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Artistic rendering of the replacement hospital tower for Scripps Mercy San Diego, located at 4077 Fifth Ave. in Hillcrest. Construction is expected to begin in 2022 and finish in 2027. (Scripps Health)

Scripps unveils plans for hospital campuses

By Janice Collins

On Nov. 7, Scripps Health unveiled a master plan that represents the largest building program in the health care system's 125-year history and triggers significant construction projects at its hospital campuses across San Diego County designed to serve the needs of the community for generations to come.

"This is our vision to build the health care system of

the future — starting today," said Chris Van Gorder, Scripps president and CEO. "Our focus is on delivering the right care in the right setting that reflects the changing health care needs of the communities we serve across the San Diego region."

Scripps Mercy San Diego

Residents of the Uptown communities will be acutely interested in plans for Scripps Mercy San Diego, located at 4077 Fifth Ave. in Hillcrest.

Those plans include replacing the existing acute care building with a new 710,000-square-foot, seismically sound tower featuring 12 stories above ground and three stories below. Most of the hospital rooms will be private. Other work includes upgrades to the central energy plant.

Construction of the replacement hospital tower is expected to begin in 2022 and finish in 2027.

The plans for the Hillcrest campus nearly parallel those at nearby UCSD Medical Center, located at 200 W. Arbor Drive.

The University of California San Diego will be building a new medical center in Hillcrest to comply with California's Hospital Seismic Safety Law.

To read San Diego Uptown News' article about UCSD Medical Center's project, visit bit.ly/2yz0dQU.

Key goals

The Scripps master plan accounts for changing health care trends. Flexible space designs will recognize the rapid

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Helping foster children

Talmadge woman heads Promises2Kids nonprofit

Ken Williams | Editor

Tonya Torosian has one of those jobs that brings great joy amid inescapable heartache.

As chief executive officer of the local nonprofit Promises2Kids, Torosian works diligently to help thousands of foster children who have suffered physical and/or sexual abuse or have been severely neglected by their parents or caregivers.

The kids' stories are heart-breaking, but the agency's task is as simple as their motto: "Creating a brighter future for foster children."

For Torosian, the reward for her hard work is hearing back from former foster children who were positively impacted by the agency's programs.

For her, it's been a rewarding career in child welfare and nonprofit management that now spans 25 years across three states: California, Arizona and Illinois.

A certified fundraising executive, Torosian received her master's degree in social work from Arizona State University with an emphasis in planning, administration and community practice.

She began her career as a social worker, then as an executive charged with developing strategic alliances and implementing processes, systems and policies.

Torosian has served on the board of several nonprofits, which included serving as the president of the San Diego chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. She was a finalist for the San Diego Business Journal's Women Who Mean Business Awards, and was recognized with the Women Who Move The City award by San Diego Magazine.

Meanwhile, Torosian and her wife, Karla, have a bundle of joy of their own now living in their home in Talmadge. They have adopted a baby boy named Carter.



Tonya Torosian of Talmadge is chief executive officer of Promises2Kids, a local nonprofit. (Promises2Kids)

Here are five questions with Tonya Torosian:

1. What is Promises2Kids (Promises), and how many children are served annually by the nonprofit?

Promises2Kids is dedicated to creating a brighter future for foster children. Through no fault of their own, over 3,000 children [in San Diego] live in foster care each year as a result of physical abuse,

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Wolf in the Woods project advances

Uptown Planners recommend permit for Mission Hills restaurant

Ken Williams | Editor

Supporters of the Wolf in the Woods restaurant, proposed to operate out of a historical building in Mission Hills, packed the Uptown Planners meeting on Nov. 7.

More than 100 people crowded into Joyce Beers Community Center in Hillcrest, many having to stand at the back of the room after all the folding chairs were filled. They waved pale-green flyers containing a unified message: "Yes! Wolf in the Woods!"

Three neighbors spoke in opposition, mostly over

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Hillcrest Town Council: sexy streets and cool signage

By Mary M. McKenzie

Gerrie Trussell, the new Uptown Community Parking District executive director, and Marc Marconi, the Hillcrest project manager, updated the Hillcrest Town Council on Nov. 14 about various efforts underway to make Hillcrest a lot easier to navigate. Although there are several mobility issues in Hillcrest, one of the most volatile is the balance between cars and bicycles.

As Marconi explained, there are two separate plans dealing with bicycle mobility. The “Mayor’s Plan,” approved and going forward, involves University Avenue, from Fifth Avenue to Park Boulevard, and Fifth Avenue, between Robinson Avenue and Washington Street. These are unprotected bike lanes marked by painted bike lanes known as sharrows.

Although some existing parking spaces will be lost, there will be an overall gain of parking spaces by creating over 19 additional diagonal parking spaces on Eighth Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Essex Street.

The proposed Uptown Bikeways Project by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) includes Fourth, Fifth and part of Third avenues. These lanes will be reinforced by physical buffers, and the plan’s effect on parking is “still being evaluated.” Let the parking district or SANDAG know what you think.



The second major project for the parking district is wayfinding signage. The new signage will include parking identification and directional signs as well as pedestrian informational kiosks at central locations in Hillcrest. There are plans for more directional signage, and feedback is welcome. The San Diego LGBT Community Center, the farmers market, the Hillcrest sign and Pride Plaza are among the items of note. If you have suggestions, contact Gerrie or Marc at the Uptown Parking District. No for-profit businesses can be signed.

For drivers, Trussell alerted the audience to the public valet services offered every Friday, Saturday and Sunday located on Fifth Avenue between University Avenue and Washington Street, and on University Avenue between Vermont and Richmond streets. The California Department of Motor Vehicles



Two Hillcrest residents comment on dead or destroyed trees in the Hillcrest business district. (Photos by William Pontius)

office in Hillcrest also opens up for free parking Friday nights and Saturdays and Sundays from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m. For more information, go to accesshillcrest.com.



The Uptown Community Parking District is proposing to install wayfinding signs in Hillcrest to help people locate landmarks such as parking, the Hillcrest sign, the Pride Flag and The Center.

The community also heard about efforts to combat the hepatitis A outbreak on the state level from Assemblymember Todd Gloria’s office, and locally by the UCSD Medical Center, Scripps Mercy Hospital and The Center.

Town Council member Robert Bettinger was acknowledged for his recent induction to the Benjamin F. Dillingham III and Bridget Wilson LGBT Veterans Wall of Honor at The Center.

Eddie Reynosa, with the Hillcrest Business Association and the LGBT Visitors Center, announced the upcoming Taste ‘n’ Tinis fundraiser on Dec. 14 and well as “Out on Ice,” a Pride celebration with the San Diego Gulls on Jan. 20. The community was encouraged to use “Get it Done” (at.sandiego.gov) for dangerous sidewalk, curb or street conditions.

The Town Council invites all neighbors to join us at our holiday party on Dec. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at Gossip Grill in Hillcrest. Hors d’oeuvres and an extra happy hour included. Thanks to David Meir of UCSD Medical Center and Monica Montano from Scripps Mercy Hospital for offering to co-sponsor the party!

For more information on the bike plans, contact Brittany Bailey (BNBailey@sandiego.gov) in Councilmember Chris Ward’s office or, for the SANDAG plan, go to www.keepsandiegomoving.com/RegionalBikeProjects/uptown_intro.aspx.

