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### Plea from Santee

I am continually irked that the *San Diego Reader* routinely excludes information about many San Diego areas, including mine, Santee, but devotes big chunks of space to Mexico ("Borderland Beat shut down", News Ticker, November 9), which is not only not part of San Diego, but is not even part of the United States. I know that there are a lot of Mexicans who live here, but a lot more San Diegans in neighborhoods that you don't even mention. I also know that an awful lot of the Mexicans can affect San Diego, that is Mexican things, including a lot of negative things: our ocean and bay pollution from Mexican sewage, Mexican gangs, Mexican warfare, Mexican drug and people trafficking. So, please focus on San Diego, your magazine's very namesake, rather than acting like Mexico is part of San Diego, and give me more information on San Diego neighborhoods.

Sue  
Santee

### Differing from reality

It's ironic that someone would lament, as a "Recovering Democrat", the "Attitude of Entitlement" of today's Democrat leaders ("Silent no Longer," Letters, November 11). No one has a greater sense of entitlement than Donald Trump. Born with \$35 million (conservative estimate) and avoiding any real service to his country of birth (5 deferments), his entire life has been a life of selfishness and greed. I'm still trying to imagine the story that Trump supporters tell themselves in order to not question why he has fought so hard to keep his

taxes hidden. It makes sense that they question the actual results of the election since Trump tried to claim fraud weeks before the election (and they believe everything that comes out of his mouth). The only reason Trump got as many votes as he did is a tribute to his abilities as a fear and hate monger, not a validation of his character. Reality isn't "fake" and compassion does actually matter!

D. Sims  
Spring Valley

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**"Aussie surfboard maker J.S. Industries runs into Oceanside buzzsaw"**

**Neighborhood News November 18**

As long as they are employing locals from Oceanside, making money during a pandemic and none of the boards come from China -- more power to them. Business is all about competition.

—Socks3742

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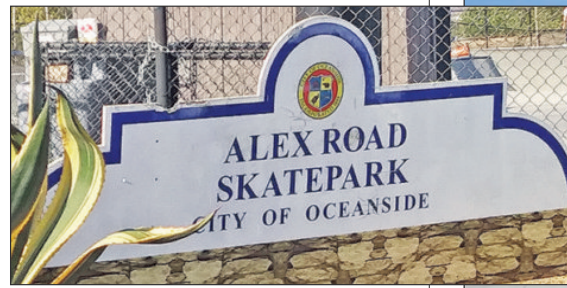
OCEANSIDE

## Mayor pleads for Prince Saved by skating, but a bathroom would be nice

About 100 skaters a day show up to Oceanside's Prince Park. On weekends, it's twice as many, because it's free to use and because skating is cool. Josh Carson, who commutes daily from Oceanside to his Orange County aerospace tech job, says the cement bowls are doing a lot to keep Oceanside locals out of trouble. "It keeps them from getting in gangs. We get kids from [gang-claimed] neighborhoods like the Deep Valley, Eastside, Center Street, and Fireside. Some come from a real bad family situation. They talk to me about everything. You would not believe some of the fucked-up shit they have told me about in their home life. This is their safe place."

Carson, 41, has been skating since he was a teen. He says it kept him out of gangs, and he's been coming to Prince since it opened seven years ago. Most of that time, he's been known as the mayor of Prince Park for the hours of time he spends keeping order, organizing special events, and giving moral support to the kids who skate there. "I made 100 shirts that said Prince Park, but because these kids don't have any money, I ended up giving them all away," he says. Nor does he get paid for the time he donates to making skate videos. And that's okay. He just wants the city of Oceanside to give some love to the kids who rely on Prince Park — to keep them in a good state of mind. "What kind of a park has a bathroom that you'd find in a third-world prison?" he asks, noting that because the city has failed to install water or sewer lines to the park, the skaters must rely on an outhouse and a hand-washing station that relies on imported water. "Have you smelled that water? Who cares about the Covid when we are worrying about hepatitis?"

Oceanside is committed to skaters. Escondido has one skate park, while Carlsbad, San Marcos and Vista each have two. Oceanside has five. However, "Every one except Prince Park has a bathroom with running water," says Carson. The toilet installed at Prince



"San Diego County is the mecca of skaters."

Park is a "pit toilet" frequently used at campgrounds. The city of Oceanside pays to have water brought in and sewage pumped out from the collector "vaults." Right now, Oceanside has no plans to install water or sewer lines, due to the expense. It is instead waiting until the Encinitas-based Zephyr Partners builds out its proposed OceanKamp development, which is proposing 700 new homes, a hotel, and a themed recreation area built around an artificial wave lagoon.

There is also the matter of the park's official name. It is known as Prince Park by locals who use it. Google Maps and the skating media call it Prince Skatepark. But formally, it's the Alex Road Skatepark. "Everyone knew Prince," says Carson. "Everyone is still trying to figure out who Alex was." And for Carson, it's personal: Michael Prince Johnson was a close friend. Carson used to video him while Prince performed aerial skating maneuvers. Prince was the drummer in the Oceanside band Purple Church, whose "gutter-glam" approach reminded some of Mötley Crüe and other bands from the '80s hair metal era. Prince died at age 25, just months after the skatepark opened in the summer of 2013. Carson says Prince had amazing skating skills and was always a friend to up-and-coming skaters. He says popular belief that Prince died due to

time at the October meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Interim Neighborhood Services director Megan Crook said the decision to re-name Alex Road Skatepark lies with the city council. She explained that the re-naming of city facilities in Oceanside is taken up in the month of April. She said that

during daylight hours, because parents can be counted on to maintain order.

Carson is not the only angel who has stepped up to help the Prince Park kids. Steve Zanco, president of Skate Park Respect says his non-profit North County group helps out municipal skateparks after they are opened but

## "Have you smelled that water? Who cares about the Covid when we are worrying about hepatitis?"

the council relies on input from city staff and the appointed parks and recreation commission. Crook also said she could not comment on whether Prince's early death could play a part in whether the council would decide to re-christen the skatepark in his name. But it may be worth noting that homegrown NFL superstar Junior Seau died in his beachfront Oceanside home in 2012 following a self-inflicted gunshot wound, and the city council opted to re-name the pier-adjacent Beach Community Center and the so-called "band-shell" stage after the homegrown football star.

There are other hopeful signs. Carson maintains that the Oceanside police don't seem to be harassing the skater kids the way they used to. "They used to show up and give out tickets to kids who were skating without helmets. They got their boards confiscated and couldn't get them back until they paid the \$180 for the ticket."

But indemnification laws enacted in the '90s allow cities to operate skateparks on a use-at-your-own-risk basis, and police spokesman Tom Bussey says the Oceanside police no longer go out of their way to cite skaters for not having helmets. And he says that Oceanside skate parks have not attracted bad behavior

are not necessarily maintained by the cities that own them. He says his group saw to it that the parking lot at Prince Park got a new asphalt treatment, helped cover up the bathroom graffiti, and installed bamboo shading structures. "San Diego County is the mecca for skaters," says Zanco. "There are a ton of pro skaters and locals who are coming up here. We try and bridge the gap to help keep the parks in good shape once they are open." (Oceanside will be installing a \$67,000 permanent sail shade structure at Prince Park in the Spring.)

Micaela Ramirez says Prince Park is the "heart and soul of the old school skateboard culture." Her Poseiden Foundation recently gave away 24 pairs of shoes from companies like Etnies, Vans, and Converse, plus 35 new decks to Prince Park kids. She maintains that rattling the cage at city hall is getting things done. "They finally put in a handwashing station." And she says being outspoken about the lack of protection from sunlight is what got the green light for the sail shades. "The skate park is important to the mental health of these kids. It's where they can feel safe and get away from gang violence. The [official] name change to Prince Park would give ownership to the kids. They would feel they have a voice and that the community cares for them. He was a friend to them and he inspired them. He may have had his own personal demons, but so did Junior Seau. Skating is a better pathway. Trust me."

KEN LEIGHTON

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Carson: not only is skateboarding not a crime, "it keeps them from getting in gangs."

a heroin overdose is not true. "He was not a druggie. He had been clean for years. He was overweight and just did some cocaine one night. His heart gave out." He says he has tried to get the city to change the name to Prince Park, but has been ignored.

Now, Oceanside is finally looking at the question. The item was discussed for the first





Brookfield: in arrears after Sears disappears.

**Brookfield not mired in Marsh**

Fall of mall hasn't kept it from entering Arena

A unit of the Toronto investment behemoth that bankrolled the demise of the height limit in San Diego's Midway area via Measure E is falling short on mortgage payments to retire a multi-million-dollar debt. A subsidiary of Brookfield Asset Management is more than 60 days delinquent on \$190 million in so-called Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities secured by the White Marsh Mall in Baltimore, Maryland, according to *TheRealDeal.com*. Rents have been plunging at the shopping center, the biggest in Baltimore, in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic and the loss of Sears, an anchor tenant, the report says. Amazon is now using the Sears parking lot for its delivery vehicles.

The loan, set to expire in May of next year, was originated by Wells Fargo in 2013. Brookfield, which hasn't made a payment on the debt since July, has of late been telling investors and lenders not to become concerned about the pandem-

ic's impact on the commercial real estate business. "The crisis has reinforced a couple of things we already knew," Brookfield Asset Management's Andrea Balkan told *CommercialObserver.com* last week. "First, don't panic — things are never as good as they look during a boom or as bad as they look during a downturn. Second, sponsorship is as important as the quality of the real estate." And many reports say Brookfield still has lots of cash. "The willingness of Brookfield Property Partners LP, Starwood Capital Group, Colony Capital Inc., and Blackstone Group Inc. to skip payments on commercial mortgage-backed securities backed by hotels and malls illustrates how the economic fallout from the coronavirus has devalued some real estate while also creating new targets for these cash-loaded investors," *Bloomberg.com* reported August 24. This fall, Brookfield Property Partners partnered with shopping mall giant Simon Property Group in a deal to purchase the ailing assets of bankrupt J.C. Penney for \$800 million in a bid to keep Penney's

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**UNDER THE RADAR**

**Steve Peace's Maui Wowie**

The seemingly endless covid lockdown may be the order of the day for civilians, but a horde of California politicians was on the road to Maui last week, thanks to the non-profit Independent Voter Project, founded by ex-state Senate Democrat **Steve Peace**. "It really doesn't matter where you're coming from as long as you have a negative covid test before you arrive here," Peace sidekick **Dan Howle**, an ex-Eli Lilly lobbyist and current chair and executive director of the group told *Politico.com*, which reported that about 100 attendees, a third of the usual contingent, convened for days last week at the Fairmont Kea Lani. "Fair to say that the timing isn't great," **Jack Pitney**, a politics professor at Claremont McKenna College, told the website. "Anybody organizing an in-person event should think carefully about the optics, particularly in California, where the governor has just sent most of the state into purple. There's a chance this will not be received well by the general public."

As usual, the official guest list remains a closely held secret, so curious constituents will just have to wait for the gift listings in next year's filings of personal financial disclosure statements by state officeholders. In previous years, political parties have included Republican ex-assemblyman **Martin Garrick**, busted in 2011 for drunk driving after being chased into the capital garage by Sacramento police. Some former financial sponsors of the event, includ-

ing Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and the Western States Petroleum Association are no longer involved, per *Politico*. But Howle remains unapologetic. "At some point in time, you have to figure out a way for people to get back to some semblance of a normal life." Added the account: "Howle emphasized that there would be no cocktail hours or impromptu hotel bar hangouts and that guests would be instructed not to move from table to table at meals, adding masks would be required at all times except when eating or drinking. The event received special permission from the county to convene a group larger than 12 people, he said." When the *Sacramento Bee* raised questions about the legislative blowout in 2015 after a reporter for the paper was barred from attending events,

the Independent Voter Project posted its own online coverage. "Howle says members of the press are not invited to the event in order to protect the privacy of the attendees, and to facilitate the candid conversations that can only happen when the press is not peeping over the shoulders of these lawmakers and industry experts."

The item, a link to which has since been taken down from the Independent Voter Project website, continued: "The



Steve Peace seems unfazed by criticism of his political conference.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JOE KIERN

conversations that took place between attendees confirmed that this is a common concern among lawmakers and industry professionals alike — that the current political and media environment is hostile toward business leaders and lawmakers discussing real problems and developing amicable solutions."

**SDSU's costly stadium deal**

California taxpayers paid the San Diego branch of multinational law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton a cool \$200,000 for its lobbying work on behalf of San Diego State University during the third quarter of this year, says a November 2 disclosure. The firm's influence peddling on behalf of SDSU's acquisition of the property formerly known as Qualcomm Stadium from the city of San Diego included lobbying **Cybele Thompson**, the recently departed Real Estate Assets manager under Republican mayor **Kevin Faulconer**, along with the termed-out mayor's chief operating officer **Erik Caldwell**. The \$88 million

transaction was finally completed on August 6.

Hines International, developer of the giant Riverwalk residential undertaking in Mission Valley that sailed through city council last week, paid Sheppard Mullin \$235,000 for lobbying that project, as well as for seeking "approval of land use entitlements for the development of the Navy Broadway Project." The bulk of development rights to that

bayfront site were purchased in September from former *Union-Tribune* owner **Doug Manchester** by IQHQ, a biotech development outfit run by Texas-based **Alan Gold** for \$230 million, according to a November 13 *U-T* report.

**Municipal fraud** At least one unnamed high-ranking city official has

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San Diego State lobbied mayoral staffer Erik Caldwell regarding the \$88 million purchase of the stadium site.



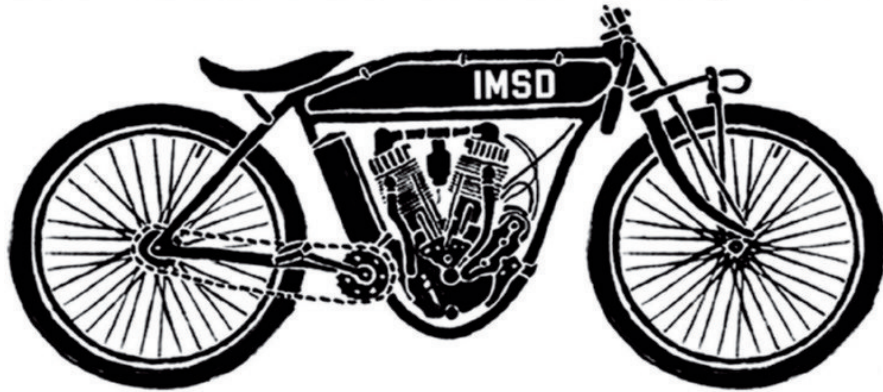


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over his illegal actions against campus media (non-payment of Associated Student funds) because *The Koala* made fun of him. UCSD will probably need a purge in administration before 2022.

—*Strelnikov*

### “The Doorman” Movies

That Doc Tom in Gibney’s *Totally Under Control* is a Corporate Dem, formerly of the Obama Admin and practically a paid employee of the PBS News Hour since they’ve had him so many times on.

—*SalULloyd*

### “Sports Arena redeveloper delinquent on \$190 million loan”

News Ticker  
November 16

This is an excellent piece of reporting, clear and concise. If any developer involved in retail space is current on its debt now, I would be surprised. Bricks-and-mortar retailing has been on a downslope for a long time, and the pandemic has made it worse even faster.

The demise of Sears and pending demise of JC Penney will leave those malls with few, if any, anchors, and without them the concept of the mall doesn’t work. Locally Sears closed its last location in Westfield North County, and the Nordstrom there will not reopen. That leaves the mall with only two department stores, Macy’s and Penney. (It opened in 1985 with six of them.)

This mostly-Canadian developer will need to get its debt current before it can attempt anything ambitious in redeveloping the sports arena. The developers, just because they are big, doesn’t mean they are smart. Anyone looking to create new retail space now is insane or in denial. Scads of former retail space will come on the market soon, looking to be re-purposed. The success in getting SD voters to take off the height limit may prove an empty win for them if

they can’t make use of the property

—*Visduh*

### “Cuties (Mignonnes)” Movies

A grand jury has now indicted Netflix for disseminating lewd materials for distributing this film.

—*NorseGringo*

### “What’s an anti-Trump sign when you’ve been shot on Orange Avenue?” Neighborhood News November 8

If Jacob thinks that Trump was treated unfairly maybe he should do some research on him. Trump is and always has been all about himself. He does not care about anything but winning. He looks at everything as a win or loss. He only values loyalty and will turn on anyone that he believes is not with him. Trump followers are no better than someone who is in a cult. They will follow him no matter what just like the followers of Jim Jones did.

—*AlexClarke*

### “Family of man killed by Amtrak train at trolley stop files claim” Neighborhood News November 9

They may have a claim there; usually pedestrians and rails are separated very carefully, often to extremes. But this looks as if the trolley tracks and the main rails don’t have the usual fence or wall because of the street crossing. Yet, there are no signals between the two sets of tracks at all. That is not the typical situation.

At the Santa Fe depot and in Old Town, people are not allowed to just walk across the rails with no barrier or warning device. Both of those locations have train stops and trolley stops where the two are kept separate--to an annoying degree. But they keep many pedestrians off the tracks used by Amtrak, the Coaster, and freights.

This is a tragic story. Nobody should have to witness the death of a loved one being struck by a speeding train. Horrible.

—*Visduh*

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## UNDER THE SKIN

### No tattoo taboo

But crowds may be a reason to fear Friday the 13th

On Friday the 13th, over 40 tattoo collectors lined up in front of Funhouse Tattoo and its neighbors in Pacific Beach for the parlor's \$44 flash tattoo special. A handful couldn't bear the hours-long wait here and strolled half a mile west on Garnet to Sideshow Tattoo and Piercing, who transposed the unlucky number and charged \$31 per flash piece. About 17 miles south in Chula Vista, The Standard Tattoo Parlor slung their flash tats for \$20 a pop. Three years ago, when I followed the Friday the 13th tattoo specials, hockey masks, black cats, teacups, bananas, and the number 13 were popular designs.

