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Never checked out

I rarely, if ever, check the author of an article of the magazines I read. About two paragraphs into "Nothing Friendly About the Friendship Hotel" (Feature Stories, February 17) I didn't have to; I just knew I was experiencing the divine grace of another masterpiece by the Rock N' Roll Comic himself, Jay Allen Sanford. And of course, the name credit at the end confirmed my intuition for the holy.

Thank you, sir, for delivering us a taste of the bad ol' nasty days, the blood-soaked black-outs in the Golden West, the dirty deals in the Pickadilly, the REAL San Diego we Gen X'ers cherish in our depraved and lascivious memories. These odes to the odious are the truest of American art forms.

And this painfully edited and sanitized society is in desperate need of a whole shit-ton more of gems like this. I wonder when Mr. Sanford wrote this exquisite song of the squalid and if it was published first elsewhere. It is an imperative that we revive literature like this!

Bryan Varela
Mission Beach

Kori Jensen still lives on Pacific Street

This office has been retained to represent Kori Jensen, a resident of Oceanside and a newly appointed member to the Oceanside City Council, City Council District No.1.

This will constitute a request for a retraction and correction under California Civil Code, Section 48a. On February 1, 2021, the Reader published a

story about Ms. Jensen's appointment to the vacant Council seat in the City of Oceanside.

There are two false statements in the story that Ms. Jensen is requesting be corrected.

The first is the headline which falsely states:

"Oceanside councilwoman doesn't live at 815 North Pacific Street."

The second statement that is requested be corrected is the second to the last paragraph which falsely states:

"Records show that Jensen became registered to vote at 815 North Pacific Street in July, 2020."

The true facts are as follows:

- Ms. Jensen purchased her home at 815 North Pacific Street in 2001 and lived there for two years before moving to Encinitas.

- She then returned home before purchasing a townhouse as a fixer upper in 2007 where she could live with her son.

- In 2008, Ms. Jensen moved back to her home at 815 North Pacific Street.

- In 2012, Ms. Jensen first registered to vote in City Council District No.1 - she has been continuously registered to vote in the District since.

- The July 2020 filing at the Office of the Registrar of Voters was not a new voter registration filing. It was a change of party filing only.

Ms. Jensen does not dispute that she has rented her home for short term rentals. Many homeowners do.

During rentals, Ms. Jensen has maintained all of her personal property in a segregated section of the house under terms that make them inaccessible to the short term renters. Those nights when renters are in the house, she has stayed with her long-term boyfriend (of 12 years) who lived in a small apartment two blocks away, also in District No.1.

Under California law, one's "domicile" is where an individual must regis-

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ESCONDIDO

Country Club crashers

How to keep unwanted guests (and their SUVs) out of your dining room?

A loud boom woke up Claribel Ramirez's household at about 2:45 am on February 4. "When we came out of our rooms, the whole house was like in a cloud of smoke," said Ramirez. "All seven of us — including my husband, my teenagers, my 76-year-old dad, and the dogs — were in shock. There was wall debris everywhere in the kitchen and dining area, all the way to the living room." A black SUV, traveling on West County Club Lane by North Broadway, had crashed into Ramirez's Escondido home. The driver then backed up the SUV. "My son said he heard a guy say, 'Oh

"I told my husband, the next time is going to be a car into our house, and look what happened."

oh,' and the driver tried to reverse more, but he got stuck on our tree in the back yard." After that, Ramirez's husband ran outside and found that all four of the SUV's doors were "wide open" with nobody inside. "My husband ran outside to one corner, and my son ran to the other corner, and nobody was in sight. They were gone. Our neighbors didn't see anyone, either." (Neighbor Claudine Montes did manage to dial 911 after hearing the crash and then "the sound of a damaged car trying to limp away," but had difficulty, "because I was so shaky.")

Ramirez, 36, works in the medical field; we spoke on the phone on February 15. She direct-messaged me video footage and photographs of the aftermath, which showed a 15- to 20-foot wide hole on the side of the home that separated the kitchen and dining area from the covered patio in the backyard. "The contractor said that our heavy pool table in the patio saved us," she said. (He also said that it would take seven months to repair the home.) In the photos and video footage, pieces from the decimated wall and the pool table were scattered throughout the patio area, and also where the family of seven gather for dinner. "That night, I noticed two bloodstains in our kitchen," Ramirez recalled. "Maybe he or his passenger tried to get out before reversing into our backyard."

Ramirez said the Escondido Police



"The contractor said that our heavy pool table in the patio saved us."

Department arrived "about five minutes" after the crash, followed by an ambulance and a fire truck. Happily, nobody from the household was hurt, nor were the two dogs. "The police

officer said the driver was on parole, and that he was driving his ex-girlfriend's SUV."

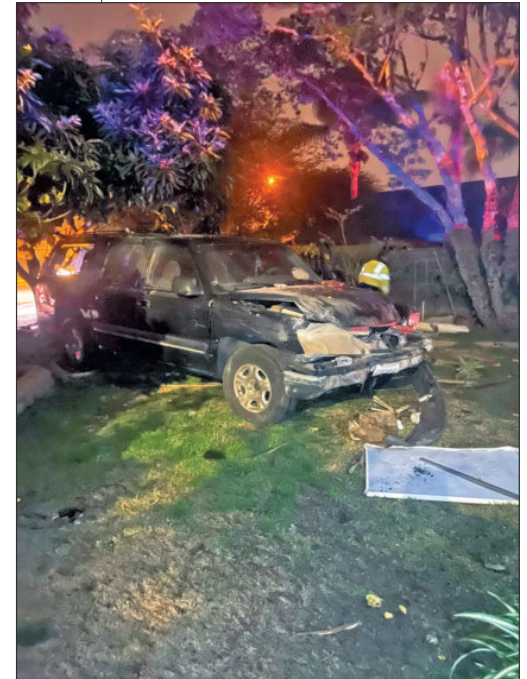
The homes belonging to Ramirez and neighbor Montes are just a few feet away from the intersection of West County Club Lane and North Broadway. "I've seen six to eight accidents at that intersection since 2013," said Montes, a 54-year-old education manager. "Three were fatal, and two of them directly behind my house." In June 2019, at 6:48 am, Escondido Police and Fire responded to a report of "a single-vehicle collision in the 100 block of Country Club Ln between Broadway and Iris Ln.," says a police report. "Officers arrived and found a 2002 Lexus IS430 had impacted a tree. The solo male driver was extricated by fire personnel. The driver was transported to PMC where he died a short time later."

"I've seen two people die when they slammed into a tree directly behind my yard," Montes continued. "They cut that tree down now, but it was the only thing stopping those cars from my backyard. It makes me consider moving away. I have had windshields end up in my backyard, and I wonder how long it will be before it's an entire car. And we have bedrooms on that side of the house, so the results would be fatal."

Just five days before Christmas of 2020, a 20-year-old man and a 42-year-old woman, both from Escondido, reportedly died after

their vehicles collided at the same intersection. "We were the first ones on the scene," Ramirez said. "I told my husband, the next time is going to be a car into our house, and look what happened. It's because there are no lights, and it's super dark at night." But there may be other reasons. "People use this area of North Broadway to race," said Montes. "Everyone knows it, and late at night, you can hear the cars revving and racing down the street." Agreed Ramirez, "You can still hear people racing at night, and now it's like, 'Oh my God, we're just waiting for that impact again. Now I'm fighting with my HOA because I wanna put up a brick wall and boulders, and they're saying if I put up a brick wall and boulders, and somebody crashes into them and dies, I'm responsible."

MIKE MADRIAGA



After the police searched for the vehicle's registration, they closed the doors.

TIJUANA

Domestic dangers

Homemade homes, hillside slides

According to data from Baja California's College of the Northern Border, 57 percent of Tijuana's urban development is settled in dangerous areas. Olga Salas, who holds a master's degree from the college, explains that the geography of Tijuana is very rugged, and that there is a shortage of land for proper housing. Salas highlighted that maquiladoras, which came in the late '70s, had a big influence on the increase of the city population, and that "most of the population has settled on irregular properties. People prefer to stay irregular because of the burdensome and complex bureaucracy. For instance, you

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Hey there cowboy, welcome to the real Wild West frontier.

Faulconer's fundy friends

With Trump dumped and Hunter punted, GOP campaign contributors court Kevin Another top California donor to Donald Trump's failed re-election campaign is backing the California gubernatorial hopes of San Diego ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer. Probitly International, a real estate development outfit run by Robert Zamegin of Beverly Hills, came up with \$32,400 on February 9 for the Faulconer for Governor Exploratory Committee 2020, state campaign disclosure filings show. The *Los Angeles Times* reports that Zamegin, who built the Peninsula Beverly Hills hotel and a shopping complex on tony Rodeo Drive, gave \$375,000 to the Trump cause last year. That placed him fourth among the then-president's California givers, with \$15,000 more than fifth place donor Jamie McCourt, the Dodgers ex-owner whom Trump made ambassador to France and Monaco. Last month, another major Trump backer and La Jolla oceanfront estate owner, billionaire Darwin Deason, and his wife came up with \$64,800 for Faulconer's committee.

In addition to Probitly, Faulconer bagged \$25,000 on February 9 from another Los Angeles developer, Kilroy Realty, a longtime backer of the San Diego mayor, who gave the firm's local projects extra care. "Kevin, we're so thankful that you're running the ship down here," board chairman John Kilroy, Jr. told Faulconer during a 2015 video appearance. "We're all big fans. We want to work with you. We want to be on a winning team." Faulconer frequently showed up at Kilroy events, both private and public, including the January 2017 groundbreaking of its controversial One Paseo development. "This is going to be a remarkable project. Let's get a shovel in the ground," Faulconer enthused.



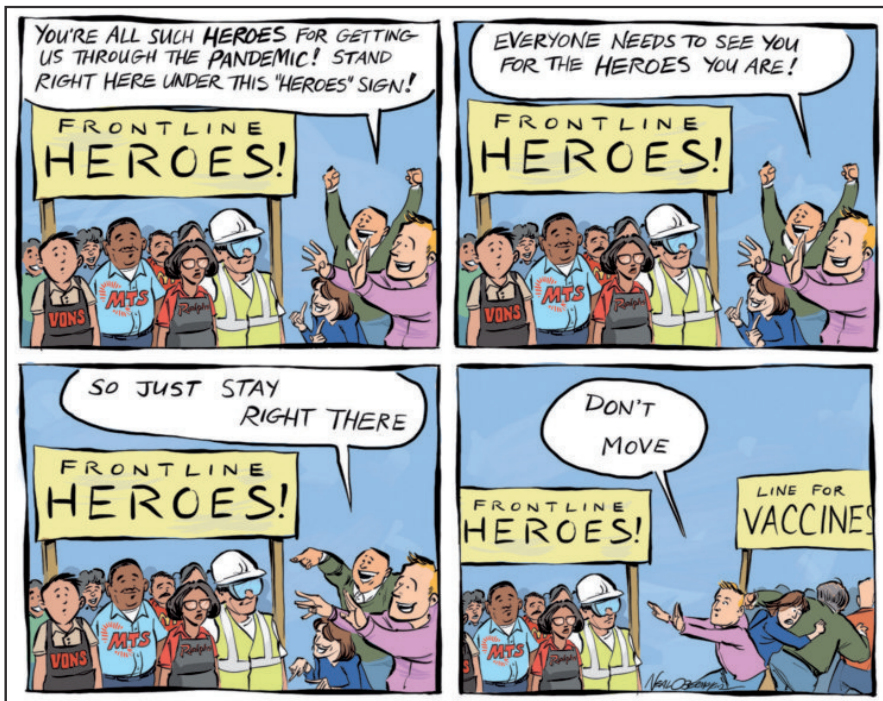
John Kilroy Jr.: dapper developer is a Faulconer fan.

The then-mayor was also a cheerleader for Irvine-based Majestic Realty, whose executive vice president Kent Valley gave Faulconer \$20,000 on February 9. "Industrial projects like Majestic Sunroad Center help fuel our regional economy and create places businesses need to grow and continue creating high-quality jobs for San Diegans," the mayor said in a Majestic news release of October 2018. In addition to his Faulconer money, Valley gave the Trump Victory Committee \$17,500 on February 3, 2020. And Majestic is run by Los Angeles billionaire Ed Roski, Jr., another longtime GOP giver. His financially favored candidates have included now-resigned Congressman Duncan D. Hunter (\$2800, July 16, 2019) and Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell (\$50,000, March 18, 2020), per federal campaign disclosure filings. Valley gave the Hunter cause \$2800 on the same day as did Roski.

Hunter and his wife Margaret were indicted by a federal grand jury in August 2018 for wire fraud and campaign finance violations. On December 3, 2019, he pled guilty to a single count of misusing campaign cash, four months after his wife copped a similar plea. In December of last year, a month before he was set to head to federal prison, both Hunter and his spouse were pardoned by Donald Trump.

Matt Potter

Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

How soon for Soon-Shiong?

The controversial takeover of Tribune Publishing by hedge fund Alden Global Capital may turn out to be good news for the *San Diego Union-Tribune*, but not until the close of a Faustian bargain. Bought by super-rich physician **Patrick Soon-Shiong** from Chicago-based Tribune three years ago in a \$500 million deal that included the *Los Angeles Times* and a raft of local weeklies, the *U-T* has continued to shrink in both print advertising and circulation. Though the operation is private, outsiders estimate that it may be losing millions of dollars a year, requiring hefty subsidies from Soon-Shiong. Now comes word that the L.A. billionaire, who still owns about 25 percent of Tribune Publishing, may be set to realize a considerable cash windfall resulting from the sale of Tribune to Alden in a \$630 million deal. As part of the arrangement, Tribune's *Baltimore Sun* and accompanying weeklies would be sold to a non-profit run by that city's **Stewart Bainum Jr.**, a UCLA alumnus. He grew his fortune with family-owned ManorCare nursing homes and Choice Hotels. Once a state legislator, Bainum ran as a Democrat for a congressional seat from Maryland but lost to a Republican in 1986.

The complicated Alden acquisition of Tribune, requiring regulatory approval and Soon-Shiong's final signoff, would give the hedge fund free rein to slash more news budgets and lay off reporters, as it has at its other newspaper properties. That's why opponents of the move hope Soon-Shiong will decide to veto the deal. But such an outcome is unlikely, opines newspaper business analyst **Rick Edmunds** in a *Poynter.org* piece regarding the rough road traveled by the *L.A. Times* and *U-T* following Soon-Shiong's takeover. "In the two-and-a-half years since he has lost a lot more money than he had anticipated," says Edmunds. "Plenty of work, including finding a new editor, remains. I would bet that getting out with a good return on his investment will be Soon-Shiong's main or sole objective."

Cash derived by Soon-Shiong from the Tribune sale, speculation goes, could be deployed to keep his struggling California news outlets afloat while he continues to figure out how to revive them. "Look for all or nearly all Tribune properties to join Alden's MediaNews Group family — once also widely known as Digital First Media — by later this year," says Edmunds. "Those holdings include *The Denver Post*, *The Orange County Register*, *Boston Herald*, and groups of dailies in the Los Angeles and San Francisco metro areas. Then look for Alden to run its new conquests the same way it has its old ones."

Mason Slaine, described in a February 16 *Chicago Tribune* dispatch as a "former media execu-

tive" who owns eight percent of Tribune Publishing, told the paper, "Despite all the talk about saving the papers and community interest, no one stepped up."

Late Friday, February 19, Soon-Shiong denied a report by the *Wall Street Journal* that he was considering dumping both the *Times* and *Union-Tribune*, with the San Diego paper possibly destined for the hands of Alden Global Capital.

