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### Wasting away in foodville

With all respect to the article "Can Edco get San Diego to cut food waste in half?" (Cover Stories, March 24) I believe that food waste should not be allowed. The reason I say this is because this food can be used to help the homeless. In different cities we can find a homeless person who does not have enough money to purchase food. Homeless people struggle to have a meal and by donating unused foods to them it can be a big support. A high amount of food is being thrown away.

The article mentioned that annually 332,000 to 500,000 tons of food is going to waste. Food should not be thrown away. This food should be given to people who need it. Many people who are homeless or struggle to obtain food possibly have health issues. Currently with the pandemic many people are struggling to own a job and by providing them with food they will have one less thing to worry about.

By taking an action to this issue the number of homeless people can possibly decrease. Some of the ways we can do this is by having big companies donate their foods to organizations who work with the homeless or food pantries. If an action is not taken many more people can possibly develop a health issue. In conclusion, food companies or restaurants should donate their leftover foods. Instead of throwing out food that will not be used, companies should provide these goods to the homeless. There is a

lot of food annually that is being thrown away that can be a benefit to others. Some of the ways that we can get involved with this issue is by purchasing left over food and donating it to the homeless or food pantries.

Jennifer Estrada Albany Park, Illinois

### Border burrito ordeal

I'm 67 and first came to SD in 1981 for duty on the USS *Juneau* LPD-10 ("Mexican-American runs into TJ cops at border", Neighborhood News, March 15). The Navy had at that time put TJ downtown off limits but the sailors went there anyway.

I bought a 55 Chevy Panel Truck and would go surfing at k 38. Once I went across the border with an art class and paid the local kids \$5 to watch my car, "Unless you want it vandalized." I was warned. I suggested we walk to Via De Revolution, and the class said, "No.". "Do you know what the cops do to you there? They take you aside and take you money or beat you up if you have no money!" So nothing much has changed in 40 years!

> Edward É. Matus Flynn Springs

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### "San Diego's ghost kitchens" Cover Stories March 31

All this plastic and Styrofoam is an environmental disaster. There is a real opportunity for someone to start a business to inform the public who uses environmentally better take out containers and who doesn't. Of course the other good business is to create takeout containers that are environmentally thoughtful.

I personally can't bring myself to buy from an establishment that gives me their product in these environmentally disastrous materials. And I know I am not the only one who acts this way.

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# **NEIGHBORHOOD** NEWS

**By Reader stringers** 

DOWN THESE MEAN STREETS

### **Crimes of the times** Rape down, murder up, theft...

On March 10, the San Diego Police Department posted an online graphic showing their 2020 Annual Crime Statistics. The graphic indicated that overall crime was lower by 8.4 percent throughout the city of San Diego. The department broke down the numbers for each type of crime: burglary dropped 6.2 percent, vehicle theft dropped 4.2 percent, rape dropped 13.5 percent, robbery dropped 10.3 percent, and theft...

"There's no way theft is lower by 12.9 percent," John S. opined. "Did they not count the porch pirates stealing Amazon packages? My Otay Mesa West neighbors complain

This is a post from a Local Agency. San Diego Police Department **2020 ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS** nd Media Relations • 2 days ago 2020 Annual Crime Statistics. Our officers are out there every day responding to calls and working to prevent crime. Today we presented the SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT 2020 citywide crime statistics to City Council re's a breakdown of the stats and you can view the full presentation online OVERALL CRIME CITYWIDE 48.4% 10.4% **VIOLENT CRIMES** PROPERTY CRIMES 1.7% City Council Agendas, Results S.. 6.2% BURGLARY MURDER 12.9% 13.5% THEFT RAPE 4.2% 10.3% **VEHICLE THEFT ROBBERY** Marta Lomeli • Bay Terraces South San Diego PD is doing far better than ma 9.1% AGGRAVATED ASSAULT 2 days ago Like Murder is up 10% and aggravated assault is up 9.1% and this is "good" news? Property crime

115 reported auto thefts. Pacific Beach had the highest reported auto thefts in the city at 216; San Ysidro followed at 214.

"I'd guess rape was down as bars were closed most of the year," commented a Golden Hill dweller on NextDoor. "So much

of the year we couldn't go out to bars, or

city denied the request, citing the species' sidewalk-busting roots. Like palms, peppers were planted everywhere, and now some cities see the willowy icons as a nuisance, especially those who want a berry and buckle-free sidewalk. But unlike palms, the fast-growing, drought tolerant pepper — an evergreen from South America - yields ample shade and soaks up greenhouse gases, desirable traits for street trees. As these resi-

dents see it, both trees and sidewalks are

infrastructure, and the city has chosen to

"There's no way theft is lower by 12.9 percent."

save the sidewalks.

In historic Old Town, at least 20 mature pepper trees were removed in 2015 to make way for a street improvement project. Advocates for the trees said they were first told only a few would be cut down, then it turned out to be most of them. Coronado is on an even bigger mission. The city began taking out all 900 of its pepper trees in 2017 due to their age and sidewalk debris. Each year, another 40. But unlike Kensington, residents continued on page 6

### "Did they not count the porch pirates stealing Amazon packages? Maybe most of our neighbors don't report their stolen packages to the police,"

daily on NextDoor about stolen packages. I'd see 10-15 porch pirate reports in a week alone. Maybe most of our neighbors don't report their stolen packages to the police, and claim [a refund or a replaced product] directly through Amazon, PayPal, eBay, or the credit card companies." In John's south San Diego neighborhood, there were 120 theft/larceny reports made from January 2020 to December 2020, according to the Automated Regional Justice Information System Uniform Crime Reporting study. Of the 120 thefts, 57 were valued at more than \$400, while 63 were less than \$400. The automated report was posted on the SanDiego.gov website on March 16; it breaks down the numbers of crime types reported in each San Diego neighborhood. On a 2019 UCR search of theft/larceny reports in John's neighborhood, 143 reports were made.

John's friend Steve H. was skeptical about the drop. "There were 23 fewer theft/larceny reports in 2020 as compared to 2019? I don't think vehicle theft is down 4.2 percent either, not to mention catalytic converter thefts. Both [types of] crimes seem more apparent on Facebook and NextDoor, or it could be that we were online more since the March 2020 lockdown." According to the UCR report, in 2020, Otay Mesa West had the hours were limited, and drinking-based events were canceled." On the UCR report, there were 485 rape reports throughout the city; the East Village neighborhood had the highest number of accounts at 24.

Contrary to the various drops cited by the graphic, aggravated assault increased by 9.1 percent, and the murder rate increased by 10 percent. According to the UCR report, there were 56 murders in the city of San Diego in 2020.

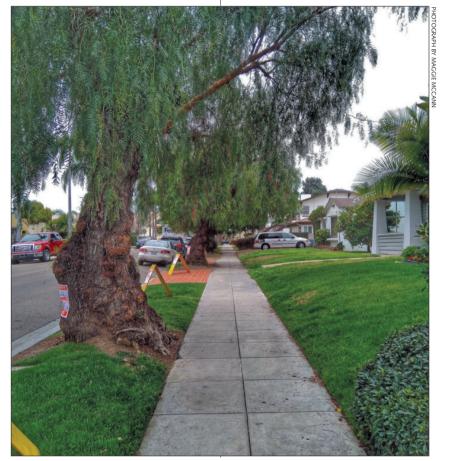
MIKE MADRIAGA

ON THE STUMP

### Pepper purge progresses Sidewalks deemed to provide more concrete benefits

Over the past two months, the city has cut down four pepper trees in Kensington that are as old as the subdivision itself. There are only about 32 left, and some residents wonder where will it end. "After giving residents the feeling they'd won a reprieve for the trees, the city snuck back in when nobody was around and cut three more trees down," says Alex Finlayson about the latest incident.

The trees were planted throughout Kensington in 1910, their now-thick canopies linking past and present, prompting locals to seek heritage status to protect them. The



One of the trees on Marlborough Street that was recently removed.

### **NEWS TICKER**

### **Uncertain Times**

Finding someone to captain a sinking ship can be tricky

A widely anticipated "all hands" California Times staff meeting on March 25 failed to produce any good news, other than a declaration by president Chris Argentieri that "very early in the process of selecting the best candidate and I am confident we will do so," did not appear at the meeting, according to the report.) Besides the *L.A. Times*, California Times owns the San Diego Union-Tribune. The long delay in choosing a new Times chief has fueled



California Times President Chris Argentieri: why isn't this man smiling?

the Los Angeles Times was closer to the end of its long search for a new top editor. "I can understand why some may feel that it's been a slow process, a drawn-out process; I don't really view it that way," Argentieri told the employees regarding the unfilled L.A spot, according The Wrap, "I don't think our owners view it as a rush. We want to get it right. I think everybody benefits from that. A number of esteemed journalism organizations that have reported on names and candidates and top candidates and people withdrawing and all of those things, it's been quite far from being rooted in anything approaching reality. But that is what it is," he added. "We're making progress. I think we're getting close. We will obviously let everybody know as soon as the decisions been made, but it has not at this point." (The Times' owner, Patrick Soon-Shiong, who two weeks ago told newspaper business analyst Rick Edmunds that he was

growing speculation that California Time's owner. L.A. billionaire Patrick Soon-Shiong, will unload both papers to controversial vulture investor Alden Global Capital. That speculation no doubt increased following Argentieri's statement that the firm was trying to cope with a "catastrophic drop in revenue for the company, north of \$50 million on top of a business that was already using cash and not producing cash" — again, per The Wrap. "What we saw in 2020, was [an] acceleration of trends that we were well aware of and have been aware of, really, for far more than a decade." Argentieri said. "We won't go back, particularly in print advertising, to where we were. We lost tens of millions of dollars in advertising revenue pretty much instantly in March 2020, and the pandemic continues to take a toll on the public health and take a toll economically. We are still operating with great uncertainty."

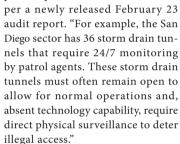
Matt Potter

### **UNDER THE RADAR**

### **Human flood detection**

With the border between the U.S. and Mexico once again an immigration battleground, the war to staunch the flow of undocumented crossers from Mexico to San Diego is being fought in the frontier's byzantine bevy of flood control and smuggling

tunnels. So says the Homeland Security department's Office of Inspector General. "Since 1990, Border Patrol has discovered approximately 190 crossborder tunnels through manual methods such as human observation of traffic patterns, law enforcement efforts, and routine patrol operations,"



Beefing up surface border barriers could force more human traffic underground, and halting the flow won't come cheap, the document adds. "Border Patrol expects that security improvements introduced by the new border wall may increase the threat of cross-border tunneling. But CBP currently lacks adequate technology to detect tunnels or tunneling activities or monitor permanent, cross-border tunnels. Senior Border Patrol officials expressed during interviews an urgent need for a technology solution to aid detection efforts and alleviate risks to field agents." Auditors found that the progress of a year-long plan to beef up underground capabilities has thus far been slow. "In January 2020, [the Department of Homeland Security] approved the Cross-Border Tunnel Threat program, which Border Patrol described as a network of permanently installed sensors to detect, classify, and localize subterranean activities." But the effort "to implement 6 miles of Cross-Border Tunnel Threat capability along the southwest border, with nearly 100 total miles" by 2030, has thus far failed

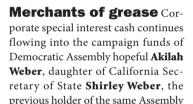
The campaign funds keep rolling in for

Assembly hopeful Akilah Weber.

"According to Border Patrol officials, establishing an effective solution for tunnel detection required many years of development because technology with the unique requirements involved in detecting tunnels did not exist." Adds the doc-



funding constraints hindered CBP's planned deployments. Consequently, most southwest Border Patrol sectors still rely predominantly on obsolete systems and infrastructure with limited capabilities."



seat. New money to Akilah Weber's 2021 election committee includes March 29 contributions from biotech giant Genentech (\$2000) and the Associated General Contractors PAC (\$3000). Trash collection giant Republic Services came up with \$3000 on March 25 and the Consumers Attorneys PAC kicked in

\$4900 the same day. Akilah Weber's 2022 election committee, already in business, also picked up more money, including \$4900 from online food delivery service Doordash on March 22, and \$1500 from drug delivery firm Sunovion on March 17.

