Scripps Institute in discussions with USC on possible merger

La Jolla’s Scripps Research Institute — the area’s biomedical sciences giant, home to three Nobel prize winners and the central figure in the state of Florida’s largest-ever life-sciences jobs legislation — is in discussions that may result in a merger with or a takeover by The University of Southern California. A joint statement, issued last week in a published report, states that “The University of Southern California (USC) and The Scripps Institute in discussions that may result in a merger with or a takeover by The University of Southern California.”

L.A. firm is final link to reprise for 4th fireworks display

By DAVE SCHWAB

It's the event that wouldn’t die. The annual La Jolla Cove Fourth of July fireworks display, on-again, off-again the past few weeks, is finally a go this year.

“We were lucky that we happened to find a fireworks purveyor that was willing to come down and do the show for us,” said Deborah Marengo, La Jolla Community Fireworks Foundation Committee spokesperson, noting the 29th annual event will proceed at 9 p.m. Friday, July 4.

Early on, money was the problem, as Marengo said several weeks ago that donations were slow to come in and that prospects for hosting fireworks were “doubtful.”

Then, more recently, Marengo reported that residents and businesses had come through with the minimum $30,000 needed to stage the event. However, she said the fireworks were going to be canceled amid concerns that a pyrotechnics company might not be found in time to mount the show.

The depth of community feeling was evidenced when La Jolla Town Council trustee Ann Kerr Bache launched her own fundraising drive to host fireworks on July 5 when it was believed no one was available to do them on the 4th.

Gardner calls Town Council 'a joke' amid alleged inaction

In the aftermath of a flap over disbursement of some of the proceeds from last year’s “Dancing with the Stars” fundraiser sponsored by La Jolla Town Council, event organizer Nancy Gardner chastised the council for “playing politics” and getting away from its mission of “serving the community.”

“Why can’t the town council do something in the community for the children, for the merchants who are we letting an organization that has the potential to help La Jolla become a joke by its behavior?” she asked.

Gardner questioned the validity and necessity of a recent town council mail-ballot vote to have her removed from its board after she had already resigned, noting that “it’s not in the bylaws that they had to send out ballots. I happen to know not in the bylaws that they had to send out ballots. I happen to know...”

“...that more people voted to keep me in than they said, and the number of ballots sent out exceeds the number of members in the council.”

Gardner noted the council spent nearly all of the $1,238 in questions in the membership-nomember mail-ballot election with return stamped envelopes. She added the town council should be directing its attentions toward addressing the problems and issues of the larger community rather than focusing on itself and on individual members.

“The town council needs to get rid of the personality issues, get rid of the angst,” she said, adding that members “need to ban together with all the other community groups in La Jolla. None of us are paid. We all volunteer to give our time back for the good of the community. So let's not lose sight of what's in the best interest of the community.”

Clueless behavior demeans Town Council and the neighborhood, Nancy Gardner says.
**Faulconer, Zimmerman talk shop at ‘Meet the Mayor/Chief’ community parley**

By **DAVE SCHWAB**

San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman disclosed the latest police department news while Mayor Kevin Faulconer fielded largely La Jolla-centric questions at a special Meet the Mayor/Chief event, held June 16 at the La Jolla Recreation Center.

Several La Jollans took advantage of the opportunity to pitch their favorite causes or espouse their visions for the community. Questions and views were expressed on everything from the status of Children’s Pool to be bike-sharing and cycling safety, combating drug abuse, traffic congestion and utilities undergrounding.

Zimmerman noted that policing San Diego, a 1,340-square-mile city whose 1.3 million people live in 133 neighborhoods, is a Herculean task. But she was quick to add that social media like Facebook, Twitter and Nextdoor are helping to greatly improve law enforcement’s outreach.

“If San Diego could get just 1 percent of people connected through social media, that’s more than 13,000 people all working together to make sure we’re the safest city. People should feel safe no matter where they live,” Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman pointed out it’s critical to “deter crime before it actually happens. My vision is to make San Diego the largest, safest [city] in the country.”

The police chief said her biggest problems with the department right now are recruitment and retention of officers.

“Half of our department is eligible to retire in the next four years,” Zimmerman said, adding “more than half of our patrol officers have 15 years or less experience. And in some areas, that’s closer to 70 percent.”

Zimmerman added that improving police response time is also critical in “getting officers to the scene to better apprehend criminals and achieve a positive outcome for everyone involved.”

Mayor Faulconer introduced his staff then answered questions from La Jollans one by one.

In response to audience queries suggesting construction work on Cove and Children’s Pool lifeguard stations was taking too long, Faulconer noted, “I’m in the business of trying to make things happen.” He promised to get back to the community with specifics on both projects.

