Between the local dignitaries, a marching band, $1.7 million in funding, something called Parents Night Out and wholesale replacement of items invisible to the naked eye, your head would probably swirl. You’d hardly know that a new era in neighborhood recreation and community development has begun. But if you know anything at all about the local YMCA, you’d soon be set to rights.

Dec. 1 marked the completion of the much-needed renovation/restoration of the Shepherd YMCA Firehouse, located at 7877 Herschel Ave. The recast and reopening was followed by a public celebration Dec. 9. Hundreds were on hand for the formal program featuring Council President Sherri Lightner, whose District 1 includes La Jolla, special entertainment and performances, giveaways and more.

On Nov. 18, the Y held a limited tour of the facility and offered pre-opening membership sign-ups.

YMCA Firehouse reopens with restoration of façade

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

“A hundred times the fun” was the byword of choice at the 58th La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival, held Dec. 6 and kicking off at the usual Girard Avenue/Kline Street meeting point. The parade’s theme, “100 Years of Christmas Cheer,” reflected the La Jolla Rec Center’s centennial year and paid homage to a 100-year-old Packard automobile known as the Old Black Goose (left). More than 100 bands, floats, equestrians, costumed canines, marching units, dignitaries and fire engines came to call, along with horse demonstrations, children’s games and interactive learning activities. The festival culminated with the lighting of the tree at the Rec Center.

PHOTOS BY MIKE McCARTHY

Morizi’s vet practice offers high tech services and experience

By DAVE SCHWAB

La Jolla has a brand-new animal hospital whose owner-operator is a seasoned veterinarian, having served the coastal community’s pet needs with distinction for 26 years.

Sue Morizi, VMD, Ph.D., originally from the Animal Hospital of La Jolla at 7601 Draper Ave., relocated up the street to open The Village Veterinary Hospital, at 7527 Draper Ave., in June.

Morizi’s previous hospital site, along with the adjacent U.S. Post Office facility, was razed to make way for 18 condominiums.

Surprised by the amount of paperwork involved in transitioning into her new space, which she likened to “almost starting over,” Morizi said her new location was

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We are so excited to reopen this brand new, state-of-the-art wellness facility to the La Jolla community,” said Sue Ball, regional vice president for the YMCA of San Diego County and executive director of the location.

“The Shepherd YMCA Firehouse will provide wonderful opportunities for families to improve their healthy lifestyle together, through exercise, classes and youth programs located in the heart of the Village.”

New amenities at the Shepherd Y include a center providing childcare while parents and guardians enjoy their recreation; two multipurpose studios for group exercise classes; shower facilities; a family wellness center with state-of-the-art cardio and strength equipment; and restoration of the historic façade. Costs were estimated at $1.7 million and included wholesale fixes to the infrastructure and electrical work.

The building is a satellite facility of the Dan McKinney Family YMCA, located at 8355 Cliffridge Ave. That facility, which will get extensive landscaping, has been undergoing renovation since September and will reopen in two years. McKinney, a generous donor to the Y and its programs, died in August.

Design of the Firehouse’s restoration of the structure fell under the direction of local architect Trip Bennett, who previously led the community effort to renovate the relocated Fire Station 13, completed in 2010. A landmark of La Jolla’s historic district, Fire Station Company 13 was built in 1913, replacing a wooden firehouse built in 1913. The building was once a City Hall, a city jail and a fire station. In 1976, Fire Station 13 relocated, and the building remained unused for more than a decade.

In the mid-1980s, the La Jolla YMCA launched a capital campaign to renovate the building, turning it into a satellite branch. Since then, the YMCA Firehouse has grown to serve more than 4,300 people each year with a variety of wellness and youth development programs. The City of San Diego’s historical resources board has designated the firehouse a historical landmark. It’s one of the few surviving structures of the original civic center, along with the post office and library.

In 2013, the city extended the Firehouse’s $3,250 monthly lease through 2016. The rent would increase with inflation.

The YMCA of San Diego County is the second largest Y in the nation, serving hundreds of thousands of San Diego County residents and employing more than 4,500.

