WATCH OUT FOR THAT WATER HAZARD

The North Course at Torrey Pines Golf Course has reopened after a comprehensive nine-month, $12.6 million renovation. Among the changes, the front and back nines were reversed, allowing golfers spectacular ocean and canyon views as they finish their rounds. Above, golfers will have a hard time concentrating on just the green at the No. 15 hole. See page 6 to learn how they did it.

PHOTO BY TORREY PINES GOLF COURSE

‘Whew!’ Avenida de la Playa fixes finished for now

By DAVE SCHWAB

Work to repair damaged storm drain improvements on Avenida de la Playa is done until next year.

Senior city construction engineer Stephen Lindsay said work west of El Paseo Grande to remove a bio-filter clean box and reconnect 72-inch storm drain pipe is finished for 2016. “After the new year, we’ll finish the curbs, gutters and sidewalks and make it all nice,” Lindsay said. “Then we’ll go down to the outfall structure storm drain culvert at the beach that will be replaced.”

Lindsay said completing work on El Paseo Grande will likely take three or four weeks, adding work on the beach outfall structure is anticipated to take about five months, with completion by the start of the summer work moratorium beginning Memorial Day.

There will be some disruption to local business off and on during construction in 2017, with Lindsay expecting “minimal impact to the community.”

The city’s Avenida de la Playa project to replace parts of the storm drain system is more than a year behind schedule and well

The future of San Diego healthcare is here

Jacobs Medical Center opens on UCSD’s East Campus

By BLAKE BUNCH

On Sunday, Nov. 20, UCSD Health opened the doors to the $943 million Jacobs Medical Center. The new 245-bed facility represents a future wave of healthcare for the area, boasting iPads as room controls, floor-length windows and various technological amenities to enhance a patient’s care. While many San Diegans question the direct need for such a large-capacity healthcare facility, Dr. David Brenner, vice chancellor for health services and dean of the School of Medicine at UCSD, finds that by 2030 most will be singing a different tune.

The project, which has roughly taken a decade or so to come to fruition from the idea stage to completed construction, will suit specified needs of San Diegans for years to come.

“It was always a long-term goal of ours to build a healthcare facility that was contiguous with the rest of UCSD’s School of Medicine,” said Brenner. “Now that this project has come to completion, this world-class hospital and research center have brought our educational and healthcare system ahead of the curve.”

By DAVE SCHWAB

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The Jacobs Medical Center is located at 310 Medical Center Drive.
La Valencia Hotel was never intended to exist simply as a structure. Instead, it serves a much greater function—a symbol of the artistic spirit and progressive attitudes of those who frequent the classic Spanish-style edifice. Lavish, yet refined, with an underlying sense of bohemia and collective purpose, the “First Lady of La Jolla” turns 90 this December. In the spirit of the Roaring Twenties (the hotel’s “golden era”), they will be holding a Gatsby Gala on Dec. 15 to celebrate the occasion.

While natives surely mourn the loss of their beloved Whaling Bar, La Valencia, like La Jolla itself, has transitioned gracefully into the times in which it exists. The sheer beauty and steadfast character of the establishment, approaching the better end of a century, remains a constant in the heart of any La Jollan.

‘Humble’ beginnings

La Valencia opened for business on Dec. 15, 1926, originally as Los Apartamentos de Sevilla. This name was seldom used, however, and was designed to blend finer elements of various styles with Spanish architecture. The chief architect, Reginald Johnson, was a La Jollan esteemed for his knowledge of classic Spanish architecture. Though the idea to build this now-iconic hotel was initially unstable at best, the original owners, MacArthur Gorton and Roy B. Wiltsie, managed to secure funding of around $200,000 for its construction.

During the height of the Jazz Age, the grand opening of the apartment-hotel was an opulent affair. With his connections in Hollywood, Gorton understood the necessity of the budding hamlet’s endorsement of his seaside retreat in La Jolla. Though in close proximity to the City of Angels, it was far enough removed to serve as a de facto getaway for some of the finest actors and actresses known to man.

The hotel was formally renamed La Valencia two years later, on Dec. 29, 1928. Original architect, William Templeton Johnson, designed and constructed an edition that included the present-day lounge and overhead domiciles. The hotel began to host movie stars, heads of state, international men and women of influence, and just plain guests. Originally complete with 21 apartments and 12 single rooms, a tea room, and banquet hall, the “Pink Lady” was tailored to the charismatic and creative set.

In the late 1930s, La Valencia opened the doors to La Cita, a two-room restaurant complete with “pewter candleholders, antique wooden shutters, and carved ivory scrimshaw.” The original concept had been to maintain a rotating series of paintings in tempera, of which they would be replaced every 45 days or so. This assured that resident artist Wing Howard was permanently employed, and supplanting with cocktails, of course.

The war effort

With its close proximity to the naval bases of San Diego, during WWII, all walks of life would trade two-hour shifts to scan the horizon for enemy ships or planes. The hotel became home to countless young officers. OLP graduates are the proven innovators and leaders of tomorrow. OLP’s curriculum, values and culture shape young women who are exceptionally well-prepared for the next phase of their journey.
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Dean of School of Medicine at UCSD

Women and Infants, the Pauline and Stanley Foster Pavilion for Cancer and the A. Vassiliadis Family Pavilion for Advanced Surgery. Similar to Jacobs’ case, all of the wards are also named after philanthropists.

