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Tony lost his job, and then his home. He now lives on the streets of San Diego. He tells his heartbreaking story in the documentary, "Tony – The Movie," showing soon at the Observatory North Park. (Screenshot from the movie)

Local man shares his story of homelessness in 'Tony – The Movie'

By Lucia Viti

Tony Rodriguez is an intelligent and articulate man. The San Diego native is described as humble, kind, compassionate, loyal and creative. Sporting an associate's degree in graphic

arts from Mesa College, Tony draws, paints and assembles sculptures made from discarded items. Tenacious and handy with tools, he can even fix a bicycle "in a heartbeat."

Five years ago, Tony lost his job as a waiter, despite

a 15-year tenure. Lacking financial and familial support, he could no longer afford his basement apartment. Homeless, Tony said he learned to survive living on the streets because it was "easier than living in shelters."

For the record, Tony is not — and never has been — an addict or an alcoholic. And he doesn't suffer from a mental illness. Gaming the bureaucratic system is also out of the question:

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Georgia Street Bridge project lags behind

Ken Williams | Editor

No, it's not your imagination. The Georgia Street Bridge project on University Avenue in North Park is running way behind schedule.

The historical bridge is undergoing a \$14 million face-lift to restore the aging landmark to its original glory, and the rehabilitation project was originally envisioned to be finished by now.

But motorists, pedestrians, bus riders and nearby neighbors continue to be inconvenienced by the construction, which has reduced traffic to one lane in each direction and caused noise and dust to plague that part of Uptown. The No. 7 bus traveling north on Park Boulevard cannot turn right onto University Avenue due to the construction and is being rerouted, making commutes longer for bus riders.

Recently, Hillcrest resident Primo Vannicelli started a post on nextdoor.com asking about the status of construction on the Georgia Street Bridge. San



Construction is months behind on the Georgia Street Bridge project on University Avenue, east of Park Boulevard. (Photo by Ken Williams)

Diego Uptown News decided it was time to update our article posted after the project kickoff ceremony on July 19, 2016.

Alec Phillipp, a public information officer with the city, confirmed that the project is running behind schedule.

"The project is currently eight months behind the initial estimate. Time extensions for additional work and inclement weather contributed to that but potential changes in condition in the soil backfill and difficult

drilling have extended the time considerably," Phillipp said. "Also, we have limited our use of night work to minimize noise disturbance, which contributed to the delay."

The new target date for completion of the project is spring 2018.

What is the current status of the project?

"We are currently pouring concrete retaining wall

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Uptown News BRIEFS

GOVERNOR DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY OVER HEPATITIS A CRISIS

Gov. Jerry Brown issued an emergency proclamation on Oct. 13 that allows the state to boost its supply of vaccines to combat the hepatitis A crisis.

Most of the hepatitis A incidents have occurred in San Diego County, but cases have now also been reported in Los Angeles and Santa Cruz counties. While a majority of the cases have involved the homeless or people who use illegal drugs, others have not fit into those categories.

In San Diego County, 19 deaths have been attributed to hepatitis A and more than 500 people have been sickened by the virus as of Oct. 18, according to the San Diego County Health and Human Services

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Hillcrest Town Council update

By Benny Cartwright

While the featured presentation at the Oct. 10 meeting of the Hillcrest Town Council (HTC) was on the neighborhood's LGBTQ+ past and present, it was clear that the issue of homelessness and the hepatitis A outbreak that is spreading through San Diego was on people's minds.

During the public comment period, one neighbor spoke up about the hepatitis A outbreak, explaining what he believes to be the symptoms of the illness and encouraging anyone who exhibits symptoms to immediately see a doctor.

Almost all of the representatives of our elected officials

who were present also spoke about homelessness and the related hepatitis A crisis, and addressed some of the things that their offices are doing. Assemblymember Todd Gloria's office said that they are doing everything they can at the state level to leverage resources to support the health emergency, but also to come up with affordable housing solutions. Other offices mentioned that handwashing stations have been placed throughout neighborhoods as a potential solution to the hepatitis A outbreak, and the city opened a temporary "campground" for homeless individuals on Oct. 9 in an old city public works lot. The campground is a temporary

arrangement as the city prepares to open three giant tents to house homeless people and provide wrap-around social services.

The Hillcrest Town Council has previously hosted several forums on homelessness and will continue to address the issue and encourage our elected officials to support our community members in need. While we understand some of the difficulties the homeless population can cause for housed folks, we believe that homelessness is not the fault of the unhoused population, rather a systemic problem that we need to address as a community. We always welcome input and solution ideas from our neighbors.

Other items discussed included an update from UCSD Health on the future reconstruction of their Hillcrest campus, and an update on the University Avenue Pipeline Project. We'll post more about those projects on our social media pages as information becomes available.

It was a very busy meeting as we also held an election for a Hillcrest resident seat on the Uptown Community Parking District (UCPD) advisory board, which is comprised of members of the four neighborhood committees. The neighborhoods are Bankers Hill, Hillcrest, Mission Hills and International Restaurant Row. The organization's charge is to address parking inventory/supply, uniformity of parking



Jen LaBarbera, Lambda Archives of San Diego's lead archivist, talked about Hillcrest's LGBTQ+ past and present. (Photos by Kaimi Wenger)

allocation, traffic circulation, public information, public transit and comprehensive system management.

Gerri Trussell, UCPD's executive director, led the election, which had two Hillcrest residents vying for the open seat. HTC's membership, which is the body that has been given the authority to elect the Hillcrest resident seat to the board, elected Miah Earn. A longtime Hillcrest resident, Earn has been an active participant at HTC meetings, and we look forward to her fresh voice on this important board. Earn will attend HTC meetings whenever possible and be open to hearing input on parking

issues that she can take back to the UCPD board.

The second half of the meeting was dedicated to a wonderful presentation on Hillcrest's LGBTQ+ past and present, presented by the Lambda Archives of San Diego's Lead Archivist Jen LaBarbera. The presentation opened with a brief introduction to the important work the Archives does to gather the history of San Diego and Baja California's LGBT communities. She then spoke to the group about why Hillcrest became the region's LGBT enclave, and several notable historical events in the area. While Hillcrest is a neighborhood that is open and welcome to everyone, the LGBT community has a rich history in the area, and will continue to be a major presence for years to come — and we like that!

The next Hillcrest Town Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Joyce Beers Community Center in the HUB shopping center. Check out our Facebook page soon to get more information about the meeting topic when we announce it. Also mark your calendar for our annual Hillcrest Holiday Party scheduled for Friday, Dec. 8, from 6-8 pm at Gossip Grill. Mayor Kevin Faulconer's office has called us "the most fun town council in the city" so you definitely don't want to miss our holiday celebration!

—Benny Cartwright is vice chair of the Hillcrest Town Council.✧



Hillcrest Town Council chair Kath Rogers and a map of the University Avenue Pipeline Project

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**Assemblyman Todd Gloria
Former City Council President/District 3**

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Dianne Feinstein, United States Senator

"Allowing short-term rentals – a commercial use – in single-family residential neighborhoods undermines the purpose and intent of single-family zoning. The latest proposal to allow short-term rentals in San Diego by Councilman Chris Ward and others is fatally flawed and should be rejected."

**Joe Flynn, former Deputy Planning Director
City of San Diego**

"When supply is low and demand is high, that drives up the price of housing. And again, the short-term vacation rentals adds to the lack of supply."

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HBA holds annual meeting

Hillcrest Business Association conducted its annual meeting on Oct. 10 at The Offices of M. Roland and Associations, on the top floor of the Mr. Robinson building on the corner of Park Boulevard and Robinson Avenue.

Guests sipped wine or cocktails and sampled sliders at the mixer-style meeting that was open to the public. HBA executive director Benjamin Nicholls shared the annual report, and elections were held for seven seats on the HBA board of directors as well as a seat on the Uptown Community Parking District board.

All seven candidates seeking a two-year term on the HBA board were elected or re-elected by a majority vote. They are:

- **Ryan Bedrosian**, general manager of Rich's Nightclub.
- **Tami Daiber**, chief operating officer at Carleton Management.
- **John Husler**, founder and operator of Lestat's Coffeehouses in Hillcrest, University Heights and Normal Heights. Husler was the only new board member elected.
- **Charles Kaufman**, co-owner of Bread and Cie.
- **Larry Malone**, co-owner of Empire House.
- **Alfonzo Tsing**, banking center manager at Comerica Bank.
- **Delour Younan**, owner and operator of Hillcrest Shell gas station.

Visit bit.ly/2yuuEse for more detailed biographies.