For more information, visit lajolla.ymca.org/firehouse.html or call (858) 453-3483.

The refurbished YMCA Firehouse features new cardio and strength equipment and restoration of the facade.
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Stories on construction delays, new businesses dominated La Jolla in 2015

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

A world-class eatery opened in the Village this year, and the Village embraced it as part of a de facto entertainment district anchored by the projected opening of a performing arts center across the street.

But the bulk of the hot-button issues in the La Jolla of 2015 revolved around land use, ordinance revisions and construction delays — things you’d expect as the Village gears up for postmodern life in a postmodern city.

We lost a great man of theater and gained a new executive director of an iconic area landmark; as well, our longstanding problems with the local Fourth of July fireworks show were consigned to history indefinitely, which was kind of cool.

It was a busy year in La Jolla, with the issue of growth emerging at both extremes of the commercial climate. It’s unlikely that those issues will see any less attention during 2016. Meanwhile, here are some thumbnail sketches that outline the Village environment in 2015.

**JANUARY**

- The first State of La Jolla address took place before La Jolla Town Council on Jan. 8, with land use and government emerging as two main drivers in plans for the Village. Joe LaCava, La Jolla Community Planning Association president, stated that finding ways to make the Village “more predictable” would be a 2015 priority.

- Paris’ tragic Charlie Hebdo murders, in which 17 journalists and others were slain in a Jan. 7 terrorist attack in the French capital, had a La Jolla component to them. The neighborhood’s French-America School devoted a day of silence for the victims, as did schools throughout France.

**FEBRUARY**

- The emerging topic of aftereffects from collisions in sports took a local turn. A Feb. 13 story said film and emails showed that despite their denials, La Jolla High School officials knew the details of the injury to one of its football players. In a contest against Point Loma High School in October of 2014, the player took a vicious hit to the helmet late in the second quarter, after which he showed signs of possible injury. Protocol calls for potentially injured players to be removed from the game, but a film shows that the then-17-year-old plays nearly every down. Local media revealed several contradictions by school officials in their accounts of the aftermath.

- Kevin Bollaert, the so-called “revenge porn” website operator, was found guilty on Feb. 2 and was eventually sentenced to 20 years on

27 counts. Bollaert, of Pacific Beach, operated a site featuring photos of nude women and required fees of $150 to $2,999 for their deletion.

**MARCH**

- March was the month that San Diego Community Newspaper Group, publisher of La Jolla Village News, teamed with La Jolla Village Merchants Association in a business partnership aimed at fulfilling both groups’ missions.

- “Our goal,” said publisher Julie Main, “is to assist the businesses and public about how the [association] works and how it can aid each individual business within the boundaries of the [business improvement district]... More information brings more understanding, involvement and long-term benefits for La Jolla.”

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**APRIL**

- La Jolla Community Planning Association approved a condominium complex to replace an animal hospital and post office satellite facility on Silver Street and declined to OK an unconventional mansion proposal on Whale Watch Way. The condo debate wasn’t without controversy, with some trustees arguing that the area is already saturated with condos. Meanwhile, the Whale Watch Way plan, which proposed demolition of an existing facility and replacing it with a two-story home, was back for a second try. One developer said the new home’s floor plan had been reduced by 20 percent.

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**MAY**

- La Jolla Jourl psychologist Mark Schindler told Village News in May that he’s grateful for small favors in the wake of the April 25 earthquake in Nepal’s Katmandu Valley, which killed more than 7,000 and injured twice as many. Schindler was among those to experience the event; he anticipated that day to be his last even as he was in Nepal to celebrate his 60th birthday.

- San Diego’s Cadillac of food events rolled out again on May 8. The Muma’s Day culinary extravaganza brought together the city’s culinary elite to the Hyatt Regency La Jolla in an event that raised more than $150,000, used each year for providing nutritional support to those affected by AIDS/HIV or cancer.

