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Jane returns fire

Re: "Homeless Mote" (Letters, January 6), Mr. Harrington: self-righteous and self-important as you "enjoy your oatmeal" (what was the point? letting us know you have no teeth?), don't flatter yourself. I never seek to persuade nor elicit a reaction from anyone, much less a fool who has nothing to say, no review nor refuting of any of the rock-solid points I made in my lengthy post which you were so 'fascinated' to read. I am merely exercising my right to free speech.

You attack me, take cheap shots with sophomoric name-calling, revealing more about yourself (as you congratulate yourself to presume so much about me without offering a shred of evidence) than you claim to have learned about me. You don't even counter a single statement or position which I prolifically presented. You are clearly incapable of rebuttal, not the least bit clever. Since you had nothing substantial to say, you just name-call in a miserably inept effort to unnerve me. If you had a different point of view to share, I didn't find it anywhere in your repetitive attempt to shame me. I remain unashamed, in fact more proud of my words after re-reading my own 'manuscript'. Suffice it to say, you were unsuccessful, exactly the opposite!

BTW, after you finish your oatmeal (hope you didn't gag on it as you read my "hateful" submission), perhaps you could clear a spot in the driveway of your "comfortable home", and another on your front lawn, for "Amber's" RV and the military veteran you completely failed to 'defend' against this diminutive, single mom, hard working, self sufficient tiny little "bully". Oh, but make sure you dig a big hole to illegally dump their black water.

Better yet, invite them inside to use your bathroom. I am sure a happy, loving 'big-minded' man such as yourself will gladly share his space (and his oatmeal!) with those who are "down". And Escondido is known for lax enforcement for vehicle parking on front lawns and the like, or so I have heard.... Jane Bonita

On the Jane train

Wow and yikes! I finally got to read the letter that Jane the nurse wrote that got two super nasty people to tell her off. But I happen to agree with her and she did a great job expressing herself. If you park where you are not supposed to, anywhere in San Diego, a parking ticket will end up on your windshield. It's happened to me and I learned the hard way like many of us have.

I used to have a boyfriend who lived in his RV. He traveled around the country doing contract work. He had to research local codes for where he could park and prebooked into RV parks that could accommodate his rig. Like Jane mentioned, there are luxury parks with views, amenities, security as well as low-cost parks that aren't as nice. I also remember that his RV required quite a bit of maintenance and it was expensive. He was paying it off every month and it was almost like a house payment. It wasn't even anything fancy or spacious but it had a bathroom with a shower.

I wonder where these people who are so broke even get the money to buy these RV's. It is hard to believe they are cheaper than a small apartment or maybe renting a room. Jane, don't pay any attention to haters who kill the messenger. It sounds as if you work hard, have yourself struggled raising two children, and don't expect others to take care of you. Instead, *continued on page 4*



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ON THE FRONT LINES Smoke gets in your lungs **Cancer flareup among firefighters** draws scrutiny

On January 10, SDFireBrigade posted an Instagram video of a burning truck in the "#sandiego airport parking garage" filmed by @OnSceneTV earlier that morning. The day before, and about 30 miles east of the San Diego International Airport, the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department extinguished a fire burning through a house in Jamul, where two rooms were heavily damaged, according to the @CAL-FIRESANDIEGO Twitter page. The tweet depicted behind-the-scene photos of the fire rescue. The caption, #SanMiguelFire, noted its likely source: the recently reported 20-acre brush fire at Mount San Miguel Park. And last week, SDFireBrigade reposted footage taken of a tree rescue in Escondido, where a trapped tree trimmer hung upside down for over "two hours... after the skirt of the palm tree fell and pinned him 100 feet off the ground. Firefighters from Escondido, San Marcos, and CALFIRE were assisted by a couple of rescue trainer tree trimmers to safely lower



Video of a burning truck filmed by @OnSceneTV

the man to the ground."

As I scanned through mainstream news reports and social media posts, I found no fatalities reported in connection with the aforementioned fire rescues. Small surprise; these were hardly major conflagrations. For me, the surprise came later, when I found that onsite accidents during fire rescue efforts are not the leading cause of death for our firefighters. What is? Occupational cancer. In 2010, researchers for the



National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, with the U.S. Fire Administration's financial backing, launched a multiyear study to examine whether firefighters have an increased risk of cancer and other causes of death due to work-related

epidemic for the fire department," he told me in a January 12 phone interview. "There are about four big studies, collectively, that address the firefighter risk for cancer. We're 9 percent higher in contracting cancer compared to the general population and 14 per-

"Cancer's kind of that, that unforeseen circumstance. You don't know that it's working in the background,"

exposures. "With more than 30,000 career firefighters who served in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco Fire Departments between 1950 and 2010," says the study, which is shared on CDC.gov, "it is the largest study of United States firefighters ever undertaken."

"Cancer's kind of that, that unforeseen circumstance. You don't know that it's working in the background," said Capt. Jesse Conner, president of the San Diego Firefighters Association in a 2019

KPBS News report. "You're exposed to carcinogens through smoke products that combustion for a long duration and you're absorbing, you're inhaling those things."

Kyle O'Neill is a 16-year veteran of the City of San Diego's Fire-Rescue Department and an occupational cancer survivor. "My job, as a San Diego Fire-Rescue Department Cancer and Health Coordinator, is to

deal with the cancer

cent higher in dying from cancer compared to the general population. We (in San Diego County) haven't had any active firefighters lost to cancer that I've seen. We've had retirees pass away, and the retirees, if they died of cancer, it's presumed that the cancer was contracted by deployment. So if you do pass away even in the retirement years, it's viewed as a line-of-duty death. For us, in the 2018 and 2019 years, 76 percent of the names added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial were due to cancer."

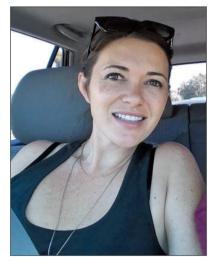


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years, O'Neill has compiled about 100 names of City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department firefighters that have or had cancer. "About 30-40 on that list are still active that have had cancer, which is pretty alarming. I don't have everybody's names, and I'm reaching out to retirees to find out the names of people that I haven't uncovered, and then there are a few that aren't going to say it because they don't want anybody to know."

MIKE MADRIAGA



Merriman's ex (and Jade's mother) claimed. "I caught my husband using meth in the garage and in an awkward position with Jade.'

SOLANA BEACH **Slaved by Jade?** A sad end for Tom Merriman

Jade Sasha Janks, 37, denied murdering her stepfather Thomas Merriman, 64, during a brief court appearance on January 12. Janks was arraigned remotely, by video monitor, on one count of murder in San Diego's North County Superior Courthouse. The San Diego County Sheriff announced in a press release that deputies went to a home in the 100 block of Nardo Avenue in Solana Beach on January 1, 2021, to conduct a welfare check. Deputies found Merriman's body and arrested Janks, "who lives at the residence," for murder.

According to information in court files, Jade Janks was eleven years old when her mother, 36, married Thomas Merriman, 39, in 1995. In 2002, the year that Jade Janks turned 19, Merriman filed for divorce from Janks' mother. Merriman continued on page 6

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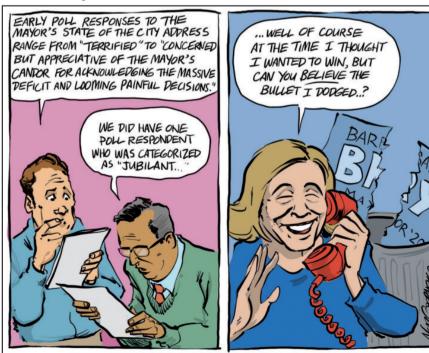
Power company taps into the power of generosity

A city councilman who has proven a staunch ally in Sempra Energy's San Diego Gas & Electric's battle to hang onto its lucrative local electrical energy monopoly has gotten a financial boost from the utility giant — in the form of generous payments made to his favored local chari-

ties. Disclosure records show that SDG&E provided a total of \$7500 at the behest of San Diego Councilman Chris Cate between December 11 and December 29 of last year. During that same time period, Cate — the sole Republican on the council — was criticizing his council peers for delaying action on renewal of the firm's franchise. "This is a process which has been undertaken for well over two years," said Cate in remarks cited in a December 18 dispatch by public television station KPBS. "We knew the deadlines years ago." Delay in rewarding the franchise renewal to SDG&E, the councilman added, "would not be coming from a fiscally prudent or service prudent standpoint as a city."

According to a disclosure form Cate filed with the city clerk's office on January 8, SDG&E had given \$2500 on December 11 to the Anvil of Hope Virtual Giving Tree Gala at his behest. A separate report filed by the councilman on January 8 shows that on December 26, SDG&E gave \$2500 in Cate's name to Toys for Tots. A third statement, also filed by Cate on January 8, shows the utility gave \$2500 on December 29 to the

Neal Obermeyer



By Reader staff writers



A free tree for thee, a monopoly for me!

Rosie Network for "free Christmas Tree[s] for Military Members and Veterans." In addition, the January 8 disclosure notes that the Rosie Network received \$5000 on January 4 at Cate's behest from Walmart Corporation. Cate turned up at the Rosie Network's tree giveaway on December 5, tweeting a photo picked up by a local TV station. "San Diego City Councilman Chris Cate and The Rosie Network teamed up on Saturday for the third year of providing Christmas trees to active duty and veteran military families for the holiday season," reported KNSD-TV. "One in every five residents in District 6 is connected to the military," Cate told the station. "Due to the generosity of Walmart and SDG&E, military families will have Christmas trees for the holiday season."

During the past year, according to lobbying activity disclosure filings made with the city clerk, SDG&E executives and lobbyists retained by the company have repeatedly discussed the franchise renewal with Cate. **Clarissa Falcon of Falcon Strategies was** continued on page 30 UNDER THE RADAR

Get it lobbied Deloitte Consulting which won a \$20 million deal to run San Diego's Get It Done program thanks to a controversial 5-4 city council vote last year and is seeking more work - has been providing free services to new San Diego mayor Todd Gloria. "Deloitte provided executive coaching services for [Gloria's] successful Mayoral transition," per a list of payments made at Gloria's behest posted online by the state's Fair Political Practices Commission. Before becoming mayor, Gloria was a member of

the state Assembly, thus requiring the full disclosure. According to the filing, required under the state's so-called behesting disclosure laws, Deloitte's complimentary November services, about which the listing gives no details, were valued at \$10,000. Deloitte got the first two-

year Get it Done contract in July 2018, according to a June 30, 2020 council resolution granting the company a new two-year agreement with three optional

one-year extensions. Under the arrangement, Deloitte will collect total payments not to exceed \$20,480,337. Those voting in favor of the deal were Democrats Jennifer Campbell and Chris Ward, joined by Republicans Chris Cate and Scott Sherman, and ex-Republican Mark Kersey. Barbara Bry, Monica Montgomery, Vivian Moreno, and Georgette Gomez, all Democrats, voted against the contract.

A sketchy disclosure statement filed by Deloitte with the San Diego city clerk's office on January 7 of this year says the company is still lobbying the mayor and council regarding sales of further "consulting services to government." Listed as Deloitte's lobbyist is Shawn VanDiver,

a Gloria backer who works for Deloitte as a Client Relationship Executive, according to his LinkedIn profile. VanDiver's wife, Stefanie Benvenuto, vice president of public affairs at the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, is another Gloria backer. She has been a registered city lobbyist for the group, per disclosure filings. VanDiver, identified on campaign filings as a senior manager for Deloitte, gave a total of

\$1250 to Gloria's mayoral campaign in 2019 and 2020. VanDiver, seeking the Get it Done deal, contacted city council Democrat Ward during the second quarter of last year, records show. VanDiver also met with Cate and Kersey. All three would up voting for the proposal... Francis Barraza, ex-deputy chief of staff for community engagement under ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer, was last year paid \$1000 to \$10,000 by Meridian Pacific, a Sacramento- based Republican political consulting outfit, according to Barraza's leaving-

Airport artist in residence Margaret Noble, perhaps seeking for a "space to think and induce calmness."

office statement, dated January 11. "Meridian is a full-service strategy firm specializing in political and public affairs campaigns," says the company's website.

Covid-19 performance art

Besieged by the Covid-19 pandemic, 2020 was not a good year for San Diego International Airport, forcing airport performing artist in residence Margaret Noble to change her act from live interminal events to those of the smartphone kind.

> "Her initial proposal for the Residency is to engage the San Diego International Airport's unique spatial atmosphere with a series of ambient sound art concerts inspired by Brian Eno's concept album Music for Airports," said an October 8, 2019 staff report. "Through a casual and inviting sitting lounge, she wants to provide airport patrons a 'sonic retreat' in the midst of their journeys. This would be a 'space to think and induce calmness."

But the deadly virus changed the plan. "Because of lockdowns and safety restrictions implemented for travelers, those in the airport needed an art experience they could engage with easily in isolation," writes Noble on her website. "With this in mind, I designed a series of interactive visual music works to offer travelers a reflective and playful escape into light, color, and sound on their personal devices." Users, including the currently reduced number of passengers making their way through the ghostly terminals, can touch their phone screens to interact with abstract shapes set to music.

Noble got \$15,000 over five months of her creative services, per an October 2019 memo.



ity's Design-Build Team throughout the design, construction, and installation process," says the notice. "The Artist can submit on one or more Projects, however, no Artist will be selected for multiple Projects."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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New San Diego mayor Todd Gloria is

getting the quid pro quo going early.



Dear Hipster: I'm depressed. Please cheer me up.

I'm going to assume you're probably more displeased over the trillion trivial insults you might receive from life on any given day rather than actually depressed in a clinical sense. (In the latter case, case you

ought to consult with somebody who can actually help with that.) Whenever I get down on life, I like to focus on the single stupidest piece of news I can possibly find. Nothing soothes the soul quite like discovering something that some-

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— KAYE

Jay and Silent Bob: burger barons?

how makes you dumber when you learn it, which is definitely not how knowledge is supposed to work. This week, like every other week, offers up plenty of gems, but I think my favorite thing I can't unlearn is the earth shattering revelation that Jay and Silent Bob Reboot director Kevin Smith's movie-themed burger pop-up venture is coming to Phoenix, Arizona. Yes. That's right. We're living in a world where the news features fearful mutterings of civil war and press releases related to limitedduration fast food pop-up events at the same time. Soak it all in as you sink into the blissfully ironic bubble bath of 21stcentury life.

If you know at least one or two things about the basic geography of the United States west of the Mississippi River, you may have heard that Phoenix is close enough to San Diego that you could drive there if to San Diego that you could drive th you wanted to. Not that you should.