The only recent individual giver was Solana Beach's **Rich Leib** with \$1000 on March 29 to Weber's 2021 campaign account. A member of the

UC Board of Regents and ex-Solana Beach School Board member, Leib is chief executive of Dunleer Strategies. His online regents' profile describes the outfit as "a San Diego-based consulting firm that works with emerging companies to develop strategies to help them meet short and long-term business goals. Before that, he spent 15 years as executive vice president and general counsel for Liquid Environmental Solutions, a company he cofounded and helped grow into the leading non-hazardous liquid waste recycling company in the U.S."

Leib's waste business has not been without controversy. In September 2016, the firm's "state-of-the-art" grease-and-grit processing plant raised an underprivileged neighborhood ruckus in Austin, Texas, according to an account by TV station KAXN. "We don't need any more giant trucks rolling down that street," Colorado Crossing resident **Kalinda Howe** told the station. "Nobody would build this in West... Austin."

A February 2016 report by the San Antonio Express-News highlighted the legislative clout Leib's firm had cultivated in the Lone Star state. "Liquid Environmental, which has operations in 24 states, first showed up in Texas in 2002 after buying dewatering plants in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and Austin. It since has opened plants in El Paso

and Weslaco."



Waste magnate Rich Leib, of Solana Beach, gave \$1000 to Akilah Weber.

Critics, the story said, "allege Liquid Environmental has persuaded legislators to introduce a series of bills since 2003 that would increase the barriers to entry for businesses like theirs." Added the piece: "Since 2002, Liquid Environmental execu-

tives Alan Viterbi, Rich Leib, Peter Crane, Patrick Reilly, Dana King, Brian Bidelspach and the company itself donated a total of \$38,500 to Texas legislators' campaigns."

— Matt Potter (@sdmattpotter)

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### **Hipster:**

Why do I feel compelled to purchase discount, post-Easter candy when I would never, under normal circumstances, purchase a giant bag of Kit Kats and mini-Snickers for myself? Is there something about leftover holiday candy that somehow makes it taste better than regular candy?

— KELLY

### **Dear Hipster:**

Is it true that Peeps can cure scurvy? — DALE G

### **Dear Hipster:**

If, hypothetically speaking, I were to go out and purchase an obscene amount of obsolete, half-priced Easter candy from the local Rite Aid at any point during the week or so after Easter, would that make me more of a shrewd entrepreneur who knows how to buy the



Pumpkins don't peep, chickens do.

dip, or a sad glutton with a soon-to-bedefunct pancreas?

— BRAD

Some people will tell you candy market timing is a myth, little more than a trick used by con artists to talk unsuspecting candy investors into liquidating their candy 401(k)s so they can buy into a "system" that aren't doesn't exist. These people clearly aren't  $\stackrel{\infty}{=}$  reading the right Reddits. If they were, they'd know the seasonal candy market goes through bull and bear cycles like any ₹ other market, and if you play it right you So can be raking in that sweet, sweet candy ilike the candy wolf of candy Wall Street.

But timing is everything. People who get

in too early end up paying nearly full price for prime candies (basically anything Reese's and maybe those caramel turtles), and the chumps who get in too

late are stuck with leftover Smarties and gigantic buckets of seasonal Twizzlers. The smart candy shoppers — the ones who have been following the right threads all year and ignoring all the wrong tweets — get in there right at the point where you can get the good stuff at maximum markdown.

> The art of postholiday candy purchas-

ing is, of course, not limited to Easter, unless you only want discount holiday candy in pastel-colored packaging, in which case Valentine's Day and Halloween aren't going to do it for you. Another big advantage to post-Easter candy liquidation is the relatively high ratio of Peeps to all other candy during the Easter season. Sure, there are "Peeps" for all seasons, but does anybody believe the lie that pumpkin Peeps and Santa Claus Peeps really count as Peeps when they obviously look nothing like

little baby chickens? I, for one, take no solace in even Peeps bunnies, and they're the most Easter-adjacent of the ersatz Peep varieties.

All of this is to say you should take no shame in gorging yourself on deeply discounted holiday candy. Post-holiday candy discounts give adults all kinds of

marvelous excuses to indulge, from thrifty ("Well, it was only \$3.99 for a short ton of tootsie rolls") to ironic ("Normally I don't go in for candy but I couldn't resist a package of half-melted chocolate bunnies that look like extras from a 1980s horror flick") and everything in between.

Furthermore, although Peeps cannot prevent scurvy because they contain zero vitamins, a package of peeps has about 1 gram of protein in it, so if you ate about 1000 peeps it would be roughly analogous to the protein intake you would get from eating one of those ultra-salty roast chickens from Costco. It's probably a tossup which of those diets would kill you faster.

— DI Stevens

### LETTERS

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### "Does it feel as if San Diego crime is down?" **Neighborhood News** March 30

There's no way crime is

down in the North Park area. Theft, burglaries, assaults, vandalism, all up. Statistics are meaningless if the majority of crimes are not reported. Since the police have a 'hands off' policy that doesn't allow them to arrest for anything under a physical assault because of Covid, many people don't bother to report since it's wasted time. So crimes are committed in broad daylight, the perp is identified, and at best they get a citation. I recommend joining 'Stolen Bike San Diego' on FB if you want to get a real time example of the out of control theft in this city.

—Thomas Coyne

Percentages mean nothing unless the numbers are attached. I remember a headline in a local paper that screamed "Murder rate doubles" and "Murders rate is up 100%" in actuality there was one murder the year before and two murders the following year thus the headlines. A 10% increase or decrease means nothing unless you know the underlying numbers. Also the numbers and percentages are based on reported crimes. Many crimes go unreported especially property crimes.

—AlexClarke

I agree with Alex. Crime stats don't mean anything unless numbers are attached. And for those of you who keep posting on Facebook or Next Door (crimes in your neighborhood) all you're doing is drawing more crime into your neighborhood. You're not helping your neighbors. You're helping criminals who "do it for a living." Be careful what you post. You never know who is reading.

-Socks3742

### "Exec's talk fuels more rumors of Union-Tribune's doom" News Ticker March 29

The San Diego Union is nothing more that L A Times South edition. I live in a small condo complex. When I moved in almost everyone got a newspaper. Now only two people get a newspaper. Both are elderly.

—AlexClarke

All the talk of hiring a new editor for the combined papers is a distraction from the real issues that were also mentioned. Ad revenue for papers in general is in a free fall, with the old and traditional newspaper advertisers abandoning them, and little is coming along to replace them. One big "cash cow" for papers was classified advertising, a feature of publishing that wasn't glamorous or eyecatching, but necessary and most profitable. For most papers, that is just about gone. So, who they hire to edit the shrinking papers isn't going to make much difference at all. He/she won't bring back the readers and subscribers, and won't bring back the advertisers and their revenue. Sort of like rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic, don't you think?

—Visduh

### "Valley Farm is the market every neighborhood should have" Feast! Restaurant Reviews March 12

Since no one else has posted a comment, I will. Yes, stores like that one, family owned and operated, can do great things if they choose that approach. But it is a huge amount of work that is required to make it go, and anyone who runs an operation like that is in danger of burnout. Too often there isn't a smooth handoff from one generation to the next, and good operations just end up folding, in that the owners just cannot find a buyer.

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who want to keep the trees in front of their houses can file an appeal. If there are no significant safety issues, it won't be removed.

Plans to cut some of Kensington's peppers were made after an assessment in 2019. In January, 2020, the city removed one on Edgeware Road that neighbors insisted was sound. Residents took legal action, and a temporary restraining order against the city barred additional removals...until it expired. (The city has declined to comment due to the pending litigation.) Protests and delays followed, but the overall effort wasn't halted. Last month, another tree was chopped. Then, on March 17, the city was back as promised, saying decay had overtaken the three trees on Marlborough Street. Neighbors claimed that two of them were healthy, as indicated by Samuel Oludunfe, forester for the city of Chula Vista, whom they hired for an independent opinion.



Where is the Lorax when you need him?

sion San Luis Rey in Oceanside, is 191 years old, nearly twice the age of Kensington's.

On the Western Tree Failure Database, which tracks all types of urban tree failures in the state in order to develop "failure profiles" of species to help protect standing

"After giving residents the feeling they'd won a reprieve for the trees, the city snuck back in when nobody was around and cut three more trees down,"

Maggie McCann, who initiated the legal action, and others took photos of the stumps and broken bird eggs to help make their case. "That tree was solid," she says of one the city deemed a lost cause. In a letter to the city council, McCann called it a major misunderstanding that hollowness of the trunk indicates fatal damage, and made a plea for "appropriate care and protection" for the city's mature trees. The first pepper planted in San Diego, on the grounds of Mis-

urban trees, peppers, for all their numbers, are just a blip. In March, 2006, a question was posted about pepper failures in southern California. At the time, there were only 13 reports out of 4185 for all tree types. More than half were heavy lateral limbs. As of March 10, 2021, there have been 6361 total reports, and peppers aren't among the 15 tree types most often reported with broken trunks, limbs and roots. The database doesn't reveal how often a species is likely



Maggie McCann's photo of the stump of one of the trees removed by the city. The city claims this tree had decay and needed to be removed.

to fail — it depends on the abundance of the species where the reports are submitted — but peppers are common statewide. For now, anyway.

While the city says they will plant new trees to replace the ones removed, none will be peppers. McCann recently learned from Anne Fege, chair of the Community Forest Advisory Board, that 4-5 years ago, they worked on a list of approved street trees that was given to the city. On that list was the California pepper tree. When the

city published its list, however, the pepper tree had been taken off.

"We are working tirelessly to protect the remaining trees," McCann says of Kensington's dwindling stock. "They are a finite historical resource that, once gone, can't be replaced."

SHEILA PELL

### TIJUANA

# Mascot massacre Cartoon cheetahs, elephants, and tigers outlawed in Mexico

"It's probably worth \$20,000," said Duane D when asked about his most expensive

cereal box. "I have the first Michael Jordan progressive proof Wheaties box set that's white in color." I met up with Duane and his cereal box connection, Pedro Tarref, by Mission Bay on March 7. "Please, no pictures of us," Tarref requested, "only the cereal boxes."

Tarref and Duane are cereal box and cereal toy collectors. Tarref owns a Ghostbusters cereal box from the 1980s worth about \$100 and a Mexican Star Wars cereal box from the 1990s that's worth about \$25. "I eat all of the cereal and store my boxes flat," he said. Duane pulls the toy premiums from the cereal, zip-locks the cereal, returns the bagged cereal to Tarref, and displays the empty boxes and plastic toys on a shelf.

"What do you have for me this week?" Duane asked Tarref.

"I brought Mexican boxes of Trix, Frosted Flakes — which they call Zukari-



Looks like Lucky's luck ran out.

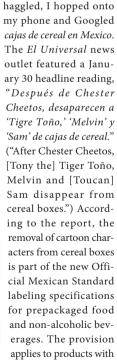
tas - and Lucky Charms."

I looked at the boxes. "Where's Tricks the Rabbit, Tony the Tiger, and Lucky the Leprechaun?" I asked.

"The Mexican government 86ed the cartoon characters on cereal boxes," Tarref explained, "and instead, added these octagon symbols."

I excused myself while the two negotiated prices for the ten or so boxes that Tarref purchased from a Mexicali supermercado

for about \$2 apiece. While they



packaging that includes one or more (octagonshaped) warning labels:

excess sugar, excess fat, excess sodium, excess calories, and excess saturated fat. "The new regulation states that prepackaged products that bear one or more warning

The empty orange and blue colored

bag of Cheetos was missing the

Chester Cheetah image.