Flash is the pre-designed, simple tattoo art usually plastered on the walls and in binders inside tattoo parlor showrooms. Each flash piece measures about two to three inches in size. *Vice* credits Oliver Peck as one of the "kick-starters" of making the 13th "Black Friday for tattoos day,"



Vaca: "The pandemic forced me to kind of take a few steps back, reevaluate, rediscover, and reinvent myself."

throwing his "first big Friday the 13th shindig in 1995 at the now-shuttered Pair O' Dice shop in Dallas." Since then, tat shops all over have followed suit, sometimes charging just \$13 for flash tattoos. That is, until recently. Diego Tattoo Gallery in North Park had a Friday the 13th deal in March, just days before the state-mandated close-downs. This month, they



Sleeve stylist Vaca wasn't looking for a vacation.

posted on Facebook: "Sorry folks, no Friday the 13th flash today."

Pete Vaca inked in Texas before relocating to Full Circle Tattoo in South Park. Vaca has slung ink for 20 years; I met him at a tattoo convention in Golden Hall when I photographed and wrote for *Tattoo*, one of the original print magazines covering the now-mainstream lifestyle. "As far as Friday the 13th, I prefer not to participate," he says. "Nothing against the clients and artists that do participate. This year is especially tricky and dangerous. Friday the 13th tattoos usually create crowds and lines of people that wait hours and hours for a tattoo, and with the pandemic, I think that's a very dangerous game of chance. I was affected by the pandemic in a few ways. I was out of work for six months, the longest I have ever gone without work or tattooing. I've been back to work now, but the pandemic is continuing, and affecting us all. Every week, I'm still encountering cancellations and reschedules due to clients' work restrictions, quarantines, and/or exposures to covid-19. My work schedule has been reduced to half. I tattoo

too many essential workers, and if they're affected, I'm affected. Everyone's affected. The pandemic forced me to kind of take a few steps back, reevaluate, rediscover, and reinvent myself, both artistically and personally. I've definitely lost time working and tattooing and suffered monetarily, but I've gained time finding and falling back in love with everything that I once loved

about art and why I make art."

Many tattoo artists with whom I've spoken in the past did not answer my query about Friday the 13th; some haven't updated their Instagram accounts since March. John, a local tattoo photographer, says that "a lot of my tattoo [artist] homies worked outta their pads during [the] shutdown. On the real, bro, they ain't gonna talk to you because if we get shut down again, they don't want anybody knowing." (As for John, "During the shutdown, to create revenue, I was able to focus on my non-tattoo art and paintings. I sold the most paintings during the shutdown than I ever have throughout my whole life. It took a pandemic for me to sell my art, which I'm completely grateful for.") San Diego classifies tattoo artists and the parlors they work in as personal care services. On October 20, the city updated its website, stating, "Personal care services can open indoors with modifications in all tiers." But, says John, "I feel like tattooing as a whole has already been practicing a lot of the new health and safety protocols. We merely added temperature checks and wearing a mask to our arsenal. Some of the officials that make up these restrictions and regulations don't understand the lengths tattooers take to ensure the safety of each of our clients, ourselves, and our families."

MIKE MADRIAGA

## OCEANSIDE

### Surf turf war

Locals react to big new board store

The Aussies are invading North County with a fleet of foreign-made surfboards, much to the dismay of some locals. The huge Australian-based surfboard manufacturer J.S. Industries is set to open its new U.S. headquarters in Oceanside next month at a 6000-square-foot warehouse a half mile from the beach. The back half of the building on Wisconsin Street will serve as a warehouse/distribution center, shipping out imported \$800 retail boards to the rest of the country. The front of the building will sell retail to locals. And all those foreign boards, says one local businessman, could impact such longtime local surfshops as Surfride, Real Surf, Asylum, Offshore, and Carlsbad Pipeline. "It's like freaking locusts descending on us," says the surf shop owner, who declined to be named. "It's like they have a scorched earth plan as they dump boards on us from out of the country. We make more boards here in Oceanside than any other town in the United States. They are coming in and taking money from everybody, from retailers to board builders and everybody in between."

The building that J.S. Industries will be occupying has been vacant for over a year. It was most recently a vintage car showcase



Jason Stevenson, the real J.S. in J.S. Industries.

called Pops Hot Rod Garage, and J.S.I. painted over a longtime Ed Roth-style skeleton mural that had been on its exterior for some eight years. Removing the mural did not sit well with the surf shop owner. "You probably shouldn't paint over a mural like that," he says. "Locals don't react well to shit like that. If you want to come into Oceanside, you should do it soft. Do it right and be humble about it. You have to earn local respect the hard way. Look at [restaurant] Bull Taco and [coffee shop] Revolution Roasters. Bull Taco got run

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out of town and no self-respecting local goes to Revolution Roasters.” (Revolution Roasters opened on Coast Highway, next door to the long-established Captain’s Grounds coffee house.) The anti-Aussie sentiment spilled over last week when someone tagged J.S. Industries’ newly painted exterior: “You fuk up! Fuck ozz! O’side. Get out!!!” The slur has since been painted over, but a T-shirt has been printed with J.S. Industries’ tractor logo and the motto, “BUILT FOR GREED...JUST SHIT INDUSTRIES.” A different local surf shop owner (who also declined to be named) was only slightly less negative. “I feel like there’s room for everyone, as long as they employ local shapers. If it’s just pop-outs from China, then what the hell are they doing here? I hear a lot of what they [import] is pop-outs from China.”

Heath Walker of Carlsbad is the Australian-born president of U.S. operations for J.S. Industries. He says the surfboard-making business is on a roll. “The surf industry is booming right now. Team sports are hurting because of covid. The only thing that’s open is the beach and everyone’s surfing. The guys who build the boards are making more than they ever have in their life.” Walker admits that J.S. is an Australian company. “We never lied about that.” But he says J.S. Industries in Oceanside is all about being local. “The people we employ are all local. I met our gardener in



One local tagger sprayed on J.S. Industries’ newly painted exterior. The tag was quickly painted over.

haul.” He adds that J.S. Industries has long supplied boards to local stores like Surftrider in Oceanside, Hansen’s in Encinitas, Hangar 94 in La Mesa, and Ripcurl in PB. Last year, it imported 3000 boards into America. “We want to support all the local businesses. I surf



“We want to support all the local businesses. I surf in Carlsbad or Oceanside every day.”

the [surfing] lineup. Our painter is a ripper in the water. Everyone we employ, from the electrician to the guy who made the fence, is from Oceanside. I realize you can’t just show up for 12 months and get respect. We have a long-term lease and we’re here for the long



J.S. painted over a longtime Ed Roth-style skeleton mural that had been on the building for some eight years. Some locals were displeased.

in Carlsbad or Oceanside every day. It gives me so much joy to be here. I want to give back to this place.”

Regarding the mural, Walker says, “We want to support local history. But what we hope to do going forward is hire local artists to do a new local mural each year.” And as for the graffiti: “It hurts a lot, I’m not going to lie,” says Walker. “It really took a chunk out of my armor. But we are here for the long term and I know getting acceptance will not happen overnight.”

Walker says J.S. Industries has tried to make boards in the U.S. “We tried to do it domestically once, but it didn’t work out for our brand.” He says he would like to convince the home office that it should be tried again. “I am pushing for that to happen, but out of respect for all the years [founder and namesake] Jason Stevenson put into brand name, our prototypes would have to be perfect. It’s like making a Mercedes Benz in the U.S. It has to have the same quality or it’s not worth it.” He maintains that J.S. Industries is one of the top four surfboard makers in the world along with

Mayhem of San Clemente, Channel Islands of Santa Barbara, and Darren Handley Design of Australia. He hopes that going forward, his fellow surfers and surfboard sellers can cut him some slack. “We’re living in a world of shit sandwiches right now. Our objective is to be a positive person in the community. It takes time.” And he says that J.S.I. boards are imported either from Australia or Thailand, not from China.

After 40-plus years in his old location on Cleveland Street, Gary Linden is moving his shop and shaping facility directly across the street from the new J.S. Industries headquarters. He says the new Linden Surfboards home will open in the spring. “I’m fine with it,” Linden says of the new competition. “If you want a foreign board made overseas or a hand-shaped board made locally you now have a choice.” Besides, says Linden, business is good for everyone. “Nobody is hurting. I don’t see why anyone should be complaining. Like anything, it is not correct to blame the supplier. It’s like drugs or anything else, you should always look at the consumer. Nobody is forcing anything down anyone’s throat. I sent a message to them and said ‘Let’s collaborate.’”

KEN LEIGHTON

## NORTH PARK Bikes over bites?

Both parking and parklets in peril on 30th

In July, as the pandemic raged, the city waived fees and made it a lot easier for restaurants to obtain a permit for outdoor dining. Many North Park eateries quickly set up tables on sidewalks or shouldered the cost to build a parklet – a sealed-off portion of curbside parking spaces reserved for restaurants. It was a good survival strategy, but for some it will end too soon. Once the repaving of 30th St. is completed in January, bike lanes are coming, and what the city says is a handful of restaurants between Polk Ave. and Juniper St. will have to tear down their new outdoor dining set ups.

According to the city, they’ll be able to restore them, but restaurant owners have heard otherwise. “I was told that once the repaving is done, no structures will be allowed back into the street,” says Peter DeCoste, owner of Pete’s Seafood and Sandwich near the corner of 30th and Upas. And

North Park Main Street has tried unsuccessfully to get the city to put in writing that street dining would be allowed back after the repaving, he says. While Pete’s only has two sidewalk tables due to the busy intersection, DeCoste worries about the loss of parking, now that more people who live nearby are working from home. “I believe the impact of this on small business will be devastating,” he says.

City spokesman Alec Phillipp says there



Pete’s patio is not imperiled, but he still fears parking problems.

are no firm dates yet for the paving, which will be followed by the re-stripping of bike and road lanes, but that it will take place in January. The city will contact those whose dining set-ups will be in conflict with the new bike lanes, he says. “To minimize the

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impacts to these businesses, we are developing a plan to expedite them through the process of obtaining a new outdoor dining permit.” Bikes, it seems, will flow around an obstacle course of parklets. The city will design traffic control set-ups for each business “to ensure cyclists in the bike lane are safely directed around the new outdoor dining patios.” He says the traffic control plans will be developed on a case-by-case basis, once each business has obtained new permits to replace their outdoor dining setups. “The focus is on mitigating the impact to these businesses and helping them get re-established as quickly and safely as possible.”

For restaurant owners like DeCoste, the uncertainty isn't helped by San Diego hitting the worst tier of state restrictions last week, sending restaurants back to outdoor dining less than three months after being allowed to resume limited indoor dining. “All we are asking as business owners is to delay the removal until we are allowed at least 50 percent dine-in capacity.”

SHEILA PELL

## CORONADO San Diego's Rainbow Bridge It leads to Coronado not Asgard, but still

As the Port of San Diego moves forward with its San Diego-Coronado Bay Bridge Lighting Project, the vision for the project is coming more into focus. For one week — November 8-14 — a portion of the bridge was temporarily illuminated as the Port conducted its first over-water lighting field test — the next step in preparing to create a monumental signature artwork for the region. The week of technical testing was intended to evaluate the lighting design that has been developed to-date, its technical functionality, and its ability to display the broad range of artistic color lighting as envisioned.

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real-time. During the testing, 170 computer-programable color LED luminaires and controllers were temporarily installed, and the project team and design consultants took measurements, collected data, and identified adjustments that may be necessary as the project's design development continues.

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## Salk It To 'Em

Amazon's Bezos gives Institute \$30 million to find "cure" for ailing climate

Last week, Amazon overlord Jeff Bezos announced the first winners in his \$10 billion climate change giveaway; among them was La Jolla's own Salk Institute, the recipient of \$30 million in recognition of its potential to speed the planet's healing. "Jonas Salk famously aided in the development of a vaccine for the scourge of polio," said Bezos in his remarks during the announcement. "Today, the planet faces a similar scourge, a disease that is raising its temperature



Dread Zeppelin? Artist's rendering of Bezos Blimp taking off from La Jolla to disperse Final Climate Solution through the atmosphere. "Here at Amazon, it's always Day One," says Bezos. "Or, as some people have put it, The Beginning."

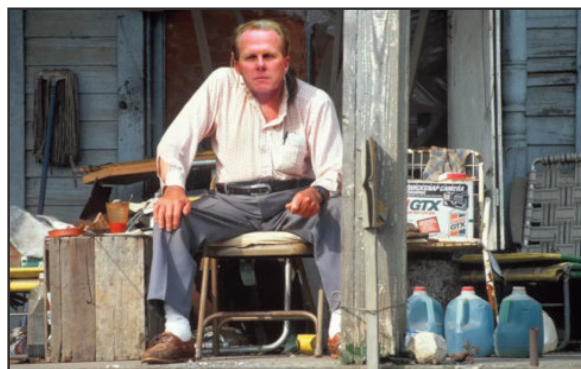
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to eradicate. But the same could be said for polio, and look what Jonas Salk was able to accomplish there. The earth needs a vaccine; I'm proud to help the Salk Institute make that happen. And if any Prime customers should find themselves accidentally inoculated, a Prime delivery drone can rush deliver Amazon's proprietary antidote within just two hours!"

## Thanksgrumping

Mayor Faulconer cancels Thanksgiving holiday for San Diego

"I don't see why anybody should complain," said Mayor Faulconer at yesterday's press conference in which he declared Thanksgiving officially canceled for the city of San Diego. "You're not allowed to gather, anyway. If you tried to do a Thanksgiving under these conditions, it'd just remind you of how awful things are compared to the way they ought to be. You'd look around your table at the same dumb faces you've been looking at since March, and you'd look at the turkey you're going to be harvesting for leftovers for the next month since there's not nearly enough people present to eat the damn thing, and you'd think of your elderly loved ones reheating frozen dinners for one in their crappy quarantined apartments halfway across the country, and you'd start fighting the urge to either weep uncontrollably or skip dinner entirely and move



Mayor Faulconer on the back porch of City Hall, contemplating the distinct possibility that his political fortunes have sunk lower than a snake's belly in a wagon rut.

straight on to the bourbon. I'm doing you a favor, one that really, if I'm being honest, ought to be enough to make you forgive me for the Ash Street mess, the smart streetlights, and all the other crap that is forever reminding me that THERE IS NOTHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR. No, it's not because I'm likely to be the last

Republican mayor this stinking city ever elects, and it's definitely not because I can kiss my hopes for governor goodbye now that Sea World is set to die on my watch. Now shut up and go home, order a pizza on Thursday, and mask up between bites, just like your Democrat Governor Newsom said."

## The Right Stuffing

San Diego deemed perfect setting for season two of Disney+ quasi-hit

Last week, the California Film Commission announced that Disney+'s *The Right Stuff*, an adaptation of the Tom Wolfe novel about the American space program, would be filming its second season in San Diego, thus allowing it take advantage of California's Film and Television Tax Credit Program. Showrunner Mike Moon expressed excitement over the move, saying he hoped the change of setting would help with his planned change of tone for the respectfully received series. "Season One, despite its drama over which of the Starry Seven would get to be the First Man in Space, was dull as dirt, or maybe mundane as moon dust, because it totally missed the point of the original Tom Wolfe novel, which was that *the astronauts were not pilots*, and therefore could not possibly be imbued with the Right Stuff. The Stuff that made the military's test pilots



Disney execs were pleased to discover that Miramar could easily stand in for the "gloriously Low Rent" Edwards Air Force base. And the weather is so much nicer on the coast!

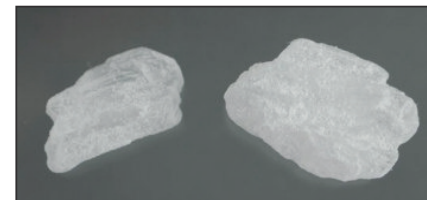
members of the True Brotherhood, guys who could fly a rocket plane into the ether, ride it tumbling end-over-end back down toward earth like a 'chimney with little razor blade wings,' and still manage to land the damn thing and be at Pancho's in time for Happy Hour, there to get smashed, get laid, and get maybe two hours' sleep before getting back in the saddle the next day. So for season two, we're turning back the clock to those early days out in the desert, 1949, when, as Wolfe put it, 'the girls began turning up at Pancho's in amazing numbers. They were young, lovely,

juicy, frisky — and there were so many of them, at all hours, every day of the week!...They were moist labial piping little birds who had somehow learned that at this strange place in the high Mojave lived the hottest young pilots in the world and that this was where things were happening.' It was either that or send seven squares into space, and there ain't no girls in space. We figure San Diego's a good town for recruiting extras, if you take my meaning. Lotta bored young ladies stuck in the so-called purple tier. Should make for good television, and a good time to boot."

## Surefire Meth-od

A friendly reminder from your neighborhood meth dealer

Well, the holidays are upon us — a hard time for a lot of people under the best of circumstances. And these are not the best of circumstances. Loneliness and depression should be at peak levels come Thanksgiving and Christmas, and there's no vaccine for those. Speaking of vaccines, you may be trying to cheer yourself up with the thought that a covid vaccine may be available by the middle of next year. Maybe. But say you get that vaccine. Is the vaccine going to get you your job back? Is the vaccine going to keep you from getting evicted? Is the vaccine going to change you from the strung-out, neurotic wreck that



A record number of overdoses in San Diego County can't be wrong!

you've become over the past year into some sort of smooth-talking operator who knows how to relate to other human beings in person? Probably not. There's a lot of talk about Building Back Better, but you know better, don't you? You know it's too late for you, and that if you really want to avoid getting covid-19, you don't need a vaccine six months down the line. You need something now, and you need something guaranteed.