It's not that B movieinspired fast food popups are one of the goofiest publicity stunts ever invented. If you don't know the Hipster is a staunch advocate of ridiculous wastes of human effort and ingenuity in the name of quirkiness, you haven't been paying attention. Far from being poor in concept, the problem with trying to recreate the fake foods of the page, stage, and screen is that you can never equal the

imaginary food. Imaginary food is so intoxicatingly deli-

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cious that it can physically lift people and talking animals off their feet, levitating them through the air along translucent rivers of smell. It's possible to eat an imaginary blueberry pie by carefully removing a single, perfectly triangular slice and then unceremoniously eating the rest of the pie

> in one gluttonous bite. You've had lasagna before, right? Lasagna's great, and you may really love lasagna; but even if it's your favorite food, you will never feel about lasagna the way Garfield feels about lasagna. I realize this

may be an unpopular opinion. After all, many theme park experiences strive to recreate imaginary food for the benefit of overpaying fans. But these efforts are all doomed to failure, because there can be no burger as delicious as an actual Krabby Patty would have to be, with or without the undersea cheese. Imaginary foods are special because, not being limited to the finite number of physical and chemical reactions that create what we know as "flavor," it's possible to imagine them as impossibly scrumptious. That's a standard no chef can ever meet, no matter how talented, which is why you shouldn't drive to Phoenix for a vaguely Jay and Silent Bob-themed burger (or for any other reason because, per Peggy Hill, Phoenix is a monument to man's arrogance). But you should have a good laugh over the fact this is even a problem in the first place.

—DJ Stevens

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you are taking care of others, for which I admire you! Nurses and other frontline workers like paramedics, police officers and fire fighters are heroes. Jane, thank you, and thank all nurses, for what you do! God bless you and just remember that sometimes telling the truth that people don't want to hear makes them angry. That's why they lash out. It's easier than telling you why you're wrong, since they know you are right!

> Lagertha UTC

Too emotional

Everyone is missing the point regarding the RV dwellers ("San Diego cracks down on anyone living in his car," Cover Stories, December 16). You simply cannot park a large vehicle any where you want. Or even a little car that fits into one parking spot. There are designated areas for many valid reasons. Liability issues are real. It's a whole other letter. If designated parking is available, then that is where you park. It is common sense.

It is not a contest which person on either side of the argument is more likeable, has my sympathy or whatever. More affordable housing and ways to help people become gainfully employed is the way to help people. Sticking up for people illegally parked may make you feel like a good person- but it is not an effective way to help that person. A free for all is a way to create a lot of hostility and resentment. The journalist could have reported this in a more balanced manner. The article was more about provoking emotion than solutions. Cracking down is called doing their job.

> Out of Towners East Coast

Verbatim

Scott Marks' movie review, ("Promising Young Woman: Carey Mulligan stews," Movie Reviews, January 14" uses some word in the eighthline of the first paragraph: "meeskite". What the hell is a meeskite? I looked through a Random House unabridged dictionary. I can't find any such word.

Bob

University City

Editor: From UrbanDiction*ary.com: "Yiddish slang/term* to define an ugly woman."

Down with deplorables

Well it turns out that Hillary was right ("San Diego's secret and not-so-secret Trump supporters," Cover Stories, October 28). Trump's supporters ARE a basket of deplorables!

Robert Narlian North San Diego

Over the cliff

If you go to the website railpictures.net and search for Summerland Bay, you will see a picture of an Amtrak train going right along the edge of a cliff ("Chancing the Coaster's Del Mar cliffs," Golden Dreams, January 8). At the bottom of the cliff are the dividers you see used in roads and highways. That seems to me to be a relatively inexpensive solution for our problem. I am sure activists will object, but what is better: a concrete wall or a train falling off the cliff and possibly killing a lot of people.

> Dale Dickerson Rancho San Diego

Vaccine trashers

Yesterday the tier one healthcare workers were allowed to get the vaccine but many refused to take it ("El Cajon considers, then rejects free air purifiers," Neighborhood News, December 29,2020). It took more than a year to develop the vaccine and now that we have it, unlike other places where it is being rapidly and efficiently distributed, Covid-19 vaccine is being thrown away! Yes.. thrown away! A 45-year -old nurse who I met at a pizza place yesterday near the hospital on Coronado Island explained that even if she did get the virus, it would be mild. That's good for her continued on page 30

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claimed in a court filing that on Christmas day 2002, his wife threw "all of my stepdaughter's belongings (clothes, toiletries, paintings, etc) off the 2nd floor balcony into the parking lot. She is increasingly persons, taken during multiple burglary incidents. A loaded, silver .25 caliber Derringer was also reportedly found in her possession. In 1994, the year before he married Janks' mother, Thomas Merriman was accused of raping a woman named Jacqlyn. Merriman testified at his own trial, and the jury declared him not guilty of four felony rape charges. However, he was



In 2007, Janks was charged with possessing stolen IDs of more than ten persons taken during multiple burglary incidents

violent and verbally abusive." Merriman also said of his wife, "She has been ransacking the house and is delusional." Merriman accused his wife of abusing alcohol found guilty of the lesser offense of battery. Merriman, then 38, served 90 days in local custody for that conviction. The woman who was allegedly battered, Jacqlyn, later

"She has been smashing things and slamming doors and throwing things and putting holes in the walls."

and possibly meth. "She has been smashing things and slamming doors and throwing things and putting holes in the walls. She sleeps all day and stays up all night." Court files also indicate he accused her of lunging at him with a stun gun and keeping a loaded shotgun in the house.

Merriman's wife responded in a declaration: "I suffer from depression; however, I am under the care of a therapist and psychiatrist." She claimed, "I caught my husband using meth in the garage and in an awkward position with Jade, my daughter from a previous relationship." She claimed that her daughter used heroin, and that "I told Jade that she could live at home if she remained sober. When I found drug paraphernalia in the home, I threw her items out." Their divorce was made final in 2017, and Merriman's ex-wife got a fiveyear restraining order against Merriman.

Both Janks and Merriman have crimi-

nal records in San Diego County. Janks

has been arrested multiple times on drug

charges and possession of stolen goods.

In 2007, she was charged with possessing

the stolen IDs of more than ten different

won a \$50,000 civil suit against him.

Janks is next expected in court on January 27, when defense attorney Rick Crawford and prosecutor Teresa Pham will discuss a suitable bail amount.

EVA KNOTT

THE IRON ROAD Silent but deadly Quieter trains highlight need for fencing

Last fall, the North County Transit District held off on plans to install the Del Mar portion of its rail corridor fencing, due to intense opposition. But as the year begins, the waiting is over: city officials say that onstruction is imminent. And on Jan 11, Transit District staff told the city council why the six-foot tall chain-link fencing — set to run along both sides of the tracks for 1.5 miles, from the south end of Del Mar to Coast Boulevard - is so badly needed. "We have an obligation to mitigate the risk," said Tony Kranz, Transit District board chair and deputy mayor of Encinitas, one of three cities that took part of a safety study that is now in its final phase. Together with Oceanside and Del Mar, Encinitas was chosen for the study due to its high incidence of trespassing compared to other locations along the corridor. Together, the cities suffered a total

of 33 pedestrian strikes (suicides, accidental deaths or injuries) between 2015 and 2019. The report noted that in the worst area, Coast Boulevard to 8th Street in Del Mar, 11 people were killed. There is only one legal at-grade crossing in the city, at 15th Street north of the bluff area. But accord-



Transit District staff told the city council why a fence along both sides of the tracks for 1.5 miles, from the south end of Del Mar to Coast Boulevard, is so badly needed.

ing to city reports, residents and visitors alike cross at different points during all hours of the day.

WSP USA is a partner for California's high-speed rail systems. Lurae Stuart, WSP USA manager for transit and rail safety and security, said the main reason for trespassing isn't suicide or attempts to harm the system, but people who are just trying to get to the beach or businesses. As residents already know. the Transit District owns the railroad that runs through Del Mar and also the adjacent right-of-way. Still, residents complained about the loss of a familiar path to the coast. "It has been an implied easement," said Brad Becker in a letter to the city. "And now comes along the NCTD with an absurd idea of imprisoning the community with a 1.4 mile fence." But Stuart warned that with nothing restricting access, no one out there to detect who's on the system, and a lack of legal crossings, the danger is growing. The trains are increasing in number. They move at 50-90 mph, are quieter than ever, and take a long time to stop. Sean Loofbourrow, chief of safety and security for the North County Transit continued on page 15



Why do the pedestrian's cross the tracks? To get to the other side (where the beach is.)





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This is only a brief summary of important information about DOVATO and does not replace talking to your healthcare provider about your condition and treatment.

What is the most important information I should know about DOVATO?

If you have both human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) and hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection, DOVATO can cause serious side effects, including:

- Resistant HBV infection. Your healthcare provider will test you for HBV infection before you start treatment with DOVATO. If you have HIV-1 and hepatitis B, the hepatitis B virus can change (mutate) during your treatment with DOVATO and become harder to treat (resistant). It is not known if DOVATO is safe and effective in people who have HIV-1 and HBV infection.
- Worsening of HBV infection. If you have HIV-1 and HBV infection, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking DOVATO. A "flare-up" is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before. Worsening liver disease can be serious and may lead to death.
 - Do not run out of DOVATO. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your DOVATO is all gone.
 - Do not stop DOVATO without first talking to your healthcare provider. If you stop taking DOVATO, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly for several months to check your liver.

What is DOVATO?

DOVATO is a prescription medicine that is used without other HIV-1 medicines to treat human immunodeficiency virus-1 (HIV-1) infection in adults: who have not received HIV-1 medicines in the past, or to replace their current HIV-1 medicines when their healthcare provider determines that they meet certain requirements. HIV-1 is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). It is not known if DOVATO is safe and effective in children.

Who should not take DOVATO?

Do not take DOVATO if you:

- have ever had an allergic reaction to a medicine that contains dolutegravir or lamivudine.
- take dofetilide.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before using DOVATO?

Tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if vou:

- have or have had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C infection.
- have kidney problems.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. One of the medicines in DOVATO (dolutegravir) may harm your unborn baby.
 - Your healthcare provider may prescribe a different medicine than DOVATO if you are planning to become pregnant or if pregnancy is confirmed during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.
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 - If you can become pregnant, you should consistently use effective birth control (contraception) during treatment with DOVATO.
 - Tell your healthcare provider right away if you are planning to become pregnant, you become pregnant, or think you may be pregnant during treatment with DOVATO.
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 - Talk with your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.



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Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements. Some medicines interact with DOVATO. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your healthcare provider and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

- You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for a list of medicines that interact with DOVATO.
- Do not start taking a new medicine without telling your healthcare provider. Your healthcare provider can tell you if it is safe to take DOVATO with other medicines.

What are possible side effects of DOVATO?

DOVATO can cause serious side effects, including:

- Those in the "What is the most important information I should know about **DOVATO?**" section.
- Allergic reactions. Call your healthcare provider right away if you develop a rash with DOVATO. Stop taking DOVATO and get medical help right away if you develop a rash with any of the following signs or symptoms: fever; generally ill feeling; tiredness; muscle or joint aches; blisters or sores in mouth; blisters or peeling of the skin; redness or swelling of the eyes; swelling of the mouth, face, lips, or tongue; problems breathing.
- Liver problems. People with a history of hepatitis B or C virus may have an increased risk of developing new or worsening changes in certain liver tests during treatment with DOVATO. Liver problems, including liver failure, have also happened in people without a history of liver disease or other risk factors. Your healthcare provider may do blood tests to check your liver.

Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following signs or symptoms of liver problems: your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice); dark or "tea-colored" urine; light-colored stools (bowel movements); nausea or vomiting; loss of appetite; and/or pain, aching, or tenderness on the right side of your stomach area.

- Too much lactic acid in your blood (lactic acidosis). Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. **Tell your healthcare provider** right away if you get any of the following symptoms that could be signs of lactic acidosis: feel very weak or tired; unusual (not normal) muscle pain; trouble breathing; stomach pain with nausea and vomiting; feel cold, especially in your arms and legs; feel dizzy or lightheaded; and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- Lactic acidosis can also lead to severe liver problems, which can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the signs or symptoms of liver problems which are listed above under "Liver problems." You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female or very overweight (obese).
- Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome) can happen when you start taking HIV-1 medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you start having new symptoms after you start taking DOVATO.
- The most common side effects of DOVATO include: headache; nausea; diarrhea; trouble sleeping; tiredness; and anxiety.

These are not all the possible side effects of DOVATO. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects.



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Where can I find more information?

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Almost factual news



"We modeled our Ashli Babbitt statue after a classical depiction of Athena, the patron goddess of heroic endeavor," says Hippy. "And it seemed fitting to place her in Veteran's Park, where the OB community bravely rallied against the mask mandates and social lockdowns that the Man tried to use to break up our drum circles. It's true that there probably aren't a lot of Trump fans at our gatherings, but Ashli was one of us in spirit, a rebel against a system designed by the Powers that Be to silence the minority viewpoint and keep everyone in line so they can do Business as Usual. The same system that rammed Starbucks down our throats when we were perfectly happy with our local coffee shops."

O.B. VS A.B. Slain Capitol protestor honored by community for championing counterculture

"Fight the power!"

"Ocean Beach has a long, proud history of political protest, peaceful and otherwise," says Fred Hippy, publisher of the OB Fishwrap. "We threw rocks at cops during the Easter and Labor Day riots of 1968. And remember the jetty riots of 1970? The city tried to turn us into another marina/ hotel district, and we fought back. First, we organized nightly digs to undo the work being done by the Army Corps of Engineers. Then we occupied the Corps' crane and threw rocks and bottles at the pigs who tried to drive us back. When they posted guards on their tractor, we firebombed it. Then we smashed up cop cars and fought in the streets long enough to buy time for our legal efforts to block the project, which were ultimately successful. And of course, we burned a cop car and fought the riot police to a standstill during the Collier

Park riot of 1971. Sometimes,

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part of your effort. Ashli Babbitt

of the status quo, and that while power ultimately lies with the people in a democracy, sometimes, the people have to rise up and make that clear from outside the normal democratic process. She died fighting for a cause, trying to defend democracy from those who would hijack it. We may disagree about the particulars, but we definitely understand the principle, and we are honoring her accordingly."

Several miles east, in Babbitt's old neighborhood of Lakeside, former neighbor Janet Whitebread expressed a different sentiment. "We're just glad she moved away," says Whitebread. "If there's one thing we love out here in East County, it's peace and quiet and America and democracy. Well, that's four things, I guess. But we don't want any part of this craziness like you're seeing on the coast. Did you read about the recent clash in Pacific Beach? The election is over. Who on earth would be daffy enough to still be defending Trump, and who else would be daffy enough to be counter-protesting? Beach people, that's who."

Fletcher's Founding Framework

Declaration of Racism as Public Health Crisis sets new priority for County "All men are created equal, but it requires policy to make them equitable."