—Text by Ken Williams



(l to r) HBA executive director Benjamin Nicholls looks on as Councilmember Chris Ward honors Crest Café owner Cecelia Moreno for the restaurant's 35 years of business in Hillcrest. Moreno had just made a joke about how she made it that long: "Lots of alcohol." (Photos by Ken Williams)



Eric Fillion, co-owner of Pardon My French Bar & Kitchen, was elected as the Hillcrest representative on the Uptown Community Parking District during the HBA annual election.



(l to r) HBA board member Michael Brennan and Robert Clossin, director of physical and community planning for UC San Diego



Gerrie Trussell, executive director of Uptown Community Parking District, and Marc Marconi, UCPD's Hillcrest project coordinator



(l to r) Carla O'Dell, Tami Daiber, Cecelia Moreno and Benjamin Nicholls



Tami Daiber is president of the HBA board of directors.



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‘Feeling of hope’

Mission Hills woman named 2017 Honorary Breast Cancer Survivor

By Joyell Nevins

“It was a light along the way — what at times was a very hard way.”

That’s how Mission Hills resident and breast cancer survivor Christine Trimble describes the Susan G. Komen San Diego (Komen SD) foundation. Meet Trimble and support the foundation’s efforts at its annual Race for the Cure, held from 6:30-10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1, in Balboa Park.

In September 2014, Trimble was diagnosed with stage 3C breast cancer, an “aggressive advanced” form of the disease. She had just started chemotherapy when a co-worker at Qualcomm, where Trimble is the vice president of public affairs, suggested she come to Komen SD’s Race for the Cure. Trimble didn’t know much about the organization or the event, but agreed to come.

Before the race begins, all survivors are honored on stage in a special ceremony. They are brought up in groups by the number of years they’ve survived. Being just a couple months into her treatment, Trimble was the only one in her group.

“I looked out at this sea of pink and I didn’t feel like a survivor,” Trimble recalled. “I thought, I’m not sure that I can get through this, but next year I’m going to be one of those [survivors] in the other groups.”

After chemotherapy, a mastectomy and radiation, Trimble’s cancer was declared in remission in fall 2015. But she marks that moment at the race as a turning point in her cancer battle.

“Looking at those thousands of faces, it was very emotional. It was so inspirational, and so empowering. I just had this feeling of hope,” Trimble said. “I knew it was giving me the boost I needed.”

Trimble also credits her husband Kent, with whom she just celebrated 22 years; her son, Nicholas; her extended family (including a sister and brother-in-law in the medical field) and some incredible friends for

being her support system. They offered both emotional support — Trimble refers to Kent as “my cheerleader” — and practical support.

“When people say ‘if you need something, let me know’ ... well, at the time, you don’t really know what you need,” Trimble said.

But her circle of friends and family recognized and filled her needs. They accompanied Trimble to doctor’s appointments, helping take notes and making sure the right questions were asked (Trimble notes that there is a huge onslaught of information coming at you in those appointments). A group organized a meal schedule online, so every day she had chemotherapy there was a hot meal dropped off for her family.

“It was so nice — one less thing I had to worry about,” Trimble said.

Even her dog ‘Stein (short for Einstein) was a comforting companion. When she felt sick from a treatment, Trimble said, “he would be so content to sit next to me.” She admits that ‘Stein was bought as a family dog, but both Kent and Nicholas acknowledge that animal is completely hers!

A broader picture

Helping meet emotional and practical needs in other breast cancer survivor’s lives is



Two women prepare to participate in the 2016 Race for the Cure. (komensandiego.org)



Mission Hills resident Christine Trimble, with her dog Einstein, who was a faithful companion during her battle against breast cancer (Courtesy of Susan G. Komen San Diego)

something Komen SD strives to do. But the organization doesn’t provide these services themselves: they work as a giant network to get women the resources they need.

Komen SD is an expert at identifying a need and finding a way to fill it — “bridging barriers to care,” as they say. Every two years, leadership has a “needs assessment” summit. They determine what they believe the holes in services are, and what San Diego women and families specifically need in the fight against breast cancer. This time around, those barriers that need to be bridged include under-insurance, lack of time and transportation, illiteracy, low finances,

diagnostics, lack of support, issues with HMOs and cultural barriers.

Then once a year, Komen SD holds a blind and competitive grant process for local nonprofits that cross those bridges. In 2017-18, Komen SD granted more than \$1.2 million to the following organizations: 2-1-1 San Diego, a health navigation program in breast health care; Community Health Imaging Centers of San Diego’s Mobile Mammography Coach (which Trimble actually used); Mama’s Kitchen, a no-cost meal delivery service for patients’ families; education programs at Vista Community Clinic, San Ysidro Health Center POWER/PODER, Family Health Centers of San Diego, and San Diego Black Nurses Inc.’s “Keeping Abreast of Our Needs.”

Komen SD also gave grants to Health Quality Partners, Jewish Family Service of San Diego, and La Maestra Family Clinic, which all provide breast cancer services to low-income, uninsured and underinsured patients.

A significant portion of those grant funds comes from the Race for the Cure and its counterparts Row for the Cure, Dine Out for the Cure, Pups for the Cause, and Sleep In for the Cure.

Of every dollar raised through the race, 25 cents go into the national Susan G. Komen Foundation pool to support research for new drugs and treatment and ultimately, a cure. The other 75 cents stay in house and funds the Komen SD mission. None of the race profits go to support the administrative or marketing side — all of that is covered by corporate sponsors. Komen SD is still seeking runners, supporters and financial donors for the event.



The last word

And for those still fighting their cancer battle, Trimble offers these words of hope

and advice:

“You’re going to have bad days — it’s OK to go rest,” she said. “Focus on yourself and what your body needs.”

For more information or to register for the race, visit komensandiego.org, call 858-573-2760 or follow Komen San Diego on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook. If you come in person, check out Trimble’s “Pretty in Pink” team (just look for the ‘80s hair and Molly Ringwald references).

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Agency. Statewide figures were unavailable.

Assemblymember Todd Gloria, who represents San Diego, said in a statement that the governor made the right call with the proclamation:

“Governor Brown is 100 percent correct. This is an emergency. What started as an outbreak of hepatitis A in San Diego County has snowballed into an epidemic affecting other areas of California like Los Angeles and Santa Cruz. We must contain this epidemic now.”

Call 211 if you suspect you have hepatitis A or need to find out where to get vaccinated, or visit 211sandiego.org.

HEPATITIS A CASES
BY ZIP CODE

County health officials have announced the hepatitis A cases by ZIP code, with data compiled through Oct. 9. As expected, the Downtown area with its 92101 ZIP code had 81 cases.

In the Uptown News circulation area, 92104 had 14 cases, 92105 had 11, 92103 had 7 and 92116 had 2 — for a total of 34 out of 490 cases that had been reported as of Oct. 9.

Health officials stressed that the patient’s ZIP code report may not necessarily reflect the location where the hep A exposure took place.

SAFE PARKING PROGRAM
TO HELP PEOPLE LIVING
OUT OF THEIR VEHICLES

As another strategy to reduce homelessness, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer on Oct. 16 announced a safe parking program that will allow individuals and families who are currently living out of their vehicles a safe and secure place to park at night, with case managers and a housing specialist working to help them find permanent homes. The program includes the expansion of an existing safe parking lot and the opening of a satellite lot in District 6, which was recommended by Councilmember Chris Cate. The expanded program will now offer 120 parking spaces to homeless people.

“Homelessness comes in many forms. Sometimes people are living on the streets, some are sleeping on a friend’s couch

and some live out of their cars,” Mayor Faulconer said. “In many cases, these folks just need a place to go so they can focus on getting their lives back on track. These safe parking areas will provide a creative solution for people who just need a temporary reprieve from the streets.”

The existing lot is operated by Dreams for Change at Jewish Family Service’s Joan & Irwin Jacobs Campus on Balboa Avenue and provides a safe space for 40 vehicles, serving 50 to 60 individuals nightly, with an emphasis on families. Thanks to support from the city and charitable donations through JFS, 20 new spaces will be added and, for the first time, people parking their vehicles will have access to housing navigators who will help them find permanent housing.

The second site, located at a city-owned parking lot near the intersection of Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road, will open Monday, Oct. 23, with 60 parking spaces. Together, these two safe parking lots will serve more than 200 people each night.

Program participants must be working toward securing housing and will be carefully screened to ensure it is a safe and welcoming environment for all.

According to the Regional Task Force on the Homeless’ 2017 Point-in-Time count, about 960 people, or 17 percent, of unsheltered people in San Diego reported staying in their vehicle. Many of them are couples or families with children. To participate in the Safe Parking Program, call 619-497-0236 or visit dreamsforchange.org.