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# ASK A HIPSTER

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## Dear Hipster:

2020 is almost over, and I think we can all agree it's been a hell of a year. Rather than dwell on the weirdness of 2020, I want to take a look back in time, all the way to the turn of the 21st-century. Can you believe people born during Y2K will be able to buy alcohol this year? That seems crazy to me. Would you say we are living in a better world, a worse world, or a world that's more or less the same as the world we lived in twenty years ago?

— INDY

I think everything you need to know about today's world is conveyed by the legions of people who took to the internet to vent their collective frustration over Baby Yoda eating frog eggs in a recent episode of *The Mandalorian*.

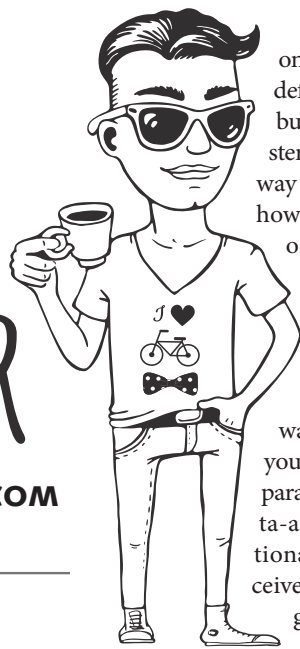
"Cancel Baby Yoda!" screeched the irate masses. "It's a genocide!" cried the great ranks of offended fans. Commenta-



Babies really will eat everything

tors rushed to their keyboards, each one eager to pen the definitive think piece that would either consign Baby Yoda to the 21st-century cultural sewer, exonerate the lovable green tot, or (more likely) indulge a good bit of fence-sitting equivocation. The tweets piled up. China's attempt to extirpate the Uighurs continued unabated.

Should Baby Yoda in fact be canceled? Was eating the frog eggs a gag-inducing genocide, or just a gag? (Seriously though, if you don't know what I'm talking about, let me direct you to Google.) Eventually,



only "Ask a Hipster" could definitely resolve the issue, but, true to form, the Hipster refused to weigh in one way or the other, seeing as how expressing an opinion on something cripples one's ability to poke fun at it.

But wait a second. Did you notice how one of those things was not like the other? If you guessed the preceding paragraph was a precise meta-analysis of the proportional media coverage received by (a) a TV show for grown-up children in which a pretend space creature pretends to eat some pretend eggs; and (b) an arguable, modern genocide; then you guessed right! Yeah. That's the world we live in now, and we'd all better get used to it. Heck, I bet somebody smarter than me already wrote a think piece about it.

Double heck, this might well turn into a think piece if I'm not careful. I'd best avoid sneaking anything thoughtful in here, lest I become the thing at which I've been cheerfully poking fun.

Triple heck, I fear it's too late.

Look, whether this is a better world or a worse one depends almost entirely on the yardstick you employ in measuring the relative goodness of life. If you think the world is utterly bass-ackwards for the reasons I've cleverly tried to illustrate here, then you probably think the world has taken a swan dive straight into the

quarter inch of fetid water lingering at the bottom of the drained pool that is the 21st-century. If, on the other hand, you see ever expanding intellectual liberation supported by the profligacy of information exchange that has allowed every idea, no matter how stupid, to find its place in 21st-century life, then perhaps you see the world as peachy keen and getting better every gosh darn day. Take that piece of useless advice for every penny it isn't worth, I guess.

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### Garbage thinking

In *The Simpsons*: Season 7, Episode 3, "Home Sweet Hometown-Dum-Doodily," Homer and Marge lose custody of their children and have to attend a parenting class in order to get them back. At one point, the instructor declares, "Garbage goes in the garbage can; I cannot stress this enough, people." Marge is mortified: "This is so embarrassing." Cut to Homer, nodding thoughtfully: "Hm. Makes sense!"

A few years ago, I interviewed film director Ben Wheatley about his adaptation of JG Ballard's *High Rise*, which is less a dystopian story than a story of how dystopia happens.

One of the early signs: a clogged trash chute. Trash also helps to highlight the protagonist Laing's character: as things get uglier and more unhinged, he is mostly content to step over the piles of accumulating filth and hide in his hole in the wall. Director Wheatley: "I watch Laing and think, 'Oh God, I'm Laing. I'm not taking responsibility. I'm not getting involved. I'm cross about things, but I'm not doing anything about it.' If you don't have the energy to fix things, everything just kind of slides around you and gets worse and worse."

Which is why I'm on the side of the 94 West this morning, picking up disposable masks, empty chip bags, empty Hennessy bottles, a length of rope, scraps of plastic, bits of Styrofoam, a busted Sir Mix-a-Lot CD, plus scads of other detritus, and stuffing them into a big black garbage bag. I'm sick of myself, driving to work every morning, lamenting the accumulation of garbage, and wondering not only why there are so many Homers out there, but also why someone doesn't do something about it. (As it happens, someone did, packing maybe 20 Adopt-a-Highway bags in the quarter-mile just before Massachusetts Avenue. But you don't have to adopt a highway to pick up trash.) First lesson: next time, bring a rake. There are so very many little bits among the brambles, and after you've cleaned, the stuff you missed — a shining strip of chewing gum foil, a bright red plastic bottle cap — only sticks out all the more.

I am not happy in my work. I start twisting Scripture for my own purpose: *Charm is fleeting and beauty is deceptive, but ugliness is forever.* I'll be able to clean this same stretch of road again in a month; the river of cars will never cease to spew scum along its banks. But I know I'll be happy tomorrow when I see this trashless patch amid the ruins.

My favorite find: a tattered, grimy page from someone's psychology paper about how the brain's use of shortcuts can lead to bias perception. I read about Belief Perseverance — people

about your future and your children's future. And part of that is believing what scientists tell us. It's not fake, it's real. The glaciers are melting. No Human is Illegal: it's not illegal to want a better life. This country has been the land of opportunity for so many people, and all of a sudden, they're illegal for trying to come across. They make it so difficult for Latinos crossing the border."

"[The sign] pretty much says what I believe. We're all just human beings, and we all live in this world."

tend to discount evidence that contradicts their theory of the world. (*Everything's going to hell.*) About Negativity Bias — negative stimuli tend to grab our attention. (*This highway is disgusting.*) And about Status Quo Bias, which causes us to favor entrenched courses of action over alternatives that we would otherwise give greater value. (*Just keep driving.*)

### Sign of the times

"I've seen it around," says my neighbor Nick about the sign in his front yard, "and every time, I liked it, because it pretty much says what I believe. We're all just human beings, and we all live in this world. I don't think I'm above any human being; nothing is lower than me and nothing is greater than me, and we should all start with that. If we all live in this country, then everyone should have a fair share. I want everyone to know that they're welcome here. Even if you're a hater, I'll sit and talk with you. We can find some common ground."

He liked the sign so much that he bought a second one for his mother Janet, who lives across the street. "I'm so glad he did," she says, "because I feel strongly about all those statements. Love is Love: we shouldn't have hate in our life, but love is love. Science is real: we have to treat our environment scientifically. They were interviewing the Dalai Lama on NPR, and he said, 'You have to live right now and think

Moving on to Black Lives Matter. "Up to four years ago, I thought, 'We're a pretty good country.' No, we're not. We have some awful problems in this country, and racism is a biggie. Black people have to live so much worse than we do. They're arrested and put in jail quicker than any white people. All these gangs that have shown up? It's because those kids had no opportunities. It was a way for them to have some power in their lives and some family behind them. We have not given them opportunities, and I'm hoping we'll do better. We shouldn't have any second-class citizens. Women's Rights are Human Rights: every woman should have the same rights as every white male. You think of our history, and what have we had? White males in power. I'm so glad that Kamala is our Vice President-elect." As for reproductive rights, "That should be a woman's choice, not a white male's choice. Nobody should tell a woman that she can or can't have a baby."

The response to this public *credo*? "Several people have come by and said, 'Oh, I really like your sign,' and that's a good thing. They see it and they think about it." Nobody has said they don't like it. "We have a nice quiet street," says Janet, "and I think probably everybody feels the same way. Obviously, not everybody all over agrees, but the people who are important agree with it." ■



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# Emmanuel Cafferty is not a white supremacist



Cafferty's attorney Larry Shea (left) believes his client's only option is to take legal action. He says that the company's refusal to look at Bentley's retraction as well as Cafferty's heritage shows that something much bigger may be at play.

Emmanuel Cafferty is not a white supremacist. If he were, he would subscribe to a doctrine wherein he admits his own inferiority, as Cafferty is of mostly Mexican descent.

But during a June 3 drive home from his job as an underground line locator for San Diego Gas & Electric, Cafferty was labeled just that.

Seconds after an unidentified man snapped a photo of Cafferty allegedly flashing a white power gesture during his drive home, Cafferty transformed from a hard-working father to a bigot. The San Diego native became the latest poster boy for online shaming and a victim of so-called cancel culture.

Now, more than four months later, still unemployed and without many job opportunities, Cafferty continues his struggle to peel off the label that has stuck to him and his family.

In early October, Cafferty submitted a complaint to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the first step towards a legal claim,

against his employer, one of Southern California's wealthiest and most powerful companies, in hopes of repairing his tattered reputation.

#### **Bad time to crack his knuckles**

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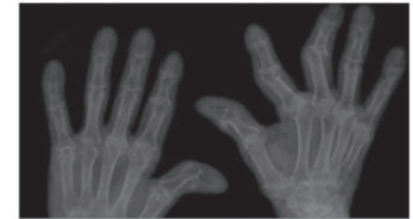
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hands of Minneapolis Police officers. Dozens of people gathered at the intersection of Pomerado and Twin Peaks roads in Poway to demonstrate.

Cafferty passed the gathering on his way home to Ramona. He then made a u-turn to get to a fast-food restaurant for an iced tea. But he changed his mind because of the traffic from the protest. Instead, Cafferty parked in a nearby parking lot to fill out his time sheet.

He drove off after completing his paperwork for the day. A mile and a half down the road, a man in the car next to him began yelling at him. The motorist pointed his cellphone at him, urging Cafferty to keep flashing the hand gesture. Cafferty, with his hand out of the window, looked at

him and shrugged. The driver continued to yell before he sped off. Cafferty debated with himself over whether to call his supervisor about the incident before deciding against it.

Little did Cafferty know; the motorist was doing that for him. As Cafferty drove home, the man logged on to Twitter and posted an image of Cafferty, with his left hand dangling outside of the driver's window.

The motorist, a man named David Bentley, accused Cafferty of displaying the OK hand gesture, which in recent years has become linked to the white power movement (because it can be looked at as the letters W and P). He urged SDG&E to take action.

In a Twitter response, SDG&E wrote, "Please

DM us the location so that we can look into it further. We assure you that at SDG&E, we believe strongly there is no place in our society for discrimination of any kind...."

By the time Cafferty arrived at his home, word of a racist SDG&E worker flashing a white power symbol at anti-racism protesters had traveled across the internet.

"I have called your service line and made a complaint. They have all of the info," read Bentley's June 3 tweet.

It wasn't until Cafferty's supervisors called him that he learned about the accusations leveled against him.

That evening, Cafferty says, two supervisors came to his home to get his truck, his laptop, and his badge. They told

him that SDG&E had launched an investigation and that he needed to report for an interview the following morning.

Cafferty assumed the interview would be his chance to clear up any misinformation.

"I'm a person of color," Cafferty told me during an October interview. He rocked back and forth as he remembered the day. "If you look at the picture the guy took, I wasn't doing the white power sign. I thought those two things would be the end of it and I would be exonerated. Not to mention the fact that I support Black Lives Matter."

Cafferty was wrong. Shortly after the interview began, He sensed that a decision had already been made. "The first thing the interviewer

said was that there were too many holes in my story," Cafferty recalled. "Here my own company is, comparing my story with some white man who posted these images and his words appear to weigh heavier than mine. That, to me, is discrimination. I remember asking the interviewer, 'Did you look into this guy? Did you see all of his controversial tweets?' You know, he called Donald Trump the antichrist 13 times the same day he posted the pictures of me. It didn't seem to matter."

Two days later, after a second interview, SDG&E fired Cafferty for violating the company's public image policy. Now unemployed and possibly unemployable, Cafferty says that single Twitter post changed his life forever. Left with few op-

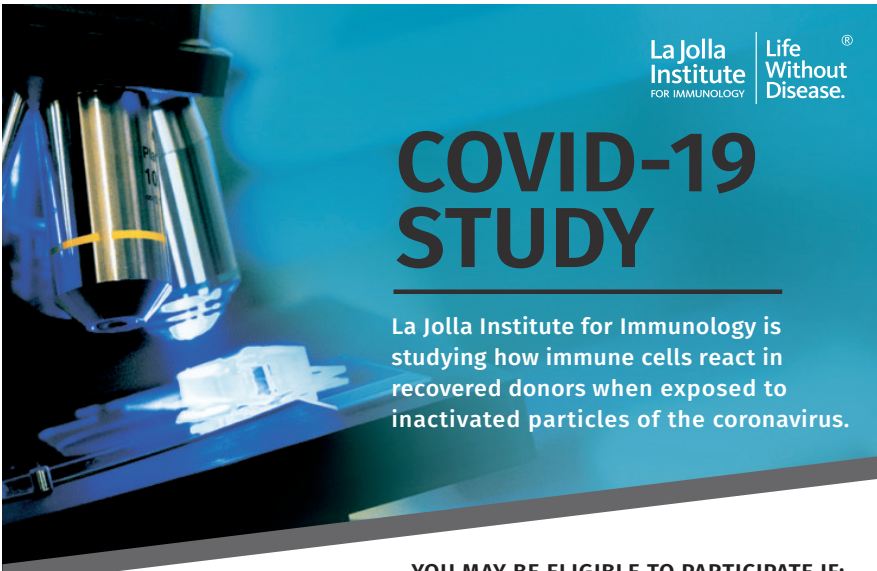
tions, Cafferty has decided to fight what's come to be known as "cancel culture." He has done interviews in national publications, and will be featured in an upcoming HBO documentary.

#### Aim and shame

Public shaming of celebrities and politicians has existed for millennia. In the internet era, the shaming has intensified. Online heckling and harassment has moved from celebrities to everyday people.

"We now live in a society where people have learned they have the ability to destroy or ruin lives with a keypad. They are all quick to judge and slow to consider the truth behind a screen or a story," says Sue Scheff, an Florida resident, internet safety expert, and

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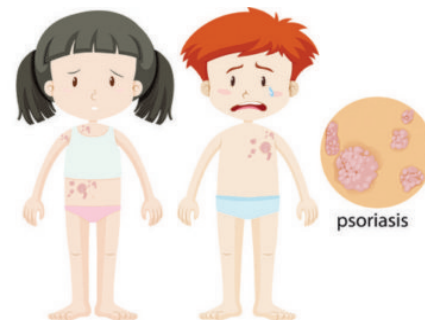
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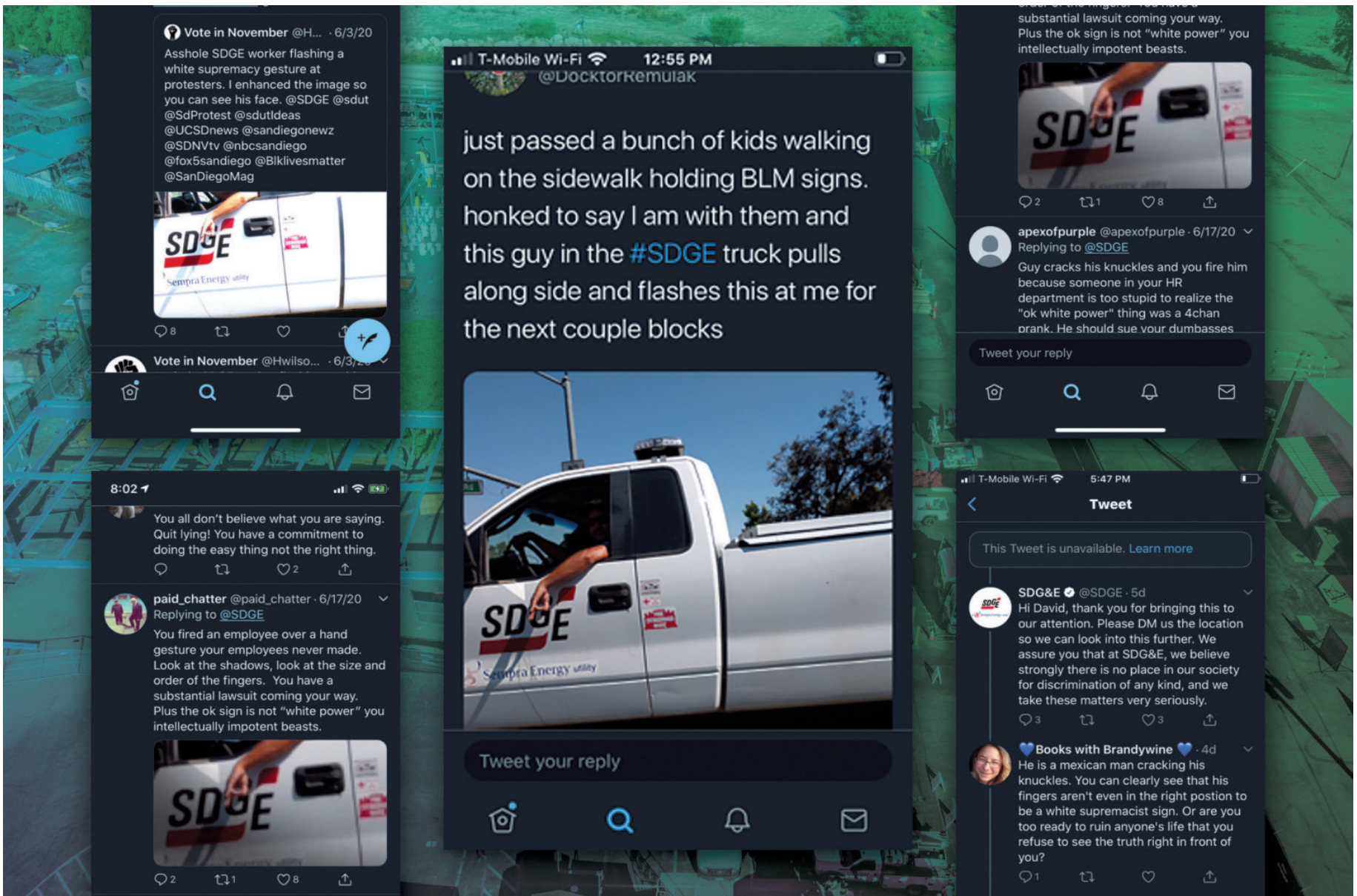


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author of *Shame Nation: The Global Epidemic of Online Hate*.

