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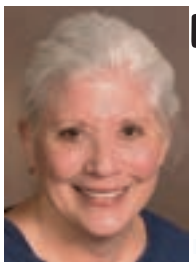
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The outdoors (at least 6 feet away from others), and the sun, are Covid's enemies, so, yay, it's time to garden!



THIS 'n' THAT

by Carol Bogart

Safe to Go to Walmart?

No more orange tape on the floor except at registers to remind you to stay at least six feet apart. No more hand sanitizer dispenser as you enter to wipe down your cart handle and periodically your hands as you shop. I guess Walmart hasn't heard that a new, worse surge could infect more of us starting in mid-March.

As I write this Feb. 23, Covid strains that are more deadly/more infectious are circulating RIGHT NOW in Yolo County. Already, half a million+ people have died from the virus in this country. Add to the original Covid-19 the UK, Brazil and South Africa 'variants' plus the Denmark mutation we're told has been around since May.

I'm not happy. Even after I get my second Moderna shot March 4, only 'herd' immunity (when 70 percent of us are vaccinated) will protect us, says the CDC. Pfizer's already working on a booster to its initial vaccine it hopes will work against at least some of Covid's variants. You might want to double mask. Take your mask(s) off by the ear things. Don't touch the front. As for the Purell Walmart was dispensing, it likely wasn't virus-protective anyway. Alcohol. Alcohol content in hand sanitizer. Look for that. It's easy to find online.

Yes, some California counties are reporting fewer Covid cases and, in some, restrictions have been loosened. Mostly because the predicted surge hasn't/hadn't happened yet. And, let's be honest. Too many businesses are shutting down for good.

So, there's this: "Just because you can doesn't mean you should" participate, say, in gatherings such as indoor church.

Except for essentials, I stay home. I double up my 'outings'. Live bugs from Petco for the lizards after I've been to Walmart/gotten gas, or to Wild West for crickets if I go to Raley's.

I tried Walmart delivery. Once. The ordered items showed up in fits and starts. Some from suppliers – on different days than 'in stock' items.

So I drive five minutes to Walmart's to get cheap napkins for cleaning the lizard tanks, groceries and greeting cards. I like to pick out funny cards, my own produce plus check expiration dates on milk. It's not good for cars to just sit, nor people, either. Walmart, Raley's, Petco, Wild West. Mental health outings, that's what these are. And scrub my hands when I get home.

To end this on an upbeat note, guess what! Walmart's garden center is packed with garden plants! I like that! I love picking out plants and seeds and gardening! Maybe I'll get started Friday before I go to Petco. Double masked.

Birders! Mark your calendars! Cornell Lab/Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count next year is 2/18/2021 through 2/22/2022. Bird lovers worldwide participate in this 'citizen science' project. Missed it this year? Audubon sponsors annually other "citizen" bird projects. Example: Its 2019 climate change report, Survival By Degrees, found that up to two-thirds of North American birds are vulnerable to extinction due to climate change. The Climate Watch project tests Audubon's climate models by having volunteers look for birds where the models predict they will be. Twice a year, volunteer birders across North America survey for one of 12 target species. Carol recently saw one of the 'targeted species' in Broderick – a Western Bluebird. Interested? For more information or to sign up, go to: https://www.audubon.org/conservation/climate-watch. Questions, comments? Contact Carol at carol@bogartonline.com.



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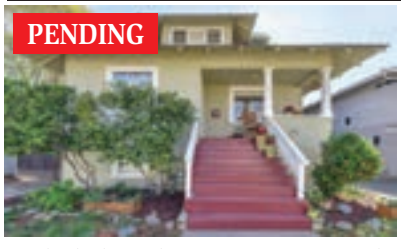
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Happy 100th birthday, Jean!

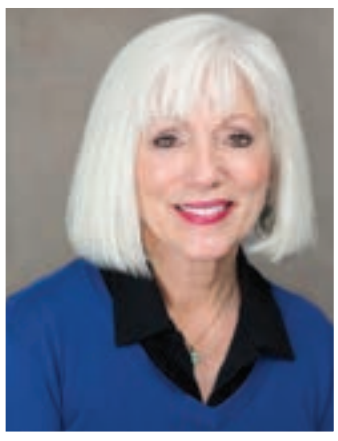
By Jennifer Holden of Mangan Park
Special to Valley Community Newspapers

On Feb. 28, 2021, Jean Crawford turned 100 years old.

