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CHIEF OF OVERSIGHT BOARD STRETCHING ITS LIMITS

Parker wants broader role for citizens panel monitoring authorities

BY JEFF MCDONALD

Month after month, as people kept dying inside San Diego County jails, Paul Parker saw blind spots in the collective response to the cavalcade of deaths.

The gaps have yet to be filled, but not because Parker isn't trying.

The senior official in charge of civilian oversight of the county sheriff's and probation departments has no jurisdiction over the doctors and nurses responsible for treating thousands of men and women in the custody of Sheriff Kelly Martinez.

Parker has proposed expanding the authority of the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board to include jail medical staff and contractors — a plan that has yet to be adopted but remains on the public docket.

That's not the only way he is pressing to broaden the role of the review board known as CLERB.

At its meeting this month, Parker suggested the board start reviewing deaths of people on probation to make sure their cases were properly handled by officers. He said the board should secure the authority to access sheriff's

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Paul Parker, the executive officer of San Diego County's Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board.



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Palestinians inspect the remains of buildings destroyed by the ongoing Israeli airstrikes on Gaza City on Saturday. Israeli troops have entered the Gaza Strip in what Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is calling "the second stage of the war."

NETANYAHU: GAZA WAR ENTERS 'SECOND STAGE'

PM warns of 'difficult' military campaign; Gaza remains under widespread communication blackout

U-T NEWS SERVICES

JERUSALEM

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised news conference Saturday that Israel's forces had entered the Gaza Strip, calling it his country's "second war of independence" and warning Israelis to expect a "long and difficult" campaign to eradicate Hamas.

Netanyahu said the troops had gone into Gaza on Friday evening, beginning "the second stage of the war." The Israeli military has not publicly described the current operation as an invasion, and has re-

leased only brief footage of its advance.

The ground assault in the northern part of the Gaza Strip was shrouded in secrecy and ambiguity and accompanied by an enormous aerial and artillery bombardment. It was the most sustained fighting against Hamas since the war began three weeks ago, when gunmen from the group that controls Gaza launched a surprise cross-border attack into Israel on Oct. 7, killing at least 1,400 people and spurring retaliatory airstrikes by Israel in the Gaza Strip.

Hamas' armed wing confirmed

BALBOA PARK DISPLAY A REMINDER OF THE MISSING

■ A7 • Empty tables represent victims kidnapped by Hamas.

Friday night and Saturday afternoon that the battle with Israeli ground forces had been joined. Shortly before Netanyahu's remarks, a spokesperson for the group, Abu Obeida, greeted the airstrikes and the ground incursion with defiance. Hamas would make Israel "taste new ways of death," the spokesperson said.

With Gaza's Internet connections and phone lines down, few

Palestinian accounts have emerged, making it difficult to assess the extent of the military action.

Palestinian telecommunication companies blamed Israel's bombardment for the widescale communications blackout, which left most people in Gaza unreachable by phone. The blackout sparked fear and panic, according to residents who were able to reach the outside world, as people struggled to get information or check on family and friends.

"The explosions were happening to our left, to our right — from

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LOCATING HOMELESS CLIENTS TOUGHER FOR SOME OUTREACH WORKERS OFFERING HELP

PATH employee traces usual route in search of woman needing housing

BY BLAKE NELSON

Brice Michalek needed to find one woman.

He knew exactly what to do next: Michalek would load her and her wheelchair into his van and drive to an office. Inside, the woman could get a Social Security card that would let her apply with her partner, who spent years in the Navy, for a housing voucher for veterans. Plenty are available, meaning the couple could be off the

street and under a roof within weeks.

If Michalek could find her. Earlier this month, he parked his van in Santee, stepped into the sun and looked for someone who might know something.

San Diego's camping ban brought fears that outreach workers, who spend their days trying to connect homeless people with housing, would have a harder time finding clients.

The first months of enforcement did remake the encampment landscape. The San Diego Downtown Partnership found that hundreds of homeless people left the urban center, and even though September's total ticked up to

around 1,300, that was still one of the smallest populations in more than a year.