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## **U**NREAL **E**STATE

by Dave Rice

Novelist Oakley Hall was best known for his Westerns, including Warlock, which won him a Pulitzer Prize in 1958. But before rising to fame, the San Diego-born writer broke out with 1953's Corpus of Ioe Bailey, a novel which begins in and largely revolves around the goings-on of the fictional residents of Mission Hills. where Hall himself lived before moving with his mother to Hawaii. The book opens:

"Into the length of San Diego Bay the down-



Mission Hills' storied history includes appearing in a story: Corpus of Joe Bailey.

town area of San Diego protrudes like a bent elbow; the forearm then follows a gradually rising ridge northward to end in a promontory called Mission Hills, which,

broken up into canyons and ridges, resembles very much a hand with the fingers clenched to hold it tightly there, above the mudflats and Old Town. The main artery of Mission Hills is Fort Stockton Drive, which follows the central ridge to the end of the promontory. Intersecting Fort Stockton, side streets run out on the tributary ridges where there are smaller neighborhoods within the whole of Mission Hills."

Just a block north of that Fort Stockton thoroughfare is where we'll find this week's offering: 1765 West Arbor Drive. The 1691-square-foot "gorgeous Spanish style home," according to promotional materials retrieved from Redfin, is "located on a quaint street, in an ideal walkable location, in the highly desirable neighborhood of Mission Hills."

Built in 1923, the 98-year-old house would be a little older than that of Hall's protagonist, but it's recently undergone some extensive upgrades.

From the street, we see the traditional Spanish architecture of the day – flat roof, red tile entryway cover, a raised front porch. There's a

neatly-trimmed front lawn, and a bougainvillea has been sculpted to surround one of the arched front windows.

Inside, the "open concept living room, dining, and kitchen boasts an abundance of natural light," breaking from formal design a century ago that would have walled off separate spaces for lounging, eating, and cooking. The kitchen has been updated to include stainless appliances, new cabinetry, and stone counters with a breakfast bar underneath the arched passageway to the dining room.

In a nod to history, the original glass-doored, built-in hutch in the dining room remains, as do the vintage shining hardwood floors. The arched passageways, oversized

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# Drinks All Around

CHRISTIAN SIGLIN

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prinks at Fernside make it feel like summertime any day of the year. At least, that was part of the goal when they created the recipe for the Nude Beach. A slight nod to San Diego's Black's Beach, Christian Siglin picked the name because it was "Cheeky and fun... a nude beach just sounds kind of funny, reminiscent, puts you in a sense of place and time. And watermelon is a summer fruit, so that all just ties into how I want people to feel when they're drinking — free, like a summertime cocktail."

Pretty in pink, the drink packs a punch from jalapeño-infused tequila offset by house-made watermelon syrup. "Spicy drinks sell like crazy," he says. "I needed a drink we could do that was spicy and approachable, but fun and different. The combination of the earthiness of the tequila and the jalapeño together has this really bright green element to it. And the watermelon is a crowd pleaser; it has this cooling effect to it, which is really refreshing."

Hints of lime and grapefruit bring it all together to produce a light, well-balanced cocktail. "I just added a little grapefruit," he says, distinguishing Nude Beach from a paloma. "It made the drink really stand out, because it added the bitterness you would want from a cocktail, but not in an 'in-your-face' way. It kept

it super juicy, but added that extra layer

of umami."

**TASCHER** 

BY AMANDA

Topo Chico is one of Siglin's go-to mixers. "They're just easy drinking; it replaces soda but it gives that carbonation. Sodas can get really sweet, so we try to take some of the sweet out of it."

To Christian, a good tequila tastes vibrant and "has a very alive character to it that you don't get in other spirits." He prefers blanco, especially for citrus cocktails, in order to "showcase the green elements of tequila without masking it with any age. So, we do a jalapeñoinfused tequila which amplifies the vegetal component. It gives it a bite."

The infusion happens in-house, using about 10 pounds of jalapeños per two cases of tequila at a time. "Depending on the time of year, jalapeños can be temperamental — sometimes they're like bell peppers, sometimes they're serrano spicy. So we taste along the way to make sure we're getting the heat level we're looking for, without going over the top."

His gauge on a successful final product: "There's a little lingering heat. It's there, but it's not going to kill you."

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### You can't eat authenticity

David Page's initial interest in San Diego's venerable El Indio Mexican restaurant was maybe not *entirely* visual, but he grants that "what interested me the most at the time — provided they could meet the barrier of good, home-cooked food — was, from a television standpoint, their Rube Goldberg-esque tortilla conveyer belt." He was in the early stages of producing the hit television series *Diners*, *Drive-Ins and Dives*, and was duly impressed with the contraption, which cranks out around

1500 tortillas a day. Contraptions make good TV, especially when they make good tortillas.

But the machine wasn't why he came back to El Indio when it came time to write Food Americana, his culinary history of the way the USA has transmogrified dishes from other countries into a cuisine that is uniquely and legitimately American. (The book comes out April 20, and may be pre-ordered now on Amazon.)



Chips the way Page likes 'em - old tortillas cut up and fried.

He came back because "it's a perfect representation of everyday Mexican-American cooking. It's not what they're serving now in Mexico City, but it's a terrific example of the earliest evolution of Mexican food in America as it became a cuisine of its own. And it's a perfect example of the kind of mom-and-pop place that helped bring Mexican food into the mainstream of American society."

He's not a bit bothered by the fact that El Indio's corn tortillas aren't handmade in authentic Mexican fashion. "I'm not a big one for the authenticity debate," he says. "It's authentic to what it is. They've been doing it by machine there for 70 years. It's a historical part of the way they produce Mexican food here in America. What's more important to me is that they nixtamalize the corn with lime and make their own masa. I want good ingredients. I want things that have been honestly cooked. Put the work in."

Beyond that, he asks, what means authentic? "Food evolves with culture. I've seen birria taking its place among the popular Mexican foods in America. As research for this book, my wife and I got in a car and drove 90 miles to a food truck in South Philly and gorged ourselves on some of the best birria I've ever had. Was it better than the stuff I had when we stumbled on a familyowned restaurant in Jalisco? I don't know. But it sure tasted good. And I can tell you that the birria tacos that came to America from Tijuana were quite different from the birria — not

served in a taco and often made of goat and not beef — in Jalisco. And I would guess that more and more Americans, as opposed to the people in Tijuana, are eating those tacos with cheese. And over the years, more things will happen."

Page knows his business. Last week, I ordered my first quesa taco at Mr. Birria in Santee, and also made a plan to try their birria ramen upon my next visit. The transmogrification continues apace.



"Nobody smells chicken and thinks of racism!"

### Is this okay?

I remember the first time I felt nervous about what I was eating. "Nervous," as opposed to "apprehensive," which describes how I felt the first time I ate ant eggs, corn smut, and rattle-snake at some *alta cocina* temple in Tijuana. (I needn't have: the eggs were textural, the smut was trufflesque, and the rattlensake resembled, you guessed it, a richer, gamier chicken.) Nervous, as in, "Is this okay?" It was my first time dining at Arterra, the Del Mar restaurant cofounded by James Beard-award winning chef Bradley Ogden and local star Carl Schroeder, who went on to open Market Restaurant +

and think racism. Says Food Americana author David Page, "Fried chicken, on the one hand, has been used as a racial slur, and on the other hand, is not necessarily given the due it deserves as a dish created by people who were working as slaves. I don't try to skirt the controversy around its origins in the book. There was chicken frying in Africa, and the flavoring and the way it developed here was, I believe, mostly the product of enslaved Africans."

And yet it was white man Colonel Sanders who made it mainstream, just like it was the white-owned Anchor Bar that made Buffalo wings famous, just like most competitive bar-

### "Imperialism and conquering, all that has been tied up in so much of what people end up eating."

Bar. I don't remember the menu's exact wording, but it must have been a helluva write-up, because the highly descriptive verbiage somehow obscured what became clear to me upon the dish's arrival: I had ordered a very fancy version of fried chicken and watermelon. The watermelon was done three ways: a shooter of consommé, shredded and pickled, and...well, it was all delicious. But...is this okay?

Years later, I saw Gabriel Iglesias' stand-up bit about putting together a racist gift basket for a fellow comedian — a Black fellow comedian, one G Reilly — who was visiting Fresno for the first time. First thing he puts in the basket is fried chicken. Then watermelon. Kool-Aid, malt liquor, a rack of ribs... you get the idea. And the comedian was thrilled to get the basket, because as Reilly himself deadpanned, "Nobody smells chicken and thinks racism! I didn't know it was racist until I got back to my neighborhood!"

But of course, some people do smell chicken

becue pitmasters are white.

But while Page's book doesn't shy away from the racial component in the making of American cuisine, it does keep things appropriately complicated. There is a way in which my quesa taco at Mr. Birria "began with the Spanish introducing their foodways violently and forcibly upon the indigenous peoples of Mexico and South America." The Spaniards, he notes, introduced "among other things, beef, wheat, and the technique of frying. And then those foodways would evolve. Imperialism and conquering, all that has been tied up in so much of what people end up eating."

The bad history doesn't mean the food it produces isn't good. "The word 'appropriation' is difficult when you're talking about food," Page concludes. "Does a white guy have the right to make food that was initially created by Asians or African-Americans? I think yes, if it's done with respect for where it came from and who it is that you're interpreting."



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THE SQUAD DESCENDS at 8:30 on a Wednesday morning in late September. One at a time, the girls arrive, jumping out of their parents' cars almost before they've come to a complete stop outside our garage. It's been months since they've been together, and though their smiles are hidden by masks, their excitement is evident. They chatter and bounce up the stairs carrying their backpacks, school-issued laptops, and lunch bags. I'm not sure who's more relieved that they're together again, I or they. It's been a long six months of anxiety over the mental health effects isolation might be hav-

ing on my daughter. Seventh grade girls need their friends.

We've set up makeshift work stations around the room, two at the counter, three at the table. Their school has created clear expectations, and they're due at their live check-in at 9 every morning. I encourage them to get themselves set up first and then relax until it's time to sign on, but it's futile. At 8:55, they scramble to set up

their laptops and sign on to the wifi. Somehow they all make it in time, and the Zoom doorbell chimes five times.

The seventh grade class at High Tech Middle Chula Vista has 120 students, divided into two "teams," each led by a humanities teacher, a math/science teacher, and an arts teacher. In a typical school year, those two teams are divided into two classes that alternate between the teachers

Our girls are at the age when their friendships are everything.



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daily. But this year, the teams have been divided into four pods: green, blue, red, and yellow, each with their own schedule of alternating live Zoom classes and independent work time. My daughter's group of girlfriends are all on the same team but in four different pods.

Since early summer, when the return-to-normal date became more and more elusive, the other four moms and I said we'd have to figure out a way to safely get the girls together. Spring was brutal. Our girls are at the age when their friendships are everything. An article published in The Atlantic in January of this year touches on the idea that for 11- and 12-year-olds, having friends around in times of high stress can lower cortisol levels and buffer negative feelings.



I know we were right to return these girls to each other. Girls need their friends — even, and maybe especially, during times of crisis.

High Tech Middle starts in 6th grade, and for the year and a half prior to the shelter-inplace mandates, our five daughters spent everyday together in class, at lunch, on breaks. But last March, out of nowhere,

our girls, like children everywhere, suddenly couldn't be together. It was jarring. My daughter started off strong, much stronger than I did. Without the structure of the school dropoff and pickup schedule, I lost

my bearings immediately and shuffled around the house unshowered and in my pajamas, losing track of days. But she thrived. She made it to all her Zoom lessons on time, completed her assigned school work, and exceeded all expectations. She also worked out everv day, set her alarm to remind herself to drink water every hour, fixed healthy lunches, and took to Duolingo like a madwoman, studying Spanish, French, German, and Japanese. At first it was cute, a marvel, something my husband and I were almost embarrassed to mention to our friends who were having so much trouble with distance learning in their homes. But then it started to feel a bit scary. She wouldn't stop. She was online all the time — doing math! She was in full-fledged workaholic mode, and when I tried to redirect her, she panicked, eventually revealing that staying busy was her escape from thinking. I had to assign her TV time and

make her put on a mask

and go ride her bike with our neighbor.

