On-street dining coming to Avenida de la Playa in July

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n June, La Jolla Shores Association once again vetted a proposal by member Phil Wise to open up Avenida de la Playa for on-street dining, only to discover later the City had granted their wish.

“We have something finally coming together,” LJSA president Janie Emerson told La Jolla Traffic & Transportation Committee on June 17. “We are going to close one block of Avenida de la Playa right after the Fourth of July to have on-street dining from Thursday through Sunday in the beginning. We will expand that as needed. We wanted you to know that the street is going to be closed, and to get your approval at your next meeting.”

On June 18, Mayor Kevin Faulconer introduced a new outdoor dining proposal to help the restaurant industry out by making it easier and more affordable for restaurants and small businesses to do business outdoors.

Traffic and Transportation chair Dave Abrams asked Emerson whether or not the Avenida de la Playa outdoor dining proposal was a fait accompli.

“We have the insurance,” replied Emerson. “The fire marshal also needs to come out and walk it with us and take a look at what we’ve done.”

Emerson said the City Council will be asked to sign-off on Faulconer’s street dining proposal on July 7. “So we’ll open the eighth or ninth of July,” she said. “The City will waive the fees, which are about $1,200.”

Added Emerson, “If we were to open before the Fourth, we would be on the hook for the $1,200.”

With the continuing spread of the coronavirus, health officials have advised reducing dining capacity by maintaining at least six feet between tables. Faulconer’s proposal allows restaurants and retail businesses to maximize outdoor space, including parking lots and on-street parking spaces, to make up for lost revenue resulting from reduced indoor capacity.

All eating and drinking establishments, including restaurants, cafes, bars, breweries, and wineries are eligible. Retail establishments including furniture, appliances, pet supplies, apparel, and other convenience sales are also eligible.

The proposal reduces applicant costs for special events by waiving processing fees for applicants to operate in the public rights-of-way until social distancing mandates expire. It waives certain permit requirements and streamlines the review process to allow applicants to close streets and conduct business outdoors faster.

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La Jolla shopping ready for summer

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Sea lion pups on the beach in La Jolla waiting for their mothers to bring back food.

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Sea lion pupping season in La Jolla

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San Diego Community Newspaper Group

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A point Loma Nazarene University economist believes the economy will rebound, though slowly because of the "deep hole we’re digging ourselves out of" from the pandemic lockdown. San Diego Community Newspaper Group held a Q&A with Dr. Lynn Reaser, the chief economist for the Fermanian Business and Economic Institute at PLNU. The institute engages in economic analysis, modeling, and forecasting for corporations, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies. SDNCG: What kind of an economic recovery are we looking at? Long or short? What factors are at play?
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SDNG: Is San Diego going to lag by a certain degree, is it tourist-dependent?
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SDNC: What does San Diego’s economy have working in favor of it? Against it?
Reaser: For: Our diversity, including technology, biotech, and defense. Against: The importance of restaurants, hotels, cruise ships, transportation, especially parts dependent on foreign travel.

SDNCG: Do you anticipate these stricter health regulations will become permanent?
Reaser: After an effective vaccine becomes available, life is likely to look more like our pre-Covid-19 existence than its current mode.

SDNG: Unemployment is at levels not seen since the Great Depression a century ago. Are we looking at double-digit unemployment for a protracted period?
Reaser: Unemployment is likely to fall below double-digits by next year as companies reopen, call back workers, or hire additional employees. Not all of the same jobs will return, but others will be created and new firms will appear. A year from now with a vaccine could also change the economic landscape in a decidedly positive direction.

SDNC: In April, which is likely to mark the economic downturn, could the economy be shut down again? What impact would that have?
Reaser: While the economy might not be legally shut down to the extent as before, people might still prefer to largely “shelter in place,” which could have similar effects.

SDNC: Is San Diego going to lag because, during the 1930s, there was a similar downturn? Will San Diego suffer a similar downturn? What factors will determine what the recovery looks like?
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SDNC: What are the sectors of the economy that will come back the quickest? Which sectors will have the most trouble coming back?
Reaser: Sectors rebounding the most quickly: Service businesses, doctors and dentist offices, hair salons, nail salons, gyms, and others with pent-up demand. Most slowly: large entertainment venues, which will be the last to receive legal permission to reopen. Recovery, but at a moderate pace: Restaurants due to more spacing.