In a brave, bold move that will no doubt serve as inspiration to many of his fellow whites, Nathan Fletcher today announced his intention to relinquish his position as a newly elected county supervisor to a person of color. "It's wonderful that we finally have minority representation on the board in the person of District 1 supervisor Nora Vargas, but it's not enough, not nearly," explained Fletcher. "The Board of Supervisors has been lily white for far too long, and it's time for bold action in the service of dramatic change. That's why I am voluntarily stepping down from my position of power to make way for a more equitable future. But before I go, I'm proud to put forward my Framework for combating the systemic racism built into San Diego's institutional structures, a Framework built upon the declaration that racism is a public health crisis. Just look at the way Blacks and Hispanics are occupying a disproportionate number of our ICU beds during this pandemic. It's not fair, and it's not right. The distribution of resources must be equitable. That's why the Framework recommends that all county departments, — from from the Fire Advisory Board to the Fly Abatement Board to the Julian Historical Architectural Review Board — incorporate an Equity Impact Statement in all their letters and action proposals. Everybody knows



Super-supervisor Fletcher: "In declaring racism a public health crisis, we are acknowledging that racism underpins health inequities throughout the region. I strongly condemn the coronavirus for its racist behavior: infecting, hospitalizing, and killing Blacks and Latinxs at much higher rates than whites."

that the way to combat racism is through allocation of funds, and this Framework will help make that happen. Covid-19 has been terrible, but if its disproportionate impact on people of color can help us take inventory of our policies and practices using an equity lens, then some good will have come of it."



Safari Park gorillas keep their distance from Maga, the only member of the troop who refuses to wear a mask.

Missing Mask Makes Monkey out of Gorilla

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Simone brought his Calabrese passion to the New World

Simone Says

From Calabria, about this time of day, sunset, you can see the island of Sicily winking on the horizon. But you don't confuse Sicilian ways with yours, "not if you're a Calabrese," says Simone. Simone is a Calabrese.

"At this time of year, we each have our traditions," he says. "And what we're all doing is...this." And he imitates slitting the throat of a pig, then pulling back as the blood squirts, then plunging both hands to collect the blood, gather the intestines, clean out the gut.

"It is the period now, from late December

intestines, and then you wash the interior and shave the skin smooth. This night, everybody works."

Simone recently arrived in San Diego from Calabria, down there at the heel of Italy. He's part of the crew that runs the gelato and Italian dining place.

Right now, he's missing part of the month's celebrations back in Calabria. "Nothing is wasted from the pig," he goes on, "so, recipes go back centuries," and the red wine to go with them too. "Even the kid who pours the wine: That honor goes to the youngest of the family that is allowed to

drink. Why? Because you don't want your

uncle or your dad pouring your wine for you. You should be doing the pouring for

them. There are a lot of measures of respect

in Calabria. They all came from traditions,

"You don't want your uncle or your dad pouring your wine for you. You should be pouring for them."

to late January. Because of the weather, Calabrians need to put the meat to season now, especially with the humidity and everything. They make the salami now, because it's got to be ready in three months. Three months hanging in the *cantina* — cellar. You don't need the new salami until April." We're talking as we wait to pick up take-

outs from Nado Republic.

"It's a pretty ancient procedure," says Simone. "When they slit the pig's throat it can be a rite of passage for a kid. Like me, for instance, when I became a little bit adult, when you are ready, it is an honor for your family to let you give the knife." "In the heart?"

"No, in the throat. Because you need that. The women collect the hot blood and the same night they make the puddings. The salty pudding, and the chocolate pudding. And then you need to empty all the

especially after the Second World War.
 Back then, nobody had anything. Except
 every village kept its traditions, and still
 does. Because we were always separated
 from each other, mainly by dialect. Like,
 from Rome to the south, the domination
 was Spanish. So we understand each other
 in dialect, but we don't know the others'
 words."
 Not only that, but, from local prosciutto
 to vino, tastes differ village by village.

"My family makes spicy sausage. Another village is famous for its prosciutto, except they're further 'round the mountain. Now, the irony is, in a small village in Italy in Calabria, you can find people taking their pigs to the *matanza*, the pig slaughter. It's done the traditional way, and truly nothing is wasted. The only thing you don't find: the people! They've all gone to America."

Photo call

My friend said he thought he recognized a face, a face from that Wednesday night video in DC, when wannabe revolutionaries stormed the Capitol and performed for the camera while they were there. Five people lay dying, even though most of those doing the storming — giving the benefit of the doubt here — probably weren't aware it was happening, at least until the shots cracked. You see on faith in. Also figuring out how to sell their actions to the people who love them, who heard their grand speeches when they had the wind at their back, with the comfort of big backers, before even the backers started faltering into this miasma of uncertainty.

I was once a kid, involved in a student prank. The idea was to stick up a poster for our end-of-year show on the inner walls of the local lock-up. That meant ladders, climbing, gluing, all in the middle of the night. It was a crazy idea, but the exhilaration was something else while it lasted.

The problem? One of us blabbed. Halfway through, the lights clanged on. The

"You see on some of the faces, there's a sort of jubilation: the barbarians taking in the sights of Rome."

some of the faces, there's a sort of jubilation: the barbarians taking in the sights of Rome after sacking it. Also the feeling: is this it? The Holy Grail? Sitting in Nancy Pelosi's chair, wielding the gavel (if they did), probably a cops charged in, and we were facing charges that could ruin our careers. It took me a long time to forgive our informer, but gradually, I came to see that saner heads had prevailed, starting with him. That we



Familiar faces among the crowd?

realization that wielding a gavel ends up being no more than... wielding a gavel.

Of all the people thrown together at just such moments, the ones fate puts in the crosshairs of a video camera are instant fate mates. Forever after, their lives are enmeshed. They will be forever analyzing why they were there, crafting alibis that can get them out of there, taking endless time to examine the gods they put their were playing with real lives, for a lark. I ended up thanking him.

I think of that now, hoping that this Madness has passed, that the idea of serious moral suasion trumps renting your brain out to someone with a bigger megaphone and a more powerful personality.

My friend looked again. "Actually, it's too hard to tell in the blur."

I breathed a little sigh of relief. ■



District, said newer locomotives are about half as loud as previous trains. "Arguments have been, 'We can see it, and we can avoid it.' But it will be increasingly hard, especially at night. The incidents have been creeping further south than we've seen before. The risk is from end to end."

The study recommends a fence first, combined with frequent and clear signage, legal crossings, intrusion detection devices, and education. The estimated minimum cost to fence the entire study corridor and add signs is \$1.7 million. Currently, the study doesn't include maps that show exactly where WSP is proposing fencing. Nor did it determine exactly how many people cross the tracks daily. But officials said that when they were



be considered, as well as

at-grade crossings. And

since many people use the paths adjacent

to the tracks for recreation, the study will

look at the lateral use of the railway to plan

safe trail access as well. "We need access to

exactly how many people cross the tracks daily. But officials said that when they were "And now comes along the NCTD with an absurd idea of

imprisoning the community with a 1.4 mile fence."

in the corridor, they saw a lot of trespassing. One caller, Laura Demarco, said that fence will entail more risk than its absence. Over 1400 post holes — three-feet deep, one officials said that no geological survey has been done, but that there's a lot of data from all the ongoing work to stabilize the bluffs. The city unanimously approved an

bluff. She argued that water intrusion from



Together with Oceanside and Del Mar, Encinitas was chosen for the study due to its high incidence of trespassing

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the bluffs and beach, we need to cross the tracks," said council member Dave Druker. "I've been waiting for this for 25 years now." SHEILA PELL

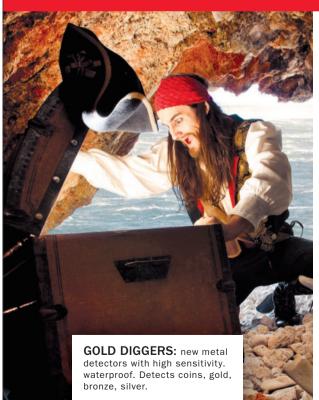
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FOOD fight

"Shutting down restaurants is killing our community"

It was a showdown like no other.

The battle over whether aggressively to enforce the state's ban on outdoor dining was the biggest brouhaha to hit Carlsbad in five years. Impassioned pleas and stern rebukes; speakers rattling off facts and statistics; name-calling and finger-pointing.

It was all done over the internet, during a virtual meeting of the Carlsbad City Council, with undertones of a political conspiracy among Democratic politicians bent on getting tough on restaurants to show their loyalty to California Governor Gavin Newsom. Newsom, also a Democrat, is facing a recall amid mounting criticism of how he's handling the state's Covid-19 health crisis.

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In the end, the defiant restaurant operators won, with Carlsbad officials continuing to look the other way — as they have since the ban was enacted in early December as part of Newsom's latest public health order to combat the surging virus.

The last time things got this dicey during a Carlsbad City Council meeting was in late 2015, after the council had unanimously approved a proposal by a Beverly Hills developer to build a mall on the south shores of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon, on what are now the city's famed strawberry fields.

A citizens revolt spilled into a council meeting and led to a ballot measure that overturned the council action. Virtually overnight, a serene coastal town with a complacent electorate and a solidly Republican city council was split into two. Less than a year later, a political neophyte named Cori Schumacher, a former professional surfer who had been one of the leaders of the rebellion, became the first Democrat to be elected to the Carlsbad City Council in more years than anyone can remember — perhaps ever.

Now, it is Schumacher

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Cori Schumacher. the first Democrat to be elected to the Carlsbad City Council in more years than anyone can remember, is the target of a brewing recall campaign.

who is once again at the center of this latest controversy to rock Carlsbad, which never quite recovered from the divisive mall issue. Democrats now command a 3-2 majority on the Carlsbad City Council, and while Schumacher failed in her bid to unseat incumbent Republican Mayor Matt Hall in November 2018, she reportedly has her sights set on higher office, with some observers believing she is positioning herself to challenge Supervisor Jim Desmond, a Republican, in 2022.

But in the wake of the contentious January 5 Carlsbad City Council meeting, Schumacher is now the target of a brewing recall campaign. It was launched at a rally outside Carlsbad City Hall while council members were meeting virtually in a fourhour marathon session. More than 100 citizens called to weigh in. The overwhelming majority spoke in support of restaurants that say they simply cannot survive on takeout alone, and that outdoor dining isn't making the Covid-19 surge any worse.

"Eleven months of wearing a mask and nothing has stopped the spread," one caller said. "Ms. Schumacher, since you're the one who wants to shut down all these businesses, let me address my comments specifically to you.... Shutting down our restaurants is killing our community.... All this has done is create resentment and anger against you and our government.... Shame on you for not supporting our whole community."

Defiance

The battle over outdoor dining is hardly just a Carlsbad thing. All over San Diego County, restaurants have been blatantly defying Gov-

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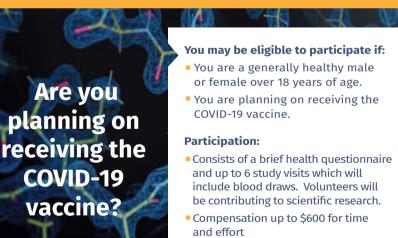




Justin Jachura, owner of a North County restaurant company whose flagship is Senor Grubby's in Carlsbad, says he's had enough. "For me it's just pedal to the metal — there's no turning back," he says. The ban on outdoor dining, he says, "is just another example of government overreach."

ernor Newsom's order that limits restaurants to takeout and delivery, which covers most of the state and is triggered when Intensive Care Unit capacity in any one of five regions — Southern California is one - dips below 15 percent. Most continue to serve food outdoors, in patios or makeshift outdoor dining areas on sidewalks and in parking lots. A handful of others, including The Compass in Carlsbad and Hernandez Hideaway in Escondido, also are permitting indoor dining. At the latter restaurant, tucked away on the shores of Lake Hodges off the Del Dios Highway, a

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poster urging Newsom's recall is prominently displayed in the lobby.

This defiance, restaurant owners say, is perfectly understandable. Restaurants took a big hit in mid-March, when a sweeping statewide stayat-home order called for a complete shutdown of all non-essential businesses and limited restaurants to takeout and delivery. The order was rolled back in late May, with restaurants told they could again serve customers provided social distancing was maintained. For most restaurants, this meant operating at a significantly reduced capacity. At Piatti Italian Restaurant and Bar on Avenida de la Playa in La Jolla Shores, for example, indoor capacity was reduced from 26 tables to 15, while outdoors, on the patio, the number of tables



Belynn Gonzales, the owner of Garcia's, broke down in tears as she talked about what she calls "the silent victims - my employees. My employees are very special to me.... They're my family."

fell from 24 to 14.

Just five weeks later, in early July, a surge in Covid-19 cases found Governor Newsom again telling restaurants they had to close their indoor dining rooms. Restaurant owners scrambled to make the most of their outdoor spaces, while city governments pulled back parking requirements so restaurant owners could expand outdoor seating into parking lots. Cities allowed restaurants to set up chairs and tables on public sidewalks and convert curbside parking spaces into temporary dining patios.

Then came the post-Thanksgiving surge and Newsom's subsequent Regional Health Order ordered restaurants to limit their business to takeout and delivery. The mandate was met with an outcry from enraged restaurant owners who argued that for months, they had been complying with state health regulations, investing huge amounts of money into creating safe outdoor dining areas, only to be told now it was all for naught. It's difficult for restaurants to survive solely on takeout, they said, much less support the waiters, waitresses, busboys, and dishwashers who cater to onsite diners.

They questioned the logic behind shutting down outdoor dining, citing data from both the Los Angeles and the San Diego County health departments that show only a small percentage of Covid-19 cases can be linked to restaurants.

Shortly after outdoor dining was prohibited in most parts of California, a Los Angeles County ban that had been imposed two weeks earlier was overturned by a Los Angeles judge who ruled it was "not grounded in science, evidence, or logic." Around the same time, California Health and Human Services Secretary Mark Ghaly admitted the ban on outdoor dining "really has to do with the goal of trying to keep people at home, not a comment on the relative safety of outdoor dining. We have worked hard with that industry to create saf-

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DeeDee Rowlett, manager of Lola's Deli, says "I am not, per one councilmember's quote, one of 'a few selfish interests' placing my community 'at significant risk by violating public health orders,' nor am I 'exploiting unfair competitive advantages within our city.' With all due respect, I am a longtime resident, constituent, neighbor, friend - and a single mother doing her damnedest to keep a small family business alive and, within that, 13 other staff members and employees so they feed and house their families."

er ways for outdoor dining to happen, from keeping tables farther apart to ensuring masking happens as much as possible ... all of those factors make sectors like outdoor dining lower risk."

The first weekend after restaurant owners were told to no longer offer any onsite dining, Carlsbad restaurants in the city's seaside "village" staged a "peaceful protest" and kept their outdoor dining areas open. So did restaurants further north, in Oceanside, and, to the south, in

downtown Encinitas, home to a famed restaurant row along the Coast Highway that over the summer had expanded into makeshift curbside patios protected from traffic by bright orange barriers the city had installed. All over San Diego County, restaurants reopened their outdoor dining areas, although a fair number had never closed, despite receiving "cease and desist" letters from county health officer Wilma Wooten.