Scheff says the cancel culture has transitioned from focusing on celebrities and sports stars to everyone, and in some cases, as is the case with Cafferty, wrongly so. "We live in an aim-and-shame culture, adds Scheff. "Wherever we go, there is someone quick to record you at your worst moment. Or maybe you are being tagged inappropriately. Worse, maybe someone looks similar to you and others believe it's you, and the internet works at lightning speed, your reputation can be gone in minutes."

Scheff says that repairing the damage from online shaming is neither quick nor easy. "There are some cases where it has taken a victim years to repair the damage done," added Scheff. "As someone that was a victim of internet defamation and shaming, it took me well over a year to clean up my online reputation, and I am constantly self-aware of my online presence."

Cafferty knows that

all too well. Hours after the Twitter post went viral, he said friends and family logged onto Twitter in an effort to correct the misinformation and curb the shaming. "He is a Mexican man cracking his knuckles," wrote one family member. "You can clearly see that his fingers aren't even in the right position to be a white supremacist sign. Or, are you too so ready to ruin anyone's life that you refuse to see the truth right in front of you?"

But Bentley, Cafferty's accuser, did not see it that way. "LET IT GO," he wrote in response. "We have a difference of opinion. If I was cracking my knuckles, I would not have my arm fully extended and use the tip of my finger to do so. What I saw was someone flashing a sign that was inappropriate for what was going on around us."

Cafferty's own father, not a Twitter user, decided to confront his son's accuser the old-fashioned way, in a letter. "We raised our son to be hardworking, ethical, empathetic, kind and of good character,"

wrote Cafferty's father in a June 11, 2020, letter obtained by the *Reader*. "I was a firefighter and my wife is a social worker who works with vulnerable families."

Cafferty's father explained the reason for his son's hand gestures that day. "We first noted our son fidgeting with his fingers since he was 12 years old. He would stretch and he would constantly crack his knuckles and tap his fingers one by one. Occasionally, he would do both hands at the same time. I would often tease him and say you are doing hand exercises to play video games but I am still going to win. For you to take a lifelong quirk and turn it into something SINISTER has negatively impacted the trajectory of our son's life... which has destroyed his family's livelihood."

Continued Cafferty's father, "The irony is you profess to stand for social justice but then you used your WHITE PRIVILEGE to get a person of color fired within hours of your untruthful accusations. You embellished

your story to tell the narrative that you wanted! It would have been less cruel if you would have walked up to him and hit him over the head with a HAMMER!

Perhaps you should ponder that day with a RATIONAL MIND and truly revisit your heightened state and do the right thing!"

By June 15, less than two weeks after Bentley posted the image of Cafferty on Twitter, Bentley recanted his accusation against Cafferty to a reporter from NBC San Diego. He told the reporter he must have been "spun up" when posting the image of Cafferty on Twitter.

The damage, however, had been done. SDG&E refused to reverse Cafferty's firing. "SDG&E stands by its decision to ultimately terminate Mr. Cafferty's employment after a careful and good faith investigation," said a company spokesperson. "While our investigation was initiated because a customer reported that Mr. Cafferty had made what appeared to be a white power hand

gesture in the vicinity of a Black Lives Matter protest, that was not the full extent of our inquiry.

"After a thorough investigation involving multiple interviews and a detailed review of other information, including GPS data, Mr. Cafferty's employment was terminated due to a number of considerations, including that he was only six months into his nine-month probationary period, he did not have a satisfactory explanation for why he was in the vicinity of the protest in a company vehicle, he violated company policy by engaging with the customer who took his picture, and he failed to report the incident to his supervisor. We are proud of our commitment to diversity and inclusion and remain steadfast in our approach to the investigation of Mr. Cafferty's behavior, which was conducted in a manner consistent with our values of respect, fairness, and integrity."

Cafferty is not convinced. "It all makes me feel so insignificant," he

told me. "It makes me feel like I am so worthless that fidgeting my hands is enough to get me fired."

And while shedding the stigma that he is a racist is one thing, Cafferty says he is also having to defend his work ethic by proving that SDG&E didn't have other reasons to fire him.

"It doesn't seem fair," Cafferty says. "I think a lot of people feel like, 'Well, where there's smoke, there's fire. That there's no way a corporation like SDG&E would have taken this action without some other reason.' I know people say that they must have found other things. They didn't, because there is nothing else. I worked hard to get that job, and I was happy."

Online shaming expert Scheff says that those posting accusations online in an attempt to call someone out for some untoward behavior should think twice before going public. "Engaging in online shaming is a reflection of our own offline and online character. It's not attrac-

## RESEARCH STUDIES



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tive. We all need to take a moment to consider the situation before we jump to conclusions. When in doubt, I say, click-out."

Cafferty's attorney Larry Shea believes his client's only option is to take legal action. He says that the company's refusal to look at Bentley's retraction as well as Cafferty's heritage shows that something much bigger may be at play.

"All we wanted was Emmanuel Cafferty's job back. If SDG&E did that, we were willing to just walk away. But they didn't do it. They won't do it. They wouldn't even discuss it. So, it's almost like he's not important enough for that kind of a resolution.

"SDG&E knows this guy [Bentley] backpedaled once he found out he was accusing an His-

panic of being a white supremacist," said Shea. "The company has no evidence that Cafferty is a white supremacist. None whatsoever. And, that's because he isn't. It's ludicrous to even suggest such a thing. We're all wrestling with this concept of, what is systemic racism? But to me, it exists when persons of color just don't count as much. It's not like 1950s racism, where someone is targeted because of race. It's more insidious. It's more structural. It's denial of equal personal worth. Emmanuel Cafferty's case shows that [people of color] just aren't important enough to warrant a thorough investigation at SDG&E. Without any facts showing Cafferty did anything whatsoever wrong, SDG&E sac-

rificed him to the online mob so that the mob would move on to something else and leave SDG&E alone. That kind of cowardice only shows SDG&E didn't feel his job was significant enough to defend even when all the facts prove he is innocent. When the accuser recanted, Cafferty still wasn't important enough to warrant reconsideration. He just isn't important enough to be treated fairly."

"It's impossible to say how much this has affected me," Cafferty laments. "How do I measure it? I don't know. One thing I do know is that I hate every minute of this. I hate doing these interviews, and I hate having to defend myself against something that is not true."

— Dorian Hargrove

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# Your Week

AND WELCOME TO IT

## Thursday | 26

### THANKSGIVING DAY DINING CRUISE

Stay local for a two-hour Thanksgiving Day dining cruise on San Diego Bay. Enjoy complimentary champagne



and a three-course meal: herb-roasted turkey, traditional gravy, whipped potatoes and cranberry sage stuffing. Options for vegans and vegetarians.

**WHEN:** Thursday, November 26, 12:30 pm to 3 pm

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

## Friday | 27

### DUA LIPA: STUDIO 2054 LIVESTREAM

Shot live in a massive warehouse location, *Studio 2054* will see Dua Lipa move through custom built sets, TV shows, roller discos, raves, trashy hang outs, ballrooms, and diva style dress-



ing rooms. Accompanied by a cast of musicians, dancers, skaters, aerialists, and acrobats, she will also be joined by guests to deliver tracks from *Future Nostalgia*, *Club Future Nostalgia*, and her debut album.

**WHEN:** Friday, November 27, 6 pm  
**WHERE:** [dualipa.com](http://dualipa.com)

## Saturday | 28

### SOFT KILL: DEAD KIDS, R.I.P CITY

To celebrate their November 20 release of *Dead Kids, R.I.P. City*, Soft Kill will stage a livestream concert from their hometown of Portland, Oregon. The performance will be available to watch through December 6. It's an odyssey depicting a dark version of Portland, told in ten parts. Ten songs - each tracking a character. The album was

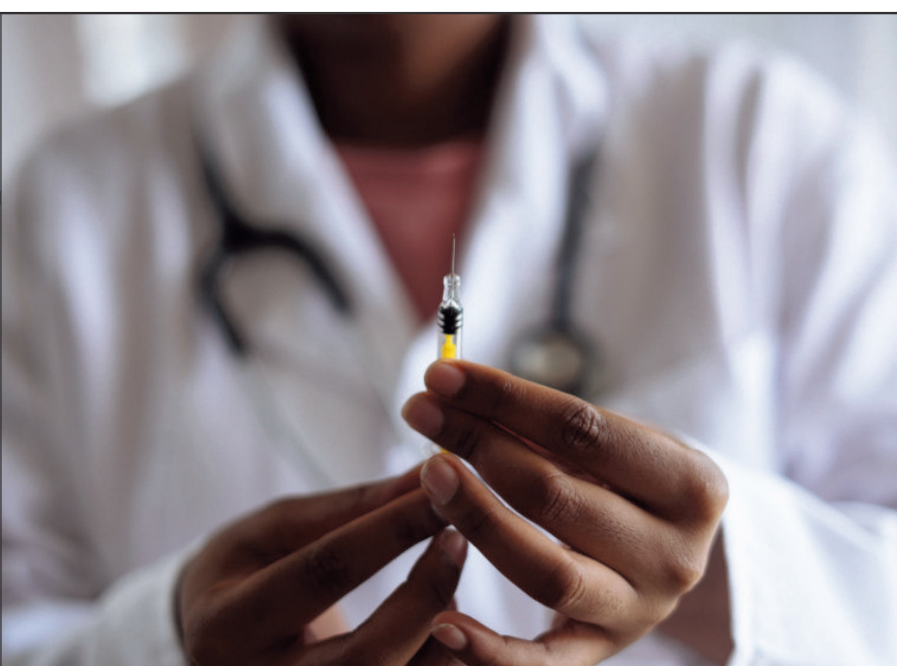


produced by David Trumfio (Built To Spill, Wilco) and mastered by Howie

Weinberg (the Cure, Smashing Pumpkins, Nirvana).

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 28, 3 pm

**WHERE:** [facebook.com/softkillportland](http://facebook.com/softkillportland)



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2: COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICAL TRIALS

## Tuesday | 1

### TWELFTH NIGHT SHAKESPEARE READING

Hop onto Zoom for a reading of *Twelfth Night* (Part Two). The play centers on the twins Viola and Sebastian, who are separated in a shipwreck, and the reading will be led by

Jeffrey Swain. Swain became active with the San Diego Shakespeare Society in about 2010, when he appeared as the Sexton in a Shakespeare Society-staged reading of *Much*

*Ado About Nothing*. He later appeared as the Ship's Master in a staged reading of *The Tempest*.

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 1, 5 pm to 7 pm

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

## Wednesday | 2

### COVID-19 VACCINE CLINICAL TRIALS

Vaccine trials: who will participate and who will benefit? Susan Little, M.D., professor of medicine at UCSD, will provide an overview of the scope of the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine trials. UC San Diego Health will participate in these trials, which will have as a primary goal the protection of those who experience greater rates of disease and worse outcomes: older adults, people with underlying medical conditions, and people from certain racial and ethnic groups.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 2, 5 pm to 7 pm

**WHERE:** [ethicscenter.net](http://ethicscenter.net)





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## ANIMAL FRIENDS

**Turkey Bash** Alpine's renowned accredited exotic animal sanctuary Lions Tigers & Bears invites you to join the annual Thanksgiving Turkey Bash where we give our rescued big cats whole turkeys and bears stuffed pumpkins as a chance to celebrate Thanksgiving. These activities are limited capacity, and the sanctuary requires visitors to reserve their space in advance. Friday, November 27, 10am; Saturday, November 28, 10am; \$15-\$60. Lions Tigers & Bears Big Cat Rescue, 24402 Martin Way. (ALPINE)

## ART

**San Diego Made Virtual Fair** Locally-curated market has expanded on this digital platform to include makers from all over the country. During this virtual fair, you will get exclusive discount codes, free shipping and pick-up options at in-person Holiday Markets at Grossmont Center (for San Diego locals), access to handmade products, and be entered into giveaways each week. Tuesday, December 1, 8am; free. [sandiegomade.org/virtualfair](http://sandiegomade.org/virtualfair). (ONLINE)

**The Art Dr. Seuss Collection Holiday Exhibition** Visitors will view holiday-themed and highly collectible works from Dr. Seuss's best-known children's books and explore *The Art of Dr. Seuss Merry Grinchmas*. The exhibition opens on November 27 with a special reception beginning at noon and extends through December 31. Wednesdays, 10am; through Thursday, December 31, free. Exclusive Collections Gallery Solana Beach, 212 South Cedros Avenue. (SOLANA BEACH)

## CANNIBAS

**GreenLit: The Gathering** GreenLit: The Gathering is an inaugural virtual Cannabis event happening bringing live music, comedy featuring divas from DragStrip 66, conversation with leading voices covering topics like social justice, and chem-free cannabis, along with "Swag Bags" delivered pre-event (for 21+, via licensed delivery services). Plus there will be trivia, prizes and donations to worthy causes. RSVP to be eligible for giveaways. Sat, Nov 28, 4:20pm; free. 21 and up. [eventhi.io/event/greenlit-the-gathering-4340](http://eventhi.io/event/greenlit-the-gathering-4340). (ONLINE)

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

**Bokashi Basics Webinar** Bokashi is an innovative technique that allows you to compost all your food waste, reduces compost time, and allows fresh materials to be preserved and composted at your leisure. Learn how bokashi can complement your at-home composting in this 1-hour webinar. Wednesday, December 2, 2pm; free. <https://bit.ly/337xqE9>. (ONLINE)

**Botanical Printing Workshop** In this workshop, you will learn a very simple 100% natural botanical printing process that will allow you to imprint natural color from Eucalyptus leaves onto a wool garment of your choice, transforming ordinary into wearable art. All of the necessary plant materials and tools will be provided. If you chose not to bring a garment to dye, high-quality wool scarves and t-shirts will be available for purchase. Questions: [metapolist.print@gmail.com](mailto:metapolist.print@gmail.com) Saturday, November 28, 11am; \$150. San Diego Craft Collective, 2590 Truxtun Rd., Studio 106. (LIBERTY STATION)

**Dance & Adaptive Fitness Classes** Wheelchair Dancers Organization provides inclusive dance classes to all abilities, ages, and all levels of experience. Fridays, 4:30pm; Saturdays, 9:30am; through Friday, December 18, free. [wheelchairdancers.org/](http://wheelchairdancers.org/). (ONLINE)

**Exploring the Spiritual Path & Meditation** Learn practical methods of Tri kaya Buddhism for developing a happy, grounded and beautiful life. Class includes both meditation and mindfulness instruction for all levels. Questions are always welcome! Saturday, November 28, 11am; free. 18 and up. [dharmacenter.com/](http://dharmacenter.com/). (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 [junior-theatre.com/classes/](http://junior-theatre.com/classes/). Mondays, 10am; through Tuesday, December 8, \$180-\$200. (ONLINE)

**Outlining Workshop** This one-time workshop will give you the tools to make sure that you're never lost as you complete your project, regardless of whether it's a novel, a screenplay, or a collection of essays. Bring a pen, paper, and your best idea to get started. 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. Saturday, November 28, 10am; \$45-\$54. 18 and up. [sandiegowriters.org/november-outlining-jenny-lane/](http://sandiegowriters.org/november-outlining-jenny-lane/). (ONLINE)

**Scrub Making Class** In this Scrub Making Class, understand the difference between salt scrubs and sugar scrubs and when one is preferred over the other for easily achieving safe and natural skin exfoliation. 4 hours, includes one

## Rhyme & Verse

Three poems by Robert Penn Warren

### Mortal Limit

I saw the hawk ride updraft in the sunset over Wyoming.  
It rose from coniferous darkness, past gray jays  
Of mercilessness, past whiteness, into the gloaming  
Of dream-spectral light above the lazy purity of snow-snags.

There—west—were the Tetons. Snow-peaks would soon be  
In dark profile to break constellations. Beyond what height  
Hangs now the black speck? Beyond what range will gold eyes see  
New ranges rise to mark a last scrawl of light?

Or, having tasted that atmosphere's thinness, does it  
Hang motionless in dying vision before  
It knows it will accept the mortal limit,  
And swing into the great circular downwardness that will restore

The breath of earth? Of rock? Of rot? Of other such  
Items, and the darkness of whatever dream we clutch?

### Evening Hawk

From plane of light to plane, wings dipping through  
Geometries and orchids that the sunset builds,  
Out of the peak's black angularity of shadow, riding  
The last tumultuous avalanche of  
Light above pines and the guttural gorge,  
The hawk comes.

His wing  
Scythes down another day, his motion  
Is that of the honed steel-edge, we hear  
The crashless fall of stalks of Time.

The head of each stalk is heavy with the gold of our error.

Look! Look! he is climbing the last light  
Who knows neither Time nor error, and under  
Whose eye, unforgiving, the world, unforgiven, swings  
Into shadow.

Long now,  
The last thrush is still, the last bat  
Now cruises in his sharp hieroglyphics. His wisdom  
Is ancient, too, and immense. The star  
Is steady, like Plato, over the mountain.

