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Curfew protests move into second weekend

People demonstrate at the Huntington Beach Pier in opposition to the overnight restrictions that apply to many counties in the state.

BY ANDREW TURNER

As the coronavirus case count continues to climb, restrictions have been tightening to slow the spread of the virus during the most recent surge.

Orange County was among the counties that saw its reopening scaled back on Nov. 16. That was when the state put the county and 27 others back into the purple tier, taking the number of counties in the most restrictive tier to 41.

Subsequently, a curfew was placed on most nonessential activities outside the home the same week.

Protesters on the first weekend rallied against the month-long measure, to be imposed from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. daily until at least Dec. 21. Those demonstrations appeared set to move forward. An organization called the American Phoenix Project had social media fliers promoting “curfew breaker” events from Redding to San Diego scheduled for Saturday night.

For the second weekend since the curfew was implemented, protesters rallied against the stay-at-home protocol near the Huntington Beach Pier. A significant number of attendees had arrived an hour before the curfew began.

Alan Hostetter, the founder of American Phoenix Project, said that the group began protesting on Easter Sunday. He said that he does not deny that the virus exists, but he added that he feels the numbers have been inflated as part of a political power play.

Hostetter also said that the people have “been propagandized now for nine months,” and said he believes the fallout from virus-related shutdowns will be devastating.

Satina Gulati, 42, of Mission Viejo said that she is protesting, in part, to support small business owners.

“These people are suffering,” Gulati said. “These people have lost everything that they’ve worked their entire lives to create. Their American Dream is being shattered because of this, and it’s so unfortunate.”

Ansel Greene, 18, of Topanga said Saturday afternoon that he planned to join the curfew protest in Huntington Beach. He said he felt that exercising a curfew goes too far as it relates to government control.

For much of the year, demonstrators have spoken of constitutional freedoms, including those of the right to assembly and freedom of expression. Greene said he wants to hear both sides of an issue, but he also feels a person should be enti-

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How an O.C. food critic navigates takeout during the pandemic



Edwin Goei

THERE'S 20% OFF Tokyo Central's bento and sushi boxes after 7 p.m.

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1,666 new COVID-19 cases in Orange County

BY ANDREW TURNER

The Orange County Health Care Agency reported 1,666 new coronavirus cases on Saturday in the latest numbers released regarding transmission of the virus.

The county reported no additional deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, keeping the total number of fatalities countywide at 1,577. Since the start of the pandemic, the county has experienced 76,761 cases.

Hospitalizations because of the virus stand at 534, and 138 of those patients are receiving treatment in intensive care units.

There were 11,017 tests for the virus reported within the last day, which brings the total number of tests administered to 1,437,146. Healthcare agency data indicates that an estimated 59,266 people have re-



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A MAN wears a face mask while driving on the 500 block of West 19th Street in Costa Mesa on Nov. 14.

covered after contracting the virus. Orange County resides within the most restrictive, purple tier. The reopening metrics have the county carrying sev-

en-day averages of 18.7 daily

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Telephone vendor may have recorded more confidential calls between O.C. inmates and attorneys

BY BEN BRAZIL

A telephone vendor found to have recorded thousands of calls between Orange County jail inmates and their attorneys may have continued to record confidential calls even after the company said it was no longer doing so, according to a motion filed by Assistant Public Defender Scott Sanders.

It first came to light in 2018 that Global Tel Link Corp. — a Virginia-based contractor that oversees the county's jail phone system — recorded the confidential calls for the previous three years. The company blamed the lapse on “human error.”

Yet, Sanders' motion filed last week contends that the company recorded at least six calls between April and December 2019 from the number of the Westminster branch office of the Orange County public defender, though GTL had supposedly repaired the system that led to the lapses and added the number to

a Do Not Record list.

The company was found to have recorded inmate-attorney calls also in 2015 in Pinellas and Charlotte counties in Florida.

Orange County is still contracting with GTL.

“The reality is that the developments detailed herein, combined with GTL's history in this county and nation, eviscerate any reasonable faith that GTL reliably blocks the recording of calls from inmates to counsel whose numbers appear on the county's Do Not Record list,” the motion says.

The motion was filed on behalf of Sanders' client, Ryan Franks, who had at least one call recorded by GTL. He is seeking records that would indicate how many calls were recorded between him and his counsel and whether prosecutors accessed those calls.

Prosecutors originally filed a motion to quash the subpoena but withdrew that recently.