And then out of nowhere, it stopped. Suddenly, she was sleeping late, spending hours scrolling through memes on Pinterest, missing appointments with her teacher, watching other people play Minecraft on YouTube, and soothing herself with bagels and waffles several times a day. It was sad, and it worried me. I knew she needed her friends.

Early in the spring, I arranged a couple of Zoom sleepovers with the other four girls in her squad. Later, we ventured out for a couple of oneon-one, mostly socially distant mother-daughter walks at the Tijuana Estuary, which was blissfully unpopulated. During those outings, the girls walked ahead to be alone, and the moms discussed what we might do if distance learning carried on indefinitely. We all agreed that while we of course wanted to keep everyone healthy and safe, their mental health was an important component.

We had no idea that a few months from then, the infection rate would be over 200,000 new cases per day and that even this small pod gathering would come to feel irresponsible, sending us all back into isolation.

### A whirlwind of Zoom doorbells

The pod schedules are as follows. At 9:15, immediately following checkin, the red pod has a live humanities class until 10, and the blue pod has a live math/science class. At the same time, the green pod has independent math work time, and the yellow pod has independent humanities work time. At 10, red and blue pods have

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their independent work time in their respective subjects, and yellow and green pods go live. After a 15-minute break from 10:45 to 11:00, the green pod heads into a live math/science class, and the yellow pod goes live with humanities. Red and blue pods have independent work time in math and humanities respectively. And then at 11:45, everything changes again. The whole morning is a whirlwind of Zoom doorbells and breakout sessions and video lessons that play during independent work time.

And of course, there's laughter and raised voices at inopportune times. Lexi brings her laptop across the room and props herself up on the chaise lounge-end of the couch for her math

science class. Felicity, Sophie, and Anna trade around the table and at the counter.

"Guys, guys! I'm going into a box discussion," Lexi says. (A box discussion, they tell me later, is a discussion involving the whole pod of 16 students, no input from the teacher, no raised hands. If everyone talks, everyone gets credit. If anyone does not talk, no one gets credit.)

The other girls hush for a few minutes but forget again. Lexi reminds them, and they hush again. The day goes pretty much like that, the silence ebbing and flowing, the girls shushing each other when they need to.

Later, my daughter confesses, "When you're the one in live class and people are talking, it drives you crazy. But when someone else is in their live class and you're talking and they shush you, it's like, 'What's the big deal?"

This is Day 1, and I stay out of the way. I don't see my role as a teacher or monitor, but rather as a resource available if they need something. But I enter the room and pipe in every now and again just so the girls don't report that they didn't see me the whole day. I'm pretty sure I'm not doing it right, but I'm not sure any of us really know what "right" means.

If anyone does, it's probably Michelle, Sophie's mom. Last week, I sent out a message that said, "Hey Mom friends. You can drop your girls at my house between 8:30 and 9 on Wednesday. I can take them home at 3. If you can have them bring a lunch, we'll eat in the park."

Michelle responded, "Should they bring their Chromebooks so they can log into the check-in and Zooms? And maybe headsets? I guess they'll need to be set up on your WiFi."

And then later, in response to my text about it being Day 1 and how we'll make adjustments as we go along, she wrote, "As long as they make their different pods times and check in.:)"

All of which made me think I should probably get dressed in real clothes for the drop-off, and maybe brush my teeth.

### The Pinterest of moms

Most days, I work from around 9 pm until 2 am. I go to bed around 4 am and then wake up around 11. I keep telling myself I should do what normal people do so I can



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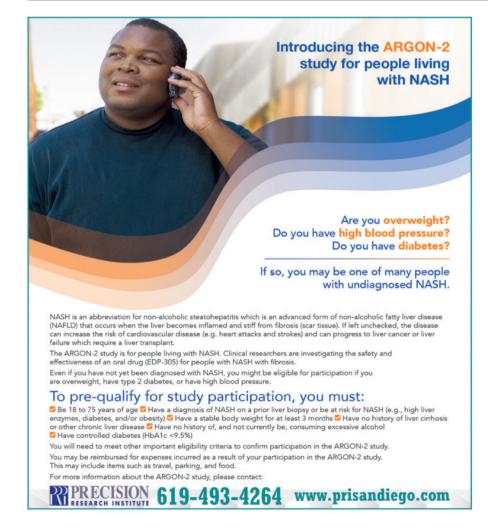
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be there for my daughter when she wakes up in the morning and see her through the school day. But she says she likes having mornings to herself. Still, I wonder if I should be doing it differently.

One afternoon, I join Michelle on her patio to see what a normal day of distance learning looks like at her house. The group of girls won't be getting together again until Friday, so today, it's just Michelle and her two kids. Her husband would normally be here, too, but today he's working out of the house. With both parents working from home and kids of two different ages (one in elementary

school, one in middle school), plus two dogs, I expected to feel some tension in the house, or maybe to see some sign of struggle. But it's perfectly tidy and peaceful. A quick peek upstairs reveals her two children working quietly in their bedrooms at clean, organized work spaces.

Back downstairs on the patio, Michelle explains their daily household routine to me. "I try to get them up in the morning, not super early so they're well rested, but so they have enough time to have a comfortable breakfast and kind of chill, not rush," she says.

Sophie is pretty independent, but about 15 minutes before check-in, Michelle reviews her son's schedule for the day. He has a whiteboard above his desk, so she'll write out the daily schedule and review everything he needs to do for the day.

"He has an Alexa in his room, so we utilize that to set timers for all his Zoom meetings. It can be one a day or up to four a day because he also has speech therapy he does over Zoom," she says. "It alerts him, but I also get a popup on my phone."

For the most part, Sophie sets her own reminders on her phone and is responsible for making it to her Zoom meetings on time. Middle school, Michelle says, is a time for learning the importance of responsibility and self-reliance. But she does monitor by way of technology. For instance when Sophie missed a class check-in and a tutoring session earlier in the week. Michelle was able to see the email ex-Up in Del Mar, Tina is change that took place between her daughter and the teachers.

"At the end of the day, after three o'clock, I'll review their work with them, just to make sure they didn't miss anything," she says.

This review involves a whiteboard checklist for Reef, and an email inbox sweep for Sophie, where they check for assignments and anything that requires follow-through and then deleting emails that have already been tended to. The key to making this work, she says, "is routine, and giving them the tools they need to do well."

Meanwhile, Michelle has a full-time job developing web seminars, a job she's been doing from home for 12 years. The more Michelle talks, the more convinced I become that when it comes to distance learning, she is the Pinterest of moms. I can't stop scrolling, simultaneously fascinated and shamed by the perfection of her example. And so while we sit on her lovely patio among well-tended succulents and birds of paradise, I pet her dogs, listen for everything I'm not doing well in comparison, and silently promise to seek the companionship of someone a little more like me.

### "There are still tears."

counting down the minutes until wine-thirty. It's 9:45 am on a Friday. This week, she had her first taste of freedom in six months. Her two children, in first and third grades, went back to real school on Monday and Tuesday, which they'll do every week - for now. On Monday, Tina and I spoke briefly on the phone and she said that although she had planned to get some work done while the kids were at school, instead she was giving herself the day to relax. After six months of having the kids at home all day every day, she needed it. She would put in some work hours on Tuesday, she said.

On Tuesday, she texted me, "I can't stop watching HGTV."

This whole distance learning thing has not been easy for Tina. There are mothers who, like Michelle, are equipped with an innate sense of organization and take-charge. Tina is a little more... loose. Her kids are fed, healthy, and happy, but I always get the feeling that she's just kind of holding it together. I relate. But where I have only one school-aged child who is more independent than most kids her own age, Tina has two who are vounger and need her involvement for most of the day.

Spring 2020 was hell for Tina and her kids. Her third grader cried every day.

"There really weren't any Zoom rooms," she says. "They were just like, 'Here's your lesson,' and we had to do it all on our own."

We're sitting in her office, which occupies one of the three upstairs bedrooms in her family's 2600-square-foot home. Cassidy, the third grader, is doing multiplication on her laptop in the bedroom next door, and Everest is on a Zoom call with his first grade teacher in the bedroom across the hall. Tina sits at her own laptop, with several tabs open.

It's better now than it was in the spring, she explains.

"Now, he's on Zoom at least half the day," she says, pointing across the hall. "So it's a lot less self-directed."

Cassidy comes to the door to ask for help with her math. Tina leaves the room. I can hear her guiding her daughter through

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"There are still tears," says Tina, "but it's a lot less. In the beginning, there were tears every day. Then it was maybe every other day. Now, it's just once or twice a week."

the steps of making four groups of three and adding them together to get 12. Tina comes back a few minutes later.

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It's the school work partly, not understanding the concepts or knowing how to do the work. But it's also the pandemic. Cassidy is afraid of coronavirus. She misses her friends. She hates math. And Tina isn't cut out

for homeschooling.

"Is your mom a good teacher?" I ask Cassidv later.

"No," she answers bluntly.

Tina agrees with her. "I wasn't built for this shit," she says.

Usually, her husband is home working, so once she gets the kids set up on their morning check-in, she can squeeze in a quick jog around the neighborhood. But otherwise, she's on duty all day.

"I'm setting the timer all day with Alexa for the next Zoom," she says.

Between managing

her kids' schedules and helping them with their work, it's almost impossible to tend to her handbag business.

"It's hard to get anything going consistently because there are constant interruptions no matter what," she says.

It's a relief to have her kids back onsite on Mondays and Tuesdays, although it has presented a slight disruption to the distance learning routine that she was just starting to get the hang of. The classes have been divided into two cohorts. Half of the class goes to school on Monday and Tuesday, and the other half goes on Thursday and Friday, which means the teachers are busy with the students in real-time and may not be able to provide as much attention to the students on Zoom.

"The Zooms are starting later so they can get those guys checked in, temperatures, hands sanitized, and all that," she explains. "Cassidy says they have a big screen that they pull down. I think what's happening is that the Zoom kids can see the teacher with her puppet, and the kids in the classroom can see the teacher with her puppet."

But the benefits of having the kids back in the classroom with their peers and teachers outweigh the inconveniences of adjusting to yet another new way of doing things, Tina believes. I ask how she's coping.

"Um...alcohol," she says with a laugh.

While I wouldn't want to switch places with Tina, I do envy her two days a week when she gets the relief of knowing her kids are getting social time with their friends. For the remainder of the distance learning debacle, Tina will remain the luckiest of my friends. In January, both her kids will be back in school four days a week. And in the three months between then and the printing of this story, she'll go back to putting in a full work week as she prepares to launch her e-design business, which had to be put on hold.

### We're definitely doing something right

As imperfect as I am with this whole distance learning business, there is one moment during Day 1 when I know I've gotten it right. At 12:30, the girls grab their lunch bags and we pile into my car for the four-minute drive to a nearby park. They spread out a large blanket on the grass while I set myself up with a sling chair and a travel mug of coffee. All the moms remark regularly about how fast the girls are growing up. But the contents of their lunch bags say otherwise: sandwiches, fruit, goldfish, cheesesticks. These are the lunches of children. Their games are childlike, too. After they eat, they play Truth or Dare. Everyone picks dare every time. They challenge each other to run out to the middle of the grassy field and

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### Monday | 12

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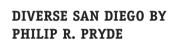




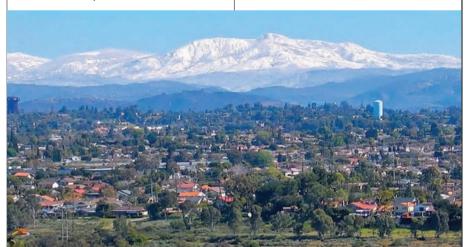
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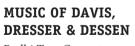
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Virtual Town Hall: Reimagining El Cajon Blvd. The El Cajon Boulevard Business Improvement Association will host a Virtual Town Hall to engage with the community's business owners and residents about the District's Central Hub, which runs along El Cajon Boulevard between the 805 and 15 freeways. Thursday, April 8, 5:30pm; free. theboulevard.org/ centraltownhall/. (ONLINE)

### **LECTURES**

### Trov Chew Guest Lecture

UCSD presents Troy Lamarr Chew II, who explores the legacy of the African Diaspora and its reverberations throughout American culture. His work looks methodically at systems of coded communication and how this is translated and mistranslated both within the Diaspora and the mainstream, Friday, April 9, 12pm; free. https://bit. ly/31N2fgA. (ONLINE)

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### **OUTDOORS**

Warmer Temperatures and increased humidity coincide with the subtle onset of San Diego's spring season. By April's end, the intermittent showers, Santa Ana winds, cold nights, and crystalclear, sun-drenched days of winter will likely be distant memories.