If there were no wind we might, we think, hear  
The earth grind on its axis, or history  
Drip in darkness like a leaking pipe in the cellar.

### San Francisco Night Windows

So hangs the hour like fruit fullblown and sweet,  
Our strict and desperate avatar,  
Despite that antique westward gulls lament  
Over enormous waters which retreat  
Weary unto the white and sensual star.  
Accept these images for what they are—  
Out of the past a fragile element  
Of substance into accident.  
I would speak honestly and of a full heart;  
I would speak surely for the tale is short,  
And the soul's remorseless catalogue  
Assumes its quick and piteous sum.  
Think you, hungry is the city in the fog  
Where now the darkened piles resume  
Their framed and frozen prayer  
Articulate and shafted in the stone  
Against the void and absolute air.  
If so the frantic breath could be forgiven,  
And the deep blood subdued before it is gone  
In a savage paternoster to the stone,  
Then might we all be shriven.



Robert Penn Warren (1905-1989) was an American poet and novelist, and the youngest and latest addition to the 1920s Southern literary movement known as the Fugitives, which also included Allen Tate, John Crowe Ransom and Donald Davidson. Like his fellow Fugitives, Warren sought to celebrate all that was best and noble in Southern culture and history through his literary output. Although he was a prolific poet, he is perhaps best known as the author of the 1946 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *All the King's Men*, a fictional retelling of the story of Huey Long, the "Kingfisher" who served as governor of Louisiana in the late 1920s and early 1930s.

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

15-minute break. Class fee: \$69. Materials fee: \$21. Sunday, November 29, 12pm; \$90. Soapmaking Studio, 7301 Mount Vernon Street. (LEMON GROVE)

## COMEDY

**MSTie Turkey Day: It's a Wonderful Life** As part of the 5th Annual MSTie Turkey Day Virtual Meet Up, we will be riffing and roasting *It's a Wonderful Life* for free online and you are invited. Play drinking games with comedians, as they riff and roast the film that gives you an existential crisis every Christmas. Add your own jokes in the live chat for the entire audience to see. Sunday, November 29, 12pm; free. 18 and up. [frontrow-filmroast.com/subscribe](http://frontrow-filmroast.com/subscribe). (ONLINE)

## DANCE

**Virtual Ballet: Moving Forward** This Fall program lives up to its name, showing how the company

is 'moving forward', even in a pandemic. Audience members will feel a part of the ballet, as the camera allows them a personal involvement with the dancers while they are in compliance with the CDC guidelines. Through November 29. Mon-Sat, 10am; through Nov 29, \$29-\$99. [showtix4u.com/event-details/41005](http://showtix4u.com/event-details/41005). (ONLINE)

## DISCUSSION GROUPS

**Annual Turkey Calling Show** The UC San Diego Library's annual Turkey Calling Show is going virtual. Enjoy a live Facebook premiere of this beloved event, which

will feature demonstrations of turkey calling devices and exciting tales of turkey adventures. Wednesday, November 26, 12pm; free. [facebook.com/ucsdgeisel/](http://facebook.com/ucsdgeisel/). (ONLINE)

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## SHEEP and GOATS

Nathaniel Hawthorne

It is the same infrequent star,  
The all-mysterious light,  
That like a watcher, gazing on  
The changes of the night,  
Toward the hill of Bethlehem took  
Its solitary flight.

It is the same infrequent star;  
Its sameness startleth me,  
Although the disk is red as blood,  
And downward silently  
It looketh on another hill,  
The hill of Calvary!

Nor noon, nor night; for to the west  
The heavy sun doth glow;  
And, like a ship, the lazy mist  
Is sailing on below,  
Between the broad sun and the earth

It tacketh to and fro.

There is no living wind astir;  
The bat's unholy wing  
Threads through the noiseless olive trees,  
Like some unquiet thing  
Which playeth in the darkness, when  
The leaves are whispering.

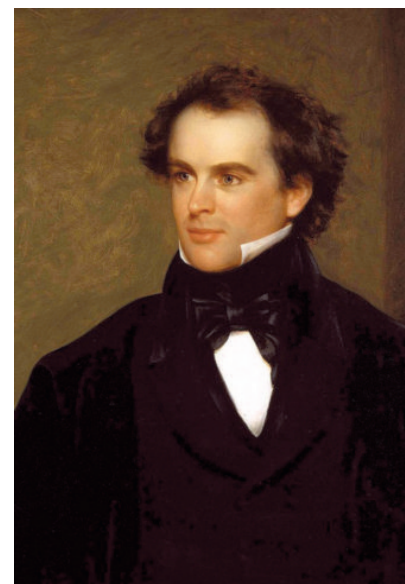
Mount Calvary! Mount Calvary!  
All sorrowfully still,  
That mournful tread, it rends the heart  
With an unwelcome thrill,  
The mournful tread of them that crowd  
Thy melancholy hill!....

To God! to God! how eloquent  
The cry, as if it grew,  
By those cold lips unuttered, yet  
All heartfelt rising through,  
"Father in heaven! forgive them, for

They know not what they do!"

- From "The Star of Calvary" by  
Nathaniel Hawthorne

Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) was an American writer better known for his fiction than his poetry. Yet his interest in history, morality and religion, which became trademarks of his fiction, including his most famous work, *The Scarlet Letter* (1850), also carried over into his poetic output. His youngest child, Rose Hawthorne, who followed her father's footsteps, also became a writer with a concern for religious matters, so much so that she converted to Catholicism, and after entering religious life, she founded the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne in 1900. To this day, the members of this celebrated community continue to devote their lives to caring for those suffering from incurable cancer.



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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)

### FILM

**Holiday Dinner & a Movie Series** Dinner & a Movie is an elevated movie-and-poolside dining experience with tables spaced for social distancing. All month long, catch classic holiday flicks sure to get you in the spirit of the season while enjoying a three-course menu

by Chef Peter Ziegler with themed cocktails inspired by the evening's featured film: December 2: *Nightmare Before Christmas*, December 9: *Elf*, December 16: *Christmas Story*, December 23: *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, December 30: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Reservations required. Please arrive by 7:45pm at the latest. Wednesday, December 2, 8pm; \$50-\$75. Charles + Dinorah, 1410 Rosecrans Street. (POINT LOMA)

### 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: *Bee-teejuice*, *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)

### LECTURES

**A Teen's Guide to the Social Dilemma Ages 10 & up** Many teens are spending hours scrolling through perfectly filtered photos, obsessing over likes and shares, or encountering virtual bullies. You'll hear about the tricks software developers use to keep people on Instagram, Snapchat, video games and other media. This teen-focused discussion features the creators of the Netflix docudrama, *The Social Dilemma*. Wednesday, December 2, 4pm; free. <https://bit.ly/3kOeTmw>. (ONLINE)

### NATURE

**Nature Walk From Peñasquitos Creek Crossing** Join naturalist Les Braund for an easy walk on flat ground across Peñasquitos Creek. Besides the "usual" plants and animals, learn about lichens, mushrooms, and mosses. Meet at the kiosk near the corner of Park Village Rd. & Camino del Sur. Rd. in Rancho Peñasquitos 92129. Call 858-863-7393 for more information. Masks are required and social

distancing will be practiced. Saturday, November 28, 3pm; Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, 12020 Black Mountain Road. (RANCHO PEÑASQUITOS)

### OUTDOORS

**The Fremont Cottonwoods** along the San Diego River in Mission Gorge are now showing their best tawny foliage. You can park at the Old Mission Dam historic site or the Mission Trails Regional Park visitor center and explore the riparian area by way of riverside trails, or by walking, bike riding, or skating along the bike path high above the river's south and east banks. Large cottonwoods can be seen along other watercourses throughout the San Diego County backcountry, including along the Sweetwater River near Cottonwood Golf Course, and in Cottonwood Valley, east of Pine Valley along Interstate 8.

The Moon's Cheshire-Cat Smile returns to the evening sky Saturday evening, November 29. You'll spot its thin crescent shape low in the southwest about half an hour after sunset.

Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest planets in the night sky, are just 2 degrees apart low in the southwest at dusk on Sunday evening, November 30. Venus is several times brighter than Jupiter, making the pair resemble mismatched cats' eyes. Adding spice to the scene is the crescent moon, appearing below and to the right of the planetary pair. On the following evening, the slightly thicker crescent moon will lie above and to the left of Venus and Jupiter — creating a glittering triangular arrangement.

**Shorebird-Watching** enters its most agreeable season this month, with migrant and resident birds sharing common winter grounds. Egrets, herons, terns, and other

species provide endless entertainment as they go about the business of fishing and feeding in San Diego County's remaining coastal wetlands. Publicly accessible wetlands include the following: San Luis Rey River mouth, Buena Vista Lagoon, Agua Hedionda Lagoon, Batiquitos Lagoon, San Elijo Lagoon, San Dieguito Lagoon, Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, San Diego River flood channel, Sweetwater River marsh, southwest San Diego Bay, and Tijuana River Estuary. The same birds can be seen on the shores of inland reservoirs such as Lake Murray and Lake Miramar.

### SPOKEN WORD

**Poets at the Bench: Michael Klam & Sage** Featured poets for the last Zoom Bench of the year: Michael Klam and Sage. Sage is a 15-year-old creative, growing up in San Diego. As a San Diego High School student, her studies include video production and film journalism, in hopes of becoming a movie director. Michael Klam is a San Diego writer and editor. He is executive editor of the *San Diego Poetry Annual*. Sunday, November 29, 3pm; free. <https://bit.ly/35RYjOc>. Meeting ID: 839 1814 8496 (ONLINE)

### SPORTS & FITNESS

**COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials** COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Trials: Who will participate and who will benefit? Speaker: Susan Little, M.D., Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases and Global Public Health at the UCSD. Dr. Little will provide an overview of the scope of COVID-19 vaccine trials, including in the San Diego region. Wednesday, December 2, 5pm; free. [ethicscenter.net](http://ethicscenter.net). (ONLINE)

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

## CITY HEIGHTS

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## CORONADO

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

**Gaslamp Fish House:** Daily, 3:30-6:00pm: \$4 Fireball shot, McCormick bourbon, shot of Torado Silver tequila, \$5 craft beer on tap, vodka soda, select wine by the glass, \$7 skinny margarita, select signature cocktails.

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

**Rockin' Baja Lobster — Gaslamp:** Monday-Friday, 3-6pm: \$4.50 any 14-oz. draft, well drinks, fireball shot; \$5.50 Jameson shot,

## BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

### Izo Mezcal: San Diego's resident agave spirit brand

About 16 years ago, Gaston Martinez moved to San Diego from his native Durango, Mexico. "It's always been my dream city," he says. "I came here for a two week vacation and that was it." Having become enchanted with wine while living in Bordeaux, France as a young man, he eventually settled into working as a wine broker, and focused on raising a family. But in 2018, he decided to establish a new local business, one focused on producing a more closely cherished alcoholic beverage: mezcal.

The roasted agave spirit had been central to family celebrations going back generations, so he launched the business **Izo Mezcal**, "to bring a little piece of my hometown to San Diego," he says.

If you're wondering why dozens of others haven't started a

mezcal company in this city of beer and booze makers, it's because, technically, you can't. Like Bordeaux wines — or, more famously, champagne — the term *mezcal* is a protected *denominación de origen*, meaning it can be applied only within nine designated producer states in Mexico.

San Diego obviously doesn't qualify, but with mezcal traditions dating back more than 50 years, Durango does. So Martinez began traveling back and forth to Durango, assembling the key components of a mezcal business. First, he hired his master *mezcalero*, Jose Gonzalez, a biochemist who applies science to traditions learned growing up in a multi-generational family of distillers. Then he found a distillery which had been out of operation for five years in the village of Boca del Mezquital, in the bucolic outskirts of the city of Durango.

"Our neighbors are scorpions and snakes, and owls and eagles," says Martinez. The distillery itself is surrounded by ranches, where agave grows wild. Specifically, *cenizo agave*, a Durango area variety that's one of several dozen used to make mezcal throughout Mexico, and which gives Izo Mezcal its name.

Martinez notes that, like wine grapes, different varieties of agave reveal different expressions of terroir in the mezcals they produce. By far, most of the mezcals we find in the U.S. is made in Oaxaca, and by comparison, he says the *cenizo agave* yields a slight perceived sweetness in the back of the palate. That, he says, is due to nutrients found in Durango soil that grow plants with high sugar content, which also yield

a potent beverage.

"At 94 proof," he says, "you expect it's really going to hurt the throat and be harsh, but it's completely smooth." It's also less smoky than



A distillery worker inspects bottles of Izo Mezcal, a San Diego brand that offers made-in-Mexico agave spirits. Photo courtesy of Izo Mezcal.

Since launching in January 2019, Izo has been working to expand its offerings, preparing to release other types of agave spirits including a tequila (outsourced from Jalisco) and *bacanora* (outsourced from Sonora), as well as making its own *sotol*, a similar spirit made from the Desert Spoon (a member of the asparagus family) which also counts Durango as a *denominación de origen*. With the new year, the brand also plans to release aged mezcals, including *añejo* and *reposado*.

Izo started out exclusive to the San Diego market, becoming the first and only mezcal available in local Costcos. The placement has helped it expand throughout California, including to Texas, Illinois, and Nevada. It will add Pennsylvania and New Jersey in January.

Martinez says that, despite the pandemic shift from on-premise sales to only off-premise sales, the company managed to double sales volume in its second year, and currently projects to double sales again in 2021. "Every year for the next five years, we're projecting to double," says San Diego's adopted mezcal man. "We're really thankful people enjoy and like our product."

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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.

## EAST VILLAGE

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

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## LA MESA

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

**Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill La Mesa:** Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24. Sunday, 11am-2pm: \$5 Bloody Marys, \$10 Champagne bottles.

## 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.

## MISSION HILLS

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

## NORTH PARK

**Redwing Bar & Grill:** Thursday, 3pm-6pm: \$4.50 24 oz. Tall Boys, \$12.50 burger and Tall Boy. Friday, 3pm-6pm: \$1.50 domestic drafts, \$3.50 domestic bottles, \$4.50 wells. Saturday, 3pm-6pm: \$3.50 domestic beers, \$4.50 wells.

## OLD TOWN

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

**Old Town Mexican Café:** Tuesday, Half off well drinks and selected appetizers all day.

## PACIFIC BEACH

**Ambrogio15:** Monday-Friday, 3-5pm: \$19 per person biodynamic (organic) wine flight with three selected biodynamic wines (two ounce pour) and focaccia bread, olives, artichokes.

**Latitude 32:** Wednesday-Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3-\$5.50 beer and wines.

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

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

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

## POINT LOMA

**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-Saturday, 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.

## RANCHO SAN DIEGO

**Hooleys Irish Pub & Grill Rancho San Diego:** Friday, All day: Clam chowder \$5 cup, \$7 bowl. After 4pm: Prime rib \$24.

## SAN MARCOS

**Churchill's Pub and Grill:** Monday-Friday, 4-7pm: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells. Sunday, All day: \$1 off appetizers, drafts, wells.

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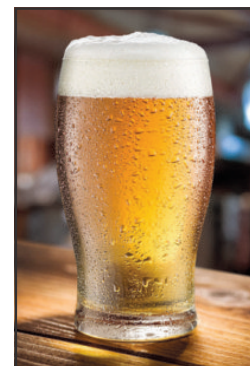
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# Prickles of pepper

San Diego is a breakfast city

**G**aslamp Quarter. People wary. Streets empty. Seagulls fighting over scraps. One place crowded: breakfast joint on 6th and J. It's blossoming in sky-blue umbrellas and rosy pink chairs. And busy! Really surprising at this time, about two o'clock on a Tuesday afternoon. Any restaurateur will tell you that Tuesday is the worst day of the week, business-wise.

For me, this is perfect. I got off the Green Line trolley at the Gaslamp Quarter. Started wandering. Looked like no chance of a brekky among the bars that were open. Then I came to Sixth and J, and this brick and black pile that's a Residence Inn by Marriott. But it is transformed along J. They've built a long corral of temporary timber fencing. It's the extended sidewalk seating for the Gaslamp Breakfast Company.



the top, and ooh, their *chilaquiles Suizos* ("Swiss") have *queso fresco* and poached eggs. Cost \$13, or \$18 with shrimp, \$16 with chicken.

So yes, now we're back up to the regular Gaslamp price range. But I am tempted by a fresh take on Benedict: fried rice Benedict. For \$14 you get "crispy ham, *sambal* (Indonesian relish) hollandaise, pickled radish salad, two poached eggs, house potatoes." Hmm. Except just below, we're talking the sweetness of various waffles, like a S'mores waffle with graham cracker crumble (\$9), or the delish-sounding orange thyme waffle with mascarpone and orange segments, plus honey (\$9).

Then again, back to savory: they sneak in a, wow, mashed potato waffle.

Now there's a thought: a savory waffle! This comes with cheese sauce, spicy sausage and green onions. Plus two eggs any style. I'm going for this one.

"Eggs?" says Felipe.

"Over easy," I say.

Felipe says mashed potato waffle is one of the surprise hits at this location.

(Turns out they're the same gang who started Breakfast Republic,

with places all over the county, including

one just a couple of blocks away. Seems they set this Gaslamp location up to ease the long waits at their 707 G Street East Village place.)

My waffle arrives. It is a lush affair. Somewhere underneath on this plate there's an actual waffle with crispy golden edges. But topside, it's all about the ooze of the cheese, the electric green scattering of chives, and specially the sausages and the sneaky little spice nips they give you. Works so well with the giant coffee. And best thing is, you can really gulp that hot stuff down, knowing you'll never run out.

I keep trying to remember: this is Thanksgiving season behind the Covid Curtain. So how come I feel so great? I chomp through, till I finally start to feel the prickles of pepper on the roof of my mouth. Scrumptious!

"I can see clearly now, the rain is gone." Johnny Nash on the sound system sings out the perfect song for this bright, sunny day.

