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THIS WEEK'S RACING AT DEL MAR CANCELED DUE TO VIRUS

15 jockeys, 7 track workers positive; July 24 restart seen

BY BILL CENTER

The Del Mar Thoroughbred Club on Wednesday canceled its racing program this weekend after 15 jockeys and seven other workers tested positive for COVID-19.

Fourteen of the 15 jockeys were from a group of Del Mar jockeys who raced over the July 4 weekend at Los Alamitos — raising to 19 the total number of positive COVID-19 tests among jockeys who competed at the Orange County track.

Plus, all seven of the non-riding personnel, who work in the jockeys' room at the track, were at Los Alamitos the week before Del Mar opened.

"The good news is that all our jockeys and personnel who tested positive are showing no symptoms," said Del Mar COO Josh Rubinstein. "If they are asymptomatic, they will be eligible to ride

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SAM HODGSON U-T

Jose Gonzalez helps the owners of Hayes Burger by working on a bench installed in front of the restaurant for patio dining in Barrio Logan on Wednesday. Indoor restaurant dining is restricted under new state public-health orders.

U.S. VIRUS CASES RISE AMID GLOBAL RESTRICTIONS

Oklahoma governor tests positive for coronavirus

BY ERIC TUCKER & COSTAS KANTOURIS

MIAMI

California, Arizona, Texas and Florida together reported about 36,000 new coronavirus cases Wednesday as restrictions aimed at combating the spread of the pandemic took hold in the United States and around the world in an unsettling sign reminiscent of the dark days of April.

The soaring counts of confirmed infections and a mounting death toll led the mayor of Los Angeles to declare that the nation's second-largest city is on the verge of resorting to a shutdown of all but essential businesses. More school districts made plans to start the fall semester without on-site instruction, and the 2021 Rose Parade in Pasadena was canceled.

Other events went ahead undeterred. Thousands of auto-racing fans gathered

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COUNTY DOING BETTER THAN ITS NEIGHBORS

Still, local public-health experts say commitment required to control spread of virus

BY PAUL SISSON

As the state posted near-record single-day case and death numbers and hospitalizations hit the highest total so far during the pandemic, San Diego County increasingly appeared to be an island unto itself Wednesday.

As outlined in San Diego County's midweek COVID-19 report, the region's 14-day average rate for positive tests was 6.3 percent Tuesday, nearly a percentage point lower than the statewide figure of 7.2 percent. The additional 559 cases reported in San Diego County was the second-largest single-day total reported so far, which was also the case for the 11,126 cases reported statewide by the California Department of Public Health.

State records, though,

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showed 8,353 Californians in hospital beds with COVID-19 diagnoses Tuesday, the largest single-day figure recorded since the pandemic began. At 482 on Tuesday, San Diego County's total remained a bit off the peak of 493 set on June 29.

Overall, though, San Diego County's hospital bed capacity did not seem as challenged as in other places, especially Los Angeles where Mayor Eric Garcetti warned the public earlier this week that a return to the stay-at-home orders of the spring

might soon be necessary to control the spread of the virus.

Asked what such an eventuality might mean for San Diego County, Dr. Wilma Wooten, the county's public health officer, said that deciding how to react to what's going on with the neighbors will not be unilateral.

"We will continue to enforce the guidance that have been issued statewide," Wooten said. "If we need to do something in terms of closing 'borders' from other jurisdictions, that's a political decision that will be made locally," Wooten said.

Dr. Eric McDonald, medical director of the county's epidemiology unit, noted that San Diego County currently has the lowest COVID-19 rates in Southern California. He said the public needs to remember that mask wearing, staying home as much as possible, hand washing and

social distancing are critical in the current moment.

"We need to refocus our daily commitment to that when we hear these stories about our neighbors and friends north and south of us who are being affected disproportionately by this disease," McDonald said.

The number of places people can go outside their own homes continues to shrink.