### The Coastal Wildflower Bloom

April's warmer teperatures and lowes tides will continue through at least mid-April. One of the best places to view 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

### Rhyme & Verse

"The Burial of the Dead" Part I of The Waste Land A poem by T.S. Eliot

April is the cruellest month, breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain. Winter kept us warm, covering Earth in forgetful snow, feeding A little life with dried tubers. Summer surprised us, coming over the Starnbergersee With a shower of rain; we stopped in the colonnade, And went on in sunlight, into the Hofgarten, And drank coffee, and talked for an hour. Bin gar keine Russin, stamm' aus Litauen, echt deutsch. And when we were children, staying at the arch-duke's, My cousin's, he took me out on a sled, And I was frightened. He said, Marie, Marie, hold on tight. And down we went. In the mountains, there you feel free. I read, much of the night, and go south in the winter.

What are the roots that clutch, what branches grow Out of this stony rubbish? Son of man, You cannot say, or guess, for you know only A heap of broken images, where the sun beats, And the dead tree gives no shelter, the cricket no relief, And the dry stone no sound of water. Only There is shadow under this red rock. (Come in under the shadow of this red rock), And I will show you something different from either Your shadow at morning striding behind you Or your shadow at evening rising to meet you; I will show you fear in a handful of dust.

Frisch weht der Wind Der Heimat zu Mein Irisch Kind, Wo weilest du?

"You gave me hyacinths first a year ago; "They called me the hyacinth girl." —Yet when we came back, late, from the Hyacinth garden, Your arms full, and your hair wet, I could not Speak, and my eyes failed, I was neither Living nor dead, and I knew nothing, Looking into the heart of light, the silence. Oed' und leer das Meer.

Madame Sosostris, famous clairvoyante, Had a bad cold, nevertheless Is known to be the wisest woman in Europe, With a wicked pack of cards. Here, said she, Is your card, the drowned Phoenician Sailor, (Those are pearls that were his eyes. Look!) Here is Belladonna, the Lady of the Rocks, The lady of situations.

Here is the man with three staves, and here the Wheel, And here is the one-eved merchant, and this card, Which is blank, is something he carries on his back, Which I am forbidden to see. I do not find The Hanged Man. Fear death by water. I see crowds of people, walking round in a ring. Thank you. If you see dear Mrs. Equitone, Tell her I bring the horoscope myself: One must be so careful these days.

### Unreal City,

Under the brown fog of a winter dawn, A crowd flowed over London Bridge, so many, I had not thought death had undone so many. Sighs, short and infrequent, were exhaled, And each man fixed his eyes before his feet. Flowed up the hill and down King William Street, To where Saint Mary Woolnoth kept the hours With a dead sound on the final stroke of nine. There I saw one I knew, and stopped him, crying: "Stetson! "You who were with me in the ships at Mylae! "That corpse you planted last year in your garden, "Has it begun to sprout? Will it bloom this year? "Or has the sudden frost disturbed its bed?

"Oh keep the Dog far hence, that's friend to men, "Or with his nails he'll dig it up again!

"You! hypocrite lecteur!—mon semblable,—mon frère!"



T.S. Eliot (1888-1965) was an American/English poet and one of the most important poets of the 20th century. One of the main harbingers of the Modernist movement in literature, Eliot was born in St. Louis and became an English citizen and convert to Anglicanism in 1927. His most famous, or infamous poem (depending on the critic) is The Waste Land, which Eliot wrote in a

style which reflected the subject matter of the poem: the broken and disconnected phrases communicated the disjunction and dysfunction of Western civilization in the early 20th-century. It also reflected Eliot's own inner emotional and psychological turmoil. The Waste Land, published 99 years ago, remains a testament to a poet and an age, although it remains fresh in its commentary — as things do not seem to have improved much since Eliot first penned the poem in

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Park, you will 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.

Painted Lady Butterflies may take wing across San Diego County sometime this month. This happened in a dramatic way exactly three years ago, during a year of greater-than-normal rainfall. This season's significant if not torrential rainfall may trigger a painted lady butterfly migration into our area from the Anza-Borrego Desert and northern Baja California. You will spot them winging west or northwest, toward greener, more succulent vegetation and away from the drying desert flora.

April's Lowest Tides, dropping to -1.1 feet, are for early risers only: 4:42 a.m. on Monday the 7th, and 5:32 a.m. on Tuesday the 8th. The highest tide for April (+6.2 feet) occurs at 10:38 p.m. on Monday the 7th.

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# **BOOZE NEWS**

### Local sports return with local beer and booze partnerships

Professional sports have returned to San Diego, and beer and spirits sponsorships have returned with them. Although we're all accustomed to seeing "tastes great, less filling"-style ads during televised games and light beer logos on stadium scoreboards, local beverage producers have increasingly partnered with local teams to help fans double up on hometown pride. That includes the big leagues, where our San Diego Padres have finally returned to playing in front of fans following their first playoff season since 2006. Though fans have been accustomed to drinking local beer in Petco Park for several seasons now, official branding partnerships have mostly been national. However, that has been changing in recent years, if at times only technically.

For example, last year, the Padres teamed up with Cutwater Spirits, the Miramar distillery best known for its ready-todrink cocktails, to issue a cobranded Padres Vodka Mule in cans. Fresh off airing a commercial during the Super Bowl, Cutwater has added a second canned Padres cocktail: The Padres Tequila Paloma (tequila and grapefruit soda). Though founded and produced locally, Cutwater was purchased by Anheuser-Busch in 2019, so the cachet of a Padres-branded canned cocktail is diminished a bit by the fact that, this year, Cutwater is producing similar canned drinks for the Arizona Diamondbacks, St. Louis Cardinals, Washington Nationals, Atlanta Braves, and New York Yankees. (At least the Dodgers don't get any, right?)

Meanwhile, it was a corporate-owned Ballast Point Brewing that dealt with the Padres to come up with Swingin' Friar pale ale, dubbed "the official craft beer of the San Diego Padres." Not confined to baseball season, it's now a year-round release for Ballast Point, which continues to partner with the team since being bought back into the world of craft beer early last year. In fact, when the start of the 2020 season was delayed, proceeds from Swingin' Friar sales were pledged to support Feeding San Diego, raising \$9256 for the city-focused nonprofit, an amount matched by the team's charitable arm, The Padres Foundation.

As for "the official whiskey of the San Diego Padres," that honor goes to Templeton Rye, originally a product of Templeton, Iowa. But not so fast! These days, Templeton is owned by Infinium Spirits, a Southern California booze company that has just relocated its corporate headquarters to downtown San Diego. So when Fernando Tatis, Jr. hits a dinger into Petco's right field Templeton Rye Barrel Deck (as it will be called through 2022 at least), it reflects a partnership that extends to the Gaslamp Quarter. (He'll probably hit a few all the way to the Gaslamp, right?)

The beer and booze partnerships get more emphatically local when we look at the smaller headline — yet still beloved — local teams that have also returned from the pandemic to play games this spring.

At this writing, the minor league hockey team San Diego Gulls have started their season 5-0. Because the team plays indoors at the Sports Arena in Point Loma, they haven't been allowed to welcome back fans. However, they have sold the



rugby team official beer for their franchise, but the brewery

Paul Elder's label art for Ballast Point's Legion

Lager, the official beer of the San Diego Legion

that popularized hoppy beer does plan to serve its new Buenaveza Salt & Lime Lager during games. A rep says the Mexican lager was designed to be a "great stadium beer."

Also appearing on jerseys this season is Ballast Point. In addition to the official Padres beer, the brewery now produces the official beer of Major League Rugby squad San Diego Legion. One of the better teams in the league's first two seasons, the Legion has started this year playing home games in Las Vegas, Nevada, due to pandemic restrictions here. The team hopes to finish the season on its home turf — also Torero Stadium — but in the meantime, it has reintroduced its Legion Lager, a helles-style lager built off the recipe of Ballast Point's year-round Longfin lager.

Last year, Ballast Point issued the seasonal Legion lager in taprooms, including its original Home Brew Mart location down the road form the stadium in Linda Vista. This year, it has returned in 16-ounce four-packs, featuring the distinctive artwork of longtime Ballast Point label artist Paul Elder. The labels depict skeletons drinking beer while playing rugby.

For more craft booze news, see

opportunity for fans to place cardboard cutouts of themselves in the arena's newly branded Skrewball Whiskey Fan Cutout area.

The Ocean Beach-founded booze brand officially partnered up with the Gulls this year, a three year deal that will eventually see Skrewball cocktails served during games — once California opens them back up to in-person attendance.

Fans of San Diego Loyal SC, our newest pro soccer squad, had one chance to see the United Soccer League team play last season, its first. They would have likely been drinking beer from Stone Brewing. The Escondido-based brewery sponsors the team, which includes the Stone name front and center on players' jerseys. Loyal SC hopes to host fans in person at USD's Torero Stadium beginning in late May. Stone hasn't created an

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### ENCINITAS

### Mr. Peabody's Bar & Grill:

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### ESCONDIDO

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

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

### LAKESIDE

### Eastbound Bar & Grill:

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

### **LEMON GROVE**

Dirk's Niteclub: Daily, 4pm-

7pm: \$3 shot of select liquor with your first drink. 4-7pm: \$1 off domestic beer, 50 cents off cocktails.

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.

### **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.

**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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## Pork belly evolution

### The street dog is hard not to love.

he whole ramen thing again?" says my friend Annie. We're on the phone. "No. This is like the original, and IMHO the best," I say. "Come on down! Sun's got two fists to go!"

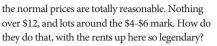
Up to now, I've been looking all over for a decent Happy Hour here in Little Italy. I mean, yes, there's no shortage. And plenty of solid streetside eating shelters, too. Makes India Street look full and busy. I stop off around Cedar to say hello to Mr. Pecoraro, who's

sitting on the porch of his house, as he usually does this time of day. He has lived here ever since he started his house-painting business decades ago. Today, woah! There's a gold Bentley parked outside. I have to wonder if it's his. I'm about to ask, when one of his sons comes up with something

So I hustle on up India. I look down Fir towards the sparkling blue bay. Hmm. Cafe Gratitude, the LA vegan chain. It's right there on Kettner. Have to take

Its windows are filled with

**UB Street Dog. Excellent** Kurubota sausage, and bacon wrapper helps. Deal at \$2.50!



"Reasonably authentic," says the menu, talking about its food. That is so cool. I head down the

> slightly awkward ramp to where the counter jackknifes around the entrance.

"What's it going to be, my good man?" It's this perky gal, Cassandra.

"What do you have for Happy Hour?"

"Well, we have half-off San Diego beers, so we're talking three, four dollars a pint."

"And food?"

"Oh yes. Not the full ramen, but we have like ramen nachos for \$6, our street dog for \$2.50,

> boiled edamame \$2, and kimchi wings for a buck each. At least for the

next half hour. Heck, can't argue with that. Plus, even non-Happy Hour prices are great. The "No Name" ramen bowl promises "thiccck" & rich chicken broth, duck confit, chard, leeks, bok choy,

pickled ginger, yuzu paste, plus soft-boiled egg, green onions, and mayu (black garlic) oil, for \$12. The Underbelly Ramen is built around tonkotsu (slow-cooked pork bones) broth (which was born in southern Japan, just about on the same latitude as San Diego). Or Chashu belly (braised for a long time), plus smoked bacon and adobo pulled pork. Costs \$12. A "herbivore" version costs \$10.

