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2 STORMS TO BRING RAIN TO WEEKEND

One-two punch from west, north starts this afternoon

BY GARY ROBBINS

San Diego will receive upwards of a half-inch of rain from a pair of modest, back-to-back storms that will turn the end of the long holiday weekend into a wet, windy mess.

Inland areas could receive twice as much precipitation, and a bit of snow, by the time the systems clear off to the east on Monday, said the National Weather Service.

Forecasters said the first storm will arrive from the west sometime between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. today and will move through the county before dawn on Sunday. The system could produce raw conditions for the San Diego State-Colorado State football game, which will begin at 6 p.m. today at Qualcomm Stadium in Mission Valley.

The second system, which is coming down the coast, will arrive Sunday morning and last into the evening. Light snow could fall to the 5,500-foot level. The snow is most likely to dust the peaks of Mount Laguna, Palomar and the Cuyamaca mountains.

Forecasters are more concerned about the winds, which could gust as high as 40 mph on Sunday at the coast. The foul conditions could affect race conditions Sunday afternoon at Del Mar Racetrack.

The latter storm also is expected to produce poor driving conditions for holiday travelers heading in and out of San Diego, especially on the eastern end of Interstate 8.

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COUNCILS REVIEWING MARIJUANA POLICIES

Bans in some cities were in place before Prop. 64 passed

BY EDWARD SIFUENTES

NORTH COUNTY

Several North County cities are taking a second look at their marijuana regulations in light of the recent passage of Proposition 64, which legalized pot for recreational use.

The Del Mar City Council discussed on Tuesday whether the town's existing policies banning pot need to be modified to make sure the sale of recreational pot is also prohibited.

Proposition 64, which was passed by voters statewide on Nov. 8, sets statewide regulations on the sale and cultivation of marijuana for commercial and personal use. It also allows cities to exert local control over non-medical marijuana commercial activities, including a ban on sales.

Most cities in the county have ordinances banning the sale of marijuana. They passed those ordinances largely to address medical marijuana, which was legalized by voters in the state 10 years ago, but officials say the same rules apply to non-medical marijuana.

"I'm for doing nothing, which leaves the (city's) ban in place for everything that we can ban," said Del Mar Councilman Dwight

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DIANE BELL
has the day off.

REGION EXCLUDED FROM ROSY HOUSING PREDICTION FOR 2017

SoCal's market to trail gains forecast elsewhere

BY PHILLIP MOLNAR

Homeownership rates will rise across the nation in 2017 after years of declines as more millennials enter the market, Zillow predicted Tuesday in its look-ahead report.

But the Southern California market is not expected to see the same gains experienced in the rest of the country because of a lack of

inventory and other factors, the home-listing website said.

"It's not as likely ... and not as obvious in the SoCal area. I'm more hesitant to say you'll see a tremendous increase in the homeownership rate," said Svenja Gudell, Zillow's chief economist. "You could see a small uptick, but it's not a given."

She said if more inventory comes on the market, there is a chance Southern California could see a bump in homeownership. But, Gudell said, it also depends

54.4

third quarter 2016 San Diego County homeownership percentage

ownership estimate. At the same time in San Diego County, the rate was 54.4 percent.

Zillow's report predicted national home values to rise 3.6 percent next year. In San Diego County, values will rise 2.1 percent.

Gudell said mortgage rates will be a major factor in slowing value growth, and it is more extreme in San Diego County, where home prices outpace much of the rest of the nation. The higher costs mean substantially more money based

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DON BOOMER

Vietnam veteran Mick McCamm talks about the detail in the wood and metal self-portrait sculpture he created at the California Sculpture Academy in Fallbrook while taking part in the Veterans Art Project.

Art program helps veterans heal

Artist Steve Dilley's classes provide current and former service members a creative outlet for their emotions

BY PAM KRAGEN

FALLBROOK

Back in the mid-1940s, famed L.A. ceramicist Glen Lukens noticed young men returning from war with nervous disorders that left them unable to work or cope, so Lukens invited those veterans to come and take his art classes at the University of Southern California for free. Quietly immersed in their

labor-intensive craft, the soldiers' once-obscured personalities gradually surfaced, just like the shiny glaze on the ceramic pots they fired in the university kilns.

Sixty years later, Encinitas ceramicist Steve Dilley had a similar experience. In the years after 9/11, he began noticing Marines returning to San Diego from Iraq and Afghanistan with anger issues, depression and post-traumatic

stress disorder. An art teacher who studied Lukens' innovative glazes in college, Dilley decided it was his turn to use his skills to help wounded veterans through art therapy.