That in and of itself is a tremendous accomplishment. On her birthday, I found her to be as bright as a button and in love with life, her family, and her neighbors. Sitting with Jean in her backyard, I found it hard to separate those three things in our conversation. She has a large and close-knit family that she raised, and neighbors she has lived with for over 70 years. The other neighborhood families grew up with her family and everyone has spent so much time together that it's hard to tell the neighbors from her family and she is in love with them all...

Bill and Jean Crawford moved into a brand-new house in Mangan Park the first week of April 1950 with their young child. The house cost around $8,000. A month later, Bill and Virginia Emick moved into a house a couple of

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This Land Park cottage has been owned by the original family since 1945. There is a large entry, spacious breakfast room with a charming fireplace and a copper hood, beamed ceiling and stained-glass windows. Original cabinets in kitchen, tiled counters and newer white appliances including a dishwasher, cooktop and built-in oven. The water heater and HVAC were recently replaced. There are new engineered wood floors throughout. The formal living and dining rooms have shutters on windows. Living room has additional fireplace with built-in sconce lighting, plus a single French door to patio and backyard. There are two bedrooms (one larger) with two closets and a large bathroom between these rooms. Large yard with beautiful mature dogwood trees, a two-car garage with a built-in closet. Additional storage building behind garage. **1615 8th Avenue**



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doors down. More children arrived in both families. The children grew up together, rode bicycles down 24th Ave and Franklin Blvd. to go get treats and games (and unattended by adults). They swam mornings and afternoons in Mangan Park's pool during the summer. It was a dime to swim in the morning and a dime to swim in the afternoon. They all went to McClatchy High School together before going out into the world... and had children of their own, and grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They all still come back to the Mangan Park homes of Jean Crawford and Virginia Emick to be together. They tell the old stories, share some new ones, and are the friends and family they have been their entire lives.

To celebrate Jean's birthday, the family held a front-yard party where friends could drive past in brightly decorated cars to wave to Jean, who was sitting at a table on the driveway. Many of Jean's friends driving by her driveway were from nearby Centennial United Methodist Church, where Jean has worshipped with the congregation since moving to Mangan Park in 1950. Among Jean's church friends driving by were other Mangan Park neighbors, and Jean was very surprised and pleased to see four Sacramento Police Department patrol vehicles join in the car salute. The drive-by salute started at 1 p.m. and lasted until around 2 p.m. At one point, the line of cars waiting to wave to Jean was four blocks long, so it is estimated that more than 50 cars drove past to show their love and appreciation for Jean.

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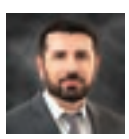
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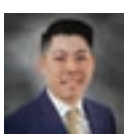


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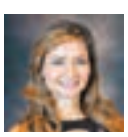

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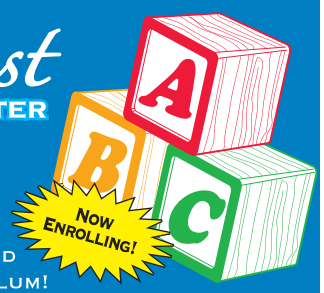

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She was touched and overwhelmed by the attention and devotion of her friends.

And then there was a small backyard gathering where I heard some stories of her life, as well as some of her family and friends' stories, too. Virginia Emick was also there, and shared some of her stories, as well. If Virginia's name sounds familiar, especially to local fans of the railroad, it is because she volunteered at the Sacramento Railroad Museum for around 20 years until she was in her mid-80's.

Altogether, Jean, Virginia, and their friends and family inspired awe in me - so many remarkable people with remarkable stories and memories! If I could, I would preserve them so we can all learn from them. Perhaps someday soon, I will go back and gather more. Lives such as Jean's should be honored on birthdays, as well as the ordinary days that follow.

And we were all blessed to be with Jean Crawford on her 100th birthday.







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Music program continues unique series of events during pandemic

The Cosumnes River College (CRC) Music Department continues its unique series of online performances as a way to serve students "outside the classroom" during the pandemic. The college remains in an online teaching environment and the music program is responding with creative new ways of reaching its students and community.

The music department created "CRC Music: In the Studio" last fall as a weekly series featuring innovative artists who pushed the boundaries in their fields. The series also highlighted student voices through a series of open mics and student ensemble performances.