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MICHELIN GUIDE NOD LIFTS NEW NEWPORT BEACH PUB'S SPIRITS

BY LORI BASHEDA

A Newport Beach restaurant has been crowned one of the Michelin Guide's 25 Inspector Discoveries in California.

Fable & Spirit, a relative newcomer (opened in the summer of 2019), is a sophisticated neighborhood pub, both classy and comfy, in Lido Marina's growing culinary scene.

Darren Coyle, who co-owns the restaurant with his wife Jean, said they were blown away when they heard the news.

“I wanted to jump up and down,” he says. “Michelin anything is the ultimate recognition that a restaurant can get.”

The list, posted online Oct. 27, was unveiled with an introduction: “This year's annual Star Revelation in California may have been postponed in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and devastating wildfire season, but in its place ... a collection of 25 inspector discoveries; a snapshot of new and inspiring culinary talent across California.”

It goes on to note Fable & Spirit's “elegant design ... and yet, it never rests solely on its good looks.”

Specifically, the list gives a



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FABLE & SPIRIT in Newport Beach, which opened in the summer of 2019, is included in Michelin Guide's 25 Inspector Discoveries in California.

shout-out to the warm Guinness brown bread with honey butter and sea salt, “an absolute delight, especially paired with plump P.E.I. [Prince Edward Island] mussels bathed in a thyme butter so heady that you'll want to slurp up every drop.”

Also noted: “The Cracked Pep-

per Bucatini — studded with clams and pancetta — is a glorious tangle of goodness.”

The Fable & Spirit culinary team is led by chef David Shofner, who is also executive chef of the Coyle clan's popular Dublin 4 Gas-

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A WORD, PLEASE | JUNE CASAGRANDE

It's almost time to write 'Happy Holidays' ... or is it 'holidays'?

Here come the holidays. Or as some might put it, the Holidays. Or, less commonly, the holiday's. Either way, it's a great time to make embarrassing errors in social media posts, emails, cards, business correspondence and marketing copy. Here are some terms you'll want to write right this time of year.

Happy holidays. Just because they both start with an H doesn't mean both Hs should be capitalized. And no apostrophe, please.

Turkey Day. Think of this as a nickname. Like real names, nicknames are proper nouns. Each word in proper noun starts with a capital letter, which is why the D in Day is uppercase.

Season's greetings. This one's not as easy. When we say "season's greetings," we mean it as a catch-all nod to multiple holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's. But just because you're talking about plural holidays doesn't mean you're talking about plural seasons. For purposes of this greeting, they're all one season. So when you hear "season's," the final S isn't there to indicate a plural. It's there to indicate a possessive: the greetings of the season. Always put an apostrophe before the S and, of course, remember to lowercase the G in greetings.

Christmas Day. Technically, you could think of the "day" as a not-proper noun, justifying a lowercase D. But that's not how most editors would see it. Even more so than Turkey Day, Christmas Day is a proper name in its own right, requiring a capital D.

Christmas Eve. Use a capital E. This is a proper noun.

Tis. When you type an apostrophe at the beginning of a word, spell-checker often assumes you meant to type a single quotation mark. The software changes the mark to one that curves like the letter C. That's not an apostrophe. That's a single quotation mark. To fix this once without tinkering with the settings in your computer, type the apostrophe twice then delete the first one.

Merry. This isn't a proper noun. You often see it capitalized because it's the beginning of a sentence. But anywhere else, the M is lowercase: We wish you a merry Christmas.

New Year, New Year's, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day. Stick with capital letters in most cases: Happy New Year! Happy New Year's. On New Year's Eve. On New Year's Day. If you're just talking about the year itself and not the holiday, you probably want to use all lowercase: I hope business picks up in the new year. Associ-



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BECAUSE TURKEY DAY is like a nickname, it's a proper noun, June Casagrande says, and should be capitalized.

ated Press supports lowercase "new year" at times. But "happy New Year" is probably best.

Hanukkah. Anytime you have a word adopted from a language that uses a different alphabet, English spellings can be subject to debate. For example, don't get me started on Qadaffi, which starts with the same Arabic letter represented as a Q in al-Qaeda though many English language news outlets spell it with a G: Gadaffi. A Hebrew word like Hanukkah draws the same confusion for translators: How do you represent letters that don't exist in your own alphabet? Do you go with Hanukkah, Chanukah or Hanukah — all of which are correct? I don't know. But in cases like this, style guides like the Associated Press Stylebook pick one for consistency's sake — to ensure Page 1 of a newspaper doesn't have one spelling while Page 3 has a different one. AP says to go with Hanukkah, which is also the preferred spelling listed in Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. So unless you have strong feelings about Hebrew transliteration, that's as good a spelling as any.