"I never served, but my parents met in the Navy and I was always raised to respect and appreciate veterans," Dilley said. "I was noticing all these young Marines coming back and having troubles. You

know, a lot of bad choices mixed with beer and a fast motorcycle."

So, with the support of the art staff at Grossmont College in La Mesa in 2009, Dilley offered military veterans free classes in ceramics and, later, bronze casting. Eighteen months later, he left Grossmont and established the Veterans Art Project, which since 2011 has helped more than 200 veterans,

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SPEAKEASY OPENS QUIETLY IN OCEANSIDE

35-seat bar accessible only with a reservation, use of old-fashioned key

BY PAM KRAGEN

OCEANSIDE

Just less than 83 years ago, Congress repealed Prohibition, immediately putting thousands of underground speakeasy bars around the country out of business.

But for nostalgia-lovers who never got a chance to visit the clandestine cocktail clubs, a new speakeasy has quietly opened in an unmarked corner of an Oceanside restaurant.

On Oct. 27, the 101 Proof speakeasy debuted at the Urge Gastropub and Whiskey Bank at 2002 S. Coast Highway. The upscale 35-seat bar is accessed via a slotted metal door on the north side of the building, but only to patrons with a reservation and an old-fashioned key they collect at the reception desk inside Urge.

The 101 Proof club is one of four speakeasy-style bars around San Diego that are accessed via hidden portals and sometimes secret passwords. They include Noble Experiment, hidden behind a door made from beer kegs in downtown's Neighborhood restaurant; False Idol, the new tiki oasis accessed through a



DEVIN CASTANEDA

Bartender Laura Leon shaves chocolate over a custom cocktail offered at the new 101 Proof speakeasy in Oceanside.

walk-in refrigerator in Little Italy's Craft & Commerce; and the temporarily shuttered Charles Kenneth, a concrete bunker underneath Carlsbad's Land & Water Co. restaurant, which really was used as a speakeasy during the Prohibition era.

Laura Leon, one of four bartenders at 101 Proof, said speakeasies have surged in popularity in recent years because bar-goers are looking for something different.

"It's an escape from the normal

bar experience," said Leon, whose natty period uniform includes a brocade vest and bow tie. "When people come in here, it's a different reality. People say it's like they've entered Disneyland."

The 101 Proof club is the latest project for 3 Local Brothers (or 3LB), a hospitality company started in 2007 by Grant Tondro and siblings Zak and Nate Higson. Their businesses include Brothers Provisions, the Barrel Room wine bar, Mason Ale Works

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SHUTTERED GOLF CLUB'S NEW OWNER APPLAUDED

Crowd at meeting thankful for plans at Fallbrook site for winery, public venue

BY J. HARRY JONES

FALLBROOK

The defunct Fallbrook Golf Club's new owner, who has promised to build a world-class winemaking operation and public venue on the property, was hailed as the hero of Gird Valley during a community meeting this week.

Jade Work, a resident of the area for 40 years, met with more than 100 residents Wednesday inside the shuttered golf course's clubhouse, which has not had electricity since the course was shut down in July.

Those in attendance treated Work much like a rock star. Many lined up after he spoke just to shake his hand. They were the same people whose homes line many fairways and holes of the brown course — and who, until recently, feared that one day the

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DEVIN CASTANEDA

Bartender Laura Leon serves up **The Interview** cocktail at 101 Proof in Oceanside at Urge Gastropub and Whiskey Bank. The new bar features 22 custom cocktails priced from \$11 to \$16.

101 PROOF

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and Urge gastropubs in Rancho Bernardo and Oceanside.

The Oceanside Urge eatery opened in January in a building formerly occupied by an Adventure 16 outdoor goods store, and before that, Bank of America. The speakeasy was built inside the old bank vault, which had been used as a storage area for many years.

The vault's steel safe door is one of many vintage decorations inside the month-old speakeasy. There's a stamped copper ceiling, antique-style lamps, a replica Victrola and leaded-crystal decanters on the bar, antique spirits bottles on the walls and a section of hand-laid floor made entirely of pennies. Diners can sit at low and commu-

nal tables or belly up to the bar for an up-close look at old-fashioned cocktail-making.