On Wednesday, houses of worship and an additional group of local businesses — including salons, barber shops and gyms — joined restaurants and bars on the list of locations no longer allowed to operate indoors due to a public health modification announced Monday by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

It was clear, as the new rules took effect, that some were not going to change their approach

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SHIP FIRE LESSENS, BUT STILL NOT EXTINGUISHED

Navy: Crews must go through 844-foot ship 'space by space' to look for flare-ups

BY ANDREW DYER

Firefighting teams have made "significant progress" extinguishing the four-day-old fire onboard the amphibious assault ship Bonhomme Richard at San Diego Naval Base, but there's still a lot of work to be done before the fire is declared extinguished, a Navy spokeswoman said Wednesday.

In an early-morning statement, the Navy updated the number of personnel who have been treated for firefighting injuries. As of Wednesday morning, 40 sailors and 23 civilians have been treated for fire-related injuries such as smoke inhalation and heat exhaustion.

But the Navy provided few details on the progress of firefighting efforts. Lt. Cmdr. Nicole

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NELVIN C. CEPEDA U-T

Tankers spray water on the Bonhomme Richard at San Diego Naval Base, where it burned for a fourth day.

S.D. COUNCIL COMMITTEE GIVES UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO TWO ORDINANCES ON SURVEILLANCE

Advocates made push after learning about cameras in streetlights

BY TERI FIGUEROA

San Diegans are closer to getting a say in how they might be watched.

A City Council committee on Wednesday unanimously approved two proposed ordinances geared at governing surveillance technologies in the city, an action sparked by sustained pushback from activists and others who were surprised and upset last year when it was revealed that San Diego had quietly installed cameras on streetlights throughout the city.

"Today's action is a promising step that will protect both the safety and civil liberties of our communities," Councilwoman Monica Montgomery said before she and three fellow councilmembers on the Public Safety & Livable Neighborhoods Committee voted to support the proposals.

One of the two proposed changes to city law would set up a process to govern all surveillance technologies in the city, current and future. The other would create a "privacy advisory commission" of technical experts — given the complexity and scale of the topic — and community members to review surveillance proposals and provide advice and assistance to

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SPORTS

PADRES MAKING NOISE

To make a fan-free Petco Park seem normal, the team is preparing to pipe in video game sound effects. C14

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STOCKS RALLY

WORLDWIDE: Markets worldwide rallied on rising hopes for a COVID-19 vaccine Wednesday, and the S&P 500 climbed back to where it was a few days after it set its record early this year. The S&P 500 rose 0.9 percent to pull within 4.7 percent of its all-time high set in February.

BRIEFLY

HYUNDAI RECALLING 272K CARS: Hyundai is recalling more than 272,000 cars in the U.S. because the electrical socket in the dashboard can overheat and cause a fire. The recall covers certain 2011 and 2012 Elantra compacts and Sonata midsize cars, and the 2012 Accent subcompact and Veloster hatchback. Hyundai says the problem happens when an air compressor used to inflate tires is plugged into the socket for a long time. In some vehicles, the outlets were overly tightened at the factory. That can disable a fuse designed to guard against overheating. Hyundai is still working on a repair. Owners will get letters notifying them of the recall starting in late August.

INDUSTRIAL

PRODUCTION SURGES: Production at America's factories, utilities and mines surged last month, but remained well below pre-pandemic levels. The Federal Reserve said Wednesday that U.S. industrial production rose 5.4 percent in June, the second straight monthly gain after a 1.4 percent uptick in May. But it was still 10.9 percent below the level in February before COVID-19 battered the economy.

STELLANTIS TO BE NEW FCA NAME: Fiat Chrysler Automobiles will change its name to Stellantis after the merger with Peugeot S.A. is complete next year, the companies announced Wednesday. This is a "major step" as the automakers move toward completing their 50:50 marriage outlined in a Dec. 18 agreement, according to a news release from FCA. Everything is expected to be finalized in early 2021. The name has roots in the Latin verb 'stello,' meaning 'to brighten with stars.'

