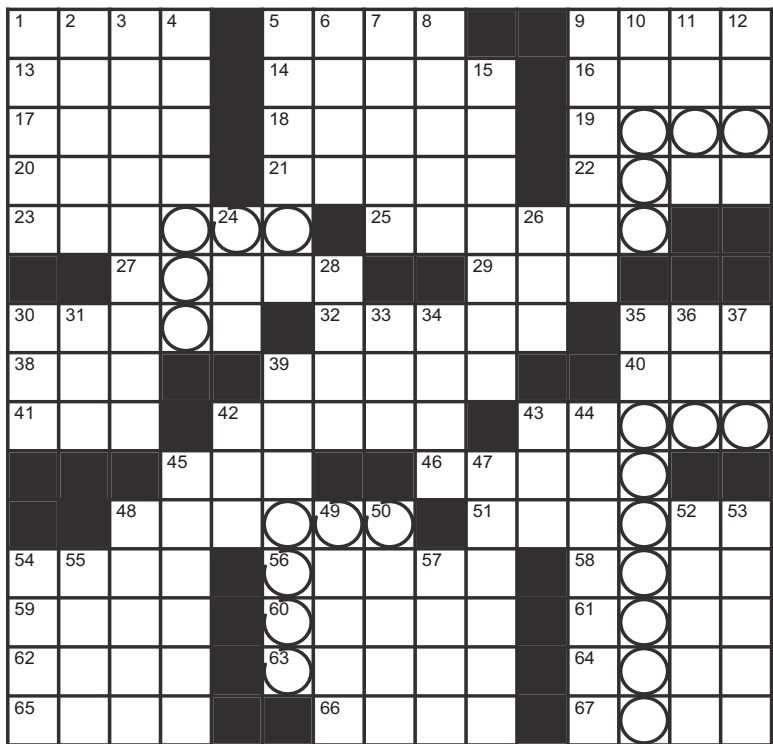


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## Across

1. Orkneyan or Shetlander
5. With 66-Across, concede the point ... or a two-word hint to solving 19-, 23-, 43- and 48-Across
9. "My, my!"
13. Hawaii surfing destination
14. Something matzo lacks
16. Florence's river
17. Pay (up)
18. Film producer Carlo
19. Quits fidgeting
20. 1922-91 initials
21. Something lent or bent, in a phrase
22. "If all \_\_\_\_ fails ..."
23. It's navigated at an amusement park
25. Film villain whose real name is Dougie Powers
27. Billionaire Carl
29. Quarterback Marino
30. Beef \_\_\_\_
32. Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"
35. Quick swim
38. Well-suited
39. Marriage money
40. Genesis woman
41. "Where \_\_\_\_ I?"
42. Mila of "Black Swan"
43. Pregnant women often experience it in their feet
45. Vulcano of "Impractical Jokers"

46. Send over the moon
48. In 2020, she became the youngest person to ever win a Grammy for Album of the Year
51. Actresses Worth and Dunne
54. Look ahead
56. "Now \_\_\_\_ be told"
58. Checklist component
59. Band at a wedding
60. Culture \_\_\_\_
61. "To Be Young, Gifted and Black" singer Simone
62. German sister company of Peugeot
63. Capital north of Ho Chi Minh City
64. Grind away
65. Big name in speakers
66. See 5-Across
67. First-year law student

