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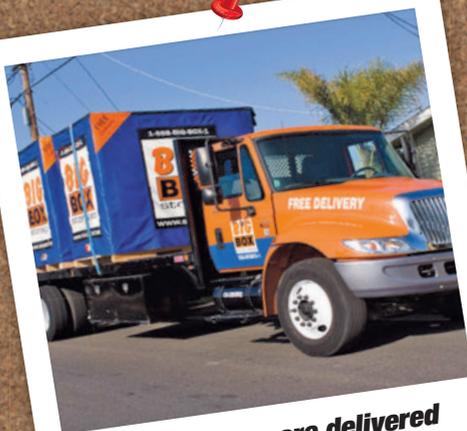
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I found the full-page letter by Niki Roth, “View from the cleanup crew” very interesting but she should have done it as an article, with a photograph. Call it “Op-Ed”. Readers’ attention span as to ‘letters’ is limited. I’ve been writing letters for at least 60 years, and as a Councilman and State Official listened to testimony from everyone and their brother. I am all for accountability and transparency. Keep up the good work.

Mike Schaefer
Bankers Hill

Complaints mislaid

Some letter writers complained that the *San Diego Reader’s* article “San Diego’s anti-fascists turn fascist” (Cover Stories, February 24) was “blatantly pathetic” or a “very terrible job.” Those terms actually apply better to the letters themselves! One writer was “seriously disgusted” because the article gave “No mention of a Nazi salute” allegedly done by a Trump supporter. But the article DID talk about that. The same writer also complained that the article didn’t mention the man

with the George Floyd shirt getting beaten. But yes it did. And the writer even complained about the *Reader* writing about the counter protestors in the first place.

CNN, MSNBC, and much of the rest of the media worked hard last summer to downplay or ignore left-wing violence. It’s nice to occasionally learn the whole story. Another letter writer attacked the *Reader* by writing “Nazism and Fascism have no place in our American society.” That’s certainly true but he seems to have missed the main point of the article, that even though we always hear that the right has many Fascists, in reality the left does too. In fact, the left has far more.

The months-long Black Lives Matter/Antifa riots last summer killed dozens of people and burned many buildings to the ground, including two of them in La Mesa. The riots sent hundreds of police officers to the hospital, many of whom had been hit by thrown rocks or bricks.) The article did a fine job of illustrating that the anti-fascists are actually fascists.

Name withheld
San Diego

Left to right

I was surprised to see Eric Bartl’s article, “Local Antifascists Turn Fascist” in the *San Diego Reader*. In the past, I had found the *Reader* content to be mostly left-wing, as are most printed news magazines and newspapers. So, congratulations to you for pointing out the malevolent force that Antifa has become.

It seems to just be another terrorist organization that uses violence and rioting to squash any non-socialist views in our society. Isn’t that what Germany’s Brownshirts were all about?

Name withheld
Pacific Beach

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Reader stringers



Besides bangers, DJ Bangs delivers warnings and laments about local parking enforcement.

NORMAL HEIGHTS

Car wars

Never mind the road rage, we've got parking paroxysms

Ever since February 8, a week or so after California lifted stay-at-home orders, an increase of parking-related posts had been evident on the Facebook and NextDoor threads, and with good reason. "Starting February 8, 2021, citations with corresponding fines will be issued to vehicles parked in violation of any State or local regulation," warned the City of San Diego website. "This includes previously suspended regulations such as violating street sweeping parking restrictions, metered parking, time

usually park about one block away. Sometimes it's two blocks. I had a neighbor threaten me because they thought I was saving parking spots. My trash cans were out for pickup, and because we have no driveway, they have to go in front of our house, but we always try to put them as close to our neighbor's driveway as possible."

"I've been up since 6:50 am, and I see parking enforcement driving down 36th Street," said Betty Bangs when I spoke to her on March 1. "It's almost as if they are planning their hits."

Before the pandemic, the lack of parking in Bangs' area, a couple of blocks south of Adams Avenue, was already an obstacle for her work as a DJ and an advocate for victims of crime. "PSA!!!!" she posted on Facebook. "PARKING ENFORCEMENT IS IN FULL FORCE. THEY ARE 3 DEEP OFF OF 37TH and MONROE!" (Anybody who has helped a DJ still playing vinyl records can empathize with Bangs' vigilance when it comes to parking enforcement. For many, deadlifting vinyl-filled milk crates and walking them blocks away is cumbersome, to say the

least.) Normal Heights is a popular go-to spot because of the bustling eateries, bars, and cafes along Adams Avenue, between the 805 and 15 freeways. Sometimes, the trucks that service those places wind up parking in spaces coveted by residents. But even when they don't, there's trouble. Because of the lack of paid parking options along the main thoroughfare, visitors park on the perpendicular neighborhood streets. The result, said Bangs' neighbor, is that "there's nowhere to park around here in our neighborhood because everyone's at home either working from home or laid off because of covid-19. Our streets in Normal Heights are

"there's nowhere to park around here in our neighborhood because everyone's at home either working from home or laid off because of covid-19."

limits, and yellow commercial zones." On February 25, Jordan Taylor took to Facebook and warned her Normal Heights neighbors: "TOWING NOW: Heads up if you're parked on Monroe between 39th and 40th, the asphalt company is trying to start working - so I think they'll be calling the tow truck soon! Parking enforcement is here now! There are about five cars still parked on the street." That day, she said, "four cars got tickets, and three of them were towed," said Taylor, 26, who works in the escrow field. "Parking is horrible," she said. "I

[occupied] throughout the day and night. Now we have road construction on top of all of this!"

Over the weekend Mark T. posted a photo online of a vehicle parked by his Kensington house, across the I-15 overpass. "[I] wish people realized that on-street parking is valuable and would park not like this!" read the photo's caption. "Clearly, you can fit two cars here easily," responded Mark's neighbor. "The only way this is OK is if he parked there on trash day and hasn't moved since." (At times, this "parking in the middle" method is purposely

done to save parking spots for an expected friend.)

Since February 8, photos from "Karens" of neighbors constantly parking their "beaters" in front of their homes were popular subjects on the local NextDoor threads. One post was about a vehicle's bumper line surpassing the slope of the driveway entrance. A homeowner called the non-emergency line to have the vehicle towed. Then there was a Normal Heights resident who posted photos of cardboard gravestones that read "RIP PARKING SPACE 11 of 12 / Born 1919 Died 2020 / Lost to the great circular plague of 2020." The accompanying caption read: "We gained a roundabout... We lost so many spaces. Idk who did this on the corner of 34th and Meade, but I love you." Because of the shortage of parking in the mid-city neighborhoods, some residents have also taken to social media apps to sell access to their designated parking spaces, garages, and driveways. Prices range from \$80 to \$300 per month.



"We gained a roundabout... We lost so many spaces."

MIKE MADRIAGA

OCEANSIDE

Sisneros and Roy

Can political wizards make city notifications vanish?

Some city hall watchers are claiming that a recent filing with the state's Fair Political Practices Commission is proof that Oceanside has become a "pay-to-play" city where wealthy developers can build what they want as long as they pad local political campaigns.

Two years ago, Rancho Santa Fe developer Howard Jacobs got his 34-unit Breeze Townhouse development proposal passed after three years of controversy. Now, Jacobs is building a five-story, 118-unit complex at the top of Pier View Way at Horne Street. Citizens complained at last year's approval before the city council that the development had a box-like, sterile, institutional look. Last year, Jacobs gave \$22,500 to five different Oceanside political campaigns, including \$7500 to the failed Jack Feller for Mayor campaign, \$5000 to councilman Chris Rodriguez's 2022 reelection effort, and \$5000 to elect Ryan Keim to the city council. But another Jacobs expenditure caused the city of Oceanside to file a complaint

with the Fair Political Practices Commission: on January 2020, Jacobs wrote a \$2500 check to a fund called Oceanside Locals Recall of Esther Sanchez. That recall effort never really got off the ground, but state law mandates that the group must show how its donated seed money was spent.

Dennis Sisneros was listed as the principal officer and treasurer of Oceanside Locals Recall of Esther Sanchez. Sisneros is a Republican advocate and city council meeting regular. He was paid \$5000 to work on last year's failed election to elect Councilman Rodriguez as mayor. Last year, Sisneros ran for the Republican Central Committee representing the 76th Assembly district. He came in 14th out of 14,



Esther Sanchez - the smile of a politician who survived a recall.

with 1.2 percent of the votes cast. Sanchez is a Democrat, and is often the lone city council member who questions large developments as they come before the city. According to the Oceanside City Clerk's office, neither Sisneros nor anyone else filed necessary reports to indicate how Jacobs' \$2500 donation to the Sanchez recall effort was spent. The FPPC website shows that the City of

Oceanside filed a complaint over the Sanchez recall committee in December. Sisneros said by phone on February 23 that he knew nothing about the FPPC complaint. "I have received no complaints from the city," he said. "They have sent me nothing."

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Forecast: expensive

Climate change (plan) poses risks for San Diego

San Diego's so-called Climate Action Plan — frequently ballyhooed by ex-mayor Kevin Faulconer as part of his self-styled middle-of-the-road campaign to become California governor — lacks city council accountability and risks unknown expenses for taxpayers, per a new report by city auditor Andy Hanau. Ostensibly intended to cut the City's greenhouse gases in half by 2035, the plan, as administered under the city's Sustainability department, is a costly empty vessel, the February 18 performance audit says. "Despite several attempts, the City has not yet developed a fiscal planning document to project the future costs of implementing the actions necessary to meet the [Climate Action Plan's target]. Implementation cost estimates would need to be based on implementation plans, but these plans do not currently exist."

Consistent with the former mayor's reluctance to share information with the public, the audit notes, "there is no City requirement for [Climate Action Plan] Annual Reports to be presented to the full City Council." As a result, the council is largely in the dark. "In response to our survey of Council Offices, only one of the eight responding Council Offices indicated that they receive enough information regarding the [Climate Action Plan]'s implementation progress." Additionally, "there is no City requirement for City Council Staff Reports to specify how an item helps to implement or support" the climate plan. And while new Democratic mayor Todd Gloria and the council's Democratic majority



Why is this man smiling? Because he can blame this climate boondoggle on his Republican predecessor!

are wrestling with a yawning covid-caused deficit, there is virtually no way to check the City's burgeoning bureaucracy, per the report. "The Sustainability Department does not currently have authority or mechanisms to hold departments accountable for [Climate Action Plan] implementation and may require additional staffing to effectively carry out its duties."

Auditors determined that cities throughout the state have come up with better ways of monitoring climate issues, including "written progress reports to City decision-makers" and "utilization of climate action plans in the budget process" in Los Angeles.

Meanwhile, San Diego's deficiencies have negatively impacted both budgets and results. "A 2020 report by the Brookings Institution ranked the City of Los Angeles as having the largest percentage decrease in [Green House Gas] emissions; the City and County of San Francisco as having the second-largest decrease, and the City of San Diego as having the sixth-largest decrease."

But a truly functioning climate action

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Neal Obermeyer



UNDER THE RADAR

Bashing Michael Moore Another anti-climate change lobbying outfit has set up shop in San Diego. According to its March 1 registration with the city clerk, SanDiego350 "is an inclusive volunteer institution building a movement to prevent the worst impacts of climate change and climate injustice. We strive to create a future that supports a livable planet and just society through education and outreach, public policy advocacy and mobilizing people to take action." Lobbying targets will include "Franchise Agreements," with the intent to secure "climate-favorable agreement terms and/or [a] public power business plan."

That could move the group squarely into the middle of a growing fray over whether the City should renew SDG&E's power-providing franchise or create a city-owned power distributor. The filing adds that SanDiego350 has also set out to "oppose [a] proposal to consolidate environmental advisory boards and support public process to review."

The two registered lobbyists for the nonprofit are listed as SanDiego350 public policy organizer **Amanda Ruetten** and executive director **Masada Disenhouse**. "Prior to SanDiego350, Masada worked for 350.org where she managed staff and programs to support the growth and development of the over 150 local 350 affiliates in 350's U.S. network," per the group's website.

Co-founded in 2008 by Middlebury College professor and journalist **Bill McKibben**, the group's name comes from its objective to lower atmospheric carbon dioxide to 350 parts per million or below. Current atmospheric levels hover around 415. McKibben "played a leading role in launching the opposition to big oil pipeline projects, and the fossil fuel divestment campaign, which has become the biggest anti-corporate campaign in history, with endowments worth more than \$15 trillion stepping back from oil, gas and coal," according to his online bio. Last May, McKibben took on **Michael Moore** in a *Rolling Stone* piece for attacking him in the liberal documentary maker's latest movie, *Planet of the Humans*. "Basically, Moore and his colleagues have made a film attacking renewable energy as a sham and arguing that the environmental movement is just a tool of corporations trying to make money off green energy," wrote McKibben. "Cherry-picking a few clips culled from the approximately ten zillion interviews, speeches, and panels I've engaged in these past decades, the filmmaker made two basic points. One, that I was a big proponent of biomass energy — that is, burning trees to generate power. Two, that I was a key part of 'green capitalism,' trying somehow to profit from selling people on the false promise of solar and wind power." He called the points distortions and lies, adding that the film

had been "thoroughly debunked."

Wall Street Journal reviewer **Holman Jenkins, Jr.**, complained that Moore hadn't been tough enough on McKibben and company, then added, "if audiences take Mr. Moore's message to heart, it will mean the end of the world for many green-energy fixers and their pet environmental allies."

State records show that Disenhouse and **Emily Wier**, now policy advisor to Democratic county supervisor **Nathan Fletcher**, incorporated SanDiego350 as a California nonprofit on November 3, 2014. The group's IRS disclosure filing covering 2018 shows that it had total revenue of \$166,000, expenses of \$105,254, and a cash balance of \$212,892. Disenhouse, then board chair, was not paid. Current supporters include the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, the American Federation of Teachers Guild, local 1931, and New York-based clothing maker Patagonia.

Pot pandemic With conventions canceled and eateries closed to inside dining, just one local business category is doing better than expected, according to a recent report by San Diego city budget analyst. "The Office of the City Treasurer was the lone department" to see an uptick in projected revenue, "primarily attributable to a \$3.1 million increase in Cannabis Business Tax" in fiscal year 2021, which ends this coming June. "It is difficult to explain the unexpected additional growth in [Cannabis Business Tax] revenue as it is likely attributable to a variety of potential factors (COVID stay-at-home orders, increased popularity, better marketing, increased delivery options, etc.) Based



Amanda Ruetten lobbies for climate change group SanDiego350.