Then, a reality check out on J Street. Guy and a girl pass by, wheeling a pile of gear that looks like it's their entire life. He notices a vacated table. Slips over and grabs a leftover tortilla. Walks on, waving it about. Then, when a car eases around the corner, he slaps it on the side window. Driver jerks to a stop, flings his door open, starts jumping out. Girlfriend screams "Covid!" He gets back in and



Felipe heads for kitchen through empty interior

screches off.

Then it's back to Johnny Nash. "Yes I can make it now, the pain is gone/All of the bad feelings have disappeared."

Whew. You can feel everybody relax.

Next time, I think I'll have the fried rice Benedict. Want to try that Indonesian *sambal*.

I like this place. Gotta hand it to the owner.

Felipe says his name is Johan Engman. Young guy. Correctly saw that, at heart, San Diego is a breakfast city. That's the meal we love the most. Proof? When everyone else is closing down, he's opening and opening. A dozen brekky places already, and counting.

I pay up, \$17.78. Feel I got my money's worth. But nice to know there's a \$4 three-egg option if I'm strapped.

Gal also getting up to leave is wearing this



Felipe delivers hot sauce

maroon sweatshirt with a wine glass on the front. "Wine," it says, "the glue holding this 2020 shit show together." ■

**The Place:** Gaslamp Breakfast Company, 551 J Street, downtown, 619-937-3074

**Hours:** 7am-3pm daily

**Prices:** Large coffee, \$3.50, bottomless; three eggs any style, \$4; toast with jam, \$1.50; *chilaquiles Suizos* with *queso fresco*, poached eggs, \$13; with shrimp, \$18; with chicken, \$16; fried rice Benedict with "crispy ham," *sambal* hollandaise, two poached eggs, house potatoes; S'mores waffles with graham cracker crumble, \$9; orange thyme waffle with mascarpone, orange segments, honey, \$9; mashed potato waffle, with cheese sauce, spicy sausage, two eggs, \$13; bacon omelet or scramble, \$13; chicken confit and grits, \$14; banana bread pancake (cream cheese glaze, candied walnuts, bananas, maple syrup), \$10

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**Mashed potato waffle. You'll just have to talk to your taste buds**

Actually looks great. Tables stretch around both corners of the block. The scene is busting out with all these people, spaced two tables apart, but still looking kinda cozy.

The reception guy takes me halfway down the block to the nearest available table. Leaves a QR code for the touchless menu. Says they've still got an hour till their three o'clock closing.

Server named Felipe comes up, asks if I want anything to drink. And by that he means anything. Like, they have a full bar. But coffee is all I care about right now. They do have nitro cold brew, \$4 for 8 ounces, or \$6 for 16. But no. Things are a little chilly, even in the sun. So this coffee's gotta be hot.

And what a good choice. Yes, their drip coffee costs \$3.50, but it comes in a huge bulging cup, with a small top, so the heat stays in. Also, it's bottomless, if you ever make it through the first cupful.

I sip and look. And wow. Eye catches a little box at the bottom: "3 eggs any style, \$4." That plus toast with jam (\$1.50), and you've got yourself a decent breakfast. Nine bucks including the giant coffee.

But here goes my wandering eye. I'm back up

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# For the halibut

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## Halibut three ways at Bay Park Fish Co.

Bay Park Fish Company, 4121 Ashton Street, Bay Park. As dining out is once again restricted to outdoor only, take-out and delivery are back to being crucial to all restaurants'

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survival.

I plan to curbside pickup what meals as I can, then, when I do venture out for outdoor dining, my priority will be dishes that are at their best served fresh from a restaurant kitchen.

Say, oysters on the half shell, or fish tacos. Those are the items that drew me to happy hour at Bay Park Fish Company. Seven days a week, from 3-6 pm, appetizers and basic sushi rolls are 20 percent off, oysters are two bucks apiece, and fish tacos are sold for four bucks a la carte. Add \$2 off wine and beer pours, and you have reasons to brave a covid-stricken world.

Sidewalk seating in front of the restaurant



The "haliboat" sushi roll: baked local halibut wrapped around sushi rice.

Panko crusted fish taco made with local halibut.



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includes a taste of the western exposure that makes Bay Park hillsides a nice place to live. These tables were full when we arrived, so our reservations sent us to a back patio. It was depressing to pass through the restaurant's

empty, nautical themed dining room to reach a relatively bare patio, painted blue and topped by blue shades, resulting in more of an underwater vibe.

Not as interesting as the sidewalk, but outdoors enough to start eating and drinking. The great thing about ordering fish tacos is that, in addition to grilled or fried, and choice of tortilla, you get to choose which kind of fish you prefer. From a menu featuring mahi mahi, Alaskan halibut, and local swordfish, I went for a personal favorite, local halibut, fried, with a panko crust, on corn tortillas.

Oysters and tacos only whetted my appetite,

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so I decided to keep my halibut mood going. Next up would be a “house favorite” from the sushi menu, dubbed “Hali-boat.” The closest thing I could compare it to from past experience would be a baked salmon roll. Here, a thin filet of halibut is wrapped around sushi rice, baked, then smothered in spicy mayo and eel sauce. The baked fish proves delicate and slightly sweet, though on the whole this roll relies too much on the sauces to add flavor. Despite its \$16 price dropped below \$13 thanks to happy hour, the \$4 halibut taco proved way better bang for my buck.

The same could be said of my third halibut dish, though it proved my favorite of the bunch. For \$27, I got the bread and butter entrée for any fish house: a grilled “catch of the day.” On this day, the grilled local halibut, served with rice and sauteed vegetables, went for \$27.

Bay Park Fish serves its grilled fish blackened and drizzled with a lemon garlic sauce, or, more simply, with olive oil, salt, and pepper. I went for the latter, and enjoyed the tender white filet, most of which was succulent and moist. The pep-

pers, onions, and squash were pretty blah; that’s usually how the vegetables turn out at local fish spots.

But we don’t usually care, because we go for the fresh fish. Now being served outdoors in Bay Park, and all around San Diego.

by Ian Anderson

**Order pizza and pinsa from Civico by the Park**

*Civico by the Park; 2550 Fifth Avenue STE 120, Bankers Hill.* Eating more take-out this year has meant eating more pizza, and I have, frankly, been amazed how many good pizzas are available around town. Just a couple of weeks ago I wrote about a new pizza counter in Hillcrest, Massachusetts Mike’s, that proved pleasing to my whole household.

However, “good pizza” means different things to different people. For example, to the kids, a pizza place that doesn’t offer pepperoni as a topping doesn’t even warrant consideration.

Which is why I went for pizza at Civico by the Park without children. It’s not an

American-style pizza joint, after all. Like its sister restaurant — Little Italy’s Civico 1845 — it’s an authentically Italian restaurant, all the way up to its Italian ownership.

As such, it offers plenty of non-pizza dishes, including slow-cooked meats in tomato sauces, lobster ravioli, and the *linguini ala pescatora* (\$22) ordered, and happily devoured, by my shellfish-loving wife. Along with cherry tomatoes, the toothsome house-made linguini is covered in clams, mussels, calamari, prawns. It’s as if they were determined to include the entire ocean in this dish.

I picked it up as take-out from the restaurant, which is in Bankers Hill, the namesake park being Balboa Park, two blocks away. I was already familiar with the location, which opened in spring 2019 as Il Dandy. The Civico restaurateurs were part owners of Il Dandy, which aimed for Michelin-star quality cuisine, which included an even higher-end, six-course, backroom tasting menu.

High ambitions under normal circumstances, darn near impossible under the shift-

ing duress of a pandemic. The restaurant was apparently rebranded with the Civico name to signify a more casual shift.

Which isn’t to say that Civico by the Park is all that casual — it’s still fairly elevated dining, as evidenced by the presence of imported meats and 20-dollar entrees. But fair to say its menu is more approachable to the casual diner, with a few small plates and pastas in the \$10-15 range.

And, as with Il Dandy, there are pizza options under \$20 to provide a budget-friendly, sharable dinner option. Of course, as I said, these aren’t your typical pepperoni pies. As evidenced by the *mortazza* pie: topped with mortadella and pistachios, sauced with pistachio emulsion (\$16) — not exactly what Americans have been missing out on our whole lives.

The brothers behind Civico are from Calabria, and this Calabrian-style pizza sticks to the style served at Il Dandy, with a slow rise wet dough that yields fantastically airy crust. But, it turns out this restaurant has returned with a second pizza option: *pinsa*. The oblong, Roman answer

to pizza is sort of en vogue in San Diego right now, as several restaurants now serve it. But I’m not sure I’ve enjoyed a crust as much as the one I got from Civico. Which is all the more astounding because I ordered it off the restaurant’s vegan menu.

Like Civico 1845, this location offers a complete vegan menu, including house-made pastas. While some of these feature meat substitutes, I stuck with the vegan *margherita pinsa* (\$14), featuring a simply delicious San Marzano tomato sauce, basil, and vegan mozzarella. The vegan cheese stuck to my teeth a bit, but otherwise I couldn’t believe this pie was vegan. It’s the best vegan pizza I’ve tried and doubles as the best vegan bread.

Credit the mix of flours behind it: wheat, soy, and rice flours allowed to rise for 72 hours give the thick crust pie an amazing chew. All of Civico’s pizzas are available either as the Calabrian pie, or in *pinsa* version, and if you have to start somewhere, I’d recommend the *pinsa*, but only barely. I might even need to bring the kids with me next time I try it.

by Ian Anderson

**HOLIDAY FOOD EVENTS**

**Dine Out or at Home For Thanksgiving** 7 Mile’s socially distanced dine-in three-course menu features options for the whole family. The Three-Course Thanksgiving Dinner is priced at \$55 for adults and \$18 for children. Opting to stay home this year? Skip the lines at the grocery store and pre-order a hot and ready Thanksgiving dinner to-go. Available in two sizes. Thursday, November 26, 12pm; \$55-\$360. 7 Mile Kitchen, 5420 Grand Pacific Drive. (CARLSBAD)

**Thanksgiving Day Dinner** Enjoy a 3-Course Plated Turkey Dinner while enjoying ocean views from a patio. Reservations 760.444.1800 x3. Outside seating only, no happy hour specials on Holidays. Thursday, November 26, 11am; \$14-\$42. Crossings at Carlsbad, 5800 The Crossings Drive. (CARLSBAD)

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# blurt the inside track

**Phuck Phish** “We’re in Vermont,” says newly relocated comedic rock duo Pony Death Ride. “Seems neat. Met some musicians. We’ll never like the band Phish or the Patriots football team. We’ve made these promises to ourselves.”

The married couple, Jaye and Joe MacAskill, moved to the New England town of Burlington after closing the deal on a building that once served as an artist’s co-op, which they hope to repurpose as a collectibles shop. “I’m learning what real rain really looks like,” says Joe, who has so far remained mostly homebound.

“Because of social distancing, we haven’t had the opportunity to meet all that many musicians, but basically everyone we have met is a musician. Burlington is a big music town, which is one of the reasons we were attracted to living here. We’ve met other local musicians online, and it turns out some of them live really close to us, so even though we can’t really get together, at least we’re meeting some great people and established musicians who we can also call neighbors.

“We haven’t been to any live music shows since we’ve been here because of the pandemic. There isn’t a lot going on, but we’re looking forward to getting back into the swing of going to shows and performing once it’s safe. It feels very unnatural to not be doing all of that now. It’s a big change from the bustling pre-covid San Diego music scene.”

The pair dropped their fourth full-length, *Unthemed*. “We finished recording 99 percent of the new album in San Diego right before the pandemic lockdown started,” says Jaye. “We have such an awesome relationship with Mike Kamoo of Earthling Studios, who has engineered and played drums and other

instruments on all three of our previous albums, we couldn’t imagine recording with anyone else. We knew we’d be moving to Vermont sometime in 2020, so we went into high gear to



Pony Death Ride is now stabled in Vermont.

record almost all of our previously unrecorded songs. We were finishing off the last few tracks in the days just before the lockdown, so we were already getting a little freaked out and hesitant, but we got all of it done except for a few little random bits that had to be recorded on the phone and sent to Mike at the studio via a digital file.”

Adds Joe, “Since the country has been in a dark place for much of the year, we thought we’d hold back releasing the album until the end of the year, hoping that we could bring a little holiday cheer to people who like weirdo-sarcastic musical comedy.”

*Unthemed* is an aptly-titled follow-up to their two previous releases, both of which were heavily themed, 2017’s feline-obsessed *Cat Sounds* and last year’s homage to holiday dysfunction, *The First LEON*. Among the 14 new tracks are songs such as “Ben Stiller, Movie Killer,” “Crispen Glover Be My Lover,” “Where Were You When Buddy Holly Died?” “Don’t Be a Pussy,” “Shut Up, Ted Nugent Is Talking,” “Let Me Tell You ’Bout My Bike” (which

comes with a hyperactive music video featuring guest locals the Schizophonics and Jason Hanna), and the autobiographically inclined “We Don’t Have Any Kids... Awesome.”

Asked which new song he’d most recommend for someone who’s never heard a Pony Death Ride track, Joe’s choice (after difficult consideration) is “Cuddle Party,” for which a video was put together using vintage public domain footage of family gatherings and accordion playing. “This song is a good representation of the heart of the band, although there are a lot of more rockin’ tracks on this one for those who like to bounce around and rock out.”

“However, if this person who has never heard a PDR song before is a child, they should probably listen to none of them.”

So will being nearly as far away from San Diego as possible while still remaining in the continental U.S. transform Pony Death Ride?

“Becoming New Englanders probably won’t change us much,” says Jaye, “but at least we get to be some of the most attractive and best dressed people now when we go out places. We’re a strictly no-pajama-pants-when-we-go-out kind of couple.”

— Jay Allen Sanford

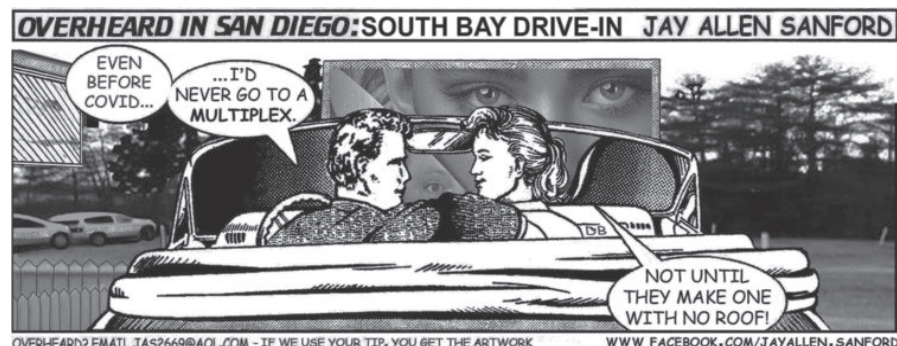
**Wall of Boom** On September 15, Sotheby’s, the centuries-old international auction house, auctioned more than \$2 million worth of hip-hop memorabilia.

“I bid, but when it got past \$500, I put down my paddle,” said Les Delos Santos, a North County school teacher, and boombox salesman.

“Lemme guess,” I inquired, “was it Biggie’s crown or the boombox piece?”

Delos Santos responded by tagging me on an online photo of *The Wall of Boom*, an art installation created by DJ ROSS ONE, of 32 old-school boomboxes mounted within a custom shelf. The gavel dropped at \$113,400.

Delos Santos collects old boomboxes for nostalgia. “I was the guy that used to ride around



on my bike with the boombox taped to my handlebars.”

Ron Morales of Real Life Media in Mira Mesa showed interest in the boomboxes that sold for “40 bands” (\$40,000) above its low-estimate appraisal. The two Clairtone Super Jumbos, the same model depicted in the *Do The Right Thing* joint, and the two JVC M90s, the same model photographed for LL Cool J’s *Radio* album cover.

“When someone buys a used or new boombox, they are buying a moment in a generation that changed the scope of an urban lifestyle,” Morales said.

Morales founded *Real Legit Magazine*, a celebrity, hip-hop, and fashion print publication, in 2013. He utilized boomboxes to frame runway models in his photographs. He described a dream concept utilizing pieces from the New York-based auction that raised over \$2 million. “I would stack the boomboxes as my backdrop and have my subject in the forefront wear the Def Jam prototype jacket that

from the low estimate price of \$2500 to a hundred bands with a quickness. I’ll wait for the re-release on November 20, they’re pre-slating them on eBay now for \$20.97, and they have the same cover art that Jean-Michel Basquiat did up.”

Mike recently parlayed his personal hip-hop records and boomboxes for a down payment on a house. “Vinyl and boomboxes are hot now, and I had to lock it in at these hell-low interest rates, and I did it before [rapper] TI jumped onto Instagram saying something like ‘Please y’all, go buy some property.’”

The auction had 120 lots and 91 percent of the items sold, including teenage-Tupac’s handwritten love letters (\$75K), a ring worn by Fab 5 Freddy of *Yo! MTV Raps* (\$35K), and Salt-N-Pepa’s leather jackets worn in the 1987 “Push It” music video.

“I think they wore those on stage at the 2018 Taco Fest concert at our Waterfront Park,” Mike opined.

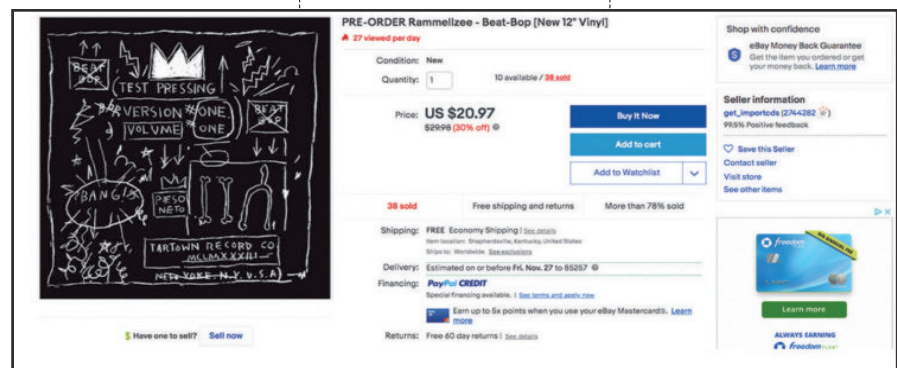
face,” Morales explained. “The look on Biggie’s face looks like he’s worried, as opposed to a strong king figure.”