## Down

1. "The Hobbit: the Desolation of \_\_\_\_" (2013 film)
2. "Oh, yeah? Watch me!"
3. Periphery
4. Closet organizer
5. Indirect route
6. "\_\_\_\_ Flux" (1990s MTV series)
7. Like some porch chairs
8. Relatively cool heavenly body
9. Enter gradually
10. Cook over coals
11. Kitchen pests
12. Two tablets, e.g.
15. Without any oomph
24. Manta \_\_\_\_
26. Kilmer of "Top Gun"
28. Official state element of Nevada, aptly
30. Upper-cut target
31. Org. concerned with sustainability
33. The U.S. joined it in 1917
34. Gaelic tongue
35. Class clown's comeuppance
36. "\_\_\_\_ been thinking ..."
37. \_\_\_\_ capita
39. Not particularly bright
42. Actor Penn
43. "What happens when language fails": Margaret Atwood
44. Eroded gradually
45. Census form choice
47. Rock's \_\_\_\_ Park
48. Curses
49. "\_\_\_\_ to Be You"
50. Budget-friendly prefix in company names
52. Start of a choosing rhyme
53. Minute
54. "No \_\_\_\_" ("Don't sweat it!")
55. Start to suction?
57. "Don't have \_\_\_\_, man!"

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

P	S	A	L	M	A	R	R	I	D	T	S	K			
A	T	S	E	A	C	O	H	A	N	E	P	A			
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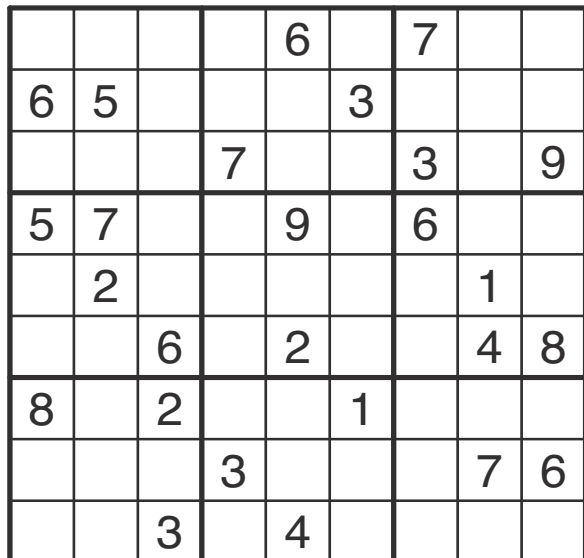
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## SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S SUDOKU PUZZLE:

## EVIL:

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



## Compelling Explanations

— In June, Connecticut State Police investigating a December armed robbery outside the Golden Palace Chinese Restaurant in Norwich arrived at the Corrigan Correctional Center in Montville to obtain a DNA sample from Gregory Blue, 38, who first accused police of planting his DNA at the scene of the robbery before telling them "a phlebotomist who took his blood years ago dropped his DNA at the scene via airplane," according to authorities. Investigators had found blood at the scene of the robbery and on hats the unidentified 45-year-old victim said had been left by the assailant. *The Connecticut Post* reported the DNA samples matched, according to the arrest warrant, and on Sept. 25, Blue was charged with first-degree robbery and second-degree assault.

## Great Art!

— Passersby were in awe as 32 tons of raw carrots were dumped from a large truck onto a road running through the University of London campus on Sept. 30. The carrots were an art installation presented as part of the Goldsmiths art college Master of Fine Arts degree show by student Rafael Perez Evans, who titled his work "Grounding" and said it was designed to raise awareness about food waste, *United Press International* reported. The show ran from Oct. 2-6, and "Rafael has arranged for the carrots to be removed at the end of the exhibition and donated to animals," a university spokesperson said.

## The Holiday Spirit

— In White Marsh, Maryland, a person driving past the closed Rustic Inn bar on the morning of Oct. 7 saw what they thought was a Halloween decoration in the parking lot, WJZ reported. After doubling back, the driver determined it was a dead body, and "the body has suffered some sort of trauma," said Jennifer Peach of the Baltimore County Police Department. Peach went on to appeal for tips from the public: "We don't have a lot of information at this point."

## Entrepreneurial Spirit

— Two young men soliciting residents of Covina, California for donations for the Covina High School football team ran into a problem when they appeared at the door of a resident who quickly questioned them: "It's funny you bring that up, because I know for a fact that you guys don't go to Covina because I teach there ... I'm a football coach." When neither of the alleged scammers could name the head coach, they left, Fox11 reported on Oct. 7, and the football team tweeted confirmation that the two were not with the program.