Brenner touts these three separate pavilions for their specialized care.

“The top floor (Rady Pavilion) will serve women and infants in high-risk pregnancy situations,” said Dr. Brenner. “Directly underneath, and for the first time in the history of San Diego, cancer patients are able to walk about the ward.”

These patients are presented this tremendous ability due to the fact that the entire Foster Pavilion is pressurized to suit those undergoing chemotherapy. The Vassiliadis Pavilion is one of the greatest achievements for the facility, and is where neurosurgery, organ transplants, advanced imaging and other specialized surgery will take place.

It must be noted that all 245 rooms are equipped with “knowledge edges,” which allow patients to control the comfort of their own room, as well as procure information regarding their current conditions.

“One thing most people tend to overlook, is that our older hospitals will be deemed unsuitable relatively soon,” said Dr. Brenner. “With the Jacobs Medical Center, we can provide exclusive care for all San Diegans.”

The facility is now open, and has generally received outstanding reviews from those who have occupied its new wards. Though some remain shortsighted, this overall advancement in medicine is arguably beneficial for all residents of America’s Finest City.
La Jolla MAD ratified, yet in bad timing

By DAVE SCHWAB

Now that La Jolla has voted for a Maintenance Assessment District (MAD), questions remain as to whom will pay for public improvements, when it will start, how will it be administered and what will — or should — it do?

Recently, a little more than half of the approximately 1,300 parcels within the Village voted on the proposed MAD spearheaded by non-profit, Enhance La Jolla. The vote was fifty-six percent "yes" and forty-four percent "no" for forming the district. Eighty-five percent supported local control with Enhance La Jolla running it, versus the fifteen percent who wanted the city to pilot the new district.

"The Village of La Jolla now joins over sixty other MAD’s in San Diego which lobbied to take greater control of their community environment and experience," said Mark DiBella, Enhance La Jolla spokesman.

DiBella however noted, due to timing, that “assessment fees cannot be collected until January 2018 and the fees will be solely committed to Village (district) maintenance to include sidewalk cleaning, graffiti, weed abatement and extra trash pick-up.

Of equal importance, noted DiBella, is that Enhance La Jolla, which "administer and experience," said Mark DiBella, Enhance La Jolla spokesman.

"I think this will be a terrific addition to the Village." — ANNE PARDO DYNES

La Jolla Parks and Beaches member

UCSD campus and health care workers go on strike

More than 200 UC San Diego campus and health system employees took to the picket lines Nov. 18 over alleged labor violations.

UCSD skilled trades workers represented by Teamsters Local 2010, such as campus and hospital electrical, mechanics and facilities workers, began the 24-hour strike one day after several hundred of their counterparts at UCLA took similar actions.

Groups of striking employees picketed at three locations on campus and blocked deliveries and access to construction sites. They said they are paid well below the prevailing wage and want a 25 percent pay hike over four years.

UCSD said when the workers joined the Teamsters, management quickly moved to open negotiations.

King of Spain knits UCSD alumni

Walter A. Clark, a professor of music history at UC Riverside, was recently the recipient of a knighthood by King Felipe VI of Spain. Clark, whose title will officially be Comendador de la Orden de Isabel la Catolica, studied classical guitar with Pepe Romero, at UCSD, where he earned his MA in 1984 before pursuing a doctorate at UCLA.

Salk Institute awarded $25M grant

The Salk Institute for Biological Studies has received a $25 million grant — a renewal of the largest research gift in the Institute’s 56-year history — that will be used to continue exploring an ambitious range of projects aimed at understanding the role chronic inflammation plays in driving human disease.

The grant from The Leona M. and Harry B. Helmsley Charitable Trust extends the historic $42 million Helmsley gift made to the Salk Institute in 2013.

That gift established the Helmsley Center for Genomic Medicine, which enables Salk’s leading scientists to delve into the genetic underpinnings of some of humankind’s most devastating afflictions, and paves the way to new therapies for chronic illnesses, including cancer, diabetes, inflammatory bowel disease and Alzheimer’s disease.

Wine and Cheese Night: LJ Crafted Wines

Jenny Edwards and Lowell Jost present five pairings of American artisan cheese and locally produced Napa wines in Bird Rock. Wine and cheese will be available for purchase after the event on Dec. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Amazon @ UCSD

This past Nov. 18, UCSD students, faculty, and staff caught a glimpse inside Amazon @ UCSD, Amazon’s newest pick-up location. The new store was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Amazon and UCSD administration. Also, attendees learned how to pick-up and return order’s using Amazon’s new locker system.

11 Critical Home Inspections traps to be aware of before listing your home sale

SAN DIEGO. According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an older home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. To help home sellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled “11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection” has been compiled which explains the issues involved. To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call toll-free 1-800-276-0763 and enter 1003. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report TODAY to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn’t cost you the sale of your home.

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To repay loans, groups sell products at the MBMA Craft Fair held December 6th- 8th. The return on investments are lessons learned and fun along the way.