Big money activist Bill McKibben is ticked at Michael Moore.

on data from the City Treasurer, average [Cannabis Tax] revenue received from the City's 20 retail outlets has increased by approximately 17.6% in FY 2021 (year-to-date) over FY 2020. It should be noted that the State is similarly experiencing growth in cannabis revenue that is significantly in excess of amounts budgeted for FY 2021. While strong growth in [Cannabis Business Tax] revenue continues, the City's retail outlets will face increased competition in the coming years from a growing number of outlets/distributors in surrounding cities and differences in cannabis tax rates."

Meanwhile, the analysis notes, the pot market here is on fire. "The FY 2021 Budget assumed \$19.7 million in [Cannabis Business Tax] revenue, which was an increase of \$7.5 million over the FY 2020 Budget."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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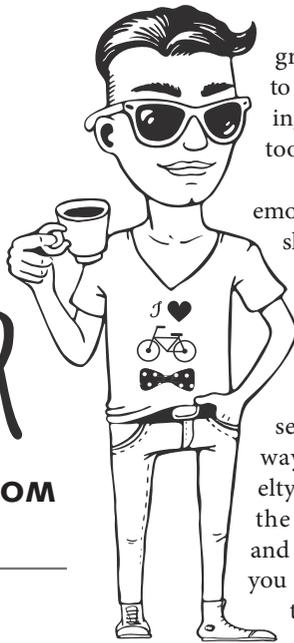
Is it good or bad if somebody does a good thing, but for a bad or evil reason? For example, if a rich man gives his fortune to charity, but he does it solely as a means to make sure his children get nothing when he dies (because he is a mean old bastard) does that undo the goodness?

— DYLAN, SOUTH PARK

Ok. Why not. I'll take a shot at this.

If I had to explain this by way of analogy — which is the way I usually explain things because I'm secretly no good at coming up with any ideas on my own, so I tend to upcycle other ideas for my own purposes — I'd say it's exactly like the imitation novelty logo t-shirts you can almost always buy from internet shops, and sometimes buy from popular fast fashion outlets.

I'm sure you know the shirts I mean. They have logos and slogans on them, like, "Mitch's Country Diner — The Best Fried Chicken West of the Mississippi, East of the Mississippi, On the Mississippi, or Under the Mississippi!" and there's a picture of a vaguely Foghorn Leghorn looking chicken wearing a hat and cannibalistically eating a chicken drumstick or something like that. It looks like the kind of kitschy t-shirt you might pick up on a whim at a truck stop gift shop on a road trip through the middle of the country somewhere, except it's not for a real place, it's the concoction of some underpaid



graphic designer trying to make a joke out of writing the word 'Mississippi' too many times.

I have a really specific emotional reaction to those shirts. It's exactly 51 percent repulsion and 49 percent fascination. The repulsion part is pretty easy to explain. The way I see it, there are only two ways to come by a novelty t-shirt: (1) you go to the place, do the thing, and buy the t-shirt; or (2) you discover the t-shirt at the bottom of a bin in a dirty thrift store for \$1, at which point

you're entitled to ironically piggyback onto somebody else's experiences. The idea of a consumer product offering a slick workaround to that process is a perfect example of fundamentally doing something for exactly the wrong reason. The shirt memorializes the experience, and you can't create an experience *ex nihilo* by simply wearing a shirt. It doesn't work that way.

On the other hand, I'm fascinated

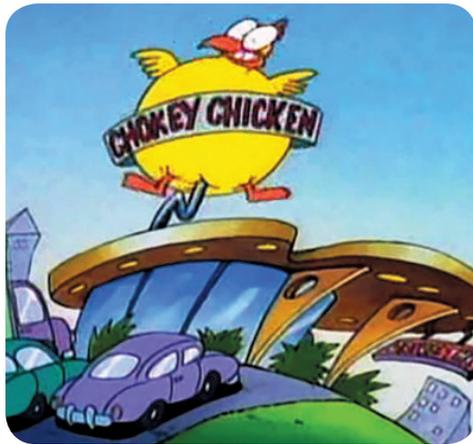
by this impetus, because it's something I can't wrap my head around. In a world where the genuine article is always easily within reach, why opt for the simulacrum, even if its somehow appealing?

One caveat before I go. This rule doesn't apply to tribute shirts, that is to say,

t-shirts made for fictional bars, restaurants, other small businesses, and important locales from songs, TVs, and movies. Tribute shirts are badass when they're done right, but only if they're obscure. For example, a shirt with the logo from the *Breaking Bad* chicken restaurant is lame and mainstream; but a shirt that does a fair take on the Chokey Chicken logo from *Rocko's Modern Life* is darn cool.

All this is to say that, no, you don't get credit for doing something if you do it for the wrong reason, at least if my analogy holds any weight.

— DJ Stevens



Much cooler than Los Pollos Hermanos

LETTERS

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Record broken

I took one look at the cover of your February 25 issue and I knew it was time to part ways with the *Reader* after I don't know how many years (probably since your first issue). I guess the publisher has been really rooting for the January 6th rioters and thinking they are "solid" people (code for white) and were just pushed too far by the "steal." The study of history will tell us that democracy is a fragile thing and usually doesn't last long due to the mentality of people like you.

Peter Honan
Imperial Beach

Comments from SDReader.com — not edited for punctuation, spelling, or grammar.

"Missing from Bahia de los Angeles for two months" Neighborhood News February 26

This comes across as a textbook example of why US citizens should never attempt to play the ex-pat game and try to live in Mexico. Mexicans are at risk of local criminals and those who are not locals are in more danger.

The Mexican cops are less than worthless — too often they are also the bad guys — so nobody can expect much from them even after the crime has been committed. Think you can't afford to live in the US? Can you "afford" to lose your life by leaving the country? If there is any

resolution of this case it will be a near miracle. RIP.
—Visduh

These days it's not safe to spend the day in Mexico, yet alone live there. Mexico has gotten a lot more dangerous (not that it was ever really safe), and Americans need to wise up. If you want to retire in a less expensive country, there are safer countries than Mexico.
—Socks3742

"Gavin Newsom: A Governor we can all get behind... and push out of office"

SD on the QT: Almost Factual News March 5

Almost factual news or not, Faulconer should not be the one to replace Newsom should he be recalled.
—aardvark

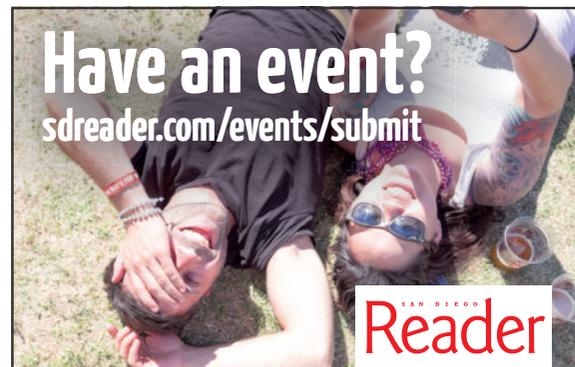
"Boxing great Archie Moore's Stockton sanctuary" Unreal Estate February 24

The home was built in the late 50's/early 60's. I was a young lad and drove by when it was being built.
—AlexClarke

"San Diego's anti-fascists turn fascist" Cover Stories February 24

It's interesting to see what must be done, so for the elimination of cell-phones -- from disturbance to the general public. As cell-phones are an over-addiction in San Diego.

—ised



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“That’s not true,” says Oceanside city clerk Zeb Navarro, who says that Sisneros has in fact “been contacted 12 times, either by phone or by mail, and that’s all a matter of public record. All our communications with campaign committees is public record. He’s missed numerous filings that were date-certain. He’s missed four different filing periods.” So does that mean that Sisneros just took Jacobs’ \$2500 and ran? A better question might be: what does Jacobs think about the unreported \$2500? “I’m not going to talk to you,” Jacobs said by phone when contacted February 23.

Meanwhile, some Oceanside city hall insiders are abuzz over the unfolding Victor Roy affair. “People around here are saying he’s our city treasurer and he can’t pay his bills,” says one Oceanside city official who did not want to be named. Roy was re-elected to a four-year term as Oceanside city treasurer in November. The part-time position is largely



Dennis Sisneros, left, doesn’t recall being asked about the Sanchez recall funds.

ceremonial. The treasurer makes no decisions on how the city structures its \$170.8 million annual budget. And the treasurer makes no decisions on how the city invests its \$373 million portfolio. Those decisions are handled by Oceanside’s full-time treasury manager, who works under the direction of the city’s finance director. Still, Victor Roy’s city treasurer signature appears on all Oceanside city checks. He is one of nine people allowed to sit on the dais at all city council meetings.

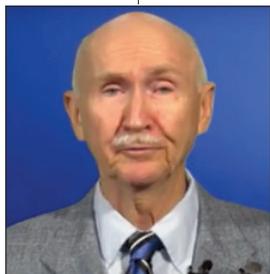
Roy was recently sent an invoice by the city for \$798. It followed four previous letters telling Roy that he needed to remit the city that amount. That’s what Oceanside paid to the County Registrar covering Roy’s statement in the voter’s guide. The Oceanside city clerk’s office collects the fees for all candidates for Oceanside elected positions. Each candidate for local office is given the opportunity to have their 200-word candidate statement appear

in the voter information guide which is sent to all voters. The clerk’s office advised each Oceanside candidate that if they wanted their statement to appear in the guide, they would need to pay an upfront fee of \$1200, and that the amount may increase depending on how many candidates for that position end up buying a statement in the guide. Because there were eight candidate statements for Oceanside mayor, for example, each mayoral candidate ended up paying an extra \$121 in addition to the initial \$1200. But because Roy was the only candidate for treasurer, he needed to pay an extra \$798. All Oceanside candidates have paid the extra amount except for Roy, according to the city clerk’s office. Roy’s unpaid \$798 must now come out of the city’s general fund.

Interim county registrar Cynthia Paes says that her office conducts the election on behalf of all jurisdictions throughout the county. She says that after each election, the cost per candidate is calculated and that each city or special district or must reimburse the county that amount. “The cost of [outside] mailers is really quite expensive, so it turns out that buying a

statement in the voter’s guide is a bargain,” says Paes. “But if you are the only candidate running in your race, you have to wonder why you would do it. You don’t have to have it.”

Oceanside city clerk Zeb Navarro says when the deadline passed and it became clear that incumbent Roy would be the only candidate running for Oceanside treasurer, he was given 24 hours to cancel his commitment for the voter’s guide statement and get his \$1200 refunded. “When a candidate pulls [campaign] papers they sign an agreement to pay the difference, if it is greater than their \$1200 deposit,” says Navarro. “He has not responded to any requests we have sent



Victor Roy owes Oceanside \$798 to cover its payment of the County Registrar of Voters.

him. The first one we sent him was in November.” If still unpaid in one week, the city assigns Roy’s \$798 debt to collections and that could lead to wage attachment from his \$26,581 city treasurer salary.

Questions to Roy about why he is not pay-



Does this look like an affordable-housing view to you?

ing the \$798 and why he took out the statement when he was the only candidate were not returned.

KEN LEIGHTON

DEL MAR

The poverty problem Poor-people property placement protested

After Del Mar re-zoned its North Commercial area last fall to help meet affordable housing goals, locals moved swiftly to reverse the change. Now, it’s the city council pushing back on the effort to thwart the ordinance, which would allow up to 20 dwelling units per acre on Jimmy Durante Boulevard at San Dieguito Drive. A petition by Arnie Wiesel and the Del Mar Hillside Association received enough signatures to get on the ballot, leaving the city to either repeal the ordinance or submit it to voters, either at the next regular election in November 2022 or at a special election held at least 88 days after the council’s

The re-zoning would yield 19 affordable homes in an area long considered for higher density. According to a staff report, the rezone was required to be completed by April 2016 under the certified 5th Cycle Housing Element. It may be five years late, but the Council is still expected by the state department of housing and community development to finish what they started and promised before the 5th Cycle ends on April 15, 2021, or risk penalties. If the petition is withdrawn, the city must still pass a community plan amendment to complete the zoning change. The ordinance was never fully enacted last fall, because councilmembers Dave Druker and Terry Gaasterland voted against the amendment. Although the council unanimously agreed to up-zone four parcels in the professional commercial zone along Camino del Mar, not doing so on all the parcels could be costly, a staff report said. It could lead to the state overriding local land-use authority, ineligibility for grant funding, lawsuits, and

Some of those living on San Dieguito Drive sent letters about future-traffic and fire safety,

order. In any case, it’s a long wait for a city with no affordable housing and an April 15 state deadline to complete its current housing element and implement the North Commercial rezone. The city wants the petitioners to withdraw the referendum before their mid-March meeting, and is hopeful about reaching a settlement that addresses negative impacts to traffic and safety, the environment, and neighborhood character, everything from building height to more short-term rentals. Some of those living on San Dieguito Drive sent letters about future-traffic and fire safety, asking what happens when the Fairground adds 100 concerts a year to its schedule of events? But if not the North Commercial area, then the North and South bluffs face the same rezoning to 20 units per acre — ranking those who live there.

fines by the state up to \$100,000 per month.

Then there’s the cost to hold a special election, which took the city by surprise. It’s “significantly more” than expected, interim city manager Ashley Jones told the council last week. The estimate was between \$100,000 and \$175,000. “That’s way higher than what we’ve ever considered in the past.”

Meanwhile, the city is wrapping up its draft 6th Cycle Housing Element, said planning director Joseph Smith, warning about the 11th-hour tweaking of a document set to be released March 4 in the planning commission packet and sent to the state. Since the referendum hasn’t been withdrawn “we’re still assuming a replacement re-zone program.” And if it is withdrawn, “it’s going to be a bit of a swap.”

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UNREAL ESTATE

by Dave Rice

Many people feel that homes are meant to be colorful. Bright, vibrant hues accentuate their rooms and add personality. Flowers add a pop of color to garden beds. Carefully chosen tones and schemes provide warmth and comfort and make the home... homey.

This is not the case at 1095 Hoover Street in Carlsbad, a newly-constructed 8000-square-foot mansion on the northern edge of Agua Hedionda lagoon. Per listing remarks retrieved



Despite the color-free theme, the pool was permitted to retain its traditional blue hue.

from Zillow, the home “is surrounded by six-foot block custom black smooth stucco’d walls, similar to the entire black, white, and grey exterior.”

A sturdy stainless steel gate leads to the entry corridor, where concrete walkways flank a koi pond that’s “actually a pebbletec pool with a custom

floating sidewalk that protects the fish from birds of prey and animals,” which is a fancy way to say that the presumably colorful fish can swim

under it and not be seen. The custom 10-foot tall mahogany entrance door, is adorned with “stainless and glass sea turtles which are wifi-controlled LED color changing on both sides of the door.”