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Compromise proposed for short-term vacation rentals in PB

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T wo Pacific Beach com-

munity activists are pro-

posing a compromise on short-term vacation rentals, a complex issue that has divided communities for years.

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Scott Chipman who, along with

Tom Coat, is offering the prospec-

tive accommodation. “With some co-

operation among advocates, a trait we do not have, that protects neighborhood character and quality of life can be attained without delaying lawsuits or referendums for years.”

“In PB we’ve been seeking a solution to the growing number of vacation rentals since at least 2007,” said Coat. “We need courage and imagination to find a new, more balanced solution that will get us to the goals we want – providing real relief to impacted neighbors, treating historic vaca-

tion rentals fairly, preserving ex-

isting housing stock for residents, and keeping residential neighbor-

hoods for years.”

Added Coat, “We simply can’t have a repeat of what happened in 2018. City Council passed a primary-only ordinance, and only then talked about finding a way to enforce it. That’s a com-

pletely backward approach that won’t work. Then, of course, the ordinance lost in the court of public opinion when a successful initiative forced the just-passed regulations to be rescinded.”

Jonah Mechanic, owner of

SouthBeach Vacation Rentals in La Jolla and president of Share San Diego, Airbnb’s San Diego arm, said the short-term rental industry is open-minded about compromise.

“There is more than a 100-year history of short-term rentals in our community, there’s a place for them,” he said. “It’s going to require sacrifices from both sides. It’s the nature of a compromise that neither side walks away completely happy. We applaud the efforts of those who understand that a compromise is neces-

sary. It is the only thing that is going to make progress.”

Mechanic contended the City’s 2018 primary-only residence ordinance was unfair and a non-starter for compromise because it would have restricted short-term rentals to primary-on-

ly owners, those living there all

looking for who had parked in

Knight’s neighbor’s spot.

“Do you call the police long do you wait before deciding to go approach a vacation rental? It’s a huge problem that I need to get rules on the books so that immediate danger is happening just from their party. Most people have never seen this, called they show up to two or six hours later when the party has calmed down or gone.”

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him underscores the worsening problem of accountability with STRs.

“The real issue is how many times any given night, specifically weekend nights, we are forced to go approach a vacation rental to let them know that the community has rules,” he said. “Each time we go up to these rentals we never know who or what type of person we are approaching. While some are appreciative and say they will be good, others have told me to [bail] off. Many simply ignore us and continue with the party.”

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“The project is on schedule and work continues on the alignment,” said SANDAG project manager John Dorow, who added work is progressing on retaining walls for the new Balboa Avenue Trolley stop now under construction. “We’re also working on the pedestrian switchback ramp on the north side of Balboa Avenue. The big push for the project is to get these trolley stations up and running.”

On Aug. 1, 2019, San Diego City Council unanimously passed a specific plan calling for greater housing density and multi-modal connectivity for the new Balboa Avenue Trolley Station serving Pacific Beach and Clairemont. That stop is one of nine planned for the Mid-Coast Trolley under development to extend trolley service from Santa Fe Depot downtown to UTC, and also serving Old Town and UC San Diego, with two stops on-campus.

Trolley construction began in fall 2016. The new Balboa Avenue station is in a transit-oriented zone promoting higher housing densities and mass transit including bicycles and other multi-modal uses, as well as relaxing parking requirements for development.

Dorow noted work crews are busy grading both the Tecolote and Balboa Avenue Trolley stop parking areas. “Work is also wrapping up on the San Diego River Bridge further south,” he said adding, “In the next couple months, work on the reconfiguration of Friars Road will get underway. Work has also begun on the pedestrian ramp connecting Tecolote Road with Morena Boulevard, to improve pedestrian access to the trolley station.”

Karin Zirk, head of environmental watchdog Friends of Rose Creek, asked Dorow if SANDAG had any updates on the Rose Creek Bikeway on the east side of Damon and Mission Bay Drive. From there, access would link up with the Rose Creek Bike Path traveling to Garnet or Grand avenues, or North Mission Bay Drive, before heading west.

Friends of Rose Creek has sued the City alleging an environmental report on the new Balboa Avenue Trolley Station doesn’t comply with the California Environmental Quality Act in failing to address proposed densification near Rose Creek.

Dorow told PB planners the original cost for the 11-mile Mid-Coast Trolley extension was $1.2 billion, which did not include interest. He said the current total budget is $2.1 billion, which includes interest.