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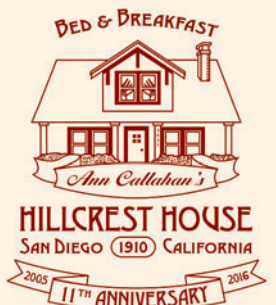
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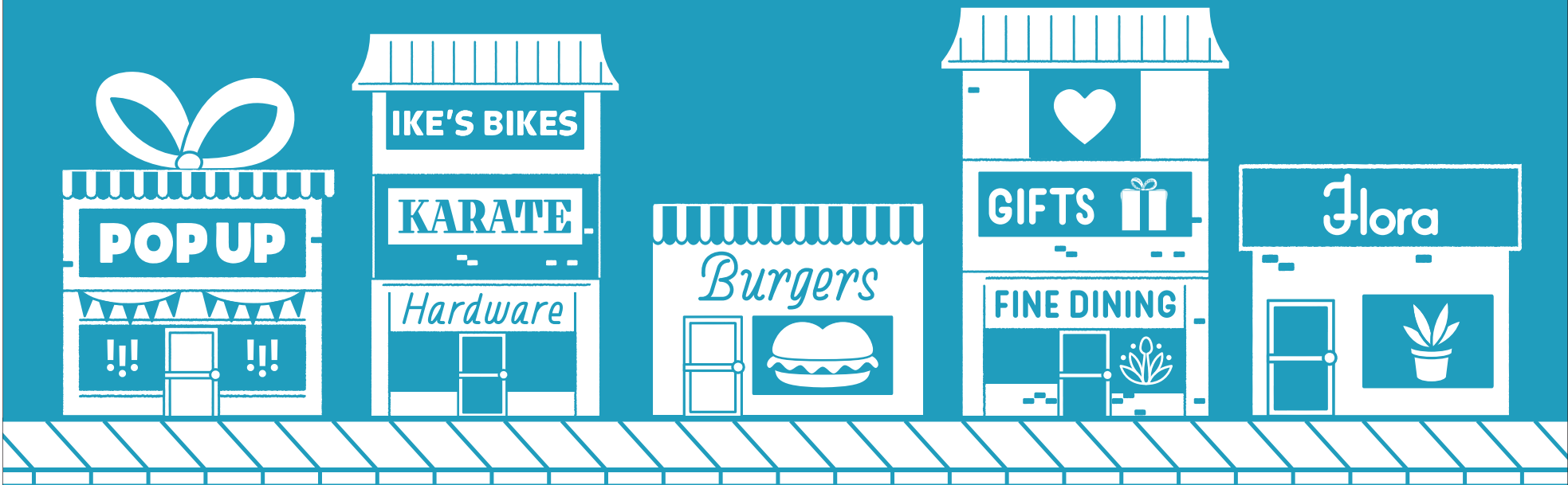
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evolution of technology so that the latest equipment and devices can be easily incorporated into patient rooms, operating rooms, laboratories and diagnostic centers.

More care is being delivered on an outpatient basis at clinics and other medical facilities, so Scripps will design its acute care hospitals to care for the most seriously ill patients. Plans include state-of-the-art private patient rooms. Floors will be designed following best practices. Nurses will be placed closer to patients and will have more direct access to equipment and supplies, increasing their efficiency and improving their ability to deliver the highest quality care possible. Facilities will be designed to promote patient healing and comfort and will make efficient use of natural resources.

The master plan projects will be financed by operating revenues, borrowing and philanthropy.

“Community support always has been a significant part of Scripps’ history, dating back to our founders, Ellen Browning Scripps and Mother Mary Michael Cummings,” Van Gorder said. “We are thankful for that. We don’t receive government funding for these projects. It’s the generosity of grateful patients and others

that has made us what we are today, and it will be that generosity that will shape us into who we become in the future.”

Chula Vista, Green hospitals

Seismic retrofitting the acute care buildings at Scripps Mercy Hospital Chula Vista and Scripps Green hospital campuses is part of the master plan. Retrofitting construction will begin in 2022 at Scripps Mercy Chula Vista and in 2027 at Scripps Green. All of the work will be completed prior to 2030.

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla

Work at Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla will include construction of a new seven-story, 401,000-square-foot hospital tower. The new tower will feature a women’s health center, which will include labor and delivery, postpartum beds, a nursery, an obstetrical surgery area and a neonatal intensive care unit. Other projects on the campus include upgrades to the central energy plant. Construction of the new tower is expected to begin in 2021 and conclude in 2024.

Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas

Plans for Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas include the construction of a new 185,000-square-foot, three-story acute care building. Other campus projects include the construction of a new

three-story, 68,000-square-foot medical office building, upgrades to the central energy plant and seismic retrofitting of several other buildings.

Construction of the new acute care building is expected to begin in 2021 and conclude in 2024.

The master plan also includes the construction of two Scripps MD Anderson outpatient cancer centers. One will be a new cancer center located at Scripps Mercy San Diego and the other will be an expansion of the Scripps Radiation Therapy Center in La Jolla. Work on the Scripps MD Anderson cancer center at Scripps Mercy will take place as part of that campus’ construction, while the timeline for the expansion work at the Scripps Radiation Therapy Center is yet to be determined.

In addition, Scripps will continue to focus on providing the right care in the right setting by increasing access to outpatient care conveniently located in neighborhoods where patients live and work. Primary and specialty care services will be offered through a planned 85,000-square-foot Scripps Clinic facility on Jefferson Street in Oceanside and a renovated Gateway 2 Building in Chula Vista.

— Janice Collins is a senior director with Scripps Health. San Diego Uptown News Editor Ken Williams contributed to this article.❖

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concerns about parking and noise.

The Wolf in the Woods proprietors plan to take over a vacant space at 1920 Fort Stockton Drive, formerly occupied by Espresso Mio.

Rina Porras-Moceri, a co-owner of the proposed restaurant who also operates a salon in Mission Hills, updated the Uptown Planners on the project. She gave a brief history of the building, which is almost a century old and once housed the Little Bo Peep Bakery and Ron Kiefer’s butcher shop and grocery.

Porras-Moceri said her family also ran the Mission Hills Market Café at the Fort Stockton Drive site in the 1990s. They had a beer and wine license, she said, and were known for selling imported cheeses and olives.

“I think we were visionary at the time,” she said. “People weren’t quite ready for it then.”

Wolf in the Woods will partner Porras-Moceri and Grace Moceri, owners of the Kettle & Stone coffeehouse at 1619 W. Lewis St. in Mission Hills, with Johnny and Renee Rivera, owners of two popular Hillcrest restaurants, Great Maple and Hash House a Go Go.

Porras-Moceri’s aunt, Sandra Porras, owns the historical building and formerly operated the Mission Hills Market Café. Her late husband, award-winning interior designer Arthur S. Porras, once



The Wolf in the Woods restaurant plans to open at this site located at 1920 Fort Stockton Drive in Mission Hills. (Google Maps)

operated his studio in another space in the building.

The rear of the building has a small deck overlooking a canyon that could accommodate nine people, she said. The dining room would seat 83 people.

Porras-Moceri said the restaurateurs will create a “lovely, intimate and family-friendly European-style café that will blend harmoniously into the community.”

Although Mission Hills residents were enthusiastic in their support for the project, the restaurateurs have a hurdle to jump over.

At issue is an apparent oversight in the recently updated Uptown Community Plan. Even though the historical building has been used for commercial purposes for generations of Mission Hills residents, the property is still zoned as residential.

The applicant came before the Uptown Planners to seek a neighborhood-use permit that would allow for the resumption of a previously abandoned use as a commercial eating and drinking establishment. This technical procedure is necessary before the applicant can go to California’s Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

(ABC) to obtain their license.

Public opinion was clearly in favor of the Wolf in the Woods project. Speaker after speaker welcomed the restaurant and said they would patronize it. Many shared fond memories of both the Mission Hills Market Café and Espresso Mio, and said they looked forward to being able to walk to a neighborhood restaurant.

“The operators of Wolf in the Woods are well-known in the community,” Pam Willis said.

Community volunteer Helen Rowe Allen said she doesn’t drive anymore, and looks forward to being able to walk to the restaurant.

But attorney Grace Wilson raised several issues, noting that the property is zoned residential and questioning whether the 17 parking spots directly outside the building were enough to service the restaurant. She also accused the applicant of spreading the “fear factor” that if their project isn’t approved, the building could be razed in order to build condominiums or townhouses.

The board members of the Uptown Planners — a

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PROFILE

sexual abuse or severe neglect. Promises provides supportive programs and services to ensure they heal from the trauma they experienced and have the tools and opportunities to grow into happy and successful adult members of our community.

Our programs are Camp Connect, Guardian Scholars and Foster Funds, and we also give support to children living at the A.B. and Jessie Polinsky Children's Center, San Diego County's emergency shelter for abused and neglected children.

2. As the chief executive officer of Promises, what are your topmost duties?

- To ensure that the community is aware that there is a communitywide problem of child abuse impacting children of all ages right here in San Diego.

- To educate and engage the community in responding to the needs of these children.

- To ensure foster children know there are people who love and care for them and that there are resources in place, from Promises2Kids and others, to help them move beyond their trauma to achieve their dreams.

3. With an extensive background in social work and fundraising, what do you consider the greatest accomplishments in your career?