## Wait, What?

— A Japanese buyer with very precise requirements has paid a record \$14,000 for a 22-pound traditional Iberian ham, *Oddity Central* reported. Julio Revilla, president of Sierra Mayor Jabugo, in Cortesconcepcion, Spain, said the ham was produced according to the buyer's strict instructions: It had to come from an Iberian pig at least

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## Anger Management

— Justin Anthony Garcia, 30, of Lehigh Acres, Florida, landed in the Lee County Jail on Sept. 27 on charges of aggravated battery following a heated argument over which is better: whole milk or almond milk, reported Fox 23 News. Deputies of the Lee County Sheriff's Office were called to the scene after the disagreement between two cousins escalated from verbal to physical, according to court documents, eventually ending with Garcia drawing a pocket-knife and chasing his cousin through the front yard, cutting him on the torso. An uncle intervened and separated the two until deputies arrived, but the arrest complaint does not say which type of milk Garcia prefers.

## News That Sounds Like a Joke

— Larry Stothers, 41, and Jayson Rappa, 31, were arrested on Sept. 26 in Largo, Florida, and charged with strong-arm robbery after allegedly stealing a prosthetic leg, according to *The Smoking Gun*. Police say they were called by the victim after Stothers and Rappa confronted him over a stolen backpack, "and in the course of

the fight, a prosthetic leg was taken from the victim." Court records did not reveal the whereabouts of the leg.

## Compelling Explanations

— Tarrant County, Texas Sheriff's Deputy Jay Allen Rotter, 36, called 911 on Aug. 26 to report that his girlfriend, Leslie Lynn Hartman, 46, had shot herself in the head with his duty weapon as they shared a hug in their bedroom, telling the dispatcher "she is done" and he "would have stopped her if he could have," according to Denton police. But as police investigators analyzed physical evidence and Rotter's electronics over the following weeks, they came to identify Rotter as a suspect, leading to his arrest on Sept. 14, reported NBC5. According to the arrest affidavit, the deputy had been active in a chat room called Discord that night, where he posted that he had "just sent a 9 millie in this ... hippie," and phone and computer records showed the two had been arguing about the shooting of a milk carton in the backyard before the alleged murder. Rotter was charged with murder and tampering with evidence and is being held on \$1.15 million bond in the Denton City Jail.

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served in the Army, in Iraq, and I've always believed our position overseas should be to project strength. Obama didn't do a very good job with Iraq, and Benghazi really pissed me off. So I told myself, 'Ok, he is cocky, but we're probably going to be a little stronger overseas. And then his economic policies were a real alternative to California. If you look at San Diego, I'm a contractor, a disabled vet, and I have all these certifications, but I can't do any public works for any city south of the 8 because they all have Project Labor Agreements (which prohibit giving contracts to non-unionized businesses). So I've been locked out of that.'

California, firmly in the hands of Democratic politicians who now command a "super majority" in the legislature, really ticks Galicia off. "They keep pass-

ing one regulation after another, including AB5," the contentious state law that took effect in January and requires companies that hire independent contractors to reclassify them as employees, with only a few exceptions.

"California's always been kind of special," Galicia says. "But it's just gotten worse and worse. I was involved in one of those groups that helps veterans start businesses, and I focus on those who want to go into the trades. It was great when I started in 2006, but now if you make one little mistake you have these fines that can add up and ruin you. I don't think our state government is necessarily trying to target small business. They're fighting big business, trying to unionize them, and we're caught in the middle and getting crushed."

The direction in which California is heading,



"I feel most people like me are just afraid to come out," says Marilou Dela Rosa. "In 2016, I voted for Trump and my husband voted for Hillary [Clinton], and I didn't tell him that I voted for Trump. We don't want to say anything or wear a shirt or hat, because people will criticize us."