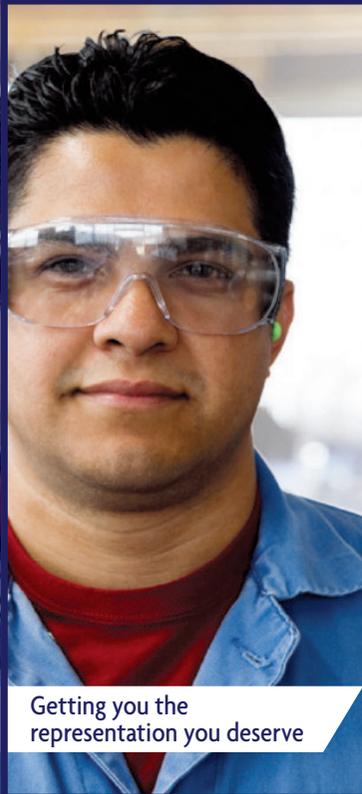
Once inside, the open floorplan boasts “exquisite white marble high gloss large tile flooring throughout the entire structure,” except for the black granite tile, also high gloss and large format, which is found on the stairways and the walls of the living and dining rooms. “The contrast is stunning throughout both levels of this six-bedroom, seven-and-a-half-bath estate.” More stunning is the contrast between this black-and-white void of this sleek modernist design and the vibrancy of a house where things have color.

“When entering into the kitchen you are drawn to the black stainless steel back wall mosaic extending down the entire wall with a gourmet range and stainless matching hood above,” the listing continues. There’s also a “massive center island” made of marbled porcelain that seats 10 at its bar, along with “solid maple and imported Spanish metal look cabinets” and a walk-in pantry with a wine room that’s effectively a commercial-sized walk-in refrigerator “allowing storage of anything you would normally need to keep refrigerated.”

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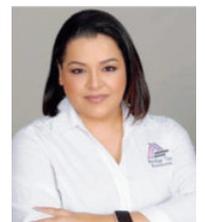
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Don't wear flip flops to the car auction



It's almost eight o'clock, and the crowd is getting restless. It's a chill, overcast January morning, and maybe 30 early birds have been waiting around for a while now, eager for the chain-link gate to grind its way across the gravel-covered grounds and let them in. Others are lined up at the pay booth, waiting to plunk down \$500 deposits to prove they're serious buyers and thus deserving of the paper name badge and inventory list that will grant access to the rows of aging iron that

lie beyond the fence.

It wasn't always like this. In the Before, anyone could stroll right into any one of a handful of auto auction lots strung along Highway 905, a stone's throw from the Mexican border. Now, there's a need to keep crowds down, to at

Gravel crunches under my work boots as I walk the rows first, to check on the cars I've had my eye on since the inventory list went online and see if there's anything I missed. The boots are essential.

least make a perfunctory nod toward following covid protocol. I kind of like it. I don't have to deal with hordes of looky-loos hogging car keys, clogging rows barely wide enough for two people to shuffle past one another, crowding the auction floor to ooh and aah at every late-

'90s engine bay while serious bidders jostle and shove to get one last peek, one last listen for a squeal or a knock, before the cash starts flying.

Of course, I don't pay to get in, which may be why the new restricted-access policy appeals to me so much. A

quick nod to Marco the gate guard (not his name, none of the names here are real) and I slip in at the tail end of the stream of registered bidders (and not a few other freeloaders like me) pouring in.

Gravel crunches under my work boots as I walk the rows first, to check on the cars I've had my eye on since the inventory list went online, and see if there's anything I missed. The boots are essential, if you're going to hang around long, more fashionable shoes are going to go to work — first on your feet, and eventually your back as the day wears on and you trudge across the uneven ground and then stand for hours once the show begins. Flip flops are a giveaway that you're either new here or insane.

First up, an early

2000s Volvo wagon. I've bought quite a few of these over the years, and I kept a similar sedan that was gifted to my daughter on her 16th birthday. It still runs great today. They tend to be more reliable and easier to fix than other European brands, not as in demand as the Japanese models that are bid up often above their retail value, and not as beaten down as some of the disposable American cars that make their way to these auctions.

A side note: public auctions like these are generally where bad cars come to die. Ostensibly, one must be a licensed dealer to purchase inventory, but a nifty loophole and an extra \$50 fee when doing the paperwork will make just about anyone with a photo ID a dealer for a day. There are a few

legitimate dealers roaming the lots: the husband-and-wife Armenian team sporting copious amounts of gold jewelry who'll buy five or six lots on a good day, the affable older Black gentleman usually dressed better than most and always with a new apprentice in tow, whose perceived failings he frequently chides and uses as a foil when holding court with the other regulars. But most of the good cars go through the true "dealer only" auctions with stricter credentialing processes and much bigger and newer inventory. These Otay free-for-alls are mostly the domain of amateurs and members of a thriving underground economy.

Back to my Volvo — it's a donation car, which I like. Ever wonder where the cars go that

wealthy old people donate to Father Joe, or KPBS, or that outfit with the dreaded jingle, Kars4Kids, end up? They come here. I look for cars that 15 or 20 years ago would've been solid upper-middle-class luxury, the kind owned by someone who's decided during an episode of *Wait Wait Don't Tell Me* that they'd rather not be bothered by the hassle of typing up a Craigslist ad when it's time to get rid of their vehicle. My partner-slash-mentor Jimmy is partial to old Buicks and Cadillacs for a similar reason.

But this one has an out-of-state title, and even though the interior looks clean, there are tell-tale signs of rust bubbling up around the rear windows. Inside the fender wells, it's even worse. This little wagon spent some

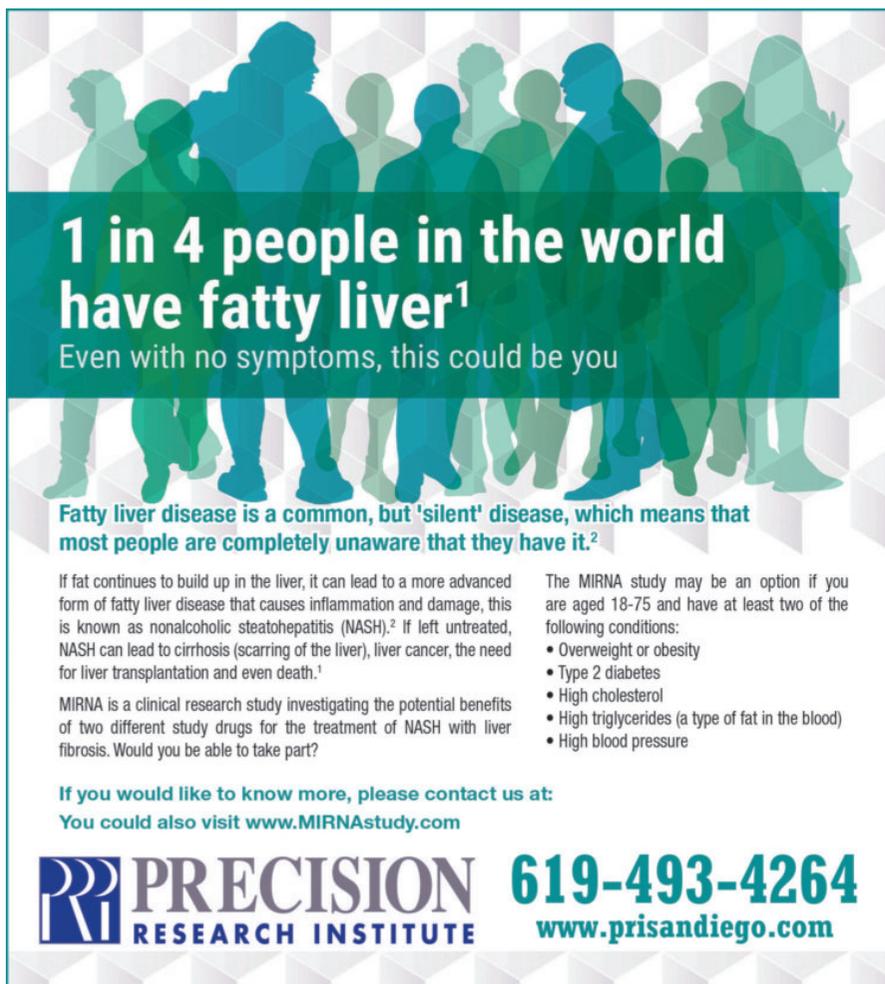
time in a snowy state that salts its roads, coating the undercarriage of vehicles in a slurry that inevitably hastens the development of cancerous decay. This one is a pass.

Next up is a boxy old Jeep Cherokee. These XJ models have become something of a holy grail for off-roaders, especially the late-'90s iterations that were some of the last to roll off the line before the model was killed off in 2001. I once bought one and drove it for a week before deciding I was more partial to ZJs, the first-generation Grand Cherokee that would eventually kill off the XJ. I sold it for more than twice what I paid to the first person to respond to the ad. This one, though, isn't a 4x4, and it's immediately removed from consideration.

A mid-2000s Dodge Ram, one of the newer offerings on the lot, looks nice and clocks in at under 100,000 miles. It's nice, but it'll probably go too high and I already have a ¾-ton Chevy I picked up for \$800 that runs well and meets pretty much all of my personal truck needs. A Cadillac El Dorado looks good too, but I don't have Jimmy here today to properly assess its merits.

On it goes. I've looked at eight of the hundred or so lots that looked interesting on paper, but none of them seem to be for me. I haven't even bothered going up to the key table to trade my driver's license for the right to start the cars, pop them into drive and reverse (they're rarely more than 12 inches apart, so there's

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no test driving going on here). More likely, I'll discover that they've got a dead battery and have to trudge across the lot in search of one of the few jumper boxes to get them started. But since it's almost auction time, I'm going to stick around for a while to gauge the crowd.

Ambling back to the lot armed with soda and a roach coach breakfast burrito around auction time, I'm denied entry. Most of the non-stickered crowd now stands outside the gates with me, where we're told that we can still bid as long as we've got cash. They're not going to turn down money after all, but if you win and aren't ready to pony up on the spot, be prepared to scam and never come back.

About 20 minutes past the posted start time,

the auctioneer's booth speakers crackle to life. A series of rapid-fire announcements, first in Spanish and then English, pierce the ears like fire from a machine gun that never needs reloading. Wear your masks, please, you bid it you bought it, no guarantees, you better have cash in your pockets or keep your damn hands there, no returns, "just wear the frigg'in' masks."

As the auctioneer has been warming the crowd up, a small army of porters has been scurrying into action. The first row of cars are fired up (most of them need another jump start), drivers hop into a half-dozen and inch closer to stage left. Someone comes running with a gas can - #3 ran out of fuel and is blocking traffic. And then we're off.

But first, it's non-run-

ner time. If these public auction lots were already the low-rent apartments of automotive opportunity, the non-runners are a moldy cot in the corner of a sub-basement. These cars don't even fire up, and it's impossible to know when they last ran, though the extensive coating of grime on most makes it evident that it's probably been a few years. A man carrying a broomstick with one end stuffed into a traffic cone and the other with a fading yellow flag affixed runs from one lot to another, plopping the cone down on the hood of the next item up for bid.

There are sometimes some steals in here for people braver than I. A man in a hoodie and skinny jeans with bedazzled pockets, the likes of which I haven't seen since the mid-2000s, is ecstatic to buy a late-model diesel BMW for \$2000, far more than I've ever seen a non-runner fetch, but less than a fifth of what it would command if it were functional. A cherry red Volvo with just 60,000 miles and a pristine interior under the dust goes for \$350. I find it on Craigslist the next day advertised as



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Public auctions like these are generally where bad cars come to die. Ostensibly, one must be a licensed dealer to purchase inventory, but a nifty loophole and an extra \$50 fee when doing the paperwork will make just about anyone with a photo ID a dealer for a day.

having a new starter and being in perfect mechanical condition. The asking price is \$5500.

Now it's go time. The battery and gas issues seem to have been resolved, and the cars that run (or are at least capable of limping across the asphalt pad that serves as a stage) begin rolling onto the block.

You may have seen classic car auctions, such as the ones put on by Mecum or Barret-Jackson that occasionally fill out the hours on lower-tier

cable networks. This isn't that. Instead of a team of polo-shirted porters heaving in unison to glide a car in neutral onto a stage, a single driver, often hanging out of an ajar door in the dead of the summer heat, wheels his steed onto a pad. In the televised vanity shows, a camera pans in on the car, projecting images of glossy paint and shiny engine bays onto a screen while elderly white men quietly raise bidding panels. Here, a horde descends on every car

as it rolls onto the block, someone pops the hood and hands grab at the oil cap, transmission fluid dipstick, the radiator. More crane their necks into the passenger door, crowding the porter and demanding to know what error messages the dash is displaying and asking fruitlessly for advice on how the car runs from a man (almost always a man) who's driven it less than a hundred feet. Most of these clowns aren't even going to register a bid, and they knew that before obtrusively making themselves a part of the show.

The one thing that the reality shows don't undersell is the auctioneer's patois — that rambling, rapid-fire cacophony of sound that's even more endearing and confusing when slipping fluidly between English and Spanish. My favorite auctioneer Oscar isn't here today, but this guy's pretty good too.

"Next up lot two yes lot two *vehiculo numero dos* it's a '99 Chevy Cavalier clean title *titulo limpio* donation donation car runner

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Two minutes in, two cars gone. And someone is stuck with a wreck for which I wouldn't have given \$300.

Next up is that Ram, which goes for \$1400. Damn it, I should've looked at that one a little harder. It's 10 years newer than my Chevy, which I'm sure I could have gotten \$3500 for on the open market, pocketing about \$1700 after fees and upgrading my work truck in the process. The rust bucket Volvo brings \$800 to a soon-to-be regretful schmuck, the Jeep gets \$1000 which wouldn't be

bad if I had any respect for two-wheel-drive SUVs. The Caddy pulls \$500, making me wish Jimmy had been here, or that I'd called him and texted some pictures.

I quickly bore of standing in the sun, which poked its way through the clouds a couple of hours ago and is now blasting on the wasteland inferno that defines the Otay industrial district. I leave once all of the cars I'd looked at and ventured guesses on have rolled across the line. Others will be waiting here for the next few hours, forking over more cash to cover their purchase balances, processing and dealer fees, and waiting to claim their prizes won. Or they'll just be stuck waiting around to get their deposits back if they ponied up and didn't make a buy.

So, after all the hustle and bustle of auction day, what's next for these cars? That can vary wildly, depending on the buyers.

A lot of them, especially the stalwart Japanese workhorses with expired registration bills rivaling their actual market value, are headed for Mexico. I don't under-

stand exactly how that works — maybe they can be registered without paying the US duties owed, maybe they end up on farms where they never touch public streets and don't need valid plates. Maybe people just drive them until they give out or they're impounded.