- La Jolla’s Secret Garden Tour is named that for a reason — the names of the target landscapes aren’t revealed until the day of the event, which this year was May 16. It focused on six gardens in this, its 17th installment, in support of the La Jolla Historical Society’s mission of research and preservation in the Village.

**JUNE**

- On June 1, the YMCA Firehouse — which has supported health and wellness in the community for 100 years — shut down as its long-awaited renovation began. The $1.5 million fix-up was to include new childcare facilities, showers, cardio and strength equipment and refurbishment of the existing structure on Herschel Avenue. The Firehouse, which has grown to serve more than 4,300 people annually, reopened on Dec. 1, and officials threw a big party nine days later.

- Also in June, La Jolla Community Planning Association deadlocked on a proposal to change zoning on a building at 1111 Prospect St. to allow more office space and...
less retail. The action came on the heels of a request by entrepreneur Peter Wagner to increase the amount of office space on the building’s ground floor from 25 to 50 percent. Wagner noted he’d been unsuccessfully trying to lease the building’s ground-floor space for retail for two years.

Joe LaCava, La Jolla Community Planning Association president who’s served on 29 boards during his career in public service, kicked off his campaign for the first District City Council seat on June 28, pledging to “tell people what they really need to know about the condition of our city so they can make informed choices about how we’re going to move forward.”

JULY

• 2015 was the year that La Jolla’s Fourth of July fireworks show got an indefinite reprieve from the lawsuits and lack of funding that had dogged it for many seasons. Deborah Marrero, a one-person coordinator among other duties, canceled the event, announced that La Jolla Village Merchants Association, the community’s business improvement district hub, would take the show under its wing.

La Jollan David Marino helped Marrero ice multi-year funding commitments to the tune of about $45,000 (the show costs about $10,000 to stage). The surplus, Marrero said, will be rolled over to support future shows.

• The La Jolla International Fashion Film Festival, the burgeoning event with a title to match, unveiled its sixth installment on July 24 and 25, the finale of a week’s work. Sweet basking in anticipation of a permanent tenancy at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, set to open in January of 2018.

• Work is slow, but environmental delays weighed in the construction delay of two million-dollar lifeguard towers. Lifeguards at La Jolla Cove and the Children’s Pool were operating out of temporary facilities at the height of the summer season – work on the Sand Diego Chamber of Commerce and was on the board of the High Tech Foundation. She was a communications professional who had served in the White House as deputy communications director for Vice President Al Gore.

• “Planned District Ordinance” is government-ese for a document that spells out the dos and don’ts of land use in the community – and in August, La Jolla Village Merchants Association debated sending a letter to the city suggesting the current ordinance is outdated and in serious need of revision.

• La Jolla Community Planning Association president CA Marrero, who had been lobbying local groups for their support of a revision, ultimately declined to write such a letter, saying several merchants board members expressed reluctance at the prospect.

SEPTEMBER

• On Sept. 22, City Council voted unanimously to support the appointment of Brian O’Neil as San Diego’s 18th fire-rescue chief. Fennessy, 56, is said to be the driving force in the city’s helicopter plan.

• The city now has two firefighting helicopters with night-flying capability available for water drops throughout the county.

Fennessy has 38 years’ experience that began with the U.S. Forest Service. He joined the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department in 1990. Fennessy assumed his post Nov. 12.

• Arthur Wagner, founding chair of the UCSD Department of Theatre and Dance and the central figure in the advancement of the school’s graduate theater program to one of the county’s top three, died of cancer Sept. 21 in University City. He was 92.

The New York City native was named the theater department’s chairman in 1972; he led the theater department to spectacular growth and numerous awards before his retirement in 1991. Wagner held many acting and directing credits and was still performing on stage at UCSD in 2012. The Arthur Wagner Theatre on campus is named in his honor, and in 2013, he and wife Molli received the school’s prestigious Chancellor’s Medal for their unflagging support of the arts.

OCTOBER

• Perhaps ending seven years of contention over the proposed project’s bulk and scale, City Council voted 6-2 on Oct. 5 to deny appeal of the environmental document for the Whitney mixed-use project in La Jolla Shores.