Black Friday, Cyber Monday. Black Friday is in Merriam-Webster's dictionary, capital B, as a proper noun. Cyber Monday, a newer term for an unofficial shopping holiday, is not in Merriam-Webster's. But if you want my two cents, go with the capital C: Cyber. It's used like Black Friday, so why not capitalize it like Black Friday?

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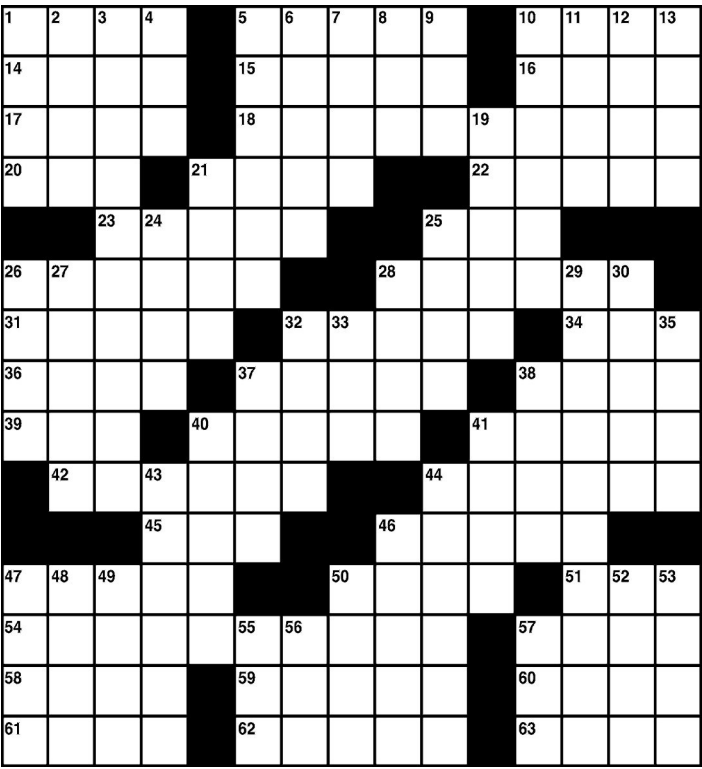
By Jacqueline E. Mathews

ACROSS

1 _ of habeas corpus; court order
5 "Take a hike!"
10 Kill with a spear
14 Pig's remark
15 Waitress at Mel's Diner
16 Eastern European
17 Canyon comeback
18 Mariner's beacon
20 Octopus's home
21 Groupies
22 Mistake
23 Part of an ice skate
25 Peach stone
26 Some Winter Olympians
28 Kit or Johnny
31 Go into
32 LensCrafters' wares, for short
34 _ on; try to buy at an auction
36 Little legumes
37 Everest or Etna
38 Escape
39 1 and 2 and 3 and 4
40 Contaminate
41 _ box; larynx
42 Leisurely walk
44 More spacious
45 Downed
46 December addressee
47 Higher than
50 Sand mound
51 Sawyer of fiction
54 Not forgotten
57 Geometric figure
58 He who said: "Am I my brother's keeper?"
59 Avoid detection by
60 Circle portions
61 Shacks
62 No longer stylish
63 Farewells

DOWN

1 Misfortunes
2 College in



SUDOKU

By The Mephram Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit sudoku.org.uk.

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	6					1	
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For answers to the crossword and Sudoku puzzles, see page A8.

Houston
3 Dweller; resident
4 Fight result, for short
5 Slaws & Crab Louies
6 Singer Patsy
7 Big _; truckers' trucks
8 German

exclamation
9 Bumped into
10 Newspaper section
11 Sightseeing trip
12 Furthermore
13 Bud Light, for one
19 Those listed in a will

21 Actor Jamie
24 Spike & Bruce
25 Peace treaty
26 End of summer: abbr.
27 On one's _; in a prayerful posture
28 Penny
29 Required
30 Sister's girl
32 Dirt
33 Play on words
35 Antlered animal
37 Buck, bull or ram
38 _ Worth, TX
40 Tribal pole
41 Weathercock
43 Baltimore team
44 Touched down
46 Elvis' "Blue _ Shoes"
47 Curved beam overhead
48 Jeff Bridges' brother
49 Exclude; leave off
50 "Fiddlesticks!"
52 " _ upon a time"
53 Horrible situation
55 Flower garden
56 Actress Longoria
57 Taxi

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Gustavo Arellano doesn't really get Huntington Beach

From his opening line, Gustavo Arellano's recent Los Angeles Times column published in the Daily Pilot paints an unfairly one-sided characterization of our city.