My greatest accomplishments in my career boil down to the individual children I know I have helped ... I know what we do as an agency makes a true lifelong impact, but often when I least expect it, a child or youth I may have helped years ago reaches out to me and shares with me that something I did, or the way I treated them, made a true positive difference for them ... that is all I need to be proud of my work.

4. Congratulations are in order because you and your wife have adopted a baby boy. How has this changed your lives?

We have been trying to become parents for a long time now, and we looked at adopting through foster care and also through private options.

Ultimately, it took us over two years to finally receive the call that we were waiting for. Our son Carter was born in another state and in one day we became parents.



(l to r) Tonya Torosian and her wife Karla and their son Carter outside their home in Talmadge (Courtesy of the family)

Working with the difficult realities of child abuse, as a parent I find it is even more challenging to hear the life stories from our youth.

For both my wife Karla and I, our entire focus changed in that moment when we met our son for the first time. We, like all parents, want the best for our son, and we find ourselves reaching out to the community to find family-centered activities and events to give back and to fully engage with other families.

5. What do you like about living in Talmadge?

It is a great community! There are so many family activities and events, from food-truck nights to community parades and celebrations. I feel it is an inclusive community with that quintessential small-town feel in a large city!

A whiskey-tasting fundraiser

Promises2Kids will host its first-ever whiskey tasting event on Thursday, Nov. 30, from 6-9 p.m. at the Moniker Warehouse, located at 705 16th St. in East Village.

Guests will enjoy an evening of whiskey, live entertainment, a spirits and wine auction and more. World-renowned and local distilleries will feature an outstanding selection

building is listed as a contributor to the Fort Stockton Line Historical District as a commercial building, there is virtually no chance that the structure could be razed. She also got the project manager to clarify that the restaurant will not have a bar.

The project manager said the restaurant would not operate late-night hours, closing by midnight on weekends. No live entertainment is planned.

Porras-Mocerri said Wolf in the Woods would serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. The deck



of fine spirits and share their knowledge with fellow whiskey enthusiasts.

Featured whiskeys will be provided by Basil Hayden, Brenne, Buffalo Trace, Cutwater Spirits, FEW Spirits, Glenfiddich, Knob Creek, Laphroaig, Maker's 46, Malahat Spirits Co., Monkey Shoulder, Project XX, Stranahan's, Suntory Whisky Toki, Swinford Spirits, TCCO, The Balvenie, The Exceptional By Sutcliffe & Son, The Macallan and Widow Jane.

Food trucks will also be on-site with a variety of cuisine available.

Tickets cost \$150-\$200 and can be purchased at promises2kids.org.

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would close by 8:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and by 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

After a brief discussion, the Uptown Planners voted unanimously to support the restaurant's application for a neighborhood-use permit.

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volunteer group elected by the community tasked with advising the city's Planning Department on local development matters — applauded the widespread support for the project. Chair Leo Wilson said he has received 64 emails related to the project, getting only four negative responses.

Board member Amie Hayes pointed out that since the

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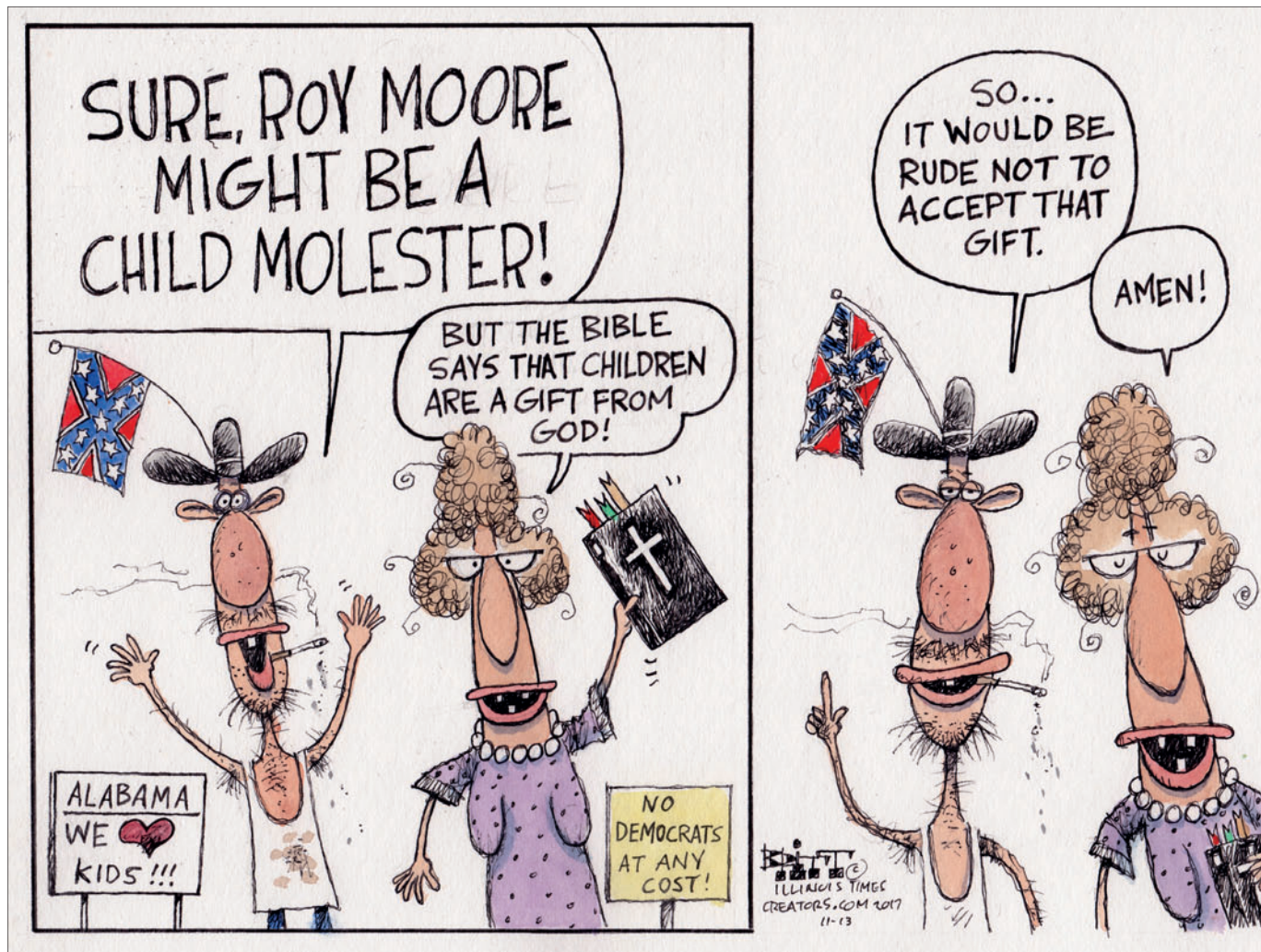
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GUEST EDITORIAL

GOP tax bills short-change middle class

By Rep. Susan A. Davis

When considering any attempt to reform our tax code, the first question I ask myself is, “Will it help the middle class?” After carefully looking over the Republican tax bills proposed in the House and Senate, the only answer I can come to is, “No, these bills won’t help the middle class.” In fact, they will do just the opposite.

The most glaring aspect of both of these proposals is how differently corporations and people are treated. Most notably is the fact that tax cuts for corporations are forever yet the cuts for the American people go away after just five years.

Not only are the cuts for individuals temporary but those individuals will also lose a number of popular deductions.

Currently, teachers who spend their own money on pencils, pens and paper for their students can deduct those costs. No more. The House bill ends that deduction. However, a corporation spending money on office supplies for its workers will still be able to deduct those costs.

About one in three San Diego taxpayers take advantage of the state and local tax (SALT) deductions. The House bill limits the SALT deductible amount to \$10,000 for property taxes. The Senate proposal eliminates the SALT deductions all together.

College graduates paying off student loans can currently deduct the interest paid on their loan to



lower their tax burden. The House ends that deduction, which will make it harder for people saddled with massive school loan debt to pay it off.

Ending the school loan deduction would increase the cost to students attending college by \$65 billion over the next decade.

Ending the medical expense tax credit would not only hurt seniors but also veterans since many struggle with medical issues.

Veterans will also be hit hard with the end of two other tax credits — the work opportunity tax credit and the disabled access tax credit. Between 2013 and 2015, about 300,000 veterans took advantage of the work opportunity tax credit.