But staffers at homelessness organizations are mixed as to the law's effects.

Father Joe's Villages' outreach supervisor, Jennifer Wilkens, said the ban "definitely impacted our ability to locate clients." Craig Thomas, who holds the same job at Alpha Project, said the initial upheaval gave way to larger encampments in fewer areas downtown, simultaneously making it easier to find people and increasing tensions between homeless neighbors. Perhaps as a result, some have been more likely to accept

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Brice Michalek, 35, an outreach worker with PATH, scans a Walmart parking lot, hoping to find a client he's been helping.

NEW PROPOSAL COULD TRANSFORM HILLCREST

Blueprint calls for increased housing density, promenades

BY DAVID GARRICK

Hillcrest would have dozens of 20- and 30-story buildings, more one-way streets, new public promenades and roughly 50,000 more residents under a new land-use proposal unveiled this month by San Diego planning officials.

The proposed update to Hillcrest's blueprint for future growth would allow downtown-style high-rise housing along existing transportation corridors and on revamped versions of the neighborhood's two large hospital campuses.

It also calls for celebrating the legacy of Hillcrest's gay community — which continues to thrive after emerging in the 1970s — with a special historic district featuring public art, preserved buildings, plaques and other attractions.

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Some are concerned with what they call a lack of detail in the blueprint's transportation plans to keep Hillcrest livable.

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A MARKETING SECTION TO HELP READERS SHOP LOCAL, FIND JOBS AND STAY CONNECTED

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



SHAY STUDIOS

Jim Lantry discusses the art of chocolate making at Seabreeze Craft Chocolates in Carmel Valley.

San Diego chocolatier creates exquisite confections

BY ROXANA BECERRIL

Seabreeze Craft Chocolates is bringing some sweetness to Carmel Valley. The chocolate factory was founded by Jim Lantry, a former lobbyist advocating for children with autism, who learned how to make his own chocolate during the pandemic. Lantry perfected his skill at internships with Manoa Chocolate Hawaii in Kailua, Hawaii, and with Chef Luis Amado at his chocolate academy in New York. Thrilled with the taste and quality of his creations, Lantry decided to grow his pastime into a full-fledged business where guests can see how his dark, bitter-free treats are made, step

Seabreeze Craft Chocolates

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by step. Tours are free and guests can book classes or private events. “I don’t know of any place in southern California where you can watch chocolate being made from start to finish,” said Lantry. “We want people to be able to see their chocolate being made and partake in the process.” Located at 3840 Valley Centre Drive in the Piazza Carmel shopping center, Seabreeze offers a delectable selection of chocolate bars, truffles, bonbons and other confections. Sustainability and the use of fair trade cocoa beans are priorities for

Lantry, who sources beans from farmers in countries such as Haiti, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, Costa Rica, Peru, Bolivia, and Colombia. The factory rotates about 120 flavors seasonally, including vegan and sugar-free options with fillings, made and decorated in house. California-inspired flavors such as apricot ganache, pinot noir ganache, horchata ganache and Aztec Spice, with chili, cinnamon and vanilla, are also on the list. Seabreeze also offers hot and iced chocolate, spreads, charcuterie bars and more. Follow @seabreezechocolates on Instagram.

Roxana Becerril is a freelance writer.

Sisters’ candle company pairs scents and playlists

BY ROXANA BECERRIL

Two sisters from San Diego are taking the candle industry by storm, pairing unique scents with fun playlists, through their brand CAVO. Growing up, Naomi and Femi Adeyemo loved burning candles. When they decided to open a business together, they spent years shaping a plan before launching their candle company in 2020. “As time progressed, we started gravitating more towards natural and more eco-friendly candles,” Naomi Adeyemo said. “When shopping for those candles, we didn’t really see our style or taste reflected so we thought it would be a great time to make our own.” Wanting to make CAVO fun and eclectic, the sisters created hand-poured candles with catchy names: After a Good Cry, Wash Day, Direct Deposit and New Spot. The candles are available online and in World Market stores in the United States. Each vegan, non-toxic, 100 percent soy candle comes with a QR code that links to a playlist (available on Apple Music or Spotify) matching the name of the candle. Each scent is a combination of aromas like matcha, jasmine, lemongrass and musk for the Direct Deposit candle. “It’s really fulfilling to hear that those scents and those sounds from



CAVO

San Diego sisters Naomi and Femi Adeyemo are the founders and owners of CAVO, a line of eco-friendly handmade candles.

