The City will resume enforcement of all parking regulations starting on Wednesday, July 1. The enforcement will begin with a two-week grace period, during which violators will receive written warnings. Citations with corresponding fines will be issued beginning Wednesday, July 15.

In developing a plan to restart parking enforcement, City staff consulted with several business groups representing communities across San Diego. Business owners were overwhelmingly in support of resuming enforcement, specifically meter time limits, as restaurants, salons and retail shops are being reopened to walk-in customers under new public health guidelines related to Covid-19.

The City suspended citations for vehicles violating street sweeping, metered parking, time limits and yellow commercial zones on March 16 after the state and county stay-at-home order went into effect. Parking enforcement was limited to holiday or Sunday regulations only. Citations have been, and will continue to be, issued for vehicles parked illegally at red and blue painted curbs.

While street sweeping has continued during the public health emergency, the service was operating at a reduced capacity. Courtesy notices will be distributed to inform residents of the enforcement restart and return to regular service. View an interactive map and street sweeping schedules by visiting sandiego.gov/stormwater/services/streetsweeping.

As more City services and facilities reopen to the public, many City employees, including parking enforcement staff, who had been deployed to assist with closures at the start of the Covid-19 pandemic are now being called back to resume their normal shifts.
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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.

SDCG: What kind of an economic recovery are we looking at? Long or short? What factors are at play?

Reaser: Gains and growth rate rates will look impressive. However, because we are digging out of such a deep hole, it is likely to take until the end of 2021 before employment returns to pre-Covid-19 levels. Three factors will determine what the recovery ultimately looks like: The virus, will there be a second wave? The science, how soon will we have a vaccine or, at least, widespread testing and tracing?; and consumer behavior, will consumers feel safe enough to shop, dine, and move about and will they have the buying power to fuel the economy?

SDCG: Is San Diego going to lag because, to a certain degree, it is tourist-dependent?

Reaser: In April, which is likely to mark the bottom of the downturn, San Diego’s total job market suffered a loss that was approximately equal to that experienced for both the state and nation as a whole. Although we have a somewhat larger dependence on tourism, there are significant offsets. The most important of those is our link to defense.

SDCG: 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, and transportation, especially parts dependent on foreign travel.

SDCG: Do you anticipate there will be stricter health regulations to 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.

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SDCG: Obviously this recession/depression is a great deal different than the one nearly a century ago. What are the sectors of the economy that will rebound, though slowly? What will take longer to recovery?

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SDCG: The reduction in leisure and hospitality-related businesses, but especially the closure of gyms, will have an effect on the economy.

Reaser: While the economy might not be legally shut down to the extent as before, people might still prefer to largely “shelter in place.” But leisure-related businesses such as hotels, restaurants, shopping, and travel will have an effect.

SDCG: Do you anticipate the “other side” will come? Although the downturn was exceedingly deep and wide-ranging, will there be a second wave?

Reaser: The other side will come. Although the downturn was exceedingly deep and widespread, it appears to have already reached its climax in April, with bats of recovery taking place every day. This will mark a very dark spot in economic history, but it will not last forever.

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Compromise proposed for short-term vacation rentals in PB

BY DAVE SCHWAB

Two Pacific Beach community activists are proposing a compromise on short-term vacation rentals, a complex issue that has divided communities for years.

“STRs should be strictly regulated and limited. This is critically important to the quality of life and neighborhood character,” said Scott Chipman who, along with Tom Coat, is offering the prospective accommodation. “With some cooperation among advocates, a truly comprehensive plan that protects neighborhood character and quality of life can be attained without delaying lawsuits or referendums.”

“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, creating historic vacation rentals fairly, preserving existing housing stock for residents, and keeping residential neighborhoods safe.”

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 completely 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 Seabreeze 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 necessary. It is the only thing that is going to make progress.”

Mechanic contended the City’s 2018 primary-only residency ordinance was unfair and a non-starter for compromise because it would have restricted short-term rentals to primary-only owners, those living there all looking for who had parked in Knight’s neighbor’s spot.

“It was about midnight and my neighbor and I were going around house-to-house,” said Knight, who sustained a broken nose during the encounter. “Finally, we were going to push the car out into the red zone and call for a tow truck. It was then that two guys came out of a party and (allegedly) started going berserk.”

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Pointed out Knight: “The police are completely unresponsive to these STR issues unless it is out of control that immediate danger is happening just from their party. Most times when the police are called they show up two to six hours later when the party has calmed down or gone.”

Knight noted residents have just a few options: Staying inside and trying to ignore the problem; calling the police and hoping they show in time; calling mostly absentee management companies to respond, or trying to reason with renters personally.

“Every time someone comes in, it is a potential issue,” said Knight. “The no-party order in these STR issues is only when it is truly out of hand that it gets reported. If a manager was on-site, the number of problems would greatly be reduced.”

“This is a huge problem that I have been trying to get people to acknowledge for years,” concluded Knight.

Residents have few options when short-term rentals get rowdy

By DAVE SCHWAB

Most interactions between short-term rental users and residents are cordial, but the potential for situations turning ugly also exists.

In Mission Beach on Saturday, June 13, Greg Knight and his 1stMuster Court neighbor confronted short-term renters at a nearby short-term rental unit looking for who had parked in Knight’s neighbor’s spot.