On December 17, a judge hearing a challenge to Newsom's order brought by two San Diego strip clubs authorized all restaurants in the county to re-open however they saw fit, both outdoors and indoors. But a day later, a California appeals court blocked the order, and the on-again, off-again ban was, well, on again.

Justin Jachura, owner of a North County restaurant company whose flagship is Senor Grubby's in Carlsbad, says he's had enough. "For me it's just pedal to the metal — there's no turning back," he says. The ban on outdoor din-

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ing, he says, "is just another example of government overreach. When we started this whole thing, Governor Newsom promised to follow the numbers and follow science. Well, the numbers and science no longer support closing down restaurants. In the beginning, we did everything we were asked to do, because nobody really knew how the disease was progressing. But now, with all the tracing and all the statistics we have, we know that restaurants are not the cause of the spread — the causes are big-box grocery stores and home gatherings. So my whole thing has been, don't you want to go to a regulated and controlled environment where people are wearing masks, distancing and sanitizing? Well, that's called a restaurant."

The ban on outdoor

dining in particular "makes zero sense," Jachura maintains. "Look at Los Angeles. They've been shut down for four months, and that's where the biggest surge is happening. Why? Because they're being told to stay home, and that's where the virus is being spread."

"Their whole entire game plan is a fluke, a failure, and I can't understand why they continue to push a failed plan."

Local Democrats try crack-down

What happened next was a series of bizarre coincidences in which three Democratic officeholders pushed for stricter enforcement of fellow Democrat Gavin Newsom's ban on outdoor dining, all within a few days of each other.

On December 26,

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letter to Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall, requesting a special council meeting to "discuss the adoption of a resolution under the city's emergency powers for increased enforcement of the public health orders inclusive of administrative citations and fines." "The number of my

Schumacher, who rep-

resents District 1, which

includes Carlsbad's restau-

rant-heavy village, sent a

constituents who have been reaching out with concerns about those in willful violation of public health orders continues to grow," Schumacher wrote. "Two weeks ago, restaurants in the district I represent willfully violated the public health order, leading to 17 ceaseand-desist orders.... I am hereby requesting that you call a special meeting of the Carlsbad City Council within the next two weeks...."

On December 29, the state stay-at-home order limiting restaurants to takeout and delivery was extended indefinitely. The very next day, Hall granted Schumacher's request and a special meeting of the Carlsbad City Council was set for January 5.

That same day, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, who had been sworn in less than three weeks earlier, signed an executive order directing the San **Diego Police Department** and city attorney to "pursue fines and potentially other enforcement actions against public nuisances who choose to endanger the lives of others, and blatantly and egregiously defy the provisions of state and county public health orders." He said that any restaurant that continues to offer onsite dining will be fined, as will any customers who are found eating at those restaurants.

The following day, New Year's Eve, Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear in her email newsletter said that effective immediately, "the city will be suspending sidewalk and street permits for restaurants that are violating the county health order by remaining open. All restaurants need to follow the county's take-out only requirements.... The city's code enforcement has been directed to contact local businesses to seek voluntary compliance and those who don't comply will have their permit to operate in the city's right-ofway revoked. We shouldn't have local businesses using the city's property to violate county health orders. If you want to report a restaurant, the Sheriff's Compliance Team is the enforcing agency. To report violators, citizens can call the compliance team at 858-694-2900."

Coincidence or, as some observers believe, collusion? Jachura says it just doesn't pass the smell test. "It's like an echo chamber," he says. "You've got three politicians in three cities following their party's agenda, all at the same time. It's obviously an agenda, because they're not following the numbers. They're not following the science."

Schumacher says her letter was motivated by a



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tweet. "Being responsive to constituents isn't a conspiracy born of partisanship," she said. "It's what we're elected to do."

A spokesman for San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria said, "The mayor's emergency order was not a coordinated partisan move, but, rather, a direct response to increasing Covid-19 deaths and zero ICU capacity in our health system." And Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear, too, insists "this definitely was not coordinated, in that I never had a discussion or communication of any type with Cori or Todd in advance. There was also nothing from the party or other political channels. I am aware of what other cities are doing and I knew of their actions."

She adds, "My guess is that many of us were seeing the same thing, which was: the county announced restaurants had to move to takeout only and restaurants were not complying. I received emails from people saying Encinitas was a magnet throughout the county and our downtown was packed with people. The city of Encinitas contracts with the sheriff, whereas Carlsbad and San Diego have their own police departments. The sheriff does not take direction from Encinitas, which is only one of his contract cities. So the city's only opportunity to do more to enforce the county health order was related to the encroachment permit that we had extended to businesses. The encroachment permits allow them to operate on the sidewalk and in the road. During a stay-athome order these permits should not be utilized. The crux of this is that restaurants shouldn't be using city property to violate the county health order. By and large, all restaurants have complied and we haven't had to revoke any permits, which is what we hoped would happen."

Four days after Blakespear's threat to yank sidewalk and street permits from restaurants that continue to serve food onsite, on January 3, the Encinitas Ale House posted on its Facebook page, "Our Mayor Blakespear has announced that outdoor dining permits will be suspended for those that don't remove tables from the streets. We have had ONE to-go order tonight. This is not sustainable and small business in Encinitas will be destroyed. If you wish to have a voice regarding the continued enforcement of outdoor dining, we beg you, take one minute and drop an email to: cblakespear@ encinitasca.gov and council@encinitasca.gov. Or say goodbye to all the small restaurants that you love as the corporations move in."

Families and tears

Which brings us to the Carlsbad City Council meeting of January 5. Nearly 100 speakers spoke in favor of letting restaurants continue to serve food outdoors, *continued on page 38*

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LIQUID BLUE LIVE FROM THE WHISKEY A GO GO

Liquid Blue is a nomadic classic rock extravaganza which has performed in more than 100 countries on seven continents. In 2002, they played before 65,000 people in China during a televised music festival. Their January 21 performance at LA's Whiskey a Go Go will be livestreamed. "Our objective is to record and film our two rock arrangements," says bandleader Scott Stephens. "Each of them is twenty minutes in length and features some of the last century's most prominent rock anthems. We typically close our show with our 'Rock Medley.'"

WHEN: Thursday, January 21, 7:30 pm **WHERE:** bandsintown.com

Friday | 22

UCSD ARTIST LECTURE: CORTEZ

Beatriz Cortez is a multidisciplinary



artist based in Los Angeles. Her work explores simultaneity, memory and loss in the aftermath of war, and the experience of migration.

WHEN: Friday, January 22, 12 pm to 1:30 pm WHERE:

beatrizcortez.com

Saturday | 23

SATURDAY MORNING AT THE **ZOO**

On selected Saturdays through April, one of the keepers from Wild Wonders

Zoo will introduce various animals from all over the world. On January 23, viewers will meet animals that survive and thrive in Africa. Subsequent monthly topics: The Rain Forest, Wonders from Down Under, and Our Big

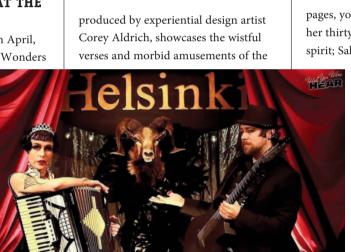
Backyard. Each Zoom program will show about five animals. After the program, viewers can receive coloring activities of animals in the broadcast.

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 10 am to 11 am

WHERE: wildwonders.org

DUST BOWL FAERIES: WISH YOU WERE HEAR

Dark carnival band Dust Bowl Faeries will broadcast live from the Club Helsinki stage in Hudson, NY. The virtual vaudeville show Wish You Were Hear,



DUST BOWL FAERIES

band, paired with a curated program of musical guests and streamed on a private YouTube link. The livestream will feature an Old Time Medicine Show theme and musical guest The AGE.

WHEN: Saturday, January 23, 8 pm WHERE: dustbowlfaeries.com/wishyouwerehere

Wednesday | 27 **AUTHOR LIVESTREAM:**

ANNE YOUNGSON

Join Anne Youngson as she discusses her new book, The Narrowboat Summer. In its

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pages, you'll meet Eve, who has left her thirty-year career to become a free spirit; Sally, who has waved goodbye

> to her indifferent husband and two grown-up children; and Anastasia, a defiantly independent narrowboatdweller, who is suddenly landlocked and vulnerable. Sally and Eve agree to drive Anastasia's narrowboat on a journey through the canals of England, as she awaits a life-saving operation. At summer's end, all three women must decide whether

to return to the lives they left behind or forge a new path forward.

> WHEN: Wednesday, January 6, 5:30 pm to 7 pm WHERE: warwicks.com



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Art of Elan: Identities Video Premiere As 2021 kicks off, Art of Elan and the San Diego Museum of Art continue their creative partnership and commitment to presenting musical interpretation of works in the Museum collection. Originally conceived as live "pop-up" concerts, both organizations worked to re-frame the presentations as part of the Museum's growing Virtual SDMA+ programming. The Virtual SDMA+ Art of Elan "Identities" video premiere will be shared on the San Diego Museum of Art YouTube channel and is available for free streaming thereafter. Spanish multidisciplinary artist Ana de Alvear's contemporary work shifts perceptions and perspectives in a way that's both subtle and transformative. A search for identity pervades her multifaceted projects. Her work is explored through this engaging online video performance by Art of Elan musicians, including Executive and Artistic Director Kate Hatmaker, featuring the haunting "Spectra" for violin, viola, and cello by Icelandic composer Anna Thorvaldsdottir. This will be the San Diego premiere of this atmospheric work, filmed safely at The San Diego Museum of Art. Performers: Andrew Hayhurst (cello), Travis Maril (viola), Kate Hatmaker (violin) Friday, January 22, 7pm; www.sdmart.org/virtual-sdmaplus/. (ONLINE)

UCSD Guest Lecture: Cortez Cortez is a multidisciplinary artist exploring simultaneity, life in different temporalities and versions of modernity, memory and loss in the aftermath of war and the experience of migration, and in relation to imagining possible futures. Friday, January 22, 12pm; free. https://bit. ly/3qy3Y3p. (ONLINE)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream: Adam Minter Warwick's will host Adam Minter as he discusses the new paperback edition of his book, Secondhand: Travels in the New Global Garage Sale, in conversation with Virginia Postrel. Adam Minter writes about China, technology, and the environment. He is the author of Junkyard Planet: Travels in the Billion-Dollar Trash Trade, a critically-acclaimed bestselling insider's account of the hidden world of globalized recycling. Thursday, January 21, 4pm; free. warwicks.com/event/ minter-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Anne Youngson Warwick's will host Anne Youngson as she discusses her new book, The Narrowboat Summer, in conversation with Caroline Bleeke. Wednesday, January 27, 12pm; free. warwicks. com/event/youngson-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream:

Julia Kelly This Couch Surfing Book Tour event features Julia Kelly as she discusses her new book, The Last Garden in England, in conversation with Liz Fenton and Lisa Steinke. Julia Kelly is the award-winning author of books about ordinary women and their extraordinary stories. Tuesday, January 26, 4pm; free. Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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American Buddhist Meditation & Healing Practices Sit with Varada in meditation and practice various methods to alleviate your suffering and the suffering of others. Tuesday, January 26, 6pm;

Rhyme & Verse

Two poems for Burns Day (January 25)

A Winter's Night

When biting Boreas, fell and doure, Sharp shivers thro' the leafless bow'r; When Phoebus gies a short-liv'd glow'r, Far south the lift, Dim-dark'ning thro' the flaky show'r, Or whirling drift:

Ae night the storm the steeples rocked, Poor Labour sweet in sleep was locked, While burns, wi' snawy wreeths upchoked, Wild-eddying swirl, Or thro' the mining outlet bocked, Down headlong hurl.

List'ning, the doors an' winnocks rattle, I thought me on the ourie cattle, Or silly sheep, wha bide this brattle O' winter war, And thro' the drift, deep-lairing, sprattle, Beneath a scar.

Ilk happing bird, wee, helpless thing! That, in the merry months o' spring, Delighted me to hear thee sing, What comes o' thee? Whare wilt thou cow'r thy chittering wing An' close thy e'e?

Ev'n you on murd'ring errands toil'd, Lone from your savage homes exil'd, The blood-stain'd roost, and sheep-cote spoil'd My heart forgets, While pityless the tempest wild Sore on you beats.

free. 18 and up. dharmacenter. com. (ONLINE)

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Choosing Wellness in the New Year Part 2 A continuation of December's workshop, Choosing Wellness in the New Year, Part 1, which featured the five pillars of wellness along with ways to reduce stress and optimize health, this free webinar features a cooking demonstration using simple ingredients to create meals that are both delicious and incredibly nutritious. Monday, January 25, 9am; free. https://bit. ly/3ing7W3. (ONLINE)

Cooking with Chef Nikki La Jolla Community Center: Hearty Vegetarian Italian Meal - Can vegetarian meals be hearty? Absolutely. Enjoy these Italian recipes made with fresh and delicious ingredients. Shaved Fennel and Pear Salad Roasted Broccolini with Lemon and Parmesan Ricotta Dumplings (Gnudi) with Brown Butter and Sage Sauce. Reservation required by Sunday, January 24 10am. Tuesday, January 26, 5pm; \$25-\$55. www.ljcommunitycenter. org/series. (ONLINE)

A Bard's Epitaph

Is there a whim-inspired fool, Owre fast for thought, owre hot for rule, Owre blate to seek, owre proud to snool, Let him draw near; And owre this grassy heap sing dool, And drap a tear.

Is there a bard of rustic song, Who, noteless, steals the crowds among, That weekly this area throng, O, pass not by! But, with a frater-feeling strong, Here, heave a sigh.

Is there a man, whose judgment clear Can others teach the course to steer, Yet runs, himself, life's mad career, Wild as the wave, Here pause and, thro' the starting tear, Survey this grave.

The poor inhabitant below Was quick to learn the wise to know, And keenly felt the friendly glow, And softer flame; But thoughtless follies laid him low, And stain'd his name!

Reader, attend! whether thy soul Soars fancy's flights beyond the pole, Or darkling grubs this earthly hole, In low pursuit: Know, prudent, cautious, self-control Is wisdom's root.

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SHEEP and GOATS

Cardinal John Henry Newman

1. What mind of man can imagine the love which the Eternal Father bears towards the Only Begotten Son? It has been from everlasting, and it is infinite; so great is it that divines call the Holy Ghost by the name of that love, as if to express its infinitude and perfection. Yet reflect, O my soul, and bow down before the awful mystery, that, as the Father loves the Son, so doth the Son love thee, if thou art one of His elect; for He says expressly, "As the Father hath loved Me, I also have loved you. Abide in My love." What mystery in the whole circle of revealed truths is greater than this?