CBS, NAACP REACH CONTENT DEAL: CBS Television and the NAACP have reached an agreement to develop content that tells stories of the African American experience. The television studio and civil rights organization announced the multi-year agreement in a joint statement Wednesday. The partnership will focus on creating and producing scripted, unscripted and documentary content for the studio's broadcast, cable and streaming platforms. CBS will work with the NAACP to form a team to acquire, develop and produce programming to detail inclusive stories.

DIGITS

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Number of jobs J.C. Penney said Wednesday that it will eliminate in corporate, field management and international positions.

U-T NEWS SERVICES

\$8M MISSION VALLEY RESTAURANT DEBUTS

Puesto Cerveceria grand opening, delayed for months, postponed for week when an employee tested positive

BY LORI WEISBERG

Just as the new Puesto Cerveceria was about to make its long-planned debut last week in Mission Valley, the owners learned that an employee had tested positive for COVID-19 — a double coronavirus whammy that had already slashed dining capacity for the \$8 million project.

A week later, the restaurant and brewery are now officially open, after the ownership spent \$6,000 on a thorough sanitation effort and had all 150 of their employees tested for the virus. Two years in the making,

the new 10,000-square-foot venue, which in normal times would have seating capacity for 450 diners inside and out, is making do with 100 seats in its parking lot as it gears up to add seating for 50 more — socially distanced — on its two patios.

Meanwhile, it's anyone's guess as to when the state will issue new guidelines lifting the current ban on indoor dining for San Diego County.

It's a brave — and frightening — gambit for the Puesto brand's seventh and most ambitious restaurant yet as the owners navigate an

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COURTESY PHOTO

Puesto Cerveceria, an \$8 million project, opened this week in Mission Valley's Westfield shopping center.

"If we can stay open and keep the revenue that's pretty much OK."

Michael Hamanaka • owner of The Movement Warehouse



EDUARDO CONTRERAS U-T

Michael Hamanaka (center), owner of The Movement Warehouse in Pacific Beach, works outside with clients on Wednesday.

TIME TO TAKE BUSINESS OUTSIDE?

Gov. Newsom's order to shut down indoor operations has San Diegans wondering if they can set up al fresco

BY BRITTANY MEILING

The latest government order to shut down indoor operations at San Diego gyms, salons and other personal services has many locals wondering — will we soon be doing haircuts and bench presses outside? After all, the region has some of the greatest weather business owners could ask for, and summertime could be prime time for al fresco everything.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's new order to shutter indoor work came Mon-

day for fitness centers, places of worship, non-essential offices, nail salons, tattoo parlors, hair salons and barbershops, among other personal care services. Indoor protests are also not permitted. The rules took effect Wednesday, just a week after local restaurants and bars faced similar restrictions designed to stymie the novel coronavirus rates statewide.

While many San Diego restaurants quickly expanded to parking lots and curbs in the days that followed — unfolding umbrellas,

rolling out artificial grass and hanging twinkle lights — the same idea may not come so easily to other types of businesses. Especially salons, which have a regulatory hangup.

Aided by an executive order from San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer that waived permits for outdoor dining, restaurants have been thrown a rope to continue making money without delays. But it remains to be seen whether other businesses such as gyms and salons will get the same treatment.

When asked if the county would waive permits for outdoor operations in its unincorporated areas, San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox deflected during Monday's press conference, pointing business owners to the county website for more information on how to expand outdoors.

Faulconer, however, sent a letter to Newsom on Tuesday (signed by Faulconer and San Diego Councilman Chris Cate) requesting that the governor to temporarily amend

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QUALCOMM, EVONEXUS TEAM UP TO ADVANCE 5G

Startup companies are sought for virtual incubator initiative

BY MIKE FREEMAN

San Diego's EvoNexus, the region's best-known startup incubator, has launched a new program with Qualcomm targeting early stage companies developing 5G technologies in fields ranging from telemedicine to autonomous driving to remote work.