Come hell or flack attacks

While the San Diego city council continues to lobby for more federal tax dollars to weather the financial



How long will Patrick Soon-Shiong hang on to the Union-Tribune?

storm of the Covid-19 pandemic, P.R. patronage hires continue to pad the payroll. **Christopher Chan**, an ex-TV news reporter from NBC affiliate KNSD, assumed office on January 11 as a "program coordinator," according to his statement of economic interests filed February 10. On Twitter, where Chan has retweeted the opinions of those against the recall of his boss, council president **Jen Campbell**, he's identified as Council Communications

Director. That was the gig last held by ex-*City Beat* editor **David Rolland** under former council president **Georgette Gomez**, whose bid for congress against fellow Democrat and Qualcomm heiress **Sara Jacobs** went up in flames last year.

Rolland is currently billed as Senior Advisor of Communications to Mayor **Todd Gloria**...San Diego Democrats' battle over who will have the upper hand in next year's race for California Secretary of State is shaping up to be a hard-fought contest between at least two high-funded candidates — unless one of them blinks first. **Shirley Weber**, the ex-Assembly Democrat named Secretary of State by Governor **Gavin Newsom** following Newsom's elevation of **Alex Padilla** to the U.S. Senate, has already hit up an array of big-money donors for



Like Governor Newsom, councilwoman Jen Campbell faces a fierce recall effort.

her 2022 election campaign. February 9 givers included the California Dental Association Political Action Committee and Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, which kicked in \$8100 each. The Govern for California Courage Committee, run by San Francisco's **David Crane**, a one-time economic advisor to Gov. **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, gave the same on February 2. The political action committee of Professional Engineers in California Govern-

ment, a labor group, came up with \$16,200 on February 8. A total of \$8800 of Crane's money, along with the same from California Courage, previously went to ex-San Diego city council Republican-turned-independent **Mark Kersey's** ultimately failed bid for the state Assembly in December 2017.

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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Dear Hipster:

Maybe you can help me out with this thing I've been pondering lately. It's a question of hipster commodities. Why is it possible to get a nearly infinite variety of artisan cheeses, but there's only like two options for fancy milk at the grocery store? Is this some sort of weird hipster oversight? The difference between milk and cheese is like the difference between beer and bread, i.e. little more than a shift in time and temperature applied to the same basic ingredients, and yet the two things have totally different presences on the hipster spectrum. Back when we used to go to restaurants all the time, I remember seeing menus that listed off half-a-dozen cheeses, and each one would come with a little legend that indicated where the cheese was from, what kind of animal got milked to make the cheese, what the animal's name was, etc. etc. etc. But it's not like you can go to a restaurant and get a glass of artisan ewe's milk to go with your dinner. That's weird, right? How come there isn't a hipster milk market?

— DAN S.

The way I see it, there are two potential explanations for this one.

(1) Government regulations related to the production, packaging, transportation, storage, and sale of dairy products generally erect steep barriers to entry into the United States' dairy market. These barriers to entry pose no threat to large, institutional dairy producers, who have no particular incentive to invest resources into products where there is going to be anything less than a robust, nationwide market. On the other hand, the



kind of small producers who might target a niche market for artisan milk are effectively frozen out of the market because of excessive compliance costs; or

(2) Milk is for toddlers.

Talk amongst yourselves and decide which explanation makes more sense.

Dear Hipster:

Going through some of my stuff the other day, I found letters from my grandmother. She had really amazing handwriting. I don't know anyone who can write like that anymore. Do you think elegant handwriting will ever make a comeback?

— EDYE

I think the Millennial equivalent of having excellent handwriting is probably texting in complete sentences, but maybe there's a movement brewing to revitalize the forgotten craft of penmanship, sort of like the "bring back typewriters" thing that's always almost catching on. But this is sort of a different thing, because it's not like writing by hand ever went away. People still do it all the time, it's just that they aren't any good at it anymore. Unlike, say, typewriters,



Milk: literally baby food.

pens and pencils didn't go entirely out of production. That takes away one of the biggest draws to bringing back an obsolete medium because there's no fun quest to the thrift shop hoping to score a vintage Underwood, or whatever. I suppose somebody could make an effort to bring back dip pens (or even quills) and blotting paper as a means of writing "old school," but the charm wears off almost immediately after about ten minutes of ink spills and trying to decipher handwriting that has somehow become both spidery and blotchy at the same time. People usually quit this effort somewhere between having every letter turn into a blurry version of the alchemical symbol for vinegar of antimony and having the pen run out of ink so you end up forcibly inscribing ghost letters into the surface of your chosen medium.

— DJ Stevens

LETTERS

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ter to vote. Ms. Jensen has been domiciled at the 815 North Pacific Street home for many years.

The headline given to the story is false. The *Reader* utilized the phrase "doesn't live at..." in the context of representing, as a fact, that this was not Ms. Jensen's home. It is, by any definition; significantly, it is her domicile and that was the context in which the article addressed her residence. You also erred on the registration issue which is easily verifiable.

Please advise that you will make both corrections and that the corrections will be as conspicuous and prominent as your original story.

Thank you very much. We will appreciate your anticipated cooperation.

Robert P. Ottilie
Downtown San Diego

Author Ken Leighton responds:

What Mr. Ottilie does not respond to and which I understand remain germane in the D.A.'s investigation is that:

– Ms. Jensen told the city of Oceanside and the city of Oceanside in fact listed 815 North Pacific Street as an "un-hosted unit" which means the owner does not live there.

– Ms. Jensen told the MLS listing service used by the real estate industry that her other home in Carlsbad is owner occupied and that 815 So/ Pacific is not owner occupied.

After this article appeared,

the sign in front of 815 North Pacific promoting its ongoing short-term rental availability has been taken down. Also taken down was the Airbnb ad that advertised its ongoing availability and which had positive reviews from people who had rented it throughout 2020 and 2021. Screen shots of these ads exist.

It was these facts that I assume motivated the city of Oceanside to initiate a district attorney investigation.

Windy wordsmith

The climate change crisis has, in recent years more than ever, shown itself to be an issue that can no longer be ignored as an inconvenience to be dealt with sometime vaguely in the future ("The right mountain in East San Diego County to plant that wind turbine," Neighborhood News, February 2).

CALPIRG is advocating for Governor Newsom to speed up California's clean energy timeline from 2045 to 2030. This will be a necessary victory in the fight against climate change, and it will set a precedent for quick and substantial change. Our planet has already seen a great deal of damage from decades of harmful fossil fuel burning and other forms of greenhouse gas emissions and pollution. There were few Californians that didn't feel the repercussions of the 200 wildfires this past year alone. Facing the orange-hued skies and toxic air was a wake-up call to so many people.

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can't build at a 15 degree angle close to cliffs, because the land would slide due to water filtrations from rain or domestic sources."

Seventy-year-old Rene Romero and his wife are part of that estimated 57 percent. Despite coming to Tijuana more than 30 years ago from Zacatecas, he has not been able to have his own house until now; after losing his most recent job, he had to leave the last house he was renting. "Here," he says, "people help me, giving me pieces of wood to finish my house or make deliveries for neighbors. I sell ice cream but this weather doesn't help. I can't work in a maquila any more; I'm old, and they asked too many requirements." "Here" is Ramp Santos Degollados, not too far from the access to Playas de Tijuana. The name of the street where Romero lives is unknown to him. For the past two years, the couple has lived without power in their home of less than six square yards, built over piles of recycled tires, earth, and debris. No public service is available for the 20 houses in the new settlement, because they are not paying land taxes.



PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS GUTIERREZ

"For them this is the only chance to have land."

starting with just that: land and nothing more — except each other. They have a committee to get organized and help each other to cover certain necessities. Another neighbor, Maria del Refugio, noted that no one from the municipality has talked to them, and they have been ignored. "We all gather money to

exposed to catastrophes. According to Salas, the urban developments usually cut down the coastal sage scrub, which has a role in the control of the heat and helps to keep the land compact. The deforestation contributes to the vulnerability. Last month, a landslide that ren-

"We all gather money to pay for a caterpillar (tractor) to open a way out of the neighborhood, because otherwise, we wouldn't have a street,"

Still, he says, "we decided to build a house here because we saw other people wanting a lot to live on it as well."

Olga Salas says this is another reason people put themselves in danger zones — the hope of having their own place. "For them, this is the only chance to have land." For Romero and his neighbors, that means

pay for a caterpillar (tractor) to open a way out of the neighborhood, because otherwise, we wouldn't have a street," he said.

Street or not street, their inaccessibility represents an obstacle for emergency services or police patrols. The danger of landslides is a constant risk. Cliffs, canyons, natural drain flows, and settlements close to rivers are highly



PHOTOGRAPH BY LUIS GUTIERREZ

No public service is available for the 20 houses in this new settlement because they are not paying land taxes.



Much of the recreation focus, meanwhile, has been on Boston Avenue Linear Park, a three-acre, 1/3 mile long strip of green that can serve as a noise buffer against I-5.

dered more than 40 houses uninhabitable took place in the Sanchez Taboada district. There, the director of Tijuana's Civil Protection, Jose Luis Rosas, admitted that there is now a great zone of risk in the city due to the complexity of the topographic characteristics of Tijuana.

According to the Atlas of Natural Hazards, there have been 23 similar disasters since 2014, and most of them have happened in the San Antonio de los Buenos district, where Rene Romero has settled with his wife.

IVÁN MOLINA

BARRIO LOGAN

Barri-uh-oh

Community improvements herald demographic movements

Barrio Logan has fewer residents today than in 2010, a trend which puts it at odds with most of San Diego. But as its new community plan takes shape — a plan chock full of improvements ranging from parks and bikeway links to many more live-work units — that trend is likely to change. For starters, the neighborhood's location, just south of downtown and along the bay, is a draw. "I know a lot of people are starting to see this as a desirable area to move into," planning commissioner Vicki Granowitz said last week at a workshop on the Community Plan update. Because of that, Granowitz worries that gentrification is pushing at the close-knit Hispanic community.

Senior planner Michael Prinz declined to speculate on SANDAG data showing a decrease of 600 people in Barrio Logan, saying only that the slump occurred despite a slight increase in the number of units. But that increase is about to become more than slight. Under the update to the 2013 com-

munity plan, overall housing capacity will increase by 50 percent over the original 1978 plan. It will allow 29 dwelling units per acre in the neighborhood commercial area, and 14 units per acre in the Boston Ave. residential area. Beyond that, a transition zone will finally separate homes from industry, and a village core will be established. A plan to address the dilapidated sidewalks and paths to nowhere is on the table, and new suggestions by the community would expand bike

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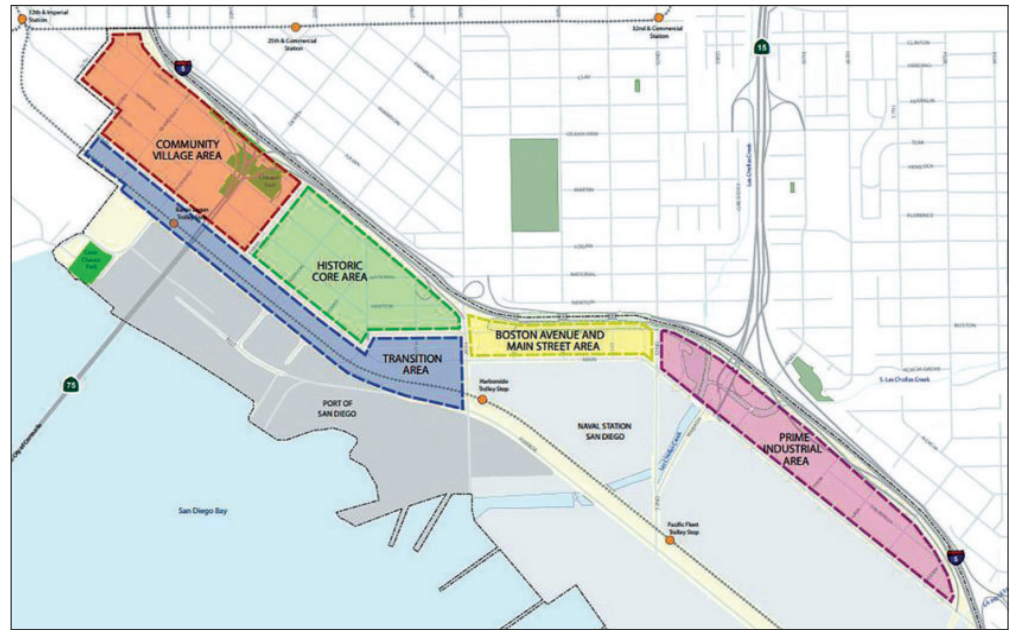
access beyond what the 2013 plan recommended. They include traffic calming and bicycling improvements on National Avenue and Main Street, freeway access at 28th Street, multimodal updates along Boston Avenue, a linear park, and roundabouts.

The list of changes sought springs from a long history of clashing uses in Barrio Logan, where homes and industry are often packed together under zoning conditions unique to the working waterfront, which is also chopped up by freeways. “Pedestrian infrastructure in the neighborhood is virtually non-existent,” said commissioner Matthew Boomhower. “The sidewalks are abysmal. There’s a serious lack of trees.” It’s not because people don’t walk and bike, he said, noting that residents walk over to the mercado on Cesar Chavez, and concluding that investment there should be part of the plan. “It’s been neglected over the years by the city,” he said, and will need to be reconstructed. Among the suggestions being evaluated by mobility staff are two lanes with roundabouts on Cesar Chavez Parkway, bike facilities along Main Street, and connections to Chollas Creek and the Bayshore Bikeway. Much of the recreation focus, meanwhile, has

been on Boston Avenue Linear Park, a three-acre, 1/3 mile long strip of green that can serve as a noise buffer against I-5. Connections between it and Chollas Creek Park and Trail would add another two acres and a quarter-mile of outdoor space.

Another improvement the city has been evaluating as the plan goes forward is a list of 60 prohibited uses, each specified in an agreement between the community and shipbuilding and maritime interests. It covers 65 acres where new industrial uses would not be allowed. (Existing uses would be grandfathered in). Prinz said those uses are so specific that they don’t have existing citywide zones that clearly line up with each one, so a community plan overlay zone would be applied. It would prohibit residential and nursing facilities in the transition zone, along with any use requiring a hazardous materials permit. Julie Corrales, who lives in Barrio Logan and works with the Environmental Health Coalition, said they appreciate the collaboration of the shipbuilding industry.

She is less thrilled about small changes in



Location, location, location. That, plus recreation and an overlay zone.

demographics she has noticed over the past few years. “One of the constant things we hear from our base is the issue of rising rents. Even our own members on the community planning group have had to move. They’ve been pushed out, and had to leave their seat on the board and go further east” to find affordable housing. Barrio Logan is a working class

community, and families are being displaced or forced to live together in smaller spaces, she added. “When they do leave, singles and couples move in. I hope the planning commission can get behind any methods and tactics the community puts forward via the plan to address some of that.”

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

Stockton, a Southeast San Diego neighborhood wedged in among Logan Heights, Mt. Hope, and Grant Hill, isn’t the first place one thinks of when imagining million-dollar homes. With a median home value more than \$300,000 below that of the typical San Diego community — never mind the Unreal mainstays of La Jolla, Rancho Santa Fe, and Del Mar — it probably doesn’t crack the top 10, or even 25, for locals who can name that many enclaves.



Archie Moore’s estate: it’s a brick...house.

Heck, there aren’t even that many houses along east E Street. Most of the land here, bounded by the 94 and 15 freeways to the north and

east respectively, is given over to industrial uses, contractor yards, or simply barren dirt lots razed of all structures.

But this hasn’t always

been the case, or at least it certainly wasn’t in 1950, when boxing great and SoCal transplant Archie Moore chose to make San Diego his home. Active

from 1935 through 1963 and one of the only pugilists to sustain a career spanning four decades, Moore sparred to a record of 186-23-10 and is still regarded as one of the best light-heavyweights of all time. Moving up to a true heavyweight later in his career, Moore sparred with (and was defeated by) both Rocky Marciano and a young Muhammad Ali, the latter of whom Moore trained at one point in his career.

After a rough-and-tumble childhood in St. Louis, Moore eventually landed in San Diego and became a local legend, not only for his punching prowess, but also for his community involvement, teaching the 20th-century’s preferred combat sport to underprivileged

youth through his Any Boy Can organization.