The series was so successful, the music department decided to continue the program this spring semester.

"This series is a tremendous opportunity for our students to interact weekly with world class artists from across North America, including some right here in our own backyard," said CRC Music Professor Kurt Erickson.

Erickson added that the CRC music department is taking the lead by providing innovative programming one would expect to find at world-renowned, four-year universities, not at the community college level.

The innovation of putting something like "The CRC Music: In the Studio" together is what is putting this department at the forefront of creative programming in the community.

The "In the Studio" events take place each Friday at 12:00 pm and feature a rotation of special guests, student performances, and workshops with live Q&A.

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Faces and Places: Isaac's bike ride 2021



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After five years of riding a stationary bike in the lobby of the YMCA for his birthday, this year a YMCA Advisory Member did the annual fundraiser from home in his driveway in Tahoe Park on Feb. 23.

Throughout the day, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., neighbors and friends popped by to wish Isaac Gonzalez a happy 40th birthday and add money to the growing fundraiser. The big day ended with a tuba serenade from a neighbor and a singalong of the good ol' Happy Birthday song.

Isaac has challenged himself to ride one more time for the Y to raise funds in our time of need. Last year, Isaac shattered his goal of raising $10,000 on his birthday bike ride, raising over $12,000 to support YMCA programs in his community. This year, he smashed that, raising $13,462.



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By Bruce Hartzell

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I Love an IPA from Device!

By Devin Lavelle

It's not quite springtime, but it does feel like it. And that's the perfect season for a great IPA. We are back with the third article in this series as we explore the many styles of beers out there to enjoy. IPAs are, by far, the most popular style of craft beer, so I asked our local expert, Pocket-resident and owner, and brewer at Device Brewing, Ken Anthony to share his expertise and we ended up doing a double tasting – to start to give this great style full coverage.

Devin: Thanks again, Ken. It's definitely a much nicer day than last time to enjoy a beer on your comfortable patios. Can you start us out by introducing us to the style? What is an IPA?

Ken: So let's start with the history. There is a little bit of debate in the world of beer as to the origin of the India Pale Ale, or what's more commonly known as the IPA. Since I don't know for sure, I go with what I believe. Hops are a natural preservative in beer, prolonging the time before spoilage occurs. So the English started heavily hopping their beers for the long trip to India, to keep them from spoiling on the trip. That is the most widely accepted origin of the IPA. It's the story I've heard the most and what I tend to believe.

Ironically, IPAs generally have the shortest shelf life of beers as well. It's not because they spoil, but because the hop character tends to fall off – the flavor, the aromas, and the perceived bitterness tend to fall off.

Devin: Staff at the East India Trading Company were probably more interested in the alcohol than the flavor.

Ken: Exactly. So it is a pale ale, originally brewed out of England. Often brewed with two-row malts, which is common in ales. Sometimes crystal or caramel malts are added for depth, but in recent years we're seeing a move away from that and even lightening the beers with sometimes pilsner malt or white wheat to lighten the color, flavor, and body of the beer.

There is no one IPA, Red IPA, Black IPA, Hazy IPA, Session IPA, Brut IPA, West Coast IPA, Pacific Northwest IPA, there are many, many IPAs.

But today we are going to talk about West Coast IPAs, Hazy IPAs, and Imperial IPAs.

I always say, if you want it to sell, put three letters on the can, "I, P and A," and it will sell. It's pretty well known that IPA is the most popular style in the market. We brew a lot of IPAs, but there are also a lot of ways to present an IPA. Even if we have 5, 6, 8 IPAs on the board, we want them all to be different. We use different yeasts, hop combinations, malt bills, different levels of alcohol. There are definitely a lot of different ways to present an IPA.

Devin: I am looking forward to trying the variety you have lined up! What's first?

Ken: We'll start with Pride of Pocket IPA. This was first brewed last year to celebrate the opening of our new restaurant and taproom in Pocket-Greenhaven, where we're sitting right now. It's a West Coast, but we don't filter or fine it at all. With this one, we wanted to leave behind as much of the juicy, fruity flavors from the hops. There is a chill haze because of the huge late addition hops and dry hopping during active fermentation. This beer features an experimental hop named The Bruce, with a blend of New Zealand hops: SauvinTM, PacificaTM and Pacific JadeTM.