Under "small plates," I'm also looking at the shrimp gyoza (gyoza is wonton wrappers stuffed with pork,

cabbage, and onion). Costs \$6. And among the baos (stuffed buns), the tempura eggplant (\$7) looks like fun.

But no. I decide to stick with happy hour. Beer first, natch. I like that they list them under light/ crispy/sweet, malty/dark, and hoppy/bitter. And all are San Diego brews. I go for "The Butcher" by Societe, an imperial stout, usually \$8, but \$4 HH. Then, eats-wise, have to start off with two of those buck-apiece kimchi wings, and then mainly the ramen nachos. Original idea. It's supposed to be crispy noodle "chips" under pulled pork, with green onions, kewpie (mayonnaise made with rice vinegar), soy glaze, pickled red fresno peppers, and furikake (a condiment made from dried fish, sesame seeds and seaweed). Six dollars. And heck, why not? I get a UB Street Dog. It's only \$2.50. Made of bacon-wrapped kurubota ("black pig")



Kewpie, spread on top of the ramen nachos, is a rice vinegar mayo

sausage, in a steamed bun with umami mustard, scallions, and sautéed onions. Wow. All those items for a Hamilton? Deal. (Okay, \$10.50, plus \$4 for the beer.)

I pay up first — that's the system here — grab a number, and head for the inside-outside counter stools on Kettner. Butcher stout's in a smaller glass. Turns out it's almost 10% alcohol. And a little sweet, just like the food. Love it. For starters, those wings really are crispy. They mix the kimchi vinegariness with the creamy mayo and crunchy garlic. It's a mess, but you've just got to use your fingers and chomp into the whole snake pit of carrots, onions and, somewhere in there, the actual wings. The street dog is also hard not to love. Beautifully peppery, tempered by the steamed bun.

But really, the big act is the ramen nachos. The "chips" are a hotbed of the mostly crunchy noodles, and with those bright red fresno peppers on top, they're an irresistible frame for the pulled pork. Don't dilly-dally on the ramen noodle chips, though. They can get tough if they dry out.



Cassandra: keeps the party going

Just before 5 o'clock, I rush up and get a Hopmata Burning Beard West Coast IPA (\$4). But what about Annie? Ayee! I do a rush scan of the menu. Decide on a chicken katsu salad for her. Lots of roasted cashews, curry tahini dressing. She's into salads. \$10. It's not included in happy hour, but I don't hesitate.

Guess that's just the kind of guy I am. Does Annie appreciate this? ■

The Place: Underbelly, 750 W Fir Street, at Kettner, 619-269-4626 (also at 3000 Upas Street, on 30th, North

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Happy Hour Prices: Ramen nachos, \$6; UB Street Dog, \$2.50; boiled edamame, \$2; kimchi wings, \$1 each Regular Prices: "No Name" ramen bowl, \$12; The Underbelly Ramen (in tonkotsu pork bones broth, with chashu belly, smoked bacon, pulled pork), \$12; "herbivore" version, \$10; shrimp gyoza, \$6; tempura eggplant baos,

Nearest Bus Stops: India and Cedar (83 northbound); Kettner and Grape (83 southbound; Pacific Highway and Grape (280, 290)



Somewhere in there, kimchi wings

self affirmations for us to mutter. "I am cozy. I am rejuvenated. I am bright eyed. I am immortal. I am luscious. I am awakening."

Ayee! How much forced positivity can a guy take?

Luckily, it's right opposite the place I was talking to Annie about. Underbelly. One of my faves, even though I haven't been in maybe three years. Think this was one of the earliest eateries this brilliant guy, Arsalun Tafazoli, started. Now? He's hard to keep up with. Think (and take a deep breath) Neighborhood, Noble Experiment, Craft and Commerce, Polite Provisions, Soda and Swine, Raised By Wolves, on and on. Guy's got

Annie says she'll be here "soon." I don't wait, because the sign says Happy Hour is 3 pm to 5 pm. Don't want to miss it. Of course, even if I did, I see **Open for Business for Takeout, Delivery and Sit Down** Puerto La Boca Restaurant AUTHENTIC ARGENTINIAN CUISINE Open 7 days - Lunch & Dinner **Lunch Plates Starting at \$10.95** Mon-Sat until 3:30pm Happy Hour Every day from 4:30-7:30 30% OFF appetizers & Drink Specials 2060 India Street • Little Italy 619-431-4337 ■ puertolaboca.com

# So Saap so good

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### So Saap makes Lao food irresistible

So Saap; 4710 Market St, Chollas View. Whichever cuisine they serve, planned restaurants that went ahead and opened after the pandemic started deserve a special kind of acclaim. The business is notoriously tough under normal circumstances — well publicized studies contend as many as 60 percent of restaurants fail within their first year. So imagine how much tougher it was for new businesses trying to drum up the critical mass of regular customers needed to stay afloat, while hamstrung by indoor dining restrictions and a covid concerned clientele.

Now imagine trying to do so while featuring a lesser-known cultural cuisine. Those are the overlapping challenges So Saap faced when it opened last June, with a menu mainly of Lao food. So Saap operates within a tiny, aging shop-

ping strip at 47th and I

Market in an

Chollas View. It's too far south to be City Heights, and on the wrong wide of 805 to be considered Mt. Hope. Although several small restaurants do business around that intersection, it's not a part of town that has historically been considered a robust dining destination.

ill-defined part of southeast San Diego called

And yet, they tell me they've done pretty well, all things considered. People found them. And there's really only one reason that stands out as to why: So Saap makes fantastic food.

I don't have a ton of experience with Lao food - only so many of us do in this city. Though dishes from Laos often appear on Thai restaurant menus (many dishes are cross-cultural between the neighboring nations) they rarely count among the most popular. Since So Saap serves such dishes as pad see ew, panang curry, papaya salad, and tom kha soup, it would be easy for customers to mistake it for a Thai restaurant.

Actually, you could easily regard it as mainly a Thai restaurant and never look back. It might even become one of your favorites. But you'd be doing yourself a disservice. Because So Saap was good enough to start me on a lifetime of

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Lao cravings.

What I do know about Lao cuisine mostly involves larb, so there was little question I would have to try the ground meat and toasted rice salad. I've learned just enough to know my palate can't handle the so-called bitter larb usually preferred by Lao folk - made bile and tripe. So I avoided the beef larb (\$11) altogether. So Saap



The Laos Famous Plate features Lao sausage and two types of beef jerky (the one with sesame seeds is 'heavenly').

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vegan, tofu larb (\$10) I knew would be friendlier, but I was right to choose the chicken larb (\$10).

This was meant to be a posterity order, something I took a few bites of during dinner, then stashed in the fridge to become tomorrow's lunch. But it packed so much flavor into each bite — lime, fish sauce, chilis, and herbs — that I kept coming back to it, and back to it again. There would be

But larb isn't even the first thing I recommend ordering at So Saap. If you try nothing else here, start with the Laos Famous Plate (\$13). Think of it as a sampler platter of Lao meats, beginning with beef jerky.

I'm not normally one to espouse ordering beef jerky at a restaurant, but in this case we're talking about the best beef jerky I've ever eaten.

morsel add just enough to the balance of sweetness and pepper that the use of 'heavenly' to describe it no longer seems far-fetched.

Heavenly jerky is the star of the famous plate, and available on its own as an \$8 side dish. But I'd still recommend getting the whole famous plate, because it includes papaya salad, a plastic bag of sticky rice, and Lao sausage, a spicy, lemongrassy piece of grilled pork sausage that hits every mark. Also, don't sleep on the small serving of *jeow mak* len, or what the menu calls "jel tomato sauce." It's simple enough, but the spicy, salsa-like tomato sauce offers its own world of flavor, so now I'm looking for jars of the stuff.

So Saap has just, finally started serving on premise, though its street food takeout game is strong, and well worth a try for those not dining in

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# the inside track

Sonic feel Cheyenne
Benton loves the San Diego
County Fair. Except when
she hates it. "One of my best
stories would have to be when
I was performing at the 2019
fair," she recalls. "We got to
the final song on our set, and
when I looked out into the
crowd I saw Vic Fuentes from
Pierce the Veil and his girl-

since then!"

Benton was born in California City near Lancaster in the high desert north of Los Angeles, but her family moved to San Diego just before she turned five. "My mom likes to tell the story of my love for making noise very early on, at about two or three when I would crawl underneath the

Cheyenne Benton's first instrument was a drum set of pots and Tupperware.

friend — watching my set.

"I instantly lost my

cool — nearly threw up on

stage, I was so nervous — but
he stuck around after the
show and bought a CD, and
talked with me for a minute.
That meant so much to me,
being able to meet one of my
musical heroes, and to have
him be so down to earth and
genuine. Hands down one of
my favorite gigs to date."

On the other hand, "One of my worst gigs was the first live show I ever booked — once again, at the San Diego County Fair, but back in 2015. It was scheduled for what I thought would be a sunny summer day — and as soon as I got on stage to perform, it started raining.

"Because the stage equipment is all outside, they booted me off stage for safety reasons, and I was unable to reschedule. It absolutely broke my heart, and I had a moment where I had to decide whether or not I was cut out for this type of thing. But I pushed through my fear and I've played many of wonderful gigs

sink to grab pots, pans, and Tupperware to create my

own make-shift drum sets.

"I just about drove her insane, so she bought locks to put on the cabinets to keep me from getting into trouble. That worked for a hot minute, until I eventually memorized the key code and was able to unlock them myself."

The first instrument she mastered was the baritone ukulele, age eight, around the same time she discovered Taylor Swift. "She was the first artist I felt I truly connected with, and to see a young woman being able to write and perform her own music inspired me to do the same.

"Growing up, we really only listened to country music, and I mean that was it. I remember my first exposure to pop music was around nine or ten, riding in the car with my Auntie, and Maroon 5's 'Makes Me Wonder' came on, and I was hooked. I went home and hopped onto YouTube, which initiated my deep-diving into the world of pop music.

"The type of music that

influences me today is a lot of synthwave, '80s-inspired sounds — so, the 1975, Lorde, Pale Waves, Kim Petras, Carly Rae Jepsen, Ke\$ha, Transviolet. I love bubblegum pop with meaningful lyrics, a catchy riff, and somewhat of a nostalgic sonic feel."

Performing in public, she started out a bit wobbly, but righted herself swiftly. "My first experience performing to an actual audience was during a Christmas play at my old private elementary school. I was in the fifth grade, I played the role of Mother Mary's Donkey, and we got

to sing a solo song while holding hands. The girl who played Mother Mary was my best friend at the time, and I remember ber being absolutely petrified to sing in front of other people. But she was right there alongside me to cheer me on, and it was received really well.

"I remember being extremely intimidated by the

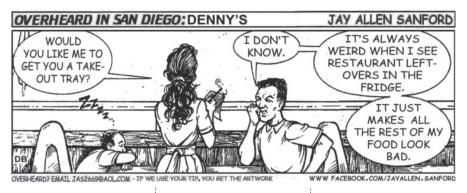
San Diego music scene when I started seriously playing gigs. Mostly because it's so male-dominated and I jumped into it pretty young (around 16). Attending and playing the local open mic gigs taught me a lot about what it means to be an artist, and how it really isn't as black and white as the media makes it seem. Some of the most talented people you will ever hear can be found playing to empty chairs and empty tables in hole-in-thewall coffee shops."

— Andrew Hamlin

### A horrible thing Mike

Kociela's old band, New World Spirits, got signed to Universal Records in the mid-90s. They were chewed up and spit out by the label a couple of years later. By 1997, he had formed his own production company and was blazing a new trail in the events industry. Since then, he has been producing large-scale events that range from 1000 to 500,000 attendees.

One might think that getting dumped by a major-label



would be his career low-point, but covid-19 has taken over that spot. His entire industry has been shut down since last March, and all he can do is hope that everything gets going again sooner than later.

"It takes an emotional toll on you," Kociela explained. "It's really, really hard. One, to see your bank account dwindle and, two, to not do what you do as a profession. And not being recognized — which makes you feel invalid in the world. We don't exist as far as California is concerned. It's a horrible, horrible thing when all you do is try to make people happy."