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As a thank you for your visit, MBMA will host a "Dolphin Snack" for our families in the school cafeteria from 3:30 to 5:00.
North Course at Torrey Pines reopens with scenic holes after $12.6 million renovation

Following a comprehensive nine-month, $12.6 million renovation, the North Course at Torrey Pines Golf Course has reopened to an eagerly awaiting golfing public.

Originally designed by William E. Bell and opened in 1957, the renovated North Course now stands to rival the popularity of the world famous South Course, host of the U.S. Open in 2008 and in 2021. The North and South courses, owned and maintained by the City, are both public courses, and the North averages approximately $2,000 rounds of play per year.

“We are excited to re-open the North Course to the global golf community,” said Herman Parker, director of play per year.

Course architect and golfing great Tom Weiskopf visited Torrey Pines this week to officially unveil the renovated North Course, a project that holds a special place in his golf career and design portfolio. His first career win came at Torrey Pines at the 1968 Andy Williams-San Diego Open, predecessor to the current Farmers Insurance Open played every January at Torrey Pines.

“It’s really special,” Weiskopf said. “And to work on a piece of property that amazing doesn’t happen very often. The sheer beauty of the place always captivates me. Now people can look forward to playing 36 incredible holes at Torrey Pines by playing the North and the South.”

While the North Course maintains a similar feel to its original design, there were some significant changes. The number of bunkers has been reduced from 59 to 41, and the average green size increased from 4,500 square feet to 6,400. All 18 greens were completely reconstructed to USGA standards, with the existing poa annua grass replaced with 100 percent bent grass—a Type 907 blend. The front and back nines were also reversed, allowing golfers spectacular ocean and canyon views as they finish their rounds.

“Switching the nines is very significant because the back nine is so iconic with its incredible views,” Weiskopf said. “The larger greens allow for more pin placements and more variety, and we’ve taken out bunkers but kept others that are strategically placed.”

Weiskopf’s renovations have successfully struck a balance between providing ample challenge for professional and scratch golfers and keeping the course playable for amateurs and casual golfers of all abilities. The North Course now features five sets of tees, allowing it to play as long as 7,258 yards or as short as 5,197. In total, the North has been lengthened nearly 200 yards from the tips.

“I tried to bring the North Course into the 21st century,” Weiskopf said. “It was built in the 1950s, and nothing of significance had ever been done to it. Everything we did in the redesign was to bring it up to current standards. It’s now a top-of-the-line golf course.”

Weiskopf Design Group has completed 60 golf course design projects since 1985. Among those are five that have been included in Golf Magazine’s list of the top 100 courses in the world – Troon Golf and Country Club (Scottsdale, Ariz.); Forest Highlands Golf Club, the Canyon Course (Flagstaff, Ariz.); Troon North Golf Club, the Monument (Scottsdale, Ariz.); Loch Lomond Golf Club (Scotland) and Double Eagle Club (Galena, Ohio). Weiskopf was named Golf Architect of the Year by Golf World magazine in 1996.

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Parks and Beaches checks out new Cove Pavilion plans

By DAVE SCHWAB

In November La Jolla Parks and Beaches Inc. approved conceptual schematic design for the La Jolla Cove Pavilion project, as well as sanctioning a concept plan for Black’s Lookout.

The La Jolla Cove Pavilion is a long-term project to replace outdated and deteriorating restroom facilities with an attractive, sustainable pavilion honoring the beauty of the Cove and Scripps Park.

Bill Magnuson of the La Jolla architectural firm of Mosher Drew, gave a slideshow presentation detailing plans for Cove shower-restroom improvements, the preliminary design of which was performed by Safdie Rabines Architects of La Jolla.

The architect used a metaphor to characterize the planned restroom/shower facility’s schematic design, which is now 30 percent complete. “The roof is to be like a leaf gently settling into the forest in the trees amongst the park,” Magnuson said. “It’s actually two separate buildings with a butterfly roof, which is an open-truss type structure hovering above it (restroom showers).”

Magnuson said Mosher Drew has refined Safdie Rabines’ original design making minor changes, including creating more enclosed dumpster space and making the exterior of the buildings a sandstone color “like bluffs in La Jolla.” He added the roof will allow rainwater drainage into gutters, as well as having transparent plastic to protect the interiors of the buildings.

There are also a couple of “options” built into Mosher Drew’s schematic plans, which Magnuson said could involve a “blue motif on the back wall, and/or introduction of clear or opaque panels.”

La Jolla Parks and Beaches (LJPB) board member Dr. Jane Reldan expressed concern about plans to remove mature trees around the new pavilion noting replanting them will “be a long time with no shade on the north side of these buildings.”

“Why not leave the trees there?” asked board member Cindy Greatrex, who pointed out replacement trees will be much smaller and take a long time to grow.

City engineers answered that they’ve been told that existing trees “might not be able to survive all the construction.” Magnuson noted that “substantial” trees in planters are proposed for the new development. “Isn’t the smooth concrete upper part of the building just waiting for graffiti?” queried board member Phyllis Minick. Magnuson answered there are building treatments that can be done to building exteriors to make them easier to paint over.