### Jefferson Pacific Beach Leasing Apartments

Jefferson Pacific Beach, located across from Mission Bay Park, recently announced that 172 new apartment homes are now available for lease. A pet-friendly and smoke-free community, these apartments and townhomes vary from one bedroom to three and each home features hardwood-style floors, 9-feet high ceilings, and outdoor spaces. Each home is equipped with USB outlets, tech-nooks with built-in shelving and is pre-wired for high speed internet.

Within walking distance to Mission Bay, the complex’s recreational amenities include a saltwater pool and spa with bay view deck and outdoor barbecues, fitness center, surfboard repair station, watersports storage and bike lockers and racks. Residents will have use of a dog grooming and washing area, Wi-Fi in the common areas and pool, business center and internet café.

“Pacific Beach is a beautiful, vibrant beach community and we’re delighted to offer residents luxury upscale options that allow them to enjoy their favorite community,” said Rosie Cooper, executive vice president and regional managing partner of JPI. “Keeping the classic ‘SoCal’ lifestyle in mind, residents will enjoy impressive amenities, but best of all, you just have to step outside to experience Mission Bay.”
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“They need to stand for diversity,” said Espinoza. “Maybe you could add things about African music, culture, and dance to your programs.”

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Follow a series of public meetings earlier this month to hear feedback on community and police relations, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced on June 24 that the San Diego Police Department has created standalone policies to help officers to use less force and increase community trust.

The department’s new standalone de-escalation policy requires officers to exercise techniques that seek to resolve situations through voluntary compliance or with lower levels of force. A second policy has been added to require officers to intervene if another officer uses unreasonable force and reports the incident to a supervisor. These two new, standalone policies accompany at least six others at SDPD that help to preserve public safety and protect against the unnecessary loss of life.

“The NAACP San Diego branch is pleased to see SDPD update its policies,” said Frank Darden, President of NAACP San Diego. “This is the first step of many to begin to bring about change in San Diego for all its citizens. Police officers are sworn to protect citizens from harm and the department has added new language to duty to intervene policy that clearly has accountability built in. The NAACP San Diego branch looks forward to continuing the conversation.”

The policies adhere to recommended changes voted on by the City’s Community Review Board on Police Practices and the Citizens’ Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations.

“The protection and preservation of life must be the foremost objective of law enforcement, and these new policies ensure this value is part of how every SDPD officer operates,” Faulconer said. “These changes do not represent the crossing of a finish line, but they do represent the bottom line, a foundation of trust we are working to build upon. It’s an important step forward, and joins reforms previously enacted that in their totality will help save lives.”

DE-ESCALATION POLICY

The new standalone de-escalation policy now requires police officers to use de-escalation techniques when safe, reasonable and based on the totality of circumstances – to attempt to persuade a subject to voluntarily comply or reduce the need to use a higher level of force.

Gaining voluntary compliance ensures officer and public safety, helps officers to defuse a situation, mitigates unintended consequences, and establishes police legitimacy and community trust.

De-escalation procedures include:

• Creating distance and a buffer zone between the officer and the subject;
• Establishing an effective line of communication with the subject, considering factors such as mental illness, possible intoxication, and potential medical or physical conditions;
• Considering other available resources, including specialized units, psychiatric emergency response team clinicians, and negotiators.

Officers shall take into consideration a subject’s ability to understand and communicate effectively, present lawful orders, and request cooperation with clear and concise direction; and attempt to establish trust and cooperatively de-escalate situational conflict.

When officers encounter subjects who do not voluntarily cooperate, reasonable levels of force may be used to resolve the situation.

DUTY TO INTERVENE POLICY

The new standalone duty to intervene policy now requires officers to step in and prevent the use of unreasonable force if they observe another officer using force beyond what is necessary. An officer shall intervene using actions such as verbally advising the other officer or physical restraining the other officer to prevent or stop an escalation of force.

When safe to do so, the officer shall report the intervention to a supervisor as soon as possible. The supervisor shall immediately notify their chain of command and report to the watch commander’s office and the appropriate unit shall immediately begin an investigation.

Appropriate disciplinary action, consistent with SDPD policy and applicable law, will be taken against an officer who fails to intervene when required.

OTHER POLICE REFORMS

The de-escalation and duty to intervene policies join several others recently revised or already on the books at SDPD. These eight policies can significantly reduce deaths according to police reform groups.