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Pacific Beach community planners were told by a San Diego Association of Governments engineer in June that the Mid-Coast Trolley extension stopping at a new PB/Clairemont trolley station at Balboa Avenue is on schedule for completion in late 2021.

“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 those 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 reconfiguring 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 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.

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Let us not forget that there is 92% white,” said Eisenbeiss at La Jolla’s main shopping area, “we can improve on ways for people to find free spots. But we want to find free spots. But we think we have done that better than anyone else in the world.”

The panel included: Danika Zikas, promoter of the Black Lives Matter flower march in La Jolla on June 12; Rehema Espinoza, LJVMA’s diversity consultant; UC San Diego student Paris Eisenbeiss; SDSU football player JR Justice; and Jovi Zikas, the girlfriend of Aliesa Espinoza, the girlfriend of La Jolla’s “Black Lives Matter” change agent.

“Ultimately, we could move forward with developing an actual consultation plan,” said Rudick. The goal, said Rudick, is to present the new cutting-edge Village wayfinding sign program to all La Jolla civic groups.

“I grew up in a town,” said Espinoza. “Paradise, in California, that is 92% white,” said Eisenbeiss. “We have a little boy who is Black, and it’s a lot harder for us to find parking. And we have a little girl who is Black, and it’s a lot harder for us to find parking.”

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“We are excited about maybe introducing some electronic signage to help people understand where to park,” said Rudick. “We want to provide a voice, and for us to stand by our parking and street signage.”

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“Ultimately, we could move forward with developing an actual consultation plan,” said Rudick. “We understand that there are a lot of issues related to traffic and parking in La Jolla. But we also have come to know that there are a lot of excess parking spaces in La Jolla that aren’t being utilized, that is hidden in parking garages and paid parking spots.”

“Added Rudick: “We also understand that we are not going to change the personalities of people who want to find free spots. But we feel we can improve on ways for people to find paid spots so that we don’t have to search for them.”

And that there can be better signage, and better information, that people can use to get to those parking garages quicker.”

Rudick noted the data she was presenting to the LJVMA board was pre-Covid-19, given that there hasn’t been time yet to calculate just how the pandemic has changed people’s parking and shopping habits.

“We know that parking is much more difficult in La Jolla in terms of garage parking during the week,” Rudick concluded. “And if we can better educate people on where those spaces are, that would be fantastic.”

Pointed out Rudick, “Even during our biggest special events we don’t have our garages full. We also have an opportunity, with the public transit (Mid-Coast Trolley) coming into La Jolla, for more bus connectors that would come from the trolley into the Village on a more regular basis.”

But Rudick warned: “We don’t have this signage when they get here. So this is both a pedestrian – and parking – challenges that we need to mitigate with one solution.”

Moving forward, Rudick said the idea now is to “create a parking communication campaign, and also parking assistance, with permanent, two-dimensional and digital signs.”

“Added the LJVMA executive director: “It’s not just our visitors and tourists who need to park. We think that La Jollans could be better educated that there are parking garages, and maybe even look at a local discount program there. Everything is on the table right now.”

The signage program will be done in phases. “The next phase is a high-tech option that would allow for people to see that there are 43 spaces available on Parking Level 3, and 400 spaces on Parking Level Four,” she said adding, “You’ll also be able to see exactly where those spaces are. These tech options are already available to us, though I like to take things one step at a time.”

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Following 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 de-escalate unreasonable 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 Francine Maxwell, 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 duty 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, personal 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 stop unreasonable 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 physically 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 alert 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. Use of 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;
• The requirement to report all use of force;

Mayor Faulconer and Chief Nisleit should be commended for listening to the community and adopting nation-ally 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 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,” he said. “And we’re always cleaning.”

Recalling what it was like when they were forced to close March 19 Curry said, “We knew it was coming.”

“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 had 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 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 then 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.”
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 Tihan, 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.

Next I talked with designer Christian Moore, who launched her first collection last November. She had prepared to showcase her spring collection at the Vancouver BC Fashion Week around the end of March until Canada closed its borders. During this pandemic she was slow to come back so she began rethinking everything. She decided to back down from mass producing garments. 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.

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.

Diana Cavagnaro is an internationally renowned Couture Milliner based in the San Diego. Learn more about our hat designer, teacher and blogger at DianaCavagnaro.com.
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 is continuing 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.

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:

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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 both 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.

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 ellen@sierraseals.org.

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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Danielle Adler gathers mussels at Crystal Pier.
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“Joint-use fields throughout the City were 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 Marengo, who has founded the La Jolla Community Fireworks Foundation. “Spearheaded by Marengo, LJCF worked for years. “So all discharged Fourth of July in San Diego,” said Deborah Marengo, who has worked to save the La Jolla Community Fireworks display for years.”

For its first quarter-centu-ny, 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 street names — celebrated scientists replaced original names

By KATHERINE HON

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 Clairemon-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 Agassis, Borden and Ictinus, which replaced Vine Street, Olive Avenue Borden and Ictinus, which re

James Buchanan Eads (1820-1887) designed and built the first road and rail bridge over the Mississippi River south of the Missouri River at 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 Joseph 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 1860s.

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

Other street names provided by Davids that remain in La Playa include the alphabetical series Jenkins, Kellogg, Lawrence, McCall, Nichols, Owen, Perry, Qualtrough 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. READ MORE ONLINE AT sdnews.com
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