NORTH PARK KEEPS
RACKING UP AWARDS

This month, Realtor.com and Yelp.com both ranked North Park as the third hottest hipster neighborhood in America for its red-hot housing market and cool independently-owned businesses. You’ll recall that Forbes magazine first identified North Park as one of America’s hippest neighborhoods back in 2012.

The Clintonville neighborhood in Columbus, Ohio, and the Capitol Hill neighborhood in Seattle, Washington, finished ahead of North Park in the rankings.

Realtor.com cited factors

such as farm-to-table restaurants, unique boutiques, and urban renewal projects along both the El Cajon Boulevard and 30th Street corridors, for attracting the hipster crowd and millennials. And millennials make up almost a quarter of the population of North Park.

Yelp.com echoed those points, adding that craft breweries, the Thursday farmers market and a cool vibe contribute to making North Park an appealing home for hipsters and place to visit outside of the touristy neighborhoods of San Diego.

But that’s not all. The North Park Planning Committee (NPPC) won the “Outstanding Planning Document — Plan, Policy or Ordinance Award” for its North Park Community Plan update.

That honor was handed out Oct. 5 at the annual awards ceremony held by the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals.

The community plan update was years in the making and finally approved by the City Council in late 2016. Longtime NPPC chair Vicki Granowitz and city planner Marlon Pangilinan helmed the laborious task.

Meanwhile, new NPPC chair René Vidales moderated a panel discussion at the San Diego Green Building Conference & Expo on Sept. 22 on the topic of “Beyond Triple Bottom Line Policies: How North Park Updated its Community Plan.” Angela Landsberg of North Park Main Street, Howard Blackson and Dave Gatzke also participated. The update reflected one of the most comprehensive sustainability elements of any community plan in the city and created policies to help retrofit an urbanized older community while sustaining historical neighborhoods. Vidales noted how North Park’s update has become a model for future community plan updates across the city.

SAN DIEGO IS SECOND-
GREENEST CITY IN
AMERICA

WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of the 100 largest cities in the U.S. and determined that San Diego was the second-greenest city in the nation in 2017.

To determine which cities promote a “green” lifestyle,

WalletHub’s analysts used 22 key indicators of environmental friendliness and sustainability. The data set ranges from greenhouse-gas emissions per capita to green job opportunities per capita to number of smart-energy policies and initiatives.

Among national rankings, San Diego was fourth in farmers markets per capita, sixth in environment, eighth in lifestyle and policy, ninth in percentage of green space and ninth in annual excess fuel consumption.

San Francisco held the top spot. Aside from San Diego, other California cities in the top 10 were Fremont, San Jose, Sacramento, Irvine, and Oakland; in addition to Honolulu, Hawaii; Washington, D.C.; and Portland, Oregon.

Read more at wallhub.com.

SDCCD ECONOMIC IMPACT
HITS \$3.7 BILLION

The San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) contributed approximately \$3.7 billion in net spending — or 1.8 percent of the county’s total gross regional product — during the 2016-17 fiscal year, according to a new report from an Idaho-based economic modeling firm.

The Emsi study also found the economic impact of former students who are employed in the San Diego County workforce amounted to \$3.1 billion in added income to the regional economy, enough to support 35,735 jobs. A student who earns an associate degree from the SDCCD can expect to earn on average approximately \$11,000 more annually than someone with just a high school diploma at the midpoint of their working career. Over a working lifetime, that increase in earnings amounts to approximately \$407,000 in added income.

In all, the district’s economic impact supports more than 46,000 jobs, including nearly 2,500 in manufacturing, more than 4,200 in professional and technical services, and more than 5,400 in the health care and social assistance sectors.

“The San Diego Community College District is the great equalizer of economic and social mobility. The district provides any student who is seeking a degree or certificate and any employee who is seeking

advancement in the workplace an opportunity to reach their goals,” Chancellor Constance M. Carroll said. “This report also shows that the district is having a profound impact and playing a pivotal role in the economy.”

SDCCD operates City, Mesa and Miramar colleges as well as San Diego Continuing Education.

EMPOWERING PEOPLE
THROUGH COFFEE

The Dojo Café is a new twist on your average coffee shop. It grew from the years of conversations a social worker, Carlos McCray, had with the residents of City Heights and the 16-24 year olds he’s come to know since 2006.

Now, McCray and four fellow civic-minded entrepreneurs, along with a host of partners, are working together toward one goal: to empower underserved communities to thrive through social enterprise. It starts by having The Dojo Café become THE place to go in City Heights for coffee and events — the place where everybody is made to feel like somebody.

“In the Japanese culture, ‘dojo’ means ‘a place of the way,’ it’s a safe place to practice your craft and hone your skills,” McCray said. “So, we are creating a safe place for residents of City Heights, especially millennials and minorities, to come and hang out, learn, practice their craft, and hopefully be empowered to find their way.” The Dojo features the staples of a coffee place — lattes, cappuccinos, cold brews and café Cubanos — all caffeinated by Dark Horse roasted beans. And it will also offer four unique drinks made with the Dojo flair: Vietnamese cold brew, a super strong cold brew tamed with sweetened condensed milk or sweetened condensed coconut milk; The Dojo Spice, a dairy-free latte with a spice twang; The Dojo Mojo, with jimaica and a blast of spices; and Pinole, made from toasted heirloom blue corn sourced from Napa.

The drinks will be served out of an 80 percent solar-powered vintage travel trailer, which McCray and his co-founders completely remodeled, from the floor to the roof.

The Dojo Café, located at 4350 El Cajon Blvd., celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 14.✽

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BRIDGE

sections at the southeast, then northwest walls, abutment walls, and stressing abutment ground anchors,” Phillipp said.

So far, construction crews have already lowered the roadway on University Avenue below the bridge, and new soil nails and ground anchors have been installed in the retaining walls. But lots more needs to be done.

Phillipp added: “Continue the retaining wall pours, rebuild the arches and bridge structure, form and pour the barrier walls, and install lighting.”

For the foreseeable future, “the traffic alignment will remain the same,” Phillipp said.

In 1914, the Georgia Street Bridge — a reinforced concrete structure designed by J.R. Comly to replace a 1907 all-redwood trussed bridge — was dedicated in a new city neighborhood named North Park. Charles F. O’Neill was the mayor of San Diego, a city of about 40,000 people experiencing growing pains.

Comly designed the bridge to complement the theme of the 1915-16 Panama-California Exposition at nearby Balboa Park.

The new bridge was an instant classic with its elegant Roman arches, a theme echoed on the massive retaining walls on both sides of University Avenue, below the bridge.



Traffic on University Avenue is impacted by the Georgia Street Bridge construction project. (Photo by Ken Williams)

Now, more than 100 years later, the bridge is getting some love.

“This is more a gateway than a bridge,” Vicki Granowitz, then the chair of the North Park Planning Committee, said at the July 19 ceremony. “It is an

entrance to historical North Park.”

It took years of advocating by community activists and local politicians to save the bridge from demolition, which was recommended by Caltrans after engineers declared it “structurally

deficient.” They worked tirelessly to get the bridge declared historic and then mustered up the money needed to complete the restoration.

That restoration effort, however, is going to take a little longer than planned. Phillipp had one last message for readers:

“We want to thank the community for their patience and cooperation throughout the duration of this project.”

You can follow the project at bit.ly/2SdZM1.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Time to turn moments of silence into action regarding gun violence

By Rep. Susan A. Davis

Over a year ago I used this space in San Diego Uptown News to talk about the killing of 49 innocents at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. As we grieved for the victims, we also pushed for a debate in Congress and action to prevent gun violence.

As is typical with such a tragedy, there was a moment of silence on the House floor for the victims of Orlando. There is a growing sense that the only thing Congress can do on gun violence is “moments of silence.”

Democrats demanded more. We urged a vote on common-sense gun safety measures to keep guns out of the hands of people who should not have them. Sadly, our counterparts on the other side of the aisle blocked our efforts.

Led by civil rights icon Rep. John Lewis, who knows a little something about civil disobedience and making “good trouble,” Democrats staged a sit-in on the House floor. We protested congressional inaction on the issue of gun violence.

Rather than have that message delivered, Republicans shut down the House of Representatives and turned off the cameras to the chamber. Undaunted and using social media, Democrats were still able to broadcast our message around the world for hours.

Frustratingly, no legislative action was taken



to reduce incidents of gun violence and Orlando faded from the national debate.

That debate was reignited three weeks ago when another gunman using high-powered weaponry opened fire on a crowd enjoying an evening of country music in Las Vegas, Nevada.