As you can imagine, I have been hearing from my constituents on the GOP/Trump tax bills. They are not happy.

Todd in El Cajon says his family will lose \$28,350 in deductions against taxable income. Todd is the sole provider for his wife and five children ages of 1 to 11.

Sharon in Spring Valley counts on medical expense deductions to lower her tax liability.

I heard from Walter, a resident of Hillcrest, who is worried he will inevitably pay more in taxes because he will lose the student loan interest deduction and will fall into a higher tax bracket.

Finally, I have heard from a lot of my constituents who are worried about what this plan will do to the debt. I wish I could give them some words of encouragement. But the reality is — this plan would create a huge \$1.5 trillion-dollar hole in our debt.

That’s \$1.5 trillion that we won’t be able to invest in our country.

What does that mean? What could \$1.5 trillion do for education? What could \$1.5 trillion do for infrastructure? For veterans? For health care? For you and your family?

The very same people in Washington who have long argued that we need to take the debt seriously,

now believe we can simply ignore it so that their corporate friends can get a tax break. Such a reckless approach won’t grow our economy. And it won’t help most San Diegans.

I am all for helping modernize our tax code. And our business leaders should be encouraged to invest more at home, instead of keeping their profits overseas.

But it is simply wrong to give huge corporations giant tax breaks, while ordinary working families are forced to pay more.

America has always been best when it has had a vibrant middle class — when prosperity was shared, rather than concentrated at the top.

Instead of closed door negotiations, we could have found a bipartisan path to a simpler tax code while being fairer to the American people who want to keep more of their hard-earned dollars. We could have paired tax reform with ways to better grow the economy rather than the time-worn failure of trickle-down economics, which is a “trickle” for the many and “raining buckets” for the few.

—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.❖

'Bittersweet but charming'

Theater Review

Jean Lowerison



Harold McClam (Weston Bennett) is a sandwich-maker in New York who spends an extraordinary amount of time trying to write a song about sea turtles.

Meanwhile, in South Dakota, Daphne (Tara Brown-Sampson) is a perky, ambitious girl who wants to be a Broadway star and is plotting a move to New York. Mom says she can take the Chrysler as long as she also takes her sister Miriam.

Miriam (Catie Marron) is perky like her sister, but unlike Daphne doesn't want to be an actress. She's an astronomy nerd, and content to be a waitress. Before they leave, Miriam talks to her deceased father, who assures her that we are made of stars and "you're connected to everything and always will be."

Harold, Daphne and Miriam will meet, triangulate and form the nucleus of "Fly by Night," a bittersweet but charming 2015 musical making its local premiere through Dec. 10 at Coronado Playhouse.

"Fly by Night," conceived by Kim Rosenstock and written by Will Connolly, Michael Mitnick and Rosenstock, jumps around in time and is billed as a "meta-physical musical." In this case,

that means that all of these characters are looking for connection — and they all seem to feel that "I need more."

Our guide in this search for meaning will be the Narrator, wonderfully played by Michael Van Allen, who also morphs into several other characters along the way, including the girls' mom, a hoot of a Gypsy and a few Broadway producers Daphne must deal with.

Also along for this musical search for self is Harold's father Mr. McClam (John Craig Johnson), who is stuck in the past — missing his deceased wife Cecily — and now spends too much time listening to "La Traviata," the operatic event that brought them together all those years ago.

Playwright Joey Storms (Andrew Paiva), one of those writers who never really finishes a script but keeps changing it (I can identify), will meet Daphne at an audition (another one where she fails to land a part). She calls his script "worse than garbage." Could she be his muse?

And Crabble (Thomas Fitzpatrick), Harold's deli owner boss, feels stuck in his "mayonnaise, meat, cheese 'n lettuce" existence when he'd rather be an air traffic controller like he was during the war.

"Fly by Night" is an odd bird as musicals go. Set in 1964 and 1965, it's a creature of those self-actualization

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pre-hippie years before Vietnam took over our consciousness (and conscience) and pushed us into active protest mode. These folks aren't angry about anything; they just "want more."

They are familiar characters with recognizable problems, made engaging by the superb performances of these actors (many of whom are new to both the Playhouse and me).

Bennett's sandwich-maker Harold may be diffident, sweet and unsure of himself, but his high, beautiful falsetto is anything but that. I could listen to that voice all night.

His dad, on the other hand — Johnson's Mr. McClam — is the saddest character, spending his time thinking (maybe even living) in the past.



(l to r) Catie Marron, Tara Brown-Sampson and Michael Van Allen in a group hug (Photo by Vanessa Dinning)

Brown-Sampson's Daphne is as determined as Marron's Miriam is contented, and both have that big Broadway sound that works well in this show.

Fitzpatrick's Crabble even has a crabby stance in his deli. He's also a hoot to watch.

But they will be both discombobulated and brought together by the great blackout of '65, which left much of the East Coast without power for 13 hours. (Funny how recent history makes that seem like a walk in the park.)

The conversation is familiar and often funny, the songs of the sort that create long-lasting earworms, the messages (if you want it, go get it, and in the end, we are all connected) worth considering one more time.

In a switch from usual practice, music director Emily Awkerman's mighty band of four is onstage throughout,

almost becoming characters in their own right.

Karl Bunker's simple, all-purpose set design works well, and sound and lighting are well handled by Caitlin LaMar and Josh Olmstead, respectively.

Director Manny Bejarano's direction and his fine cast keep these characters real and away from the stereotypes they could easily become, and the show from seeming too long. Only the Playhouse's less-than-cushy seats betray the 2 ½-hour runtime.

"Fly by Night" provides a lovely night in the theater and the show is a welcome addition to the list of American musicals.

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

Bringing back a holiday classic

By David Dixon

Various Christmas-themed shows and musicals are returning to San Diego County this year. The Old Globe Theatre's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Cygnet Theatre's version of "A Christmas Carol" and Lamb's Players Theatre's presentation of "An American Christmas" will continue to provide annual holiday entertainment.

Also returning is San Diego Musical Theatre's

encore run of the 2016 premiere, "Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play." Given the unanimously positive reactions from critics and audiences, it's no wonder that the story is back at the Horton Grand Theatre.

With the exception of a new director, Brian Rickel, and several fresh cast members, the staging will be similar to the 2016 family event. Just as in the 1947 classic movie and the Lux Radio Hour Theatre broadcast interpretation, the

tale is about a man, Kris Kringle (played by Talmadge resident Ralph Johnson), who is given the chance to play Santa Claus at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. After he starts working at the department store, Kris begins to tell others that he really is Saint Nick.

One of his main goals is to persuade Macy's special events director Doris Walker (Janaya Jones) and her daughter Susan (Cassidy Smith) that he is an honest man.

Once again, the stars portray fictitious players of radio station KSDMT. In addition to playing the role of Kris, Johnson is cast as the radio actor Kristofer Van Lisberg. Don't worry if this might sound confusing. Lance Arthur Smith's adaptation never gets overly complicated.

Johnson might not have any experience with radio plays, but he loved hearing them as a kid. "On Saturdays, my mom and I would listen to radio plays," he said. "We would often hear 'Gunsmoke' together."

Capturing the musical styles of the 1940s is Bankers Hill resident Jon Lorenz. He is the music director, composer and arranger for the tale.

While several well-known tunes are referenced, many of the melodies are original. Some of Lorenz's influences in creating the tunes are Rodgers and Hart, Mickey Rooney and Judy

Garland films, popular 1930s and 1940s standards, and harmony singing.

"Our piece is set in the late '40s, so the creative team decided that everything before then is fair game," he said.

Lux Radio's version is a popular retelling of the narrative. However, it isn't the only notable version that was produced after the release of the motion picture. A Hollywood remake, TV adaptations and a Meredith Willson musical called "Here's Love" all came out after the movie box office hit premiered in theaters.

There are several different reasons as to why the story continues to be a highly regarded classic. What leaves an emotional impact on Lorenz is the empathetic optimism of the evening.

"The original screenplay plays into a part of humanity that wants to believe in the best of people," he said. "There's something about this time of year that feels like a new beginning and a chance to start over."

A more obvious reason why the source material still resonates with younger and older audiences is the everlasting popularity of Kris.

"Santa Claus is timeless," Johnson said. "The magic, warmth and joy that he brings never stops."