Recently named one of the Top 10 Happiest Cities in America by WalletHub, Huntington Beach is home to 200,000 residents. More than 4 million visitors come here annually from around the world, all of whom have their own beliefs and opinions that, as a welcoming community, we value. We are far from "Angrytown, USA."

Undoubtedly, Huntington Beach Pier's iconic nature naturally lends itself to be a visible backdrop for gatherings and protests. It has become a prime choice for rally organizers throughout the region.

Just two months ago, organizers chose the same place to hold a peaceful candlelight vigil to honor the life of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. There have been two large-scale Black Lives Matters demonstrations coordinated to occur at Pier Plaza as well. Unfortunately, the Pier also has drawn individuals who have expressed opinions that do not represent Huntington Beach's values as a welcoming and inclusive community. These opinions are not unique to Huntington Beach and are occurring throughout Southern California.

Huntington Beach celebrates freedom. We take great pride in our annual Fourth of July Parade and what it represents. We take no issue when Americans of any stripe choose to peacefully exercise their 1st Amendment rights. Activism has long been a part of H.B.'s culture.

We are a city of strong and diverse opinions. We are a place that turns down calls for tax increases but also fiercely protects the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. We are a town of locals that welcomes millions of visitors of all creeds and nationalities every year. We are a place that can elect progressive Democrats and a conservative former UFC champion in



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CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS officers help local police patrol the area during a Black Lives Matter protest in Huntington Beach in June. The city's mayor writes that diverse views are welcome, making the city stronger.

the same election. Our congresswoman-elect is a Republican, while our two state Senators are Democrats.

After four years on the City Council I know that this spectrum of ideas, beliefs and experiences only makes Huntington Beach stronger.

Maybe, next time, Gustavo could show me his favorite H.B. spots and I'll show him the Huntington Beach that I know and love; a community that is far from being driven by anger, but instead by passion, pride and a commitment to our city — what we like to call #OneHB.

Mayor Lyn Semeta
Huntington Beach

Once again, my hometown of Huntington Beach has made the media and the newspapers, not as "Surf City" but as "Rage City" with protests from right-wingers and other assorted rabble-rousers.

Still smarting over the defeat of the president, and still adhering to the Trump protocols of not wearing masks, not socially distancing and not following health guidelines, these perpetually angered individuals are now targeting common-sense moves by the government to lower the incidence of coronavirus cases and their impacts through curfews and restrictions on dining and public gatherings. They oppose any curbing of civil liberties

that were largely made necessary by their own reckless actions in the first place. They continue to be part of the problem instead of being part of the solution.

Yes, we are all weary of the pandemic and what we have to put up with, but many in Huntington Beach are weary of the protests and irresponsible behavior the citizenry has to endure as well.

Tim Geddes
Huntington Beach

Los Angeles Times columnist Gustavo Arellano wonders why the citizens of Surf City are drowning in anger ("How Huntington Beach became Angry-Town, USA")? Good question. I too, a resident of Huntington Beach since 1962, am angry. But I am angry at the irrational behavior of those who feel their freedom is restricted if masks are required to enter a place of business. If scientific, evidence-based guidance is considered an attempt to abridge our freedoms then we are entitled to rebel and carry on with such careless behavior, it's our choice, right?

The problem with such pretzel-like logic is that the careless behavior of others endangers my health and the health of my family and friends. Anger begets anger, but an antidote to anger and ignorance is factual information and open-mindedness. It's past time for the denying-the-

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dying residents of Huntington Beach to wise up by learning and conforming (yes, conforming) to the guidelines of science.

Ben Miles
Huntington Beach

Newport Beach isn't far behind

As I read the Daily Pilot and *StuNews* this morning, I couldn't suppress the thought that the angry crowd in Huntington Beach has been the people's way of expressing their feelings about attempts by the governors to stop the raging pandemic, or in their vernacular, "take away their freedom."

And what followed was the equally undesirable thought that by reputation, Newport Beach might not be too far behind in terms of resisting the advice of healthcare workers and state and national leaders who feel the weight of COVID-19 deaths on their shoulders.