What was supposed to be a peaceful and joyful night quickly turned to horror as high-caliber ammunition rained down upon them. In the shooting, 59 people were killed and more than 500 men, women and children are undergoing treatment for injuries, many of them life-threatening.

San Diego was not immune to the heartbreak of lost and shattered lives. Jennifer T. Irvine, a family law attorney, was shot and killed. Injured in the mass shooting were Tina Frost, George Sanchez, Zack Mesker, Jeffrey Koisher, Elizabeth Carvalho and Fred Rowbotham, who is an agent with the Chula Vista Police Department.

There were also stories of hope and heroics. Taylor Winston of San Diego was

attending the Route 91 concert when the shooting began. Looking to help the victims, Taylor commandeered one of the festival trucks. Making two trips to the hospital, he was able to drive dozens of critically injured people to get care.

His is one of many stories that night of heroes saving lives. What did we do here in Congress in response to the mass shooting? We held a moment of silence.

Maybe this time we will turn a moment of silence into action.

We can start with one approach that is getting some early bipartisan support.

The Las Vegas shooter had 12 bump stocks attached to rifles in his hotel room, allowing him to fire nine bullets per second during his 11-minute attack.

Bump stocks were also used in other mass shootings. It's time we get rid of these devices.

I joined in introducing the Automatic Gunfire Prevention Act that would ban bump stocks. Some Republicans are showing interest in banning these devices, but that doesn't end the need for common-sense changes.

Reinstating the assault weapons ban — are they needed for recreation uses? — and reducing the availability of large capacity magazines, limiting them to holding no more than 10 rounds, are measures that have been supported by a majority of Americans.

While the Las Vegas shooter passed a background check to get his guns, there are still glaring loopholes in our national background check system.

Every gun purchase — whether at a retail establishment, gun show, online, or between private citizens — should be subject to a background check. I have co-sponsored legislation to close these loopholes.

It's important to acknowledge why gun owners feel the need to possess guns and understand the concerns they have about protecting their families. Most owners are not automatically opposed to gun safety measures and engaging them on this issue can lead to safer communities throughout our country.

Every single life lost to gun violence should elicit sorrow and action. We have had too many moments of silence in Congress for mass shootings. The victims and their families certainly deserve our condolences, but they also deserve action.

—Rep. Susan A. Davis represents Congressional District 53, which includes the San Diego communities of Old Town, Kensington, Mission Hills, University Heights, Hillcrest Bankers Hill, North Park, South Park, Talmadge and Normal Heights, as well as La Mesa, Lemon Grove, Spring Valley and parts of El Cajon and Chula Vista.❖

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A ‘Legend’ grows

Theater Review

Jean Lowerison



If Elvis can't save the day, how about a drag queen or two? In Matthew Lopez's sprightly "The Legend of Georgia McBride," a man saves everything by discovering his inner woman. The play is at Cygnet Theatre through Nov. 12.

In Panama City, Florida, Casey (Spencer Bang) has been trying to make ends meet with

playing Piaf. He's to lip-synch to the song "Padam, Padam," and is told that since he doesn't know the French words, he can just lip-synch "watermelon motherf***er" and no one will be the wiser.

She gives him a name — Georgia McBride — taken from the state where his mother was born and the last name of the first girl he kissed — et voilà! A new drag queen is born.

Meanwhile, back at home, Casey is determined to say nothing of this to Jo — until, of course, Georgia becomes a hit. You can guess the rest.

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(l to r) Alexandra Slade and Spencer Bang, as wife and husband, with Chesley Polk as Remy (Photos by Daren Scott)



David McBean as Miss Tracy Mills

an Elvis impersonation act he's been doing at Cleo's, a local bar owned by his friend Eddie (Lance Carter). But one night he arrives to find two drag queens in the dressing room.

It seems Eddie has decided that Elvis isn't selling enough drinks. But Miss Tracy Mills (David McBean) compassionately suggests that Casey stay on as bartender for her and Remy, aka Miss Anorexia Nervosa (Chesley Polk).

Meanwhile, back at home, Casey's wife Jo (Alexandra Slade) is fuming because Casey bought a pizza with the debit card and they've bounced the rent check — again. And, by the way, she's just found out she's pregnant.

When Remy shows up for work drunk one night, Miss Tracy drafts Casey, stuffs him into a sparkly dress and wig "from your Janet Reno phase" and gives him a crash course in



(l to r) Spencer Bang and David McBean

Director Sean Murray plays up the camp and gives costume designer Jennifer Brawn Gittings all the leeway she wants for outrageousness in costumes. I'm tempted to say she is the real star of this show. They are fabulous.

It's good to see new faces onstage, too. Spencer Bang's transformation from Casey to Elvis to Piaf and onward is great fun to watch, and so is his growing ease with the requirements of drag.

Chesley Polk's tipling Remy gets some great bitchy lines and has the look as well. He also plays Casey's friend Jason.

Alexandra Slade is excellent in the difficult part of Casey's wife Jo. She has to adjust to Casey's new look and job and pretend to be happy about

it. Slade isn't new to the area but she is to Cygnet.

Lance Carter, coming off his terrific appearance as Harry the Horse in The Old Globe's "Guys and Dolls," is just as good as Eddie, the owner of Cleo's.

Returnee David McBean is the local drag queen par excellence, and his Miss Tracy Mills is a total hoot.

If you're looking for a bit of respite from the news of the day or any other unpleasantness in your life, you can't do much better than "The Legend of Georgia McBride."

—Jean Lowerison is a long-standing member of the San Diego Theatre Critics Circle and can be reached at infodame@cox.net.❖

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Restaurant Review

Frank Sabatini Jr.



We came for the sandwiches made with Montreal-style bagels and ended up shoveling down four crazy-good doughnuts first. It wasn't supposed to go that way, but when queuing up to place your order at the new location of Nomad Donuts, the colorful and imaginative array of sweets takes first dibs on your appetite.

At least 20 different types of doughnuts fill the display case on any given day, most of which

you'll never see in the leading chains: dragonfruit-acai, green apple sage, strawberry-lavender, and a host of others conceived by Nomad's partner and executive chef, Kristianna Zabala.

Her rotating repertoire, which includes a decent number of vegan options, has come to include hundreds of flavors since the shop opened a few years ago at its original, nearby location on 30th Street. The new digs are five times bigger in comparison, affording Zabala more kitchen space to pump up the selection and offer creative bagel sandwiches that capture everything from house-cured salmon and brisket to

marinated pork and various veggie combinations.

From the quartet of doughnuts we initially consumed was my dream-come-true, one slathered with cherry-pineapple frosting made supposedly with fruit purees. I chose the vegan version and couldn't tell at all it was egg-less and made with soy milk.

My companion took the first messy bite of a doughnut filled with a bomb's worth of house-made blackberry jam. Somewhere in either the crumb or frosting were whispers of peach and ginger, making for a wildly stimulating flavor experience that was brilliantly fruity and spicy at the same time.

The light and airy chamomile cruller verged on a traditional doughnut with sugar icing, except for the herby aftertaste suggesting that a modicum of the anti-inflammatory tea was present. Conversely, the cake-style mango-passionfruit doughnut was exotic, offering a tropical essence enhanced by shaved coconut and semi-sweet icing on top.

I'm in the minority of people who don't like bagels, except for these.

Zabala refers to the Montreal method, meaning the bagels are boiled in sweetened water rather than plain or salted. And they're wood-fired instead of baked in convection ovens. The results are thinner bagels with bigger holes that taste like good rustic bread sporting charred, crispy edges.

They're available in four varieties: plain, sesame, poppy and "everything," which are topped with sesame, poppy and sunflower seeds plus dried onions.

We indulged in three different sandwiches, starting with the top-selling salmon that's cured for three days in multiple spices, including fennel and mustard seeds. Choosing a plain bagel, it was crammed with the Canadian-Atlantic fish and a combination of dill-caper cream cheese, pickled red onions, arugula and lemon vinaigrette.

I would have preferred less arugula and no vinaigrette as to allow for the salmon to sparkle brighter. My companion, however, didn't mind the gush of flavors.

For the spicy Hawaiian open-face sandwich, we chose the "everything" bagel. Its hearty



Executive Chef Kristianna Zabala
(Tim Otto Photography)

topping paired swimmingly with mantles of marinara sauce, mozzarella, red chili pork and pineapple, which didn't jangle the scheme like it does for me on pizza.