Kris's power to influence others is practically guaranteed to leave an impact on theatergoers.

"This show is full of joy, hope, and laughter," Johnson said. "People who attend are going to find the real meaning of Christmas."



The cast of "Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play" (Photo courtesy of San Diego Musical Theatre)

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After the original engagement closed, the script was published by Steele Spring Stage Rights. It is exciting that Smith's take on the narrative will begin playing at Bridge House Theatre in London from Nov. 27 to Dec. 23.

San Diegans who missed the uplifting experience last year won't have to wait long to enjoy the fresh take on the Christmas-themed comedy-drama. If you've never heard a radio show before, KSDMT will leave a strong first impression.

—A fan of film and theater from a very young age, David Dixon has written reviews and features for various print and online publications. You can reach him at daviddixon0202@gmail.com.



Olive Street Park: the 100-year delay

By Leo Wilson

Last month, I described the background of the new Waldo D. Waterman Park that was recently dedicated in Bankers Hill. This article will focus on the future Woods/McKee Park, presently known as the Olive Street Park.

The Olive Street Park has been a long time in coming — more than 100 years. In 1908, the Woods-McKee family donated a parcel of land in Bankers Hill, at Olive Street and Third Avenue, to the city for a park. The following notice appears in the San Diego Union newspaper:

“San Diego Union, Oct. 18, 1908 ... Park on Olive Street, between 2nd and 3rd streets, offered to city.” (Balboa Park Notes; from Richard Amero)

Although the city accepted the donated land from the Woods/McKee families, it never built the park. Instead the land sat vacant for decades. On June 11, 1963, the city granted the owner of an adjacent medical office building north of the donated land the right of ingress and egress to his building through the dedicated parcel. In return, the owner of the medical complex was required to maintain the rest of the site as a

public park. This did not happen. Instead, the medical office building owner converted almost the entire Woods/McKee parcel into a parking lot for his business. The Woods and McKee family sued the city in 1981, seeking the return of their donated property, since it was not being used as a park as intended. The lawsuit was unsuccessful.

Nothing further happened until 2008, when a representative from the city’s Park and Recreation Department, and Michael Turko, a KUSI-TV investigative reporter, showed up at an Uptown Planners meeting. This led to a recommendation from Uptown Planners, adopted at its Aug. 5, 2008 meeting, requesting that the city revoke the permit of the medical complex owner to use the Woods/McKee parcel as a parking lot. Uptown Planners also recommended that the city acquire two additional parcels of land immediately south of the Woods/McKee parcel, for inclusion in a future Woods/McKee Park. The Woods/McKee parcel totaled 16,000 square feet; and the two additional parcels added 15,000 square feet. The new park will overlook Maple Canyon.

After Uptown Planners made its recommendation,

the Bankers Hill/Park West Community Association set up a special task force to advocate for the creation of the Woods/McKee Park. Attorney Don Liddell, who was also vice chair of Uptown Planners, and myself led the effort. It was a very contentious process involving a labyrinth of hearings, countless meetings with city staff, threats of legal action, and ultimately a lawsuit by the owner of the medical complex against the city.

1. On March 24, 2010, the City Council’s Land Use and Housing Committee approved the purchase of the two south parcels of land, which had been recommended by Uptown Planners for addition to the future Woods/McKee Park. This action was subsequently approved by the City Council, and the two parcels purchased. This was a major turnaround from the year prior; in 2009 we had learned the city had actually removed the purchase of these parcels from its priority funding list. After a strong protest, and timely intervention from then-City Councilmember Kevin Faulconer’s office, it was restored.

2. On May 1, 2013, the City Council terminated the medical complex owner’s revocable permit, which he claimed allowed



Aerial photo of Olive Street Park site at Olive Street and Third Avenue (Google)

him to place the parking lot on the Woods/McKee parcel. This action followed a strongly written letter written by Don Liddell, and approved by the Metro San Diego Community Development Corp., on Sept. 10, 2012, requesting the city “commence legal proceedings to immediately and completely revoke any formal conditional entitlement by the current owner of the adjacent parcel of property to use of any property that is owned by the city of San Diego.”

3. The formal notice of revocation of the permit was issued July 13, 2013. In response, the medical complex owner sued the city. On Sept. 19, 2014, a Superior Court judge dismissed the lawsuit, indicated that the permit could be terminated “at the will of the city at any time.” In February 2015, the city noticed a right-of-entry permit, so that it could enter the Woods/McKee parcel and remove non-permitted improvements. In effect, the city again took possession of the Woods/McKee parcel.

4. In 2016, the city finally began planning the new

park; retaining KTU+A as the consultant to design what would become the future Woods/McKee Park. A hearing on the KTU+A design concept will take place at Uptown Planners at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at Joyce Beers Community Center in Hillcrest. Making matters again controversial: There is now a proposal to place the city’s AIDS memorial in the Olive Street Park.

It has now been almost a decade since Uptown Planners made its Aug. 8, 2008 recommendations for the Woods/McKee Park. Since then it has been a long and contentious process. Want to especially thank Don Liddell for keeping the project on track. Also, a huge debt of gratitude goes to KUSI-TV reporter Michal Turko, who did about five stories about the Olive Street Park. Read four of them at metrosandiegocdc.org.

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

Why I love Bankers Hill

By Jake Sutton

I moved to Bankers Hill in the spring of 2002, having originally been from Michigan. Like many transplants, I initially lived at the beach, but soon began wanting a more urban feel for my new home. So, I moved into a historic Victorian house on Albatross Street with views of Downtown and San Diego Bay, and from that vantage point watched Downtown San Diego and Little Italy grow from quiet areas into the thriving neighborhoods they are today.

In 2007, I further secured

my place in Bankers Hill by establishing my Edward Jones Investments branch in the iconic Mister A’s building. Since then I have had the pleasure of meeting countless local residents and business owners. Like any community, our neighborhood has a cast of great characters that continues to change as time passes — because the nature of small business is such that many of the people I have met over the years have moved away or changed direction in their lives and business. Change is constant. New businesses and faces have replaced old friends.

Having gone through its own changes in recent years, Bankers Hill’s strength of character now lies in a mixture of the old and the new. Modern buildings stand alongside historic structures. Long-standing businesses like Mister A’s have been joined by new restaurants, salons, boutiques and professional services. This constant change alludes to the many opportunities — and challenges — that lie along the road ahead. With the belief that good is the enemy of great, I trust

that those within Bankers Hill will come together to ensure our community rises to meet its great potential. This overflowing amount of opportunity, unique to our area as it is a still quiet yet growing neighborhood, is why I love Bankers Hill.

More work is to be done and more change is ahead. Attracting additional businesses to open in our district is imperative to Bankers Hill’s growth, as is the diversity and character of those businesses. People working within our community and those considering bringing their business to our avenues are encouraged to connect with the Bankers Hill Business Group, which works to continually improve our community.

Become a member, share your input, ask a question and attend our mixers and community events. Together, we will pursue the great opportunity that lies ahead. To learn more, visit bankershillbusinessgroup.com or email info@bankershill-businessgroup.com.

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New York pizza and a fictional mister

Restaurant Review
Frank Sabatini Jr.

The namesake guy behind Mr. Moto Pizza House immigrated to New York City from his native Italy, became obsessed with the city’s pizza, and took the recipe to Southern California to start a business. He’s an animated character with a thick, dark mustache. Mr. Moto, however, doesn’t really exist. He’s the invention and alter ego of Gibran Fernandez, a San Diego-born entrepreneur whose story loosely parallels his business mascot.

Fernandez fell in love with pizza-making while working at Pizza on Pearl in La Jolla. He eventually purchased a stake in the eatery and went on to open Mr. Moto in Pacific Beach and North Park. In May, he’ll open a third location in Point Loma.

Fernandez frequents New York to “get ideas” from pizza makers there, although he has long nailed down the vital tenets of their dough-making process, which requires the use of high-gluten flour, purified but mineral-rich water, and hand tossing the dough.

The resulting crusts are thick and chewy along the edges and thin and bendable beneath the toppings — a familiar and celebrated contrast

of textures to pizza fanatics nationwide. In keeping with the New York concept, pizzas at Mr. Moto are sold in customary large slices as well as whole. Though in modern-day style, gourmet toppings in many cases are applied, extending extend well beyond traditional pepperoni, sausage, mushrooms, mozzarella and red sauce.

