



# PEANUT PROFITS FROM PANDEMIC

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"Everything changed on Friday, March 13th," says Peanut from Long Beach. "I used to wait all day by myself for my mommy and daddy to come home from work. Now they're with me 24/7 and life couldn't be better! Sure, they sit at the table all day and sometimes talk to their laptops, but we go on extra long walks and I curl up by my mommy's feet all day." Many other four-legged fur babies

have been reporting an increase in happiness during this longer than expected quarantine. We interviewed a couple from Long Beach on their remote work situation: "While this time has been a struggle for many, we have been so blessed. We both have jobs, easily transitioned into remote work, have stayed healthy, and now enjoy more snooze and family time over our long commutes."



# THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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Who needs a forest to camp in when your backyard is only a few steps away? Due to "Safer at Home" orders this spring, many families in Long Beach took to pitching their tents in their own backyards. The smell of smores, BBQs, and bug spray filled the neighborhood. "It was an easy and fun way to get a change of scenery," says local couple, Shelby and Kristina Moulden.



# HOBBY TURNED OBSESSION

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It all started with a show called LEGO Masters. Ten episodes later, nostalgia kicked in, creativity wheels were spinning, and a new lego.com account was created.

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# IN THE 10 MONTHS HERE'S WHAT BROUGHT US GLEE:



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## ROUNDS A-SLAYING

The newest addition to our board game collection is Here to Slay, a turn-based role-playing strategic fantasy card game! The current score is Kristina: 8, Shelby: 2.



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## LEGOS ASSEMBLING

All the extra time at home spawned a new love for LEGOS! From dragons to a town square to a giant tree house, nothing kept us more entertained than thousands of little bricks.



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## RECIPES ATTEMPTING

Best tasting: Blueberry bread pudding; Most time-consuming: 24 layer rainbow crepe cake; Healthiest: Broccoli quinoa cakes; Easiest: Strawberry cheesecake bites.



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## HIKES A-TREKING

In the early days of COVID, when we needed to get out of the house, we sought out remote hikes like the 8-mile San Ysidro Trail in Santa Barbara and the Ocean Trails along the coast of Palos Verdes.



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## OK-ISH HAIRCUTS

One of our newly acquired skillz during quarantine was giving each other haircuts! Over time, we upgraded our tools and improved our craftsmanship (slightly). Bye bye Supercuts. Hello Kris Kuts!



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## COASTER SETS

One of Kristina's favorite no-brainer-crafts to do in front of the TV was hand sewing a variety of felt coasters. Her top shows to watch while sewing: The Boys, Utopia, Umbrella Academy, The Great.

# OF QUARANTINE...



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## TINY HOUSES

Tweezers aren't just good for getting out splinters. They're also the most vital tool while constructing tiny house kits. Each of these houses stand at a whopping 8" tall, took an average of 25 hours to build, and include fancy electrical work to bring them to life.



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## "BOOKS" CONCLUDED

Our 10 months of quarantine definitely weren't spent reading because in those 293 days we finished three books (two of them were graphic novels): The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes, The Adventure Zone: Petals to the Metal, and Teen Titans: Beast Boy.



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## FINISHED PUZZLES

Every so often we would monopolize the dining table with a jigsaw puzzle. They're not particularly our favorite use of time, but this 1,000 piece color wheel puzzle was a fun way to challenge our eye for colors. Thank you, Color Theory class!



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## A BIG DECISION TO BECOME THREE!

After trying to start a family for some time, we made the big decision to adopt a baby! We started our adoption journey in August and still have a long road ahead. The average domestic adoption takes 18 months, but we wanted to share our happy news with you now. We can't wait to have a little one to share adventures with! Here's to lots of patience, learning, and happy things to look forward to!



zoom

Voted #1 party venue in 2020

(That is when everyone isn't muted, has good wifi, isn't talking over each other, and doesn't have jet planes in the background)

**LEGOS CONTINUED**

"At the beginning of quarantine, we were doing little LEGO challenges with family, but our humble MacGyver creations turned into bigger and more complex sets. From a mini ramen hub, to an ice dragon, to a 3,000+ piece tree house, LEGO became much more than just colorful bricks," says enthusiast, Shelby Moulden. "It's a craft, with techniques and hidden details. We take tiny squares and sculpt them into anything." His next challenge is to build a custom LEGO D&D dungeon.



**RESCUED AND REUNITED**

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This summer, a small stray dog was rescued by a Long Beach couple after 20 minutes of coaxing it from under a car. Thanks to the power of social media, Leo was reunited with his family safe and sound!

**LOOKING AT THE BRIGHT SIDE**

Without a doubt, 2020 has been one of the most difficult, challenging, and uncertain years. But now looking back at everything, we feel so thankful. As a family, we've enjoyed more breakfasts and long walks together, crossed a few things off our home projects list, and explored new hobbies we probably wouldn't have done otherwise. On top of that, our families have stayed safe and healthy!



We can't wait for 2020 to become a distant memory, but until then, stay positive and safe. We'll be eating dinners, play-

ing board games and traveling to see you soon. Have a very Merry Christmas. Here's to a bright and hopeful new year.

♥ Shelby, Kristina & Peanut

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