Of course, Moore’s fame (he was also known for a handful of film and television roles, most notably his portrayal of Jim in 1960’s *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*) demanded a house befitting his reputation. Finally, we come to this week’s house.

Built in either 1935 or 1950 (depending on whether you believe the listing retrieved from Zillow or the tax rolls), Moore’s former home at 3517 E Street boasts a majestic red brick exterior that contrasts sharply with the muted stucco finishes adorning most California residences. With over 5100 square feet of living space, it was and still is considerably larger than other contemporary

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A moment: a cloudless Saturday afternoon, Balboa Park, just in front of Cabrillo Bridge, maybe 200 people — couples, families, friends — lounging on the grass in the spreading shade of the Moreton Bay fig trees, enjoying the fine, free stylings of a six-piece band — a couple of saxes, a drum, a trumpet, a sousaphone, and a trombonist who sometimes takes a break to sing through a megaphone. Just now, he is pleasing the crowd with a straight-faced cover of Britney Spears’ breakthrough 1998 hit, “...Baby One More Time,” getting everyone to shout along with the chorus’ big finish: *Hit me baby, one more time!*

I remember back when the song came out, hearing longtime San Diego DJ Mike Halloran explaining to listeners that “hit” in this context did not mean “punch,” but rather...something else. He didn’t say exactly what; perhaps he was hesitant to discuss, on air, a sixteen-year-old girl’s desperate plea for sex. (As Nicolas

Cage reminded viewers in the first episode of Netflix’s recent *History of Swear Words*, “fuck” likely started out as a medieval Dutch verb meaning, “to hit.” Thanks, Nic!) Way back when, some folks actually knit their brows at the sight of a teenaged former Mousketeer dancing around on television in a Catholic schoolgirl outfit and invoking old Dutch verbs. How quaint. But then, nothing’s shocking once you get used to it.

A week ago, *Reader* writer Ed Bedford paid a visit to the Hillcrest Farmer’s Market. He opened his story with, “Teagan saws away at her violin right by the entrance. She’s playing Ariana Grande’s ‘34+35.’ Sounds really cool. Actually, this whole scene is hard to beat. Saturday morning, sunshine, cool breeze to balance things out.” Cue the grim chuckle: a week before Ed, I had my own encounter with the song, in rather less idyllic circumstances. *A boom box thumps away at the beat right by the entrance. It’s playing Ariana Grande’s “34+35.” Sounds really jarring. Actually, this whole scene is*



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hard to fathom. Friday morning, fog, chill breeze to shiver the skin...

It’s 7:30, and I’m up here in the Mt. Helix Park amphitheater with my two-year-old. She likes to climb up and down the “big stairs” that form the seating rising up from the stage. I climb along with her and call it my morning exercise. I’m not alone in my halfhearted quest for a healthy heart; a group of women amble slowly around the stage area, stepping

turned into a joke. (“Yeah you effin’ with some wet-ass p-word — ‘p-word’ is female genitalia. Bring a bucket and a mop for this wet-ass p-word.” Thanks, Ben!)

And really, the problem here is me. If I had a problem with the song, I should have said something, not sulked off and written something. If we’re all just ranting from our respective enclaves, then *We Live In A Society* really is a memeworthy gag and nothing more. My

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to the music, sort of. Normally, I get a kick out of seeing fellow slow-starters in the race to physical fitness. But gosh all get out, they’ve got the volume up loud, and here we are at former Nickelodeon star Ms. Grande’s chorus. *Can you stay up all night?/ Fuck me ‘til the daylight?*

dad, *he* said something, pausing our monthly racquetball games to visit the next court over, explain to the filthy of tongue that his son was in earshot, and politely ask that they refrain from swearing. And what do you know, it worked. Me, I just waited it out and stewed.



The Heartbeat of America...that’s today’s Chevrolet.

Thirty-four, thirty five... (Why, 34+35 is...69! I can hear Beavis and Butthead chuckling with delight even as I try to distract my daughter, who is enjoying the music.)

It doesn’t do to complain about such things. You wind up lumped in with *The Simpsons’* Helen Lovejoy, faintly crying, “Won’t somebody *please* think of the children?” (Not just my two-year-old; there’s also the boy they’ve brought with them, sullenly banging a loose rock against the stage wall as he waits for Mom to finish her workout. I want to comfort the lad, assure him that not even Ms. Grande actually expects a guy to perform until sunrise. She’s on record about this.) Or worse, you’re memed in with George Costanza and The Joker, proclaiming that *We Live In A Society*. (“We’re supposed to act in a civilized way!” Thanks, George!) Or still worse, you’re aping Ben Shapiro as he reads the lyrics to “WAP” — a bit of culture wars outrage-mongering that was almost instantly

A couple days later, when I happened upon a crassly festooned truck on the way to work in still-gentrifying Golden Hill, I felt more shame than anything else. Because nonsense like that is what happens when people don’t step up and say something. And just like with Britney, just like with Ariana, we’ll all get used to whatever comes, to the point where it’s nothing more than the soundtrack of our lives.

A few days after *that*, I got a chance to do something right and think of the children — my own. My son was in the car, tired and frustrated after a lousy day at work, waiting for a friend to join us. “Hurry the fuck up!” he shouted into the night air. Apparently, I had failed to pass on the notion that certain speech is not appropriate for the public square. He seemed genuinely surprised when I objected. I am fond of telling my kids that charity, like everything else, begins at home. Time to add a few things to that list about being a citizen. ■



Antifa was in town to thwart the “Patriot March,” a pro-Trump rally and concert on January 9.



Antifa ringleader who assaulted El Cajon school board member Jill Barto

Local antifascists turn fascist

Saturday, January 9th: a warm and sunny winter afternoon in Pacific Beach. The boardwalk was bustling. A man and his Rottweiler were on a routine walk when, as they passed the Baha Beach Café at Thomas Avenue, the dog let out a bark.

Out in front of them, on the boardwalk and alongside the beach, was a crowd of people brandishing weapons. They were dressed in black, and their faces were covered with ski masks, balaclavas, and gas masks. The man stopped and held his dog.

A video posted to YouTube shows a black-

clad man wearing a gas mask, standing several feet away, shoot bear spray at the dog and its owner, both of whom jump back in pain. The cloud of burning chemicals traveled into the nearby Café, where an eyewitness says customers fled for relief and employees had to close shop.

Antifa was in town to thwart the “Patriot March,” a pro-Trump rally and concert planned for the beach at 2 pm that day. The Facebook page *San Diego Antifascists* invited its followers to help “shut down” a “fascist parade” by coming to the beach at 1 pm dressed in “Black Bloc attire.”

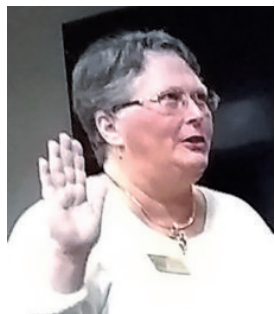
John Coccozza arrived at the beach on Thomas

Avenue to film the commotion. He’s been a professional photographer and videographer in Pacific Beach for more than 20 years. He says, “I saw 40 or 50 Antifa brandishing weapons. They were pretty hostile — screaming at people in balconies and screaming at people walking by.”

A few minutes later, two women walked west on Thomas Avenue toward the beach, one wearing a red shirt, the other, blue. An Antifa ringleader walked toward the woman in red, who was filming with her phone, and said, “You better back the f*** up. I know you.” She responded, “How are you?” He again said, “You

better back the f*** up.” Then he recognized the woman in blue, pointed at her and announced, “Someone take a picture of this woman. Jill Barto works for the Cajon Valley School District! She’s on the board, f’n Jill Barto!” The school board member from El Cajon was then surrounded by an Antifa mob.

Cocozza’s video shows the ringleader grab Barto’s arm and shove it. “Hit me! Hit me!” he said (hoping to catch her fighting on camera.) She was then grabbed and pulled from behind and an Antifa flagbearer wearing a pink gas mask pushed her, causing her to fall into the back of her friend, whose phone was then snatched away. The friend tried going after it, but the mob formed a wall and wouldn’t let her pass.



PHOTOGRAPH BY ERIC BARTL

An Antifa flagbearer wearing a pink gas mask pushed Jill Barto, causing her to fall into the back of her friend, whose phone was then snatched away.

Her Facebook live recording shows multiple Antifa smashing her phone with sticks and stomping on it. When she got her smashed phone back, the SIM card and memory card were missing. She told a group of videographers, “There was supposed to be a rally down here with



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South Bay Union School District board trustee Marco Amaral stood by and did nothing when Barto was attacked and her friend’s phone stolen.

music. And these paramilitary freaks decided to attack!”

Standing nearby during the attack was another local school board member. Wearing a red-and-black flannel, South Bay Union School District board trustee Marco Amaral stood by and did nothing when Barto was attacked and her friend’s phone stolen. He was also standing next to the gas-masked man when he attacked the dog.

The crowd, which had grown to about 100, then started marching north on the boardwalk chanting, “All cops are bas-

tards.” Despite Antifa’s violence and harassment, Amaral marched with them. Cocozza followed, still filming.

A few minutes later, a black-clad man with a blue bandana over his head asked Cocozza, “What are you filming for?” He responded, “I live here. I work for the community groups.” The interrogation continued and he said, “I don’t have to have a reason [to film], dude.” The Antifa guy then asked Cocozza, “You’re not like us?” When he responded, “No, I’m not like you guys,” the Antifa guy took a swing at him and shot him with pepper spray.

Several others surrounded him, and it became a group interrogation. “I’m a member of the community board,” Cocozza said. An Antifa girl knocked his phone out of his hand. He was quick to pick it up, as he had just witnessed them steal Barto’s friend’s phone. During the assault, Amaral walked behind the attackers, watching, but again, did nothing to stop it.



PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN COCOZZA

“One charged me with a four-foot-long wooden staff and swung toward my head. I turned my back to it, and it caused a massive contusion on my back. One of the attackers attempted to swing his skateboard, trucks out, at back of my skull to take me out, but missed by an inch. It could have been an instant kill shot.” John Cocozza was then able to escape.

Amaral’s past Facebook posts include “F*** the police” and “Immigrant youth: time to f*** sh** up.” He posted, “I believe in democracy, not ‘American democracy.’” He was censured by his fellow board mem-

bers in October 2019 for using obscenities in public comments, making “racist/fascist” accusations, and being a poor role model for students. He didn’t respond to a request for comment.

Another Antifa attack happened on the boardwalk north of Hornblend Street. Brandishing batons, sticks, tasers, pepper spray and a baseball bat, the Antifa mob approached three men and a woman wearing American flag face coverings. Three different videos on Twitter show Antifa attacking the group without provocation, first bear-spraying them, then attacking them as they fled.

“Run, b****!” was yelled at the female victim, who the mob zeroed in on. A chair was picked up and thrown at her back. When she turned, they surrounded her, punched her, knocked



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Some participants in the MAGA march are heard on video complaining about a lot of crude language being used by other march participants, especially one guy with a megaphone cursing out bystanders and another deriding police. During the march, police entered a comment into their event log that the MAGA march was “being hijacked by Proud Boys.”

their faces weren't visible during the attacks. “And what am I, just evidence for their case? There needs to be serious questioning of the higher ups in the police department and mayor's office why police officers witnessing mob attacks cannot stop them. They are encouraging violence.” He says Antifa had free rein to attack people for two hours, so it was already a free-for-all.

San Diego City Council President Dr. Jennifer Campbell, who represents Pacific Beach in District 2, says, “Our constitution protects the right to free speech and peaceful demonstration. Violence by any group or individual, no matter their political affiliation, is not acceptable in the City of San Diego.”

Mayor Todd Gloria did not respond to a request for comment.

San Diego police spokesman Lt. Shawn Takeuchi says, “We will investigate all crimes brought to our attention, but we need to hear from victims to ensure a crime was committed and prosecution is desired.” Multiple video recordings show no effort by police officers witnessing attacks on pedestrians to arrest the attackers. Takeuchi did not say whether anyone has subsequently been arrested for those attacks.

After the boardwalk attacks, Antifa moved to Mission Boulevard, where they continued attacking people. Cocozza says the street attack victims included the elderly and children. And that he became an assault victim for the second time.

He says, “I was standing near Garnet and Mission when I saw a guy on a bicycle, about fifty

come from all over the country to Pacific Beach, and it's common for people to wear an American flag shirt or a flag face covering.”

After Cocozza was attacked, he walked to the beach, still filming, to ask a police officer why he didn't intervene. The officer told him they were going to be “picking people out later.” He explained, “We don't want to get in there, start stirring things up. All of a sudden, it's a free-for-all.”

A bystander who witnessed the attack asked, “When people are being assaulted, isn't it your guys' job to protect them?” Another officer said, “We have rules of engagement right now.”

Cocozza says “it makes no sense whatsoever” that police would be able to identify and pick out attackers at a later time, considering

her to the ground and started beating her with sticks. An African American woman wearing a blue shirt, who seemed to be demonstrating with Antifa, ran to the front line of attackers and repeated three times, “Stop that sh**!” They ignored her. When the female victim got up and continued running away with her friends, the mob chased them past a line of street vendors, throwing cans at their backs, reaching around from behind to pepper spray them in the face, pushing and kicking them. Cocozza explains what he calls a “very dangerous situation.” He says, “Antifa went up and down the boardwalk attacking anyone they thought could be a Trump supporter. But I wasn't wearing anything related to Trump. I didn't even see any Trump supporters. We have people

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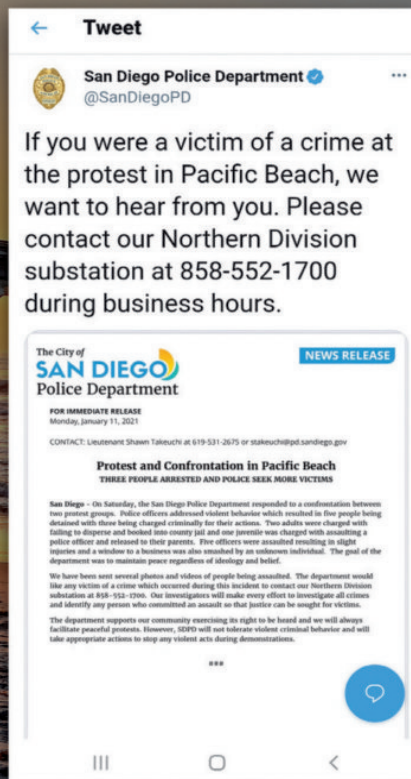
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feet away. As I saw Antifa walking toward him I knew what they would do to him because they already did it to me.”

The bicyclist sat on his bike in front of Breakfast Republic, filming with his phone. His video shows a few Antifa approach him, one of whom activated a taser. As the bicyclist told them to stay away and tried to turn his bicycle to ride away, the mob threw him to the ground and beat him. They also destroyed his bicycle. Other videos of the incident show a crowd of Antifa rush to join the attack.

Cocozza says, “There was a police officer fifty feet away watching everything. I yelled at him to do something. When he did nothing, I rushed into the mob and knocked away an attacker so the victim could get up. He had ten people attacking him with weapons, so he pulled a knife for self-defense. A police officer rolled in on motorcycle for two seconds then rode away. As soon as he rolled away, we got swarmed.”

“One charged me with a four-foot-long wooden staff and swung toward my head. I turned my back to it, and it caused a massive contu-



Posts on Twitter during the January 9 protest

sion on my back. One of the attackers attempted to swing his skateboard, trucks out, at back of my skull to take me out, but missed by an inch. It could have been an instant kill shot.” He was then able to escape.

Cocozza says he later found out Antifa has a “well-organized media propaganda machine,” including activists from L.A., which they use to “make themselves look like victims.” He says, “They took one single

clip of the actual victim holding his knife and posted it all over social media, saying, ‘White terrorist attacks BLM supporter with knife.’ That is a total fabrication.”