It's between pale and gold. There's a little of that chill haze that we talked about. A nice persistent white head. The aroma has lots of citrus peel, ripe tropical fruit, orange blossom, kiwi, gooseberry. This beer is 6.1% ABV with 35 IBUs, fairly low bitterness, and alcohol. It's easy on the palate, great for a summer day when you want an IPA without the palate fatigue from more bitter IPAs.

It has a light to medium body on it, balanced, light bittering. Definitely featuring more late addition hops than boil hops.

When you put hops in the beer while it's boiling, high temperatures isomerize alpha acids present in the hops and contribute to bitterness directly. The more hops you put into the boil, the higher the IBUs (international bittering units), the more bitterness you'll perceive. Whereas hops put in after the wort has been brought down below 170 or in secondary or post-fermentation don't isomerize the alpha acids so you don't pick up any more IBUs.

Next, we'll talk about our flagship IPA, Integral. Many customers pronounce it In-tay-gruhl. I got over that years ago. As long as you're drinking our beer, we're happy either way. I named it after the mathematical term based on how I paid my way through college, tutoring calculus.

Integral IPA is a straightforward West Coast IPA, 7% alcohol, 50 IBUs, a little more bitter than Pride

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of Pocket. It has a little more depth in color, more golden orange. Clear, no chill haze, we call this clarity brilliant. This beer is not filtered, but it is fined. We use a vegan fining agent, which uses ionic bonds to attach to particulates and make them heavier so they fall out through gravity.

You get a nice, persistent, white head on this. Aroma full of citrus and tropical fruit, a little bit of stone fruit in there.

The hops are Mosaic®, Simcoe®, and German Magnum. We do use a little caramel and crystal malt in this beer to add to color, flavor complexity and mouthfeel. We use a dextrin malt as well to boost body and head retention. It's fermented with California Ale yeast, also known as the "Chico Strain". It's one of the most widely used in the U.S. and really did derive from yeast strains they were using at Sierra Nevada. It's versatile, ferments quickly and cleanly doesn't leave behind flavors, and falls out easily.

From a flavor standpoint, it matches the aroma, you taste the tropical, citrusy character that you smell. I also pick up a little piney, resinous flavor on the back end that lingers more on the back of the tongue. Definitely more perceived bitterness in this beer. Bitterness is based on an objective measure, IBU, but if what matters to consumers is the perceived bitterness. If you remember from a while back when we drank Brits in Moscow, Brits has 60 IBUs, more than Integral, but you wouldn't think it's more bitter because there are so many other flavors in that bitter, malt character, a small amount of residual sugar. The bitterness comes into play because of how it plays on your palate. The less malt backbone you have on the beer, the more bitterness comes forward because there aren't other flavors to balance it out.

This is a great IPA, a gold medal-winning, IPA, very characteristic of a West Coast IPA, very clean and clear, very balanced. It just has a nice malt character with a balanced hop flavor and bitterness.

Devin: I've been enjoying this beer for a very long time.



Ken: I'm glad. I've been enjoying it even longer.

Now I'd like to talk about one of our newest beers, bigtruck® IPA. This also is a West Coast IPA, 7%, 45 IBUs. This beer was brewed in partnership with the bigtruck® hat company in Truckee. A portion of the beer goes to a couple of nonprofits out of Truckee: Send It and the High Fives Foundation.

This is probably our fastest-growing brand right now. We simply can't brew it fast enough. If readers enjoy IPAs and haven't tried it, definitely pick up a pint or some cans.

It's nice and bright, clear. Light golden, similar to

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Pride of Pocket but without the chill haze. The aroma, I get tangerine, floral but not much, not flowery. I pick up some of that pine, evergreen flavor, a little bit of stone fruit.

Let's taste it. Melons, grapefruit, orange marmalade. Just a touch of piney resin. Definitely big on the fruit and the citrus flavor. This features AmarilloTM, Simcoe®, Mosaic®. We didn't do too much Mosaic®, because we didn't want it too similar to Integral, so we led with the Amarillo. I really like this beer. I don't get nearly as much malt, very light in body, super clean. Lower IBUs, but the perceived bitterness is only slightly lighter than Integral because of the lighter malt backbone. I'm not surprised this is as popular as it is, it really is a great beer. Great partner, great causes, great packaging. There's a lot of reasons to like it. But take all that away. It's just a really tasty beer.