The pork katsu on a black sesame bagel was my favorite due in part to the meat's leanness and crispy panko breading. A pleasing crunch pervaded throughout the entire sandwich, starting with the wood-fired bagel and extending to Asian pear and fennel slaw. Generous measures of cilantro also tucked inside added extra-fresh flavor.

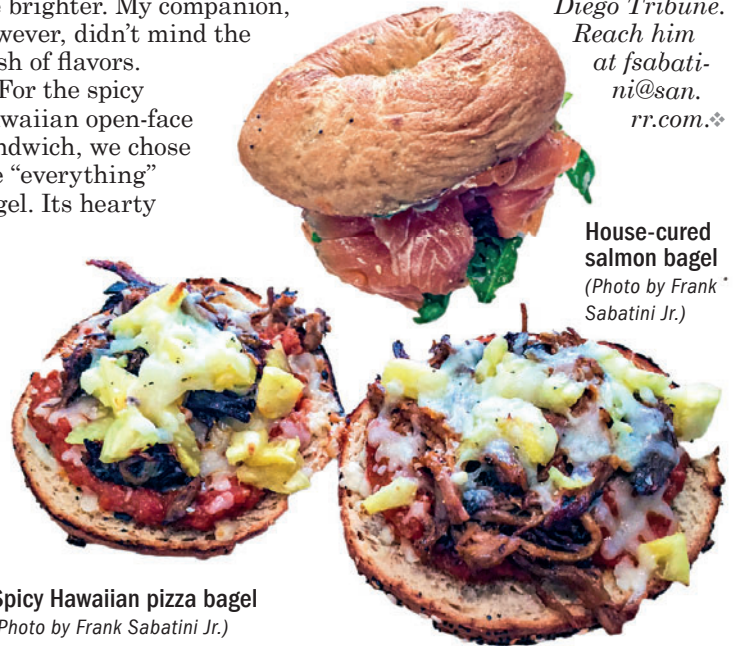
After operating at the new location for seven weeks, Nomad recently held its grand opening to lines around the corner, when hundreds of mini, complimentary doughnuts and bagels were bestowed to new and established patrons.

Founder Brad Keiller said the relocated project is still "a work in progress," as he awaits a permit for a sidewalk patio that he hopes will be followed by a license to sell beer and wine. As for the original shop at 4504 30th St., Keiller added that it will remain dark until he decides what to do with the space.

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Back row (l to r):
ginger-peach stuffed
with blackberry jam;
vegan pineapple-cherry.
Front row (l to r): mango
cake with passionfruit
and coconut; chamomile
cruller (Photo by Frank
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Short rib hash at BO-beau kitchen + cache in Hillcrest (Cohn Restaurant Group)

Dishes such as short rib hash, crepes Suzette, croque monsieur sandwiches and more are in the offing during the newly launched Sunday brunch at **BO-beau kitchen + cache** in Hillcrest. Held from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each week, the menu extends also to an array of European-inspired cocktails. 1027 University Ave., 619-481-5033, cohnrestaurants.com.



A new location and vibe for California Pizza Kitchen (Kevin Falk Photography)

California Pizza Kitchen in **Fashion Valley Mall** has settled into a new space directly below its original spot inside the two-level mall. Situated near guest services, it features an expanded patio, an open kitchen and a stand-alone bar serving craft cocktails, local beers and assorted wines. The aesthetics include an herb garden and artwork showcasing local landmarks. 7007 Friars Road, Suite 354, 619-298-4078, cpk.com.



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A change of guard in the kitchen has occurred at **Uptown Tavern** with the Oct. 8 departure of Executive Chef Lety Gonzalez, who started five years ago at the Hillcrest establishment as a line cook before working her way up the ladder. Stepping into her role is sous chef Mark Molina. "Mark's been with me for the last two and a half years, and he's a very bright, talented man. He'll take Uptown Tavern where I left it and do better," Gonzalez said, adding that she was offered a job "somewhere with a different concept" but couldn't yet reveal the place. "It was time for me to do something else and I'll be first taking time off to spend with my family that I don't get to see that often," she said. Molina previously held line cook positions at a pop-up



Mark Molina is the new executive chef at Uptown Tavern (Photo by Kaylia Molina)

restaurant called **Juke** in North Park and **Fleming's Prime Steakhouse** in La Jolla. He plans on rolling out a new menu next month that will include fried green tomato stacks, Coca Cola-braised short ribs over whipped potatoes, and a spin on papas bravas made with tater tots. 1236 University Ave., 619-241-2710, uptowntavernsd.com.

Move over **In-N-Out Burger** and **Five Guys**. A new powerhouse burger chain is sizzling into San Diego. The much-anticipated **Shake Shack** is due to make its local debut "sometime over the weekend" of Oct. 13-14 in the recently expanded **Westfield UTC** mall, according to a company representative. In addition, a second local outlet is coming by the end of the year in **The Millennium Mission Valley** housing-retail complex at 675 Camino de la Reina. Known for its all-natural Angus beef burgers served on non-GMO potato buns, the company was born in 2004 in New York City's Madison Square Park. It has since spread into hundreds of locations



Popular burger chain is shaking up the local competition (Yelp)

throughout the U.S. and abroad. In addition to burgers, **Shake Shack** serves up crinkle-cut fries, griddled hot dogs, crispy chicken sandwiches, and concretes (frozen custard) in a variety of flavors. 4309 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 2350, shakeshack.com.

The Patio on Lamont in Pacific Beach will host a four-course "vegepalooza" wine dinner at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24. The menu will feature charred carrot and beet salad, Hungarian sweet peppers stuffed with ricotta and eggplant, corn and squash in yellow curry and more. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes wine pairings. Reservations are required. 4445 Lamont St., 858-412-4648, thepatioonlamont.com.

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The exquisitely designed establishment opens up its entire 20-tap beer system for an easy five spot per glass during daily happy hour, and also includes a couple of select wines and several appetizers for the same price.

Dunedin is part of a portfolio of San Diego restaurants containing names of New Zealand cities, such as Queenstown Public House in Little Italy and Ragland Public House in Ocean Beach. They're run by the same set of owners who also operate Bare Back Grill in Pacific Beach.

Here, craft beer and lamb burgers rule the day in an environment that feels part coastal and part woodsy — kind of like what you might imagine of the restaurant's namesake harbor city, Dunedin, which is known for its maritime history and lush landscapes.

The multi-level structure, once a Craftsman home, features indoor and patio seating, plus a central bar that sits partially outdoors. Faux kelp

and corral and a sculpted wood sand barrier tie together the Maori-inspired theme, tricking you into thinking you're on vacation in a faraway land.

Arriving to a welcoming playlist of classic rock — Led Zeppelin, The Rolling Stones, Jimi Hendrix, etc. — my drinking partner zeroed in on the Tabula Rasa toasted porter by Second Chance Beer Company, reveling in its cocoa undertones and creamy finish. If you're a fan of non-bitter dark beers, this one's for you.

I chose a Belgian-style Fruition Wit by Brewery Ommegang out of New York State. A first for these lips, I was immediately struck by its radiant yellow hue, not to mention the smooth citrus, slightly spiced flavors that followed. Perhaps because of our surroundings, I also picked up whispers of kiwi.

Dunedin's famous "bare lamb burger" with bleu cheese crumbles, beet root and sparkling mint jelly is downsized during happy hour to a slider. Yet it's deliciously filling for the \$5 price tag and also



Crafty architecture and lush landscaping at Dunedin (Photos by Dr. Ink)

comes with a piling of skinny french fries.

We augmented the plate for an additional \$5 with a generous bowl of pretzel bites accompanied by jalapeno cheese sauce. The latter was addicting, but the pretzel balls not so much because they were too dense and chewy for our liking.

Other bargain noshes include spicy chicken skewers, hummus with pita and calamari with peppers.

The rotating beer selection, which often includes Washington Gold Cider and



Pretzel bites with jalapeno cheese sauce

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kombucha by Boochcraft in Chula Vista, is broken down into several beer styles ranging from IPA and pale ales to lagers, wheats and reds. We also found on nitro Cali Creamin' by Mother Earth Brewing — tempting had we not been so immersed in our choices.

For the flat prices and airy, artfully designed environment, Dunedin's three-hour happy hour is an alluring winner in our books.❖

RATINGS

Drinks: ★★★★★

From 20 taps, you'll find a good cross-section of craft beers of local and national origins. Cider, kombucha and select wines are also in the offering.

Food: ★★★★★

If you're looking for the best lamb burger in town and don't mind settling for one in the form of a slider during happy hour, you've come to the right place.

Value: ★★★★★

Most of the beers and appetizers are at least \$3 cheaper than what you'd find elsewhere.