2. The love which the Son bears to thee, a creature, is like that which the Father bears to the uncreated Son. O wonderful mystery! This, then, is the history of what else is so strange: that He should have taken my flesh and died for me. The former mystery anticipates the latter; that latter does but fulfill the former. Did He not love me so inexpressibly, He would not have suffered for me. I understand now why He died for me, because He loved me as a father loves his son—not as a human father merely, but as the Eternal Father the Eternal Son. I see now the meaning of that else inexplicable humiliation: He preferred to regain me rather than to create new worlds.

- from "Mediations on Christian Doctrine" by St. John Henry Newman

St. John Henry Newman was an English writer – best known for both his theological and poetic works – who converted to Catholicism from Anglicanism in 1845. His conversion is perhaps one of the most famous in English history since, even prior to his conversion, he was already internationally renowned as a defender of Christian orthodoxy and one of the greatest stylists in the history of English letters. His long poem The Dream of Gerontius (1865), which tells the story of an old man given a vision of purgatory, is considered a mainstay in the canon of English literature. Newman's theological legacy was secured by his voluminous collection of published sermons, Parochial and Plain Sermons (1834-1843), and by his books An Essay on the Development of Christian Doctrine (1845) and A Grammar of Assent (1870). He also wrote about the ideals of Catholic higher learning in The Idea of the University (1852; 1857). As a sign of affirmation for his work for Church, in 1879, Newman was elevated to the rank of cardinal. The Catholic Church canonized Newman a saint in 2019



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Introduction to Memoir Writing La Jolla Community Center: Author and writer, Kay Sanger, will present an introduction to her upcoming 4-part Memoir Writing Series. This introduction to the series will review the tools you will need to begin to tell your life story. Wednesday, January 27, 10am; **free**. www.ljcommunitycenter.org/wc. (ONLINE)

Let's Learn the Yiddish Alphabet Together Start with vowels and add on consonants each week By the end of the first class, the student will be able to read a number of words and phrases in Yiddish. Each week, our knowledge will build upon the previous week's material, to reinforce our learning and build confidence. This class aims to teach literacy -the ability to read Yiddish in Yiddish. There will be some elements of grammar and style, but nothing beyond a beginner level. Sunday, January 24, 11am; \$15-\$75. https://bit. ly/3nxE1PV. (ONLINE)

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Shmues for Beginners Discuss topics such as family, professions, and weather. Students will improve their speaking skills and understanding of oral Yiddish speech. Students will also enrich and practice the vocabulary and main Yiddish course. Sunday, January 24, 10am; \$15-\$80. https://bit. ly/35ttIGi. (ONLINE)

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DISCUSSION GROUPS

Creative Industry Roundtable Vanguard Culture invites you to its next creative industry roundtable. We will be checking in with one another to discuss current resources available, successes and failures, and also to brainstorm ways to collaborate and innovate our way to a place of excellence and resiliency through 2021 and beyond. Monday, January 25, 12pm; https://bit. ly/38SUeLb. (ONLINE)

Finding Compassion for Self & Others Discover the Compassion Practice, a transformative mindfulness practice designed to help you nurture care and understanding, starting with yourself and extending out to others. Through guided meditation, mindfulness, visualization and group sharing, you'll be surprised to find a wellspring of compassion within. We will meet online on Tuesday evenings from January 12th through February 23rd via Zoom. Register once to attend any or all of the Tuesday night sessions. Registration is free. Tuesdays, 7pm; through Tuesday, February 23, free. 18 and up. www. belovedsandiego.org/compassionpractice-group.html. (ONLINE)

San Diego Lions Club Hosts Nathan Fletcher The ONLINE Lions Club invites members and non-members to join us for a free public gathering to meet newly elected Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisors Nathan Fletcher. He will be joining us via Zoom to talk about the State of the County, his vision and priorities, what is his biggest concern and what motivates him. If you have any concerns, questions or praise for Chair Fletcher, now is your opportunity. We will have a 10 minute Q&A. To register and get the link, please email sdlionsclub@ gmail.com. Tuesday, January 26, 6pm; **free**. 21 and up. (ONLINE)

Voices for Children's Real Word Voices for Children's Real Word is a speakers panel comprised of youth and young adults who currently live or have lived in foster care after being abused. neglected, or abandoned by their parents or caregivers. At their presentations, Real Word panelists are open and forthright about their experiences in foster care, such as what it's like to move from home to home, how it feels to be separated from siblings, and how they coped in the face of adversity. Tuesday, January 26, 6pm; https:// bit.ly/35MCjEg. (ONLINE)

FARMERS' MARKETS

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

FOOD & DRINK

Free Sandwich Day Swing by for a free sandwich, sit on a few bikes, and enjoy lunch. First come first served. Served until 2:00 pm or until the food is gone. Saturday, January 23, 12:30pm; free. Biggs Harley-Davidson, 1040 Los Vallecitos #113. (SAN MARCOS)

FOR KIDS

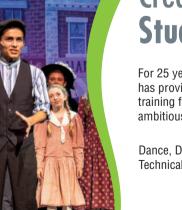
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SPORTS & FITNESS

Walk The Block: Barrio Logan "Walk The Block" is a community initiative that was created in July 2020 to help struggling small businesses in Barrio Logan. Shop owners and local vendors set up their outdoor booths all along Logan Avenue. Food, Drinks, Clothing, & Gifts all available with a chican@ twist. Every Saturday in Barrio Logan on Logan Avenue from Chicano Park to 26th Street. Masks Required Social Distancing Enforced Saturdays, 12pm; through Monday, May 31, free. Chicano Park, Between National and Logan Avenues under the Coronado Bridge. (BARRIO LOGAN)



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

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

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

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

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

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



Breweries hosting drinkers despite shutdown As many as two dozen are

defying county orders; Mike Hess Brewing is only the most outspoken

Peering in from the sunny sidewalk, my eyes took a moment to adjust to the dim light. Once they did, I found a room half filled with customers, bellied up to the bar or seated at nearby tables, most staring warily back at me over their pint glasses. A bartender quickly commented about the camera in my hand, poised to take a picture.

Officially, on-premise beer service was still prohibited in San Diego County, but this local taproom, like many others, continues to serve its public. And it's far from the only one.

Piecing together rumors, social media feeds, and frank admissions from local brewery owners, I've identified no fewer than ten local breweries that have quietly resumed pouring beers for customers during the current shutdown — if they ever stopped at all. The actual number doing so may top two dozen countywide.

The majority do so under the radar. Cryptic social media posts may invite customers to enjoy a pint, or encourage fans to show

EAST VILLAGE

Bootlegger: Tuesday, \$10 buildvour-own-nachos and beer all day. Saturday-Sunday, 9am-1pm: \$25 per person bottomless mimosas.

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

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.

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up for food being served on premise. Others refer to events ranging from car shows to live music to trivia. In some cases, social media feeds that went dark over the summer belie a business that's consistently served customers all the while.

In the interest of maintaining good relations with businesses who remain on my Booze News beat, I've decided not to name those I've confirmed as being open. One brewery that did reopen publicly early this year has already faced significant news coverage and internet backlash.

On January 6, Mike Hess Brewing announced via online video and posts, "We are opening to the public and invite our friends and fans to come in and safely enjoy a well-crafted beer and conversation."

Though celebrated by some customers, the decision was also quickly denounced by disapproving beer fans and fellow brewery owners abiding by the purple tier ban — initially slated for a three-week term beginning November 14, but indefinitely in place two months later. Critics called the decision to re-open "upsetting" and "terrible," and predicted it would lead to future outbreaks.

"People are calling me selfish, but I know what my motivations are," says the brewery's namesake cofounder, Mike Hess. "I have 65 people who over the course of the year have probably made 10 to 20 percent of their average take home pay. I'm putting my brand at risk so our people can earn a paycheck."

Hess decided to re-open taprooms in North Park. Ocean Beach, and Imperial Beach as part of a "peaceful protest" movement, led by husbandand-wife Encinitas law firm Curran & Curran, which has agreed to defend Hess Brewing in the matter, pro bono - along with roughly 400 other breweries, wineries, bars, restaurants, salons, and gyms that also remain open in defiance of the state and county mandates.

"Constitutionally, we're protected because we're not breaking any laws," says Hess. "If we were breaking any laws, we wouldn't have opened, and if we were, they would have shut

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.

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.

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

Saturday, 4-6pm: \$3-\$5.50 beer and wines.

day, 4-7pm: Half off appetizers.



us, and the 400 other restaurants who are open, down."

Hess says the taprooms have seen some of their best days since reopening, and adds that he



Mike Hess Brewing serves customers in North Park on January 13, 2021, while a county-wide on premise service ban remains in effect.

is not fazed by internet haters. But he has spoken to other brewers who want to publicly open, yet worry their brands aren't strong enough to weather the social media backlash the way Hess has. (Hess is among the most successful of San Diego's roughly 150 beer businesses.)

"I don't want to be out in front," says another brewery owner, one of several who spoke with me on condition of anonymity, "We're not a big brewery."

Small brewery owners defying the ban tell me they're mainly serving very small crowds, mostly familiar faces. "Ten to fifteen people at the highest," says one." The only people who are coming are our die-hard regulars. We look at them as part of the family anyway. We don't get any new business."

"We're upside down every week," says another. Since federal PPP loans have run out, his business has steadily lost money. Opening on premise service in recent weeks hasn't changed that, but it has curbed his losses. "I'm not willing to spend the 100K per year out-of-pocket to stay open," he says, "Who would?" He predicts that, without govern-

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

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tinue to adhere to other covid protocols, including mask requirements, six-foot social distancing, use of hand sanitizers, and even requiring food orders with service.

ment intervention, "If things don't change within

60 to 90 days, a lot of breweries are going to close." Most of the breweries I spoke to say they con-

> Technically, one brewery owner tells me, his business never received official notice it could not serve customers in person. "We never got a letter from ABC or [the city] or law enforcement or anybody," he says. Had he not heard about the shutdown on the news, he'd have had no reason to shut down in the first place.

> The County Health Department maintains a running list of

roughly 350 businesses to which it has issued cease and desist orders - including at least five brewery operations. It says those who fail to comply following one of these orders will subsequently be fined, and that further violations will be referred to law enforcement.

But attorney Michael Curran says enforcement hasn't yet gotten that far for his 400 clients. And brewery owners seem less concerned with law enforcement than they do with survival.

"You make the decision, am I just going to hang on until I go out of business? Or break the law? a small brewery owner tells me. "You might have to pay a fine, but at least you're still in business."

Another brewer sees the continuing ban as an existential threat in the craft vs. big beer sense, as out-of-work bar and restaurant employees can no longer afford to support their own industries. "People are unemployed, so there's nobody left to sell craft beer to," he says. "They're going back to Bud."

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

SAN MARCOS

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

SOLANA BEACH

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used to have a conscience about this: eating at a place that I knew was kind of working the

system. I felt, 'What about all the others who are staying closed down, playing by the rules?' Like, right now? I see a place I love. The Henry. It's this chilly lunchtime, but The Henry has a roaring fire in its gas fireplace. Five or six really cool-looking people are

scattered among its patio tables, eating and drinking, and even modestly laughing - laughing! - from behind their napkins, like, "Are we allowed to do this?" It's like an ad out of Vanity Fair

The rest of the street looks, well, pretty dead. The Henry's the one scene that's illuminated, powered into life, like they just flipped back in time to pre-pandemic.

Jenny is at The Henry's coffee counter, dealing with a cluster of curious customers. Mainly, they're trying to work out for themselves if this soft reopening is for real.

"It is for real," says Jenny. "But we're not serving. We don't clean the tables. We just bring whatever to-go order you ask for. We can't stop you nibbling! Or sipping."

Have to say, what The Henry wants, The Henry usually gets. A year back, this place marched in and took over The Avenue's prime spot and made it their own. They had a kind



soup itself.

I check the menu.

I mean, they have plenty of choices apart from soup. I take a moment to enjoy the full drenching

Starts off dry: but wait until it mixes! of the morning sun, then plunge

into my options, which start at \$5 for crusty bread with whipped butter and sea salt. And hands down, it's the best deal in the house, because the bread is so straight out of some Polish widow's oven, let's say, hot, crisp but tender-fresh, salty. Two people could solve the world's problems over this bread. And a flask of wine.

"Ready?" says Jenny. She knows this could take a while. She's getting my attention, because others are waiting.

OK. Let's concentrate. So you can go up into the jet stream, money wise, real quick on this menu. Like, for Sam's Burger (\$17.50), with grilled onion, tomato, totally regular but with a "Henry sauce" over the meat patty, which they say makes the meat a lot meatier, sweeter, the flavor a mite mightier. Whatever. I won't know until I try next time.

Meantime, I'm checking the offerings from



Rice and veg is a good cheap filler

of conquering attitude that took no prisoners. But above all, it was just that they knew good design. Even in these difficult months, they have outdrawn all comers.

I grab a lunchtime to-go menu. Feel like a \vec{a} vet, back from the wars. Menu's all familiar, but it seems so long since I ordered from it. Except: oh yes! The one thing I remember is tortilla soup. Just what my chill-blanched fin- \vec{g}_{0} powerful, it's the smells. Something about the wafts of chicken, melting characteristics gers crave. Absolute must-have. But even more wilting cilantro, tortillas melted into cheese, all bumped around by the bubbling, roasting

the NBW (Non-Burger World). And this is where things start to get interesting, if you survive the sticker shock. Thirty-one dollars buys you a seared ahi tuna. Or, for \$34, graduate to a Korean prime skirt steak; or, for \$29, you're getting the steak, bok choy, snow peas, pickled shiitake, plus double egg fried

rice. Plus a nice Asian overlay of spicy ginger butter

But, hey. South of these prices, there has to be a Best Buy sticker somewhere. And, turns out a nice escape clause is to simply buy a single side plate of spicy double-egg fried rice for \$8. Delicious and filling, and it looks like you won't have to be eating nothin' else.

But as soon as I get back to the original offering, I know I'm onto the Real Thing: chicken tortilla soup, Ten bucks. First item on the menu. As soon as I see it, I know it's the stomach-liner I have been looking for. No ifs, ands, or water butts.



Jenny pours tortilla soup into the pot of dry ingredients

For starters, Jenny sets it up in two separate containers. One is loaded with the steaming-hot, veggie-filled, chicken-stuffed, avocado-squelchy, orangey soup. The other has a bunch of dry goods: cilantro leaves, big, slicedoff sheathes of queso blanco, a ton of different li'l pickled veggies.

"And what you do," says Jenny, in her ta-daaah moment,

"is upend the hot soup container into the dry soup container. Crash, bang, alakazaam!

You have a soup. Give it a moment to mix'n match. But not too long. You need it hot!"