More will end up resold in the US market over the next few days or weeks. This is a process known as curbstoning, where unlicensed dealers meet unsuspecting marks on the side of the road or in a commercial parking lot and sell off their haul without ever registering the cars in their name with the DMV. The silly name comes from the practice of parking a vehicle on a curb somewhere easily visible, with a "for sale" sign but without the owner having the paperwork required to actually conduct a dealer transaction.

A few cars might even end up getting registered by their buyers, who have a genuine intention of owning and driving them for years to come.

For me and Jimmy? It's kind of a hybrid between the last two approaches.

"Always plan on putting at least \$500 more into the car than you think you're going to put into it," Jimmy cautioned me the first time I accompanied him to an auction after hearing his high-flying tales of driving a new car every month, never paying registration, and (almost) always making a profit at the end of the day.

To an underemployed freelancer already skirting the grey areas (worse, to be honest) of living legally, this sounded like a dream.

In the fall of 2015, I cobbled together \$1000 from a host of other dodgy schemes and Jimmy and I, after deciding to take a half-day off from our construction jobs, headed south for the first time, just after daybreak.

We were supposedly

just there to look, but a clean grey '95 Volvo sedan that seemed to run great had no interested bidders and Jimmy convinced me to pick it up for \$300. After paying the auction fees, smog check, and registration, I was still only about \$900 deep and had what seemed like a pretty decent car.

The original plan wasn't to sell. My wife's old Dodge Neon had suffered a catastrophic engine failure and she'd been driving my Honda Civic, a remnant of my former desk-job-and-dress-slacks life. I was relegated at the time to a 1987 Mazda coming apart at the seams and none too enthusiastic about hauling my work tools. If she took this Volvo, I could sell off the Honda and get a more appropriate work vehicle.

She was having none of it. So, onto the internet went my new car — within two days I was counting out 15 crisp hundos from a buyer who'd traveled from Orange County. I had my nut back, plus Jimmy and I each pocketed \$300 for our trouble. It was on from there.

A Buick Century only needed an oil change and some brake pads, netting a quick \$800 profit. Then came the Jeep XJ that cost \$1200 and brought \$3500 after replacing the radiator and some hoses, and doing a tranny flush. I got and kept my ZJ. Another Volvo got new spark plugs, ignition coils, and fresh fluids before delivering \$750. A Volkswagen Jetta that looked like it hosted a carpool of sweaty oil derrick workers who neither washed themselves

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or their car for years on end got an entire new interior plucked from the junkyards just north of the auction lots and brought nearly a grand. I eventually found a Volkswagen Passat to my wife's liking and dumped off the Civic, but by this point its front axles were failing and had to be replaced before I could feel good about selling it. A guy came all the way from Nevada to drive a Cadillac home, another flew in from Michigan with his wife to take a Buick.

There were good cars, but there were plenty of bad ones too. A Volkswagen Beetle (the dumb kind, not the cool old kind) started pissing coolant out of the block 2 miles away from the auction and took the better part of a day to limp home, with me stopping every few miles to cool down, adding water purloined from one fast food bathroom after another, and limping to the next shopping center. We ended up selling that one at a \$300 loss to someone whose daughter had been rear-ended and had a good engine but no car to put it in.

A Cadillac Deville also had an overheating problem, and its early Northstar engine had an electric water pump

that required the entire engine to be dropped for repairs. Not ready to take that on armed only with jack stands and half a tarp shading our East County driveway/mechanic compound, we took a \$500 loss.

Another VW Passat, this one a station wagon, ran great but kept throwing check engine codes I could never figure out how to solve. It wouldn't pass smog, I eventually gave up on it, and it disappeared from Jimmy's driveway one day. I don't know if he ever sold it or if, as he claims, it's still sitting at the house of his buddy, another unlicensed mechanic. Regardless, I'm out a whopping \$1900 on that one when you figure in the cost of the car and all the parts I threw at it trying to make the SOB go.

Regardless of circumstance, I felt good about the cars I sold. It was usually him doing the selling. I'm not much for hard negotiations. We were always open about how we got the cars. "Hey, so I picked this up at an auction and went through it to make sure it was in good shape, you can see all the paperwork here, and I'm just trying to make a few bucks for my time." Even if that wasn't en-



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tirely legal, we always believed that we were selling good, cheap cars to people who needed good, cheap transportation.

That said, I'm not everyone, nor am I really an example of the curbstoning community. I've met plenty of people who want to do nothing more than take a \$500 wreck home, buff the exterior and shampoo the interior, and throw the car up on the open market. Watch out for these guys.

How? If you're going to buy a used car online, make sure you see ID from your seller. If it doesn't match the name

on the title, ask why. You're probably going to get a "Well, my mom/dad/sister/brother/aunt/uncle/cousin wanted me to help them with the sale."

Ask if you can talk to or meet the mom/dad/sister/brother/aunt/uncle/cousin. If that's a no, take warning. It's fair game at this point to ask if you're buying an auction car. If so, you don't need to worry so much — it's the seller that's breaking the law by selling illegally, not you who might be buying from an illegal dealer. Still, you need to protect yourself.

Ask if you can have your mechanic check

the car out before you make an offer. Lots of mechanics, for a fee of \$100 or so, will do a pre-purchase inspection (Google is your friend in this case, folks), and this is just good practice for anyone buying a used car ever. If you get pushback or someone tries the hard sell, walk away. There are so many cheap cars out there; you'll find one that works and won't leave you stranded.

Eventually, the game ended up being a bit much for me. Construction work picked up, then freelance work did the same. Despite some of the big scores, after doing the math Jimmy and

I were splitting an average profit of about \$500 per car, usually putting at least 5-6 hours into cleaning it up and at least twice that much time under the hood to make sure things were as reliable and safe as cars this far past their prime ever could've hoped to be.

The returns just weren't there, and why bother committing a crime when the payoff isn't any better than you could get from legit work that's readily available? Not to mention I'd grown my personal collection to six vehicles, admittedly overkill for a household of three drivers.

Still, there's something fun about the thrill of the chase, the hopes of finding a diamond in the rough, the silent satisfaction of learning to bid undetected using a single raised eyebrow and a smile. And so I'm back another few weeks later, this time with my eye on a mid-'90s Ford Ranger pickup with the same five-speed manual and 4.0-liter V6 engine I owned back in high school. The clutch feels firm, the engine purrs, it's got a spotless interior (minus the fact someone haphazardly sliced out the headliner with a razor knife when it started to sag), and I'm really sick of the miles-per-gallon ratio of my Chevy that feels more like gallons-per-mile when I'm doing smaller jobs.

The gavel bangs at \$1300. My wife is not pleased. I tell her it's got a rare feature — a millennial theft prevention device, also known as a clutch pedal. I want my daughter to learn to drive it. Maybe I'll sell it off in a few months or a year, but for now my stable has once again grown by one.

— Sean Lebowksi

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ZIGGY MARLEY

Thursday | 11

BELLY UP LIVESTREAM: ZIGGY MARLEY

52-year-old reggae star Ziggy Marley released eight studio albums with his band The Melody Makers before going solo in the early 2000s.

His most recent solo full-length, *Rebellion Rises*, was preceded by one of several concert records in his catalog of around a dozen albums. Marley will perform with his full band for the first time in 2021, for a concert set broadcast by The Belly Up.

WHEN: Thursday, March 11, 6:30 pm
WHERE: nocapshows.com



tours, as well as panel discussions.

WHEN: Friday, March 5 through Friday, March 12, 10 am to 5 pm

WHERE: sdarchitecture.org

Saturday | 13

BUSINESS AS USUAL & BENCH WARMERS

Community Actors Theatre virtually presents two one-act plays from Earl Hamilton, Jr. *Bench Warmers*: New to the NFL, two football players quickly learn how to enjoy and abuse their “prime-time success” strictly from the sidelines. *Business as Usual*: An old film

producer tries to teach his young writer why things are done a certain way and why blacks gotta die in movies.

WHEN: Thursdays through Sundays, March 4 through March 14, 7 pm to 8 pm

WHERE: communityactorstheatre.com

Friday | 12

OH! SAN DIEGO ARCHITECTURE

OH! San Diego (Open House San Diego) is a free architectural event. This year’s theme is Design + Community, highlighting seven neighborhoods: Barrio Logan, Chula Vista, City Heights, La Mesa, National City, San Marcos, and Southeastern San Diego. Explore each neighborhood’s history and public spaces. OH! San Diego will offer virtual and self-guided



DROPKICK MURPHYS



FRIDAY, MARCH 12: OH! SAN DIEGO ARCHITECTURE

Sunday | 14

A YEAR OF DISDANCE

On March 16 2020, California officially received its first stay-at-home orders in response to Covid-19. In March of 2021, we will reflect on our experiences of this time with *A Year of DisDANCE*; a dance film about the ways in which we have adapted, reconsidered, forgotten, revived, mourned, amplified or otherwise understood dance and movement

over the past year. Enjoy dance from movement artists Desiree Cuizon, Marcos Duran, Marlene Garcia, Alyssa Junious, Tanya Lewis, and Alyssa Rose.

WHEN: Sunday, March 14, 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm; 4 pm to 5 pm; and 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

WHERE: Cinema Under the Stars, 4040 Goldfinch Street, Mission Hills. discoriot.org/year-of-disdance/



Wednesday | 17

DROPKICK MURPHYS ST. PATRICK’S DAY LIVESTREAM

Staying true to their annual tradition, Dropkick Murphys unite with music fans (virtually) to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. The free streaming online concert, with no in-person audience, will feature fan favorites and songs from the band’s new studio album, releasing soon. The group will perform on an arena-sized stage with an LED screen and a new video show.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 17, 4 pm
WHERE: dropkickmurphys.com

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ART

Panache Annual Art Auction Fundraiser Panache will be held as an online auction. Local and regional artists have generously donated a piece of artwork to the EAP to be auctioned. From paintings to sculpture to hand made wood furniture, there is a piece of art for all to enjoy. Saturday, March 13, 9am; free. escondidoarts.org. (ONLINE)

BEER

Trivia Night Come on over to the East Village location for the most fun we can have getting together while being apart spatially. Thursdays, 7pm; through March 25, free. 21 and up. Duck Foot East Village Taproom & Kitchen, 550 Park Bl., Ste 2104. (EAST VILLAGE)

Wednesdays, 7pm; through Wednesday, April 28, free. 21 and up. Duck Foot Brewing Company, 8920 Kenamar Drive. (MIRAMAR)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

2nd Sundays Nature Therapy Experience An easy-paced, guided tour which produces a calming, internal experience. Participants are invited to connect with nature gradually, through a series of simple exercises using their senses of sight, hearing, taste, smell or touch, during a stroll through The Water Conservation Garden. Sunday, March 14, 10am; free-\$10. Water Conservation Garden, 12122 Cuyamaca College Drive West. (RANCHO SAN DIEGO)

Mid-scale Composting with Windrows Join Solana Center for a 1-hour webinar demonstrating the management of a mid-scale windrow compost for farms and ranches with significant quantities of organic materials, including manure. This webinar is a 4-part composting series. Email kelsea@solanacenter.org Wednesday, March 17, 3pm; free. solanacenter.org/. (ONLINE)

SnakeSmart We're offering SnakeSmart workshop to help you overcome your fear of snakes. You will have the opportunity to gain a better understanding about snakes and their behavior. If you have any questions, please contact us at 858-756-4117 ext. 318 or education@animalcenter.org. Saturday, March 13, 9:30am; \$30. Helen Woodward Animal Center, 6461 El Apajo Road. (RANCHO SANTA FE)

DISCUSSION GROUPS

7th Annual Women's Symposium This annual event brings together top women leaders to share their insights and pathways to success with our students and community. This year's theme is Watch Her Rise: Lessons in Perseverance & Reinvention. Friday, March 12, 8:30am; free-\$20. aolp.org/olpws/. (ONLINE)

Tech Talk: Energize Your Waste In early 2021, EDCO began the roll out of a state-of-the-art organics recycling plant, known as an Anaerobic Digestion Facility. This facility will turn organic

Rhyme & Verse

The Tram That Lost Its Way

A poem by Nikolai Gumilyov

I walked an unfamiliar street
And suddenly heard a raven's cry,
And the sound of a lute, and distant thunder,—
In front of me a tram was flying.

How I jumped onto its footboard,
Was a mystery to me,
Even in daylight it left behind
A fiery trail in the air.

It rushed like a dark, winged storm,
And was lost in the abyss of time...
Tram-driver, stop,
Stop the tram now.

Too late. We had already turned the corner,
We tore through a forest of palms,
Over the Neva, the Nile, the Seine
We thundered across three bridges.

And slipping by the window frame,
A poor old man threw us an inquisitive glance —
The very same old man, of course,
Who had died in Beirut a year ago.

Where am I? So languid and troubled
The beat of my heart responds:
"Do you see the station where you can buy
A ticket to the India of the soul?"

A sign... Blood-filled letters
Announce: "Zelennaya," — I know that here
Instead of cabbages and rutabagas
The heads of the dead are for sale.

In a red shirt, with a face like an udder,
The executioner cuts my head off, too,
It lies together with the others
Here, in a slippery box, at the very bottom.

And in a side street a board fence,
A house three windows wide, a gray lawn...
Tram-driver, stop,
Stop the tram now.

Mashenka, you lived here and sang,
You wove me, your betrothed, a carpet,
Where are your voice and body now,
Is it possible that you are dead?

How you groaned in your front chamber,
While I, in a powdered wig,
Went to introduce myself to the Empress
Never to see you again.

Now I understand: our freedom
Is only an indirect light from those times,
People and shadows stand at the entrance
To a zoological park of planets.

And a sudden, familiar, sweet wind blows,
A horseman's hand in an iron glove
And two hooves of his horse
Fly at me over the bridge.

That faithful stronghold of Orthodoxy,
Isaac's, is etched upon the sky,
There I will hold a service for Mashenka's health
And a Requiem Mass for myself.

And my heart goes on forever in gloom,
It is hard to breathe and painful to live...
Mashenka, I never would have dreamed
That such love and longing were possible.



Nikolai Gumilyov (1886-1921) was a Russian poet, literary critic and one of the earliest victims of conscience in the Soviet Union. A cofounder of the Acmeist movement in Russian literature — which espoused compactness of form and clarity of expression as leading virtues in any literary endeavor — Gumilov was among the most renowned of the first generation of poets to live under Soviet oppression. The husband of fellow Russian poet Anna Akhmatova (1889-1966), Gumilov was unequivocal in his disdain for communism and the Soviet regime which destroyed his country and suppressed Christianity. (He would publicly make the Sign of the Cross when such gestures were dangerous if not outright illegal.) On August 26, he was eventually canceled from Soviet culture when he and 61 other "conspirators" in a fabricated plot to overthrow the government were executed. "The Tram That Lost Its Way" is considered one of the greatest poems of the 20th century.