The program will be EvoNexus' first virtual incubator, where companies from across North America can choose to participate remotely. EvoNexus also will continue to offer office/lab space to admitted startups at its locations in San Diego, Orange County and Silicon Valley.

"When companies graduate, we ask them what do you consider as having the highest value of being in our incubator?" said Moore.

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Ethan Cale walks to the American Airlines ticket counter in Salt Lake City. American warned of job losses this fall because of a drop in travel.

AMERICAN AIRLINES WARNS 25K THEY COULD LOSE THEIR JOBS

United, Delta also said to expect cuts as COVID takes its toll

BY DAVID KOENIG

American Airlines is notifying about 25,000 workers that their jobs could be eliminated in October because of plunging demand for air travel, adding to the toll that the virus pandemic is taking on the airline industry.

American's top executives said Wednesday that the number of furloughs could be lower if enough workers take buyouts or accept partially paid

leave for up to two years.

The airline's two top officials said they thought American might avoid furloughs because they believed demand for air travel would "steadily rebound" by Oct. 1 as the virus outbreak weakened.

"That unfortunately has not been the case," CEO Doug Parker and President Robert Isom said in a memo to employees. "And with infection rates increasing and several states reestablish-

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SANFORD BURNHAM PREBYS' NEW CEO

C. Randal 'Randy' Mills now heads S.D. research institute

BY JONATHAN WOVEN

Sanford Burnham Prebys' new CEO, C. Randal "Randy" Mills, has only been on the job for two days, but he brings more than two decades of biotech and executive experience to the position.

Mills has previously served as CEO of the National Marrow Donor Program and the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine. Before that, he served as an executive for two biotech, one of which he cofounded.

The common denominator across those experiences, he says, was a focus on how science can benefit the public in tangible, specific ways:

"Sometimes we get very enamored by the science it-

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PUESTO

FROM C1
uncertain post-pandemic landscape. Before San Diego County went into lockdown mode in mid-March, the Puesto restaurants were enjoying sales increases in January and February of 10 percent to 30 percent compared to a year earlier.

"It was terrifying," co-owner Eric Adler said of his reaction in March upon learning that restaurants would have to shut down for all but delivery and curbside service. His Mission Valley project had been two years in the making, many of his employees had been on board since November, and opening day was just a month away.

The grand opening was pushed to early July, just when the state mandate came down ordering the closure of indoor operations for restaurants and bars. After reopening his other six Puesto restaurants in June for indoor dining, revenue had averaged about 40 percent of what it would normally be, Adler said.

"Since we got the green light in early June for dine-in, we hired the entire Puesto team, which is 150 people, and we trained them for three weeks, every day. Some of these people had been waiting since November, so we just needed to open; otherwise, these people wouldn't have a job. We're confident we'll do really well there in Mission Valley but it's just going to take time. This can't go on forever."

The new family-owned and run Puesto, well known for its Mexico City-style tacos, mariscos and shared plates, occupies the former home of the Gordon Biersch Brewery and is the largest of the seven Puesto locations in California, from Santa Clara to Irvine. There are two other San Diego Puesto venues, one in La Jolla and the other in the Headquarters at Seaport.

It is the first to feature a craft brewery, focusing on Mexican lagers, that is being overseen by longtime San Diego brewer Doug Hasker, who led Gordon Biersch's program for more than 20 years. The Mission Valley restaurant also has put together an ambitious craft cocktail program that includes margaritas on draft and seasonal cocktails that can draw from a selection of more than 70 tequilas, 50 mezcals, and 300 spirits.

In keeping with its full-some liquor program, Puesto's interior designer, Basile Studio, configured a four-tier, custom-designed hydraulic bar that allows the bartenders to access 3,000 pounds of liquor at the push of a button. Designer Paul Basile, known for his striking, often whimsical,

touches, incorporated Puesto's signature bright colors into the façade, while weaving in natural materials like walnut, steel and brass into the vibrant interior.

Some of the more innovative design components are a dramatic entry chandelier fashioned from 20-foot aluminum tubes, and a steel rod colored LED light show wall programmed with three LED light projections.