Previous policies put in place include:

• Exhausting all alternatives before discharging a weapon;
• The requirement to report all use of force;
• A ban on chokeholds, strangulations and the carotid restraint;
• The establishment of a use of force continuum;
• Restrictions on shooting at moving vehicles;
• Requiring a warning before discharging a weapon.

Mayor Faulconer said he is committed to continuing to evaluate City operations, alongside the community, in the pursuit of meaningful reform toward racial equity.

The Community Review Board on Police Practices and the Citizens’ Advisory Board on Police/Community Relations will continue to serve as forums to address these issues as it relates to law enforcement.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

“We will continue to work tirelessly to build trust and ensure consistent training while maintaining an honest dialogue with the communities we serve,” said Chief David Nisleit. “The policies we’re implementing today give clarity and direction not only to officers but to the community of what to expect from us.”

“Mayor Faulconer and Chief Nisleit should be commended for listening to the community and adopting national-ly recognized best practices and policies,” said Doug Case, member of the Community Review Board. “In particular, I am pleased that SDPD has developed a robust de-escalation policy as recommended by the Community Review Board on Police Practices.”

“The SDPD is listening and taking action and this is exactly what we need now more than ever,” said Bishop William Benson. “I want to thank Chief Nisleit and Mayor Faulconer for listening and acting to make important changes that advance mutual goals to keep our communities safe.”

“I want to thank Mayor Faulconer’s office for soliciting community feedback and to the San Diego Police Department for listening to the community,” said Stephen Groce, Chair of the Human Relations Commission. “The proposed recommendations from the community will help to increase oversight and help continue to guide future discussion to continue improving the department. Community engagement is the building block of achieving future goals for San Diego Police Department and the public it serves.”
Fitness West is back in business and doing what it does best: staying old-school and keeping the homespun feel that has made the gym a Pacific Beach fixture for 30-plus years.

“We’re the oldest, longest-running gym here,” said Brian Curry who co-owns the second-floor facility, along with partner Shari Simpson, which is located at 1880 Garnet Ave. in Pacific Plaza II Shopping Center. “We’re locally owned, locally operated. It’s not corporate. It’s just like your gym. It’s just like a family.”

The pair purchased the business a couple of years ago from previous owners Peter and Paul Dufour.

Curry is quick to point out all social-distancing protocols are strictly observed.

“We take every member’s temperature coming through the door, so if something should ever happen, we’ve got a record of who’s been in here,” he said, noting no one has had a fever yet more than a week after reopening.

“Masks are highly recommended,” noted Curry, adding members are gradually returning. “When people work out, they wipe down everything before and after.”

“It was in the afternoon and it was surreal,” said Simpson. “It was so stepping into the unknown.”

“It was nerve-wracking,” agreed Curry. “But we knew we were in it with everybody else.”

“We locked the door, and we were not sure what tomorrow was going to hold for the gym or life in general,” said Simpson recalling members asking her, ‘When are you going to be back open? We have no idea. It was shock, anxiety, and despair. And then back to anxiety.’

“At that time you had to be closed through the rest of March,” said Curry. “That was just a weird time and we just kept waiting for the reopening.”

“We repainted the whole gym,” said Curry of what they did with Fitness West during the three-month downtime. “We did the deepest sanitizing there ever was. The other things we had to do were all the precautionary signage relative to Covid-19.”

“We had to do the one-way flow of traffic in here,” added Simpson. “We had the proposed guidelines we were preparing for, and then just a couple of days before, they (state) released what the actual ones (guidelines) were, which were different. So there was a lot of scrambling around and trying to get ready for the unknown so that when the trigger was pulled, we could get right on it. But we were kind of playing back and forth with what we needed to do.”

“The process here isn’t really difficult for members,” assured Curry. “We don’t get packed in here so we don’t have to take reservations to use the gym, because we can keep our six-foot social distancing. We do take reservations though for classes because we don’t put more than 10 people in. And so we have marks on the floor where people can set up a yoga mat or a bike. And when after each class, we do the mister which puts down a layer of Covid-killing disinfectant.”

While Brian concentrated on applying for stimulus loans, Shari was busy concentrating on “what we could bring to the members at home: she said adding, “We recorded classes and gave them to our members for free on YouTube. We did quite a few classes and a variety. We got a lot of feedback saying, ‘Natalie’s yoga class really saved me.’”

“People, it was all of a sudden, they couldn’t go to the gym: It’s part of their life,” said Brian.

“It’s physical and mental health,” noted Shari.