Galicia says, was what finally flipped him and is getting him to vote for Donald Trump on November 3. "California has always been a trend-

setter, and I don't want to see what's happened here happen nationally," he says. "I think Trump is less harmful and more pro-small business than

our state government. I have friends who say, 'Why don't you just oppose state government?' But my wife and I had a long talk and we're like,

'Yeah, we gotta vote for Trump, because we don't want this California mess going national.' And we're kind of representative of many others."

He continues: "I see myself, if I attach a label to myself, as a veteran, not as a Latino. I care about these guys coming out of the military. They want to start a new life, and it's harder and harder. The goal posts keep changing, all the rules and regulations — how do you answer that to those guys? A lot of them are not even trying anymore, they're becoming employees. It's just too hard and too risky here in California, and this is an artificial risk created by government. I see Trump as an alternative to that." Biden-Harris, he fears, "would just make things worse."

Galicia is not actively campaigning for Donald Trump, but has given the

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campaign a little money “every so often: \$50 here, there.”

How do his friends react? “Their stance is kind of predictable,” Galicia says. “I have some friends who are further right wing, and of course they’re happy that I stopped criticizing Trump — I used to be notorious for that — and am now supporting him. But a lot of my family are teachers in the LA area. They hate [Secretary of Education] Betsy DeVos, and they don’t think much of Trump. And they’re like, ‘Oh my God, you’re too smart to be supporting him,’ while others say, ‘You’re a Latino Trump supporter? You’re such a sellout.’ I say, ‘Oh my God — just because I’m Latino, I can’t analyze candidates? I have to vote for the approved candidate? Who approved them — La Raza? The Latin Chamber of Commerce?’”

#### Dirty money

Kevin Koch, 49, lives in San Marcos with his girlfriend of nine years and two stepchildren. He owns a tool and die shop and, true to his working-class roots, has been a solid Democrat his entire life. He’s always voted for the Democratic presidential candidate and was planning on voting for Hillary Clinton in 2016, as well.

But then came a series of scandals that rocked the Clinton camp over the summer of 2016: missing emails related to the September 2012 killing of four Americans in Benghazi, Libya during a terrorist attack on a diplomatic compound, which happened under Clinton’s watch as Secretary of State. Charges that Clinton exchanged classified information over a private server susceptible to hacking by foreign agents. And the discovery

that the charitable foundation Clinton ran with her husband had accepted huge donations from foreign interests, particularly in the Middle East.

“My original intent was to vote for her, until she took money from the Middle East, especially from a country where women can’t vote or drive,” Koch says. Clinton’s hypocrisy, he says, “is what flipped me. I wasn’t pro-Trump when [the campaign] started, but as time went on, everything became clear.”

Koch had already become somewhat disenchanted with the Democratic Party, he said, even though he voted for Obama in 2008 and again in 2012. “He didn’t do anything he said he was going to do,” Koch says, “and he was getting us into this globalization, which me being in manufacturing doesn’t agree with. And then the Left started with this an-



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ti-police sentiment, and I didn't like that, either."

Still, he supported Hillary Clinton, until the scandals hit. When Election Day rolled around, Koch cast his ballot for Donald Trump. He will do so again on November 3. "The reason I like him, and the Democrats don't, is he has basically done everything he ran on, and it's driving them nuts," he says.

Koch says he has no love for Joe Biden, the Democratic presidential nominee. "He says he wants to get tough on China. Well, that's not how he operated under the Obama administration. They proudly professed their belief in globalization as a rising tide that raises all boats. Well, it sinks America, is what it does. I'm in manufacturing, and under the Obama administration, I almost lost my business. We struggled a lot with globalization."

More recently, he says, "I've seen the effect the whole anti-police sentiment is having on my sister and brother-in-law, who are both Chicago PD. She sent me pictures of this 'peaceful protest' and her arm was completely bruised. The way they are billing it, and what's really happening — the liberals have completely lost me. They won't even call the protests what they are. They're not peaceful. They're violent, with rioting and looting, and they won't even take a stand against that. And calls to defund the police are just asinine. I can't believe I'm hearing that from a major political party. Now that there's a backlash they're saying that's not what they meant, but 'defund the police' is pretty clear in the English language. You can't backtrack it because you suddenly realize it's not popular."