He adds, “The media’s reporting was atrocious. Much of it blamed violence on Trump supporters, who weren’t even there the way they described it. During those two hours of Antifa attacks, there was no organized group clash-

ing with them in street battles. Trump supporters assembled after those attacks and after police set up a riot line in front of Breakfast Republic. The media misrepresented what happened and supported Antifa’s false propaganda.”

The San Diego Union Tribune headlined their story, “Pro-Trump and anti-fascist protesters clash...” The lead photo was of a lone woman (the same woman who was knocked to the ground and beaten with sticks) surrounded by nearly a dozen people dressed in black, many holding weapons and attacking her. The caption did not describe her as an assault victim or as being under attack, but rather as being involved in a “clash” with the men who attacked her.

The same story portrayed the pedestrian walking his dog as a person whose temper “flared” and confronted “counter-protesters”

with a barking dog. But according to his police report he was just trying to walk down the boardwalk when he encountered a mob obstructing his path and was attacked. Video footage confirms that. A person who works on the boardwalk says she has seen the same guy from the video walking the same dog on the boardwalk at other times. At that time of day only service animals are allowed on the boardwalk, but a redacted police report doesn’t indicate if that’s the case. The *Union-Tribune* did not report anything about the dog getting pepper sprayed.

A week later, the *Union-Tribune* published an article about a “public accounting” for Trump supporters and a group of “online sleuths” who are exposing them. These online detectives are the same people Cocozza referred to as Antifa propagandists. The article introduced

Chad Loder, “A computer security specialist based in Los Angeles” who “researches and publishes the names of extremists on his Twitter account.”

After the January 9 PB riot, Loder tweeted a picture of the bicyclist whom Antifa attacked, holding his knife. He labeled it: “White supremacist pulls a knife and threatens Black Lives Matter demonstrators today.” The same tweet also had a picture of the Antifa ringleader who assaulted Barto and later refused to comply when police ordered him to disperse. That one was labeled, “San Diego PD shoots a peaceful Black Lives Matter demonstrator with pepper balls as he gives a speech about police brutality.”

One of the primary targets of these online sleuths/Antifa propagandists is “Defend East County,” a group which came out of the former 22,000-member Face-

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book group by the same name, which was created after the La Mesa riot last year. It has since been eliminated on Facebook, reportedly because there were posts spreading Q Anon fabrications and also calls for violence.

Another online sleuth in the *Union-Tribune* story is the Twitter account "SDAgainstFash," whose operator promoted the January 9 Antifa event in Pacific Beach and participated in it, according to one of its tweets. SDAgainstFash has promoted violence on Twitter just as San Diego Antifascists, which also helped mobilize the January 9 Antifa event, has promoted violence on Facebook. Yet neither has been purged from social media.

The stated mission of the *San Diego Antifascists* Facebook page is to "fight the rise of right-wing extremism... We will not allow this scum to assemble without a fight." They specify right wing extremists as their targets. But on January 9 Antifa militants attacked ordinary Trump supporters, mainstream conservatives, and random people who

expressed patriotism or failed to salute them with support.

The *Union-Tribune* credited SDAgainstFash for exposing the "violent attitudes" of right-wing groups. But the article said nothing about the violent attitudes of left-wing activists such as SDAgainstFash, who retweeted a call to run Republicans off the beach and into the ocean. Another SDAgainstFash retweet is a photoshopped image of Brad Pitt holding a knife to a man wearing a Trump hat.

Part of Antifa's narrative to justify shutting down the Patriot March on January 9 was to associate the march organizers with the D.C. rioters who attacked police officers and breached the Capitol on January 6 and to call them "terrorists." They found photos of several of them posing with the Capitol in the background and reposted them on their own sites. But none of the pictures showed them on or inside the Capitol building or involved in violence against police. None of the Patriot March orga-

nizers who were in D.C. on January 6 (and whose contact information I could find) responded to a request for comment.

In contrast, right after the Capitol riot, SDAgainstFash made an explicit call for violence against Congress, retweeting, "MAGA is bad...the tactic of storming the Capitol is good and valid..." and tweeting, "Abolish the police and burn the Capitol."

And SDAgainstFash has tweeted a link to "The Violent Minority" blog, which has a "Black Bloc guide" that explains how Black Bloc attire prevents police from identifying people who commit violence. SDAgainstFash also condemns "liberalism" and liberals who show tolerance for the free speech and assembly rights of right-wing groups.

Conservative journalist Andy Ngo recently reported he fled his home in Portland because of Antifa death threats against him. (His parents found safety in Portland in 1978 as refugees from the communist-run Socialist Republic of Vietnam.) Ngo complains police have

done nothing to protect him. In June 2019, he was attacked by Antifa in Portland just for filming them and criticizing them in his reporting. He suffered a brain injury. His new book, *Unmasked: Inside Antifa's Radical Plan to Destroy Democracy*, characterizes Antifa as a "violent extremist movement."

Cajon Valley school board trustee Jill Barto explains she heard about a patriotic concert and rally at the beach. She says, "I'm a patriot, so I went. We should feel safe going to a rally without fear of being attacked, especially two older ladies walking down the street not bothering anyone. I was wearing blue that day because it was law enforcement appreciation day. My friend was wearing a red Pray

for America shirt. Does that make us evil?"

The day after Barto was attacked and prevented from going to the rally, left wing activist Mark Lane took to social media and posted a false account of the incident, stating that when Barto was pushed into the back of her friend she was actually running up behind a random woman and attacking her. Lane tagged the school district page to make them aware of his accusation.

Four days later, Cajon Valley school board president Tamara Otero, a Republican, posted a statement to the district's Facebook page (which reportedly was also distributed as a letter to the Cajon Valley community,) stating they were made aware "of board member Jill Barto's par-

ticipation in a local rally/unrest in Pacific Beach this past Saturday, three days after the attack on the U.S. Capitol...The District is committed to non-violence...[we] expect [our] members to maintain the highest ethical standards..."

AK commented on the post, "Tamara, why are you... spreading lies...? Jill has done so much for the community that no one even talks about because it's not 'newsworthy.' Every birthday caravan for every child or veteran, she is there. Anyone who needs help with anything, she is there. This post is disgusting and so is everyone dumb enough to believe this BS without learning the actual facts."

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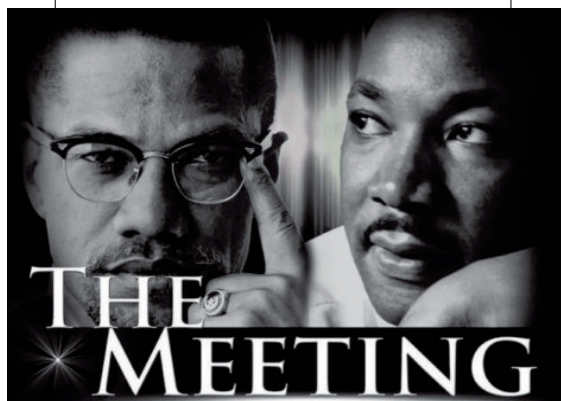
eighteen to study psychology. In 1993, she moved to Paris. There, she pursued a career in international education and raised three sons with her French husband.

WHEN: Thursday, February 25, 12 pm to 1 pm
WHERE: warwicks.com

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THE MEETING BY JEFF STETSON

Point Loma Playhouse presents a



drama about the lives, philosophies, and times of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. This play depicts an imagined meeting of the two men.

They debate approaches, each prepared to die for his beliefs but neither aware of how soon an assassin's bullet would find them. Directed by Jerry Pilato. Starring Rhys Greene, J. Kay Weldon, Julian King Monroe.

WHEN: Friday, February 26, through Sunday, February 28
WHERE: pointlomaplayhouse.com



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3: EXPLORING ETHICS: NEUROMODULATION

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HYPNO5E: A DISTANT (DARK) SOURCE

Founded in 2003, French cinematic metal band Hypno5e sings lyrics in both French and English, and occasionally Spanish. Its core trio intact after nearly two decades, the band will perform its first online concert stream, playing its most recent album, 2019's *A Distant (Dark) Source*, in its entirety. The

film is directed by singer-songwriter and independent filmmaker Emmanuel Jessua, whose goal was to capture the intensity of the band's live show and add a touch of artistic flair to the visuals.

WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 11:30 am
WHERE: hypno5e.veeps.com



HYPNO5E

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ISLAND TIME MUSIC FESTIVAL

Every year, Nashville supports the children of the island community of Isla Mujeres, Mexico through a music festival fundraiser. Performers over the four days: Vince Gill, Lee Bice, Lisa Loeb, Jake Owen, Runaway Jane, Blackberry Smoke, John Rich, A Thousand Horses, Locash, and Emily West. An online auction will accompany the festival.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 24 through Saturday, February 27, 5 pm
WHERE: nugs.tv

WARWICK'S AUTHOR LIVESTREAM: RUTH DRUART

Ruth Druart discusses her new novel, *While Paris Slept*, in a conversation with Sarah Sleeper. Druart grew up on the Isle of Wight, leaving at



RUTH DRUART

Wednesday | 3

EXPLORING ETHICS: NEUROMODULATION

Shadi Dayeh, professor of electrical and computer engineering at the University of California San Diego, will present a talk entitled, "Neuromodulation: Diagnosis and Therapy for Brain and Spinal Cord Disorders." Researchers are exploring the possibility that electrical stimulation of nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord could aid in tumor resections, help monitor epilepsy, and even bypass spinal cord injury to cure paralysis.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 3, 5:30 pm to 7 pm
WHERE: ethicscenter.net

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ART

Memories at the Museum Take part in a discussion and virtual tour of several Balboa Park museums. Docents with the Memories at the Museum program engage people with mild to moderate Alzheimer's disease and an accompanying family member or friend in discussions about the artwork to stimulate visual and verbal abilities, and to spark memory. Virtual tours are held the first Tuesday of each month from 2 to 3pm with one of several San Diego museums, including the San Diego Museum of Art, the Museum of Photographic Arts, and the Timken Museum. Link to Zoom meeting will be provided with registration. Tuesday, March 2, 2pm; **free**. 21 and up. <https://bit.ly/3aERMSy>. (ONLINE)

BOOK SIGNINGS

Warwick's Author Livestream: Chris Whitaker Warwick's will host Chris Whitaker as he discusses his new book, *We Begin at the End*, in conversation with Jeniffer Thompson. His books include *Tall Oaks* and *All the Wicked Girls*. Tuesday, March 2, 4pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/whitaker-2021. (ONLINE)

Warwick's Author Livestream: Lauren Willig Warwick's, in partnership with Harper Collins, will host Lauren Willig as she launches her new book, *Band of Sisters*, and celebrates Woman's History Month with Marie Benedict, Kristin Harmel and Vanessa Riley. Lauren Willig is the New York Times and USA Today bestselling author of *The Summer Country*, the RITA Award winning *Pink Carnation* series. Monday, March 1, 5pm; **free**. warwicks.com/event/willig-2021. (ONLINE)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Black Nerds Expo The Black Nerds Expo is a virtual convention focused on black arts, comics, video games, books, cosplay, pop culture, and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The Expo will be virtual. Visit the website to register as an attendee or participate as a virtual exhibitor or presenter. Friday, February 26, 10am; **free**. blacknerdsexpo.com/. (ONLINE)

CoTA 2021 STAFF@M Institute Learn how to meaningfully employ the arts within the NGSS framework to engage students in

learning and deepen understanding of science concepts. 6 experiential sessions exploring the Science Practices through visual art, theatre, and creative movement 13.5 hours professional development collaborative learning environment come away with lessons you can use remotely and in the classroom. Saturday, February 27, 9am; **free**. 18 and up. cotaprogram.org/. (ONLINE)

Water Planting Regenerate your landscape by 'planting water' and growing healthy soil! Eric & Lauren Saline of Wild Made Design shares techniques and strategies that can be used on any scale to modify land contour, plant sustainably, and harvest water. Wednesday, March 3, 3:30pm; **free**. thegarden.org. (ONLINE)

DANCE

La Jolla Music Society: Joffrey Ballet Rehearsal Q&A JOFFREY BALLET Under the Trees' Voices, open rehearsal livestream, followed by a live moderated conversation with Ashley Wheeler, artistic director, and Nicolas Blanc, choreographer. Another rehearsal will be livestreamed April 7, and the actual performance of *Under the Trees* will livestream April 30. Wednesday, March 3, 1pm; Online Internet Events, All over the world from. (ONLINE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

UCSD Black History Month Celebration & Scholarship Awards Join UC San Diego's 19th Annual Black History Month Celebration and Scholarship Awards Ceremony. This virtual celebration will feature keynote talks by Starla Lewis as well as a live DJ performance and recognition of black student scholars at UC San Diego. Friday, February 26, 4pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3umLSnI>. (ONLINE)

UCSD Graduate Research Colloquium Many PhD students are actively engaged in presenting their research to a wider world at conferences and symposia at other universities – but not their home institutions. Advisors will briefly introduce and provide their own reflections on the project. Friday, February 26, 1:30pm; Saturday, February 27, 10am; **free**. <https://bit.ly/37A714p>. (ONLINE)

FOR KIDS

KPBS Kids: Hats Off to Reading Day Celebrate Hats Off to Reading Day with storytime with KPBS and San Diego Children's Discovery Museum on Facebook Live. Tuesday, March 2, 12:30pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/37CW8ie>. (ONLINE)

Virtual Fun Animal Friday: Gecko & Python Explore two habitats of Thailand in celebration of Roots: Thailand. Meet a leopard gecko and Burmese python with Pacific Animal Productions. Get

Rhyme & Verse

Three sonnets by George Sterling

As It Was in the Beginning

The royal word goes forth, and armies do
The work of devils. Agony and waste
Are on the world, and the grim legions haste
On the old war-roads that the Caesars knew.
Still gleams the dreadful stain of Waterloo,
On Time's accusing record unerased;
Gone are the ramparts that the Romans faced,
But these the heavens where their eagles flew.

Below the bleak and slowly shifting stars,
Man turns him in his madness, to reveal
His ancient folly and his ancient crime,
And on the tragic breast austere with scars
Re-girds the mail, and draws the hiked steel,
Cold from the twilight battlefields of Time.

The Black Vulture

Aloof upon the day's immeasured dome,
He holds unshared the silence of the sky.
Far down his bleak, relentless eyes descry
The eagle's empire and the falcon's home —
Far down, the galleons of sunset roam;
His hazards on the sea of morning lie;
Serene, he hears the broken tempest sigh
Where cold sierras gleam like scattered foam.

And least of all he holds the human swarm —
Unwitting now that envious men prepare
To make their dream and its fulfillment one,
When, poised above the caldrons of the storm,
Their hearts, contemptuous of death, shall dare
His roads between the thunder and the sun.

your questions ready, they'll answer them live during the event. Friday, February 26, 10am; **free**. <https://bit.ly/2P0kufL>. (ONLINE)

LECTURES

Exploring Ethics: Neuromodulation Researchers are exploring the exciting possibility that electrical stimulation of nerve cells of brain and spinal cord could aid in tumor resections, monitor epilepsy, bypass spinal cord injury to cure paralysis, as well as treat other diseases of the nervous system and beyond. The talk will provide a perspective on global efforts in neuro-modulation devices and summarize lessons learned in the technological, medical, and regulatory fronts. Wednesday, March 3, 5:30pm; **free**. <https://bit.ly/3aHJS6s>. (ONLINE)

OUTDOORS

Hummingbirds, attracted to sources of nectar by red-colored flowers, are swarming over San Diego County's back-yard gardens, scrub-covered coastal hillsides, and the warm Anza-Borrego Desert. Red monkey flower is a favorite source of nectar near the coast, while red-blossomed chuparosa and ocotillo normally play the same role in the desert. Keep an eye out for the male hummingbird's mating "dance,"

Aftermath

Slowly among the wounded and the slain
The gleaners take the harvest of the kings,
But harvest-song no joyous maiden sings,
And crimson fingers lift a crimson grain.
Where darkness and the powers of darkness reign,
They bend above unutterable things,
As far away the restless searchlight swings
Its ghastly ray along the burdened plain.