• Barring any complications, the move would clear the way for developers Bob and Kim Whitney to demolish an existing single-story retail building and cottage at 2202 and 2206 Avenida de la Playa and replace them with a three-story mixed-use development with retail on the ground floor and condos on the second and third.

• On Oct. 8, three candidates trying to replace terming-out City Council member Sherri Lightner, whose District 1 includes La Jolla, held a public forum in which they discussed their ideas for Village improvements.

Joe LaCava, Ray Ellis and Barbara Bry spoke on short-term vacation rentals – a topic of particular controversy amid the indiscretions of fly-by-night tenants – stating they’d encourage tougher laws that govern the practice and would redefine the term and therefore the clientele.

All three cited their extensive work in the community, with Bry citing her support of the California Coastal Commission’s ban on pedestrian activity during penguin season at Children’s Pool.

• The closing of the iconic Jonathan’s Market in June of 2014 became a passing memory for some with the October hard opening of The Lot, a very high-end restaurant and movie theater complex at 7611 Fay Ave.

The event is regarded as a precursor to the creation of a neighborhood entertainment district, to be anchored by the adjacent Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, set to open in early 2018.

Craft cocktails, locally sourced coffee, exceptional cuisine and pristine appointments mark The Lot, whose officers will open a second location at Point Loma’s NTC sometime after the first of the year.

• And the seventh La Jolla Art and Wine Festival, held in the Village on Oct. 10 and 11, brought 45,000 people and proceeds of more than $500,000 to La Jolla public school programs. Wearable art proved a big-ticket item, as did 3D mixed media.

NOVEMBER

• The owner of a former Bird Rock piano store pleaded guilty in November to four counts of theft from an elder in connection with pianos placed on consignment in his store by people who were not fully paid for the instruments’ sales.

Peter Schroeder, owner of the former Schroeder Piano Company, has agreed to pay $14,000 to the victim, some of whom are La Jolla residents.

Meanwhile, 38 other counts ranging from elder abuse to misappropriation of funds, were dismissed. Schroeder, 75, faces a maximum seven years in state prison but is more likely to receive a sentence of home detention or probation.

• San Diego builder Ure Kretowicz declared he’s prepared to continue a legal battle over land use, insisting that he’ll fight a lower court’s ruling that historic beach access through his Pricess Street property never existed. “We never were aware of any open use of that area,” Kretowicz said of the path through his property to the beach below.

• On the lighter side, Duke’s La Jolla restaurant finally opened its doors a 1216 Prospect St. on Nov. 4. The eatery is named for Duke Kana- hamoku, Olympic swimming medalist and the father of modern surfing. Guests were promised a glimpse into the namesake’s life and a closer look at the La Jolla beach lifestyle.

DECEMBER

• Village News reported on Dec. 4 that University City High School senior Pranaya Anshu has won the Princeton Prize Race Relation Committee’s inaugural award, designed to advance discussions on the role race plays in the human experience.

• La Jolla isn’t as affected as the other beach neighborhoods by the thorny STVRs issue – guidelines governing short-term rentals left in less-than-ideal condition.

• Villagers attended a Dec. 3 public hearing on the matter, stating the pros and cons of a proposed city ordinance that would establish a new property use category affecting renters and owners alike.
Local notables dance the night away for a good cause

By Pat Sherman

Nearly 350 people came out to watch San Diego luminaries strut their stuff Dec. 5 at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines during the San Diego Dancing with the Stars fundraiser.

The event, a follow-up to 2013’s wildly popular La Jolla Dancing with the Stars, featured 10 local celebrities, who each trained weeks on end with a professional dancer partner in anticipation of the event.

The panel of local event judges included District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis, Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman, Sheriff William Gore and Jonathan Roberts, forming a panel of TV’s “Dancing with the Stars.”

Local dance instructor Mary Murphy, of TV’s “So You Think You Can Dance,” served as event host and emcee.