Koch also is distraught over how polarized the country has been, although, unlike many, he doesn't point the finger at Trump. "The Democratic party... I don't know if it's just their disdain for Trump or that they lost control and they're so power hungry they're doing everything they can to get it back.

"I was in the service, and I will never vote for anyone who stands up for socialism or communism, even if they call it democratic socialism. Whatever they call it, I'm not going to stand for it."

#### Out of the closet

A few years ago, at a family reunion, two of Marilou Dela Rosa's aunts got into a squabble over politics. It seems the younger sister let it slip that she had voted for Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

The older sister slapped her in the face.

And that is just one of the reasons why Dela Rosa, a 63-year-old Filipina who lives in Oceanside and runs a home healthcare agency, became a "closet Trump supporter," until just recently.

"I feel most people like me are just afraid to come out," she says. "In 2016, I voted for Trump and my husband voted for Hillary [Clinton], and I didn't tell him that I voted for Trump. We don't want to say anything or wear a shirt or hat, because people will criticize us. I even have one girlfriend who warned me, 'Marilou, don't say anything. You're going to get hurt. Someone's going to attack you.' I thought to myself, 'How bad is that? It's not safe if you wear a Trump label.' We're not bad people. Whatever happened to letting people have their

own opinions?"

Dela Rosa finally "came out" after the wave of publicity surrounding Trump boat parades in Oceanside and San Diego over the summer. Trump supporters, she says, "are finally coming out and becoming more outspoken. They're posting on Facebook, even."

Dela Rosa posted her support for Trump on Facebook, too, only to have "a friend, a good friend, for many years, unfriend me. Where is this coming from?"

Dela Rosa voted for Obama in 2008, but says she "opted out" in 2012 because she felt racial tensions in this country were getting worse, not better, under a black President. Four years later, she voted, for the first time, for the Republican nominee, Donald J. Trump, believing that Hillary Clinton would take the country in a dangerous

direction toward "socialism, handouts, and taxes, and I just wasn't comfortable with that."

Trump, Dela Rosa says, has been out in public for years, and while he may be an "unpresidential" President, "You know how to deal with him. He speaks his mind." Plus, she says, "he likes to help people. He makes things work, he loves his country, and he likes to make sure people actually work and earn their money. He brings new jobs to this country instead of relying on other countries. As consumers, we rely on China so much, but we have no control over the workforce, the loss of jobs. So when Trump came in, he brought jobs back to this country, and he's a businessperson. He's patriotic, he supports the military, the police, and all the people we rely on for our safety."

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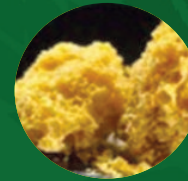
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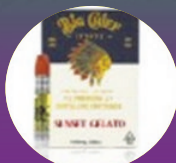
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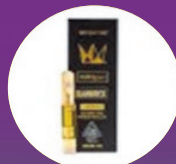
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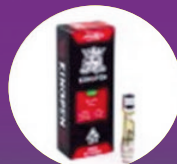
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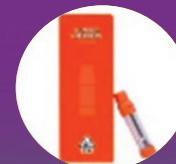
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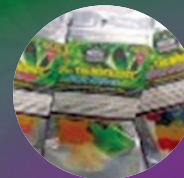


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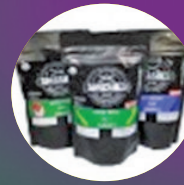
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V.I.P.  
Shake