Well seems it that they wear a cross of red,
But better seems it that this earth should bear
That blazon in the concourse of the stars,
(Ere the Night conquer and the sun fall dead)
And 'mid dark Signs and warring heavens glare,
Disastrous, with the bloody light of Mars.



George Sterling (1869-1926) was an American poet who made San Francisco and the California Bay Area his base of operations, being largely responsible for making Carmel-by-the-Sea a magnet for the Bohemian artists and writers who would make the community a center of counter-cultural activity. He became close friends of another poet who had helped put Carmel on the

literary map – Robinson Jeffers. While enjoying great popularity during his time – Sterling was celebrated by many of the literary lights of his day, including Jack London, Upton Sinclair, Theodore Dreiser and Sinclair Lewis – his work has fallen into neglect in more recent times. Marked by the influence of the Romantic poets, especially Shelly, Keats and Poe, Sterling's poetry possesses a visionary and mystical quality. His diaries reveal that he served as the calm hub of the wild Bohemian community that he helped create Carmel; however, the wildness of the lifestyle eventually caught up with him – and he took his own life by ingesting cyanide two weeks short of his 57th birthday.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

soils and may, in fact, enrich the soil around them.

Manzanita Shrubs are starting to bloom this month in the foothill areas of the Cleveland National Forest. The various manzanitas, characterized by smooth, reddish bark and tough, leathery leaves, bear myriad tiny, white to pinkishwhite, urn-shaped blossoms. Large (decades-old) manzanitas can be seen around Julian and in parts of the Cuyamaca Mountains that weren't swept by 2003's Cedar Fire. Along the coast a similar but less attractive manzanita thrives — mission manzanita.

Full Moon tonight (exact at 3:17 a.m. Saturday morning EST). The Moon is under the belly of Leo. This evening through the moonlight, Regulus is 7° to the Moon's upper

right and Algieba is 7° above the Moon (again for North America.) Bring the binoculars. A typical binocular's view is about 6° wide.

SPOKEN WORD

Vamp: Dirty Talk Super Spreader VAMP is So Say We All's monthly curated storytelling showcase, featuring nonfiction stories on a theme. It's February, which brings the return of the Dirty Talk theme: dirty talk tales, stories about spreading, and legends of love. Timely sub-theme "Super Spreader." Thursday, February 25, 8pm; **free**-\$5. facebook.com/SoSayWeAllOnline/. (ONLINE)

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She looks down on you as you come in. Sophia. Sophia Loren, that is. Her portrait is on the wall here, lit up like a Mona Lisa. We're in a very cool-looking building with a canvas-hooped walk-up saying "Exclusivo: Sophia, Cucina Italiana."

This is in Tijuana, in Colonia Madero-Cacho, heading east from the top of Revolución.

It's all happening because I got a craving for paella. Usually, for me, paella's kinda boring. Just a mess of rice and shellfish. It's a Spanish dish, not Mexican, so no real spicy heat to dial it up. But now and then, it has a kind of magic, maybe because it's big and round and golden and your four favorite people are diving into it with you. The place I'm thinking of is Paellas Toñico. It's usually full of music, noise. Hmm. That'd be

so rico-suave.

But I sit down at a table, and grab a menu anyway. Keep my eye glued to prices. They're all in pesos of course. I just keep in mind: one dollar's 20 pesos, give or take. Then I commit, before I even think about it. A glass of *vino tinto*, a Sangiovese-cabernet mix by "Casa Magoni." Hey hey! Local Baja vineyard! From the Guadalupe Valley, just a couple of hours south of here. It's about the cheapest wine on the menu. Goes for 110 pesos per glass, say \$5.50. But straight up, they score with me on two points. One, it's a big glass and they give it a generous pour, and two, it has a bold, but nice round taste.

So, quick glug, then we're heads down and let's find the best bargain!

Hmm. Menu doesn't look any different than San Diego Italian, except the names are more interesting. Like, how about "Caesar's Lover" salad with house *aderezo* (dressing). Costs six bucks. Or *duetto di pasta*, with fettuccine alfredo and spaghetti *bolognese*, about \$11.50. Or a lasagna romana with beef *bolognese* and béchamel (\$11). All standard Italian stuff, but what I'm noticing is those prices: less than half what you'd pay in a

San Diego fine-dining place. And here it is pretty cool. A couple of the chefs have those folded balloon-type chefs' toques. One lady chef has a very sexy black one. In spite of the place's modern "less is more" decor, the busy crew in the open kitchen makes you feel like you're in some 1920's French painting.

So now Homer's come over to help me with the choices. Seems to understand I want to keep spending down to a small roar. Fish are up there, around \$15 for, say, a mustard salmon entrée. But if you want cheap, go pizzas. Most are \$10 max, and I notice the chicken dishes are also in the \$10 range, and even steaks, up to the ribeye at \$24, ain't gonna bust the bank.

I settle on a plate of "Pollo Sophia" (\$11.50) because, yes, it's got their name on it, and probably has some signature taste.

What comes out is a plate of thick, tomato-based salsa covering thin slices of chicken, with a clump of veggies. Touch of cream and scattered pine nuts on top make it look and taste classy.

And actually, there's plenty, even though the plate is not crowded. Guess we're talking *nouvelle cuisine*.



Pollo Sophia. Thin slices under luscious lake

But have to say, the garlicky-creamy slices of chicken that come out of the pool of sauce are really *sabroso*, and this turns into an excuse for endless dipping and slurping of bread. Added bonus: the bread fills spaces in the gut. Without it, I could be a little hungry still. Maybe I should have added soup. They're only \$4. Whatever, I do love my big glass of Guadalupe Valley wine. OK, with the chicken, next time, I might get one of their white Baja zinfandels (only \$4 a glass).

"You wouldn't get this north of the border," says Homer, who has worked in San Diego. "And the chef, Mino Puzzo — that guy in red — he is from Italy. Calabria. Supervised Italian food on Princess Cruise ships for years. What we get from him is consistency. And he knows what dishes people like."

Chef Puzzo waves. He pops his head around. "And we never closed," he says. He's talking of Covid.

But Homer's right. This food is not different



Chef Mino Puzzo: years with Princess Cruises

than what you'd get across the line. It feels like the fine dining experience we know but can't afford. The choices are the same, but we're paying way less, just for being 15 miles south. And added bonus: full access to these Baja wines.

On my way out, I notice a little phrase in the menu. "Colores, olores, sabores," it says. "Colors, aromas, flavors."

Cool. I'd just add "valores." ■



Chef Puzzo, receptionist Jasmine, and Sophia

nice. And TJ Covid figures are down, too. So, this being a Sunday afternoon, and with light crowds heading south, I decide to hop on the Blue Line and head for the border.

So now I'm jumping out of a cab (I paid \$10 from *la linea*) on Jalisco Boulevard, right outside Toñico's. This is in an old, settled district of TJ. Working class roots, but definitely gentrifying. It's around six o'clock. Light's fading, sign lights are flickering on, new, cool restaurants in old buildings. Only problem: Toñico's is on the verge of closing — at like six o'clock! Oh man. Blame Covid. Notice a gent hosing down his car. I point to Toñico's. "Any other places around?" I say.

"There's a good Italian place around the corner," he says.

Which is how I ended up with Sophia. It is one of those intimate places that you'd expect in, say, Mexico City.

The "Sophia" name doesn't hit you till you see the face on the wall. Ah. Of course. Ms. Loren. A waiter ushers me in, points me to a table.

I'm not too happy to commit, because hey, feels expensive. And all the people eating here look

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Which is the better egg roll at Á Châu?

Á Châu: 4644 El Cajon Boulevard #111, City Heights. I'm not sure which happened first. Did we drive into City Heights because we had a craving for egg rolls? Or did the urge arise because we realized how close we already were to Á Châu?

diacritic characters distinct to the Vietnamese alphabet.

Á Châu is among several affordable stops for authentic *bánh mì* in the neighborhoods, but the modest, cash-only restaurant was first introduced to me as a must try source of egg rolls. I had enough cash on hand to pick up a couple of ham, meat loaf, and pate sandwiches — they're only about five bucks apiece. But most of it was earmarked for the 95- and 85-cent egg rolls. Twenty of them.

The difference in price has to do with the difference in wrappers: one is fried within a wonton wrapper, the other with rice paper. Both are stuffed with thick portions of minced pork and

light veggies, but the wonton wrapper is slightly bigger, meaning room for more filler, and hence the extra dime.

We always get both, because in their very slight differences, they each have their own merits. However, if pressed to choose I would have to call the smaller, rice paper wrapped egg rolls better. The rice paper crisps up nicer when fried, cracking and flaking with air bubbles. It gives them a bumpier, almost crumbly look — they almost seem older, like they've been sitting around for a while.

But that's unlikely. Even as I wait in line to



Another storefront in a faded stucco shopping strip in Little Saigon.



Smooth egg rolls wrapped in wonton wrapper, and bumpy egg rolls wrapped in rice paper.

Regardless, it wasn't long before we'd pulled into the little counter shop's cramped shared parking lot in the Little Saigon stretch of El Cajon Boulevard. It's easy to miss if you're not looking for it. A lot of these little shopping strips here have similar look, with faded stucco facades and restaurant names spelled with the



An authentic, five-dollar *banh mi*, with carrots, daikon, cucumber, cilantro, ham, Vietnamese meat loaf, and pork pate.

order, people are ordering Á Châu egg rolls by the dozen. Most, like me, seem to order examples of both, but whether due to the difference in price or texture, I don't seem to be the only one who prefers the rice paper version.

At least, I prefer them when I'm in the store, filled with what I think at the time must be an insatiable craving. I bring the 20 rolls home —

they must weigh several pounds — thinking everyone will spend the afternoon fighting over who eats the last disappearing egg rolls on the plate. But I've overestimated everyone's appetite, and I find it too easy to keep eating them myself. How many was it? Eight? Ten? One or two more than that?

Again, I can't be sure of the exact count. But my overstuffed belly, groaning at the weight of my indulgence, tells me in no uncertain terms it should be less next time. For about an hour there, I'm cursing the name Á Châu, and swearing off its egg rolls forever.

Then, the moment passes, and the countdown begins til the next craving returns. If anyone's heading into Little Saigon, pick me up a few.

by Ian Anderson

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Diners sit within Pho Kitchen, while takeout orders continue.



Carlsbad Village restaurant Oak + Elixir has posted a "peaceful protest" notice while remaining open to diners.

When dining is a choice between politics and survival

2917 State Street, Carlsbad. I've tried not to write about it, because I haven't wanted to encourage readers to seek them out. But since December, despite state and local covid regulations restricting on-premise dining, hundreds of San Diego restaurants have been hosting customers anyway. They don't just seat diners indoors, while regulations support outdoor dining only. Many have been seating indoor diners through this winter's county-wide stay-at-

home order, when restaurants were supposed to be doing takeout business only.

Some individual businesses have no doubt decided to disregard the public policy on their own, and some have been vocal about it in various media outlets. But the majority have banded together, part of a coordinated effort that began in Carlsbad Village. Pass by several dozen restaurants in the Village area, and you'll notice signs in their windows announcing their part in a "peaceful protest."

That's the language they use to explain their actions: that their remaining open is

a constitutionally condoned protest against restrictions intended to curb the spread of covid-19. Other printouts posted in their windows elaborate on the legal protections they claim in flouting the rule. The arguments have been provided by Encinitas attorneys Michael and Susan Curran, who coordinated the movement, beginning in Carlsbad, and pledged to offer pro bono defense, as needed, for restaurants and other retail businesses who joined the "peaceful protest."

When I spoke to Michael Curran in January, more than 400 businesses had already

signed on, and it had grown far beyond Carlsbad. At the opposite end of county, where La Mesa meets Spring Valley, I recently entered the Beach Hut Deli sandwich shop to find diners seated at its counter. There, in the window, was the telltale printout, reading in part: "We join fellow restaurants... staying open as part of constitutionally protected, peaceful protest of unconstitutional, factually unfounded government orders."

But, as Curran has it, "This is not a political decision

for them, this is a survival decision." He pointed to the number of permanent restaurant closings during the pandemic, which he blames largely on forced government closures. However, he contended that the agencies issuing such orders lack jurisdiction, and can't legally enforce the orders.

Furthermore, he believes the agencies lack constitutional authority. "The constitution didn't go away during this pandemic," he told me, and suggested the First Amendment right to public protest applies to retail and dining. "Can it only be locking arms as you walk down the street," he said, "or can it be in the form of running your business?"

He told me that, aside from a few cease-and-desist notices, his clients hadn't been ticketed or fined, and law enforcement in specific communities either took an "educational only approach" to chastising restaurants in violation of the county-wide orders, or flat out, "look the other way."

Many individual business owners citing peaceful protest as their legal protection for staying open complain that restrictions on dining isn't supported by still incomplete scientific study of the coronavirus. At the same time, they seek to assure their customers they are otherwise following recommended covid safety protocols.

Customer response to these subversive re-openings seems

to be mixed. Certainly, the restaurants couldn't host customers indoors unless some customers were willing to violate the protective order themselves. During a recent visit to Carlsbad Village restaurant Vigilucci's, a member of the peaceful protest, I spotted several diners eating inside, despite fine weather, while mine was the first lunch party electing to sit restaurant's well-maintained, pre-covid parklet.

Meanwhile, when picking up food at a Pho Kitchen location in Linda Vista, I spotted diners seated inside, but it was clear far more orders were being submitted for takeout.

Online, I see commenters supporting restaurant efforts to re-open, but just as often I see prior regulars of restaurants, vowing never to return.

In other words, it's not just restaurants making a "political decision," or "survival decision" with regard to on premise dining. It's politics or survival for customers, too.

by Ian Anderson



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BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Kaylee's Culture is not just for kids

Third generation San Diegan Kaylee McLaughlin married her high school sweetheart. When a third child was born, she made her own baby food and formula.

Turns out, the family brought another significant addition back to San Diego with them after two years in the desert: a new kind of probiotic beverage. "That's where I got this idea for Kaylee's Culture," she tells me.

Somewhere between natural soda and kombucha, Kaylee's Culture balances lightly carbonated water and natural fruit essences in a beverage that provides probiotics without the less kid-friendly byproducts involved in the fermenting process: acidity and low levels of alcohol. "You can't market kombucha towards children because of the alcohol content," McLaughlin explains.

She spent five years coming up with something bearing the fizzy sweetness her kids enjoyed, but without the sugars found in soda. So she enlisted the help of a beverage scientist to create a sugar-free beverage sweetened instead by monk fruit. They add shelf-stable probiotics and natural fruit essences to create flavors including strawberry lemon, elderberry, and watermelon.

Those first three flavors debut in October, in cans, on the shelves of the **Jensen's Foods**

supermarket in Point Loma. Which raised the question: where do you stock a new category of beverage, anyway?

"I'm kind of in between the kombucha and

ket testing suggests adults are just as likely to drink it up.

"The biggest feedback I got was that the adults loved it just as much as the kids," she says. "It's like if you bought your kids Capri Sun, and you wound up drinking all of it." However, in this case, she stresses, "You don't have to feel bad if you drink it. It's good for everybody." For the latest batch, she decided to update Kaylee's Culture cans, removing the words, "for kids."

Kaylee and family will be living in San Diego for now, so her focus will be distributing locally, and working her way up the coast. She's hoping to establish a strong enough business that, when the Navy stations them somewhere



Kaylee's Culture cans flavored watermelon, strawberry lemon, and elderberry.

else in two years, she'll be able to manage it remotely. Which wouldn't be all that different, for a new beverage line premiering during a pandemic.

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LAKESIDE

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

LEMON GROVE

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LITTLE ITALY

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

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

MISSION HILLS

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We miss the road

Looking back on the virus, the ones of us who survive will of course, each have a story to tell, starting with

Thomas, bassist Josh Billimoria, and drummer Garrett Halvax — reaches back to the reception for their *Gone In Your Wake* album, from



PHOTOGRAPH BY JASON MACFAU

The members of Thousand Below count an album release party at Banzai Bar among their favorite San Diego memories.

the first signs, first erosions. San Diego's Thousand Below found themselves, with bleak irony, in the same city mythically responsible for breaking rock and roll big.