Service: ★★★★★

The bartenders on duty were fast and upbeat while keeping close eyes on customers whose glasses started depleting. No wait for refills.

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Meet Bankers Hill's famous aviator

By Leo Wilson

Waldo D. Waterman Park will be dedicated on Wednesday, Oct. 25, in honor of a famous aviator from Bankers Hill.

The new park is at the corner of Maple and Albatross streets, and overlooks Maple Canyon.

On July 1, 1909, less than six years after the famed Wright brothers flight at Kitty Hawk, 15-year-old Waldo Dean Waterman flew a homemade hang glider off the south rim of Maple Canyon, landing on the canyon bottom. Some sources say he "swooped" into the canyon.

Waterman made several flights before returning to his garage and working on a plane with an engine. The spot he took off from on the canyon rim is included within the new park that is named after him.

The 9,000-square-foot park site was formerly known as the West Maple Canyon Mini-Park. On May 18, 2017, at the request of Uptown Planners, it was renamed after Waldo Waterman.

For over a decade, it was assumed the green space would be known as Waldo Waterman Park. On May 18, 2007, the Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association included the renaming as part of its recommendations for how the new park should be designed. The recommendations also requested that: "A historic image of Waldo Waterman should be



Bankers Hill park will be named for local aviator Waldo Dean Waterman, who died in 1976. (City of San Diego)

placed in the center of the site to commemorate the historic figure."

The historic image will be a relocated plaque that was placed at the west end of the park site on July 1, 1959 to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Waterman's flight. The plaque was placed by the Early Birds of Aviation, a national aviation organization, and the San Diego Historical Society. The mayor of San Diego and other dignitaries were in attendance, as was Waldo Waterman, who spoke at the event. The day prior, Waterman, who was still a licensed pilot, flew again over Maple Canyon.

In 1911, shortly after his first flight, Waterman became involved in a project to develop a new hybrid airplane/car/boat — known as the "whatsit" airplane. An owner could: "drive his amphibian aircraft away from the landing field or water." It got its name because when people first viewed it, their initial question was: "What is

it?" Waterman worked on the project for several decades, but eventually abandoned it and the prototype plane donated to the Smithsonian Museum. Waterman went on to become a TWA pilot, but at the same time continued his inventive work in aviation.

Waterman was not the only famed aviator associated with Bankers Hill. In May 1927, a 25-year-old aviator left his temporary residence on Maple Street in Bankers Hill, only a few blocks east of Waldo Waterman Park, and flew a small plane that had been manufactured in San Diego to Paris. His name was Charles Lindbergh.

The dedication of Waldo D. Waterman Park will take on Oct. 25, from 10:30-11 a.m. There were dozens of people in Bankers Hill who helped make this park happen; thanks to everyone involved.

—Leo Wilson is administrator for Metro San Diego CDC and is a Bankers Hill resident.✿

Bankers Hill Business Group grows along with its community

By Colette Mauzeralle

Founded in August 2011, the Bankers Hill Business Group is on a mission: Promote and advocate for area businesses, and increase awareness of Bankers Hill as a destination neighborhood.

Partially funded by the city's Micro District Program, the group is managed solely by volunteer business owners, many of whom have been around since the group's inception.

"We had about 20 neighborhood business owners when we started. Now we have more than 70 listed on our website," said Jake Sutton, co-founder of the Bankers Hill Business Group and owner of Edward Jones Investments at Fourth Avenue and Laurel Street. He shares the founder role with Clyde Dugosh of Inscriptu, a laser engraving and printing company.

The Bankers Hill Business Group has met near-monthly since 2011 to discuss topics ranging from street lights and parking improvements to planning community events. In six the group has achieved milestones such as writing a grant for and receiving funding from the city's micro improvement district, working with San

Diego State University and the University of California San Diego on community development projects, addressing opportunities to enhance Bankers Hill as a business district despite its largely residential feel and providing local business owners with a place to connect.

The organization also hosts two large-scale events. Last spring's fifth annual Bankers Hill Art & Craft Beer Festival sold out for the first time in the event's history,

and the Bankers Hill Fall Festival, co-sponsored by the Metro San Diego Community Development Corporation, will take place Saturday, Oct. 21. The Fall Festival is designed to provide San Diegans a closer look at Bankers Hill and features a 10-block footprint of more than 30 participating businesses including restaurants, fitness studios, boutiques, spas and art galleries

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Sudoku Puzzle

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces. Every row must contain one of each digit. So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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Puzzle answers on page 13

Uptown Crossword

Directional Signals

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CREATORS NEWS SERVICE

By Charles Preston

ACROSS

1 Column
5 Camel's-hair fabric
8 Short shop
12 Worship
14 Base
15 Infant's bane
16 Tinge
17 Montmartre season
18 Hoist
19 Imminent
22 Aunt, in Acapulco
23 Arab VIP
24 Govt. board
27 Cease
29 Made into cubes
33 French department
35 French psychotherapist
38 Irrigation tool
40 Moderate
43 Musical composition
44 Additional amount
45 Author Ferber
46 Calendar term
48 Sprite
50 Corn unit
51 A TV Cartwright
54 Ailing
56 Direct the way

64 Batter's forte
65 Beverage
66 Not likely
67 Mockery of something
68 Unknown: abbr.
69 Silent
70 Sidekick
71 Guided
72 Descartes

DOWN

1 S. Am. rodent
2 Scent
3 Choir part
4 Fish
5 Promote
6 Lave
7 Revoke a grant
8 Active one
9 Dash
10 Exist
11 Bakery employee
13 A Ford
15 Hooper
20 Reel
21 El ____ Campeador
24 Like
25 Set of furniture
26 Seem reasonable
28 Ruin

30 Central part
31 Eat away
32 British princess
34 Icelandic literature
36 Flying saucer
37 *Raison d'* ____
39 Hebrew month
41 Libertinism
42 Spiral: comb. form
47 In addition
49 Mock
52 Sluggard
53 Rushlike plant
55 Crescent-shaped
56 Vessel
57 Israeli dance
58 Cupid
59 Remain unsettled
60 Transmit
61 Clan
62 Rotate rapidly
63 Feminine suffix

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Sudoku
Puzzle from page 12



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Directional Signals
Crossword from page 12

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San Diego Arab Film Festival

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Bankers Hill Fall Festival

Celebrate the changing season with a walk-around Bankers Hill along Fourth and Fifth avenues. Grab your map at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral, Fifth Avenue at Nutmeg Street, to learn about the participating businesses. \$15 pre-sale; \$20 the week of the event. bit.ly/2hB4XOI.

'Orange is the New Black'

Opening reception 6-8 p.m. for "Orange is the New Black" exhibit, Art on 30th gallery, 4434 30th St., North Park. Through Nov. 18. Visit arton30th.com or call 619-894-9009.

'Hinky-Die-Die' exhibit

A show inspired by Mojave Desert by Ashley Fender-son, recipient of the 2017 Art Produce/SDSU MCA graduate award exhibit. Exhibit title is a phrase describing a strange, even slightly sinister feeling that's hard to explain. Through Oct. 30. Reception 6-8 p.m. Oct. 21. Art Produce, 3139 University Ave., North Park. artproduce.org.

Comedy Heights

Local comedians perform 8-10 p.m., Twiggs Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Blvd., University Heights. Free. comedyheights.com.

Tei Shi at Soda Bar

Tei Shi and Twelve'Len perform a 21-and-older show, 8:30 p.m., Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd., North Park. \$14-\$17. 619-255-7224 or sodabar-music.com.



Hillcrest Farmers Market

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Normal Street between University Avenue and Lincoln Street. hillcrestfarmersmarket.com.

Armenian OctoberFest

Live music and dancing, folk dance performances, Armenian beer and wine, Armenian food and pastries, crafts for kids. Noon to 7 p.m., St. John Garabed Armenian Church, 4473 30th St., North

Park. \$3 donation. Free for children younger than 12. Visit stjohngarabed.org.

West African dance class

Master dancer Djibril Camara from Guinea teaches classes for all ages and skill levels. 5:30-7 p.m., La Vie Dance Studio, 325 W. Washington St., Hillcrest. bit.ly/2rkMr1u.

Have Mercy

Have Mercy, Boston Manor, Can't Swim, and A Will Away perform at 6:30 p.m., The Irenic, 3090 Polk Ave., North Park. All ages. \$15-\$17. ticketfly.com.



North Park

Toastmasters meeting

6:30-8 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3725 30th St., North Park. 619-694-9148. bit.ly/2vMOGje.

Open Mic Night

6:30 p.m., Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights. Free. bit.ly/2vMqHR9.