“This design fits utilitarian, plain,” noted board member John Shannon. “People who come to La Jolla are in awe of the beauty. They’re shocked when they look at our restroom facility now. This would seem like an opportunity to tell a story in some way, by doing something with the stone or cobble work.”

Board member Melinda Merryweather agreed. “To me this building has the feeling of a 1950s elementary school,” she said. “I’d love to have cobblestones going up the wall on the bottom. The park is so beautiful. The buildings seem so cold. I wish we could warm it up.”

LJPB board voted 14-2 to approve conceptual design plans with city officials pledging to return with more detailed plans later for final review.

Board member Patrick Ahern introduced a proposal to improve the Black’s Lookout used by surfers at 9078 La Jolla Shores Lane.

“The lookout is dirty and old and it’s a mess, and the fence up there is now falling,” said Ahern. “What we’d like to do is beautiful it, not make it a place for people to hang out, just enhance the open space that already exists. The game plan would be to create a new view fence, so we have a nice lookout.”

Merryweather noted a trash can and a bench would be appropriate for the lookout, and asked that those two items be included in a motion to conceptually approve Ahern’s lookout plan.

The group voted, with chair Dan Allen casting a tie-making vote, denying the amendment. The group then voted 14-3 in favor of the look-out’s preliminary conceptual design.

Safdie Rabines Architects rendering of the plans for the new shower-restroom improvements at the Cove.
Little Mensches and SD Coastkeeper volunteer to clean up the Shores

By BLAKE BUNCH

On Sunday, Nov. 20, children from the La Jolla Jewish Community Center’s Little Mensches program teamed up with San Diego Coastkeeper to clean up the beach at La Jolla Shores.

The combination of a picturesque day, surf competition, and hundreds of other kids at the beach did not slow this group down one iota. These children volunteered to sacrifice the better part of their Sunday, unencumbered by the surrounding festivities, indeed setting a prime example for all who reap the benefits of the Pacific Ocean.

While one may not envision heaps of plastic debris or other trash strewn about the pristine beaches of La Jolla, the Little Mensches, under the direction of SD Coastkeeper representative Kristin Kuhn, procured quite the haul at their beach cleanup.

“Typically, most of these beach cleanups I have been involved in are a few hours long,” said Chairperson of the Little Mensches program, Jessica Fink. “While the kids will only be out here for an hour, it entails much more than simply keeping a beach clean. This instills a sense of pride and ownership in their community, as well as educates them on how to protect their waters for future generations.”

Roughly 30-plus children participated in the event, pacing the shores with trash-claws and bags, enthusiastically collecting trash as though it were sunken treasure.

The Little Mensches did not simply arrive, pick up trash, then ask for some ice cream on the drive home. They remained attentive while Kuhn explained how water pollution affects their waters, exhibits plastic bits all discovered in the stomach of one poor fish, and encourages them to take care of what they seemingly understand as necessary.

“You know, it’s one thing to organize these cleanups throughout all of the wonderful beaches that San Diego has to offer,” says Kuhn. “While that is a large part of what we SD Coastkeepers organize, I find the educational arm provides a greater lasting impact. These kids really care and it shows.”

According to Kuhn, SD Coastkeepers organize monthly cleanups, sponsored cleanups, and “beach cleanups in a box.” The latter ensures that if one cannot make it to a cleanup, they are still able to do their part. In this case, SD Coastkeepers provide all the necessary tools for roughly twenty-five people to execute a beach cleanup. This “do it yourself” option is ideal for “non-profits, community centers, churches, family reunions, university service organizations, and other small groups looking to give back to the community.”

In total, the Little Mensches collected 52.5 pounds of debris off of the beach. That’s rather impressive for a group of children between the ages of 4 and 8. The items were then recycled in accordance with state regulations.

ANGIE PREISENDORFER, Shores Association president and owner of Rusty Boardhouse at 2170 Avenida de la Playa, characterized the infrastructure failure as “a perfect storm of errors.”

“There was a lot major debris and the water pressure blew out what they (city) had done,” Preisendorfer said.

News of holiday-free construction was greeted like a present under the tree by La Jolla Shores merchants tired of their compact business district being “chewed up” with the Holidays coming on.

“It looks like we are done with construction on Avenida until January, Whew!” said Terry Kraszewski, owner of Ocean Girl Surf boutique at 2162 Avenida de la Playa.

“We are hoping for help from Barbara Bry, our new Council rep, when she takes office, and are excited to have a receptive and interested representative as we begin to pursue new projects,” said Kraszewski.

Kraszewski added Ocean Girl has “lots of new stock for holiday gift-giving.”

“Yes, fences and barricades were lifted and the orange cones and yellow earth movers have disappeared,” exclaimed Isabelle (Izzy) Tihanyi, CEO/co-owner of Surf Diva Inc., women’s surf school and boutique at 2160 Avenida de la Playa.

“The Shores beach businesses are open and ready for local holiday shopping.”

Tihanyi implored shoppers to “avoid the malls and support your local and family owned boutiques and shops.” She said Surf Diva will be featuring steep discounts on surfboards, gift items and free gift wrapping, “so you have time to hit the beach while our adorable elves handle packing up your gifts.”