Similar to the local venues that have banded together in the San Diego Independent Venue Association, local event organizers have merged to form the San Diego Event Coalition. The thinking is the same for both organizations, the more unified the industry voice becomes, the greater the potential for positive change. Kociela serves as vice president for the Even Coalition.

"The good thing is that at least the San Diego regional event industry is working together, but the reality is that as hard as we're working, we're still... there are just bigger things going on that we can't affect, and neither can the local politicians. It all lies in [Governor Gavin] Newsom's office, period, end of story," Kociela said.

He added, "We're not recognized by the Governor. We don't exist in his world."

While Kociela is frustrated about the industry's lack of recognition at the state level, both he and Event Coalition president Laurel McFarlane are enthusiastic about Nathan Fletcher's (Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors) decision to waive the event

industry's permitting fees for the fiscal year of 2021-2022. Fees from the Department of Health and Quality, Department of Parks and Recreation, the Sheriff's Department, and the San Diego Fire Authority will all be waived. It's an estimated savings just north of \$1.5 million for the events industry, which the county hopes to cover on their end using funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

According to McFarlane, these fees can often account for as much as 25 percent of the cost of an event.

"That's really accurate,"

tic, but there is still no official timeline for how this industry is going to kick back into gear in California. For an organizer like Kociela, who books national acts for his events, he also must compete with other festivals in states that have already re-opened.

"I have personally pushed forward and have started confirming bands for August 7," he explained. "I'm taking a risk. I'm hoping that the vaccines and everything clear the path enough to where we can do it, because the rest of the country is gobbling up all the bands. So, if I didn't pull the



Event planner Mike Kociela laments, "The rest of the country is gobbling up all the bands."

Kociela added. "Sometimes our share fee for the events can be in the tens of thousands. This a huge break."

Now it's just a matter of getting everything going again to take advantage of the savings. With increased vaccinations on the horizon, the potential for large outdoor events by the fall seems realistrigger on talent, I would have been left without talent and therefore I couldn't even have done anything if I wanted to or could do it."

— Dryw Keltz

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### THE NEW REGIME

Fronted by Nine Inch Nails drummer Ilan Rubin, the New Regime recently released two live performance videos off their third album *Heart Mind Body & Soul*, "You Can Be" and "Smoke and Mirrors," with six more videos planned for the series. According to Rubin, "Performing live in the studio is something I've done to showcase my songs in a live, but controlled setting, where the audio and visual fidelity made for an enjoyable viewing experience. This was the first time we had performed since Covid-19 hit and the tour we were on with Silversun Pickups was cancelled halfway through. It felt good to set up, rehearse, and just enjoy

performing live music. 'You Can Be' has been a favorite of mine because it shows the funkier, groove-orientated side of my music on all fronts. From the guitars, to the vocals, drums, and bass, it makes you want to move. 'Smoke and Mirrors' is one of the heavier, riff-based songs off of *HMB&S* without losing out on melody. I've always loved the light and shade of the verses and choruses with some explosive moments that might make you turn your head and smile a bit. We've never gotten the chance to perform this track live in front of people."



### **TOLAN SHAW**

Singer-songwriter Tolan Shaw (the New Archaic) took home first place trophies as Best Singer-Songwriter at the 2011 and 2013 San Diego County Fairs in Del Mar. Songs he's written that have been heard on TV include "Good Day" on MTV's *Undressed*, an SDSU recruitment ad, and both "Eyes" and "Never Met You" were used on CBS' *The Young and the Restless*. He has a new single called "Slide Away." "This is where I found myself a lot the last year," he says, "writing and producing music by myself in my little bedroom studio. Trying to stay productive. Trying to either fight the dark, negative feelings away, or use them as expres-

sion through the songs, depending on the day. I'm blessed, and don't have a lot to complain about, but I know all of us were mentally feeling the effects of so many unknowns, questions, and isolation. Not sure about you, but I typically ignore those feelings, push through them, and put on a smile most of the time. But I've learned how to sit in that space and be okay with it. It's okay to feel shitty. It's okay to not know what to feel. It's okay to feel that heaviness that some days we might just not be able to explain. We all feel it in one way or another, at some time or another. Keep on, fellow human. Things are looking up."



### **SCOTT SAMUELS**

Singer-songwriter Scott Samuels is a vet of bands such as Kitten's Pharmacy, Roxy Monoxide, A,M, Forever (aka Vinyl Pirates), and a Neil Diamond tribute act, Solitary Diamonds. He just released a new solo five-song EP called Sunshine and Starlight for download and streaming. "Shortly thereafter will come the CDs and vinyl for people like me, who like to have something you can hold in your hands," says Samuels. "I thank one of my musical compadres, Scott Spindler, for adding some Bowie-esque keyboard touches to one of the tunes. Other than that,

these performances, the production, and nearly all the songwriting is completely me, from start to finish. This album, more than any other I've done, reflects my '70s glam-rock influences, and I'm really excited to share the results." The cover photo was shot at Clear Lake, lowa that should be instantly familiar to fans of rock and roll history. "This is the marker that leads you to the spot where the plane carrying Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper crashed, about a half mile along the fence line of this farm field."



### **SATANIC PLANET**

The Satanic Temple co-founder and spokesperson Lucien Greaves formed psychotic sound-slingers Satanic Planet with Luke Henshaw (Planet B, Sonido de la Frontera), Dave Lombardo (Slayer, Suicidal Tendencies), and Justin Pearson (the Locust, Dead Cross). They have a new single called "Baphomet." According to Greaves, "Goat headed, human bodied, and three-horned, the Baphomet is an icon symbolizing the reconciliation of opposites; dueling binaries combined and transcending into something greater than the sum of their parts. The track we have titled 'Baphomet' blends the electronic with the medieval, the drone with the scream, the raucous with the orchestral. These conflict-

ing elements, we hope, blend to create easy listening for the apocalypse." A video for the song is streaming online, directed by Luke Henshaw with cinematography by Becky DiGiglio. The track is available free with preorders for their upcoming album, which features guest appearances from Travis Ryan (Cattle Decapitation), Jung Sing (Silent), Carrie Feller (Hexa), Nomi Abadi, Shiva Honey, and Eric Livingston (also known as First Church of the Void). According to label Three One G, "This collaboration embraces the avant garde to create sci-fi sermons that range from doom and industrial to evil exotica."



### **PUTRESCINE**

Founded in 2019 and citing inspirations such as At the Gates, Morbid Angel, and Carcass (and bearing more than a passing sonic resemblance to local female-frontwoman metal powerhouse Benedictum), death metal trio Putrescine is fronted by singer Marie McAuliffe and features guitarists Trevor Van Hook and Zachary Sanders. They made their recorded debut with a pair of 2020 EPs whose titles accurately convey their contents, *Devourer of Gods* and

Reek of Putrescine. The band just premiered their debut full-length The Fading Flame, which features all music and lyrics by McAuliffe and Van Hook. The album was produced by Zachary Sanders and mixed by Shawn McClure. Guest performers include Calin Kim, who appeared on one of the earlier EP tracks and is heard here playing viola on "In a Setting Sun," and Alec Van Der Lam contributes some solo licks to "In a Setting Sun."

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### **IMMORTAL BEAUTY**

BY GARRETT HARRIS

### Greatest movie music ever written

With the 2021 Academy Awards coming up later this month, let's take a moment to consider some of the greatest movie music ever written. The acid test for great movie music is whether or not it has become part of the general concert hall repertoire. The other requirement is that it is music composed specifically for a movie. This rules out contenders such as Also Sprach Zarathustra and The Blue Danube from 2001: A Space Odyssey or "Un bel di vedremo" from Fatal Attraction.

The first piece of great movie music is from a Soviet movie entitled *The Unforgettable Year 1919*. This movie was part of several cult movies made around the persona of Joseph Stalin. The movie itself has been totally forgotten, but the music was written by none other than Dimitri Shostakovich. A section of the score has become known as "The Assualt on Beautiful Gorky."

Ralph Vaughan Williams's Seventh Symphony is based on the music he composed for the 1948 movie Scott of the Antarctic. The movie tells the tale of the ill-fated Scott expedition, which was racing the Norwegian team to become the first to the South Pole.

El Cid received an Academy Award Nomination for Best Musical Score in 1962. The score, by Miklos Rozsa, has been turned into a sym-

phonic suite with a notable recording by The New Zealand Philharmonic.

Aaron Copland wrote seven film scores and received Oscar Nominations for four of them. His score to *The Heiress* won an Academy Award in 1950. The film itself was nominated for eight Oscars and won four.

Howard Shore won two Academy Awards for his Lord of the Rings film scores. Music from all three movies has been incorporated into a full-length symphony. It might be the best symphony written in the past 50 years.

Of course, there's Star Wars. Music from the now nine-part film series was featured in a massive two-hour

Image from Lord of the Rings. Music from all three movies has been incorporated into a full-length symphony.

concert by the Netherlands Philharmonic. Star Wars doesn't enter the concert hall too often but it dominates summer pops stages around the world.

West Side Story won 10 Academy Award in 1962. The symphonic suite of the musical score has become a concert hall staple. The composer, Leonard Berstein, wrote serious music for the concert hall but none of it has enjoyed the success of West Side Story.

The film score with the most concert hall success is clearly *Alexander Nevsky* by Sergei Prokofiev. It could be argued that it is simply the greatest film score of all time. The film, from 1938, depicts the Russian prince Alexander Nevsky defeating the invading Germans. In 1941, the Germans invaded Russia and were eventually defeated.

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### Courtyard Concerts: Barnatan, Quint, Weilerstein

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SPECIAL ORDERS CALL

### Monstrous

MOVIES

he definition of insanity is watching another sequel with "Kong" and/or "Godzilla" in its title and expecting different results. Godzilla vs. Kong is a risk-free retread of Jurassic proportions. Kong still calls Skull Island his home, and is now living life under the electronic supervision of Dr. Ilene Andrews (Rebecca Hall) and her deaf young daughter Jai (Kaylee Hottle), with whom the great ape communi-

cates through sign language. When her

parents died, Ilene promised to look after Jai and keep her safe from harm. She must have overlooked the codicil pertaining to constantly placing Jai's life in peril due to the screenwriters' inability to devise a more cogent plotadvancer than a kid signing with an ape. Then again, better the human touch of a child communicating with a skyscraper-topping simian than two unappealing CG monsters exchanging rock 'em-sock 'em haymakers MMAstyle.

According to the five guys who receive story and screenplay credit, this year's monsters are actually a rather docile duo. For his safety, a restless Kong is confined to an Astrodome-sized container, a controlled-environment scale replica of his jungle homeland. In practice, Godzilla follows in the giant footsteps of another Warner Bros. colossus, Bugs Bunny. Under the even-tempered hand of animator Chuck Jones, Bugs remained indifferent until provoked. If Godzilla is inclined to follow Bugs' "Of course you know, this means war!" trope,

> what then is he doing attacking Skull Island? Nathan Lind (Alexan-

der Skarsgård) — worst-selling Hollow Earth theorist and Ilene's once and future romantic companion — reasons that this interior space is the birthplace of all monsters, and the best way to capture Godzilla would be to use Kong as bait to lure him in the direction of subterranean retirement. It's also Lind's idea to bring Jia along for the trip so that the child can keep the reins on Kong. Surely there had to be a better way of taking the jump from the jungle to the streets of Toho rather than the token Tolkiengesture of making Hollow Earth part of the tour? Kong's paw lazing in the water off his barge or watching as he is carried



Godzilla vs. Kong: Jia (Kaylee Hottle) is the little dear in the ape's headlights.

through the night sky suspended from ropes were sustainable forms of transport, not merchandisible aerial vehicles that genre bend to the point of breaking.