Devin: No arguments here.

Ken: So, we have a question that needs to be answered. Do we stay in the West Coast and do the imperials or go with the hazys?

Devin: I usually like to stay lower alcohol first.

Ken: Great. Let's move to the hazy or New England/North East style IPA.

What's the difference from a West Coast? Hazy IPAs tend to be more of a showcase for hops. The term juicy is used a lot, more times than not people are looking for something resembling a juice, not a crisp, bright beer.

Really it comes down to yeast and hopping techniques. NE IPAs were developed using English strains of yeast, rather than California Ale. The English yeasts throw off more esters during fermentation, adding more fruity character. The hopping techniques feature a lot of late addition hops, very little boil/bittering hops. Many hazy IPAs don't have any hops in the boil. Really the goal is not so much to make them hazy in appearance, that's more of a byproduct, but to provide very low bittering, very juicy, hoppy flavors and aromas, low bitterness and a smooth, soft mouthfeel. That's also achieved by the use of high proteins in the mash. Sometimes flaked oats or white wheat. You're looking for those proteins to build up the body and create a soft, silky mouthfeel and contribute to that haze. Some people say the haze is achieved by not letting the yeast settle out. In my opinion, that's the worst way. That's a stomach ache waiting to happen. The best way is with high protein. The proteins bind with polyphenols in the hops to create a haze and chill haze that doesn't just go away when you chill the beer.

Let's have a look, this is Curious Haze, 7% hazy IPA with 25 IBUs, very low compared to bigtruck® or Integral. On the appearance, it is as advertised, hazy, golden to straw color. Nice, persistent white head. We smell mango, some citrus, tropical notes, some of the fruity esters from the yeast.

Let's taste. What you get first is that soft, smooth mouthfeel. Almost like softened water. Bittering is almost nonexistent. All hop flavor with little to no hop bitterness. I taste the pineapple, orange, a little of the ripe mango on the flavor, not as much as the aroma. If you notice, there's no lingering bitterness. The fruity esters complement, enhance and accentuate the flavor in the hops.

Devin: No lingering bitterness on the tongue, but it seems like more of a whole mouth experience?

Ken: The thicker body makes it more of a full mouth experience. It's more viscous, a chewier sensation as you drink. There's so much hop flavor and aroma, it's volatizing in your mouth. So as you're drinking this, a lot of those essential oils are coming through your nasal passage, because of the late addition hops.

Next we'll stick with the hazys and move into Imperials IPAs.

"Imperial" can be applied to just about any style of beer, it just means it's a higher alcohol version of the beer. For a standard IPA, it tops out at 7.5% alcohol, anything higher than that is called Imperial or Double IPA.

Here's the Tropical Storm Trooper, a hazy imperial IPA at 8.4%, only 15 IBUs.

Take a look at this beer. I see a nice, deep golden color, also hazy. Persistent white head on top. A bit deeper golden than the Curious Haze. Definitely a little bit more orange color in this one.

The pineapple aroma on this one jumps out to me. We use SultanaTM hops on this, which has big-time pineapple. It has just a little bit of citrus in the background, but mostly that pronounced pineapple aroma.

On flavor, like a fresh-squeezed orange, not at all rindy, almost a pineapple orange juice, when you do fruit juice blends. A little bit of tropical notes from the Mosaic®. What's interesting is I get a little bit of hop bite on this. The SultanaTM is a very tricky hop to use. If you get too heavy-handed with it or hopping in the wrong way, it can be a bit harsh. That little touch of hop bite is SultanaTM reminding you to play nice with it.

The mouthfeel is just fluffy and soft, well-rounded, full-bodied. I catch just a little bit of the ethanol on the flavor from the higher ABV.

Devin: Delicious, I never realized this was a double.

Ken: Right?

Let's venture back west, with an Imperial West Coast IPA.

This is Hop Revolt. A Double IPA with 8% alcohol, 65 IBUs. It's a traditional west coast double. This beer is definitely one of our faster-growing brands. It's only been out for a couple of years now, but it is gaining a lot of traction.

It's nice and golden, clear, I wouldn't call it brilliant, we don't filter our beers, so getting brilliance on our

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high hopped beers is difficult. I smell a lot of that pine and evergreen, cedar, citrus, tangerine.