Dropping into the North Park location with an intense hankering for pizza of any kind, we lusted over the display case of sliced pies like sugar-craving kids in an old-fashioned candy store.

My companion immediately gravitated to the “smoky greens” pizza carpeted with wilted spinach and dotted with ricotta cheese. Balsamic glaze gave it a tinge of sweetness, although the overall flavor profile was



A decorative shrine to New York pizza (Photo by Frank Sabatini Jr.)

too far out for this New York State native.

After easily wolfing down my half of a pepperoni slice, I discovered the joys of melted panela cheese on Mr. Moto’s “pizza of the month.” It’s a mild, white Mexican curd made of cow’s milk that quickly turns creamy



(clockwise from left) Smoky green, Mama Moto and pizza of the month (Photos by Frank Sabatini Jr.)

from heat and absorbs the flavors of ingredients mingling with it — in this case sausage, pepperoni, garlic and basil.

I vote to give this pizza a name and add it to the list of year-round choices, which currently amount to 15 signature styles.

From that lineup, a slice of “Mama Moto” proved equally appealing with its double wham of creaminess from mascarpone and burrata cheeses. Cherry tomatoes and truffle oil added a juicy, earthy flair.

Stuffed garlic knots are Mr. Moto’s culinary claim to fame, according to Fernandez. They’re made with two different combinations of fillings: spinach, ricotta and mozzarella; or pepperoni, jalapenos and mozzarella. Each version includes bright marinara sauce for dipping, as well as ranch dressing if you must.

The knots are excellent regardless of their fillings, thanks to their crusty exteriors that form as the dough bakes after being dipped into garlic-parsley sauce. Underneath, they’re as airy and light as popovers.

We were also fond of the meatballs, available in threesomes as an appetizer. They aren’t made in-house, but we didn’t care as our forks glided through the soft and finely ground mixture of pork and beef.

The menu also includes a house and Caesar salad served in shiny metal bowls. We ordered each and favored the herby Greek-like vinaigrette served with the house salad over the excessively tangy

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dressing that accompanied the Caesar. The lettuces in both were fresh and crisp.

But with the aromas of baked dough, melted cheeses and savory toppings permeating the indoor-outdoor eatery, your desire for a heaping pile of fresh produce can fly out the window when stepping through Mr. Moto’s doors. His impish persona is built on pizza-making. And his fanfare is steadily growing as a result.

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Going pink

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Dr. Ink

Red is my preferred color for wine and roses. I never compromise when buying the latter although after a protracted bout of drinking petite syrah, cabernet sauvignon and jammy zinfandels (my three favorite varietals), I’ll succumb to something crimson, like a semi-dry trollinger blend from Wurttemberg, Germany.

That’s what jumped out at me during happy hour at The Rose, the darling wine bar in charming South Park that is part of the quaint 30th & Fern commercial plaza. Much like restaurants with terrific views, The Rose takes its idyllic location pretty seriously in terms of wine selection — and I’ll dare say in attitude as well.

Since visiting years ago when the establishment was under different ownership, the availability of gourmet noshes and coveted wines hasn’t changed. But based on two recent experiences, service has become less personable.

When dropping in two months ago, for example, a



The Rose resides in an architecturally inviting structure dating back nearly a century. (Photos by Dr. Ink)

female bartender talking incessantly on her cell phone never looked up at me as I stood waiting to place a glass order.

To no avail, I killed another 10 minutes perusing the games and books and wines on the wooden shelves and then ended up walking out.

I last came in for happy hour and took a seat at a table, only to be hurriedly tossed a menu several minutes later by a male bartender who had the personality of wine cork. He disappeared often through the swinging kitchen door behind the bar as I waited to ask several questions about the deals on food and wine. Nowhere did I see a menu card or signage listing them. Perhaps I overlooked a notice posted outside?

When finally returning to my table due to a polite flagging down, he offered half-answers to my questions. He only stated at first that all wines



A mushroom-potato flatbread

by the glass are \$2 off during happy hour. Period. It wasn’t until I kept digging for more information that he revealed the same deal applies to draft beer and flatbreads. In addition, he quickly rattled off that the regular corkage fee drops from \$10 to \$5 a bottle.

If I hadn’t later spotted the posting about happy hour on The Rose’s website, I’d think these deals were available only to certain cliques.

I paired my lovely pink German wine to a modest mushroom-potato flatbread with bleu and mozzarella cheeses. It came to \$13 with the discount and looked scrumptious. But sadly, it was too doughy and soggy to fully consume.

Although the bartender never asked what I thought of the wine or flatbread, he made an unexpected turnaround by giving me (with my \$20.50 bill) a small glass of Spanish Hondurabbi Beltza rose wine. It tasted pleasantly earthy and offered refreshing hints of strawberry.

Yes, I was pink with gratitude but disappointed by the overall lack of hospitality in an attractive and relaxing neighborhood wine bar I’d like to think normally steers clear of pretentiousness.❖

RATINGS

Drinks: **★★★★**
Bingo on the two pink wines I tried, a German trollinger blend and a Spanish rose, both of which offered complexity and were pleasantly dry.

Food: **★★**
The mushroom-potato flatbread needed another five minutes in the oven. It was limp, waterlogged and cut faintly into slices that needed to be torn apart.

Value: **★★**
A glass of the lowest price wine (the German trollinger) and a flatbread totaled \$20.50, which is double what I usually pay for a vino and nosh at other establishments.

Service: **★★**
The bartender was aloof and showed weak energy when interacting with customers.

Atmosphere: **★★★★**
A mish mash of old and modern furnishings strikes a parlor-like feel in what used to be a grocery store in the early 1920s. A white-stone bar top fronts an exquisitely lit back wall, and seating extends also to the room’s interior and dog-friendly front patio.



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Broadway/San Diego made its original debut as the “San Diego Playgoers” in 1976, after presenting “Equus” at the Spreckels Theatre in Downtown San Diego.

For several years, San Diego Playgoers presented shows at the Fox Theatre (now Copley Symphony Hall) and the Spreckels, before establishing a permanent home at the San Diego Civic Theatre in 1986, with occasional presentations at the other venues including the Historic Balboa Theatre.

Broadway/San Diego has presented over 375 shows and events, including the record-setting blockbusters “The Phantom of the Opera,” “Miss Saigon,” “The Producers,” “Les Misérables,” “Disney’s The Lion King,” “The Book of Mormon,” “Wicked,” and the much anticipated “Hamilton” in January 2018.

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Its mission is to advance theater as an art form and as a vital social, moral and political platform, by providing unfettered creative opportunities for the leading artists of today and tomorrow. With a youthful spirit and eclectic, artist-driven approach, the Playhouse cultivates a local and national following with an insatiable appetite for audacious and diverse work.

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Founded in 1947 by Gregory Peck, Dorothy McGuire and Mel Ferrer, the La Jolla Playhouse is currently led by Artistic Director Christopher Ashley and Managing Director Michael S. Rosenberg. La Jolla Playhouse is nationally acclaimed for its innovative productions of classics, new plays and musicals, and also presents a wide range of education programs that enrich the community and serves 30,000 children, students and adults annually.