“It is a lot to ask of a novice to put together a dance with a professional in a few weeks and perform in front of a standing-room-only crowd,” said event Chair Nancy Gardner, who also organized 2013’s event.

“All the dancers were remarkable and brought the anticipated charm, poise and entertainment to the evening.”

In the end, La Jolla Realtor Marti Gellens-Stubbbs and dance partner Dan Gibbons were named the Most Entertaining routine of the evening.

Other awards went to longtime “Larry King Live” producer Wendy Walker (Audience Choice); KUSI weatherman Mark Mathis (Judges Choice); Steven Romande (Mira Ball Trophy); Councilmember Lorie Zapf (Most Poshed); Claire Reis (Most Elegant); Marie Coronel (Best Costume and Performance); Mary Lee Blaylock (Most Creative); Kati Morton (Most Poised); Claire Reis (Most Elemental); Mark Mathis (Most Creative); and Claire Reis danced like a star out of “Cinderella.”

Proceeds from the event will benefit the San Diego Family Justice Center and San Diego Police Historical Association.

“We owe these dancers our gratitude because they put in a tremendous amount of time, money and hard work to come up to speed in such a short period of time,” Pourteymour added.

The Family Justice Center helps and protects battered women and children, while the San Diego Police Historical Association preserves the history of men and women in law enforcement that have protected San Diegans for more than 100 years. In San Diego’s past, the ever-popular pet blessing by Monsignor Mark Campbell, the Patron Saint of Animals. Activities for both animals and families make this modern interpretation of an historic event quite moving to all who participated, according to event producer Chuck Rees of Fiesta de Reyes.

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During the event, Kelly Rogers, executive director of the San Diego Family Justice Center Foundation, said her organization relies almost entirely on donations.

“Last year, we helped over 600 victims,” she noted.

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The luxurious White Sands La Jolla is adding quality of life to longer lives

By TERRI STANLEY

At first glance, the White Sands La Jolla complex on Olivetas Avenue looks like a Starwoods resort. Located directly on the beach, the E-shaped building is situated on eight lush acres with gardens and pathways leading to the water. A black limousine pulls away from the curb with an elderly, well-dressed woman in the back, no doubt on her way to one of the many cultural events that happen weekly in San Diego.

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A HOLIDAY VISIT TO TIJON MAKES PERFECT SCENTS!

The holiday season is upon us, and there’s no better time to shop by Tijon Fragrance Lab & Boutique in La Jolla Village to pick out a few truly unique gifts for those lucky ones on your Secret Santa list! The boutique offers a charming variety of jewelry, accessories, body products, candles, books on fragrance and in-house fragrance products.

Opened in 2012, Tijon La Jolla has created a niche market for men and women who want to create their unique, one-of-a-kind, handcrafted fragrance. The roots of Tijon originate on the French Caribbean island of St. Martin, where the scents of Caribbean and French traditionalism blend together. Founder John Berglund had a dream to create a perfumery that would feature his specially designed in-house fragrances and that each customer could have the opportunity to design his or her own fragrance. Thus, in 2007, Tijon St. Martin was born.

The fragrance creation experience is available for adults by way of three unique classes:

• **Fragrance in a Flash**: A 20-minute session wherein the customer works with a fragrance expert on one in order to create a handcrafted, one-of-a-kind perfume or cologne to take home (1.86-ounce bottle size). This is an ideal creation experience for the person on the go.

• **Mix & Match Class**: A 90-minute experience wherein the customer creates a bottle of his or her own one-of-a-kind, handcrafted perfume or cologne (1.86-ounce bottle size). Donning a lab coat, the customer receives a basic education on fragrance composition. Selecting from 12 premixed oils and choosing three additional oils from an array of more than 300, the student will create three different recipes and then bottle the favorite. A Tijon gift bag is included. This is the perfect class for a birthday, bridal shower, team-building event or romantic date activity!