(Three days after the March 1997 magazine photoshoot, the “Hypnotize” rapper was shot and killed in Los Angeles.)

Three print variations of the iconic Biggie photo taken by Barron Claiborne were included in the crown’s auction, during which five art collectors battled it out for seven minutes.



Boombox collector Ron Morales poses with boxer Floyd Mayweather.



The original *Beat Bop* album sold in the Sotheby’s auction for more than \$100,000, but the November 20 re-releases on eBay sell for \$20.97.

sold for \$10,080 paired with Drake’s Air Jordans that sold for \$32,760.”

DJ Mike, out of City Heights, was into the 1983 album *Beat-Bop*, a 12-inch record by Rammellzee vs. K-Rob, which fetched \$126,000, the highest amount paid for a hip-hop record in an auction. “That one skyrocketed

The biggest auction was for the crown worn by the late Notorious B.I.G. for a *Rap Pages* magazine photoshoot, which copped \$594,750.

“The face is powerful in that photoshoot, and you have to have the right shape props, whether it be a hat, beanie, or a crown, in this case, to frame the

The hip-hop auction had 400 registered bidders from 19 countries worldwide; more than 25 percent were newbies to Sotheby’s.

— Mike Madriaga

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## SAN DIABLO ALLSTARS

Hip-hop rocker Black Heshher, producer J. Andrew, and Michael Fairchild of the Spice Pistols have formed San Diablo Allstars, with a single for “Hatchback” now streaming. A debut album drops December 4 on 8-track tape, in a run of 100 copies, before becoming available digitally. “We’ve captured a one-of-a-kind sound that screams SoCal from start to finish,” says J. Andrew (aka Jason Nichols), “with groundbreaking music, psychedelic flows, and anthem hooks. This will be the first feel-good album out of San Diego in a very long time.” J. Andrew’s newest album *Time To Move* featured Black Heshher on the track “Energy of 1000,” while Heshher’s recent full-length *Sacrifices* was

mixed by Andrew, who also co-wrote the album track “Body Check.” Andrew is also mixing songs for transplanted east coast rapper Katie Ladubz, as well as releasing a new solo single called “Exposed.” “I’ve been recording some new stuff of my own and plan on putting out a decent sized record in the beginning of next year. I was trying to put something out that kind of stuck to one style, but that ain’t fucking happening. My next album will definitely include plenty of genre-hopping madness.” Michael Fairchild is working on the second Spice Pistols full-length, *Spice Train*, at local studios such as Emerald Age Recording.



## MARUJAH

Originally based in Nashville, Marujah blends Latin alternative sounds with punk, ska, and rock. As a songwriter, vocalist Comandante Kalavera, who sings in English and Spanish, is heavily influenced by Latin American existential poetry. The band began to see their audience grow while doing Battle of the Bands showcases at 710 Beach Club, which led to exposure on Tim Pyles’ local music radio show. In 2011, their debut album *Lechuga del Diablo*, produced by Steven Jacob at Tiger Tracks studios, earned them a performance slot at the Latin Alternative Conference in New York City. Touring in support of the album took the band to South

America for the first time. Their 2015 sophomore full-length *Gringolandia*, recorded and produced by Jake Caldwell at Holler studios in Colmont TN, was preceded by a single for “Ke pasa” which deals with immigration reform and human rights. 2017’s *Marujah Rising* was produced by John Avila of Oingo Boingo, as was their 2019 album *Bad Hombres: Live at Brandos Paradise*. The San Diego Music Award winners for Best World Music Album in 2018 and 2020 have a new album due in January, *Only the Dead*, which includes tracks such as “Mumble Rappers,” “Millennial,” “Disaster Overthink,” “Saturn Waits,” and “Melania.”

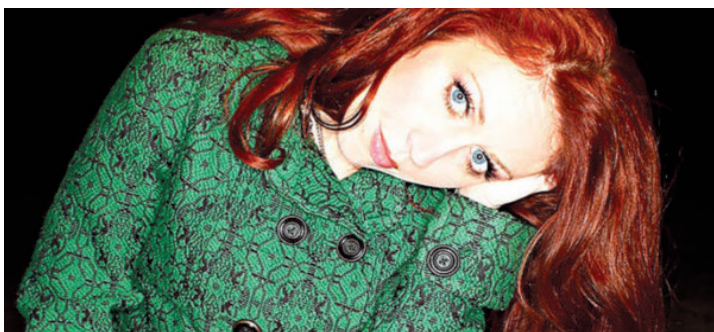
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## J.D. BOUCHARDE

Papa Hoodlum & the Hard Truth, the musical alter ego of J.D. Boucharde, premiered in 2016 with an eponymous debut. More Papa Hoodlum emerged last year with a two song single, “Femina” (a duet with singer-songwriter Jill Nooren) backed with “All,” featuring sleeve art with a multimedia painting created for the cover by encaustic nature artist Chris Reilly. “Femina” was also shot as a music video, starring actor Alyssa Latson and created by local artist/photographer Kristy Walker. His new Papa Hoodlum single is “Streets of Laredo (Duet With My Father).” “After my dad passed away this summer, I took an old recording of him

into the studio and turned it into a duet,” he says. “It’s the B-side of a single I just recorded called ‘Bullets,’ about guns and gun violence in America. Both will be available in wide release. The timing was interesting, I was all set to record the single, and my father died. I’d always wanted to do something with that song. I’m heading into the studio to record a song about gun violence, and here’s this decades-old recording of my dad singing a century-old cowboy ballad of a man’s dying words after being gunned down in the street. It felt very fitting to release them together.”



## JENN GRINELS

Singer-songwriter Jenn Grinels grew up in Northern California, before landing at UC Irvine to study musical theater. After graduating, she moved to San Diego and began performing in local stage productions, appearing in reverse-drag while playing bearded rock musician Yitzhak in the musical *Hedwig & the Angry Inch* at the Cygnet Theatre, and portraying Janis Joplin in the 1960s musical *Beehive*, at the Theatre in Old Town. In the years since her debut full-length *Little Words* dropped in 2007, she’s released several more albums and landed songs on television shows such as MTV’s *The Real World*, where

her tune “Little Words” was featured. Her new nine-song album *Go Mine* straddles everything from country and folk to jazz, blues, soul, and pop rock. It features tracks such as “Resilience” and “Don’t Let Me Be Understood,” and local troubadour Marc Broussard guests on the tune “Evidence.” Music videos are streaming online for “Anytime Soon” (“I wore the same outfit for two weeks straight!”), “Resilience” (“If you need a good cry or a little reminder that we’ll get through this”), and the title track. She also has a new collaborative song with Alfred Howard, “Always On the Run.”



## EVE SELIS

Singer/songwriter Eve Selis used to be in the local cover band Heroes before going solo in the late 1990s. She won Best Americana Or Country at the 2008 San Diego Music Awards, and Best Americana at the 2010 SDMAs. A new video of her performing the Women Arise Collective theme song “Women Arise” is streaming online. “This song, written by Kim McLean and Sherry Cothran, is very powerful and needs to be shared,” says Selis. “The chorus is my anthem, especially today.” She had help on the track from

one of the most celebrated Christian singer-songwriters in the world. “A huge thanks to Phil Keaggy for helping me transpose the song to easier chords and loaning me his Sam Skinner custom guitar, with the caveat that I write a few songs on it.” Selis will livestream a concert performance from her Facebook page on Saturday, December 5. The annual holiday Christmas show will feature guest players Marc Intraiva, Rick Nash, and Larry Grano.



# Black Heshher

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### THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

#### Online Internet Events:

**Thursday, 1pm & 5pm** — Josh Groban Livestream.  
**Thursday, 4pm** — Nurse Heroes Live Thanksgiving Concert. \$25-\$250.  
**Friday, 7pm** — Belly Up Livestream: Back to the Garden. \$12.  
**Friday, 6pm** — Dua Lipa: Studio 2054 Livestream.  
**Friday, 5pm** — Mary Chapin Carpenter Live From Wolf Trap.  
**Friday & Saturday, 5pm** — Twiddle Friendsgiving: Live from the Capitol Theatre. \$19.  
**Saturday, 5pm** — Blackberry Smoke Pandemic Jam Livestream.  
**Saturday, 3pm** — Soft Kill: Dead Kids, R.I.P. City Livestream. \$10-\$35.  
**Sunday, 6pm** — Face to Face: Big Choice. \$12.  
**Sunday, 2pm** — Popcaan & Friends: FIXTAPE Live. \$12.  
**Sunday, 2pm** — Spreckels Organ Webcasts. **Free.**  
**Monday, 1pm** — Birds of Chicago Live at Paste Studio. **Free.**  
**Monday, 5pm** — Della Mae Monday Night Hoedown. **Free.**  
**Monday, 10am** — Lera Lynn Live at Paste Studio. **Free.**  
**Tuesday, 9pm** — Alice in Chains' Founders Award Ceremony. **Free.**  
**Tuesday, 6pm** — Sylvan Esso Live From the Satellite. \$15.  
**Tuesday, 11am** — The Academic Live From the Jealous Wall.  
**Wednesday, 6pm** — Clint Black & Lisa Hartman Black. \$9.

### UPCOMING SHOWS

**Brick by Brick:**  
**Monday, Dec. 14** — The Cybertronic Spree. \$18.

**Casbah:**  
**Saturday, Dec. 12** — Fu Manchu. \$15-\$18.

**Del Mar Fairgrounds:**  
**Saturday, Dec. 5** — Iration: Coastin' at the Drive-In.

**House of Blues:**  
**Monday, Dec. 14** — Sebastian Bach.  
**Saturday, Dec. 19** — Azizi Gibson.

**Online Internet Events:**  
**Thursday, Dec. 3** — Colin James Worldwide Live Stream. \$18.  
**Thursday, Dec. 3** — Lucinda Williams: Lu's Jukebox.  
**Thursday, Dec. 3** — Colin James Worldwide Live Stream. \$18.  
**Thursday, Dec. 3** — The Hold Steady: Live Stream. \$15.  
**Friday, Dec. 4** — Atreyu: Carry the Fire Livestream.  
**Friday, Dec. 4** — Hanson Live at Cain's Ballroom.  
**Friday, Dec. 4** — The Hold Steady: Live Stream. \$15.  
**Friday, Dec. 4** — Belly Up Livestream: Queen Nation. \$15.  
**Saturday, Dec. 5** — Evanescence Live From Rock Falcon Studio.

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## Gratitude music

Thanksgiving is nigh, so how about two pieces by George Frederic Handel that give thanks? The first is "But Thanks Be to God" from Handel's Oratorio *Messiah*. The second is *Dank sei dir Herr* (Thanks be to Thee), which is traditionally attributed to Handel but may have been written in the late 19th Century as a Handel parody by a gentleman named Siegfried Ochs.

"But Thanks be to God" is from the Easter section of *Messiah*. The text is from 1 Corinthians and reads, "But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

What victory are we giving thanks for? Victory over death won by Christ on the cross was the original idea, of course. But it could be any victory. In this case, the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ could be the victory of not overeating at Thanksgiving dinner. It could be the victory of getting along with our entire family during Thanksgiving. It could be the dysfunctional Dallas Cowboys winning their football game on Thanksgiving, but let's not ask too much of Jesus.

Giving thanks used to be such a clear concept. We would give

thanks to God for the food we were about to eat, because food stability was hit-and-miss until about 60 years ago.

Who do we give thanks to now? Carl Bosch and Fritz Haber? Bosch perfected Haber's method of pulling ammonia out of nitrogen. *Scienceheroes.com* says these two men have saved over 2.7 billion lives by creating the foundations of modern food stability.

That victory didn't necessarily come from Our Lord Jesus Christ, unless you believe that the Christian ideal of telling the truth led to the scientific revolution which led to the industrial revolution which created food stability.

The second piece, *Dank sei dir Herr*, has text that translates to:

Thanks be to Thee,  
Lord God of Hosts:  
Thou broughtest forth  
Your people  
with Your mighty hand  
Israel safe through the sea.  
Lord, like a shepherd  
Thou hast led us;  
Lord, Thy hand protected us  
in Thy goodness tenderly as in  
ages past.

This one clearly speaks to the Pil-



Bach Collegium members singing "O death, where is thy sting?"

grims making it safely, more or less, across the sea. Of course, cancel culture, with its tyrannical neglect of context, has taken aim at the Pilgrims this year. Their harrowing sea crossing was no big deal compared to what they did to the indigenous peoples, the social justice warriors tell us.

Crossing the sea was a big deal, and had I been on the *Mayflower*,

I would have thanked God to have made it across alive. I also would have signed The Mayflower Compact, which was the first document of self-government in North America.

What did the Pilgrims do to the indigenous peoples? They got along with them, for the most part, until they involved themselves in a dispute between two

tribes which led to the disruption of the fur trade that had benefited both sides.

This Thanksgiving, I'm going to be thankful for the great music of Handel and Ochs. I'm going to be thankful that I wasn't a Pilgrim on the *Mayflower*. And I'm going to be thankful for industrial-grade fertilizer that has been pulled out of thin air.

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Saturday, Dec. 5 — Hanson Live at Cain's Ballroom.

Saturday, Dec. 5 — Eve Selis Livestream.

Saturday, Dec. 5 — Nektar Livestream Concert.

Saturday, Dec. 5 — The Hold Steady: Live Stream. \$15.

Sunday, Dec. 6 — Spreckels Organ Webcasts. **Free.**

Sunday, Dec. 6 — Hanson Live at Cain's Ballroom.

Thursday, Dec. 10 — Parquet Courts 10th Anniversary Livestream.

Thursday, Dec. 10 — Peter

Sprague, Leonard Patton & Tripp Sprague. **Free.**

Friday, Dec. 11 — Belly Up Livestream: Los Lobos Christmas. \$20.

Saturday, Dec. 12 — Engelbert Humperdinck Christmas Special.

Saturday, Dec. 12 — Lindsey

Stirling: Home for the Holidays Livestream.

Sunday, Dec. 13 — Laurie Berkner Holiday Party.

Sunday, Dec. 13 — Spreckels Organ Webcasts. **Free.**

Sunday, Dec. 13 — Laurie Berkner Holiday Party.

Sunday, Dec. 13 — John Henry's Friends Benefit Concert For Autism.

Wednesday, Dec. 16 — LEVL UP Fest: Festival of Music & Stories. **Free.**

Thursday, Dec. 17 — Lucinda Williams: Lu's Jukebox.

Friday, Dec. 18 — Trans-Siberian Orchestra: Christmas Eve & Other Stories. \$30.

Friday, Dec. 18 — We Banjo 3: Winter Wonderful. \$20.

Friday, Dec. 18 — Belly Up Livestream: Abbey Road Christmas. \$12.

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Josh Groban Livestream.

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Boy George & Culture Club: Rainbow in the Dark. \$21-\$228.

Saturday, Dec. 19 — Belly Up Livestream: Metalachi Christmas. \$15.

Sunday, Dec. 20 — Jim Brickman Comfort & Joy at Home Tour. \$40-\$125.

Sunday, Dec. 20 — Spreckels Organ Webcasts. **Free.**

Sunday, Dec. 27 — Spreckels Organ Webcasts. **Free.**

Thursday, Dec. 31 — Lucinda Williams: Lu's Jukebox.

**Tony Pepperoni Pizzeria:** Friday, Dec. 18 — Tim Yancey. **Free.**

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# Belushi: belated bio

John Belushi could milk more laughter with a slight shift of the eyebrow than most comedians can with a pratfall. He transformed slobbery into an art form, and sewed danger into the heart of each gag. You're familiar with talking heads documentaries, that effortless approach to filmmaking that transforms interview subjects into news anchors? Director R.J. Cutler's *Belushi* could be the first talking

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*mouths* documentary. Many of the interviews were conducted via telephone by Tanner Colby over the months following Belushi's death at age 33. The conversations, intended to form an oral history of Belushi's life, are being heard here for the first time. Among those interviewed are Dan Aykroyd, Carrie Fisher, Harold Ramis, Lorne Michaels, brother Jim, the widow Belushi, Judith Belushi-Pisano, and dozens more. As Fisher put it, "Judy was John's co-dependant anchor," and the lifetime of love they crammed into the time they were together only adds to the heartbreak.

His first paying gig was in summer stock when, at age 17, Belushi signed a professional contract with a local theatre company. The job description entailed acting, painting flats, and mowing the lawn. In an early correspondence with Judy, John expressed a desire to be in the audience for a performance at Chicago's *Second City*. Not long after his wish became a reality, Belushi had joined the merry band of improvisors. I first became aware of his enormous presence when he and Chevy Chase passed through Chicago for a one-night-only performance of *Lemmings*, *National Lampoon's* hilarious vamp on Woodstock. (It was on *Lemmings* that Belushi met the love of his life, cocaine. One had best grasp those armrests the moment Belushi took to the stage as Joe Cocker, lest one be blown away by the high-octane impersonation.) That led to a spot as one of the inaugural cast members of *Saturday Night Live*, where he spent the first season on the show catching cold from standing in Chevy Chase's shadow. Chase received much more airtime than Belushi, and it wasn't until his ego ballooned to monstrous proportions (he quit after one season) that John took center stage.