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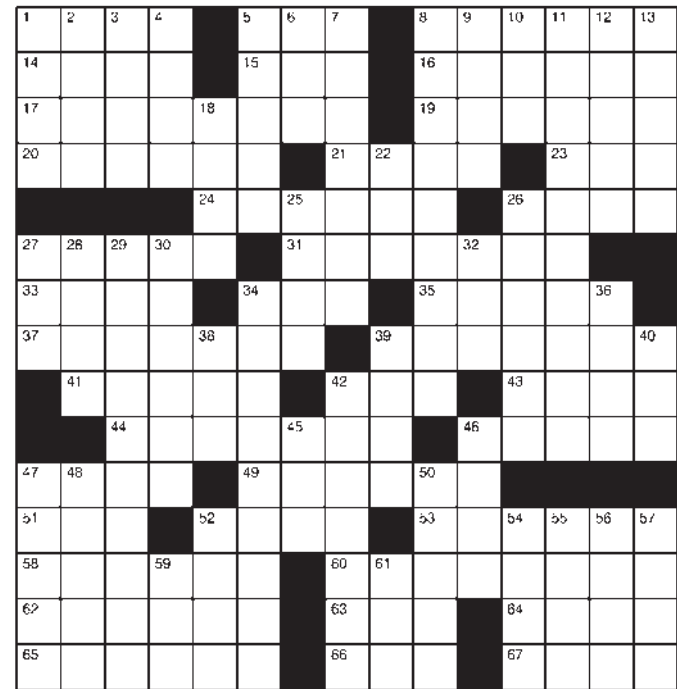
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Uptown Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Hairstyle
5 French preposition
8 Brawl
14 Relative of the raven
15 Soak, as flax
16 Goddess of dawn
17 Tattler
19 Part of the foot
20 Fluctuate
21 Articles of merchandise
23 Spigot
24 Disgrace
26 Optimistic
27 Utah city
31 Formal declamation
33 Body of water
34 Small boy
35 Sharp
37 Indefinite number
39 Full
41 Make merry
42 Golfer's gadget
43 Eat
44 Bank employees
46 Ait
47 Bridge
49 Son of Neptune
51 ___ Onassis

DOWN

52 Droops
53 Semiaquatic lizard
58 Pertaining to a son
60 Extra jurors
62 Become apparent
63 Vital statistic
64 River in Spain
65 Western entertainments
66 Motion of assent
67 In the near future

1 Book of the Bible
2 Not restrained
3 Part in a play
4 Birds of prey
5 Extracted, as a cork
6 Elver's parent
7 Ocean liner servant
8 Story for children
9 Mystic symbol
10 Art. L.
11 Rabbit
12 Spaces
13 Foolish
18 Thin tinplate
22 Doctors' org.
25 Colt
26 Circuits
27 Goddess of plenty

28 One on the move
29 Fitted harmoniously
30 Cardinal number
32 Frost
34 Stories difficult to believe
36 Sea bird
38 Diminutive suffix
39 Annoyance
40 Still
42 ___ und Isolde
45 Unit of work
46 U.S. playwright
47 Less dangerous
48 Upper keyboard part of a piano duet
50 Lubricated
52 Kind of palm
54 Puts into service
55 Church desk
56 Roman emperor
57 In a little while
59 Anger
61 Past

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Shop Small Saturday set for Nov. 25

By SDCNN Staff

When it comes to holiday shopping, local merchants want to remind everyone that those special gifts can be found just up the street or around the corner. That's why community business districts are encouraging Uptown shoppers to visit small businesses in their own neighborhoods as they celebrate Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25.

Residents can enjoy a festive day of shopping and dining not far from their homes as participating businesses offer bargains, special activities and holiday fun.

Adams Avenue will celebrate its annual Spirit Stroll from 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 25. Tickets are \$19. Guests will sample holiday cocktails from many of Adams Avenue's talented bartenders selected from the local bars and restaurants. To purchase tickets and to learn more, visit the Adams Avenue Business Association website at adamsavenuebusiness.com.

The Hillcrest Business Association (HBA) also encourages residents to visit its local businesses throughout the holiday season. Its many members will be offering

promotions, specials and deals as they celebrate Small Business Saturday on Nov. 25. Visit the HBA online at hillcrestbia.org.

The Mission Hills Business Improvement District (BID) will also participate in Small Business Saturday. More than 200 merchants will offer events, promotions and activities from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Mission Hills BID urges everyone who lives in Mission Hills to visit local businesses and "Sip and Shop the Neighborhood." A free trolley will shuttle shoppers around Goldfinch, West Washington, West Lewis, Reynard Way and India Street. Find them online at missionhillsbid.com.

North Park's merchants will celebrate the day by offering treats, drinks, discounts and pop-up live music as visitors explore the many diverse and unique "mom and pop" shops along its commercial district near University Avenue and 30th Street. A "Scavenger Hunt" will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and participants will have a chance to win prizes. For more information about North Park

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Sudoku

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Tales

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'Once Upon a Body'

Through Saturday, Nov. 18, exhibit by Bhavna Mehta, Art Produce, 3139 University Ave., North Park. 619-584-4448.

'Orange is the New Black'

Through Saturday, Nov. 18, exhibit at Art on 30th gallery, 4434 30th St., North Park. Visit arton30th.com or call 619-894-9009.

Square dancing classes

8–9:30 p.m., Recital Hall, 2130 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park. \$50 for 13 classes. 858-277-7499 or circulators.sdsda.org.

'Aircraft Carrier: Guardian of the Seas'

Giant-screen premiere, IMAX theater, Fleet Science Center, Balboa Park. Rhfleet.org.

'Romeo and Juliet'

Through Nov. 19, Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre, Conrad Prebys Theatre Center, The Old Globe, 1363 Old Globe Way, Balboa Park. Production by The Old Globe and University of San Diego Shiley Graduate Theatre Program. \$19. 619-234-5623.



Old Town Saturday Market
9 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Harney Street and San Diego Avenue, Old Town. Also held on Sundays. oldtownsaturdaymarket.com.

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

Comedy Heights

Local comedians perform 8–10 p.m., Twigg's Coffeehouse, 4590 Park Blvd., University Heights. Free. comedyheights.com.

Brand X: Reunion Tour

8 p.m., with Pet Shark, The Merrow, 1271 University Ave., Hillcrest. 21 and older. \$30. Ticketweb.com or 619-299-7372.



Common Kings

8 p.m., Observatory North Park, 2981 University Ave. All ages. \$30-\$69. Ticketweb.com.

Hibou
8:30 p.m., with Sloucher and Shindigs, Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. \$10. 21 and older. ticketfly.com.

Michl

9:30 p.m., with Mack, Space, 3519 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$15. ticketfly.com.



Hillcrest Farmers Market

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



A Progressive Vision: San Diego's Seventh Avenue
2:30 p.m., Marston House, 3525 Seventh Ave., Hillcrest. SOHO celebrates "The Marston House: Architectural Details of Master Architects Hebbard & Gill," a 90-minute guided walking tour starting at Marston House Museum Shop in the carriage house. \$15. Sohosandiego.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.

Aaron West & The Roaring Twenties
6 p.m., with Steady Hands, Chase Huglin and Shortly, The Irenic, 3090 Polk Ave. in North Park. All ages. \$15-\$17. ticketfly.com.

Korey Dane, Gold Star

9 p.m., Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$10-\$12. ticketfly.com or 619-255-7224.



North Park Toastmasters
6:30–8 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3725 30th St., North Park. 619-694-9148. bit.ly/2vM0Gje.

Open Mic Night

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

Bankers Hill Community Group

6:30–8 p.m., San Diego Indoor Sports Club, 3030 Front St., Bankers Hill. Topic: an alternative new design for proposed Olive Street Park.

Mogwai with Xander Harris
8 p.m., Observatory North

Park, 2981 University Ave. All ages. \$25. Ticketweb.com.



AJ Froman

8:30 p.m., with Hot Mustard and Z etc., at Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$6. ticketfly.com.



North Park Planning Committee

6:30 p.m., North Park Christian Fellowship, 2901 North Park Way.

NATtalk: What's in Our Drawers

7 p.m., be regaled with stories of research expeditions and hear how our scientists prepare specimens for our ever-growing collection of plants and animals from Southern California and Baja California. In celebration of the current exhibition "Unshelved: Cool Stuff from Storage." The NAT, 1788 El Prado in Balboa Park. \$9 for members; otherwise \$12. sdnhm.org.



Slum Summer

8 p.m., with Pocket Hole and Stray Monroe, The Merrow, 1271 University Ave. in Hillcrest. 21 and older. \$5. Ticketweb.com.

The Myrrors

8:30 p.m., Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$10. ticketfly.com.



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.



Deorro

9 p.m., Observatory North Park, 2981 University Ave. 18 and older. \$35-\$50. Ticketweb.com.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Most groups are not meeting today.

Thanksgiving Day 5K

7:30 a.m., join 7,500 walkers and runners at 1549 El Prado in Balboa Park to help bring an end to homelessness in San Diego through benefactor Father Joe's Villages. Afterward, enjoy a festival with live music, a beer garden, kid's area with Disney-inspired princesses and a costume contest. Thanksgivingrun.org.



Memory Café

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

'American Carnage: A Love Story'

7:30 p.m., world premiere written and directed by Aimee Greenberg, staged by fruitlessmoon theatreworks at City Heights Performance Annex, 3795 Fairmount Ave. Through Sunday, Nov. 26. \$20. fruitlessmoontheatreworks.org or 949-246-1698.