It's a miracle that I don't get covered from

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Prices: Smashed avocado toast, \$11; California Bowl (eggs, bacon, cheeses, potato, avocado), \$14; ; 2-egg breakfast with bacon, potato, \$13.75; crusty bread with whipped butter, \$5; rotisserie chicken with avocado, \$16.5; Sam's Burger, \$17.50; Lebanese Hummus, \$12; spicy double egg fried rice, \$8 Buses: 901, 904

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head to foot in that flip. But not a drop escapes. And it's a truly wonderful combination, hot-hot, spicyhot, interesting. Next time, I'll see if they have other combos. But actually, this cheese-crema-avo combo's fabbo, and so comforting. I did, crazily, order a side of double egg fried

rice as back-up (\$8). Greed! By the time Fresh-combined tortilla soup it gets out, I'm full. Not only

that, I'm ready for my siesta! "Bring me my comforter, cabron," I say to no-one in particular, imitating my Mexico City friend. He calls everybody *cabron*.

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A romantic deal makes Cesarina impossible to ignore

Cesarina; 4161 Voltaire Street, Point Loma. I'd seen enough photos to know Cesarina offers one heck of a romantic dining destination. A lot of good that does anybody now, though. Or so I thought.

Truth is, in the past couple vears, San Diego has embarked on somewhat of a golden age of Italian dining. We're not talking about the sort of Disneyfied, Italianesque eateries built to lure tourist traffic to Little Italy. Rather, we've experienced a veritable wave of straight-out-of-the-motherland restaurants. Opened by Italian expats, usually representing their own specific region from the motherland, most often boasting house-made pastas and imported, cured meats. Most of them are even contemporary enough to offer vegan menus.

My point being, I never made a priority of going to Cesarina before the pandemic started, because I already felt inundated by a backlog of fresh Italian restaurants to try. Already had a long list of favorites. Already couldn't afford to revisit all the untried dishes I knew about. And, lately, if I couldn't even enjoy the atmosphere of the most ballyhooed romantic patio in Point Loma, what was the point? of romance home.

The cynic in me half expected small pasta portions that would make me question the deal's value. But the cardboard take-out boxes were heavy with the good stuff. Adorned with sprigs of fresh rosemary, the pastas even looked good inside the box.

Seafood pasta made with mussels and clams. There's usually shrimp, but the restaurant is conscientious about catering to food allergies.

Pastas available for the deal come from Cesarina's \$16-20 build-your-own pasta menu (as well

as the corresponding vegan menu), which regardless of sauce, let choose your own pasta shape. We opted for sumptuous bolognese made with tonnarelli, which is similar to spaghetti, though the noodles are a little thicker and pressed into a square shape rather than round. The subtly different shape worked well to catch a little more of the finely minced meat saturate in the tomato-based sauce. For the second pasta,

we got *boscaiola*, which features a creamy parmesan sauce coating housemade pork sausage, fresh

peas, and chunks of porcini, cremini, and shitake mushrooms. We had the earthy, umami-rich dish over mafalde pasta, which is sort of like a wide fettucine, with a ruffled ribbon edge. It's remarkable how something so simple as a ruffled edge can so dramatically add to a noodle's texture. Each bite is basically like the end piece of a lasagna.

Near perfect renditions of Caesar salad and tiramisu completed the meal, and as if that whole experience wasn't enough to win me over, Cesarina truly ingratiated itself to me when I ordered a seafood pasta from its pricier Fave Pasta menu.

Usually, its Spaghetti all scoglio (\$26) features



Even the pandemic parklet built by Cesarina screams romance.

garlicky tomato sauce laden with clams, mussels, and shrimp. While my wife craved the shellfish pasta, my own shrimp allergy threatened to leave me out. Fortunately, Cesarina's online ordering set-up makes it quite easy to note a food allergy, and to select a no-shrimp option.

The result was pasta with a few extra bivalves. Better yet, when I picked up the order, the server at Cesarina let me know that the alla scoglio sauce typically includes a shrimp stock, but noting my preference the chef had subbed in a fish stock instead.

It became clear Cesarina is willing to go those extra lengths to ensure a terrific dining experience, even when restricted to a take-out model. It was a little sad viewing its beautiful space for the first time sitting empty (even its sidewalk parklet looked amazing). But enjoying it in person can wait. This is one of the top Italian restaurants I've experienced. Every dish I've tried tastes alive, as if it's managed to capture the overflowing essence of its ingredients before they had time to realize they were on a plate. Or in this case, inside a box. bv Ian Anderson





Mafalde pasta resembles ruffled ribbons, adding terrific texture to a sausage and mushroom parmesan sauce.

Well, I was wrong to wait. I'm positive my wife and I will make time to spend an evening luxuriating over pasta and wine options on premise when Cesarina may once again host customers. But in the meantime, it's the food, more than the atmosphere, that deserves all the attention anyway.

What prompted me to order, at last, was one of Cesarina's take out combo deals. It offers several, but in particular, a \$40 "Romantic dinner." The two-person meal includes fresh focaccia, a salad, two pasta dishes, and a dessert. With special pricing on wine bottles, the deal allowed me to bring the Rome-inspired restaurant's sense

the inside track

I see the devil in reflections of my phone screen/cause social media's our vitamins and protein/ Addicted to the dopamine, rush from the scrolls/ Depression and anxiety from internet trolls...

So goes the hook to the "Devil in the Phone Screen" rap-track. "The hook applies in the sense that social media

Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, was the cause of 151 deaths in our county in 2019 compared to the 92 deaths reported the year before, said the November report. While 275 deaths occurred in 2019 due to prescription drugs - opioids and nonopioids — up from 245 the year prior.

me any painkillers 'cause he didn't want me to get hooked the way some of our mutual rap friends were. I have a close friend who was dropped from his label over his addiction to various pain killers."

In my network, the musicians said that they'd snorted coke back in the day to stay focused and binge produce. Others said drugs attracted groupies as they opened up for bigger acts.

"Another known emcee and label owner I toured with lost his empire and almost died over his opioid abuse," Kahlee recalls.



Kahlee raps about the destructive power of social media.

sets a precedent for the youth, and a lot of rappers promote a specific type of drug use," Kahlee explained to me on January 11. He and beatmaker Innate uploaded their song on various streaming music services just two days prior.

"It used to be about alcohol and weed; now it's popping pills and lean (a fusion of soda and prescribed cough syrup). Whether you're an avid rap listener or an aspiring artist."

Then there is heroin, which was reportedly mixed with cocaine in 2013 and killed Chris Kelly from the '90s Kris Kross rap-duo.

San Diego County had 124 heroin deaths in 2019, a bump from the 105 reported deaths the year prior, according to a County of San Diego November report headlined "Fentanyl, Prescription Drug Deaths Increase in San

The late Mac Miller once headlined at The Observatory North Park in 2016. In 2018 the "One Last Thing" rapper reportedly accidentally overdosed on "fentanyl, ethanol, and cocaine" and "died of mixed drug toxicity," according to the toxicology report. 28

In 2019, San Diego hip-hop heads transitioned from bobbin' our heads to rapper-Juice Wrld's "Lucid Dreams" to bowing our heads and mourning the 21-year-old rapper's death, which was allegedly caused by ingesting Percocet pain pills.

"Some people feel they need to imitate what's hot to be a part of the culture," continued Kahlee, "so they overindulge in drug use leading to anything from unproductivity to death."

Mainstream hip-hop heads dying via overdosing goes back. Rapper and singer Rob Pilatus of Milli Vanilli reportedly battled drug addiction before his 1998 death in Germany which was attributed to booze and prescription drugs. In 2004, Ol' Dirty Bastard from the Wu-Tang Clan was said to have died of an accidental overdose of a mixture of "coke and a prescribed opioid."

Kahlee, the Mira Mesabased host of Dash Radio hiphop show BarsWeekly, recalls, "I came up with a few artists who got stuck on pills, to the point that when I had a bad back, my homie wouldn't give

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> than livestreams) was in mid-March at Humphreys. "I'm running two other companies which help make ends meet, but I'm still putting in a good 40-plus hours a week marketing and managing Liquid Blue," says Stephens, a former pro roller derby skater for the L.A. Thunderbirds (1978-1981). "The band has been my primary source of income ever since we switched gears and got serious about being an events band instead of splitting our energy between covers and originals, which we did from 1996 to 2011. During that time, we did okay, but the band was secondary income rather than primary. In 2013, I sold my other business to focus solely on Liquid Blue."

For years, the band has also been the main income source for singer Nikki Green (the first American to qualify for the Chinese Idol TV show) and guitarist/tech director Michael Vangerov (who has his own Neal Moser signature guitar). "All of our performers gig with other acts when we have open dates, but almost all of them derived the bulk of their performing income from Liquid Blue. Our primary band members are staying afloat by various means. Some are drawing on government pandemic relief funds, but most have grabbed day jobs. A few are still working gigs here and there, mostly at local casinos that have continued to offer live music."

Having a fluid roster has made it easier to deal with the pandemic. "There is no traditional loyalty like there was in the 70s and 80s, and everyone is an independent contractor. It's similar to so many industries nowadays. Tony Gwynn played his entire career with the Padres. That doesn't hap-

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pen today. It's generally the same with bands. If you're lucky like us, you'll have a few core members that hang with you through the good and bad times, and the rest will come and go. If you want longevity and consistent revenue, you need to establish a brand, and have an ensemble of musicians to call upon."

Founded in 1996, Liquid Blue were San Diego Music Awards nominees for five straight years (2001 to 2005), taking home an award in 2002. They became the first American act to be signed by a major Chinese record label, thanks to a 2005 distribution deal with Shanghai Audio and Video, the biggest music publisher in China. Band



Liquid Blue hopes to waken a few ghosts at the Whisky.

alumni include Sony recording artist BC Jean, who started her career with Liquid Blue in 2003 and was subsequently signed to a recording contract by Clive Davis, as well as writing songs for Britney Spears and others.

The group's 2017 album Top Tracks contains one song each from the band's catalog of fulllength LPs, featuring original compositions and covers. After its release, they moved away from songwriting to focus on special events as a party band. The last group perforWhisky has been pay-to-play for the past two decades. But with few other options available for shows other than livestreams, we figured why not play some rock classics there."

"There won't be a live audience, but maybe, if we're lucky, a few ghosts from the past will pay us a visit."

— Jay Allen Sanford

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LYRICS BY KAHLEE WITH INNATE ON THE BEAT

"I see the devil..."

San Diego County wants to help via "prevention and treatment services throughout the region," said the November report. "Preventing drug misuse and getting people into treatment is one of the goals of the County's Live Well San Diego vision."

— Mike Madriaga "Liquid Blue had been on a streak of performing at least a hundred shows every year since 2000," says Scott Stephens of his group's pre-Covid run. "2020 was the first year the band hasn't played internationally. In contrast,

since the turn of the century, Liquid Blue had averaged 12 international shows per year." The 7-12 member classic rock extravaganza has performed in more than 100 countries on seven continents, playing over 2000 shows in more than 400 cities. They hold a Guinness World Record for their song "Earth Passport," for Song Sung in the Most Languages. The track hit number 3 on the Billboard Hot Dance Singles charts and number 12 on the Hot Singles Sales chart.

The band's last gig (other

of our new song arrangements and medlevs and showcased a couple of new musicians for a promo. None of it will be officially released." The band will perform a livestream set from the historic Whisky a Go Go nightclub on the Sunset Strip on Thursday, January 21. "The last time I was in this venue was in 1977, inter-

mances were a pair of online

San Diego. "Our most recent

recording session was just a

couple of months ago with

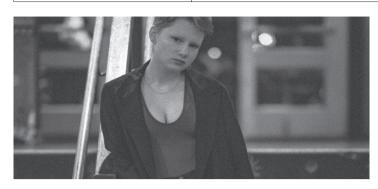
Alan Sanderson at Pacific Beat

Recording. We made demos

livestreams for Rock & Roll

viewing David Lee Roth for Raw Power Magazine," says Stephens. "Liquid Blue has never performed there, as the LOCALLive

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PIP LEWIS

18 year-old British-American folk-pop singer-songwriter Pip Lewis started writing, recording, and mixing her own songs around two years ago, with her debut singles "Frown" and "What's A Dream?" Her debut EP Pathos was released in 2019 and promoted by singles such as "Missing in Action" (a Top 10 Finalist in the international category of Song Academy's Young Songwriter competition) and "Two Years." A song called "People Like You" was featured on The Mahogany Sessions multiple times, as well as airing on BBC's Introducing and 91X's Loudspeaker with Tim Pyles. Lewis' new single "I Fell Asleep Thinking of Her," from

her upcoming Human Nature album, is a narrative-based love song. "I took inspiration from Greek myths by playing with the concept of immortality." she says. "Several myths revolve around the dynamic between mortals and immortals, and I wanted to ponder what love would be like between an immortal force of nature and a human being. Humans seem lesser than such powerful beings, but the song explores the idea that the human is just as complex and powerful as her immortal partner. The couple also deals with coming to terms with the impermanence of their relationship."



JON FOREMAN

Switchfoot frontman Jon Foreman's solo album Departures, which drops February 12, features guest vocalist Lauren Daigle and SoCal singer-songwriter Madison Cunningham. Recorded at local Melody League Studios, three tracks are streaming online; "Red and Gold," "Jesus, I Have My Doubts," and "Education," with a music video available for the latter song. "For me, 2020 has been a year of departures," he says, "and I'm not alone in this. For many of us, this has been a season of death. Of decay, Of fear and doubt and uncertainty. For Americans. For humans. For friends and relatives around the world. I fought hard

against this year. And the year has won...but the journey that brought me here was not completely in vain. In fact, I would not trade it even if I could." He says that, during the lowest moments, he turned to meditation, prayer, and songwriting. "That's where this album was born. Departures is not a record of bold proclamations, but instead of whispered confessions. Attempting to come to terms with who I am and who I am not. This is the soundtrack for the uncertain questions. These are odes to the open door. Songs of wander and wonder. Songs of loss and lament. An album that attempts to embrace the moment we're in."



SORRY IT'S OVER

Pop alt-rock band Sorry It's Over was founded by Sam Adgate (who lives in Cardiff) and Louis Petrella (from Encinitas), who together spent a couple of years in Santa Barbara while playing with the EDM group We Jungle. In 2019, they both returned to Encinitas and got back to their roots with rock music, collaborating on songs with singer Sam writing the majority of lyrics and multi- instrumentalist Louis composing most of the music. They formed the band by recruiting Sam's bassist brother Gus Adgate (also in Cardiff), Pacific Beach drummer Freddy Barden, and Freddy's brother Michael, who used to be in a La Costa

Canyon High School band (with Sam and Louis) called the Borski Boys and who just got back to San Diego after attending school in Oregon. For their debut singles, they worked with LA's Godfather of Punk Geza X, producer for Black Flag, Dead Kennedys, and probably best known for "Bitch" by Meredith Brooks. Geza X has also worked with Louis Petrella's father Benny Petrella, and produced an EP by Benny's daughter Sarah. The new Sorry It's Over single "Is It Cool?" is streaming free on Spotify, where they're also selling downloads of previous singles such as "Am I Better?" and "Ghost Inside."