It is the sort of dramatic design ethos Puesto has come to be known for and that is missing right now amid the prohibition of dining indoors. Once the restaurant gets the go-ahead to resume indoor operations, Adler said it will still have to remove the 30 seats that were originally planned for its large bar area so that healthful social distancing can be maintained.

"Their restaurants are always very experiential and they thrive on the bar scene like a lot of restaurants do, but they won't be able to have that same experience they're known for delivering," said restaurant broker Mike Spilky of Location Matters. "Will people still go for the food without that experience, and even if they fill up they'll be under their planned capacity. No matter what, they have to adjust their business model to make it work, which means lowering their costs."

On opening day — Tuesday — the restaurant was busy and fully booked, with long waits, given the much-reduced capacity, said Adler, who had to fill in as a food runner. That's because he hasn't been able to bring on board his full complement of 150 employees, some of whom are still awaiting the outcome of their COVID tests. So far, no one has tested positive other than the original employee, a testament, Adler said, to the efficacy of facial coverings.

In addition to the \$6,000 that was spent on sanitizing Puesto after learning more than a week ago that one of his employees tested positive, Adler said \$10,000 was spent on initial COVID-related expenses prior to opening. Founded by first-generation Mexican American brothers Eric, Alan and Alex Adler, the Puesto restaurants have all been financed through investments made by family members.

"Right now, for everyone in management, ownership, chefs in restaurants, it's the hardest time of their lives and it's also the most work they've ever done, and they're losing the most money," said Adler. "We'll do whatever we have to do to stay open and serve more people."

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AIRLINES

FROM C1
ing quarantine restrictions, demand for air travel is slowing again.

Air travel plunged 95 percent from early March to mid-April, then grew slowly until leveling off in July as virus cases surged in the South and Southwest.

U.S. airlines accepted up to \$25 billion in federal aid to help cover payroll costs in exchange for not cutting jobs until October. American received \$5.8 billion in cash and loans, Delta got \$5.4 billion and United Airlines received \$5 billion. The aid likely only delayed massive job cuts throughout the industry.

Last week, United told 36,000 employees that they could lose their jobs in October. Delta has sent notices to 2,000 pilots.

American's cuts would fall most heavily on flight attendants, with nearly 10,000,



MATT YORK AP

Job cuts would fall heavily on flight attendants.

or 37 percent, getting notices of potential furloughs — the industry's term for layoffs of workers who have rehiring rights. About 4,500 ground workers, 3,200 mechanics and 2,500 pilots will get notices.

"It's brutal," said Dennis Tager, a pilot and spokesman for the union of American's pilots. "This puts the number on how serious the virus is for airlines and our econo-

my."

Several airline unions are lobbying for another \$25 billion in federal payroll aid through March. American's pilots want the government to buy billions of dollars worth of seats per month — creating more space between passengers — until the pandemic ends.

Separately, Delta Air Lines said Wednesday that it expects to take a charge of

\$2.7 billion to \$3.3 billion to cover the cost of early retirements and buyouts for employees as it shrinks in response to a sharp decline in air travel. The airline said this week that 17,000 employees have agreed to depart.

Delta said in a regulatory filing that \$500 million to \$600 million of the charge would go toward cash payments to pilots, flight attendants, ground workers and other departing employees in the July-September quarter. Employees who agree to leave get payments, health insurance and, in some cases, retiree health care benefits.

Delta CEO Ed Bastian said the airline hopes to carry out the "vast majority of the head count changes we need" through voluntary departures, "minimizing, if not eliminating, the need for involuntary furloughs."

Koenig writes for The Associated Press.



HAYNE PALMOUR IV U-T FILE

Senior Staff Engineer Vid Adiraju holds a smartphone as it goes through a 5G speed test at Qualcomm.

STARTUPS • Applications being accepted

FROM C1
"Last on the list is free rent. It is really all about access to capital, the access to mentors and the access to strategic partnerships."