A limited-edition gift card collection in celebration of Surf Diva’s 20th anniversary was released recently with artwork inspired and approved by the Surf Divas themselves. Izzy and twin sister Coco will also be honored this year as Sports Marshals at the La Jolla Christmas Parade.

“It’s very meaningful to us and all of our staff that the La Jolla community recognizes our efforts towards sharing the sport and spirit of surfing for all,” Izzy said.

THOUGH Shores businesses were negatively impacted by storm drain construction, only a couple have left. Which is encouraging, said Preisendorfer, who stressed her greatest fear is “our image.”

“It’s the mind set,” she said. “We want people to know there are places to park and it’s beautiful here. Our beach gets three million visitors a year, and we want them to be happy to buy a T-shirt and a hamburger.”

Preisendorfer said the Shores Association is looking forward to working with Council member Bry to create “our own banner district having some signage.”

Though a small district, Shores businesses number about 150, Preisendorfer said.
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Ten best-dressed awarded at gala

The Ten Best Dressed Awards was a Black Tie Gala held in Balboa Park on Nov. 17. This is the ninth annual year for this red carpet event, which was presented by Leonard Simpson and The San Diego Civic Youth Ballet. Chairs included Darlene Davies and La Jollans Don Breitenberg, Jeanne Jones, Kristi Pieper, Phyllis Parrish, John Parrish and Cristull Hasson. Honorary chair was Ruth Mulvaney for lifetime in philanthropy.

The theme for this theatrical awards show was “En Pointe At The Prado.” The evening began with cocktails and a silent auction, then moved to the Prado Ballroom for a formal dinner with cuisine by published author Jeanne Jones.

A fabulous live auction was held, which included two tickets to the Emmy’s. The San Diego Civic Youth Ballet entertained the audience as they dined. The event was co-hosted by celebrities Kelly Emberg, Lisa Stahl Sullivan, Veteran Couture, elegantly dressed by Lisseth Corrao, and show-stopping designs by Puey Quinones.

The evening ended with the awards ceremony presented by Brittany Noelie of Fashion LemonAid. Many of the honorees were from La Jolla: Lorna York, Cristull Hasson, Dottie Stanley, Dr. Scott Miller, Edward Mracek and David Stanley.

Additional best-dressed awards for women went to Arlene Esgate, Kathryn Vaughn, Esq., Ofelia Alksne, Darlene Davies, Charo Garcia-Guerra, Angela Krasner, Randi Hosking, Ellen Kardadian, Maureen King and Lisa Stahl Sullivan.

The best-dressed male awards went to Richard Esgate, Charles King, Donald Vaughn, Esq., Mark Krasner, Paul Marshall, Brad Benter, Jathan Segur, Alexander Salazar and Rod Alan Baker. Lifetime achievement awards went to La Jollans Don Breitenberg, Jeanne Jones, Jacqueline Foster, Dr. Manoj Motwani and Tom Truman.

This year the recipient for this Gala was the San Diego Civic Youth Ballet. They have been in San Diego for 76 years, and produce three major productions each year. In addition, they offer the “Ballerina Buddies,” pro-

Veteran Couture by Carolina Hernandez.

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LA JOLLA TODAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016
Gatsby Gala on Dec. 15

Celebrate the nine-decade love affair between the iconic La Valencia Hotel and its jewel-like city by the sea on Dec. 15 at the Gatsby Gala, a 90th birthday celebration, which is also a charity celebration to benefit La Jolla Historical Society.

The luxurious Roaring Twenties-themed event will feature live music and dancing, Prohibition cocktails, and master of the “hard-boiled” detective novel, Raymond Chandler, could also be found haunting the bar—sipping a scotch, or four. Chandler would eventually utilize the hotel as backdrops for his works. In his 1958 novel “Playback,” it has been said that “remember when” is the lowest form of conversation. In La Valencia’s case, however, this embodies the tight-knit community of La Jolla, which has almost spanned a century and remained a fixture of this bejeweled area of the country.

Though flat-screen televisions and trendy décor grace the wonderfully constructed gem, with the right freeze one can reminisce about the personalities that proceeded them. Always welcoming, full of class, and extraordinarily unique, La Valencia has secured its place in the spirit of La Jolla.
**Holiday Calendar**

**Thurs., Dec. 1**
**OB Tree Decorating**
Ocean Beach Christmas tree decorating starts at 9 a.m.

**OB Holiday Auction**
The Ocean Beach Holiday Auction 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Sunshine Company. (To donate, email info@obtowncouncil.org)

**OB Storefront Decorating**
The Ocean Beach storefront decorating contest (facebook.com/OBMA92107).

**Window Decorating Contest**
Discover Pacific Beach will have a Window Decorating Contest and the theme of this year’s holiday parade is From Sea to Shining Sea to celebrate the different ways cultures and communities celebrate the holidays. Discover PB will judge the entrants and the winner will be featured in the Beach & Bay Press. Have your window decorated by Dec. 2, they will be judged by Dec. 9.

**Friday, Dec. 2**
**Friday Night Liberty**
Experience everything Liberty Station’s Arts District has to offer as artists and tenants take a creative approach to gift giving through a Friday Night Liberty December themed Holiday Gifts with a Creative Twist from 5 to 9 p.m. Mingle with the artists in the open-air promenade and shop for uniquely crafted handmade gifts from local craftsmen.