Some Newport Beach leaders just try to be a little more subtle in their resistance — trying to reopen the city way too early during the first "stay at home" order, refusing to close their beaches, trying to sue the governor, and making every small issue relating in any way to the coronavirus into a big issue.

I watch pretty carefully what is going on in Newport Beach politically, and I can't really say that I have heard any of the local leaders or candidates, with the exception of a few, stand up for enforcing and modeling the COVID-19 protocols for counties and cities.

You have to ask yourself, do our

leaders really care about saving people's lives or do they care more about their own political futures? Do these council members have a real positive platform other than just saying "no"? For the most part, I think they garner bad grades for their modeling and enforcement of best health practices in restaurants and shops. Don't they share in the blame for the economic chaos and deaths or are they allowed to be just observers and naysayers?

And now we have one more attempt to resist authority in a councilman's desire to undo the cancellation of the Christmas Boat Parade. And in the end, while some of these locals try to gain higher office and leave us behind, will they have enhanced our property values for giving our beloved city a negative view by others? Morality aside, locals care about practicality too.

Lynn Lorenz
Newport Beach

Don't like old signs? Take them down

This is in response to Mark Scott's letter complaining that some campaign signs were not yet removed weeks after the election. It's likely not the candidate's fault but his or her supporters who put the signs up in the first place.

I have a suggestion for Mr. Scott. Instead of complaining, why not do something about the situation? The last few elections, I too, have been annoyed at signs that stay up too long. So, two weeks after an election, if I happen to see a sign still posted, I try to remove it myself, whether or not I supported the person.

I don't go out and comb the entire city for this, but if I pass by an intersection daily and the sign hasn't come down, I'll stop to get it.

If everyone did this, just cleaning up the signs they happen to pass by regularly, then the signs would be gone a lot sooner. Think of it as a shared civic duty, a community service, or neighborhood beautification effort. I do.

Julie Bixby
Huntington Beach

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SURFERS, FRIENDS and family participate in the memorial paddle-out for longtime Laguna Beach resident Michael Tomson on Nov. 14.

Paddle-out honors Michael Tomson

A memorial paddle-out was held for longtime Laguna Beach resident and surf industry influencer Michael Tomson in Laguna Beach on Nov. 14. He died on Oct. 7 at the age of 66 after a long bout with cancer.

The gathering at Agate Street Beach brought together about 100 people to pay tribute to the South African surfer, who was the co-founder of Gotcha, one of the first surf industry brands that bridged surfing to the mainstream.

Tomson was well known in the surf community and was very supportive of young surfers starting out their careers and often was quick to offer new gear or a T-shirt. Tomson's cousin, Shaun, described him as a "fearless charger" on the big and challenging waves of the North Shore of Hawaii. Tomson was part of the golden-era surfing progression of the mid-1970's.

Many former pro local surfers attended the event, including James Pribram, who helped organize it, former tour surfers Jeff Booth, Hans Hagen, Mikey Todd and several friends who surfed with Tomson through the years in Laguna Beach.

— Don Leach



TOMSON'S SURFBOARD and memorial poster is on display as friends and family gather on the view deck at Agate Street beach to watch the memorial paddle-out for the surf industry influencer and co-founder of Gotcha in Laguna Beach.

COVID-19

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new cases per 100,000 residents and a testing positivity rate of 7.6%. Those numbers come with a four-day lag.

The virus has consistently proven to be most dangerous for the elderly. Healthcare agency data shows that 1,172 of those to suffer virus-related deaths have been at least 65 years old. That accounts for 74.3% of the county's death toll due to the pandemic.

Here are the latest cumulative coronavirus case counts and COVID-19 deaths for select cities in Orange County:

- Santa Ana: 14,804 cases; 331 deaths
- Anaheim: 12,922 cases; 344 deaths
- Huntington Beach: 3,302 cases; 89 deaths
- Costa Mesa: 2,593 cases; 45 deaths
- Irvine: 2,657 cases; 14 deaths
- Newport Beach: 1,467 cases; 26 deaths
- Fountain Valley: 827 cases; 21 deaths
- Laguna Beach: 323 cases; fewer than five deaths

Here are the case counts by age group, followed by deaths:

- 0 to 17: 6,227 cases; one death
- 18 to 24: 11,282 cases; four deaths
- 25 to 34: 16,361 cases; 21 deaths
- 35 to 44: 12,224 cases; 40 deaths
- 45 to 54: 12,414 cases; 120 deaths
- 55 to 64: 9,228 cases; 219 deaths
- 65 to 74: 4,698 cases; 309 deaths
- 75 to 84: 2,438 cases; 343 deaths
- 85 and older: 1,833 cases; 520 deaths

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tropub and Wineworks for Everyone, both in Mission Viejo.