EvoNexus provides startups with up to two years of free office space, mentors and access to a network of investors. Over the past decade, about 230 startups have participated.

Qualcomm, the San Diego wireless technology giant, is among the leader in new 5G technologies. It has been a long-term sponsor of EvoNexus and is expanding its involvement with the 5G incubator program. Moore declined to provide financial details.

"5G will drive transformation across industries, fueling a new era of innovation" said Brian Modoff, executive vice president of strategy for Qualcomm.

"Through our EvoNexus sponsorship, we will be supporting early stage ventures developing new use cases that leverage 5G's unique capabilities."

5G delivers faster speeds, tighter security, additional capacity and imperceptible transmission delays to mobile networks. It is currently being rolled out worldwide, including by the top three U.S. mobile operators.

The technology has the potential to transform industries. For self-driving vehicles, it enables beyond-line-of-sight communication with nearby cars, connected stoplights and other smart cities infrastructure. Improved video quality and network security promise to

expand telemedicine, augmented reality and virtual reality. 5G factories could operate production lines without wires, allowing faster reconfiguration to meet demand. Low latency could make mobile gaming on par with a console/computer game experience.

"5G is a foundational wireless technology that will significantly impact mobile devices, automotive, health-care, computing, and more," said Jim Cable, chief technology officer of EvoNexus.

In October, Qualcomm Ventures launched the 5G Global Ecosystem Fund to invest up to \$200 million in companies developing 5G products. Startups selected for the EvoNexus 5G program will be matched with a mentor from Qualcomm or EvoNexus' network of indus-

try experts.

If selected for EvoNexus, early stage companies must give up a 1 percent equity stake. The terms remain unchanged whether they choose a virtual program or decide to move into EvoNexus office space, said Moore.

Applications are being accepted now. Moore expects EvoNexus to admit about 30 companies virtually in the 5G program.

"5G goes across all sectors, from med-tech to fintech to traditional communications to Internet of Things," said Moore. "It is a phenomenal platform, and we really don't know who is out there yet."

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OUTSIDE

FROM C1
state code through emergency action to allow hair salons and barbershops to operate outside.

Haircuts on the curb. Wait, is that allowed?

After Monday's announcement that indoor operations must cease at hair salons and barbershops throughout California, social media lit up with stylists and salon owners discussing plans for outdoor haircuts. In the first moments after hearing the news, Encinitas salon owner Gayle Fulbright imagined she might rent outdoor tents and sinks to continue work outside. It's an idea that struck many salon owners early on, but their plans were soon thwarted by the California State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology, which is the government body that regulates these businesses.

Hours after Monday's announcement, the board released its own statement.

"Effective July 13, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom ordered that specific businesses on the county monitoring list must close immediately in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This applies to all hair salons, barbershops and personal care services (which includes nail salons, esthetic salons, and electrolysis offices) that are within the monitored counties. In addition, section 7317 of the Business and Professions Code requires that all barbering, cosmetology and electrolysis services be performed in a licensed establishment. Therefore, establishments that are within the specified counties must close immediately and not offer any services (including any outdoor services)."

Fulbright owns Head-



EDUARDO CONTRERAS U-T

Emiliano Zermeno wipes down and sanitizes his barber chair in Encinitas.

lines The Salon, which employs 30 people who just came off unemployment six weeks ago to return to work. Fulbright was able to entice them back with higher wages after receiving the government-backed Payroll Protection Program loan, which she's mostly drained in the first weeks of operations to cover payroll.

"Will the government help us again?" Fulbright said. "Because the first question out of all my employees' mouth was, 'what about unemployment?'"

She was devastated by the realization that the state board may not budge on the outdoor rule and is working with a small group of San Diego salon owners to petition regulators for a temporary allowance during the COVID-19 emergency.

"Our clients want us to do their hair outside," Fulbright said. "Let us do it legally, outside like restaurants."