The Santaland Diaries
Different Stages, in association with the OB Playhouse, presents two yuletide shows “Season’s Greetings,” put a satirical spin on and depiction of holiday magic at Ocean Beach Playhouse, 4944 Newport Ave. Jerry Pilato directs. Ongoing from Dec. 2 until Dec. 18. Sundays 3 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 3
**OB Craft Fair**
Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Newport and Abbott in Ocean Beach.

**OB Holiday Parade**
The 37th annual Ocean Beach Holiday Parade starts down Newport Avenue at 5:05 p.m. Lighting of tree will begin the parade.

**Christmas on Crystal Pier**
Christmas on Crystal Pier with photos with Santa and the lighting of the Christmas tree at the end of the pier will take place from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**La Jolla Symphony**
The La Jolla Symphony and Chorus presents the second concert of its 62nd season, showcasing two different approaches to the symphony the weekend of Dec. 3-4 in Mandeville Auditorium at UCSD. Concert times are 7:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Parking is free. To purchase tickets, call 858-534-4637 or visit lajollasymphony.org.

**Sunday, Dec. 4**
La Jolla Christmas Parade
The La Jolla Christmas Parade begins at 1:30 p.m. on Girard Avenue. This year’s parade theme is Christmas in the Future. Visit lilparade.com for more information.

**La Jolla Holiday Festival**
The La Jolla Holiday Festival will take place 2 to 5 p.m. at the Rec Center on Prospect Street.

**Wed., Dec. 5**
**Good vibes yoga**
Tower 23 and The One Love Movement are working to spread “good vibes” this holiday season through a charity yoga event overlooking the ocean with renowned yogi Erin Sanders 5 p.m. The One Love Movement is a nonprofit that raises funds to support local San Diego children as well as underprivileged youth in India. Reserve your space at www.t23hotel.com.

**Wed., Dec. 7**
**Wine & Cheese night**
Foodies are invited to sip, graze and mingle at a festive showcase of wine and cheese pairings at 9 p.m. featuring artisan purveyors Jenny Eastwood (Smallgoods Cheese & Provisions) and Lowell Jost (LJ Crafted Wines) from 7 to 9 p.m. at Congregational Church of La Jolla, 1216 Cave St. Tickets at lajollasymphony.org.

**Friday, Dec. 9**
**Peninsula Singers concert**
“A Celebration of British Carols and Songs” with selections from the Messiah, will be presented by Peninsula Singers at 7 p.m. at All Souls Episcopal Church, 1475 Catalina Blvd. For information or to purchase tickets, visit peninsulaingerssandiego.org.

Saturday, Dec. 10
**PB Holiday Parade**
Pacific Beach Holiday Parade will take place at 1 p.m. downtown Garnet Avenue. This year’s theme is From Sea to Shining Sea to celebrate various cultures and communities throughout the country and world. With community floats, local school bands and Santa wrapping up the parade, join in the family-run event to rejoice the holidays.

**Santa Run**
The San Diego Santa Run consists of a series of runs that will take place 10 a.m. on Garnet Avenue featuring a 5K fun run and 1 mile run waves that include run with your dog, kids run, and a competitive wave. Come out in your fitness (or ugliest) Christmas attire as you take part in this one-of-a-kind holiday experience. Visit sandiegosantanatur.com for information.

**Mission Bay Parade of Lights**
The Mission Bay Christmas Boat Parade of Lights begins at 6 p.m., followed by a fireworks show at 9 p.m. above SeaWorld. Best viewing is from Crown Point, the east side of Vacation Island or the west side of Fiesta Island. More information at mbyc.org.

**Holiday Block Party**
The halls will be decked with boughs of holly to ring in Liberty Station’s second annual Holiday Block Party, taking offer 4 to 7 p.m. Fill your belly with holiday cheer as the neighborhood’s unique eateries and artist studios pull out all the stops for Santa’s sleigh.

**OB Craft Fair**
Craft Fair 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Newport and Abbott in Ocean Beach.

**Sunday, Dec. 11**
**“Messiah” Community Sing**
La Jolla Symphony & Chorus’s annual Christmas “Messiah” Community Sing will be held on 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 6628 Santa Isabel St. Choral director David Chase leads audience members in the Christmas portion of Handel’s “Messiah” with help from the 90-voice La Jolla Symphony Chorus, soloists, organist, and La Jolla Symphony chamber orchestra.

**San Diego Bay Parade of Lights**
More than 100 private boats will be decked out with holiday lights for a festive night on the water. This year celebrates the San Diego Zoo’s centennial anniversary with the theme, It Began with a Roar. Visit sanmarinedeckoflights.org for information.

**Monday, Dec. 12**
**Home decorating contest**
Ocean Beach Holiday Homes Decorating contest (for information, call 619-316-3403).

**Tuesday, Dec. 13**
**Food and Toy Drive**
Food and Toy Drive at Masonic Hall, 1711 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. 5 to 9 p.m. from Dec. 13-18. Volunteer and bring a donation.