'The Windy City'

Write Out Loud's story concert reading on "The Windy City: Stories From and About Chicago." 7 p.m. Old Town Theatre, 4040 Twiggs St. \$25. writeoutloudsd.com or 619-297-8953.

Knuckle Puck

Knuckle Puck, Movements, With Confidence and Home-safe perform at 6:30 p.m., The Irenic, 3090 Polk Ave., North Park. All ages. \$17-\$20. ticketfly.com.



Curbside Bites

Gourmet food trucks gather 5-8 p.m., 3030 Grape St., South Park. bit.ly/2vMQDw2.

Tasty Truck Tuesdays

Food trucks gather 6-9 p.m., Smitty's Service Station, 3442 Adams Ave., Normal Heights. bit.ly/2umVaVY.

Shows at The Merrow

"Unherd TV's" Mike Halloran presents J. Hofstee, Ronhaar and Shane Hall, 9 p.m.-midnight, The Merrow, 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest. 21-plus show. \$5 at the door. 619-299-7372.



2017 Momentum Awards

Circulate San Diego's Momentum Awards celebrate mobility, great neighborhoods, connected communities, and sustainable development while recognizing the achievements of visionary civic leaders, local governments and businesses. 5:30 p.m., Natural

History Museum, 1788 El Prado, Balboa Park. \$60. 619-544-9255, ext. 310.

Play-Well Technologies: LEGO Engineering

Kids can flex their engineering and architectural skills at this STEAM event using LEGO pieces, 6-7 p.m., North Park Library, 3795 31st St. 619-533-3972.

Mystery Book Club

A new mystery novel will be discussed, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Mission Hills Library, 925 W. Washington St. 619-692-4910.

Wednesday Night Experience

Uplifting and spiritually inspiring experiences for all, 7-8 p.m., Universal Spirit Center, 3858 Front St., Hillcrest. \$20 donation requested. bit.ly/2vMK5xl.



'The Birds'

Alfred Hitchcock horror classic. Through Oct. 28, 8 p.m. Cinema Under the Stars, 4040 Goldfinch St., Mission Hills. \$15. topspresents.com or 619-295-4221.

Halloween costumes-preschoolers

Princesses, superheroes, pirates and other costumes expected at preschool story and craft time, 10 a.m., North Park Library, 3795 31st St. 619-533-3972.

Uptown Sunrise Rotary Club

Weekly meeting, 7 a.m., Panera Bread, 1270 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest. bit.ly/2pezpnR.

North Park Thursday Market

3-7:30 p.m., North Park Way between 30th Street and Granada Avenue. northparkfarmersmarket.com.



SoNo Community Forum

SoNo Neighborhood Alliance fall forum "Density Is Here: Now What?" features environmental and land-use attorney Craig Sherman talking about the city's "Housing San Diego" plan that targets "urban infill" projects. 6 p.m. Lafayette Hotel, Swim Club & Bungalows, 2223 El Cajon Blvd, North Park. Free. The nonprofit informs and engages residents of South Park and North Park about neighborhood issues. sonoalliance.org.

Business mixer

Kensington Talmadge Business Association mixer, 5:30 p.m., UrbanLife Café at

Copley-Price Family YMCA, 4300 El Cajon Blvd., City Heights. RSVP to vp@kenbiz.org.



Memory Café

Gathering place for those with memory loss, caretakers and those worried about memory problems. 10-11:30 a.m., second and fourth Fridays. First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Diego, 4190 Front St., Hillcrest. Donations appreciated. bit.ly/2vMSsZV.

Turnover

Turnover, Elvis Depressedly, and Emma Ruth Rundle perform at 7 p.m., The Irenic, 3090 Polk Ave., North Park. All ages. \$16-\$19. ticketfly.com.



'The Zoo Story'

San Diego Actors Theatre presents Edward Albee play that explores themes of isolation, loneliness, miscommunication and dehumanization in a commercial world. 2 p.m. Oct. 28-29, Nov. 4-5 and Nov. 11-12 at Pioneer Park, 1521 Washington Place, Mission Hills. \$20. sdactorstheatre.net or 619-997-2589.

'Nightmare on Normal Street'

Live entertainment, fright zones, food trucks, outdoor dance party and a costume contest with celebrity judges and audience voting by text. 6-11 p.m. on Normal Street at University Avenue, Hillcrest. Benefits The San Diego LGBT Community Center and Hillcrest Business Association. \$20 general admission or \$45 VIP presale; \$25 or \$55 day of event. bit.ly/2xAN1xh.

Balboa Park Halloween Family Day

Free craft project for kids, costume parades and contests, other fun events, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. throughout Balboa Park, including at 12 museums. Details at bit.ly/2fZ2e1d.

Art show

Artwork by local artists displayed and sold, 6 p.m., mezzanine, North Park Beer Company, 3038 University Ave. Halloween costume contest at 8 p.m. northparkbeerco.com or 619-255-2946.

Knitting Saturday Circle

Monthly event for knitters of all levels, 10-11:30 a.m., Kensington-Normal Heights Library, 4121 Adams Ave. 619-533-3974.



'Swan Lake'

California Ballet Company presents full-length classic, Oct. 28-29, Civic Theatre, 1100 Third Ave., Downtown. \$25-\$125. californiaballet.org.



Cabernet sauvignon wine tasting

Taste over a dozen wines from one of France's most coveted wine regions, 4-7 p.m., Village Vino, 4095 Adams Ave., Kensington. \$35 (fee waived with purchase of two bottles of wine). RSVP to 619-546-8466.

Comedy Heights

Local comedians perform 8-10 p.m., Twiggs Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Blvd., University Heights. Free. comedyheights.com.

Old Town Saturday Market

9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Harney Street and San Diego Avenue, Old Town. Also held on Sundays. oldtownsaturday-market.com.

Golden Hill Farmers Market

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., B Street between 27th and 28th streets, Golden Hill. sdmarketmanager.com.

San Diego Arab Film Festival

The annual San Diego Arab Film Festival, Oct. 28-29 at AMC Mission Valley 20. Visit sandiegoaff.org for details.



Hillcrest Farmers Market

9 a.m.-2 p.m., Normal Street between University and Lincoln avenues. hillcrestfarmersmarket.com.

Kids Craft Pumpkin Painting

Parents can kick back with a beer while kids socialize and paint mini pumpkins, 1-3 p.m., North Park Beer Company, 3038 University Ave. \$5 donation will benefit Friends of Jefferson Elementary School. northparkbeerco.com or 619-255-2946.

Parachute

Parachute performs "An Intimate Acoustic Evening," along with opener Austin Plaine. 7:30 p.m., The Irenic, 3090 Polk Ave., North Park. All ages. \$129. ticketfly.com.

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TONY

He has never applied nor received a single disability check.

One morning, a well-dressed “professional” woman walked by Tony “looking directly at me.” Since most people avoid eye contact with the homeless, Tony felt buoyed. In his world, a “normal interaction between two people” rarely occurs. In passing, she leaned into Tony and whispered into his ear: “You bum.”

“I literally fell to my knees,” he said. “She got me. She tore into my soul. This was intimate and it hurt.”

One individual tried to poison Tony, another offered him a sandwich filled with glass shards, while another gave him a sandwich oozing with the hottest sauce “you could ever imagine.” And yet, despite people “wreaking havoc to beat you down,” Tony overwhelmingly believes that most people are generous and kind.

“And that,” Tony said, “is what I choose to focus on.”

Today, he is the star of his poignant story, “Tony – The Movie.”

“It’s bizarre to be filmed,” he said. “At times I felt like a star until the seriousness of the issue weighed in. You quickly realize it’s not all fun and games.”

North Park filmmaker

Hobbyist filmmaker Dennis Stein, a North Park resident, will show the documentary on Oct. 28 at the Observatory North Park in an effort to “jumpstart a community discussion on our region’s homelessness crisis.” The free public event will also feature “Shine,” an animated short film from Father Joe’s Villages.

Filmed in 2016-17, the biopic on Tony is also an exposé for implementing solutions to San Diego’s pervasive homeless issue. America’s Finest City ranks fourth in homeless overall, and second in the number of homeless veterans.

“Tony’s story highlights the need to support the homeless,” Stein said. “Chronic and challenging, the issue of homelessness in San Diego is not being properly addressed. Filming the struggles of life on the street made me question: Why is it like this? What changes can we make?” “Tony – The Movie” focuses on the importance of supporting solutions based on what does and doesn’t work.”

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BANKERS HILL

showcasing their fare and wares. Tickets are available at bankershillbusinessgroup.com/ events and at the door, while supplies last.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect has been the neighborhood’s growth in recent years.