There are 22 custom cocktails, priced from \$11 to \$16, that include modern takes on the Old Fashioned, Sidecar and even a tiki drink. Most incorporate sweet liqueurs and bitters, which Prohibition-era bartenders used in mixed drinks to mask the acrid flavor of the raw moonshine. There are also more than 100 whiskeys as well as beers on tap, and a limited menu of gourmet dishes such as scallops, duck confit, roasted bone marrow and lamb chops, priced from \$20 to \$22.

Even without advertising, 101 Proof has drawn a steady and growing clientele. Bartender Chad Lee said the club was filled to capacity on its third weekend. The customers, he said, range from their

mid-20s to late 60s and are split evenly between men and women.

To recreate the authentic feel of a speakeasy, 101 Proof has a list of house rules, including no cell phones, no selfies, no public displays of affection and low speaking tones. Patrons can send a drink to someone they're interested in, but can't hit on them. And there's a dress code, including no flip-flops, ripped jeans, T-shirts or ball caps.

Lee said that so far, patrons have been very respectful of the rules and some have arrived dressed to the nines in suits and flapper dresses.

"It's been a lot of fun and there's so much good energy," he said. "Some people nerd out on the cocktails and some just want to sit and enjoy the atmosphere, which isn't crowded or noisy. It keeps the vibe nice."

Among the patrons one night last week was April Williams, who with a friend had ordered an Old Fashioned and the top-selling Boom Tiki Tiki, which is served aflame.

"I think this is a cool concept," she said. "I like that it's small and creatively designed and they have really good cocktails."

Leon said 101 Proof hosts dinners every month with cocktail and beer pairings and a ticketed party is planned on the Dec. 5 anniversary of Prohibition's repeal. Fans who can't get enough of the experience can buy annual memberships at \$500 and \$1,000 levels, with privileges that include a private booze locker, front-of-the-line privileges and more.

Hours at 101 Proof are 6 p.m. to midnight, Thursdays-Saturdays. To make a reservation, visit 101proof-oceanside.com, or ask at the Urge front desk about getting on the list. When 101 Proof reaches capacity each night, patrons can wait in the Urge bar for an opening.

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POT • Escondido holds on

FROM B1

Worden on Monday. The council ultimately agreed to leave the existing ban untouched.

Officials in Escondido and Oceanside said this week they also plan to review their marijuana policies in the near future.

"Escondido has not changed its approach to the marijuana issue since the passage of Prop. 64," said Teresa Collins, a spokeswoman for Escondido. "We will continue to enforce the current laws and explore any new laws that will enhance public safety."

Collins said city staff will soon update the council on any changes that may be needed as a result of the state law.

Several other cities in San Diego County — including National City, San Marcos and Poway — adopted emergency ordinances before the election that temporarily prohibit the cultivation and sale of pot within their borders.

Oceanside City Manager Michelle Lawrence said her city will study its marijuana laws, but "I don't have any details at this point as to what we may or may not do" to change them.

Oceanside has taken a strict stance against dispensaries that open illegally in the city, but in March the council also adopted an ordinance that allows medical marijuana delivery services to operate if they register with the Police Department and meet other criteria.

Oceanside Councilman Chuck Lowery said the city will have to carefully consider any changes to its marijuana policy, including temporary measures.

"We have to really evaluate how anything works before making any decisions," Lowery said. "So even though a so-called emergency ordinance might be a good idea, we certainly don't want to come back and have to change that immediately."

Del Mar adopted an ordinance in January banning commercial cultivation, delivery and processing of marijuana.

Many other cities in the state adopted similar rules

as a result of a package of bills signed by Gov. Jerry Brown in 2015 and collectively referred to as the Medical Marijuana Regulation and Safety Act. Those laws established a licensing system for medical marijuana cultivation, delivery and dispensing activities throughout the state.

Judi Strang, executive director with the San Diego Alliance for Drug Free Youth, praised the Del Mar City Council for deciding to keep its ban on marijuana sales.

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Dwight Worden • Del Mar City Council member

"The idea of pot shops opening everywhere is appalling to public health (groups) because nothing normalizes its use more than the fact that there's a store selling it," Strang said.

Del Mar resident Robin Crabtree agreed, saying she worried about the effects legalizing marijuana may have on the community, including increased use by local youth and car crashes caused by intoxicated drivers.

"We're opening a Pandora's box for something we can't handle," Crabtree said.

Parts of Proposition 64 took effect immediately, including recreational use by people over 21 years old, but commercial sales will not be legal until 2018.

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