**Wed., Dec. 14**
**Annual Holiday Show**
San Diego Chorus is having its Annual Holiday Show, featuring festive holiday music, yummy treats, and a great silent auction 6:15 to 9 p.m. at Portuguese Hall, 2818 Avenida de Portugal.
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From my garden: Living holiday ornaments

By LINDA MARRONE

Since I have Tillandsias (air plants) and Spanish moss growing and continually multiplying in my garden, I decided to use them to make hanging terrarium-style Christmas ornaments this year. These living ornaments make great holiday gifts and look equally beautiful hanging from a Christmas tree, outdoors on tree branches or in a window.

What you need to begin your project are glass ornaments that are specially made for displaying items and plants, such as small Tillandsias and succulents. There are many different sizes and shapes you can find online that are suitable to use for these hanging terrarium ornaments. Then use moss and decorative items to complement the plants, choosing colors, shapes and textures to suit a particular style or décor.

Here's what you will need:

1. 4.5-6-inch glass hanging plant terrariums;
2. Moss (reindeer, Spanish, or green);
3. Stones and or seashells;
4. Curling willow branches;
5. Ribbon, twine or raffia for hanging;
6. Tillandsias, or succulent plants.

Tillandsias come in a multitude of shapes and colors and most will produce colorful flowers. They need more water than succulent plants, so before you create your ornament, soak the Tillandsias in water to cover for about half and hour and then shake them gently and dry on a paper towel. Make sure the plants are dry to the touch before you insert them in the ornament. When the holiday season is over, you can move your plants out of the glass ornaments and place them outdoors in your garden or keep them in their terrarium.

If you choose to keep your Tillandsias in the ornaments after the holiday, make sure they get watered at least once a week. The Tillandsias I have growing on tree limbs and tree trunks in my garden get sprayed down with a hose at least once a week, or more when we have hot dry Santa Ana weather. If you keep your air plants in the terrarium, you will need to remove them and soak or spray them with water before placing them back in the ornament. If your air plant is flowering, try to keep the flower dry so that it will last longer. Typically, a Tillandsia flower will last about 3 weeks.

Even though they grow without soil, Tillandsias need nutrients and I spray mine about once or every other month with a fertilizer called “Epiphyte’s Delight” that I use half strength and mix in a spray bottle. Any water soluble fertilizer without urea will also work.

For a terrarium-style ornament using succulents, you need to make sure the roots of the plant have a medium to grow in, such as small gravel or sand. Occasionally, a few drops of water from an eyedropper will help the succulents stay watered after their planting medium dries out. Both the Tillandsia and succulent terrariums prefer to be in bright, but not direct sunlight, so an area that is exposed to morning or late afternoon sun works better then where it will receive intense mid-day sunlight. Enjoy the holidays!
There is little that can prove more satisfying to a surfer post-session than a great slice and high-quality brew. What is one to do when options near their favorite break are limited, however? As a result of this dilemma, La Jolla native Ted Cochrane has been hard at work over the past three years to open the highly anticipated Wheat and Water in Bird Rock.

The location has historically been the home to a number of pizzerias and other Italian offshoots. Formerly 115's Pizza, Bird Rock Pizza, and Beliarome's, it was only natural for Cochrane to secure this location for Wheat and Water. Despite some red tape regarding commercial zoning laws, as well as an extensive overhaul on the building itself, Cochrane remains optimistic regarding his first foray as a restauranteur.

"The past few years have taken a great deal of hard work and perseverance on our end," says Cochrane, who, along with business partner, Doug Ritz have done an impressive job on the exterior and interior structural changes.

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University City updates: Tree lighting Dec. 9, Little League signups open

By JEMMA SAMALA

Light Up the Neighborhood: Since 2002, University City lights up the neighborhood at the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, and this year it will be on Friday, Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. at Standley Park Recreation Center, located on Governor Drive. Festivities start with a spaghetti dinner hosted by Standley Rec at 5:30 p.m. With a price of $5 for adults, $3.5 for ages six to twelve, and free for children under five years—ah great bargain during the holidays.

Entertainment will be provided by the Standley Middle School Band, and Spreckels Elementary students. Local Fire Rescue Squad 56 will be in attendance and will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for the Marine’s Toys for Tots Foundation’s holiday campaign. There will also be hot cocoa, cookies, crafts, and of course—a visit by Santa. To recognize the Hanukkah celebrations, Menorah candles will be lit, a new tradition started last year.

The 14th annual event is sponsored by the University City Community Association (UCCA). For info: www.universitycitynews.org.

Regents Road Bridge: Bridge or no bridge? Whether or not to build a bridge over Rose Canyon to connect the north and south ends of Regents Road has been a divisive community issue for decades. Issues including environmental protection of Rose Canyon, diversion of traffic from Genesee Avenue, property value concerns, emergency access, and overall change in neighborhood feel have been debated on both sides.

The City of San Diego Council members will be deciding on whether to keep the Regents Road Bridge Project in the community plan on Monday, Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. The estimated cost of the bridge project is $69 million. At the same meeting, the City Council members will also vote on the widening of Genesee to six lanes, from Nobel to the 52 Freeway (est. cost - $48 million), and an alternative plan that includes both the extension to six lanes and a grade separation at Genesee and Governor Drive (est. cost - $60 million).