“It has been exciting to see all the new businesses that have opened in Bankers Hill since 2011 when we started our organization,” Sutton said.



Tony, a local homeless man who is the star of the documentary, “Tony – The Movie,” shows off one of his paintings. He has an associate’s degree in graphic arts. (Courtesy of the artist)

“Housing first” is the underbelly of the documentary’s message. Stein advocates a regional plan emanating from San Diego’s political affiliates and elected officials including mayors, county supervisors and City Council members, to replace programs that serve only as bandages and not resolutions.

“Housing first is not only key, housing first works,” he said. “A percentage of San Diego’s 9,000 homeless have endured underserving challenges. Others ride the system. But how can we judge those who deserve help and those who don’t? It’s impossible. Judgment leaves people on the streets without solving the problem. Non-judgment houses people. Would you rather house the homeless or step over them on your doorstep?”

According to Stein, transitional housing cost \$36,000 per year and often loses participants who can’t adhere to program rules. Tenting — shelter tents — costs \$6,000 a year per person.

“Why not spend that money to house people so they can efficiently accept help and get their lives back together?” Stein said. “Government research shows that housing first is the most effective long-term solution to homelessness. The public should visit the East Village, become outraged and demand an immediate response. San Diegans can make it politically infeasible for our elected officials not to implement housing first.”

Priced out of housing

Facing a “tsunami of rising costs,” Tony explained how San Diegans “living on the edge of homelessness” are often priced out of their apartments. Residents get evicted without

“From professional services and restaurants to health and wellness establishments and salons, the mix of businesses has become a strength for the district. Bankers Hill is definitely open for business.”

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—Colette Mauzeralle is public relations & marketing manager for the Bankers Hill Business Group.✽

being offered alternative housing. And yet, Rodriguez remains sympathetic to the public’s understanding of housing first.

“I understand how many view housing first as unfair,” he said. “Families pay hundreds of thousands of dollars for their homes and now we want them foot the bill to house the homeless. But what does it say about our society if we let anyone — especially the mentally ill — live outside? I know an elderly man who sits on the pavement rocking a huge teddy bear. He’s dirty. The teddy bear’s dirty. It rains and people simply walk by. How can we as a society turn our backs?”

Job hunting is also impeded by a lack of housing.

“You need a place to live in order to look for a job,” Stein continued. “You can’t wake up dirty and need to move and guard your possessions while making interviews and appointments. Housing first, jobs second.”

“How can anyone have the mental space to find a job when you’re constantly running from the cops?” Tony said. “Cops beat me down. I’m not a criminal. I don’t do drugs. I don’t steal. But I run from cops. Every. Single. Day. ‘Move along,’ they say, ‘we just got a call.’ ‘How could you get a call, we just got to the coffee shop? Just let us sit and buy coffee.’ ‘Bicycle cops move you all day long,’ he continued. “Well, there’s no place to sit on the street. You’re constantly on the go, spinning your wheels and getting nothing done. You’re beaten down and beaten down, another nail in the coffin of your self-esteem. Getting back on your feet requires help from a mentor or a support group. I can’t do this on my own.”

Police enforcement remains a tenuous issue. The city of San Diego was cited and successfully sued for ticketing people who slept on the streets. Individuals now have the right to sleep on “certain streets” unless an alternative is provided. Ticketing is no longer allowed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless subjects engage in illegal activity or disturb the peace. However, street dwellers must be gone by 5:30 a.m. or they face jail or losing their possessions.

Moving possessions is “tough.” What can be stolen is housed in wagons and carts, covered by sleeping bags, blankets, even a carpet and secured with large chains. What can’t be stolen is carried — phone, charger, flashlights, keys, art supplies and basic tools to fix bikes and cut wood. Rodriguez had a storage unit but was “booted out for a nonsensical reason.”

“In other words, you’re homeless, you don’t fit in and you’re not welcomed,” he said. “The same thing happened at the dog park. Another nail in the coffin of destroying self-esteem that we suffer every day.”

Tony spoke of the common misconceptions surrounding homelessness, which is made worse because “homeless people are generally secretive.”

“Homeless people are no different than you and I,” he said. “Bureaucrats like to rope us in with criminals. Yes, there’s

a criminal element just like there’s a criminal element in every society. Good and bad people exist everywhere.”

Tony shares a “symbiotic” relationship with his girlfriend Ginger and their dog, Bambi. “Working together to protect their possessions,” he said their day begins with canning and dumpster diving, “an arduous full-day endeavor.” Money is used to purchase food, cigarettes, towelettes (since there are no showers) and sundries required to live on the streets. Dumpster items are often used for “trade.”

“I never ask for money,” Tony said. “I never ask for anything. I find it offensive.”

Stein affirmed that: “Tony never asks for anything because he doesn’t feel like he deserves anything.”

“I left one society and became a member of the homeless society,” Tony said. “I don’t choose to be here, but it’s where I am. I tread water to survive. I need help, but not forever. I want to live in the other society. But I need a place to stay. I need counselors. Something within me has changed. Going back to that life is very, very ... I’m stressed at starting my life over from ground zero at almost 60. I’m from the bottom of society. I have no car, no house, no kids. I’ve never been married. But I must find a peace, an identification with rejoining society because street life is survival in no man’s land.”

Ultimately Tony hopes to live with Ginger and Bambi and work as an artist. “Even a garage will do.” But at the moment nothing’s changed. He works odd jobs for Stein, while Ginger watches their things.

“I like to work,” he said. “I work every day. But I’m so beaten down, I can’t promise an employer that I can work full time. I’m impeded by physical and emotional reasons, including depression. I can begin with part-time employment and flexible hours.”

‘Tony — The Movie’

‘Shine’ short film

Movie screening and panel discussion
Saturday, Oct. 28
Observatory North Park
2891 University Ave.

11:30 a.m. – Steph Johnson and Voices of Our City Choir
Noon – Screening
1 p.m. – Panel discussion on homelessness
2 p.m. – City Tacos and Mike Hess Brewing Company

Movie trailer
tony-themovie.com
Short film
bit.ly/2imeayw

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bit.ly/2yhq4PG

Tony also spoke of the importance of his faith.

“I connect with my God,” he said. “He answers prayers. I’ve prayed for direction. I’ve prayed for the second half of my life to be worthwhile. This part of my life’s a mess. I’m wasting my talents. I have regrets, but nothing to hide. Working with Dennis was an answer to a prayer, an opportunity to create positive change.”

Transformed by the filming experience, Tony plans to continue to champion housing first. Stein added his own commitment.

“I know too much now,” he said. “I’m involved.”

—Contact Lucia Viti at luciviti@roadrunner.com.✽



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CALENDAR

MONDAY
Oct. 30

North Park Toastmasters meeting
6:30-8 p.m., weekly meeting at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3725 30th St., North Park. 619-694-9148. bit.ly/2vMOGje.

Open Mic Night
6:30 p.m., Lestat's Coffee House, 3343 Adams Ave., Normal Heights. Free. bit.ly/2vMqHR9.

TUESDAY
Oct. 31

Curbside Bites
Gourmet food trucks gather 5-8 p.m., 3030 Grape St., South Park. bit.ly/2vMQDw2.

Tasty Truck Tuesdays
Food trucks gather 6-9 p.m., Smitty's Service Station, 3442 Adams Ave., Normal Heights. bit.ly/2umVaVy.

WEDNESDAY
Nov. 1

'Are we ready to edit our children's genes?'
The Center for Ethics in Science & Technology presents a talk by Dr. Evan Y. Snyder from the University of

Pennsylvania who is regarded as one of the "fathers of the stem cell field." Do we edit genomes to prevent diseases or defects? Do we create "designer babies"? Who decides? 5-7 p.m., RH Fleet Science Center, 1875 El Prado, Balboa Park. Free. Register at bit.ly/2hXHQSj.

Wednesday Night Experience
Uplifting and spiritually inspiring experiences for all, 7-8 p.m., Universal Spirit Center, 3858 Front St., Hillcrest. \$20 donation requested. bit.ly/2vMK5xl.

THURSDAY
Nov. 2

Book club meets
North Park Book Club gathering, 3 p.m., North Park Library, 3795 31st St. 619-533-3972.

Uptown Sunrise Rotary Club
Weekly meeting, 7 a.m., Panera Bread, 1270 Cleveland Ave., Hillcrest. bit.ly/2pezpnR.



North Park Thursday Market
3-7:30 p.m., North Park Way between 30th Street and Granada Avenue. Northparkfarmersmarket.com. To view local community organization meeting information online, visit bit.ly/2esLpLR.

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