"When the lockdown began," recalls singer James DeBerg, "we were on tour in Cleveland, and I was absolutely blown away by the fact that things had gotten that serious. It took me by surprise. I was underestimating it when I first started hearing about it on the news."

Closer to home, the singer recalls, "It feels like things were pretty evenly spread out around the city. I noticed similar amounts of 'my family member/friend tested positive'-type stories from people I know all over the city."

"Last time we played locally was at Brick By Brick for the San Diego date of the Killed and Born Again tour headlined by an awesome band called Bad Omens. The virus didn't even seem to be a point of conversation or thought to anyone at the show. The turnout was great and the show went off without any issue."

For memories, the band — DeBerg, guitarists Devin Chance and Josh

October 2019.

"It absolutely blew our expectations out of the water," enthused the singer. "We did a release party for our first record [*The Love You Let Too Close*] here in San Diego at Banzai Bar, which is a cool spot near the sports arena. But with this most recent record, we saved the celebration for the road. As a newer band, it takes a bit of time for a record to 'seep in' to the public, so to speak. We've gradually celebrated as we watched the stream numbers rise and crowd participation increase greatly."

As for life under quarantine: "Since we started touring, we don't really rehearse until the month before a tour. We all practice our instruments personally on our own time and I have a wonderful vocal coach named Alex who I meet with once a week. He works at A Dawn of Music Studios here in San Diego."

Their latest release, the acoustic *Let Go Of Your Love* EP, features a new track "let go of your love" (they're collectively not big on capital letters). The other cuts, all originally *Gone In Your Wake*, reappear acoustically

refined: "chemical" (here featuring Sumner Peterson of Dead Lakes), "alone (out of my head)," "171 xo," and "lost between."

For non-musical pursuits during the plague, DeBerg "just went out and bought a brand new skateboard to ride around as much as I can since my boxing gym closed down. Boxing is the physical activity I spend most my

time on when we are home from tour. But skating has been a nice placeholder for physical activity for the time being since I can pretty much go anywhere and do that."

Long-range plans? "GET BACK ON TOUR ASAP! Ha! Seriously though, we

really miss the road and are hoping to get back on tour when it's safe to do so."

— Andrew Hamlin

Valentino Frankenstein

pre-ordered the *Intruder* CD from Gary Numan's site. It'll ship on May 21. "In 2021, I still play Gary Numan CDs in my Ford minivan," said the 6'4" musician from Escondido.

Numan, a pioneer of electronic music, is mostly recognized for the "Cars" track that blared on car stereos and boomboxes throughout San Diego County and beyond after its 1979 release.

As we interviewed from our vehicles' confines, Valentino requested that the *Reader* address him by his stage name, which is also his 80s-inspired band's namesake. We then sang the song in unison.

*Here in my car
I feel safest of all
I can lock all my doors
It's the only way to live in cars*

"I used to do Gary Numan tributes at local and Los Angeles venues," Valentino suddenly said as I kept on with the lyrics.

But unlike his version



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of Numan's "Cars," which peaked at number nine on Billboard's Hot 100 list in June of 1980 — Valentino's covers of Numan and Numan's former group Tubeway Army — weren't as "trippendicular."

"One of my cover concerts was at the Beauty Bar, where nine people attended. Urgh! I could not understand the bad turnouts; it was ruining my rep with local promoters."

The Beauty Bar was located on El Cajon Boulevard in City Heights. It closed down in 2010.

About nine years later, Valentino got over the bad turnouts from his Numan cover performances and linked up with Atom Troy from Florida to recreate "Cars." The original 3:58 song from Numan's first solo album *The Pleasure Principle* was reportedly inspired by a road rage incident.

"I did the 'Cars' cover to celebrate my adoration for 80s synth music and its foundation. I also cover early Ultravox and Duran songs."

Valentino used a Korg Triton synthesizer, as opposed to a Minimoog synth used by Numan's keyboardist. "Atom Troy also played keyboards on the song, and he made the drum sample arrangement. So I took Atom's raw track and added my guitars, bass, keys, and lead vocals. I then added sound bites from a Japanese sci-fi movie called *Invaders From Space*, which features Starman, Japan's knock-off of our Superman."

The Escondido cover, a slightly sped-up version of Numan's 128 beats per minute synth-pop classic, gained traction when Australian DJ Susan Lily played it on her WOW FM 100.5 radio broadcast.

"It's a modernized version of Gary Numan's hit" commented Lily.

"Our version was more for a dance club, so my vocals were more lively, unlike Numan's stylized monotone vocal delivery on the original. Australian radio stations played our version a lot."

Valentino Frankenstein almost always wears eyeliner and a full black ensemble, including a boxy shouldered sports coat, a button-up shirt, pleated slacks, and leather



Valentino Frankenstein: six feet four inches of creepy.

dress shoes. His Numan-inspired getup is not exclusive to the stage. He wears it at Comic-Con International: San Diego, where he sets up every year to sell monster and sci-fi memorabilia.

"Numan is a sci-fi fan as well. I met him in 2006 at the Belly Up Tavern. I told him I read his biography *Praying*

to the Aliens, and I related to his music career on a much smaller level. I also mentioned that he and I both have had to deal with the loss of a close friend who was a bass player in our respective bands. Numan's friend in England, Paul Gardiner, died from a heroin overdose, as so did my bassist and friend from here in Escondido, Tony Davis. Numan was humble and spoke highly of his wife."

Valentino said that since 1998, he'd attended every concert that the British star performed in San Diego.

"He re-energized his career using a heavier industrial rock style with a harder edge. It has made him popular for the next generation, so I doubt I will

ever meet him again.

"When things hopefully go back to normal, a promoter from Australia said he's going to fly me out to perform a Numan tribute concert."

— Mike Madriaga

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LOUIS VALENZUELA

Guitarist Louis Valenzuela is a vet of adventurous bands such as *Áfrojazziacs* (fusing contemporary and traditional Cuban, jazz, funk, reggae, cumbia, salsa, and Afro-beat), *Juice Box* (founded by drummer/composer Matthew Smith), the *Humankind* (R&B, soul, and jazz covers), *Dornob* (cross-generational avant-garde twists on classical Persian music), and *A Thousand Butterflies*, which performs music inspired by the poems of Spanish poet Federico García Lorca, including numbers that feature Valenzuela playing the tres/oud. He's also the longtime host of the Monday Night Jazz Jam, which held a residency at Rosie O'Grady's in Normal Heights before the pandemic shutdown. Valenzuela recently

launched a new livestreaming outlet for local musicians called *ElectricLouieLand*. Most episodes are shot at Chula Vista's Avant Garde Music Company music school and recording studio, with the livestreams offered via YouTube, Facebook Live, and Twitch. Donations go toward keeping the music school open. The weekly Monday show has so far featured local performances from the Irving Flores Quartet, Frankie J, Leonard Patton, Karlos Paez, Joshua White, Ed Kornhauser, Gilbert Castellanos, the Nathan Hubbard Trio, Whitney Shay & Ed Holiday, Israel Maldonado, his own LouieLand Quartet, and a Virtual Music Festival that included a rare Juice Box performance.



ASHEN EARTH

Formed in 2012, Ashen Earth is a melodic death-metal band, heavily influenced by progressive and black metal acts such as *Bloodbath*, *Hypocrisy*, *Behemoth*, and *Decapitated*. Founders Jeff Meredith and David Cox, inspired by Swedish and Polish death metal bands, formed the group as an answer to the lack of European-inspired music in San Diego. The band plays engaging storytelling metal reminiscent of locals *Ruines* or *Abaddon*, whose rhythm guitarist Pat Sissom joined Ashen Earth. Their first album came out back in 2013, and there was a single two years later, but they've otherwise been mostly concentrating on gigs, at least up

until the pandemic. With time over this past year to return to the studio, their second full album *Oceans Above* will be released April 20 on Spotify, Bandcamp, and YouTube, as well as on CD. The sci-fi "Space Vikings" cover artwork was created by Paul Vargas, and colorized and digitized by David Correa. Its first single "Warlord" is now available, and other tracks carry descriptive titles such as "Of Vengeance and Consequence," "Our Place Amongst the Pyre," "The Sun Fills Our Sales," and the epic three-part title track with passages named "Days Gone By," "Unmoored in the Cosmic Abyss," and "Rekindled."



L.A. EDWARDS

Three Julian-raised brothers make up L.A. Edwards: Former *Smart Brothers* frontman Luke Andrew Edwards (who also self-released a solo EP as L.A. Edwards), his brother drummer Harry Edwards, and a third brother, keyboardist Jay Edwards, along with lead guitarist Alex Vo. In 2017, they released their debut group album *True Blue*, which went on to generate nearly half-a-million streams independently and was named "flat out amazing" by *No Depression*. It led to performances with *The Beach Boys*, *Jefferson Starship*, *Amanda Shires*, and *The White Buffalo*, as well as appearances at *Pilgrimage Festival*, *Bumbershoot*, *Kaaboo*, *FloydFest*, and

AmericanaFest. *True Blue* was produced by Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers bassist Ron Blair, at Blair's home studio in Carlsbad. Blair returned for the band's sophomore release, this past December's *Blessings From Home Volume 1*, which also included his Tom Petty bandmate Steve Ferrone, in sessions produced by Ryan Hadlock (*Lumineers*, *Vance Joy*, *Foo Fighters*). That album's first single, "Trouble," was recently heard on CW television series *Walker*, which created a custom music video for the track using clips from the show. *Blessings From Home Volume 2* is due in March.



RADIO MOSCOW

Blues-psych rockers Radio Moscow were originally an Iowa band, located in the tiny town of Story City, though this didn't stop them from recruiting A-list producer Dan Auerbach of the *Black Keys* to produce their self-titled debut full-length in 2007. The band relocated to Rancho Tehama in California in 2010, and then San Diego a few years later, where frontman Parker Griggs ended up recruiting two locals for the group, Anthony Meier (*Sacri Monti*) and Paul Marrone (*Psicomagia*). Their allegiance to this city is pledged by their popular cover of "Gypsy Fast Woman" by local '60s faves the *Brain Police*. By the time of the 2020 pandemic shutdown, Radio Moscow

had become favorites on the outdoor tour circuit, playing the *Crossroads Festival*, the *Ride Festival*, *Desert Daze*, *End Hip End It*, *Psycho California*, and *Electric Funeral*. The group recently released *Live At Rockpalast 2015*, a 15-track DVD release filmed May 18, 2015, shortly after the release of their *Magical Dirt* album (which is heavily represented in the set list). Featured concert staples include "I Just Don't Know," "250 Miles," "Broke Down," "Brain Cycles," and "No Good Woman," as well as acoustic bonus selections and a cover of Peter Green/Fleetwood Mac track "World Keep on Turning."

STEPHEN PEARCY

'80s singer Stephen Percy has released several solo albums, before and after his various tenures with *Ratt*. He's also been in less-known groups like *Arcade*, *Vicious Delite*, *Vertex*, *Nitronic*, and *Band From Hell*. Still in and out of *Ratt*, whose name he was once legally prevented from using due to years of back-and-forth lawsuits, Percy says his 2013 autobiography *Sex, Drugs, Ratt & Roll: My Life In Rock* does not bash his occasional *Ratt*-mates, unlike drummer Bobby Blotzer's axe-grinding 2010 book *Tales Of a Ratt*. Percy has managed to cruise on the fumes of *Ratt*'s lone big hit from

1984, "Round and Round," for nearly 40 years now, with one of the more recent re-recordings heard in the 2018 film *Super Troopers 2*. Percy recently announced a *Backstage Past* docuseries, featuring a series of "house party" sessions on ASY TV (available on Roku, Amazon Fire, and Apple TV). Filming began February 23. Percy tours San Diego and L.A. locations from the early days when the band was still called *Mickey Ratt*, sharing behind-the-scenes stories and livestream footage, and jamming with visiting musician friends who aren't currently badmouthing or suing him.



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Thursday, 5pm — Brett Dennen's 4th Annual Lift Series. \$15-\$180.
Thursday, 1:30pm — Chris Barron: Thirsty Thursday Happy Hour. **Free.**
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday, 5pm — Island Time Music Festival. **Free.**
Thursday, 4pm — Jesse Malin: The Fine Art of Self Distancing. \$20.

Thursday, 4pm — Mimi Naja & Lindsay Lou: The Thursday Thing. **Free.**
Thursday, 5pm, Friday, Sunday, & Monday, 6pm — Todd Rundgren Clearly Human Virtual Tour. \$35-\$299.

Thursday, 6pm — Trampled By Turtles Live From First Avenue. \$15-\$220.

Friday, 8pm — Belly Up Livestream: Sara Petite Album Release.

Friday, 12pm — Emily Barker: A Dark Murmuration of Words. \$15-\$45.

Friday, 7:30pm — Marcus Mosely: Songs of Freedom. \$15.

Friday, 2pm — Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25.

Saturday, 4:30pm — Emma

Beckett Livestream. \$15.

Saturday, 8pm — Hollow Mellow Livestream. \$5-\$30.

Saturday, 11:30am — Hypno5e: A Distant (Dark) Source Experience. \$13-\$36.

Saturday, 5pm — The Mavericks Show: Episode 4. \$19.

Saturday, 1pm — Third Lung

IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Requiem for a carnival

Lent came quickly this year. There was no buildup to Carnival and Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday, because of you know what. Instead, Ash Wednesday suddenly appeared. I thought we'd explore a few musical carnivals since the season didn't exist this year.

Carnival festivities can start anytime after the Christian celebration of Epiphany. Epiphany is on January 6th. Most Carnival celebrations happen in February and March depending on when Lent starts. Lent is the 40 days before Easter and is symbolic of Jesus' 40 days and nights in the wilderness before he started his ministry.

As an aside, 40 days and nights is a significant amount of time. I'm not sure what the significance is, but in addition to Jesus's 40-day

trial, we have Buddha sitting under the Bodhi Tree for 40 days and nights. Buddha is also tempted by the evil one at this time. There is Noah and the Ark enduring 40 days and nights of rain. Moses spent 40 days and nights on Mount Sinai receiving the 10 Commandments, and Muhammad spent 40 days and nights in the cave before his first revelation.

Before the 40 days of Lent, during which time Christians are supposed to fast and give up worldly pleasures, most of Europe decided to get all the partying out of its system during the Carnival season. This tradition started in the Middle Ages.

There is no official carnival music except for Hector Berlioz's *Roman Carnival Overture*. However, there are a few bacchanals that

work quite well for capturing the spirit of Carnival and Mardi Gras. A bacchanal is a musical representation of a wine-soaked orgy over which the spirit of Bacchus, the god of wine and ecstasy, presides.

It's difficult to find an orgy these days since they go against so many covid-19 protocols. We shall have to fulfill ourselves with musical representations.

Our first bacchanal is from Maurice Ravel's *Daphnis et Chloe*. At the start of the ballet, youthful girls entice Daphnis with their dancing before the altar of the nymphs. Chloe is swept up into the dance and Daphnis approaches her passionately at the end.

Next is the Venusberg scene at the beginning of Richard Wagner's



Perhaps the greatest bacchanal ever written is from Camille Saint-Saëns' *Samson et Dalila*.

Tannhäuser. The Venusberg is "The Mountain of Sex" in *Tannhäuser*. *Tannhäuser* has been spending his time there reveling in the benefits of the flesh.

Tannhäuser was written about 70 years before *Daphnis et Chloe*. Wagner's depiction with its swirling themes clearly influenced Ravel's depiction.

Perhaps the greatest bacchanal ever written is from Camille Saint-Saëns' *Samson*

et Dalila. While Samson is held captive by the Philistines, they have a blood orgy before the god Dagon. The music has the same swirling and whirling themes but with an exoticism that is impossible to miss. The choreography helps drive the point home.

Now that we have (musically) assuaged the desires of the flesh, it's back to face masks and social distancing and Lent.