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shopcavo.com

the playlist are able to mark those special occasions for them and take them back to those places,” Adeyemo said. After spending some years in the Bay Area, the sisters recently moved back to their native city of San Diego,

where they plan to continue to grow their business and build a community around CAVO. “One thing that we’ve really enjoyed since launching is how our customers have run with the brand and really gifted it to their loved ones and special occasions,” said Femi Adeyemo. Follow @shop.cavo on Instagram.

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EVENTS + ACTIVITIES



AARON RUMLEY

ENJOY THEATER, ART, FLEET WEEK AND MORE

We’re closing the door on October, but there’s still more fun ahead. Enjoy a great show at North Coast Rep, take the kids trick-or-treating in Little Italy and celebrate your ancestors at a Dia de las Muertos festival in Old Town. After that, soak in some spectacular art at Art San Diego and help honor the military as Fleet Week kicks off on Friday.

‘Jekyll and Hyde’ at North Coast Rep

Start making plans to see “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” on stage now through Nov. 19 at North Coast Repertory Theater. This daring reimagining of Robert Louis Stevenson’s timeless tale is filled with darkness, desire, love and unbridled terror. Prepare to be enchanted by a wickedly clever narrative, infused with passion and chilling suspense. North Coast Repertory Theatre is at 987 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Solana Beach. Visit northcoastrep.org.

Trick-or-Treat on India Street

Give your kiddos a head start on Halloween with Trick-or-Treat on India Street from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. today in Little Italy. The event gives your littles a chance to wear their costumes and trick-or-treat from participating businesses along the iconic San Diego avenue. Piazza della Famiglia will be transformed into the “Nightmare Before Christmas” for fun picture opportunities. Maps and street closures make the event a safe and fun way to participate in a Halloween tradition. Visit littleitalydsd.com/events/trick-or-treat-on-india-street.

Fiesta de Reyes

Catch the last few days of Fiesta de Reyes this week in Old Town. The event, themed “Dia de los Muertos - La Experiencia,” takes place from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day through Thursday at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The family-friendly festival celebrates and honors the dead and includes face painting, art demonstrations, live entertainment, altars, catrinas and other displays. Visit fiestadereyes.com.

Art San Diego

Art San Diego is taking over the San Diego Convention Center Friday through Sunday, Nov. 5. The art fair features works by preeminent international artists and gives guests chance to experience leading museums “outside the museum walls.” It also highlights local artists and features art labs, talks, prizes, showcases and more. Visit redwoodartgroup.com/art-san-diego.

2023 Fleet Week

Fleet Week San Diego will pay homage to the largest concentration of military personnel in the country with a variety of special events and activities Friday through Nov. 12 on Broadway Pier. The week includes sports tournaments, boot camp challenges, art exhibitions, luncheons, parades, concerts, special family days and more to honor present and past military service. Visit fleetweeksandiego.org.

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San Diego-based artist Nan Coffey will be featured in an animation exhibition through Nov. 5 at CCA in Escondido. Coffey’s stylized design aesthetic promotes connectivity, inclusivity and love, drawing inspiration from cinema, music, television and pop culture. Visit artcenter.org/museum.



WEST COAST FENCE HAS 40-YEAR LEGACY OF QUALITY WORK

Javier Hernandez is the owner of West Coast Fence. He started installing fences in 1970 and has been serving satisfied customers for more than 40 years. He’s pictured here at age 5 with his father, also a fencer, who had just purchased his first truck. License #906613. Call (619) 471-6852.