Find more poetry online at SDreader.com/poetry

LECTURES

Great Women Artists, Then & Now: Part 2 In association with the upcoming Twenty Women Artists: NOW exhibition at OMA, join Robin Douglas for the second of her riveting lectures highlighting the powerful contributions of women artists throughout the ages, from ancient creators to the Renaissance to the groundbreaking geniuses of the 20th and 21st centuries. Hear their stories, discover their artwork, and enjoy hidden treasures along the way. Thursday, March 11, 7pm; free-\$5. <https://bit.ly/3rs5wwL>. (ONLINE)

OUTDOORS

The Pleasantly Pungent Odor of sage is filling the air wherever native vegetation grows on the county's coastal and lower-foothill slopes. Most common are the black sage, with tight clusters of small, white flowers; the grayish-leaved

white sage; purple-blossomed, sweet-smelling Cleveland sage; and California sagebrush, characterized by soft, needle-like leaves.

Ornamental Peach Trees, with radiant white and pink blossoms, are lighting up the manicured landscape around Sixth Avenue and Laurel Street in Balboa Park. These and other "stone fruit" trees, with and without edible fruits, belong to the genus Prunus. Several native Prunus species contribute to San Diego County's natural vegetation as well — among them, hollyleaf cherry, choke cherry, desert almond, and desert apricot. The desert apricot, now in full bloom on the rocky hillsides of the AnzaBorrego Desert, attracts swarms of bees with its sweet-smelling nectar.

The Coastal Wildflower Bloom will likely continue into April. One of the best spots for viewing the greatest variety of flowers is Torrey Pines State Reserve. San Onofre State Beach, just north of Camp Pendleton, should have acres and acres of monkeyflower, with a half-dozen different shades, blooming on the coastal bluffs.

On grassy hillsides in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve and in Mission Trails Regional Park (especially behind the Old Mission Dam), you may find carpets of California poppies, purple nightshade, pinkish owl's clover, blue-colored lupine, and scattered splashes of color due to a dozen or more other species of wildflowers. North County residents should check out the huge Daley Ranch preserve in northeast Escondido. Its rolling hillsides and grassy meadows should sport a fantastic display of wildflowers by late March.

The Big Dipper is high in the northeast and beginning to tip left. Look left of its center, by about three fists at arm's length, for Polaris in the dim Little Dipper. Other than Polaris, all you may see of the Little Dipper through light pollution are the two stars forming the outer edge of its bowl: Kochab (similar to Polaris in brightness) and below it, fainter Pherkad. Find these two "Guardians of the Pole" to Polaris's lower right by about a fist and a half at arm's length.

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The barrio's hopping

“Did all your other girlfriends turn you down?”

Welcome to Caballero's Homey Jammmm!” scribbles this gal on a piece of paper. Music's too loud for talking. We're sitting right in front of this group of jamming Latin jazz players, playing live to maybe 100 of us scattered around. And, oh yes: I recognize the trumpet player, Bill Caballero, one of San Diego's top trumpeters. Teaches music at Point Loma High School. The same jam session group that played at Border X pub, also in the Barrio, PC (Pre-Covid).

Wow. So this is like first shoots of spring. People! Together! I see the tables are well-segregated, but there's a lot of milling-about going on. And people are already caught up in the music. Now I'm spotting lots of familiar faces.



a carnival sign that spells out “COCKTAILS” in bright lightbulbs. Its sides have been swung open to reveal a bar. Uber cool!

This is a discovery. We're in the belly of the Barrio, and the Barrio's hopping. Turns out they're only here weekends. This is Sunday, 3 pm. So I have this inspiration. “Durlin! Get on down here,” I shout into my cell phone. It's my Scottish friend, Annie.

I see on the board menu that they're already out of brisket and pulled pork. What's left is turkey, pork spare ribs, hot links, and cauliflower. But, *ayee!* Not cheap. “One meat plate, \$20, brisket plate, \$25,” it says. Plates come with two sides and two sauces. Actually, the sides look original. Sweet potato and apple salad with honey dressing. Also sweet, the pineapple coleslaw. And this is new: *Chente frijoles*, whatever they are, come with tomatoes, onions, garlic and chiles. And there's a jalapeño mac'n cheese. Oh, and also “Chef Kenzo's famous game night chili” with a fried potato croquette, cheddar cheese, and green onion (\$15). So we're talking comfort food, which I guess is the understandable choice in these stressful days. They've also added bacon-wrapped jalapeño poppers (3 for \$12), and cornbread (\$3).

So I suck it up and know I'm going to be out forty-odd buckeroos, but that's for two, so it doesn't give me quite the same indignation.

Oh. They're out of chili, and the poppers. No probbo. I order the ribs, plus an add of hot links (\$10), and for the sides, sweet potato and apple salad, and just to see what they taste like, *chente frijoles*. And for the free sauces, Adelita's sweet BBQ, and smoked chipotle lacquer. That should be plenty for both of us.

“Hey! Sassenach! Did all your other girlfriends turn you down?”

Annie always comes out swinging. But I'm ready for her this time: got her a “Treading Lightly” lo-carb beer. She's on a serious diet she calls “Losing

It,” and whatever else she's doing, losing weight she is. Me, not so much. I go next door to Thorn's regular pub (where you can get draft beers) and purchase a Russian Imperial Stout for \$8.75. Oh mama. They have about three stouts on tap, but this is the real thing.

But diet or not, both of us gouge into the pork spare ribs like hyenas. They are totally flavor-soaked, and full of juices you could just about drink, but with crisp skin surfaces. The people here are also starting a pizza biz called “Hot Mess.” But I've got news for them. The mess is already here.

We agree on one thing: the hot link is the



Bill Caballero revives live performance with his Latin Jazz jam group

champ of the day. Slightly sweet, slightly hot, so robust, yet delicate, with the garlic and herbs. We had to fight over the last chunk (she won).

The band's playing riffs on “The Mambo Inn,” a famous Cuban jazz piece. Everybody loves it, kids included. People are dancing through the long slopes of sunlight.

So the afternoon goes by like a reunion, with folks relaxing like this was their club head-

quarters. You would never know this had been an overgrown industrial lot a couple of months ago. The wall art is terrific, and the more you look, the more you see just about everything is recycled.

“We even recycle our surplus beer,” says Kendo, the chef. “We save the alcohol and turn it into ‘ReBru’ whisky. If we need charcoal, we use our BBQ charcoal. The spent grain from the brewing I use in the pizza dough. It gives it a toothy feel.”



Recyclers: repurposed horse trailer is now the bar

Got to go. I've been hanging on to see if Bill Caballero's gonna strike up with “El Cuarto de Tula,” which was a kind of end-of-evening anthem at Border X. It's going on a year without being able to join in the famous lines everybody sang: “Ay, Mama! Que paso?”

“Ay, Mama! Que paso?” Guess I must have been singing it as we leave. Annie looks at me. “Could we possibly remember the next line, Jock?” she says. ■



Spectacular murals transform this ex-industrial land



What \$30 buys: pork spare ribs, hot links, frijoles, sweet potato and apple salad side

Just think, five minutes ago I was half asleep aboard the 901 bus. Vaguely noticed Thorn Brewing's big new brewhouse. Then: *ulp*. Out the window: People! Party! I yanked the cord. Bus pulls up at Mother's Nutritional Center. I hopped out, walked back past the main Thorn tasting room, and on towards that scene I saw. The burble of voices and jazz sounds drew me to this slice of spare land between Thorn's warehouse and a building that said, “Bachelors' Flat for Model ex-Offenders.” Now here I am.

“Side Yard BBQ,” says another sign. I join people lining a rope between aluminum beer barrels. It leads us to a matte-black horse trailer with

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Farmers Bottega, where it already feels like spring

Farmers Bottega; 860 W. Washington Street, Mission Hills. Scoring a weekend table at a decent outdoor dining venue has become something of a post pandemic sport. Go to any restaurant with patio dining on a sunny Saturday afternoon and you can expect a cluster of parties outside waiting to be seated. Sunday's more of the same, except bolstered by free parking.

Famished, we hoped to be seated as soon as possible. So, when our first-choice restaurant offered a 30-minute wait, we checked in at the hostess stand of a reasonable Plan B. Another 30-minute wait. Same with Plan C. Everywhere, we saw

patios stuffed with crowded tables, placed as closely together as pandemic etiquette allowed.

By the time we'd checked out all three, Plan A texted to let me know a table had opened up. So we'd be eating at Farmer's Bottega after all.

Part of the allure was eating within its patio, set up just inside a colorful "Mission Hills" neighborhood sign overlooking the sidewalk. At least, that's where I thought we'd be eating. But, even better, the place has a second outdoor patio roughly behind the restaurant, offering tented seating within sort of a red brick alley.

A well-garnished bloody mary to pass the time.

The more relevant selling point of Farmer's Bottega would be its farm-to-table stance. Once a trite marketing term used by restaurants all over town, most seem to have given up the farm-to-table label. Perhaps because it doesn't evoke the sort of foods that satisfy lusty cravings, such as pizza or burgers.

I wasn't aiming for either as we took our seats. But with restaurants only now learning how to be busy again, service on a sunny day tends to be slower than usual this time of year. By the time we got to order, our hunger surpassed



There's second seating around back.

the promise of salads and brunch items being served. Farm-to-table burger and pizza it would be! My wife asked for one of the eatery's large bloody marys (\$10), so at least we'd have bacon and olives to snack upon in the meantime.

The huge bacon cheeseburger (\$18) would have been enough for both of us, at a half pound at least. We opted for the \$3 upgrade to truffle fries, and any hope the added flavor might slow us down, quickly vanished. Burger and fries disappeared in less time than it took to find parking.

Thus, the actual dining portion of our outing might have turned out to be the shortest, had we not also ordered the flatbread (\$16). The long pizza boasted a fresh basil pesto beneath the cheese, and slices of both red and yellow

heirloom tomatoes above. For this dish we would linger, enjoying the opportunity to be outdoors, with food, with someone to occasionally wander by and replenish our drinks.

Here's hoping this spring proves better than the last.

by Ian Anderson



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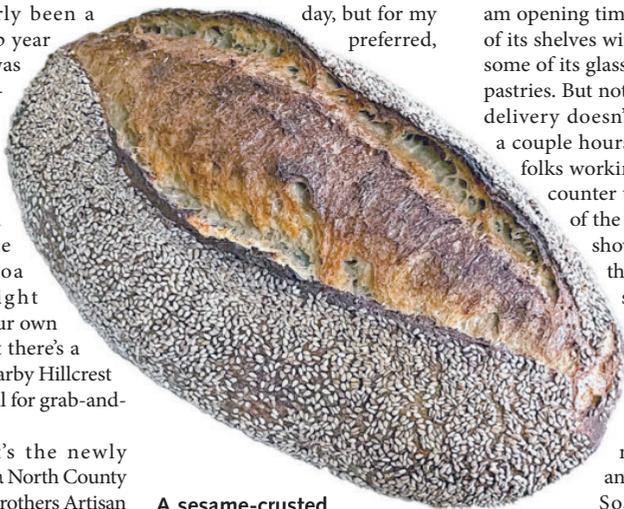
Ready-to-go sandwiches from Prager Brothers Artisan Breads: perfect for a picnic.

Prager Brothers drives its artisan breads to Hillcrest

Prager Brothers Artisan Breads; 5611 Palmer Way C, Carlsbad. Spring wouldn't technically arrive for another few weeks, but the sun was out. After what has nearly been a full, cooped-up year of covid, that was all the encouragement we needed to have a picnic. So we grabbed a blanket, and headed out the door for Balboa Park. We might have brought our own victuals, except there's a new place in nearby Hillcrest that looked ideal for grab-and-go sandwiches.

Actually, it's the newly opened shop of a North County bakery. Prager Brothers Artisan Breads bakes its goods in Carlsbad, just off El Camino Real. It provides breads for local restaurants, but also operates a retail counter. There customers may choose from a selection of pastries, cookies, and sourdough loaves ranging from raisin wal-

nut to kalamata olive rosemary. One of the first things you learn trying to pick up bread from Prager Brothers, is that it matters which day of the week you go in. Olive rosemary is only baked on Wednesday and Saturday, for example. Country and multigrain loaves sell every day, but for my preferred,



A sesame-crusted sourdough loaf, \$7.

sesame-seed encrusted sourdough, it's got to be Monday, Thursday, or Sunday.

The same is true in the Hillcrest shop. Located on University Avenue, a couple blocks east

of the 163, the shop isn't its own bakery location. It takes daily deliveries from Carlsbad.

Which presented a minor setback when I showed up first thing in the morning looking for breakfast pastries. The Hillcrest shop's first daily delivery arrives prior to its 8 am opening time, filling most of its shelves with loaves, and some of its glass counter with pastries. But not all. A second delivery doesn't show up til a couple hours later. As the folks working behind the counter told me, most of the sweet pastries show up first, but those looking for savory goods will have to wait for the driver to navigate that freeway commute north and back.

So, while I was able to nab both almond (\$3.50) and chocolate croissants (\$3.50), there were no ham-and-cheese croissants at 8 am. Some of the heavier pastries were on that second truck as well. There were plenty of morning buns in the counter at

8, but not yet any of the custard-filled morning buns, nor glazed cinnamon rolls.

Back to that picnic, though. If timing counts for those shopping for pastries and loaves, sandwiches are for the spontaneous. You may order all of the above ahead of time for pickup, but if you're looking for a sandwich, they won't even let you phone in an order ahead of time.

That's because all the sandwiches (arriving later in the morning) are pre-made. They sit inside the counter, ready to go in as little time as it takes to order and pay. For our picnic, I grabbed a turkey chimichurri (\$6), spicy Italian (\$7), and ham & gruyere (\$6).

This day at least, the turkey was served on a ciabatta-like roll topped by baked cheese and sunflower seeds, made with antibiotic-free turkey, cheddar, and arugula, then finished with an herbal and quite nutty chi-

michurri. Better was the spicy salami, a similar sandwich with Calabrese salami, aged provolone, pickled red onion, and a house made Romesco (roasted tomato) sauce.

But tops for me was the ham and gruyere, dressed only with butter and homemade mustard. It wasn't so much that the toppings outshone the others, but this sandwich was made on a small length of baguette. The chewy crustiness of the baguette proved

satisfying with every bite, reminding me why Prager is a trusted source of bread around the county.

by Ian Anderson

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DOWNTOWN SAN DIEGO

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

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

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

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

BOOZE NEWS

BY IAN ANDERSON

Setting Sun Sake cans an alternative to beer

This week, I cracked open a cold one. Pulled the tab of a 12-ounce can and heard that satisfying *csht* sound that usually presages enjoyment of an ale or lager. Except it wasn't beer inside, rather, a single serving of sake. San Diego's own **Setting Sun Sake Brewing Co.** has introduced its first sakes in cans.