The City Council meeting location is at City Hall, 12th Floor, 202 C Street. Concerned citizens are encouraged to voice their views with the mayor and city council members. Info at: www.sandiego.gov.

Girl Scouts Transform UC: Completing a community service project, UC’s Girl Scout Troop 4109 helped beautify the UC roads by painting a transformer box on Governor Drive at Ague Street. The beautification project is sponsored by UCCA and funded through a grant from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors. The UCCA has received permission from SDG&E to paint more commercial transformer boxes.

Community artists can submit design ideas to the Beautification Committee, and are asked to contact Merle Langston at mberrigan@san.rr.com or Barbara Gellman at bgellman@yahoo.com. The Beautification Committee will provide the paint and supplies, along with a small stipend. Thanks again to UC Girl Scout Troop 4109 for their service.

Little League Spring Season: Sign-ups are now open for the 2017 University City Little League (UCLL) season. UCLL will be accepting registrations for T-Ball through Juniors divisions. Registration fees range from $80 (T-Ball) to $130 (Minors, Intermediate, Juniors). Cost for the Challenger division is $50. Players are encouraged to register by Dec. 21, as afterwards a $20 late fee will be charged.

UCLL will also be hosting a free Skills Clinic for registered players and document collection on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Canyonside Baseball and Softball Academy, 8620 Production Ave. More info, boundary lines, and forms at: www.ucll.org.

Good Deeds: When UC resident Kathy Niest decided to post a plea on Nextdoor.com for donations towards the San Diego Rescue Mission Children’s Center, she had no idea that there was an avalanche of support coming her way. The idea came to her after a friend who works at the Children’s Center mentioned that the center was in a crisis mode with an overwhelming number of needy and homeless children.

Five days later, among the items donated included: 1,176 diapers, 17 packages of wipes, 77 jackets, 74 pairs of underwear, 131 pairs of socks, plus 4 large grocery bags of shoes. Niest and friend Julie Gish spent over six hours sorting the donations. One good thought brought out the best of neighbors. For info about the San Diego Rescue Mission: www.sdrescue.org.

Theater updates: ‘Hedwig’ in San Diego

By CHARLENE BALDRIDGE

Playing at the Civic Theatre through Dec. 4 under the auspices of Broadway San Diego, the touring production of the 2014 Tony Award-winning rock musical, "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," is touted as way ahead of its time, and indeed it was when produced at New York City’s Jane Street Theater in 1998. Written by John Cameron Mitchell and Stephen Trask, “Hedwig” was produced and directed locally by Cygnet Theatre’s Sean Murray in 2003, at their former Rolando Theatre. It starred Jeremiah Lorena, the brother of Jon Lorena, who wrote the score for San Diego Musical Theatre’s world premiere production of “Miracle on 34th Street: A Live Musical Radio Play,” which is seen through Dec. 23 at the Horton Grand Theatre.

Other Holiday Productions

■ Meanwhile, J. Bernard Calloway holds forth once again at the Old Globe through Dec. 26, playing the title role in “Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas.”

■ At least six productions of “The Nutcracker” abound in December, and other theatrical productions include San Diego Musical Theatre’s “White Christmas,” through Dec. 4 at the Spreckels and also “Miracle on 34th Street,” through Dec. 24 at the Horton Grand Theatre; “A Christmas Carol” at Cygnet Theatre in Old Town through Dec. 24; “A White Christmas Panto” at San Diego Repertory Theatre through Dec. 24; and “The 1940s Radio Hour” at New Village Arts through Dec. 31. And don’t forget, Lamb’s Players presents two annual productions, “An American Christmas,” replete with feasting, at the U.S. Grant Hotel Dec. 14 to 24, and “The Angel’s Arms” by Kerry Meads, at Lamb’s Players Coronado through Dec. 24.

Euan Morton performs as Hedwig in the musical ‘Hedwig and the Angry Inch.’ PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Sing Along Messiah

Led by David Chase, La Jolla Symphony & Chorus presents the annual Christmas Messiah Community Sing at Carlsbad’s St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. They provide the soloists. You may bring, borrow ($5) or buy ($12) a score and sing along. Lajollasymphony.com or 858-534-4637.

Add to these several one-night or one-weekend events, and your Christmas feast is at hand. Afterwards, to be thoroughly steamrolled, you might consider “Mannheim Steamroller Christmas” one night only at the Civic Theatre, Dec. 28.
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Theatre Production Team Laid Off While UCSD Restructures Staff

UC San Diego’s Department of Theatre and Dance has laid off its entire production team of 21 staff members shared with La Jolla Playhouse in a restructuring that has raised concern throughout the San Diego theatre community.

UCSD and the La Jolla Playhouse have developed a new staffing plan that separates staff who previously worked joint shifts for both institutions into separate teams, according to a statement from UCSD. This decision was announced to the staff members following Election Day on Nov. 9.

“While we know any change can be difficult we believe that proposed modifications will ultimately benefit our students and staff, and allow the university to build on the world-class program it offers,” said the statement.

By January the new staffing plan will be fully implemented, with UCSD’s production staff reorganized to be fully dedicated to either UCSD or the La Jolla Playhouse, no longer sharing time with each institution, according to the statement.

University and playhouse officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment on the situation.
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