Wanted: big-name actors with a track record. Little to no acting required. Huge payday. Oscar nominations not a must. That's what the casting call in Variety must have read, for how else would they persuade Hall and Skarsgård to star, or get Demián Bichir to play the corporate bad guy who dreams up the robotic end-all to all monsters, the telepathically controlled Mechagodzilla? Brian Tyree Henry provides much-needed, but seldom-connecting comic relief as Bernie Hayes, a podcaster/Kong-spiracy devotee. For you youngsters in the audience,

he's joined by Godzilla-cheerleader/holdover from Godzilla: King of the Monsters Madison Russell (Millie Bobby Brown) and nerdy franchise newcomer Josh Valentine (Julian Dennison).

This isn't a movie, it's a product strung together off the backs of merchandise that came before it. (A Japanese stuntman in a latex costume designed with one facial expression displayed more personality than this CG Godzilla.) A pilot ejecting from his cockpit is added as if to say, "See! Not every civilian is a casualty." Other than one shot of humans fleeing for their lives, the filmmakers work their hardest to keep the body count to a minimum. After all, Titans aren't responsible for the destruction

and countless fatalities — monsters are. Have we gone so completely "woke" as to fear stepping on the toes of imaginary monsters, such that these giant creatures of mass destruction are now referred to as Titans? No matter how they spin it, this is a monster movie. (And what's with the character design gone awry? They're drawn together, if not to scale. The difference in size is written off as, "He's gotten too big over time." Either that or Kong is sporting a pair of elevator paws.) These aren't Titans so much as they are mass murderers being marketed as superheroes. We didn't survive a pandemic to come out the other side only to find this waiting for us. •

-Scott Marks



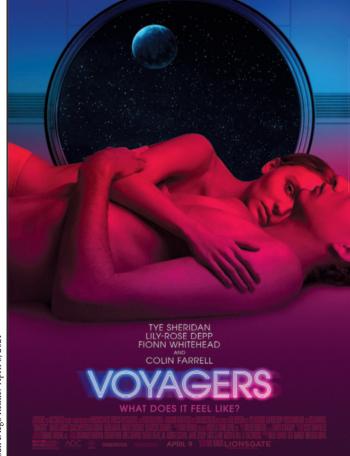
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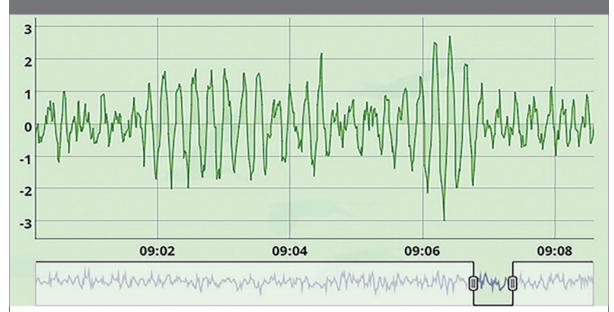
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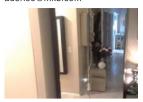
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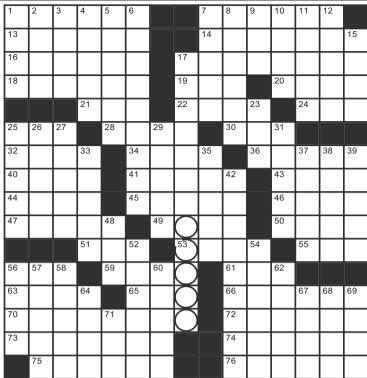


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### Across

- 1. What a brainy kid has
- 7. Visiting Europe, say
- 13. Pilot's directive on takeoff
- **14.** Hanging in there
- **16.** 2015 World Golf Hall of Fame inductee Mark
- 17. Strip teaser?
- **18.** Shocking, in a way
- 19. Beer named for Washington's capital, briefly
- 20. Spread in a fridge
- 21. "Ruh-\_\_\_\_!" (Scooby-Doo's cry of dread)
- 22. Blues or Jazz, e.g.
- 24. Inexact no.
- 25. Toothpaste tube top
- **28.** Singer with the 2006 #1 hit "So Sick"
- **30.** Journey to Mecca
- **32.** New Balance rival
- **34.** Pick up, as ice cubes
- **36.** Puts the brakes on
- **40.** serif
- **41.** Like most standardized tests
- **43.** Modern, in Munich
- **44.** "Time \_\_\_ My Side" (Rolling Stones hit)
- 45. Sting's "If I Ever Lose My Faith
  - 46. Ritz rival
  - 47. Mammal that eats while lying on its back
  - -E-Mart ("The Simpsons" establishment)

- **50.** Honky-\_\_\_
- **51.** Fix
- **53.** Lemon or lime drinks, informally
- 55. Ida. neighbor
- **56.** AirPod spot
- **59.** Sight in a produce aisle
- **61.** Author Chinua Achebe, by birth
- !" ("Don't sweat it!"
- 65. 2002 Olympics host, briefly
- **66.** Ballerina Karsavina
- **70.** "Totally!!"
- **72.** Mine vehicle
- 73. In a mellifluous way
- 74. Of immediate concern
- **75.** Oozes
- **76.** Warm and cozy

### Down

- 1. Brattv kid
- **2.** Place to see Warhol's "Campbell's Soup Cans"
- 3. Grieg's "\_\_\_\_ Death"
- 4. Show on TV again
- **5.** Activate
- **6.** Food that's twirled
- 7. 2009 Best New Artist Grammy winner
- 8. "How do you like dem apples?!"
- Tin Tin
- **10.** "That works \_\_\_\_ many levels!"
- **11.** Like Pilates instructors **12.** Old Venetian rulers

- 15. Massage target
- **17.** "I won't let this happen while I'm in charge!" (or something seen four times in this puzzle's grid)
- **23.** Genius Bar computer
- **25.** Brand of [circled letters]
- **26.** "Stop, ye scurvy dogs!"
- 27. \_\_\_ grigio
- **29.** Snatcher's exclamation
- **31.** "The Brief Wondrous Like of Oscar Wao" Pulitzer winner Díaz
- **33.** Fd of "Flf"
- **35.** Imaginary surface coinciding with the earth's sea
- 37. Cut again, as grass
- **38.** Kind of slope for a novice skier
- **39.** Brand of [circled letters]
- **42.** Get into a fistfight
- **48.** Lip
- **52.** Supermodel Bündchen
- **54.** Pizza chain since 1956
- **56.** Williams College athletes
- **57.** "\_\_\_\_ there yet?"
- **58.** Brand of [circled letters] **60.** Defeats, as a dragon
- **62.** Brand of [circled letters]
- **64.** French flag couleur
- **67.** Toppers of kings and aueens
- **68.** Sound off
- **69.** Pretentious
- **71.** Since January 1: Abbr.

### THIS WEEK'S WINNER:

Winners will be contacted for prize redemption.

Pat Griffith, El Cajon

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shout, "I'm obsessed with Alexander Hamilton!" or Naruto run around the gazebo three times. When they get tired of that, they all run out to the middle of the field and spin until they're stumbling around and falling to the ground.

I sit in my chair and watch them play, satisfied. I know we were right to return these girls to each other. Girls need their friends - even, and maybe especially, during times of crisis.

No one wants to leave the park and go back to their Zoom calls and their box discussions and their online video lessons, but we do. And the rest of the afternoon goes just fine.

#### The road back to normal?

On January 8, 2021, the number of new covid cases peaked at 300,669

in a single day. Back to isolation. No pod, no holiday parties, no girls' nights out. Fortunately, Anna's dance school has been able to continue inperson classes in their outdoor studio, so she does get some social time with her dance friends. And while she continues to complete her school assignments and attend all her Zoom meetings, she goes to class in bed, with her camera off and her sweatshirt hood pulled up over her head.

In late February, things start looking up. The number of new daily cases has gone down significantly, and we receive some hope by way of an email from the school stating that if current trends continue, our kids will go back to school by April 12. On March 4, Lexi's mom and I decide to let the girls have a sleepover. Lexi brings makeup, and the girls stay up all night. It's impossible not to notice that in the days that follow the sleepover, Anna actually gets out of bed every day. She dresses for school and puts on her new pink eyeshadow. During the week of March 15, the dance school moves the classes back into the studio, which feels like another important step on the road back to normal.

When I ask Michelle how she feels about the possibility of the kids going back to school on campus, she says, "I'm glad [they] will have inperson connections and lessons. But, the way they have to distance seems so bleak and demoralizing. Plus, having them do three days a week of asynchronous learning seems too much to ask for such young people."

— Elizabeth Salaam



Enjoy an outdoor shower in the secluded courtyard!

# **U**NREAL **E**STATE

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baseboards, and thick door framing all hearken back to an era of craftsmanship markedly superior to modern construction.

While the home itself is much smaller than others seen here over the years, there's still enough room in the main suite for a separate

sitting room and walkin closet, along with an updated spa bath and direct passage to the rear courtyard.

The "beautiful guest bath is accented with marble tile, intricate mosaic floors, and oilrubbed bronze fixtures."

The private courtyard is outfitted with paving stone and flanked on three sides by the house, but there's still enough room for a basketball hoop and, for

some reason, an outdoor shower. Other amenities include an electric vehicle charging station and a solar installation to power the home.

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Public records show James DiGiacinto, a local mortgage professional, as the West Arbor home's current owner. It last sold in 2006 for a reported \$730,000, and was listed again in late March with an asking price of \$1,325,000. ■

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high rates of diabetes and obesity. One-third of Mexican children and adolescents are overweight or obese. This is by no means a coincidence, as Mexico is the largest consumer of ultra-processed products, including sugary drinks, in Latin America. The highest consumption rates are among preschoolers who receive about 40 percent of their calories from these products."

The new labeling standard went into effect on October 1, and the supermarkets and stores had until April 1 to get rid of

"Mexico declared an epidemiological alert due to the high rates of diabetes and obesity. One-third of Mexican children and adolescents are overweight or obese."

The specs were issued by the Secretariats of Health and Economy department, in compliance with PROFECO, Office of the Federal Prosecutor for the Consumer. The news report added that an estimated "85 percent of products packaged in Mexico" will have some warning label, and non-compliant companies "will be fined 781,920 pesos (about \$37,788)" and their merchandise immobilized.

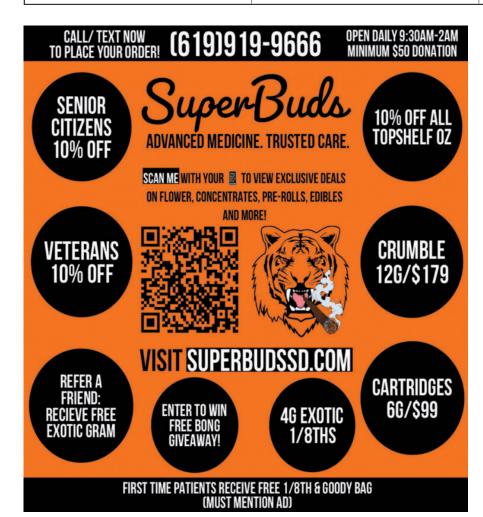
According to *unicef.org*, "in 2016, Mexico declared an epidemiological alert due to the

products with older, cartoon-emblazoned packaging. ("It's not just cereals that are affected by the new protocol," Rosarito reporter Diego Knight said to me on March 21. "Check out this bag of Cheetos I just ate." The empty orange and blue-colored bag was missing the Chester Cheetah image. "They are also doing this with cookies, candies, bread, juices, sodas, and chocolate milk.")

"It will probably take 20-30 years for these no-character anomalies to be worth more than what was paid for them," said Duane, but Tarref disagreed, saying, "They're worth about \$10-\$15 in the U.S. now." On a quick search on U.S. eBay, I couldn't find a vendor selling the characterfree Mexican cereal boxes. On Amazon, a U.S.-based vendor was selling boxes of Choco Krispis, with Melvin the elephant supposedly still depicted on the box art — for \$20.99, plus \$8.75 for shipping and handling. "The photo with Melvin on the box did not arrive as expected; it came out different," one customer wrote in a review. "The sad thing is that I ordered it for the photo of Melvin, and it was not like that." Another customer agreed.

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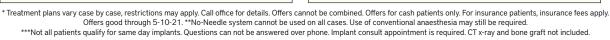
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