Curry pointed out that the gym experience is a social one, and one that, now thankfully, people can once again enjoy.

“People want to come back to the gym,” he concluded. “They’re upbeat, optimistic. They want to stay healthy.”
Shopping in La Jolla – merchants reopen for summer guests

Are you wondering if you can go shopping now in La Jolla? I decided to ask some of the local merchants about their experience with Covid-19 and if they have reopened.

My first interview was with Izzy Tihanyi, who is co-owner of Surf Diva with her sister Coco for the past 24 years. They have been 100% shut down for three months. She and her sister always wanted to have an online business and as a result of Covid-19 they actually created one for their customers. This was one of the positive results from the lockdown.

They are back in the store now and are being safe and responsible. The safety of the customer matters, so they are still doing curbside pickups for who still want it. They ask that customers wear masks, stand 6 feet apart, and they will provide hand sanitizers. In addition, they reconfigured the store making it easier for people to stand 6 feet apart. After a customer tries on a garment they will steam clean them, and after trying on sunglasses they will disinfect with a Clorox wipe. They also sell masks and face shields for customers.

The third part of their business is running surf camps and private surf lessons. They have had to reduce the size of the groups to four kids with one coach. Presently they have sessions available for July and August. The city raised their fee from 10% to 16%, which makes running the camps very difficult. Currently City Councilman, Barbara Bry is looking into this for them. The basic reason was that her manufacturer had sold their business and weren’t reopening. Now she has decided to go in another direction and to make one-off. This way they will be able to make only one and not repeat the pattern. She wants to utilize only natural fabrics and work towards repurposing patterns and resourcing fabrics.

Luckily she and her husband have another business with software for manufacturing application and it is booming right now. She plans to go to the Vancouver BC Fashion Week next year.

I was talking with Allyson Simone, the manager of Charleston Shoes. She said they were closed during this time and they are now fully opened. Talking with the Ralph Lauren store, they said they had virtual appointments such as Facetime and Zoom with customers during the pandemic. Currently they are back in the store with regular hours again.

The next store that I interviewed was with the owner of GK Fashion House, Giti Kooshkani. New to La Jolla, she had launched her store on March 20 and had to immediately turn around and shut her doors almost the next day. For the most part they were closed the entire lockdown except for finishing some custom work for clients. Kooshkani said that her Prospect Avenue boutique is open now from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mondays-Saturdays and by appointment on Sundays. Customers are required to wear a mask and not more than four people in the store at a time.

She said that the tourists are starting to come back, especially U.S. tourists. Kooshkani is positive about the future and said that she sees local businesses cleaning up, changing signs, and getting ready for a new start.

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Community outbreaks high, record number of Covid cases reported in San Diego

BY JOSÉ A. ÁLVAREZ

The County on June 24 announced eight community outbreaks have occurred in the past seven days. The outbreaks were identified in businesses, a campground, a social club, a restaurant, private homes and a federal facility. Covid-19 community outbreaks are one of 13 metrics the County is monitoring that could trigger new restrictions. The measure stipulates that no more than seven new outbreaks can be reported over a seven-day period. A community outbreak is defined as three or more Covid-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households.

Also, 332 Covid-19 cases were reported June 23, a new record for the region and another indication that the virus continues to be widespread. Given the number of Covid-19 community outbreaks being identified and the higher number of cases, the County has paused the reopening of additional sectors of the economy and won’t move forward, even if the state releases new guidance, until it is safe to do it.

OUTBREAK RESPONSE

When a Covid-19 outbreak is connected to a business, such as a restaurant, it closes on its own to make sure all of its policies and procedures are being followed. Those include appropriate hygiene and sanitation, the use of face coverings, physical distancing and employee and customer health screenings.

“Most businesses are very responsible because they want to protect their employees and their customers,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer. “Most businesses are very responsible because they want to protect their employees and their customers.”

Public vigilance remains essential. “It’s important for people to remember that the virus has not gone away,” Wooten said. “As more people interact with each other, the risk for exposure increases. People should stay home as much as possible.”

As more industries open up and San Diegans more frequently leave home, they must do the following to protect themselves and the public’s health:

• Practice good hand hygiene and sanitation;
• Keep six feet apart;
• Wear a face covering;
• Avoid crowded places;
• Stay home if they are sick.