Fable & Spirit's made-from-scratch menu is progressive, yet approachable, focusing on fresh ingredients. The Fable in Fable & Spirit is a play on farm-to-table, as well as a wink to Irish fairy tales.

Dishes range from classic fish and chips made with Icelandic cod flown in fresh on ice to Wood-Fired Octopus with sofrito, chorizo Bilbao, smoked potatoes and Padron peppers. The restaurant, by the way, is a family affair. The Coyle's daughter, Ali, a level 3 sommelier, is director of wines. Their son, Drew, is director of spirits.

"It's lovely to have them all involved," Darren Coyle said.

Darren and Jean grew up in County Mayo and later lived in Dublin 4 before moving to Philadelphia in the early '80s and then migrating to Orange County.

Their vision for Fable & Spirit, Darren said, was to create a restaurant that was "refined, yet whimsical ... capturing the grandeur of Ireland's country homes. We want to share the spirit and magic of our rich Irish heritage." Guests enter through a gold Georgian door, just like those seen on the streets of Dublin. On the walls hang paintings of Irish goddesses and hares, revered shape shifters in Irish mythology.

The bar is topped with sleek black Nero Marquina Spanish marble. The upholstery is a mix of leather, teal velvet and elegant prints. Guests can also ask to be seated in the Snug, a cozy private booth — a fixture in old Irish pubs.

While the menus are globally inspired, some of the dishes and cocktails are nods to Ireland. A delicate Rabbit Fricassee is on the menu, as is a Dublin Irish Coffee made with Irish whiskey, espresso, dark brown sugar and hand-whipped cream. My favorite is the Ritual, a sexy bourbon cocktail with chai and all-spice which arrives with a bit of smoking sage clipped to the rim of the glass.

Guests can also choose from more than 180 boutique wines by the bottle from the wine cellar, and 40 wines by the glass. Coyle said they have stayed strong during the pandemic, adding 30 seats outside and another 35 under the neighboring Lido Theatre's vintage neon marquee for three-course Chef Dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

"The clientele has been extraordinary," Coyle says. "I can call many of them friends."

LORI BASHEDA is a contributor to Times Community News.

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tled to their own viewpoint.

"I even have family members ... that think the complete opposite [as] me, but I love to hear the other side and be able to have my own opinion," Greene said. "That's honestly what makes this country great is that we can all have [different] opinions."

Huntington Beach's Pier Plaza has seen countless demonstrations during the past several months. Virus-related shutdowns and beach closures, Black Lives Matter, and the general election are some of the subjects that have drawn a crowd.

In terms of enforcement, many local law enforcement agencies, including the Huntington Beach Police Department, said that they intended to take an education-first approach regarding the curfew.

Huntington Beach Mayor Lyn Semeta said that the city and its police department are encouraging people to follow state-issued mandates such as the wearing of masks, social distancing and the curfew.

"What the public may not realize is that our public safety departments must staff the events in case someone chooses to engage in violence," Semeta said in an email.

"It becomes the job of a city and its public safety departments to keep people safe when a rally or demonstration is held in that city.



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HUNTINGTON BEACH police officers let a man selling T-shirts know he cannot set up shop at that location.

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“We withdrew our motion to quash based on new information we were provided,” District Atty. Todd Spitzer said in a statement. “As a county supervisor I was deeply concerned about the allegations confidential conversations between defendants and their defense attorneys were being illegally recorded by GTL, and I continue to be incredibly troubled by these continued allegations.

“I have now joined with the defense in issuing subpoenas to GTL and the Sheriff’s Department to find out if calls were in fact illegally recorded. If it turns out that GTL was once again recording attorney client privileged communications there will serious consequences. As prosecutors, we continue to fulfill our obligations to ensure fair and just criminal prosecutions and ensure that no one’s rights are being violated.”

Sanders is known for discovering that the district attorney’s office and sheriff’s department were illegally using jailhouse informants to obtain confessions in 2016.

In the motion, Sanders said the information is critically important to a motion to withdraw Franks’ guilty plea of car theft.

Sanders was given the information on the most recent recorded calls by a special master months after Franks pleaded guilty.

The special master was appointed by a judge in 2018 to review the calls.