Setting Sun emerged back in 2016, as a Miramar nanobrewery intent on applying a craft beer ethos to the Japanese brewing tradition. Although people often refer to sake as rice wine, cofounder Josh Hembree has always been quick to point out that it's actually a cereal beverage, brewed from grain, and

therefore more analogous to beer.

Packaged in a 12-ounce aluminum can, the resemblance becomes more apparent. Whereas traditional sakes do typically match the potency of wine — somewhere in the vicinity of 14-percent alcohol by volume — Setting Sun's canned sakes rate closer to a double IPA, measuring 8 percent. And while traditional sakes tend to be poured almost ceremonially from 60-ounce bottles — to be shared over a sushi dinner, for example — these are labeled as session sakes, meant to be enjoyed under the same circumstances as a refreshing beer.

While sake doesn't retain a head of foam like beer, there is a little fizz here. As Hembree puts it, "They're lightly carbonated... just enough to give the can a little squeeze, so it doesn't feel soft." Bubbles also open up the flavors contained within.

And flavor is where these canned sakes distinguish themselves. Though Setting Sun initially garnered national press for such tactics as flavoring its sake with hops, these sakes go in a different direction. Here, the mild sweetness of sake is complemented with sweet adjuncts, and balanced with teas. So the Arizona Iced Tea-inspired Arizona Bae tastes like a petulant peach and matcha green tea. Lil' Cloudy imbues unfiltered *nigori*

sake with vanilla and chai spice. "Flip to enjoy cloudy," reads the label, an instruction toward getting a clouded, creamy appearance.

Each can's label also highlights another rel-

"But they're like, 'No, it's our biggest growing category!'"

Canned session sake has much more body than hard seltzer, and far less acidity than kombucha, so the rapid growth of gluten-free beer alternatives could mean further expansion is imminent for Setting Sun. The sake brewer has already expanded its production more than eight-fold in four years and secured distribution as far away as Montana, and it ships direct to consumer orders to 39 states.

Its next canned product could endear it to yet another growing category: ready-to-drink cocktails. At Setting Sun's Miralani Drive tasting room, the sake cocktail program spearheaded by tasting room manager Kim Roxas has yielded a fan-favorite, dubbed Citra & Citrus. It mixes zests of lemon, lime, and orange with thyme and Citra hops. Which means hopped sake in a can could be coming soon.



Two new session sake releases mark the beginning of canned sake for Setting Sun Sake.

evant way sake differs from beer: it's gluten free. Which has prompted the retailers Hembree has worked with to place it away from beer, in the same category as popular beer alternatives including hard seltzers and hard kombucha.

"Immediately, I'm upset that I'm in this other category," says the beer industry veteran,

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

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

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

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

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

EAST VILLAGE

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

El Dorado Cocktail Lounge: *Tuesday-Thursday, Sunday,*

7-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails. Friday-Saturday, 5-9pm: \$6 signature cocktails.

EASTLAKE

The Cheesecake Factory Eastlake: *Monday-Friday, 4-6pm: \$3.95 select beer bottles, \$4.95 select beer drafts, \$7.95 Mojito, Long Island ice tea, Margarita, JW's Pink Lemonade, Cosmopolitan, select well drinks and wines by the glass.*

ENCINITAS

Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill: *Monday-Friday, 2-6pm: \$3 well cocktails, house wine, domestic draft.*

ESCONDIDO

Brigantine Escondido: *Daily, 3-6pm: \$1 off drafts, well drinks, featured wine, \$5.75 house margarita.*

Vintana Wine + Dine: *Daily, 3-5pm: \$8 martinis and appetizers.*

LA MESA

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

LAKESIDE

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

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

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

MISSION VALLEY

Lazy Dog: *Monday-Thursday, 3-6pm and 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Friday, 3-6pm: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini. Sunday, 9pm-close: \$3-\$8: Housemade sangrias, well drinks, drafts, house wine, Asian pear martini.*

NORTH PARK

Redwing Bar & Grill: *Wednesday-Friday, 3pm-6pm: \$4.50 24 oz. Tall Boys.*

OCEANSIDE

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

OLD TOWN

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

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

PACIFIC BEACH

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

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

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

POINT LOMA

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

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

RANCHO SAN DIEGO

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

SAN MARCOS

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blurt the inside track

Back to the farm The Beat Farmers' debut album *Tales of the New West* was recorded in the summer of 1984 with a bare-bones budget of \$4500 — the



and The Long Ryders, and I was like, 'You've gotta see these guys down here, they're amazing.' So, he was like 'Why don't you tape them?' He was like, 'Borrow my cassette player, make a tape and send it back up to me.' So that's what I did, and he really loved them. He came down to see them and that's where the whole thing started."

in 2004. Perloff is releasing a new two-CD deluxe edition of the album on April 2. The set's second disc will be a live recording of one of their Spring Valley Inn gigs from 1983. A gatefold, vinyl edition of the original album will also be available on May 7.

"I've done some other projects and things that I was pretty into, but nothing that even comes near how important this first Beat Farmers album is to me," Perloff said. "If it can just be written about again, talked about again and if people recognize it again. I'm not thinking it's going to sell five or ten-thousand



COURTESY DAN PERLOFF

The Beat Farmers, left to right: Rhino executive Dan Perloff, Richard Foes (Rhino Co-founder/Owner), Gary Stewart, Rich Schmidt, Buddy Blue, Buddy's girlfriend Allison, Rolle Love, Country Dick Montana.

majority of which was spent on a single-day marathon session at Capitol Records' in-house studio. The album was released the following year on Rhino Records and went on to sell over 50,000 units.

At the time, the signing of the band to Rhino was unexpected because the reissue-intensive label rarely released albums by new artists. The odd-couple pairing was arranged by Dan Perloff, a young Rhino employee who was turned on to the band while he was attending SDSU. He caught one of their Spring Valley Inn gigs and was sold.

"Gary Stewart, who was my boss and mentor at Rhino — I was just telling him about them," he explained. "We were both really into the whole roots scene that was going on with The Blasters, Rank and File,

The band wasn't met with as much enthusiasm by the higher-ups at the label, but they eventually agreed to sign them. At the time, Rhino would occasionally release albums by new artists, but they were often recordings that had already been completed. Rhino paying for The Beat Farmers to record was unusual for the label, but the small financial gamble paid off and planted the seeds for a new venture.

"It ended up being a big success for Rhino," Perloff explained. "Gary ended up starting a division called RNA, which was 'Rhino New Artists.' He put out albums by Rank and File, Exene Cervenka, John Doe, and Steve Wynn."

The last reissue of *Tales of the New West* came out on Rhino's Handmade imprint

units or anything like that. I'm pretty realistic, but I just think it would be a great thing if people who didn't know about them got to experience them and other people got to remember how great they were."

— Dryw Keltz

Hobo code "The Thieves About" could suggest a phrase lacking one final noun. But as singer/guitarist J Scott Gavin avows, the name came about from a little boys love for locomotives. "My son was obsessively into trains," Gavin explains, "so very early in the mornings I would walk him to the train station in Encinitas to watch the morning trains roll in. I noticed some scribbles, and decided to investigate a little bit. I realized that hobos have their own code when they travel. They



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leave messages at or near the stations for other hobos.

"So I came across the [insignia] '2/10' — which means two eyes, ten fingers. It means that there are 'Thieves About.' So we went with it."

The band calls Encinitas home. Gavin moved there in 2012, after a long stretch in Phoenix, Arizona, and a 12-year hitch playing "Big Red," the mascot for the Arizona Cardinals.

"Encinitas is unbelievable," gushes Gavin. "I'm currently just a few blocks from Moonlight Beach, and am truly living the dream. We had been over near the Village Park area for a short time, but really wanted to be by the water. It gets *hot* over there! Cruising Neptune in the morning, and then stepping in the sand at Stonesteps is ideal. Plus, I love the restaurant/bar scene on Coast Highway. So much fun."

They love where they live, but the divide between home and the big city creates its own downsides. "One of the challenges we faced as a new band playing original tunes, is that a great deal of venues in Encinitas want cover songs. Especially the reggae and blues. The vibe is super chill, you know? So a rock band playing 90s style alt-rock wasn't really appealing. They want to bring in the tourists who are expecting 'Brown Eyed Girl' and 'Sweet Caroline,' not the dudes trying to pump a new EP.

"Down in San Diego, more folks are open to discovering new music and being a part of the independent music scene. A challenge for us, is that living in North County it's a bit more difficult to get engaged in the scene downtown. Not just nights we're playing, but it's super important to support our fellow artists by attending shows and picking up merch.

Hard to do when the Coaster stops heading north way before the bars close."

But the general region offers plenty of pleasures. "In Encinitas/North County I get my healthy on at Good On Ya, my drink on at Modern Time & Culture, and if I need a proper cocktail, I hit up the Roxy. My favorite post-practice spot is Alce 101 in Solana Beach for some tequila and elk *pozole*. Gotta shout out my friends at Pandora Pizza for a great pie, and Qero for date night. If I'm feeling really saucy, I gotta head to Carlsbad and spend some quality time at Campfire. I love spending time at Mission Brewery and the Tin Roof when I'm downtown."

The band, which includes Gavin, guitarist John Reikes, bassist Andrew Williams, and drummer Brian Ulery, got together the 21st Century way. "Brian and I connected through Facebook. It may have been that we were on

fit well.

"John knew Andrew's wife through some physical therapy in LA, and when they relocated to San Diego we decided to have a jam session. The music clicked and got very big. We jumped into the studio with these four songs, and immediately started talking about the next one."

They cut some of the latest EP, *A Joyful Terrorizing Ride*, at Studio West; but had to finish the tracks over the computer when the virus hit. "When recording guitars at home," Gavin advises, "try to make sure your door is locked so your kids can't get in. Both John and I had multiple interruptions on guitar takes, and there are spots on the recording where I had my daughter sitting on my lap while I played."

And when the virus lifts?

"Well, the future plans remain unchanged. Global domination. That's always been the goal. But when the



The Thieves About, love living in Encinitas, but they rarely play there. "A great deal of the venues in Encinitas want cover songs."

a musician website and I reached out to him. We started talking music and we liked the same bands, and had similar influences. I sent him some originals, and he was really into it. John came on board in similar fashion. We met over a beer and started chatting music, and it really just

virus does finally lift, we look forward to spending time on stages and with our friends and fans."

— Andrew Hamlin

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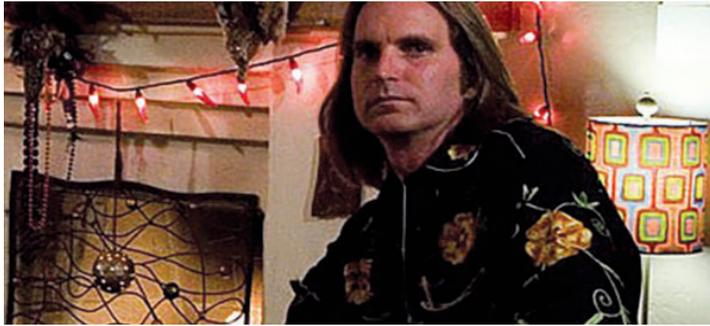
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GRAMPADREW

Acoustic troubadour Drew Douglas, aka Grampadrew, was nominated Best Alt Country and Best Songwriter at the 2008 San Diego HAT (Honoring Acoustic Talent) Awards. He came up performing at the Whistle Stop and later formed a local-based record label, mainly for his own releases. In addition, he's a registered reverend who performs both weddings and funerals, having studied English Literature & Religious Studies at SDSU. Grampadrew's Flim Flam Revue will return to the Casbah stage on Saturday, March 13, livestreamed via *Twitch.TV* and *CasbahLiveSD*. "We're cautiously dipping our toes back into the water," says Douglas of the longtime Cas-

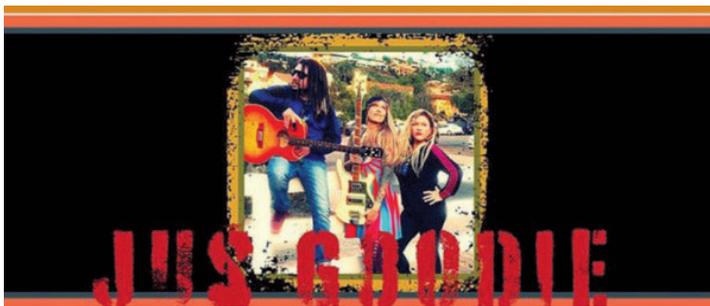
bah event. Guests include Matthew Strachota, Julia Sage, Chad Pittman, Lizzy Ritti, and Jules Stewart, all appearing on the same stage. "No in-person audience. We're also keeping the performers limited to six instead of the usual 15 or so. Half the performers have been vaccinated, and the other three are the quarantine I've trusted to stay safe with me over the last year. I'll also have everyone tested before the show, and we'll wear masks if we're not singing. I'll personally wear a mask even when I am singing. I have bandanas with filters that are safer than most bandanas, and I have performed successfully with them before."



MARCELO RADULOVICH

As a member of the Trummerflora music collective, Marcelo Radulovich performed as Titicacaman, as well as promoting local shows featuring other musicians from around the globe. His band projects have included Gunther's Grass, Playground Slap, and Me Me the Moth. A new single just dropped, "Over the Unfinished Bridge." "It's a collaboration I did with my friend, the Japanese singer and artist Haco," he says, "it was on her *Secret Garden* album in 2015. The track was just released by a label in the UK as part of a compilation titled *Rough Guide to Avant-Garde Japan*. Really happy with how the song turned out, and now honored to be

part of this new compilation. All the music was recorded in my studio in Cardiff, I played all the instruments, and then Haco wrote lyrics and recorded her vocals in Japan." Radulovich previously collaborated with Haco on the *Secret Garden* track "The Halo and Angel Wings." His League of Assholes project recently released an album called *Coda*, a follow-up to their 2018 political roast *Im Peach the Sequel*. "It was a cherry on top of the Trump-inspired Assholes catalog. I was worn out after I finished this album, so I did nothing to promote it."