FACE COVERINGS MANDATORY STATEWIDE

Today, the State issued new guidance that now requires all Californians to wear a face covering when in public and close to people outside their household. People must wear face coverings when they are in high-risk situations such as:

• Inside of, or in line to enter, any indoor public space;
• Getting services at a doctor’s office, hospital, pharmacy, dental office, veterinary clinic or blood bank;
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The harbor seal and sea lion colonies in La Jolla offer visitors a chance to view these pinnipeds in the wild and their natural habitat. The Sierra Club Seal Society administers a docent program to protect the harbor seal and sea lion colonies for ecological, educational, scientific, historic, and scenic opportunities.

The group also works with city officials, educational institutions and gives presentations upon request. They are often speaking with visitors on the beach and answering questions about behavior, reproduction, and longevity. The following is one of many uplifting Sierra Club Seal Society docent stories from Robyn Davidoff.

"It was late July and more than 100 sea lions at La Jolla Point were on the rocks and beach. It was a good year with more than 53 births so far. The pups were about 4 weeks old walking on all four flippers and practiced swimming in the small pools created when the tide went out.

"I was on the rocks overlooking the point answering tourists' questions such as How long is the gestation period (9-12 months)? What do sea lions eat (fish, squid, shellfish)? How much do they weigh (600-800 pounds)? What predators do they have?"

"After explaining that each adult female has only one pup per year, the visitors asked, "Where are all of the moms?" I explained that many sea lions were out to sea hunting in the kelp beds 6 miles offshore leaving their pups on the rocks huddled together in a nursery."

"Just then I noticed a sea lion come out of the water and up onto the rocks and she began a specific call to her pup. They were far apart, perhaps 30 yards. I suggested to the visitors that if they backed up about 15 feet and gave the sea lion a clear path, they may see the mom and pup reunite."

"It was like magic. People stepped back and the mom and pup continued to call each other until they reunited with a nose touch. Once the mom confirmed that the pup was hers, she rolled over and the pup began nursing."

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We all were amazed to experience this natural event and we all got great photos."

Sea lions are protected by the Marine Mammal Act and Municipal Codes. NOAA viewing guidelines suggest viewing from a distance of 50 yards. Best viewing spots are on the seawall at the Children’s Pool for harbor seals and on the sidewalk in front of the Woman’s Bridge Club at La Jolla Point for sea lions.

Sea lion pupping season started in June and it is critical that moms and pups are not disturbed, separated, or touched. Mother sea lions will abandon their pups if touched and pups are not good swimmers until they are a few months old so give them plenty of space.

If you are interested in becoming a docent, contact ellenshively@sbglobal.net.

Science through Zoom teaches area elementary students

By DAVE SCHWAB

Youth science programs, like school in general, have gone remote due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"When the schools shifted to online learning we pivoted as well to conducting our science through Zoom," said Danielle Adler, M.Ed, a local parent and small-business owner of San Diego Youth Science, LLC. "In our first session, we helped students explore the red tide phenomenon that occurred at the beginning of the quarantine, collecting plankton samples from the ocean, identifying species with students through a live feed microscope, and tying into the local research about bioluminescence at Scripps."

Adler began her hands-on youth science programs about five years ago beginning at Pacific Beach Elementary with all of their K-5th grade students, before branching out to include Barnard Elementary and Kate Sessions Elementary schools.

Added Adler, "In our second session we worked with local fishermen to explore the biodiversity of plants and animals found in our local tide pool habitat."

"I’ve been busy the last five years teaching live marine science to kids in the Mission Beach Cluster with my business," said Adler, noting she’s utilizing the newest science content standards known as Next Generation Science.

NGSS are K-12 science content standards developed by states to improve science education for all students. A goal for developing the NGSS was to create a set of research-based, up-to-date K-12 science standards, giving local educators the flexibility to design classroom learning experiences that stimulate students’ interests in science, preparing them for college, careers, and citizenship.

Adler has adopted a newer more cutting-edge curriculum because teachers needed to better understand the different ways they could work more broadly with science standard content.

"The idea is that students and the teachers are working together in this collaboration with the curriculum. It’s really a team effort."

The science instructor spends a lot of her time developing lessons incorporating local research to “make it relevant to our population of students.”

"As an example, this year I did a session on climate data working with Scripps Institution of Oceanography with ocean sediments,” said Adler, adding, “A lot of time in the classroom, teachers can’t make those connections with local research.”

Adler described her remote-learning science process.

"The way it works is school parent organizations bring us in,” she said. “We have a contract for a year to enhance science. It’s really unique, developing science-mindedness involving these younger students.”