Though the special master provided just six calls, Sanders said in the motion that there are “likely more than a thousand others.”

“If an attorney’s phone number had been uploaded to the Do Not Record List why would any calls to that number have been recorded — and, alternatively, if a number had never been uploaded to the Do Not Record List, then why were not all of the calls to that number recorded?”



Gary Coronado | Los Angeles Times

EMPLOYEES OF the contractor that oversees the Orange County Jail phone system appeared in court in 2018. Pictured, the Orange County Jail Complex in Santa Ana.

the motion says.

“In other words, there should have been zero recorded calls to the Westminster Branch of the OCPD between April 2019 (when the upload allegedly occurred) and December 2019 (which is when the last recorded call was provided by the special master).

“If the number was never uploaded, however, every one of the 1,000+ calls during the time period should have been recorded. Under either scenario it is illogical that six calls would have been recorded.”

The motion contends that GTL hasn’t been truthful or transparent for years.

GTL spokesman Randy Brown declined to comment.

Sanders wrote in the motion that the company knew or believed in 2015 that confidential inmate calls were being recorded in Orange County.

The company was already aware by early 2015 that it had recorded inmate calls in the two Florida counties, the motion says.

“In July 2018, the contractor who provides phone service to inmates in the OCSD jails, Global Tel Link Corp. (GTL), revealed that due to human error by a GTL employee, 1,079 inmate telephone calls to numbers that should have been designated as “do not record” were erroneously recorded by the contractor,” said Orange County sher-

iff’s spokeswoman Carrie Braun in an email.

“As a result of this discovery, OCSD staff directed GTL to correct the issue. Prior to July 2018, OCSD had received no notice from GTL that this was an issue. OCSD relies on many third-party vendors to provide vital services to our department. It is expected that vendors comply with the contracts they agree to, and that they meet the requirements of those contracts.

“The department has not been notified that there have been additional attorney/client calls recorded. If it is determined that attorney/client calls have been recorded, we have policy to address it.”

Braun said that the county is in the request for proposal process for updating the inmate phone system.

The final decision on that will go before the county Board of Supervisors next year.

A 2019 Grand Jury report found that the Sheriff’s Department’s inadequate oversight led to the recording of the inmate-attorney calls.

The Grand Jury also found no evidence of improper use of the recorded calls.

Sanders criticized that report at the time.

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and will continue to have until we find ourselves on the other side of this pandemic.

BANH MI CHE CALI FOR DRIVE-THROUGH VIETNAMESE FOOD

For years I was aware that Banh Mi Che Cali Restaurant — located next door to the smaller Banh Mi Che Cali housed in an old Taco Bell on Brookhurst — has a drive-through window. What I didn't know until the lockdown is that it had everything I could ever expect from a full Vietnamese restaurant menu.

Yes, you can order pho from this drive-through. Coupled with this is that the prices are one of the cheapest in Little

Saigon. Almost nothing is over \$8. The combination rice plate — with a grilled pork chop, Vietnamese egg cake, shredded pork skin, a side salad, pickles and an ambrosial fish sauce to dribble on everything — is enough to feed two.

There's also fried rice, shaken beef, noodle salads, as well as the crusty baguette sandwiches of which this chain is renowned. But most impressive of all is the house special pho, which has more features than a fully loaded Tesla.

15553 Brookhurst St., Westminster, CA 92683

BIG PARM FOR \$1 PIZZA SLICES

For the remarkable price of \$1, you can get a satisfying triangle of molten cheese, sauce and pepperoni that beats the



\$1 PIZZA SLICES from Big Parm can be found in the Tustin Mess Hall.

Costco food court pizza not only on taste but on cost, which is really saying something.

Andrew Gruel of Slapfish, who's behind this food court stall inside Mess Hall at Flight in Tustin, seems to have instituted this price drop to cater to the lunchtime crowd of cube-dwellers from this sparsely populated office park. The low prices are also fodder for guests of Flight's popular drive-in movie nights. Since I started eating them, the \$1 slices have since shrunk to a twelfth of a large pizza rather than an eighth, but it's still a good deal for a pie of this quality.

1705 Flight Way #2, Tustin, CA 92782

CAFE HIRO FOR THE MENCHI KATSU WEEKDAY LUNCH SPECIAL

Weekdays at lunchtime is the ideal time to go for takeout at Café Hiro. This popular Japanese/Italian hybrid specializes in washoku, Western food as seen through a Japanese lens. But weekdays are the only time you can order the menchi katsu lunch special.