If regulators won't allow it, Headlines The Salon will shutter again, Fulbright said. But she's not so sure other salons will follow suit. There are rumors that some are papering their windows and con-

tinuing to operate inside. Others are making house calls to do their clients' hair behind closed doors.

"If we're outside with masks and sanitation, it's way better than home haircutting," Fulbright said. "If you don't let them do it, people will sneak around."

Fulbright said if salons and barbershops take to the streets against the wishes of the state board, they could face fines and the loss of their licenses, especially if they are repeat offenders.

The state board did not reply to the San Diego Union-Tribune's request for comment.

"Local barbershops and hair salons have felt severe strain from the current public health orders," wrote Faulconer and Cate in Tuesday's letter to Newsom. "In the City of San Diego alone, there are over 1,500 barbershops and hair salons serving our residents. Due to yesterday's amended order from your office, all local barbershops and hair salons face imminent closure and many of these establishments will not survive a second mandatory shutdown ... We respectfully request your

office review and temporarily amend state code through emergency action to allow hair salons and barbershops to operate outdoors."

Some San Diego gyms better equipped than most to operate outside

Local fitness studios located in prime spots with large parking lots (assuming gyms will eventually get similar treatment as restaurants) will weather the closures better than others. Having access to outdoor private spaces is even better, but few gyms are so lucky.

Pacific Beach fitness spot The Movement Warehouse is one such lucky location. Owner Michael Hamanaka said the gym leased the space back in 2017 with an odd setup: 1,100 square feet of indoor space and 2,500 square feet of private outdoor space.

"It's not a parking lot," Hamanaka said. "It's a space we transformed for outdoor workouts."

The gym has been doing outdoor fitness classes for the past three years, but after hearing Newsom's order Monday, decided to drag out all its indoor equipment to

the yard space. Now, the site is loaded with bench presses, dumbbells, squat racks and more.

"The equipment will take a hit. It will get a little rusty," Hamanaka said. "But if we can stay open and keep the revenue that's pretty much OK."

For those still interested in outdoor classes, Hamanaka has designed a circuit-style workout program that allows each member to use two pieces of equipment for a lengthier interval. Then the class takes a 1.5-minute break for sanitation and then switches stations.

Although he's worried about the summer heat, Hamanaka said he's lucky to have such a space, as he knows most gyms can't shift to outdoor fitness so easily.

"We can lock up all our equipment outside," he said. "We can lock our doors, leave our tires, sleds and sets out. We don't have to carry in and carry out all this equipment. For other gyms, it will be a hell of a lot of work to set up classes for the day."

Gyms situated in spots like downtown San Diego are in more of a pinch. Most have no parking lots to expand to, and very little likelihood of outdoor private space. Balanced Fitness and Health, a gym on the second and third floors of 7th Avenue, has nowhere it could go. The gym spent the last shutdown renovating its interior and setting up the location for indoor safety. After barely a month reopened, the fitness center faces another closure.

When asked Monday if the gym could shift any of its operations outside, owner Rodrigo Iglesias said, "I don't have an answer for you on that one."

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MILLS

FROM C1
self or the technology. But when you look further, what you find are people — moms and dads and husbands and wives and sons and daughters — with very real needs and with hope that we can deliver for them the cures that they need

"That's sort of how I've always viewed my role as a CEO."

Mills is now the head of an institute with a more than 40-year history and about 700 scientists and staff. Sanford Burnham Prebys researchers are among those leading the search for new drugs targeting the novel coronavirus.

Mills, 48, moved to San Diego from Minnesota, where the the National Marrow Donor Program is headquartered. He was born in the Washington D.C. area but grew up in Florida, where he earned his doctorate in drug discovery at the University of Florida before jumping into the biotech world.

That background, he believes, make him well suited to translate between academic researchers and the investors and executives of San Diego's bustling biotech community. Discoveries at Sanford Burnham Prebys have led to 35 startups and more than 1,000 patents.

"That's something I really enjoy doing, the scientists understand perhaps what the business world needs or the business people understand what the scientists are going through," Mills said.

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