JUS GOODIE

Reggae and R&B band Jus Goodie is fronted by Justin Goodman (aka Jus Goodie), who grew up in a Jewish household surrounded by Hebrew music. Among the influences they cite are Gregory Isaccs, Morgan Heritage, Anthony B, Everton Blender, Eek-A-Mouse, Sizzla, Capleton, Culture, Damian Marley, Burning Spear, and Katchafire. They've shared headline bills with local reggae stars Tribal Seeds, and they will be playing the Smokeout 5 socially distanced music festival in Yuba City, California on April 17. Their upcoming fourth studio album, due sometime this fall, is preceded by

the first single "Light On the Runway," which was produced by Dan Grossman of Loud City and drops March 19 on their own imprint. The album track "Changes" features longtime collaborator and co-producer Eric Hirschhorn of Rebelution. A recently posted video streaming on their Facebook page captures a live acoustic performance of "So Nice," filmed at their own urban marijuana farm. "We love our greenhouse," says the band. "Actually built it ourselves from the ground up, and growing so many amazing things."



BLINK-182

Drummer Travis Barker told the *Rock This Podcast* that the next Blink-182 album is "60 percent done... there's, like, a song with Grimes right now that's really cool that I love. There's a song with Uzi that's really cool that we did with Pharrell. I mean, it's not like Blink's making a rap song or anything. It's like bringing Uzi over to our world. So it's more of a punk kind of like reggae feeling song. I don't think Blink will ever be anything but a pop-punk band. I mean, that's who we are. And I feel like our fans have kind of journeyed with us when we've done songs like 'Miss You'

or ballads like 'Adam's Song.' But, like, we're never going to veer too far off from what we are. Like, I'm like a punk kid at heart, you know what I mean? Whether it's like pop-punk with Blink or whatever with [Machine Gun Kelly] or whatever with Trippie, that's where my heart's at. Like, I was raised on rap music and punk rock music. It's kind of all I know." Barker produced the new album by rapper Trippie Redd, *Neon Shark VS Pegasus*. The project also features verses from Deftones' Chino Moreno and Scarlxrd, Zillikami, and Machine Gun Kelly.



THE BEAT FARMERS

Alternative country rockers the Beat Farmers enjoyed a cult following throughout the 1980s and early 1990s before the premature death of lead singer and drummer Country Dick Montana, who died during a Beat Farmers gig in Whistler, British Columbia, in November 1995. At the end of the third song "The Girl I Almost Married," Montana slumped over. Guitarist Jerry Raney began to play Hank Williams' "Setting the Woods on Fire," as Montana weakly hit a cymbal, looked at bassist Rolle Love, and then sprawled slowly across his kit. When paramedics arrived ten minutes later, the 40-year-

old was dead, his cause of death ruled an acute aneurysm. He had cysts on his kidneys, and it has since been revealed by road manager Ames that Montana knew he had a blood clot in his leg but hadn't gone to a doctor for treatment. The Beat Farmers 1985 debut album, *Tales of the New West*, will get a deluxe reissue April 2 from Blixa Sounds. The package features the original Rhino Records album, as well as a second disc, *Live at the Spring Valley Inn 1983*, recorded at their favorite hometown hangout. The two disc set includes a 24-page booklet with liner notes and rare photos.

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Friday, 5pm, Saturday, 4pm — Danko Jones 25th Anniversary Livestream.
Friday, 6pm — Daughtry Live From Nashville. \$20-\$100.
Friday, 6pm — Japanese Breakfast Live From Pioneerworks. \$9.
Friday, 5pm — Lespecial Plays Primus. **Free.**
Friday, 2pm — Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25.
Friday, 5pm — Ryan Cabrera Live From Old Red, Nashville. \$10-\$125.
Friday, 6pm, Saturday & Monday, 7pm, Tuesday, 8pm — Todd Rundgren Clearly Human Virtual Tour. \$35-\$299.
Saturday, 8pm — Casbah Presents: Grampadrew's Flim Flam Revue. **Free.**
Saturday, 5pm — DJ Paul: Live From Los Angeles. **Free.**
Saturday, 5:45pm & 8:45pm, Sunday, 3:20pm & 6:45pm — The California Honeydrops Trio. \$15-\$65.
Saturday, 2pm — We Banjo 3: Live From Ireland.
Sunday, 6pm — Dwight Yoakam: One Time Live Series. \$20-\$165.
Sunday, 2pm — Iranian Classical Music in Historical & Contemporary Context. **Free.**
Sunday, 1pm — Sarah Donner Livestream. **Free.**
Monday, 6pm — Bret Michaels Livestream. \$100.
Monday, 8pm — Casbah Presents: Pharlee. **Free.**
Monday, 5pm — Della Mae Monday Night Hoedown. **Free.**
Monday, 5pm — Marble Eyes Mondays. **Free.**
Tuesday, 7pm — Art of Elan: Open Air. \$5-\$10.
Tuesday, 4:30pm — Neighbor Live From Planet Silver. \$10.
Tuesday & Wednesday, 11am — SXSW Online.
Wednesday, 4pm — Dropkick Murphys St. Patrick's Day Livestream. **Free.**
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IMMORTAL BEAUTY

BY GARRETT HARRIS

Stop spoon-feeding the audience

The San Diego Symphony streamed its second concert of the year on Friday, February 26, 2021. The concert presented three contrasting pieces of music.

The first piece, by Carlos Simon, was entitled *Elegy*, *A Cry from the Grave*. This composition is a reflection upon the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, and Michael Brown. I found it to be a beautiful piece of music that had a comforting quality.

I think the piece would be better served if it was simply entitled *Elegy*. The word "Elegy" carries with it the idea of remembering the dead. "A cry from the grave" exceeds even 19th Century emotionalism when it comes to giving pieces of music monikers.

As is the current practice, we were given a specific interpretation of the piece,

by the composer before it started. As I've mentioned, before, I do not enjoy this practice, and I get absolutely nothing from it. Worse, I find it to be a distraction from the music itself.

Instead of simply listening to the music, I found myself trying to work out its relationship with Trayvon Martin, Eric Garner, and Michael Brown.

Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown were shot and killed, Brown by a police officer and Martin by neighborhood watch participant named Geroge Zimmerman. Eric Garner died in the hospital an hour after being choked by the police. How did these go together? They were all young black men who died under tragic circumstances.

Had Carlos Simon said that this piece of music was inspired by and dedicated

to those who have died under such circumstances, that would have been much better. Ideally, he would have said nothing and allowed the audience to find its own experience of his wonderful music.

Composers of orchestral music have to trust the audience and trust themselves. Carlos Simon's music spoke for itself.

We often talk about a composer finding his or her voice. That used to mean the composer found the grammar of expression that is identifiable in all of their most important pieces. Apparently, that now means the composer's literal voice spoon-feeding the audience.

I understand that I sound like an absolute curmudgeon, or worse, but I have never once had a profound musical experience through feeling the composer's feel-



Carlos Simon's music spoke for itself.

ings and ideas. I have had profound musical experiences by having my *personal* feelings and ideas opened up by the music of a composer.

Elegy: A Cry from the Grave is a piece of music that can open us up to our feelings and ideas, but only if we are allowed the experiential freedom to be opened. Telling us exactly what the music is about removes that opportunity.

The next piece was a lovely performance of Mozart's

Serenade No 12 for Winds and the final piece was Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, the Russian master's homage to Mozart.

I have made a habit of listening to Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, and can honestly say I have never heard it performed better either live or on record. Rafael Payare led a performance that can stand on its own with the greatest to ever do it. No spoon-feeding required.

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 Sunday, Apr. 18 — Stephen Malkmus.

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Tuesday, Apr. 6 — Swallow the Sun and Infected Rain.

Casbah:

Friday, Apr. 2 — Holy Fuck.

Casino Inn Bar and Grill:

Saturday, Apr. 10 — The 8 East Band. **Free.**

House of Blues:

Monday, Apr. 12 — JoJo.

Landing:

Saturday, Mar. 20 — West of 5. **Free.**

Loft:

Thursday, Apr. 1 — Joel Ross: Good Vibes. \$9-\$39.
 Thursday, Apr. 15 — Sean Jones' Dizzy Spellz. \$9-\$39.

Online Internet Events:

Thursday, Mar. 18 — SXSW Online.
 Friday, Mar. 19 — SXSW Online.
 Friday, Mar. 19 — Rufus-Retro-Wainwright-Spective Livestream. \$20-\$25.
 Friday, Mar. 19 — Billy Strings: The Déjà Vu Experiment.
 Friday, Mar. 19 — Todd Rundgren Clearly Human

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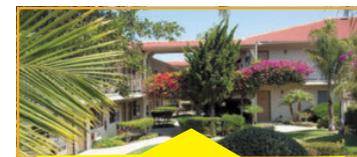
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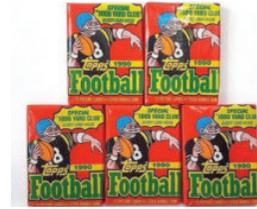
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even has its own steam room, which remarkably is not the only one on the property.

The home does its best to take advantage of unobstructed westward views of the lagoon and beyond to the Pacific, with glass walled upstairs halls and a view lounge and a series of doors in the living room and kitchen that retract completely into the walls to open the indoor space to the patio and pool area.

Outside a 35,000-gallon pool features built-in barstools; the home's roof was designed to protrude a bit and offer shade to portions of the water during the day. Near the hot tub, there's a dedicated pool bath with shower and a second steam room. The patio features a built-in barbecue and outdoor dining for ten at a marble table "with a fire heated center fireplace."

Elsewhere, a five-car garage features built-in metal storage cabinets and "gray high

gloss marbled porcelain dust free floors only found in the finest car showrooms."

The compound comprises three lots totaling just over an acre in size. Two were undeveloped in order to ensure the Hoover house had no immediate neighbors, a new owner could choose to landscape them and incorporate the space into the home's yard or build another pair of houses and sell them off individually.

Public records indicate the property is currently held in a trust and valued at just under \$1.5 million, an assessment likely conducted prior to the current estate's construction. A Theodore Viola guaranteed loans totaling \$4.9 million against the property over the last two years, the only person with that name and local ties is listed as the owner of a Board and Brew restaurant (a popular local sandwich chain) in Tempe, Arizona.

The Hoover property was first offered for sale in early February, its asking price of \$11,800,000 remains unchanged to date. ■

NEWS TICKER

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effort won't come cheap, based on the audit's findings in other jurisdictions. "Los Angeles has a Chief Sustainability Officer, Deputy Chief Sustainability Officer, and a Sustainability Team housed in the Mayor's Office, as well as Departmental Chief Sustainability Officers at each of the departments involved in the implementation of Los Angeles' Sustainable City pLAN. Further, to ensure accountability and departmental alignment with the pLAN, Los Angeles requires all General Managers, heads of departments/offices, and commissions of the city government to provide updates and regular written reports on achieving and exceeding the outcomes in the pLAN to the Mayor." Thus, getting up to speed at San Diego's city hall may require new hiring, colliding with post-covid budget reductions. "Sustainability has only 4.00 [Full Time Employees] that are able to work on [Climate Action Plan]-related activities," according to the document. "Therefore, Sustainability could benefit from completing a staffing analysis to determine whether additional staff resources are needed to effectively carry out the department's duties and to implement the recommendations of this report."

A February 17 memo from the City's Chief Sustainability Officer Erik Caldwell did not challenge the audit's findings but offered no ringing assurance of speedy reform. "We anticipate adoption of the [Climate Action Plan] implementation plan in August of 2022, with full completion of this recommendation by December 2022," says the memo. "Although full implementation will not occur for some time, the Sustainability Department will docket the [Climate Action Plan] annual monitoring reports for presentation to the full City Council annually during the month of March."

Matt Potter

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

LOCAL PREP STARS' COLLEGE CAREERS

BY MARK IAN DOLO

Zeinab Torabi
UC San Diego

Women's Track and Field

Torabi, an alumna of Murrieta Mesa High School, is a senior in 2021. The 5-foot-7 athlete competes in the hurdles for the Tritons and stands on the Triton Athletes' Council Executive Board as the publicity chair, a position she also held last year. Torabi has placed in the top 10 in numerous events during her time at UC San Diego. She finished fourth in the 400m hurdles at the Rossi Relays and eighth in the 100m hurdles at the San Diego Collegiate Challenge.

foot-1, 160-pound athlete plays as a defender for the Sea Lions. He has helped the team win its first two matches of the 2021 spring season. Point Loma best Biola 2-0 and Westmont 2-1, and looks to compete for a Pac-West Championship. As a junior in 2019, Eisenberg started all 11 matches he played, and scored his third career goal in a 2-2 win over Notre Dame de Namur.

Paige Haynes
Cal Baptist

Women's Cross Country & Track

Haynes graduated from Vista Murrieta High School, where she ran for a Bronco team that three

times. Thorne majors in nursing and plans to become a labor and delivery nurse upon graduation.

Gabe Thorne
Cal Baptist

Men's Water Polo

Thorne, a 6-foot-6, 205-pound goalie, graduated from Temecula Canyon High School. Thorne has played in 70 games through three seasons with the Lancers and has been named All-WFPA Honorable Mention twice. Last year, Thorne notched double-digit saves 21 times. In the WFPA Championships, Thorne recorded 34 saves with a 54 R save percentage and a



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U-T = Untapped Temecula?

Will Alden adulterate ailing daily?

A proposal to sell the Tribune Publishing chain, formerly known as tronc, to controversial hedge fund Alden Capital Management has spawned a morass of bad online times for Patrick Soon-Shiong, owner of the *Los Angeles Times* and San Diego's *Union-Tribune*. Alden's announcement last week that it intended to buy out Tribune's shareholders, including 25-percent owner Soon-Shiong, in a putative \$630 million deal triggered calls by Alden critics for the L.A. physician and pharmaceutical magnate to block the sale. Unless Soon-Shiong acts, those opposing Alden argue, the investment outfit would seize control of some of the nation's few remaining big-city dailies, including the *Chicago Tribune*, and mercilessly gut them of award-winning reporters and editors.

Skeptics of a Soon-Shiong role as journalistic savior, including newspaper business analyst Rick Evans, predict it is likelier for Soon-Shiong, already enmeshed in a long-stalled makeover of the *L.A. Times* and *U-T*, to collect his share of Alden's buyout offer. Having paid Tribune \$500 million for the *Times* and *U-T* in June 2018, Soon-Shiong "has lost a lot more money than he had anticipated," wrote Evans. "I would bet that getting out with a good return on his investment will be Soon-Shiong's main or sole objective."

Then came a *Wall Street*

Journal dispatch claiming that Soon-Shiong was thinking about clearing out of the newspaper business by unloading both the *Times* and *U-T*. The L.A. billionaire has "grown dissatisfied with the news organization's slow expansion of its digital audience and its substantial losses," the *Journal* quoted unnamed sources as saying. "He also has increasingly come to believe that the *Los Angeles Times* and *San Diego Union-Tribune* — together known as the California Times company — would be better served if they were part of a larger media group, they said. The options being considered include an outright sale of the entire company, bringing in an additional investor, or transferring management of the properties to another media group, people familiar with the matter said. Mr. Soon-Shiong has also considered selling or transferring management of the San Diego publication to another company, possibly Alden Global Capital Inc.'s MediaNews Group, which owns several papers in the areas between the two cities."