• **Fragrance 101 Class**: A 2 1/2-hour experience wherein the customer creates one bottle of his or her own one-of-a-kind, handcrafted perfume or cologne (1.86-ounce bottle size). Donning a lab coat, the customer receives an education on fragrance composition, and participates in a fun scent quiz and activity. The student will create as many recipes as time allows and then bottle the favorite. A Tijon Perfume 101 workbook is part of the upgraded Tijon gift bag that’s included. This class is designed for those interested in a more in-depth understanding of fragrance creation.

With the creation of a one-of-a-kind fragrance, the customer’s recipe is entered into the Tijon recipe database for future reference. Additionally, any fragrance recipe can be made into an oil-based roll-on fragrance (unscented jojoba, sweet almond, coconut, macadamia nut or olive oil), body lotion, body cream, massage oil, room spray or Reed Diffuser.

Often, what makes the creation experience so special is that the customer has the opportunity to literally “name” his or her own fragrance. The bottle is custom labeled to the customer’s specifications.

For those who want to continue learning about fragrance creation, Tijon Fragrance Lab & Boutique offers membership in its Académie de Parfum. Membership is one calendar year from the date of joining and includes one complimentary Mix & Match Class (all inclusive). Member fragrance recipes are automatically entered into the Perfumes of the Quarter contest. Once a year, in February, the Académie sponsors a “Fragrance of the Year” event in which each member is allowed to submit one fragrance recipe. The winner of the annual contest is featured by Tijon in the boutique and online. The winning fragrance is available for purchase, and 50 percent of sales is awarded to the member for one year.

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The latest technology is a major driver at Sue Morizi’s Village Veterinary Hospital in La Jolla.

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In the final Around the Block for 2015, the profiled neighborhood was La Jolla Shores. Here are three cornerstone businesses in the Shores that were inadvertently left out of our 20th installment, which ran in the Dec. 4 issue, starting on page 12.

**Surf Diva Surf School:** Founded in 1996, the iconic Surf Diva Surf School and Boutique, at 2160 Avenida de la Playa, is run by local celebrity twin sisters, Izzy and Coco Tihanay. Ranked No. 1 Women's Surf Retailer by Surf Industry Manufacturers Association, the shop features a welcome vibe, carrying surf brands like Hurley, Roxy, Quiksilver, Nixon, Sun Bum, Sanuk and STANCE. Fashion brands include Desigual, L-Space, Greenpacha and Pura Vida.

"I travel the world," said designer and buyer Coco, "looking for the best brands which encompass the relaxed and hip signature La Jolla look, which is casual beach elegance and refined, effortless style. Right now, we are featuring super-soft leggings with gorgeous full-length cardigans, winter kimonos and ponchos in prints that are inspired by Native American colors and a bohemian spirit."

The original surf school for women, Surf Diva now also offers co-ed surf lessons for men and kids as well as the ever-popular weekend clinics and corporate team-building events. Local kids have weekly surf club coaching available for all levels through advanced surfers. The shop is open seven days a week and holds year-round surf programs. Gift cards are available by phone or in person at the boutique and school headquarters. Free gift wrapping is available for all apparel, wet suits, watches and jewelry. For more information, please call (858) 454-8273 or visit surfdiva.com, lajolla surfcamp.com or americansurfacademy.com.

**The Cheese Shop:** Located at 2165 Avenida de la Playa, The Cheese Shop has a long history in La Jolla Shores, having been established in 1972 by John and Dorothy Schutz. The shop began as purveyors of import ed cheese and fine foods from all over the world. Over the years, different products have been added as well as meat roasting and baking cookies in the shop. Today, the Schutzes’ son Phil is the kingpin, and The Cheese Shop has evolved into a unique sandwich shop. "We serve the finest handcrafted overstuffed sandwich es as well as old-school cande s you haven’t seen for years and glass-bottle sodas that remind you of a different time,” said the owners. The Cheese Shop also features imported delights from candy to biscuits to tea. There are also famous, fresh-baked oatmeal cookies. Roast beef, ham, pork and lamb are cooked in-house. Catering and delivery are also available. Call ahead for to-go orders. For more information, call (858) 459-3912, email info@cheeseshoplajolla.com or visit cheeseshoplajolla.com/link_pages/contact.html.