ROB DEEZ

"I'm a comedic singer-songrhymer," says native North Park resident Rob Deez, "which basically means that I can appeal to many different audiences. The comedic side fits in at comedy shows, the singer side works at coffee shops and bars, and the rhyming side does well at hip-hop shows." A longtime vet of local musical theater, particularly at City College's Saville Theatre, his compositions carry storvtelling titles such as "Self Deprecating Love Song." "Check Into Cash," and "Hairy Palms." Deez (a medical assistant at Mercy Hospital by day) has collaborated with

other local lights such as Jeff Berkley and Kenny Eng, and he and Josh Damigo played together with the acoustic rock group Big Time Mega Show. The video for the new Rob Deez single "San Diego Music" is streaming online. "It features lots of photos of varying quality that I stole from the internet." he says. "Since I can't currently play gigs. you get these vids instead. Best viewed on the smallest screen possible. This song goes out to all my San Diego natives, my local music peeps, and especially Jefferson Jay, since he basically asked me to write this song."



BLAISE GULD

"Music is not just an expression or something that is meant to sound good to me," says singer-songwriter Blaise Guld. "Music is a quest, a journey that spans one's lifetime. There are keys that unlock everything. You can find them if you listen." Originally from the suburbs of Philadelphia, Guld moved to California at age 23 and first earned local notice fronting rock-n-reggae group Mad Traffic, later signing with Blindspot Records and releasing a number of solo works. His album Past Forward, which was nominated Best Pop Album at the 2014 San Diego Music Awards, included collaborations with classically trained multi-instrumentalist, producer, and composer Brian Rumsey, who also worked with Guld on the latter's *Mr. Impossible* LP Rumworked with Guld on the latter's Mr. Impossible LP. Rumsev — also known as synth-wave artist Night Viber — took the music in a more electronic direction, while still keeping Blaise's soulful vocals and melodic instincts. The duo's new collaborative release is a 4-song EP also named Night Viber, which Guld describes as "a synth-wave, dark and soulful, feel-good EP that makes you want to dance." It features tracks such as "Devil's Hands," "Something Good," "Crazy Girl," and "Cruel Summer."

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THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

Online Internet Events: *Thursday*, 6pm — John Doe's Travis County World Tour. \$20. Thursday, 7:30pm — Liquid Blue Live From the Whiskey. Friday, 2pm - Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25 Saturday, 3pm — Avatar Ages: An Impossible Concert Experience. Saturday, 8pm — Dust Bowl Faeries: Wish You Were Hear. Saturday, 8pm — Enrique Bunbury Livestream. \$21. Saturday, 2:30pm - Ten Spiders: We're Not a Dead Cover Band. Free. Sunday, 8pm — Charlie Parr &

Friends Sunday Residency. Free. Sunday, 5pm — Psychedelic Sunday with Mark Fisher. Free. Sunday, 5pm — Steve Wynn & Linda Pitmon Impossible Tour. \$5.

Monday, 5pm — Della Mae Monday Night Hoedown. Free. Monday, 5pm — Marble Eyes Mondays. Free. Monday, 5pm — Parlor Room Home Sessions: Sons of Serendip. Free.

Tuesday, 3pm — Creekside Music Hall Show with Scott Guberman. Free. Tuesday, 3pm — Music Appreciation with Chris Burns. Free.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Art of Elan: Identities Video Premiere As 2021 kicks off, Art of Elan and the San Diego Museum of Art continue their creative partnership and commitment to presenting musical interpretation of works in the Museum collection. Originally conceived as live "pop-up" concerts, both organizations worked to re-frame the presentations as part of the Museum's growing Virtual SDMA+ programming. The Virtual SDMA+ Art of Elan "Identities" video premiere will be shared on

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

Mainly Mozart's next brilliant idea

At this point, Mainly Mozart has gone far beyond turning lemons into lemonade. They are now turning lemons into a sumptuous limoncello from the Amalfi Coast.

In February and April, Mainly Mozart will be producing drive-in concerts at the Del Mar Fairgrounds with the title of Mainly Mozart Festival of Orchestras. What does that entail?

In February, players from both the LA Philharmonic and the San Francisco Symphony will come together to perform music by Mozart, Bach, Tchaikovsky, Rossini, Mascagni (?!), and Benjamin Britten. Soloists for the concerts will include principal players from both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

In April, players from both

the San Diego Museum of Art YouTube channel and is available for free streaming thereafter. Spanish multidisciplinary artist Ana de Alvear's contemporary work shifts perceptions and perspectives in a way that's both subtle and transformative. A search for identity pervades her multifaceted projects. Her work is explored through this engaging online video performance by Art of Elan musicians, including Executive and Artistic Director Kate Hatmaker, featuring the haunting "Spectra" for violin, viola, and cello by Icelandic composer Anna Thorvaldsdottir. This will be the San Diego premiere of this atmospheric work, filmed safely at The San Diego Museum of Art. Performers: Andrew Hayhurst (cello), Travis Maril (viola), Kate Hatmaker (violin) Friday, January 22, 7pm; www.sdmart. org/virtual-sdma-plus/.



the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra and the National Symphony will come together to perform music by Mozart, Vivaldi, Grieg, Tchaikovsky, Bach, Rossini, and Vaughan Williams. Soloists will again be drawn from the orchestra's principal players. However, Metropolitan Opera soprano Susanna Phillips will be singing on two of the April concerts.

I hate to play favorites, but of the seven concerts, the one that beckons to me is on April 15, 2021. The title of the concert is String Favorites, and that is no exaggeration. Thankfully, Barber's one-trick-pony *Adagio* isn't one of them. Fight me.

No, no. The program opens with Vivaldi: Concerto

Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-

Spective Livestream On the heels of his second Grammy Award nomination - Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for Unfollow The Rules - singersongwriter Rufus Wainwright announces Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective! 2021 the virtual livestream tour through all nine of his studio albums. The tour will see the albums performed in chronological order with one album side performed for each date. Wainwright shares the dates for the last four albums, starting on Friday, January 8 with Wainwright performing the first side of Release the Stars. Tickets for individual shows are \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 day of show, and 4 show bundles are also available. Bundles come with the opportunity for fans to participate in intimate Q&A's with Wainwright and other surprises. Friday, January 22, 2pm; \$20-\$25. https://bit.ly/2KucAZO.

UPCOMING SHOWS

Online Internet Events: Friday, Jan. 29 - Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25. Friday, Jan. 29 — Jimmy Eat World Phoenix Sessions. Friday, Jan. 29 - Ovation Theatre: All Shook Up. Saturday, Jan. 30 - Avatar Ages: An Impossible Concert Experience. Saturday, Jan. 30 - Ovation Theatre: All Shook Up. Saturday, Jan. 30 — Cage The Elephant: Bread & Roses Winter Benefit. Sunday, Jan. 31 - Regional Music of Mexico: Hermanos Herrera. Free. Sunday, Jan. 31 — Psychedelic Sunday with Mark Fisher. Free.

for Four Violins in B minor, with soloists David Chan, Nurit Bar-Josef, Marissa Regni, and Ying Fu. The next two pieces are the ones I'm most interested in. They are Grieg's Holberg Suite, Op. 40 and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings in C Major, Op. 48

I've long been a fan of the *Holberg Suite*. It could be the best piece of music you've never heard. If you have heard it, then you probably share my anticipation of hearing a live performance. The Tchaikovsky *Serenade*

for Strings is simply one of the greatest pieces of music ever written. Again, fight me if you must.

Another concert of inter-

Sunday, Jan. 31 - Charlie Parr & Friends Sunday Residency. Free. Monday, Feb. 1 - Athenaeum Live: Gerald Clayton & Gilbert Castellanos. Tuesday, Feb. 2 — Creekside Music Hall Show with Scott Guberman. Free. Friday, Feb. 5 - Tombs Virtual Concert. Friday, Feb. 5 - Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25. Friday, Feb. 5 — Ovation Theatre: All Shook Up. Saturday, Feb. 6 — Ovation Theatre: All Shook Up. Tuesday, Feb. 9 - Creekside Music Hall Show with Scott Guberman. Free. Friday, Feb. 12 - Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25. Friday, Feb. 12 — Jimmy Eat World Phoenix Sessions. Friday, Feb. 12 — Michael McDonald Home Alone 2 Birthday Bash. . Saturday, Feb. 13 — Laura Stevenson: Sit Resist Livestream Saturday, Feb. 13 - Dust Bowl Faeries: Wish You Were Hear. Sunday, Feb. 14 - Laurie Berkner's Valentine's Day Party. Sunday, Feb. 14 - Laurie Berkner's Valentine's Day Party. Tuesday, Feb. 16 - Creekside Music Hall Show with Scott Guberman, Free. Wednesday, Feb. 17 — Tibet House US Benefit Concert. Friday, Feb. 19 - Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25. Friday, Feb. 19 - New Faces of Country Music. \$49. Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Creekside Music Hall Show with Scott Guberman. Free. Friday, Feb. 26 - Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream.

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Gabor Takacs-Nagy conducting Bizet. Georges Bizet's Symphony in C was written when Bizet was only 17 years old.

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est to me is the February 14, 2021 affair. The main attraction of Georges Bizet's *Symphony in C*. This melodic piece was written when Bizet was only 17 years old. A live performance is rare, but this tuneful symphony will leave no doubt that Bizet's penchant for melody, a la *Carmen*, came at an early age.

Nancy Laturno, Mainly Mozart co-founder and chief executive, summarized the approach her organization is taking: "We are at an unprecedented moment in time when orchestras across the country are sidelined, leaving these great musicians available to perform. This is an opportunity for Southern California to experience some of the world's greatest orchestral playing at a time that it cannot be experienced even in the home cities of these great orchestras."

Lemons to limoncello.

LETTERS

continued from page 4 but what about her patients who she might spread it to?

Why aren't health-care workers required to take it? I am in the over-65 age group and according to Governor Newsom eligible for the vaccine, but my doctor and numerous hospitals that I contacted told me it wasn't available to me. Since so many health-care workers are refusing it, why can't those dosages be given to the elderly and others at risk? The vaccine goes bad after it is unfrozen so must be used up quickly.

Why isn't San Diego making those doses available? I would gladly stand on line at Petco park to get the vaccine even if I had to wait an hour or two, however the wait is closer to four or five hours. As I drove to Coronado Island yesterday, I passed a traffic jam at the exit for Petco Park; that's how slowly the city is administering the vaccine. If I have to go to the hospital for any reason, an unvaccinated nurse could easily transmit the virus. The vaccine is being given in nursing homes, but why

must all the other 65's and older be made to suffer? Isn't our society supposed to care for the weak and elderly?

H. Applebaum Downtown San Diego

NEWS TICKER

continued from page 3 paid \$17,000 by SDG&E during the second quarter of 2020 to lobby Cate and **Eighth District Democrat** Vivian Moreno regarding the renewal, according to a July 31 disclosure. And an April 30 lobbying disclosure by SDG&E parent Sempra Energy shows that during the first quarter of the year, Sempra lobbyists contacted Cate and staffer Allen Young to discuss an "overview of existing franchise and CPUC review process." Sempra listed similar contacts with Cate during the second and third quarters as well.

After failing to approve a franchise agreement negotiated by ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer, the council on December 30 unanimously voted to extend the existing franchise until June 1, to allow negotiations between San Diego mayor Todd Gloria and the company to continue.

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JTY BY GARRETT HARRIS

Frankly speaking?

he press release hyped him as "one of the most versatile talents in Hollywood." The late Danny Aiello dubbed him a "five tool guy" capable of singing, acting, performing, writing, and fighting "like a sonofabitch." Billy Zane described him as "a combination of electric magnetism coupled with this incredible ability. It's a rare cocktail." Who is this multifaceted artist that had Hollywood at his feet, clamoring for

more? Wayne Newton? Mickey Rourke? Ken Norton? The title tells all: Stallone: Frank. That Is.

Was it a case of an uncommonly wellmannered son or a fiercely independent mother who made it a habit of going off half-cocked? The story goes that Frank was such an obedient child that when mom Jackie parked him on a bench at Bloomingdale's and told him to sit there until she finished shopping, Frank didn't budge. It wasn't until Jackie arrived back home that she realized the eminently forgettable Frank didn't make the round trip. Upon returning to the store, there he was, still sitting on the bench.

Mile-a-minute spieler Frank loves to reminisce, so much so that it's a wonder that director/official Stallone videographer Derek Wayne Johnson's (40 Years of Rocky: The Birth of a Classic) talkingheads doc clocks in at a scant 74 minutes. Frank's greatest claim to fame is his ability to stand in brother Sylvester's shadow without freezing his ass off. "In his world and his talent," says the thick-spoken Sly, "he's every bit as good as I am at what I try to do." (Stock footage and family photographs notwithstanding, you don't see the brothers together in the same frame until the closing credits.) Living in Philadelphia, Frank found marginal success fronting a handful of local bands. He practically exited the womb singing, while it took twenty years before Sylvester found his calling. One testimonial after another praises Frank as a musical prodigy, a natural born entertainer. And of all the Stallones who went under the knife. Frank was the one who hired the services of the best plastic surgeon money could buy.

Prior to his band appearing as the street corner doo-wop group in Rocky, Frank achieved a modicum of success a musician. (There's a bittersweet reunion with his surviving bandmates from the group Valentine.) After the film went wide, the majority of Frank's big breaks hinged on Sylvester's ability to find room for him on the payroll. The film was such a hit that Jakk's Pacific immortalized Frank as a polyvinyl chloride Street Corner Action Figure. Frank capitalized

on the cameo by making the talk show rounds, where it soon became obvious that Mike. Mery, and Dinah were less curious about his music and more interested in what it was like being the kid brother of a fictional character.

Always a bridesmaid: the morning after celebrating signing on with Poly-Gram Records - and cancelling all of his band's upcoming gigs — the call came in saying the deal was off. A solo album flopped. The Bee Gees

MOVIES walked off Staying Alive, the Sly-directed sequel

to the infernal disco monster that was Saturday Night Fever, leaving Frank the unenviable chore of composing a score that could top what remains the secondbiggest-selling soundtrack of all time. The Golden Globes and Grammys both recognized Frank's contributions with a pair of nominations, but Oscar showed him the door.

As with any self-financed biographical endeavor, truth is arbitrary. With a last name that could have been a real dooropener, the only one heeding his knock appears to have been brother Sly. Forget about the Barrymores and the Coppolas: the Stallones comprised a Hollywood dynasty that no one bothered to acknowledge, with Frank playing a disposable Stephen Baldwin opposite Sly's Alec.