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Livestream. \$7-\$24.

Sunday, 3pm — 13th Annual Brasil Jazz Festa. **Free.**

Sunday, 6pm — Dwight Yoakam: One Time Live Series. \$20-\$165.

Sunday, 12pm — Grandson: XXwhy Livestream. **Free.**

Sunday, 1pm — Jeff Mattson Livestream. **Free.**

Sunday, 4:30pm — Nickel Creek: A LiveCreek Experience. \$25-\$75.

Sunday, 5pm — Steve Wynn &

Linda Pitmon Impossible Tour. \$5.

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

Monday, 5:30pm — Eric McFadden & Kate Vargas: Live from The Red Couch. **Free.**

Monday, 5pm — Marble Eyes Mondays. **Free.**

Tuesday, 4:30pm — Neighbor Live From Planet Silver. \$10.

Wednesday, 6pm — Craig Finn:

All These Perfect Crosses.

Wednesday, 5pm — Plain White T's: The Wednesday Club. **Free.**

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Haydn Voyages: Music at the Maritime The Hausmann Quartet and Maritime Museum of San Diego present the sixth season of Haydn Voyages: Music at the Maritime, a quarterly concert series performed aboard one of the Museum's ten historic world-class vessels, the 1898 steam ferryboat Berkeley. The 2021 season will open with a virtual presentation on February 28 (available for viewing through March 7), with the hope of resuming in person presentations on May 16, September 12 and November 21.

Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream On the heels of his second Grammy Award nomination — Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album for *Unfollow The Rules* — singer-songwriter 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. Friday, February 26, 2pm; \$20-\$25. Online Internet Events, All over the world from.

San Diego Symphony: Elegy & Serenades The San Diego Symphony and Music Director Rafael Payare have curated a special 2021 digital season that strives to inspire and connect with audiences while in-person performances cannot occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Payare leads the orchestra in *Elegy And Serenades*. More concerts will air the final Friday of the month through May and households will also have access to any additional premium concert content the symphony generates and releases online in that time. Friday, February 26, 7pm; \$20-\$100. Online Internet Events, All over the world from.

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Tuesday, Mar. 23 — Keb' Mo'. \$68-\$119.
Wednesday, Mar. 24 — Keb' Mo'. \$68-\$119.
Friday, Mar. 26 — Delta Spirit. \$22-\$39.
Saturday, Mar. 27 — Delta Spirit. \$22-\$39.

Brick by Brick:
Saturday, Mar. 13 — Rotting Christ and WolfHeart.

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Milla vs. monsters

What must breakfast be like at the home of married co-workers Milla Jovovich and Paul W. S. Anderson? “Remember back a decade ago, when I first entertained adapting *Monster Hunter* for the screen?” Paul asks. Milla eagerly replies, “The one about the Army Captain who cuts herself free from a Nerscylla pupa, uses gunpowder and flint to cauterize wounds earned from battling a great horned arachnidian, and finds her jaw on the receiving end of a sock from Ron Perlman’s right duke?” A pause and a smile are followed by, “Sounds like fun. When do we start?”

Cast against the blackness of night, a bleached, sandpapery-complexioned New World pirate known as The Admiral (Perlman) pilots his ship across sand dune seas in pursuit of the subterranean creature his trackers have dubbed Diablos. Though budgeted at a mere \$60 million, there was no scrimping on the special effects; the film looks better than many others three times as expensive. In this, the sixth professional collaboration between the actress and director best known for the *Resident Evil* fran-

chise, Jovovich stars as Captain Natalie Artemis, or as her team fondly calls her, “Boss.” (Or “Ma’am,” a term of respect used in Anderson’s *Our World* army as a nod to the old west.)

Atop the majestically observed vantage point of an arched rock formation stands Hunter (Tony Jaa), a warrior named after his profession, with spyglass in hand. Schooled in the art of monster demolition, Hunter has been dislocated in time from Admiral and his mates, and before Hunter’s warning arrow has a chance to register, Artemis’ platoon has been monster mashed. Character actors Megan Good and T.I. barely last long enough to earn their billing, leaving Artemis and Hunter ample time to scapple before an inevitable reconciliation is reached. Their comedy of miscommunication — neither speak the same language — contributes to a pair of swell running gags, the first involving the word “bait.” And true to all the war films in which a soldier tries to win over a member of the opposition with an American candy bar, Artemis has a couple of miraculously unmelted squares of Hershey’s chocolate lounging

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Monster Hunter: Milla Jovovich and Tony Jaa - gatherers need not apply.

in the pocket of her cargo pants, the delicacy of which bears repeating. (All that’s missing are the nylons and American cigarettes.) On the downside, several of their exchanges border on childish, leaving one to wonder if Anderson wasn’t bound to the limitations set forth by the property’s video game predecessor.

The monsters are uniformly and imaginatively designed, with the best in breed — a fire breathing, green smoke-belching dragon — saved for last. And no

Toho monster epic would be complete without the ceremonial Devouring of the Human, preferably head first. To show his panache, Diablos finishes off his soldier sushi with a flourish, flipping the body in the air and catching in his mouth the same way a person would a popcorn shrimp.

Anderson is the last great director currently dedicating his life exclusively to making genre films. The monsters are virtually invisible until the time comes

for them to resurface. Artemis works hard, piecing together Rube Goldberg contraptions aimed at distracting the monster and throwing it off its game. It’s moments like this that recall the childhood thrill that first drew me to quality action/adventure fantasies. (It also makes me regret all that more that for a year, I’ve been unable to enjoy moments like this in the comfort of my local multiplex.) Milla Jovovich may not have the household name recognition of a Willis

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—Scott Marks

Video on Demand New Release Roundup

Crisis — The convolution commences at the Canadian border, with a chase resulting in the capture of a young man carrying a backpack filled with pills. This sets in motion the bringing together of three dissimilar characters through their various connections to the opioid crisis. A drug-trafficking DEA agent (Armie Hammer) works with the Montreal mafia and a pair of Armenian crime lords on a scheme to smuggle fentanyl across the Canadian border. A Detroit architect and recovering Oxycodone addict (Evangeline Lilly) travels to Canada to investigate her late son's short-lived career as a drug runner and to ferret out the real reason behind his death. Lastly, there is producer and star Gary Oldman, playing a college professor who discovers the "non-habit forming pain killer" he's about to endorse is not only highly addictive, it increases dependence threefold. Convoluted though the plot may be, it was this one glaring snag in logic that left me stressing. All of the lab mice tested for the drug died within ten days. Why would big pharma endorse a product that killed its clients, when there's more money to be made off of addiction? The sophomore feature from *Arbitrage* auteur Nicholas Jarecki relies too heavily on stereotypes (or is it Hammer?); Lily suffers with the best of them, and Oldman knows just how to pucker his lips around a whistle and blow. But as directed, the bad guys are so damn obvious. At a celebratory gala, drug company infiltrator Meg (Veronica Ferres) listens as her hapless boss (Martin Donovan) waxes misty-eyed with sentimentality over news that his father's dream drug is at last becoming a reality. Her contemptuous eye-rolling packs all the subtlety of a spit take. And speaking of a bad poker tell, when her cohort (Luke Evans) tries to pressure Oldman into signing off on a revised contract in exchange for \$780,000, he closes with, "It's pretty standard stuff" and notes that the sooner it's signed, the sooner the funds will be available. Other than the need of a few plot clarifying rewinds, there's not much here that you haven't seen before or need to see again. 2021 — S.M. ★★

The Little Things — Joe 'Deke' Deacon (Denzel Washington), a Bakersfield cop with a spiritual side (hence the nickname) and a tainted past as an L.A. Detective, is assigned a return trip to his roots to pick up a pair of blood-stained boots. But rather than retrieving the evidentiary material, all Deke seems able to collect are dirty glances from his former colleagues. A web of red tape keeps him in town for the night. Why



It had been 50 years since Billy and I last met. To say that time had been unkind would be an understatement.

— Scott Marks

BILLY JACK (1971)

Jean Roberts' (pseudonymous co-writer and Mrs. Tom Laughlin, Delores Taylor) hollow-voiced opening narration brings us up to speed on the legend of Billy Jack. He was a half-breed Vietnam vet who hated what war stood for in spite of adhering to a day-to-day doctrine of "Peace Through Pummeling." And no one knew where he lived. What Jean fails to tell us is that Billy Jack, not Bruce Lee, deserves credit for introducing American audiences to the martial arts. And woe to those bad guys who refuse to vamoose the moment Billy begins removing his shoes.

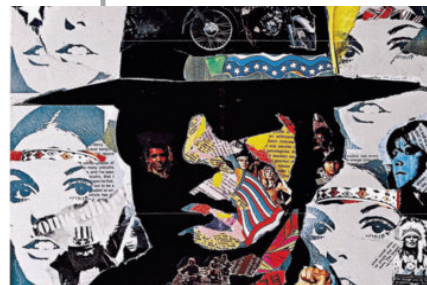
It begins just like any low budget anti-western produced around that time, when the windswept dust of the crumbling studio system was so dense it clouded the sun. Sheriff Cole (Clark Howat) rides out to Deputy Mike's (Kenneth Tobey) place, bringing news of his "kidnapped" daughter's safe return. Rather than act the role of father to out-of-control daughter Barbara (Julie Webb), sycophantic Mike chooses to join wealthy land baron/poacher Stuart Posner (Bert Freed) on enemy territory to make cash off turning wild mustangs into dog food. Layer in a father-and-son rivalry between macho Posner and his boy Bernard (David Roya), a cowardly sort who refuses the honor of shooting the first wild horse. In addition to the iconic

presence of Tobey (*Rawhide*, *Gunfight at the O.K. Corral*, *A Time for Killing*) and Freed (*Nevada Smith*, *Hang 'Em High*, *There Was a Crooked Man...*), the film was photographed by western accessory Fred Koenkamp (*Skin Game*, *Flap*, *The Magnificent 7 Ride*).

The moment star-pseudonymous-co-writer-producer-director Laughlin appears, one can feel a self-righteous pall being cast over the proceedings. (Billy speaks in platitudes: "When policemen break the law, then there isn't any law. Just a fight for survival.") It's a mood so dominant that all of the subsequent attempts to lighten the load through improvisational humor read like dirges.

The film was dated the year it came out. Still, two scenes have never left me: Billy going berserk in the diner — the cutaways of Billy's brow-mopping slow burns are worthy of Brian Keith in TV's *Family Affair* — and the subsequent fight scene in the town square. To summon Billy, one does need not to wear a "Zee-Zee"-emitting signal watch or to illuminate the night sky with a Bat (Jack?) signal. Instead, you can contact him "Indian style": simply want him and he'll show up. I was 15, and I still remember the two audiences I saw the film with chuckling at the heavy-handed moralizing. What struck me most was Laughlin's approach to staging a fight scene. Rather than having ten guys gang up on one, they take a number, as if waiting to get served at a deli counter.

The fight concludes at around the thirty-five minute mark with Billy's bloody



Billy Jack: *Hate your neighbor. You have my permission.*

defeat. What follows is padding: time spent at Jean's Freedom School, long-haired weirdos singing anti-war songs, speeches, and a snake ceremony in which Billy is repeatedly bitten. What happens between the beating and the snake ceremony is a blur. All we know is that if Billy survives, he'll experience a vision that will spell out his life's mission.

The film was ahead of its time in its depiction of child abuse prevention. When the cops bring Barbara home, her father's first instinct "is to beat the hell out" of her, particularly upon learning that she was gang-raped while six weeks pregnant. Later, Sheriff Cole, who pretty much comes off as a sympathetic soul, speculates that another beating might not be a bad idea if it would cause her to lose the baby. There's also the following commendable exchange between Billy and pacifist Jean concerning gun control: "Where's King? And where's Bob and Jack Kennedy?" Billy asks. "Dead," replies Jean. "Not dead," continues Billy. "Their brains blown out because your people wouldn't even put the same controls on their guns as they do on their dogs, their bicycles, their cats or their automobiles."

As time capsules go, there aren't too many more entertaining than *Billy Jack*. Just prepare for a lot of down time to get to the good.

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take in a show when Deke can accompany dapper-dressed Det. Jimmy Baxter (Rami Malek, casting more side-eyed glances than a guilty puppy), a hotshot holy roller with a bright future ahead, on a crime

scene investigation? Wouldn't you know it, the case bears eerie similarities to the still-unsolved serial murders responsible for the bad blood between Deke and the department. Happily, Deke is a corpse

whisperer of sorts; it's a creepy side to his personality that allows him to address the dead or crack cases by spending quality time in the space once occupied by their

The Founder) told *Deadline* that he wrote the screenplay in 1993 with Spielberg in mind, but the director, hot off the success of *Schindler's List*, "felt it was too dark for him." The script passed through several hands before Hancock finally decided to take his position behind the camera. What was once deemed dark is now the stuff of network police procedurals. And considering how little the early '90s milieu comes into play (phone booths were bountiful), it might have behooved Hancock to move things forward into the new millennium. The one fresh wrinkle is Jared Leto's hollow-eyed, mangy-haired, and perpetually wise-cracking turn as the suspected serial killer. The rest is rote. 2021 — S.M. ★★

Malcolm and Marie — From Sam Levinson (*Another Happy Day*, *Assassination Nation*) comes a cogent two-hander about Malcolm (John David Washington), a black filmmaker who — if what the white critics said after the premier of his first feature is true — stands on the cusp of greatness, and Marie (Zendaya), a girlfriend eager to play the part of muse, if only he would let her. The two are poised to spend the night in a secluded Malibu residence, waiting for the reviews to post in the morning edition. (What would Margot Channing do if confronted by a paywall?) In spite of the evening's accolades, Malcolm seems incapable of taking "yes" for an answer. Isn't it racist to compare him to Spike Lee or John Singleton and not William Wyler? And what's with the festive meal Marie has in store? William Wyler never celebrated his triumphs over a bowl of mac and cheese, and if he did, it would have been Stouffer's, not the stuff in the blue box. (The production company popped for the digs, not the dinner.) The more we know about the characters, the less we like. From the sound of it, Malcolm's magnum opus is an artsy variation on a familiar "just say no" theme. Then he forgets to thank his muse during a post-show speech, something for which Marie spends a good portion of the film verbally flogging him. (She argues, convincingly, that his script wouldn't exist were it not for her life and struggles.) The cigarettes Marie smokes are skinnier than she is, but her addiction is necessary, if for no other reason than to move the camera outdoors and cover the action from a different angle — which Levinson does with great fluidity. Come for the romantic tension and stay for the multitude of inside jokes. Can his film be hailed a masterpiece if it's not on his terms? Laugh along with Malcolm's fiery reading of a mostly praiseworthy review in which not an observation, no matter how well-intentioned, escapes his scornful eye. ("It's a dolly, not a steadicam shot!") But it's Marie who has the final word, delivering a blistering acceptance speech she wishes he had written. 2021. — S.M. ★★