Soon-Shiong's subsequent tweet that the *Journal* was wrong and that he still backed the *Times* set off a mini-contretemps in San Diego, causing newsroom speculation that the denial's omission of the *U-T* meant Alden is just around the corner. Subsequent statements by Soon-Shiong and aides clarified he intended to retain the San Diego operation. But persistent rumors

that Soon-Shiong's reign may soon be over have damaged recruiting, per a February 25 report by *New York Post* media columnist Keith Kelly. "Anne Kornblut, a former *Washington Post* Pulitzer Prize winner who now works for Facebook, is the latest candidate to pull out of the race for top job at the *Los Angeles Times*," according to Kelly. "Kornblut withdrew her name from the running following a February 19 report in the *Wall Street Journal* that *L.A. Times* owner Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong is exploring a potential sale, sources said." The columnist added that ESPN's Kevin Merida, editor-in-chief of *The Undeclared* sports blog, remains in contention.

Meanwhile back in San Diego, the *Union-Tribune* has begun experimenting with a new section called the *Californian Local*. The two broadsheet pages are aimed at the Temecula area north of San Diego and feature a "community calendar" of events in Peris, Wildomar, Murrieta, and other burgeoning Riverside County suburbs. Some notice the new section resembles the reporter-free type of journalism Alden espouses and worry whether it could herald the first phase of Soon-Shiong's departure. La Jolla developer Doug Manchester, a previous *U-T* owner, shuttered the Temecula-based *Daily Californian* along with the *North County Times* not long after he bought them both from struggling Lee Enterprises in September 2012.

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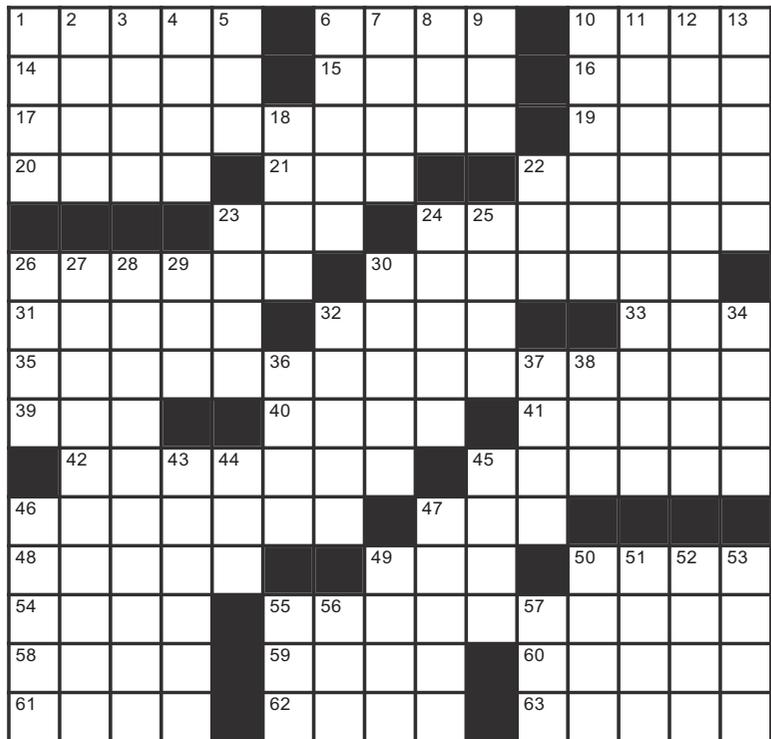
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15. Each
16. Sinister
17. Words at a funeral for the swiftest part of a stream?
19. Take a breather
20. 12/24 and 12/31, notably
21. Condition for Jack Nicholson's character in "As Good as It Gets," in brief
22. "El ____ Sentido" (Bruce Willis película)
23. "I could go either way"
24. Words at a funeral for a tournament?
26. Witch enemy of Popeye
30. It has a cedar tree on its flag
31. Austrian peaks, locally
32. ____ gras
33. Kim, to Kourtney or Khloé
35. Words at a funeral for the loud guy at the end of the bar?
39. Leatherworker's tool
40. Operates, as a booth
41. "Bad, bad" Brown of song
42. Worse than awful
45. Temptresses
46. Words at a funeral for a charger attachment?

47. Exacta or trifecta
48. Took a loss
49. Overhead heater
50. ____-certified organic
54. An athlete may take one in protest
55. Words at a funeral for a noisy bull?
58. Prey for barracudas
59. "American Psycho" author ____ Easton Ellis
60. ____ supervision
61. Part of GPS: Abbr.
62. Roams (about)
63. Mila of "Black Swan"

Down

1. Horrid creature
2. Rice, e.g.: Abbr.
3. Marathon finish line
4. Horrid Tolkien creatures
5. Winter malady
6. "Little Women" surname
7. Piece of punditry
8. ____ sequitur
9. Right on the money
10. This point forward
11. Sunburn cause
12. Eavesdrop
13. Food Network regular Brown
18. Nicolas who directed "The Man Who Fell to Earth"
22. Place for a mud bath

23. Hand, in Honduras
24. They hold your horses
25. " ____ to disagree"
26. "The View" cohost Haines
27. Inventor of the cotton gin
28. Gala remnants?
29. One-named singer with the 2019 Song of the Year nominee "Hard Place"
30. Butcher shop buys
32. White-collar crime
34. "The ____ the limit!"
36. Love, in telenovelas
37. Honorary deg. for many a writer
38. "Toy Story" dinosaur
43. Most frigid
44. Part of NIMBY
45. Logician for whom math diagrams are named
46. Croupiers' tools
47. They may follow booms
49. Zipped
50. Native language of 50 million citizens of India
51. Leave slack-jawed
52. Pastrami purveyor
53. Fine things?
55. Late "Notorious" Supreme Court justice
56. "This American Life" host Glass
57. Flooring wood option

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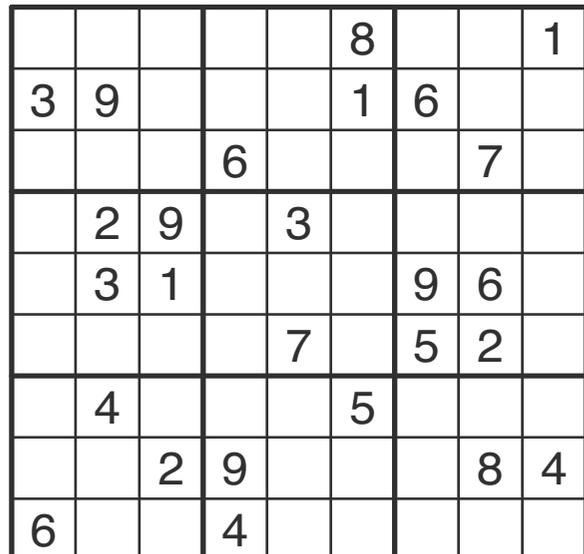
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EVIL:



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- 1) Submit your completed puzzle to the *Reader* each week for our ongoing contest. Your submission will only be counted when you successfully complete a puzzle AND get it to us by 7:00 a.m. Monday.
 - 2) Submit the correct answers to the puzzle along with your name.
 - 3) Entries must be faxed to **619-231-0489** or mailed to *Reader Puzzle*, 2323 Broadway Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92102; or scanned and emailed to puzzles@sdreader.com. Submissions by email must be attached in JPG format, maximum file size of 1MB. Submissions that don't fit the format will not be counted or viewed. One win per person within a 4 week period.
- And now for the really small print:
- 1) All answers must be legible and entered in the spaces provided.
 - 2) Late entries will not be considered.
 - 3) We will draw **1** name from weekly puzzle submissions.
 - 4) One entry per person per week or you will be disqualified.
 - 5) Employees of the *Reader* and their immediate families are not eligible.

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☛ **Laura Lopez, Jamul, 1.**

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

Recent Alarming Headlines

— Shannon Stevens, along with her brother Erik and his girlfriend, snowmobiled to Erik's yurt in the backcountry near Haines, Alaska, on Feb. 13 and got the scare of a lifetime when she was attacked from below by a bear in an outhouse, the Associated Press reported. Erik heard his sister's screams and went out to investigate, opening the toilet seat to find "a bear face ... just looking right back up through the hole, right at me," he said. He shut the lid and ran back to the yurt, where they treated Shannon's wound with a first aid kit and determined it wasn't serious. Alaska Department of Fish and Game Wildlife Management biologist Carl Koch said the bear probably swiped at her with its paw, rather than biting her. "She could be the only person on Earth that this has ever happened to," Koch speculated.

Government in Action

— Leslie Pilgrim of Huntington Beach, California, waited more than two hours at the DMV in Laguna Hills in early February to get a REAL ID, an upgraded driver's license that will be required for airline travel starting in October. Staying compliant with COVID-19 safety rules, Pilgrim left her mask on throughout the process and was startled when officials took her photo while still wearing her mask, she told Fox 11. The clerk realized the error and took another photo, but when the new ID arrived in the mail, Pilgrim's masked-up face was on the license. The DMV advised her the license

is valid, even with the mask, but Pilgrim is not taking any chances: She's getting a new one made. "(A)t the end of the day, this is funny," she said. "With all the things happening in the world right now, this is an incredibly minor inconvenience," she said.

Lost and Found

— Phoenix police were called to a home on Feb. 21 by homeowners who unearthed a duffel bag filled with rusted handguns and assault rifles while digging hole in their backyard to plant a tree, Fox News reported. Officers said the guns will be examined to determine if they were used in any crimes. The residents have lived in the house for four years; before that, it was a rental property.

Police Report

— Brandon Soules, 19, was arrested by police in Coolidge, Arizona, on Feb. 17, for falsely reporting to police that he had been kidnapped in an apparent scheme to get out of work. On Feb. 10, police found Soules lying near a water tower with his hands bound behind his back and a bandana in his mouth, the Associated Press reported. Soules told officers two men had kidnapped him from his home, knocked him unconscious and driven him around in his car looking for money his father had hidden around town, but detectives could find no evidence of a kidnapping or assault, and when pressed, Soules confessed he made the story up to avoid work at The Tire Factory, which subsequently fired him.

The Passing Parade

— Mr. Friendly Auto Service in Warren, Michigan, is one of two auto repair businesses in the area targeted by a serial pooper, police say. The man, seen on surveillance video, entered parked, unlocked vehicles to do his business, leaving his deposit behind for workers to find the next day, Fox 2 reported. The man first struck in November and returned in January, said Chris Phillips, manager of Mr. Friendly. In February, police said, the man struck at nearby Twin Tire, going from car to car until he found one left unlocked because of an electrical problem. "Now we've got double padlocks on the gate," said Phillips. "The guy needs to be caught. There is something wrong with him."

Bright Idea

— The famed Peter Luger Steak House in Brooklyn, New York, is celebrating the easing of local COVID-19 restrictions with a hand from Madame Tussauds wax museum, whose celebrity wax figures will be mingling with restaurant patrons. On Feb. 26 and through the weekend following, "Mad Men's" suave Don Draper could be seen relaxing at the bar with a cocktail, joined by others, including Jimmy Fallon, Al Roker and Audrey Hepburn's Holly Golightly, the Associated Press reported. Restaurant vice president Daniel Turtel said it was a "fun, safe way to fill some of the seats that need to remain empty as we continue to fight the pandemic."

Math Is Hard

— An unidentified Dunkin' Donuts customer was captured on video berating store employees on Feb. 15 and demanding she get 50 Munchkin doughnuts after ordering a dozen. "I need more," she forcefully told the clerk. "Fifty. Five, zero. That's what a dozen is." *Upworthy* reported that another customer tried to correct her, saying "Twelve is a dozen," to which the woman replied, "I want more than 12! I want 50!" and later continued, "You understand nothing! ... You're not understanding the English!" Or the math.

It's a Dog's Life

— Bill Dorris, a successful Nashville, Tennessee, businessman, was 84 years old when he passed away late last year, WTVF-TV reported, leaving \$5 million to his beloved 8-year-old border collie, Lulu. Dorris, who was unmarried and traveled frequently, often left Lulu in the care of his friend Martha Burton, 88, who will continue to keep the dog and will be reimbursed for reasonable monthly expenses from the trust established for Lulu by the will. Burton was chill about the whole thing: "I don't really know what to think about it to tell you the truth," she said. "He just really loved that dog."

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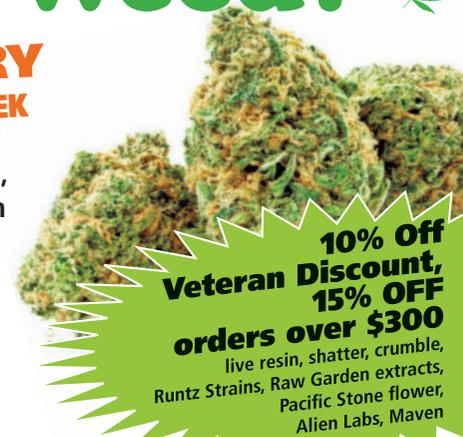
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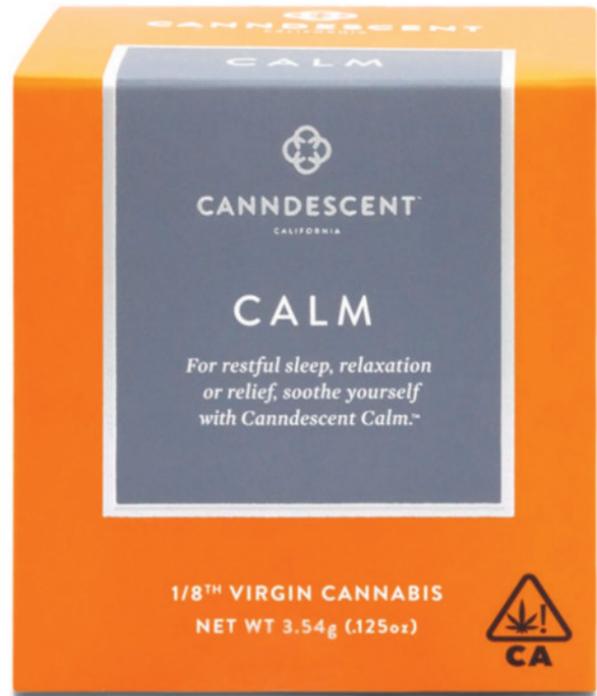
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