Square dancing classes

8–9:30 p.m. Recital Hall, 2130 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park. \$50 for 13 classes. 858-277-7499 or circulators.sdsda.org.

Fortunate Youth

8 p.m., with Long Beach Dub Allstars & Arise Roots, Observatory North Park, 2981 University Ave. \$18. Ticketweb.com.



Barb Wire Dolls

8:30 p.m., with Svetlanas, '57 and Authentic Sellout, Space, 3519 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$12. Ticketfly.com.

The Creation Factory

8:30 p.m., with Los Sweepers and Thee Allyrgic Reaction, Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$10. Ticketfly.com.

Vampire Squid

9 p.m., with Corpsemaker, Orphic Eye, Crematory Stench and Gutsaw, The Merrow, 1271 University Ave. in Hillcrest. 21 and older. \$7. Ticketweb.com.



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

Golden Hill Farmers Market

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Adams Avenue Spirit Stroll

2-5 p.m., the third annual event will feature 27 independently owned businesses that will provide an afternoon of holiday tastes mixed and poured by some of the avenue's favorite bars and eateries. Part of the nationwide Small Business Saturday. 21 and older. \$19. Adamsavenuebusiness.com.

Sun Harbor Christmas 2017

2 p.m., Sun Harbor Chorus presents its 40th annual Christmas show, Casa Del Prado Theater, 1800 El Prado in Balboa Park. The Chorus, established in 1946, is the San Diego Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society. \$10-\$20. sunharbor.org.



'C-Note'

6 p.m., annual exhibit and sale, through Jan. 6, Art on 30th Gallery, 4434 30th St. in North Park. Arton30th.com or 619-894-9009.



Comedy Heights

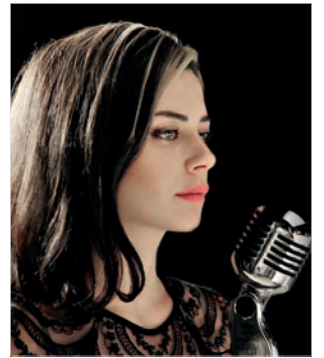
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West African dance class

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.



Ninet Tayeb

8 p.m., with Teleskopes, Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$12-\$15. ticketfly.com.



Hillcrest Business Association Beautification Committee

3 p.m., 3737 Fifth Ave., Suite 202, Hillcrest.

North Park Toastmasters

6:30–8 p.m., St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 3725 30th St., North Park. 619-694-9148. bit.ly/2vM0Gje.

Open Mic Night

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



Giraffage

8 p.m., Observatory North Park, 2981 University Ave. All ages. \$18. Ticketweb.com.

Matthew Logan Vasquez (Delta Spirit)

9 p.m., Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older, \$14. ticketfly.com.

Wanted Noise

9 p.m., with The Midnight Block and 4th N Cedar. The Merrow, 1271 University Ave. in Hillcrest. 21 and older. Ticketweb.com.



South Park Business Group

8:30 a.m., Eclipse Chocolate, 2145 Fern St., South Park

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FROM PAGE 18

CALENDAR

Exhibit Tour: Celebrate San Diego!
10 a.m. Join the CJC for an exclusive curator-led tour of the San Diego History Center’s exhibit “Celebrate San Diego! The History and Heritage of San Diego’s Jewish Community.” Walk through the art, artifacts, documents and videos with Dr. Joellyn Zollman to explore the vibrant Jewish history in San Diego. Produced in conjunction with the San Diego History Center and their exhibition Celebrate San Diego: The History & Heritage of San Diego’s Jewish Community. For more information:

sandiegohistory.org/exhibition/jewish-history
1649 El Prado, Suite #3.

Trophy Eyes
6 p.m., with Free Throw and Head North, The Irenic, 3090 Polk Ave. in North Park. All ages. \$13-\$15. ticketfly.com.

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.

Chasms
8:30 p.m., with Odonis Odonis and Houses Of Heaven, Soda Bar, 3615 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. \$10-\$12. ticketfly.com.

THURSDAY
Nov. 30

Liberty Toastmasters Club
7 p.m., St. Paul’s Community Care Center, 328 Maple St., Bankers Hill. bit.ly/2vN6A5t.

Courage to Change – Al-Anon meetings:
7:15–8:15 p.m., for friends and relatives of alcoholics, Christ United Presbyterian Church chapel, 3025 Fir St., South Park.

‘Tarrytown’
8 p.m., opening night of world premiere musical by Adam Wachter, Thursdays-Sundays through Dec. 17, Diversionary Theatre, 4545 Park Blvd., University Heights. Presented by Backyard Renaissance Theatre Company. \$20-\$40. Backyardrenaissance.com or 619-977-0999.

Uptown Sunrise Rotary Club
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. Northpark-farmersmarket.com.

Kornflower’s Open Mic
7 p.m., open mic (no poetry or comedy). Family-friendly event, Rebecca’s Coffee House, 3015 Juniper St., South Park. Free. Rebeccas-coffeehouse.com.



Collie Buddz
8 p.m., The Observatory North Park, 2981 University Ave. in North Park. All ages. \$25. Ticketweb.com.

Kirtan Musical Meditation
8:30 p.m., chant and sing ancient and contemporary mantras celebrating love and life,

Abysmal Descent
9 p.m., with Disorder, Dead-matter and Israel, Space, 3519 El Cajon Blvd. 21 and older. Free. ticketfly.com.❖

Pilgrimage of the Heart Yoga, 3301 Adams Ave., Normal Heights. Free – donations welcome. Pilgrimageyoga.com.



Napizza in the HUB Hillcrest Market has closed, but it will soon restructure under the same ownership as a sit-down modern Italian restaurant called Casa Maestoso. Co-founder

Christopher Antinucci said he partnered with a “high-end chef from Rome” for the project, which is slated to debut in March.

Napizza has existing locations in Little Italy, the 4S Commons Town Center, and Encinitas. Another will open in December in University Town Center.

“All of those stores are healthy, but the Hillcrest location wasn’t making much money. It was way too big for our concept,” he added. “We have high hopes for the new concept and banners will start going up soon.” 1040 University Ave., na-pizza.com.



Napizza co-owner Christopher Antinucci is replacing his Hillcrest pizzeria with a new dining concept. (Photo by Frank Sabatini Jr.)

In its first expansion since opening in 2004, the wildly popular Blue Water Seafood Market & Grill in Mission Hills will branch into Ocean Beach with a second location slated to open this spring.

Known for its fresh, local seafood served in a fast-casual atmosphere, founders (and siblings) Matt and Judd Braun teamed up with the locally based restaurant development group, Social Syndicate, which operates Wonderland Ocean

Pub and OB Surf Lodge. Blue Water will be located adjacent to them as part of a revitalization project to the plaza in which they reside.

The eatery will be similar to the one in Mission Hills, featuring seafood-stocked display cases and a menu that allows diners to choose marinades, cooking styles and presentations of their fish – in sandwiches, tacos, bowls or plates. 5083 Santa Monica Ave. Suite B, bluewater-seafoodsandiego.com.



The well-patronized Blue Water Seafood Market & Grill is opening a second location. (Photo by Frank Sabatini Jr.)

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FOOD BRIEFS

Local restaurateur Matteo Cattaneo is on a roll. Since opening the beloved Buona Forchetta restaurant in South Park four years ago, the Italian native has introduced his Neapolitan-style pizzas and comforting pasta dishes to locations in Liberty Station and Encinitas, as well. Now he's headed to Coronado, where he'll take

over a 1940s-era car dealership to open Garage Buona Forchetta in early 2019.

The pizzas, however, will be of the Romana-Teglia variety, which are baked in rectangular sheet pans and distinguished by thicker crusts. Diners can also expect pasta, calzones and entrees served within a 2,900-square-foot space that will pay homage to its historical character. 1000 C St., Coronado, buonaforchetta-sd.com.

Monday evenings in November are all about pizza

and pinot at Vom Fass in Hillcrest. The shop, which specializes in oils, vinegars and spirits, affords guests a bottle of pinot noir paired to a select style of pizza, such as a Greek veggie pizza on Monday, Nov. 20. Seatings each week are at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Reservations are required. 1050 University Ave., 619-534-5034, vomfasshillcrest.com.

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Buona Forchetta owner Matteo Cattaneo plans to open a restaurant in a former car dealership. (Photo by Scott Andrews)

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