**\$160**  
(Indica, Hybrid  
& Sativa)

**\$200**  
Small Nugs Indoor

**\$220**  
Exclusive

**\$300**  
V.I.P.

## HAPPY HOURS (12pm-3pm & 8pm-10pm)

**BOSS  
Shelf  
\$17/g**

**V.I.P.  
\$12/g**

**All Edibles  
Buy 2 Get 1  
FREE**

**FREE  
DELIVERY**

On \$50 Orders Or More  
Serving All Of San Diego

Delivery HOURS

**9AM - 9PM**  
(No Double Discounts)



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Best Delivery in San Diego

Must Mention Ad  
for **Discounts.**

Min \$50 Purchase for Delivery



# KushDropz Grand Opening

We strive to deliver the **BEST Medical Cannabis** in San Diego County



**\$60** half ounce, **\$120** ounce **SPECIAL**  
**\$75** half ounce, **\$150** ounce **SPECIAL**  
**\$100** half ounce, **\$180** ounce **SPECIAL**  
**\$10 off ALL Exotic Flower**

**\$5 OFF** Any Edible

OR **5% OFF** Whole Order

\*\*\*1st Time Patient Deals\*\*\*

Present this ad to receive Grand Opening offers.  
 Members Punch Program

\*\*\*\*\$60 minimum delivery\*\*\*\*

**FREE GIFT**  
 with  
 Grand Opening purchase

**KUSHDROPZ**

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**OPEN 24/7 IN SPRING VALLEY!**

**FREE GRAM OF EXOTIC!**

First time patients with min.

\$20 donation get a **FREE** gram of our best shelf!

**FREE HOUSE  
 PRE-ROLL**

with any donation!  
 Must mention ad

**FREE GRAM OF  
 HOUSE WAX**

Spend \$120 and  
 get a free gram of house wax!  
 Must mention ad.

**\$10 OFF ALL  
 OUNCES!**  
 Valid for all  
 shelves!  
 Must mention ad.

**BLACKOUT PRE-ROLLS**  
**2 FOR \$15**

**2 CARTS \$40**  
 Valid for HH,  
 Brass Knuckles,  
 and Kingpen  
 Vapes.

**KushyPunch**

4 for \$45

**WAX SPECIALS**

**\$20/G**  
 • 4G \$70

**\$25/G**  
 • 4G \$80

**\$30/G**  
 • 4G \$100

**BUY 3 VOLCANIC  
 PRODUCTS,  
 GET 1 FREE!**  
 Must mention ad. Equal  
 or lesser value only.

**FREE EDIBLE OR CART!**  
**Buy 3 Carts or Edibles, Get 1 FREE!**  
 Equal or lesser value only.

*Valley Greens*

619-802-5351  
 9960 Campo Rd.  
 Spring Valley, CA 91977  
 Open 24/7!

**FREE  
 DELIVERY!**

**Exclusive Deals  
 Delivery Service**

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**619-396-9462** (North County)

9am-Midnight Daily • We serve all of San Diego County!

**FREE 1/2-OZ OF FLOWER!**

Valid for patients with \$120 min.  
 donation OR if you refer a friend! Must mention ad.

**EXCLUSIVE  
 SHATTER  
 10G \$100**

**5 EXCLUSIVE  
 INDOOR  
 PRE-ROLLS \$25**

**STIIIZY \$20**

**EARTH  
 DEMON \$35 /OZ**

**HH  
 Vapes 2 FOR \$45**

**MOONROCK CARTS  
 2 FOR \$45**

**\$30 1/8THS**  
 (3.5 grams of flower)

**BRASS  
 MONKEY  
 SHATTER 5G \$75**

**CARTS 3 FOR \$50**  
 Mix & Match several options

**CRUMBLE 3G \$40**

**PRIVATE RESERVE  
 \$100 /OZ**

**TOP  
 SHELF \$35 /OZ**

**KIEF 2G \$10**

**GUMMIES  
 5 FOR \$35 (500mg)**

**GOLD  
 SHATTER \$15**

**EXCLUSIVE  
 INDOOR  
 SHAKE \$50 /OZ**

**TOP  
 SHELF  
 SHAKE \$25 /OZ**

**KushyPunch (100mg)  
 5 FOR \$50**



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