Flavor matches the aroma, that resinous, very piney, like a pine forest in a glass. A touch of citrus in there. A lot of the new world hops, at some level, have a citrus flavor to them. We use a lot of Simcoe® in this beer. Super bright, very crisp. The perceived bitterness is lower than the IBUs would suggest. There's a little bit of sweetness from the alcohol in there, but if you didn't know this was an 8% you might get yourself in trouble.

It's obvious why this beer is so popular. We all but stopped brewing Anguish when this came out because it's so popular. And there's a lot in the name, Hop Revolt has better branding. Anguish has a darker name. It's also a little higher in alcohol and more bitter.

Devin: I've always enjoyed Anguish.

Ken: The fans really look do forward to it, so today we brew Anguish about twice a year.

OK. Now we're taking the next step to the Triple IPAs. Kind of like the triple dog dare in Christmas Story.

Devin: I'll take that dare.

Ken: A Triple IPA is still an Imperial IPA. Most style guidelines don't acknowledge anything called a Triple IPA. They are just higher alcohol Imperial IPAs or one could argue they are a hoppy barley wine.

This is Basilica. We brew it every February and enter it into the Bistro IPA competition, kicking off SF Beer Week. Same time of year as Pliny the Younger and when many other breweries put out triple IPAs.

It is also one of the four original beers we produced, along with Integral, Anguish, and Brits in Moscow. At the time we called them pale ale, 2x IPA, 3x IPA and Russian Imperial Stout, we hadn't named them yet, but those were the beers.

Devin: It's definitely a classic Sacramento beer.

Ken: Let's try it. I see almost a copper color, definitely a deep golden, getting into copper, clear, almost brilliant, just a little bit of hop haze. Nice white head on top. The aroma is fantastic, lemon and orange. A little bit of that dankness coming through. You can even smell some of the malt sweetness inside. This smells fantastic.

That really is a treat isn't it? That's good.

Devin: Let the record show, a big smile wiped over Ken's face right there.

Ken: I wasn't alone. There were two guys smiling at that table.

Devin: Guilty.

Ken: I don't drink this style of beer that often, but when I do I remember how great it is.

I pick up on the flavor pine, orange rind, booze, definitely taste the sweetness of the booze. Crisp, lighter body, though not as light as Pride of Pocket. A lot of IPAs over 10% are hot and boozy. That comes from poor fermentation and the addition of too much dextrose to increase fermentable sugars. The sugar in here is nearly all malt derived, with just a touch of dextrose to dry it out. That combined with healthy, adequate yeast, to quickly ferment the beer down. It's a very clean, dry beer. I'm beaming with pride for my staff who brewed this beer. Those talented brewers are killing it.

Clean fermentation is the key to good beer, no matter the style. We say in the industry, brewers make wort, yeast makes beer. It's really all about yeast health and viability; yeast health, nutrients and oxygen; and an adequate population. We calculate how many trillion cells we need, put in an adequate population of healthy cells that can go in and do the job. The fermentation piece is the hardest part about brewing.

Devin: That's why we come to you for this, great beer and a science lesson.

Ken: While we still have our wits about us, let's try Brain Sanitizer.

Devin: That'll take care of it. {Ken laughs}

Ken: So Brain Sanitizer Triple IPA, when COVID hit last year, the first week of April we thought about it, said OK, we're in this shutdown of the world. People are scared and confused, nobody knows what's going on, what's going to happen next. Everyone's terrified and frustrated. The world needs a brain sanitizer right now. We brewed this for the occasion.

It's 11% and 88 IBUs. This beer is huge, to say the least. Beautiful color, deep copper, with brilliant clarity. Aroma has mango, citrus, a touch of melon. I can smell the booze. Let's taste it …

I get mango and pineapple primarily on the flavor. You can definitely taste the boozy sweetness of the alcohol, not hot, but big and boozy. That ethanol adds a sweetness to it.

It's funny because 11%'s not much different from wine. But in a beer, with the hop flavor, does that not just jump out as a big, bold flavor? I get a nice, dry finish. Definitely bitter with a nice, oily, resinous finish on the back of the tongue that's indicative of a West Coast IPA. We brew it a couple of times a year, people really like it. At first, the name sold this beer and then people try it, like it, and come back for more.

Devin: Alright, well my mind is clear. Thanks for a great education and a great time. I'd encourage readers to pick up some of these in cans or growlers to sip on, they'll really come to life while reading this article.

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