It's a ball of seasoned ground beef that's been breaded and deep-fried. Imagine a juicy hamburger patty crossbred with an onion ring, eaten with a zippy tonkatsu sauce and a bracing hot mustard.

Along with proving that a meatloaf is better when it's crunchy on the outside, the dish also shows that you can't have too much starch on one plate. It comes with not one but three kinds: a warm scalloped potato, some sort of



Photos by Edwin Goei

THE ENTIRE MENU of Banh Mi Che Cali, including their pho, can be ordered from their drive-through window.

pasta and steamed rice. Also included: a salad, shredded cabbage and a free dessert that you don't get if you dine in.

10509 Valley View St., Cypress, CA 90630

GRILL CITY FOR FILIPINO BREAKFASTS

Grill City's silog is a meal I've enjoyed before the pandemic, during the shutdown and will continue to enjoy for as long as there is a Grill City. It's the Filipino answer to the American bacon and egg breakfast, a portmanteau of two words: sinangag (fried rice) and itlog (fried egg), served with a protein of your choice. The best protein is tocino, a cured pork product cut from the fattiest parts of the pig with a ruddy color of Chinese char siu and a taste somewhere between beef jerky and barbecued baby back rib.

And if you take advantage of their buy three silogs for \$12.99 special, you've effectively secured six meals, because each Styrofoam box contains enough food to feed you twice over.

2180 Barranca Pkwy., Irvine, CA 92606

MISOYA ROCKIN' SUSHI FOR HOEDOEABAP

If poke, chirashi and bibimbap entered a teleportation machine and got merged molecularly, you'd get Misoya's hoedoeabap. Think of a poke bowl

but spicier, sweeter and more garlicky. Picture chirashi but with crunchy vegetables. Imagine the Korean sesame-oil scented aroma of a bibimbap but with chilled pieces of raw fish instead of beef.

Hoedoeabap is all these things together, and at this Korean-owned sushi joint, it seems to be on permanent special for \$7.99, which, I don't have to tell you, is cheaper than most chirashis, pokes and bibimbaps.

8893 W Garden Grove Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92844

SABROSADA FOR CARNE ASADA NACHOS

The first bite from Sabrosada's carne asada half nachos is always the best. You feel the sturdy corn crunch of the freshly fried tortilla chips reverberate through your skull.

Your tongue is warmed by the refried beans. Then you taste the beefiness of the pencil-eraser morsels of seasoned carne asada. Next there's the color bursts: the bright green goo of the guacamole, the yellow shredded cheese, the snowy sour cream, the tricolored pico de gallo. Even if you were blindfolded, the kaleidoscope of flavors unfurls in your mouth. It's synesthesia at its most delicious.

When so many things right now don't make sense, this drive-through Styrofoam box of nachos

does. Lining up is an easygoing experience. The queue moves at a steady clip. The employees are courteous and professional, working hard to ensure the food is prepared fast and tastes as good as you had it last time. But you do want just the "half order" of nachos. The only difference I can tell between the half and full seems to be the price.

17225 Brookhurst St., Fountain Valley, CA 92708

TOKYO CENTRAL FOR DISCOUNTED BENTO BOXES AFTER 7 P.M.

Seven p.m. is the golden hour at Tokyo Central. It's when this Japanese supermarket marks down all remaining inventory of their bentos and sushi boxes with a 20% discount. Consider yourself lucky if you see a few boxes of delicately cooked salmon steaks atop fried rice with an immaculately curated array of side dishes.

But if you're here for discounted karaage, or actual nigiri and sashimi, forget it. They never make it past the lunch rush. It speaks to the quality of the food that customers snap them up even before the clearance sale starts.

2975 Harbor Blvd., Costa Mesa, CA 92626

ZANKOU CHICKEN FOR KABOB COMBOS

I'd eat Zankou's kabob combo plate every day if I could. In its Styrofoam box is everything you need in a Middle Eastern meal.

There's karmic balance in its components. Every texture, taste and temperature complement each other so that not one thing dominates. And on the shish taouk, the marinade doesn't overwhelm the essence of the chicken — it elevates it.

Eat it as you smooch the roasted tomato into the fluffy rice, releasing a torrent of juice that almost turns it into an entirely new dish.

Together with the cucumber salad that plays against the silken hummus and condiments that include Zankou's famous toum, radish pickles and sliced onions, everything on this plate exists in perfect harmony — even as the world remains in chaos.

2424 W Ball Road, Anaheim, CA 92804

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