Belushi never felt comfortable with himself as an actor, choosing instead to go by the handle "disciplined anar-

chist" or sketch comic. One thing he did take seriously was his devotion to Jake and Elwood Blues. To Belushi, the Blues Brothers were far from a goof. Love the band — I saw them perform live in concert — hate the movie for its over-inflated (133 min!) demolition-derby style of comedy. But one behind-the-scenes story best summed up Belushi's likeability and appeal to the common man. Dan Aykroyd referred to him as "America's guest,"

a man with a face so recognizable that he could walk off a location shoot, knock on a stranger's door, and inform the occupant that he was both tied and hungry. In no time, John, would be sprawled out on the couch eating a sandwich he whipped together from fixings found in his host's refrigerator.

There was a year-and-a-half stretch when Belushi was clean and sober, and it showed in his work. (Credit Smokey Wendell, former Secret Service bodyguard to Richard Nixon, for keeping the riff-raff away.) His performance as a crusading, Mike Royko-ish newsman in *Continental Divide* is easily his finest hour as an actor. But no sooner did he and Wendell part company than John was back on the shit, and it showed. All the drugs in the world wouldn't be enough to make *Neighbors* funny.

What killed John Belushi? The biggest insight into his addictive personality came from Carrie Fisher: "Drugs aren't the problem, sobriety is the problem... You're not doing drugs for no reason. Once your management medication is removed, all those feelings that it's been sitting on come up, and you have no coping skills." There is no mention of the incidents surrounding his death or where he got the ingredients for the heroin and coke speedball that claimed him. Underneath footage of the coroner's unit arriving at the Chateau Marmont, we hear John as Joliet Jake, singing Randy Newman's "Guilty." The song and the moment have stayed with me for days. ★★

—Scott Marks

### Video on Demand New Release Roundup

**1 Night in San Diego** — A pair of lifelong (albeit hair-triggered) pals, Hannah (Jenna Ushkowitz), famous for a stunt on a *Jersey Shore*-style reality TV show and Brooklyn (Laura Ashley



Belushi: the world's first talking mouths documentary.

Samuels), a would-be Instagram influencer, make for enjoyable travelling companions in this raunchier variation on Romy and Michelle. Rather than a high school reunion, our pair of recent Los Angeles-transplants rent a car from DUIs (pronounced Dewey's) and wend their way South, where the plan is to hook up with a friend at Comic-Con. Anyone who's ever been near the Gaslamp during the annual celebration of everything that's wrong with cinema knows that once the sun goes down, it's pretty much wall-to-wall people as far as the eye can see. Oddly, this appears to have been shot on a Monday night in April. (One had to laugh when Brooklyn's phone suggested the Golden West as THE place to stay.) The movie is only as good as the side trips it takes: Brooklyn turning jealous when Hannah is picked out of the crowd by a fan of her work (Alexandra Daddario) adds depth to their friendship, while a detour to Encinitas dead ends in the expectable. And why were the two shushed for laughing at a show titled *Law & Order SVU: The Parody Musical*? Still, the stars bounce off each other rather nicely. And in this case, overlooking some of the sillier subplots can only lead to more laughs. 2020 — S.M. ★★

**Let Him Go** — Three years after James Blackledge's death, his mother Margaret (Diane Lane) witnesses both her young grandson and former daughter-in-law Lorna (Kayli Carter) winding up on the receiving end of a public smackdown from James' replacement, Donnie Weboy (Will Brittain). A wellness call from Margaret is provocation enough to send Donnie and his brood packing back home to his maniacal mother Blanche (Lesley Manville) and family of doltsily durable brethren. (Weboys wobble but they're too dumb to fall down.)

Certain that the child's life is in danger, Margaret and her retired lawman husband George (Kevin Costner) pack the family station wagon for a journey to reclaim him. There's no denying the allure of a neo-western variation on that beloved staple of Hallmark theme: grandparents' rights. I was on board for the opening half of the ride — there's tension on the menu when first the Blackledges and the Weboys sit down

to break bread. But instead of a battle of wits, psychological horror, or even an incestuous junket along the line of Jacki Weaver and her brood in *Animal Kingdom*, filmmaker Thomas Bezucha sets his sights on sadism. Manville brings genuine menace, as does Lane's extended arm and probing grin, but it's not enough to make one let go of the film's ugliness and myriad of contrivances. 2020 — S.M. ★

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How about a hilarious helping of *Cold Turkey* for Thanksgiving? For more on the film, visit us online.

— Scott Marks

### COLD TURKEY (1971)

Looking to combat bad publicity with good, Big Tobacco offers \$25 million to the one American town that can collectively kick the habit for 30 days. And so, in jig time, snoozy little Eagle Rock, Iowa becomes a bustling tourist mecca. But with half of the country cheering for a smoke-free victory and the other half threatening to quit smoking as a show of support, the publicity stunt gone wrong could topple



Cold Turkey: Going cig-free has Dick Van Dyke seeing double...no, triple!

the tobacco industry. Director Norman Lear had completed production in 1969, but it wasn't until the success of *All in the Family* that the film received theatrical release. Lear wouldn't set foot out the front door for a project unless it came with a political conscience in tow. Much of what was targeted for satire

in 1969 — the military, corporate greed, democracy gone haywire — withstands the test of time; it's only when it comes to comedy that

things remain mired in topicality. The cast is populated by a formidable fleet of character actors, none more recognizable (or beloved) than Edward Everett Horton. This was the first Hollywood feature to feature flatulence. Alas, the start of the fart sounded the last gasp from Horton, making his big screen swansong as the otherwise mute tobacco company president.

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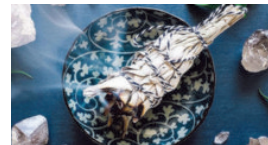
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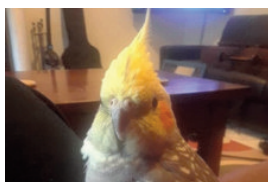
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**department stores from vacating distressed malls.**  
**Whether Brookfield's potentially lucrative San Diego sports arena deal – for which termed-out Republican Kevin Faulconer engineered the height limit's demise – finds ultimate financial success or requires a bailout remains to be seen. After spending more than \$400,000 on the Measure E campaign, Brookfield must now manage to hold on to the putative city franchise awarded it by the lame-duck mayor and ultimately deliver a covid-proof venue. Switching business strategies, including bankrolling a forest of condo towers in place of the sports arena, would likely require Brookfield to retain a new corps of city lobbyists to win city backing from the new mayor, Democrat Todd Gloria.**

*Matt Potter*

## Under the radar

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been caught misusing a city vehicle, says the latest quarterly fraud hotline report by interim city auditor **Kyle Elser**. "An allegation of waste due to administrative staff using City vehicles unnecessarily was investigated and resulted in corrective action," says the October 7 document. "A vehicle will no longer be assigned exclusively to the administrative staff person." Another investigation involved alleged "unsafe handling of hazardous materials" that auditors found to be true. "The department took the appropriate corrective action with respect to the identified employee, and staff will be required to wear personal protective equipment."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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**Inexplicable**

— Firefighters with Essex County (England) Fire and Rescue Service were called to a derelict laundromat in Epping on Oct. 30, where three young men had become trapped inside an industrial-sized tumble dryer. Two of them had climbed all the way into the dryer, while the third had managed to get his ankles trapped in the door. Firefighters were joined by Essex Police, a medical helicopter and the ambulance service as they employed "a lot of heavy equipment" to free the men, watch manager Glenn Jackson told *Sky News*. No word on what they were looking for in there.

**Government in Action**

— The San Diego City Council blocked funding last summer for its controversial smart streetlights program, which features not only streetlights but also a video surveillance system that has been used by the San Diego Police Department, and on Sept. 9, Mayor Kevin Faulconer ordered the cameras turned off. But *Voice of San Diego* reported the cameras and streetlights are connected to the same power supply, so turning them off would have left the city in the dark. Florida-based Ubiqquia owns the underlying technology, but the company has been reluctant to work with the city because of unpaid bills amounting to \$771,000. Meanwhile, the cameras are still recording and storing footage for five days.

**Sweet Love**

— Sugar Good, 49, who manages a

Dunkin' donuts store in Edmond, Oklahoma, knew a good man when she saw one ... every morning at 7:15 as he collected his sausage, egg and cheese croissant at her drive-thru. After a year of friendly commercial exchanges, *The New York Times* reported, Good finally got up the nerve to hand John Thompson, 45, her business card along with his food and coffee. Two years later, on Oct. 13, Good and Thompson tied the knot at the place that brought them together: the Dunkin' drive-thru. "We knew we wanted to share it with the Dunkin' family," Good said. She stood at her spot in the window and Thompson drove up in his red truck, where former pastor Colby Taylor was waiting for them. Taylor kept the ceremony short, as other customers were lined up behind Thompson, but at the end, Good came outside and Thompson got out of his truck for their first kiss as regulars, friends and family cheered them on. "Our story wasn't glamour," Good said, "but it was true romance."

**Rise of the Machines**

— Fans of the Caledonian Thistle soccer team in Inverness, Scotland, were frustrated as they watched a broadcast of the club's Oct. 24 game against rival Ayr United when the new robotic cameras programmed to follow the ball around the pitch focused instead on the bald head of one of the game's linesmen. The team had proudly announced a week earlier that it would be replacing human camera operators with a new system "with in-built, AI, ball-tracking

technology" to stream live HD footage of home games to season ticket holders and fans who purchased the service. *IFLScience* reported that while many fans complained, others "saw this as a bonus, given the usual quality of performance."

**Bright Ideas**

— An unnamed man from Idaho Falls, Idaho, pleaded guilty in a Mammoth Hot Springs, Wyoming, court on Sept. 10 to citations including walking in restricted thermal areas of Yellowstone National Park after park rangers found him with a cooking pot and a burlap sack containing two whole chickens near a hot spring. Witnesses tipped off rangers on Aug. 7 that a group of 10 people, including a child, were seen hiking toward Shoshone Geyser Basin carrying cooking pots, *EastIdahoNews.com* reported. The man was ordered to pay fines and has been banned from Yellowstone for two years.

**I Knew I Forgot Something**

— Deputies of the Anderson (Tennessee) County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a stolen log splitter in Marlow on Oct. 22, and discovered a severed finger among items left at the scene. Hugh Seeber, 50, later appeared at a local medical center with a missing finger, *WATE* reported, and was taken to UT Medical Center in Knoxville, where Anderson County Det. Sean Flynn met him with the severed digit. Seeber was charged with felony theft.

**Least Neighborly Neighbor**

— Ryan Ferry and his wife moved into their Clearwater, Florida, home with great expectations about living in a neighborhood they loved. But their next-door neighbor, Ken Nielsen, had other plans. "He's threatened to shoot me in the face numerous times," Ferry told *WFLA*. "My wife can't go out back and sunbathe because he will pull up a chair and take pictures of her." The final straw came on Oct. 24, when Ferry hung lights on his side of their shared fence for a birthday party that evening. Nielsen called police, who asked Ferry to remove the lights. But he called 911 again, telling the operator, "I've got a ton of ... weapons. I got ... hand grenades. I'll blow them out of the ... ground." Ferry can take comfort in the fact that it's not personal: Nielsen assaulted another neighbor in 2016 for power washing while he was trying to watch the Olympics.

**Rise of the Machines 2**

— A thief in Lippstadt, Germany, was foiled by his own booty on Oct. 27 as he tried to make off with a robotic lawnmower. The Associated Press reported that the robot sent a message to the owner's smartphone, alerting the man that it had been flipped upside down. When the owner went to investigate, he saw the thief with the robot under his arm. Police said the thief then dropped the lawnmower and fled.

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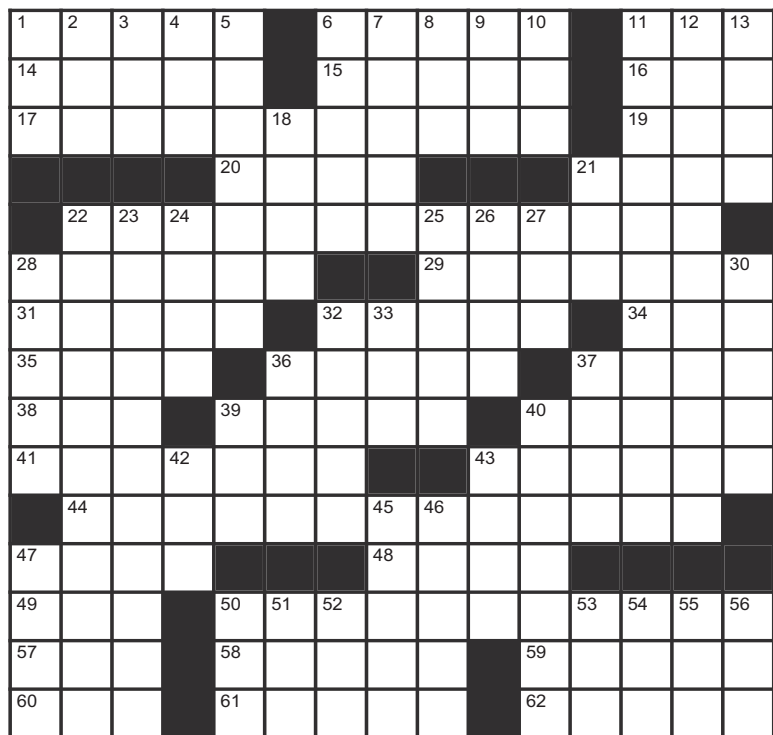
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## Across

1. Hollywood's Hayek
6. Tiny hairs
11. Inspiration for Jefferson Airplane's "White Rabbit"
14. "Rumor has it ..."
15. Literally, "singing place"
16. Debtor's note
17. Photographer's bane ... or a good clue for 36-Across
19. Dad \_\_\_\_\_
20. Surveyor's calculation
21. Microscope part
22. Passion ... or a good clue for 36-Across
28. One trading dollars for quarters
29. Manet who painted "Olympia"
31. 2010 Emma Stone comedy set in high school
32. "The People's Court" prop
34. Sch. whose sports fans shout "Geaux Tigers!"
35. Takes evening courses?
36. Answer to the clues given in 17-, 22-, 44- and 50-Across
37. Diminish
38. Depot: Abbr.
39. It's worth 8 points in Scrabble
40. "\_\_\_\_\_ Subsequent Moviefilm" (2020 mockumentary)
41. TV Guide info
43. Mailed

44. Stealing from a coworker, e.g. ... or a good clue for 36-Across
47. Bit of ancient script
48. Not an orig.
49. "Solve for x" subj.
50. Result of a jealous rage, say ... or a good clue for 36-Across
57. Fighting a fever, say
58. Fill in, as a lawn bare spot
59. City where LeBron James opened the I Promise School
60. The Bronx Bombers, on scoreboards
61. Potato \_\_\_\_\_
62. "I'm telling the truth!"

## Down

1. Member of the fam
2. Puzzle solver's cry
3. Played the first card
4. Daughter in the "Descendants" movies
5. Huffington of The Huffington Post
6. Ben of Ben & Jerry's
7. Canine collar dangler
8. Floral wreath by a coral reef
9. \_\_\_\_\_ beam
10. He directed Heath and Jake in "Brokeback Mountain"
11. Kind of education
12. Oklahoma nickname derived from settlers who were early to stake claims
13. Clothing
18. Annoyance for an oyster eater
21. First Asian-American woman to host "SNL"
22. In a lovely way
23. In a merciless way
24. Losers to the Dodgers in the 2020 World Series
25. R&B's Bell Biv \_\_\_\_\_
26. Adam's apple location?
27. Costa del \_\_\_\_\_
28. Thompson of "Thor: Ragnarok"
30. On account of
32. "Peer Gynt" composer
33. Syst. with hand signals
36. Abbr. on an office memo
37. Beethoven's birthplace
39. \_\_\_\_\_ alai
40. Tailgate party recyclable
42. Dr. with Grammys
43. Bay Area force: Abbr.
45. "What the Butler Saw" playwright Joe
46. Puts money in, as a meter
47. Drops in a forecast
50. Yr's 8,760
51. "I see a cockroach!"
52. "Just \_\_\_\_\_ suspected!"
53. MGM rival of the '30s
54. Like offline interaction, initially
55. Miss Piggy's coy question
56. Opposite of WSW

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE:

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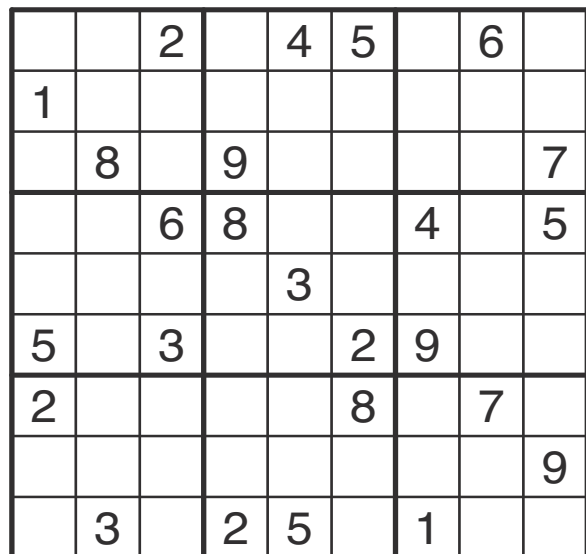
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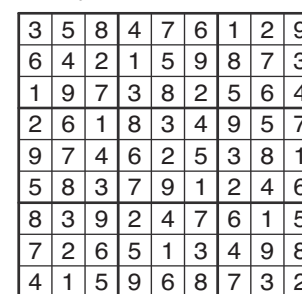
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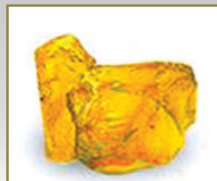
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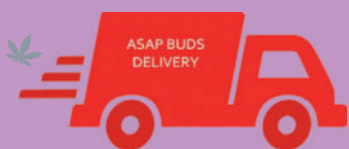
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