Adler noted remote learning has come in handy teaching science during the pandemic while kids aren’t physically allowed to attend school.
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I have aged five decades in three months during isolation — ouch!

By Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

Just a few months ago, before the COVID-19 pandemic, I was in my 20s. I served on eight committees in my retirement community as well as two boards in the San Diego community. I spent time in our gym, had a personal trainer, and had no time in between. I was going from one event to another, took us to several times a week. I attended lectures, plays, and concerts that were not allowed to friends — were not allowed to come to our gym, had a personal trainer, and going to the clinic down the street. I try to check 4,000 steps a day because I read that it is the minimum to avoid a cardiovascular event. Others are also walking back and forth, all of us wearing masks. White roots are growing out slowly, catching up with the brown hairs on people’s heads. Our toe nails are growing so long that soon we would be able to climb trees. I am wearing a smashing outfit: navy blue cotton pants with a white shirt, a gift from British Airways when they were giving out these pajamas to passengers flying to Europe. It goes very well with the pandemic.

Gary, our executive director, had made a request to the powers that be, the Department of Social Services (DSS), to allow some of our independent residents to go to some activities, such as eating outside the dining room or going to the beach or our gym: all were denied as we are in the same building with assisted living, skilled nursing, and memory care. We are a senior care facility and will open last. I wonder if this means by the end of the year? Are we looking at Christmas in isolation? All in all, I do appreciate living in a bubble with three meals a day delivered to my door. Recently, the pool opened to one resident at a time for 45 minutes. Our hairdresser is now allowed to cut hair, and a podiatrist is coming to take care of our toe nails. A staff person has been assigned to do the shopping for us, such as marketing or going to the post office. A maid cleans our rooms every two weeks. There are nurses 24/7 and a doctor down the hall every morning. So far, we have zero infections. It could be a lot worse. I am grateful for the wonderful staff who do all they can to make us comfortable.

My daughter, who lives in Toronto, told me not to get sick because she can’t come. All flights in and out of Canada are canceled, so I need to follow her directives and stay healthy — wearing my mask, washing my hands, and maintaining social distancing.

There is a Chinese curse: “May you live in interesting times.” We certainly are doing that.

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CROWN POINT ELEMENTARY
FIELD CLOSED

The City has responded to queries from PB residents as to why Crown Point Elementary, a joint-use facility between the City Parks Department and San Diego Unified School District, is closed.

“Joint-use fields throughout our City are closed in response to state and local health orders as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic,” said City spokesperson Tim Graham. “As the City begins to gradually reopen, the Parks and Recreation Department is working with SDUSD to reopen all of its joint-use fields via phased approach. It is anticipated that all of the City’s joint-use fields will be reopened by June 30.”

NO LA JOLLA FIREWORKS

“The fire marshal will not be issuing permits for fire-works displays this Fourth of July in San Diego,” said Deborah Marcengo, who has organized La Jolla’s annual Cove Independence Day fireworks for years. “So all displays have been canceled. La Jolla Community Fireworks will be planning for 2021.”

For its first quarter-century, the annual La Jolla Cove fireworks display, begun by La Jolla restaurateur George Hauer in 1985, went almost without a hitch. Then came legal challenges alleging environmental damage to the ocean from the annual coastal, one-day pyrotech-nic display. After Hauer stepped back relinquishing control of the event, it was saved by the formation of a grass-roots group, the La Jolla Community Fireworks Foundation. Spearheaded by Marengo, LJCF worked for years to raise the approxi-mately $60,000 — and ris-ing — cost of staging an annual community fireworks display.

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LA JOLLA HIGH CELEBRATES GRADUATES

On June 17, La Jolla High School held a drive through diploma distribution celebration for all graduating seniors in the Class of 2020, since in-person ceremonies are not allowed. Above, La Jolla graduate Jaden Symons poses in her cap at the ceremony. The school’s staff, teachers, counselors, and administrators came out to support the Class of 2020 at the event, which ended the school year on a positive note.

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La Jolla street names – celebrated scientists replaced original names

By KATHERINE HUN

The original names of more than 250 streets in San Diego were changed by Ordinance No. 755 adopted May 21, 1900. This ordinance eliminated duplication and achieved some continuity where street names changed from tract to tract.