**La Jolla Nurses Homecare:** The premier in-home care agency, La Jolla Nurses Homecare is at 2223 Avenida de la Playa, No. 103, in La Jolla Shores. "My mother Lorraine founded our company on Upper Girard almost 39 years ago, but we relocated in the Shores 15 years ago," said homecare is at 2223 Avenida de la Playa, No. 103, in La Jolla Shores. "My mother Lorraine founded our company on Upper Girard almost 39 years ago, but we relocated in the Shores 15 years ago," said...
It’s better to give than to receive, says the timeless adage. By shopping locally for Christmas, you can keep this holiday spirit alive. You may have more of an impact on your community’s economy than you realize.
Feliz navidad: This time, you're the cook

We're getting breathtakingly close to Dec. 25, which, for those who don't know, is celebrated in the Western hemisphere as Christmas in all its forms.

We've done everything superhumanly possible to present you what we know about gifts, eateries and traditions (check out our Dec. 4 issue, which included lots of stuff on the Dec. 6 parade, restaurants that want to see you on the big day and last-minute present ideas). Obviously, you'll want to call ahead and see if your restaurant of choice is open, but who knows – you and/or your guests might just want to hang back and avoid the holiday bustle, in which case we have you covered in the food department. Don't say we never gave ya anything.

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Litigiousness alleged in Shores mixed-use development plans

(Editors note: Author Bob Whitney is one of the central figures in a development dispute over a proposal to build a mixed-use facility in La Jolla Shores.)

Your website states that “The San Diego Community Newspaper Group is dedicated to serving local coastal communities of San Diego, including La Jolla, University City, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach and Point Loma.” Your reporter, however, oftentimes shows his allegiance not to the community but to the self-proclaimed land-uses activities in our community.

(Reporter Dave) Schwab has done a good job covering the local news in our community for many years, not only as a reporter with your paper but also with La Jolla Light. Despite his lengthy experience of reporting in our community, he refuses to report that the go-to attorney for Sherri Lightner and La Jolla Community Planning Association to oppose projects in La Jolla is Julie Hamilton.

In his regular attendance at monthly association meetings and his familiarity with the community planning process, Schwab certainly has witnessed the association’s and Hamilton’s tactics over the years. He is aware they will file lawsuits under the guise of newly formed community groups, including La Jolla Shores Tomorrow, No Three Stories, Tax Payers for Responsible Land Use, La Jollans for Neighborhood Preservation or Save La Jolla. The true purpose of their innocent community-sounding petitions is to delay, add substantial costs to the applicant’s approved project and obtain fees and expense awards for Hamilton. Your reporter fails to report that the commonality of these surreptitious groups is that they are formed by the same cast of association characters.

Through his own greed, they will enlist one of the licensed architects with the association to act as a professional witness or to create distorted, unattractive project renderings to be used at public meetings (for an illustration, see video at youtube.com/watch?v=Uqbrch1IVxI). Their relationship is so intertwined that Hamilton represented an architect and the president of the association in a character witness front in the San Diego City Council. He allegedly presented false and misleading information regarding a project he was hired to oppose while the project was under review by the association (illustration: see video at youtube.com/watch?v=O8ElEkOw8qs). Their group Save La Jolla consists of two association trustees. They filed a lawsuit to prevent the remodeling and expansion to their next-door neighbor’s oceanfront deck. Although the deck was built, it has been reported that Hamilton was awarded fees and expenses for unrelated reasons.

Then there is La Jolla Shores Tomorrow, a group consisting of several association trustees who have filed a lawsuit against the Whitney Mixed Use project. In this case, these two association trustees, bulk and scale, and the cumulative effect on neighborhood character. The seven-year-long process, however, has disclosed the group’s real intent to preserve the three-story home overlooking the Whitneys’ single-story home! Another association trustee led the group La Jollans for Neighborhood Preservation. On appeal to the California Court of Appeals, its goal was to prevent the rebuilding of a multimillion dollar home in his neighborhood merely because he claimed the new oceanview home would be used as a second home.