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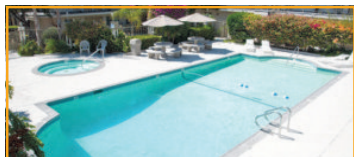
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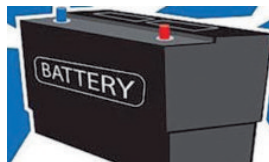
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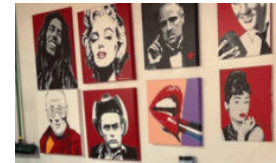
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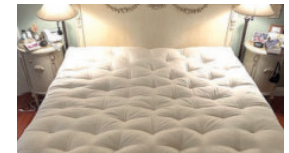
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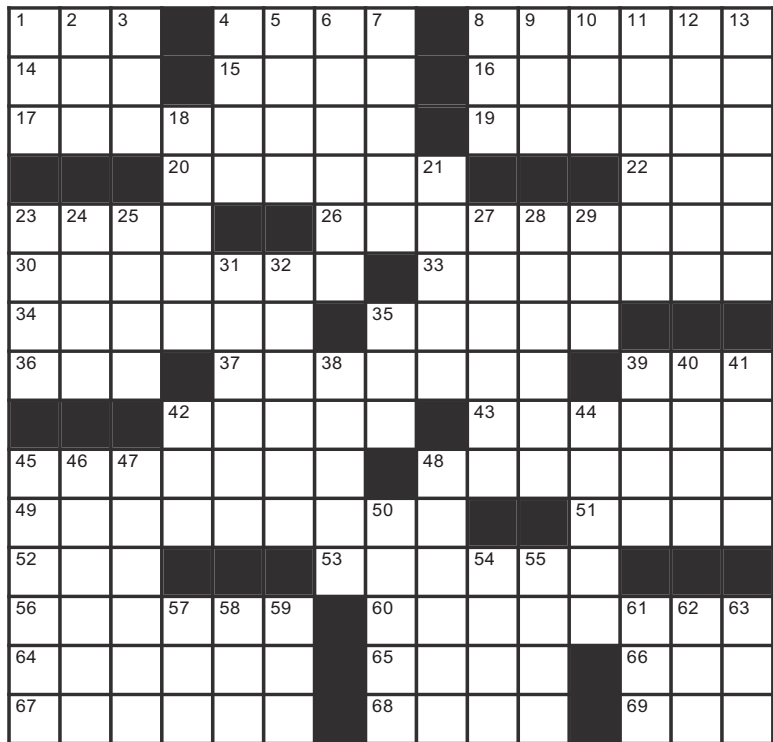
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1. Up to
4. Tidy
8. They keep people out of Mensa
14. One way to go
15. Thereabouts
16. One of 17 in Monopoly
17. Financial crisis mantra that was, without fail, the most memorable from 2008?
19. ____ and Herzegovina
20. Fills, as cracks between tiles
23. Pro
23. Big ____, nickname for slugger David Ortiz
26. Most notable Shakespeare quote, without question?
30. First film in CinemaScope, 1953
33. Company whose headquarters were built from its own product
34. Start to unify?
35. "Never ____ moment!"
36. ____ Moines
37. Funniest Robin Williams movie, without a doubt?
39. Bygone
42. Stays fresh
43. Lago di Como locale
45. Showing no emotion
48. Source of updated news and blog postings

49. Edvard Grieg work that is without peer?
51. Na+ and Cl-
52. Handle in court
53. Tiny amounts
56. Arizona neighbor
60. And without further ado ... a Spanish sherry?
64. "Yours truly" alternative
65. Co. division
66. Sitcom costar of Rue, Betty and Estelle
67. James and Owens
68. Brand with "Scooping since 1928" on its cartons
69. Emma Watson's role in 2019's "Little Women"

18. Female hip-hopper
21. Riyadh resident
23. Combat vet's affliction
24. Words said with a sigh
25. Shepherd's pie morsels
27. "Oy, vey!" cause
28. Places to be marooned
29. Cardinals, on scoreboards
31. Pre-Columbian Mexicans
32. Part of a bedroom set
35. Military branches: Abbr.
38. Banana ____
39. Butter alternative
40. Bank claim
41. Some stay-at-home parents
42. Word after press or mess
44. Make ____ (clench)
45. High-ranking noncom: Abbr.
46. Gibson of "2 Fast 2 Furious"
47. Colorful quartz varieties
48. Didn't just criticize
50. Quid pro quo
54. Duplicate
55. Otolaryngologists, briefly
57. Lines for RNs
58. Capital of Canada?
59. Workplaces for RNs
61. Company with the most U.S. patents per year since 1993
62. "Precious" director Daniels
63. Streaming delay

Down

1. Skin pic
2. 2020 Zoom event: Abbr.
3. Writer Tolstoy
4. Film ____
5. "And therefore ..."
6. Canny
7. Zipper part
8. Chemist's workplace
9. Lacto-____ vegetarian
10. "The Grand Budapest Hotel" director Anderson
11. Present from birth
12. Brunch order
13. Anago, at a sushi restaurant

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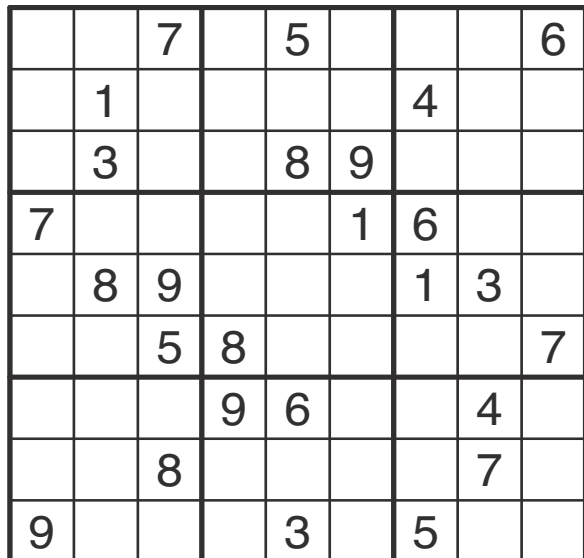
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6	1	9	7	2	3	8	5	4
8	6	3	2	4	5	1	9	7
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flict within the Cajon Valley Union School District has been covered in depth by *East County MAGAZine* reporter Paul Kruze and editor Miriam

Raftery. In August 2019, the magazine reported that Otero “has publicly clashed with board member Jill Barto on multiple occasions after Barto raised questions

on board expenditures including the awarding of a construction contract to a company owned by Otero’s son.”

As for Otero’s letter piggybacking off Anti-

fa’s propaganda about her, Barto says, “This is another form of retaliation against me for asking questions and holding them accountable.”

Otero did not respond to a request for comment.

Ayad Alnager is a recent high school graduate from El Cajon who says he is the one who invited east county conservatives to the Patriot March. He says the purpose of the event was to “wave our American flags and party to American music and enjoy the nice weather.” He says when Antifa found out about the “MAGA party,” they “posted our names, faces and all our information all over their Twitter accounts.” He says Barto was “ambushed just for walking to a party” and that he’s “disgusted” with the Cajon Valley school board for attacking Barto after she was attacked by Antifa, instead of “having her back.”

He also addresses the racist/fascist labels with which Antifa and other far left activists try to paint him, Barto and other Trump supporters. “It bothers me I get called ‘racist’ because I am an orthodox conservative. It’s ridiculous. They call anyone who doesn’t agree with them a racist. I am a person of color and an immigrant from the Middle East. I always feel danger to my life because ignorant people label me a neo-Nazi. It is not true! And it scares me that people may go after me because of false allegations.”

Cocozza says Antifa is what they falsely accuse others of. “They are using fascist tactics against people. You can’t call yourself an anti-fascist then show up to

counterprotest armed with weapons and start attacking bystanders in a community you don’t belong to. If you’re an armed group walking the streets attacking people you think don’t agree with your ideology, that is fascism.”

By this definition, there were fascists among the MAGA supporters as well. After the Antifa assembly was dispersed — because they threw rocks, bottles, and eggs at police — a faction from the MAGA rally followed a barefoot counterdemonstrator wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt into an alley, as if they were a street gang locating a rival gang member. Several MAGA guys taunted him and he raised his hands in the air as he walked away. One yelled, “What would you do if you found one of us by ourselves?”

As one attacked, two others joined in, punching, and kicking him. Multiple videos show one of the MAGA guys try to interfere with the attack and help the victim up after he was knocked to the ground. The victim had been demonstrating with Antifa in front of the police line but didn’t participate in any of the videorecorded Antifa attacks documented in this story.

After police dispersed Antifa, the MAGA supporters were able to march up the boardwalk, hours after they planned to, about 100 of them. A video posted to YouTube shows them chanting, “USA! F*** Antifa!” and “Back the Blue!” Many marchers are heard on video thanking police officers and chanting in their favor.

A few arguments broke out along the way with bystanders and one

MAGA marcher was caught on video doing a Nazi salute. As the march made its way back down the boardwalk, the man who was attacked in the alley leaned over the wall from inside the Beach Bungalow Surf Hostel courtyard, with bandages on his face, and waved at his attackers as they walked by. A MAGA guy said to him, “Hey bro, if I were there that never would have happened to you. We’re not all like that.”

Some participants in the MAGA march are heard on video complaining about a lot of crude language being used by other march participants, especially one guy with a megaphone cursing out bystanders and another deriding police. During the march, police entered a comment into their event log that the MAGA march was “being hijacked by Proud Boys.”

Alnager says, “Unfortunately, some people didn’t have good intentions.” He says the fascists don’t represent most MAGA supporters and now that he knows who they are, he “won’t associate with them any longer.” He says, “There’s good people and bad people on both sides.”

The march ended back on Mission, where an African-American man wearing a Black Lives Matter shirt engaged them and was surrounded. Led by an African-American MAGA guy named “Smooth,” the group had a civil conversation with the BLM guy for 25 minutes next to Taco Bell, as the MAGA crowd listened in. At one point the BLM guy said, “USA! But f*** Trump.” Nobody touched him.

— Eric Bartl

UNREAL ESTATE

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homes, particularly for a neighborhood where the average monthly rent just barely tops \$1100 in a city where \$2000-plus is almost a given housing cost.

As a signature touch, Moore had a custom swimming pool dug in the shape of a boxing glove that easily stands out on Google Earth to this day. However, it seems the striking brick façade, with an ornate chimney cutout and custom iron work near the entryway, are about all that remind us of the home’s former grandeur.

“Great potential considering the surrounding land use,” is how listing materials for the property describe its current state. The dead-end location abutting two freeways promises “minimal or no traffic,” while there is “ample pool room toward the back of the property.... Buy a piece of history.”

Some of the first photos we see are of the exterior. There’s the signature pool, along with a purple-lined above ground spa that has, for one reason or another, been drained. At least there’s plenty of seating, from picnic tables to a fire pit to a few couches draped in white fabric.

Moving inside, we encounter a wood-paneled parlor with a pool table sporting bur-



The famous boxing-glove pool.

gundy felt to match the 1970s-casino vibe carpet and a couple of similar vintage vinyl-wrapped diner booths. A green couch is draped in a white sheet.

Further on, a living room. There’s a nice brick fireplace flanked by floor-to-ceiling mirrors on one side and what appear to be more sheet-wrapped couches (along with another gigantic mirror) on the other. The floor is painted a muted black, except in the area where traffic has worn the paint away.

The kitchen, comparatively spartan compared to the typical Unreal entry, at least sports solid stone countertops and a commercial-grade built-in refrigerator.

One of the only other interior shots we get to see is what appears to be a bedroom, devoid of furnishings like nightstands and dressers, but packed with plenty of beds and sofas, all again draped in white. Another giant mirror adorns one wall.

A web search of the estate’s address leads to a business located there called Thad’s, billed as

the city’s “premier private social club” and one of “San Diego’s best kept secrets since 1974.”

Further elaboration can be found in a mixed bag of Yelp reviews regarding the parties hosted at Thad’s several times a week up until the pandemic shut things down. Some praise the “men must be fully nude to attend” policy, while others bemoan the decaying state of décor and the loose fit of the sheets covering most of the upholstered surfaces. At least we’ve got an idea now why they’re there.

In any case, public records tie Moore’s former mansion to a Leslie Young of Kentucky, though the property has changed hands several times since leaving the Moore family in 2002 without ever being publicly offered for sale.

The E Street abode was first listed for sale in November of 2019, it’s been in and out of escrow a couple of times since then, but the asking price of \$1.6 million has remained unchanged. The operators of Thad’s would like to continue their lease once it’s sold. ■

Bright Idea

— Parking spots are hard to come by in the snowy West Ridge neighborhood of Chicago, and resident Adam Selzer has become the talk of the town for the novel method he's using to save his spot — freezing pairs of pants and standing them up on the street like traffic cones, WBBM-TV reported. "Soak a pair, put outside. In about 20 minutes you can form them to shape, and in another 20 they're solid," Selzer posted on Twitter. Next, Selzer is planning to perfect a frozen shirt. "We'll see if this works," he said.

New Things to Worry About

— Bradford Gauthier of Worcester, Massachusetts, had a bit of trouble swallowing when he woke up on Feb. 2, but he went about his day after drinking some water. Later, "I tried to drink a glass of water again and couldn't," he said, and that's when he realized one of the AirPods he sleeps with at night was missing and "felt a distinct blockage in the center of my chest," he said. KVEO reported that it didn't take doctors in the emergency room long to discover the AirPod lodged in Gauthier's esophagus. An emergency endoscopy removed it and Gauthier went home feeling much better.

Oops

— Neighbors in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, called police on Feb. 8 after witnessing an unidentified man apparently take a joyride on an excavator parked in the street, knocking it into power lines and making a get-

away on a bicycle. WPLG-TV reported the incident resulted in every sports fan's worst nightmare: a power outage just before the big game. "About 30 to 40 minutes before the Super Bowl started, (the power) just went all the way out," said Bubba James. Crews from Florida Power & Light attended to the problem, and the power was back on by halftime.

State of the Union

— Instagramer Matt Shirley of Los Angeles conducted an informal survey among his more than 300,000 followers, asking them which state they hate most, the *Asbury Park Press* reported Jan. 21, and from the 2,500 responses, he determined that, among the expected regional rivalries, New Jersey hates every other state and Florida hates ... Florida. The Sunshine State was the only one to choose itself as most-hated, with four-fifths of respondents agreeing. "I live in Florida, have my whole life, and would not hesitate to unironically put that as my answer," one survey participant wrote.

The Aristocrats

— Rapper Lil Uzi Vert, whose real name is Symere Woods, revealed on Instagram in early February that he has had a \$24 million 10-carat pink diamond implanted in his forehead, reported *Rolling Stone*. According to Simon Babaev, spokesman for the New York-based jeweler Eliantte & Co. that implanted the stone, Uzi fell in love with the marquise-shaped diamond when he saw it in 2017 and has been making payments

on it as he determined what he wanted to do with it. "We didn't think he was serious about it," said Babaev, but as it became clear that he was, "we engineered a specific mounting that clips and locks in place. There's a whole mechanism involved."

Awesome!

— Andrea Belcher of Surrey, England, was looking for a way to have a little fun during COVID-19 lockdowns in April of last year and hit upon the idea of dressing up in a ball gown to take out the trash. Since then, *Sky News* reported, she has dressed up each week as a famous personality or fictional character, including so far Darth Vader, Marge Simpson and Wilma Flintstone, even recruiting the family dog to play Toto to her Dorothy. "Everything is a bit miserable at the moment," Belcher said. "So it's nice to have a little bit of silliness, a little bit of craziness, and to make people smile."

Bright Idea

— Drag queen Spar-Kelly and her neighbors in St. Johns, Florida, are tired of parents parking along their street during school pickup to avoid the traffic at the nearby Creekside High School. So she dressed in her finest and for three days held up a simple sign that read, "THIS IS NOT STUDENT PICK-UP, HONEY." "If what it takes is just me standing here and telling people to move along, I'll be a diva and I'll tell someone to move right along," she told WJXT-TV. On Jan. 27, her efforts paid off: A St. Johns County Sheriff's deputy showed up to patrol

the street, and plans are being made to install new "no parking" signs.

Police Report

— In Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Curtis McCoy, 46, and his husband of 10 years got into a spat "that escalated since they have been drinking alcohol" on Jan. 17, police reported. The argument got out of hand when McCoy "brought up how the victim has only one testicle which caused the victim to get upset," according to *The Smoking Gun*. When the victim pointed his finger at McCoy, he grabbed and twisted it, "causing him pain." McCoy was arrested for domestic violence; his criminal history includes shoplifting, disorderly conduct, assault, larceny and other offenses.

Ironies

— Twitter users were quick to point out the irony after a picture was posted of an unidentified man arrested in Peshawar, Pakistan, on New Year's Eve for wearing a mask during the pandemic. The man had been terrorizing people by riding through the city on his motorcycle while wearing a werewolf mask and roaring, *The Independent* reported. At least one commenter saw the silver lining: "People get scared of the dude and don't come out on new year during COVID times, everyone stays safe. Isn't this a good thing?"

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