We exit feeling sorry for the guy. Based on the assumptions of versatility, the ballyhoo was more than half correct: Stallone's not only a singer, but given the right role (Barfly, Tombstone), he can rise to the occasion as an actor. (Then there's Terror in Beverly Hills, a laughably incoherent action-thriller that isn't so bad... it's worse!.) And when it comes to pugilism, the question remains: why pursue a career in boxing when one is trying one's best to step out from behind one's brother's image? There is so much time devoted to Frank asking "Why not me?' that in the end, this very entertaining vanity production seems less of a biodoc and more like a demo reel. $\star \star \star$

-Scott Marks

Video on Demand New Release Roundup

My Little Sister — Agonizing set-'em-up-to-watch-'em-die melodrama starring Nina Hoss in the titular role of Lisa, a brilliant, albeit lapsed playwright who abandoned all artistic endeavors to follow her school teacher husband's (Jens Albinus) career path from Germany to Switzerland. When her twin brother Sven (Lars Eidinger), a celebrated stage actor, contracts a fast-growing form of leukemia, Lisa throws everything she has into saving his life, while at the same time liberating

her long dammed-up creative juices. Her latest endeavor will be an update of Hansel & Gretel. (Subtlety, anyone?) While on the subject of fairy tales and folks who play make believe for a living, Nina tries to convince Hubby #1 (Thomas Ostermeier), a director of note, to make good on his agreement to cast Sven as the lead in his production of Hamlet. His response gives rise to one of the film's few moments of genuine insight: "To let a dying actor perform is obscene." A Hallmark moment arrives when the writing and directing team of Stéphanie Chuat and Véronique Reymond choose to prettify the otherwise grave events with a brief interval of rest and relief in the form of parasailing. For those who confuse significant storytelling with being dragged through hysterics, your ship just docked. Now streaming on AngelikaAnywhere.com. 2020 - S.M.

One Night in Miami... — The play's the thing in this scenical adaptation of playwright/screenwriter Kemp Powers' fictionalized account of a meeting between NFL great Jim Brown (Aldis Hodge), Cassius Clay (Eli Goree), Malcolm X (Kingsley Ben-Adir), and Sam Cooke (Leslie Odom Jr.). We open in the Twilight Zone: it's February 1964, and upon his return home to Georgia, Brown pays a visit to the plantation of family friend, Mr. Carlton (Beau Bridges). Not only does Carlton allow his daughter to entertain a negro on the front porch, he instructs the girl to fetch a couple of glasses of lemonade. It isn't until Brown's offer to help move furniture that Carlton reminds him that they "don't allow ni***** in the house." The occasion for the group's gathering at the Green Bookcertified Hampton House is to celebrate Clay's bout with Sonny Liston. Who wins when two black men punch each other's lights out in the name of sport? Answer: the all-white audience, a chunk of irony Powers asks audiences to swallow whole.



Stallone: Frank, That Is: Sylvester's the one on the right.

The four men all stand at pivotal crossroads in their lives: Brown is poised to make the move from the gridiron to the big screen, Malcolm X is set to sever ties with the Nation of Islam while at the same time asking Clay to change his name to Muhammed Ali and join him. Mercilessly dogged by Malcolm's accusations that his bland, apolitical chart-toppers point to a sellout, Cooke was never really able to fulfill his promise to change. A motel encounter later that year ended with Cooke being shot to death later under mysterious circumstances. For her debut feature, actress-turned-director Regina King serves her cast well, but as soon as the foursome hit the hotel room, there are but two places to go that will open things up: the parking lot and the rooftop. That said, Powers' powerful dialogue and the sterling work of the four leads make this a must-see. 2020 — S.M. ★★★



Ever since I was introduced

to the Marx Bros. at age nine, l've welcomed in each new year in their company.

— Scott Marks

THE BIG STORE (1941)

store with Groucho, Harpo, The Big Store is a far cry from the

Marx Brothers' Paramount heyday, ranking somewhere in the middle of their MGM downslide, which began in 1935 when studio exec Irving Thalberg hired the boys after Paramount failed to renew their contract. Aside from producing Freaks and giving the Marx Bros. a job when they needed it, the genius of boy wonder Thalberg escapes me. Thalberg was a sickly soul whose

early demise came three years prior to the release of this film. Ill health wasn't the only frail thing about him: he was personally responsible for fewer on-screen Brothers in favor of more musical numbers and juvenile romantic subplots. As Marx biographer Joe Adamson observed, Thal-



and Chico Marx.

berg preferred cutaways to the Marx Bros. as opposed to cutaways from them. Further unmitigating circumstances: Thalberg is guilty of one of the most

heinous acts ever

committed against the art of motion pictures. Unsuccessful at taming the self-indulgent Erich Von Stroheim on Foolish Wives and The Merry-Go-Round. It was on his watch that Greed was whittled down to 140 minutes from its (admittedly unwieldy) original nine-hour premier. So what's good about The Big Store? Learn more by visiting us online.

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there

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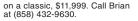
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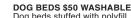
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continued from page 20 including county Supervisor Jim Desmond and dozens of restaurant owners, many of them in the village. Three spoke against.

Andy Davis, owner of two Carlsbad Village restaurants, The Compass and Mas Fina Cantina, told the council that over the last 10 months, he and his fellow restaurateurs have repeatedly had to pivot. "Almost every three weeks, there's something new we have to do to stay open and survive," he said. "Meanwhile, big box stores have had zero restrictions, even though data has shown they have been far more responsible for the spread than our industry." He said his restaurants will remain open "and we will continue to exercise our constitutionally protected right of peaceful protest. We feel we are making the morally right decisions in providing for our staffs, ourselves, and our families. We owe them so much, and our local government has offered very little to help and support us. So I will stay open for them and for my business." He chided Schumacher, with whom he was allied five years ago in the fight against the mall, for having "never reached out to me, even though she has my phone number," and said he's happy to "discuss solutions rather than just arbitrarily calling a meeting trying to have additional enforcement."

Belynn Gonzales, the owner of Garcia's, broke down in tears as she talked about what she calls "the silent victims — my employees. My employees are very special to me.... They're my family. We shut down the first time and I followed all the rules and regulations. I am all for law and order. But this time, December 3, right before Christmas, I just couldn't do it. So, yep, I joined the club, I had to help our employees, my family.... We are open. I couldn't just let them not provide food ... and what Christmas? They are my family, and I have to provide for my family. They're the silent victims in all of this."

DeeDee Rowlett, manager of Lola's Deli, gave an emotional rebuke to Schumacher's call to crack down on restaurants that are violating the state's ban on outdoor dining. "My family has been here since the early 1900s, and our business began here in 1943. I was raised to honor and care for our history, our culture and our community, and I believe as a third generation that I am upholding my family's legacy and their wishes. I am not, per one councilmember's quote, one



Encinitas Mayor Catherine Blakespear, too, insists "this definitely was not coordinated, in that I never had a discussion or communication of any type with Cori or Todd in advance."

of 'a few selfish interests' placing my community 'at significant risk by violating public health orders,' nor am I 'exploiting unfair competitive advantages within our city.' With all due respect, I am a longtime resident, constituent, neighbor, friend — and a single mother doing her

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damnedest to keep a small family business alive and, within that, 13 other staff members and employees so they feed and house their families.

"In the latest city newsletter it states, 'We know times are tough and many are struggling to balance work, childcare and selfcare, while keeping worries under control. You don't have to do it alone.' Well, then put your money where your mouth is and allow us to serve our community safely while keeping your residents employed so there are no additional struggles or worries in their lives. We are all trying to navigate and work together through this unforeseen and unimaginable pandemic, and we are all committed to the health and well-being of our community."

In the end, a motion was made by new council member Teresa Acosta to

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consider a "comprehensive approach to improve compliance," including incentives for compliant businesses, excluding businesses not complying with the law from the city's pandemic assistance program, and collaborating with other cities in the region and with the county." The motion passed, but not without Mayor Hall blasting Schumacher for appearing to be in cahoots with two other Democratic lawmakers: Todd Gloria in San Diego and Catherine Blakespear in Encinitas.

"It didn't go unnoticed to me that the timing of the request tonight was approximately around Christmas," Hall said. "Shortly after that, the mayor of San Diego came in, very strongly worded, about what he was going to do, and almost simultaneously we had another mayor, in Encinitas, also

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Schumacher had no comment. Instead, she promptly made a second motion for her original request, asking the council to adopt a resolution "under the city's emergency powers for increased enforcement of the public health orders, including administrative citations and fines."

Schumacher: "I would like to move that resolution ... if I can just see if I have a second"

A moment of awkward silence, then:

Hall: "I don't see



At the Carlsbad City Council meeting on January 5, nearly 100 speakers spoke in favor of letting restaurants continue to serve food outdoors, including county Supervisor Jim Desmond and dozens of restaurant owners, many of them in the village. Three spoke against.

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At that point, Councilmember Priya Bhat-Patel, a fellow Democrat who represents the third district, jumped in and made a very clear break from Schumacher: "I did not call this meeting. I am not in support of more restrictions than what we already have in place." Schumacher later told this reporter that it was never her intention to crack down on restaurants offering outdoor dining. "The request in the tweet revolved specifically around indoor dining," she said. "I've never said anything about outdoor dining and I was the main advocate for right-of-way permits for our restaurants, including exploring closing State Street to support outdoor dining and shopping, back in May when I presented it to council as a recommendation of my District 1 task force. There have been so many assumptions and inflammatory accusations."

Then why didn't she say

as much during the January 5 council meeting? "My letter was to bring an agenda item forward to discuss increased enforcement of the public health order," she said. "This is the exact same thing I have been asking for since July 14. Any additional specificity would be in violation of the Brown Act. This unfortunately allowed the narrative to go off the rails with little ability for me to rein it in until the night of the discussion."

But even then, Schumacher never spoke in support of outdoor dining. During her closing remarks, she merely said she wanted the city to have more power to crack down on health order violations and referenced an agenda item from September that specifically mentioned private gatherings and indoor gatherings.

She then chided me, "I hope you keep this in mind, T.K. Objectivity in the midst of high emotion is hard, but the facts are there, including the follow-up in my newsletter stating: 'This motion would have immediately given our staff an additional and flexible tool for our local enforcement efforts to protect the health and safety of our community. The tool could have been used selectively at the discretion of staff on indoor dining and certain indoor gatherings, for example."

She also lashed out at Mayor Matt Hall, maintaining that his "paranoia and conspiracy theories, his egging people on during council meetings, and his support of individuals who I have had to place myself at great financial risk in order to protect myself and my wife from, is deeply disturbing and dangerous. It's exhausting"

—Thomas K. Arnold

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- A couple in Sherbrooke, Quebec, were each fined \$1500 on Jan. 9, when police spotted the pair walking outside about an hour after the city's 8 pm curfew, with the husband wearing a leash, *CTV News* reported. The city's curfew allows for dog-walking after 8 pm, but police rejected the couple's claim they were following the rules. It was the first weekend under new province-wide restrictions imposed by Premier Francois Legault, and officers throughout Quebec handed out more than 750 tickets.

Inexplicable

- An armed man wearing camouflage tactical gear approached a 23-year-old worker as she was leaving the Cranbourne West Lost Dogs Home in Melbourne, Australia, about 11:30 pm on Jan. 11 and demanded she turn over her cell-phone, Detective Senior Sergeant Glen Cruse told the media. Victoria police said the man pointed his gun at the woman, then took her inside the shelter, tied her up and "asked where the cats were before he left the room and didn't return," the *Daily Star* reported. The woman freed herself and called for help; police are still looking for the man, and a motive.

Least Competent Criminals

 Aasim J. Hilts, 26, of Albany, New York, and Shariff A. Frasier of Schenectady returned their rental car on Jan. 13, leaving behind an impressive amount of drugs and paraphernalia, *The Daily Gazette* reported. Albany County Sheriff's deputies were called and arrived about the same time Hilts and Frasier returned to pick up their forgotten items, authorities said, which included heroin, oxycodone pills pressed with fentanyl, marijuana and almost \$6000 in cash. Both men were arrested and face drug charges.

Awesome!

- Residents of Chikuzen Town, Fukuoka Prefecture, in Japan, have constructed a towering, 23-foot-tall gorilla scarecrow as a symbol of power and strength to scare away COVID-19. *SoraNews24* reported construction of the gorilla, made of a steel frame covered with rice straw resembling gorilla fur, took two months and was finished in early December. Its open mouth reveals terrifying fangs, and at night its red eyes light up. "Proud Gorilla 2020" is the sixth in a series of giant scarecrows the town constructs each year.

Compelling Explanations

- Holly Venderley, 20, of Bloomington, Indiana, told park rangers that she knew Mount Rushmore National Memorial was closed, and she knew she wasn't allowed to climb the South Dakota monument - which is why she did it at night. *The Rapid City Journal* reported that a ranger monitoring security cameras saw a flashlight's beam moving along the slope of broken rocks just beneath George Washington on Jan. 3 and ran to the area, where he saw Venderley climbing to the base of Washington's lapel, about 200 feet up. The ranger demanded she get down, which she did. Venderley was sober and cooperative, and the next day she was fined \$1250 after pleading guilty to climbing the monument in federal court.

Government in Action

Massachusetts already has an official fossil, reported NECN-TV, and now state Rep. Jack Lewis, of Framingham, is proposing the selection of a state dinosaur as well. "With so much uncertainty in our world today, can you think of a better way to help kids (and those young at heart) learn about the legislative process than (by) naming an official Massachusetts State Dinosaur?" he wrote on Twitter on Jan. 4. Lewis posted links to an online survey where citizens can choose the species they'd like to represent them and said it got 150 votes in the first two hours.

Creme de la Weird

- Ending a dispute that began in 2014, Judge Luo Shengli of the Beijing Xicheng District People's Court ruled in late December that a man identified only as Tian and his family must leave the hospital room they had been squatting in for six years. Tian had undergone a medical procedure at the hospital and spent a few days recovering there, accompanied by his family, but at discharge, Tian disputed the hospital's bill and refused to leave, *Oddity Central* reported. Tian's parents settled in with him, bringing pots and pans, groceries and other personal items from home. Over the years, the hospital took the family to court on multiple occasions, and in 2019, even waived its fees in an effort to expel them, but the family countersued. In his ruling, the judge found the family was entitled to compensation of about \$73,000, which they accepted, and they were taken home in a

Surprise!

hospital ambulance.

- Andrea Ellis of East Moline, Illinois, was wrapping presents on Dec. 19 when she opened a package of garden flags she intended to give her grandmother and noticed something extra in the bottom of the padded envelope. It turned out to be a biohazard bag containing a Virginia woman's COVID-19 test. Ellis told the Quad City Times that when she failed to reach the woman, she called police, who sent an officer to retrieve it, but 15 minutes later, he returned with the bag, saying, "I was told to bring it back to you." A representative of the Rock Island County Health Department picked up the sample the next day and will try to return it to the Virginia patient. Ellis has also heard from a vice president at Kohl's, where she bought the flags, who said the company is working hard to find out what happened and prevent it from happening again.

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