As a service to our community and in the spirit of fairness, perhaps Schwab should report all the names of both the plaintiffs and defendants, including the names of association trustees that are fellow members of Hamilton’s clandestine groups.

Bob Whitney
Holly has been a symbol of winter and the holiday season for thousands of years, but it is a plant that can be enjoyed in the garden year-round, since it has attractive evergreen leaves, tiny white flowers in the spring and, of course, brilliant red berries in the winter. The berries not only add a festive touch to the winter garden but also attract many different types of small birds, which enjoy eating them.

There are literally hundreds of varieties of holly (Ilex), and quite a few do very well in Southern California gardens. Most varieties require having a male holly plant as the pollinator and a female plant to produce berries. Other types will produce berries without pollination, and these are a good choice for smaller gardens or container planting.

Varieties of holly in Southern California include Chinese holly (Ilex cornuta), English holly (Ilex aquifolium) and American holly (Ilex opaca). While not a true Ilex, Toyon, or California holly, is a native plant that also produces masses of red berries in the winter. Check with your local nursery or landscape expert to choose a variety of holly that will work best in your garden, since there are so many different types to choose from. Make sure you consider if the holly will need a pollinator, if you want berries and what size will work best for you. Some hollies can grow to 10 to 15 feet high or taller, while others come in smaller, dwarf sizes.

Easy to grow, holly is drought-tolerant once it is established.

LINDA MARRONE

Enjoy the holiday season!

Linda is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker in La Jolla. Take a tour of her garden at LindaMarrone.com.

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It might be Christmas, but holly holds up year-round

By LINDA MARRONE

PHOTOS BY MIKE MCCARTHY

MEMORIES

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chimney this Christmas of 1940. My 12-year-old brain had reluctantly concluded that Santa was really my daddy. As I let go of the sleigh, the reindeer and the chimney, I was quite willing to leave the visions of sugar plums to younger children and take comfort in my daddy’s year-round love. Besides, the feelings of anticipation and excitement were still there.

That year, I could not stop wishing for a new bicycle. Oh, how I longed to sit astride a grand grown-up bike and explore my Midwest small-town neighborhood. I would ride to the city park, I could almost feel the wind in my face. It was almost as much fun as the real thing, I told myself, for it was unlikely that I would receive anything so grand.

Christmas giving in the parsonage was always modest. There was far too little salary and far too much activity in the church next door to focus on presents. There was always time, however, for a small family Christmas, and this year my grandparents joined us: mother, father and brother Bob.

Grandma was always jolly and fun, but grandpa always seemed to be unreachable. He had the stiff upper lip of a second-generation Englishman: proper bearing, proper moustache and very handsome.

My first gift was a genuine Shirley Temple doll, with an array of beautiful clothes made by mother. Then, much to my surprise, my father brought in a small table and chairs, handmade in his basement workshop. I could have

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Ordinarily, these camellias could have been right out of a Nativty scene. As it is, they were among those in attendance at the La Jolla Christmas Parade and Holiday Festival, held in the Village Dec. 6.

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dreams of any more gifts.

While I was busy trying to get Shirley’s legs to bend so she could sit at my new table, I was too busy to notice that grandpa was not there. When someone told me to look up, there he was standing next to the impossible dream: the most beautiful bike in the world! I was filled with unfettered, immeasurable joy! It was too much for one girl, and tears came spilling out as I rested my head on the handlebars and sobbed. I was too excited to see that grandpa was crying, too.

Many years later, I found out that the bike was not a new one. How wonderful that grandpa knew I would never notice a few dents and scratches. He gave me his heart. How could he know that precious memory of 1940 still makes me cry!

Bert Salonen

In Finland, kids don’t have to wait until Christmas day to open their presents. As was the tradition in my childhood, and still is, the tree was brought in on Christmas eve. It was decorated while listening to Christmas music on radio or played by Gramophone. I probably did not pay much attention. Next on the program was the festive dinner. After dishes were cleared, the family gathered by the tree.

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