The source of replacement names in Ordinance No. 755 was Louis Jackson Davids, the relatively new city engineer. He noted in his transmittal memorandum to the Board of Public Works that his suggestions for new street names were “taken from natural objects (trees, flowers etc.) or from men celebrated in Science, Literature, Statesmanship, War etc.; care being taken to maintain alphabetical order.”

These celebrated gentlemen include military heroes in La Playa and scientists in La Jolla and Clairemont-Bay Park.

**CELEBRATED SCIENTISTS**

City Engineer Davids provided an alphabetical series of engineers and scientists for La Jolla to replace street names that were duplicated elsewhere. Gone now are Agassiz, Borden and Ictinus, which replaced Vine Street, Olive Avenue elsewhere. Gone now are Agassiz, and scientists for La Jolla to replace an alphabetical series of engineers.

Pierre-Simon Girard (1765-1836) was a French mathematician and engineer in charge of the planning and construction of the Canal de l’Oise, a 67-mile-long canal with 10 locks located northeast of Paris.

James Buchanan Eads (1820-1887) designed and built the Mississippi River bridge over the Missouri River south of the St. Louis. The steel and wrought iron bridge was completed in 1874 and is still in use today. It is on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Historic Landmark and is the oldest bridge on the river.

John Doane Fay (1815-1895) was an American civil engineer who helped reconstruct the Long Bridge over the Potomac River. He was Resident Engineer on the New York State canals from 1841 to 1849 and Division Engineer on state canals during the 1850s and 1870s.

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 Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry’s original battle flag emblazoned with Captain James Lawrence’s dying command is displayed at the U.S. Naval Academy Museum in Annapolis, Md. Both naval heroes of the War of 1812 are honored with street names in La Playa. (Courtesy of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation)

That was initiated upon orders of Napoleon Bonaparte in 1802. In the Clairemont/Bay Park neighborhoods just east of present-day I-5, Davids replaced letters B through Q with celebrated men of science.

Several of Davids’ other replacements were gentlemen renowned for significant engineering accomplishments.

James Buchanan Eads (1820-1887) designed and built the first road and rail bridge over the Mississippi River south of St. Louis. The steel and wrought iron bridge was completed in 1874 and is still in use today. It is on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Historic Landmark and is the oldest bridge on the river.

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Thomas Henry Huxley (1825-1895) was an English biologist and anthropologist who concluded that birds evolved from small dinosaurs based on his comparative anatomical research. John Hewitt Jellett (1817-1888) was an Irish mathematician, physicist and astronomer who invented logarithms.

La PLAYA’S MILITARY HEROES

The Point Loma neighborhood of La Playa — which began where ships first landed at the southern end of the peninsula — appropriately gained street names reflecting historic naval heroes with Ordinance No. 755.

A remnant of Hull Street — which replaced Colorado Street on an early La Playa map — honors Commodore Isaac Hull (1773-1843), who took command of the USS Constitution from Commodore John Rodgers in 1810 and successfully led the ship in battle during the War of 1812. He later commanded the Washington Navy Yard. Commodore is a rank between captain and rear admiral.

Other street names provided by Davids that remain in La Playa include the alphabetical series Jenkins, Kellogg, Lawrence, McCull, Nichols, Owen, Perry, Quaich and Rogers. These names replaced Pearl, James, John, George, William, Short, Ricardo and two unnamed streets, respectively.

On these streets, the theme of naval heroes continues. For example, Captain James Lawrence (1781-1813) commanded the USS Chesapeake in the War of 1812 and was mortally wounded in a battle with the British Royal Navy frigate Shannon. His dying command, “Don’t give up the ship!” was immortalized on the battle flag of his friend and fellow naval hero Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry (1785-1819), who was well regarded for his success in the 1813 Battle of Lake Erie.

Commodore Perry’s younger brother, Matthew Calbraith Perry (1794-1858), also achieved commodore rank. He commanded the USS Shark, on which he sailed to Key West to plant the U.S. flag and claim the land as a U.S. Territory after Florida was transferred to the U.S. He became famous for helping open Japan to U.S. influence. The younger Perry served under his brother and several other officers honored with street names by City Engineer Davids, including William Bainbridge, Stephen Decatur and John Rodgers, which was spelled “Rogers” in Ordinance No. 755.

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PB Fun Fact:
In 1887, the Pacific Beach Company was founded in order to conduct business in real estate and purchase, lease, sell or mortgage the land. The average price for a lot in Pacific Beach between the years 1888 and 1891 was approximately $180.