Architect and La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA) trustee Phil Merten asked the mayor what direction the city was going in dealing with local land use regulations, which he pointed out have been ignored by city planners in the past.

“We need to have clear rules of the road,” Faulconer replied. “We need to follow those rules, and we need to get people through the process. Right now, the city’s taking too long to do that. You’ve never done changing the culture of a large organization,” added Faulconer.

Longtime La Jollan Melinda Merryweather urged Faulconer to look into opening the sluicegates at the Children’s Pool crescent wall to allow natural tidal flushing to gradually cleanse the pool.

Prompted by questions about potholes and other infrastructure woes, Faulconer said speeding up the undergrounding of utilities in La Jolla and elsewhere in the city is a priority.

“You can go on a city website and type in your address, and it will tell you when your neighborhood is scheduled to be undergrounded,” he said, adding, “My neighborhood is going to get undergrounded in 2019. We’re having barbecues getting ready for it.”

Faulconer said he intends to lobby to get utilities undergrounding fast-tracked.

“We’re doing one project or two a year per Council district, and that’s not the most efficient way to do it,” he said. “Not having overhead utilities is a safety issue. If we want utility lines undergrounded, we have to get smarter (about doing it).”

Mary Coady of the La Jolla Shores Association spoke about work on the North Comfort Station at Kellogg Park being stalled because of permitting issues and a policy change requiring construction work be done under “prevailing wages,” which she said has added $80,000 to the project’s cost.

Faulconer responded that “a lot of projects have been impacted by the prevailing wage requirement.”

He pledged to look into the situation.

“If there’s any way I can help out with that issue, you can count on that,” the mayor said.

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**City’s proposed e-cig regulations clears the committee level**

Proposed regulations for vapor inhalers, also known as electronic cigarettes, have cleared the committee level and are to be sent on to the San Diego City Council. If passed, the two ordinances would regulate retail sales of the devices and restrict their use. The ordinances or promotions visible in public areas.

City Hall and elsewhere in the city is a priority.

Deputy City Attorney Ken So told committee members that use of vapor inhalers would be prohibited in the same types of places where people are not allowed to smoke, such as restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, parks and beaches.

The devices would be allowed in residences, vehicles, e-cigarette shops and vaping lounges, So said.

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**Gloria’s original minimum wage-hike proposal scaled back**

The proposed minimum wage hike that could go before San Diego voters this fall was revised downward on Monday, June 16, by City Council President Todd Gloria.

Gloria had originally proposed an incremental increase to $13.09 an hour. At a June 16 news conference, he said back his proposal to $11.50, to be phased in over three years. This plan, like the original, would require employers to furnish five paid sick days.

Mayor Kevin Faulconer and some councilmembers and business representatives had opposed the plan.

At the conference, Gloria responded by saying that he’d heard his proposal “brought too much change too fast and that a higher minimum wage would put San Diego at a competitive disadvantage. This is a common-sense compromise that reduces the potential impact on businesses while maintaining tremendous benefits for our workers and our economy.”

Council can either adopt Gloria’s plan as an ordinance or place it on the November ballot, which is Gloria’s preference. The decision is not expected until sometime in July.
La Jolla man sentenced in hit-and-run death

A La Jolla man who killed a marine biology doctoral candidate while driving drunk was sentenced June 20 to 11 years in state prison. Christopher Boyd Stockmeyer III, 41, was sentenced for the hit-and-run death of Rachel Morrison, 27, who died after she was struck in a crosswalk around 10:15 p.m. in Del Mar on March 28.

Stockmeyer drove off, but his vehicle was damaged, and his license plate fell off at the scene. Police located his vehicle outside his La Jolla apartment and arrested him. He pleaded guilty to gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and hit and run in April.

Morrison was about to get her marine biology doctorate from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Her family, fiancé and friends spoke about her life.

“Rebecca said Rachel flying through the air, limbs hitting like a rag doll,” said Rebecca Williams, who was unjured while walking with Morrison that night. “Rachel hit a stop sign and landed 120 feet from where you struck her in a crosswalk.”

“Unfortunately, no punishment can ever change the fact that you have taken away the love of my life,” said Jesper Mortensen, Morrison’s fiancé.

“Rachel was driven to help improve the health of the oceans, the environment and the earth as a whole,” said her brother, John Morrison Jr. “Stockmeyer is the one person responsible for the loss of a truly great person, my beautiful sister Rachel.”

Vista Superior Court Judge Michael Popkins could have sentenced Stockmeyer to a maximum 15-year term, but he explained 11-year sentence decision. “I asked myself,” he said: “What would Rachel want?”

Citing Morrison’s deep compassion for others, Popkins said this: “She would tell me to follow the probation officer’s recommendation and give her killer the 11 years of jail credit.”

—— Neal Putnam

Man guilty in two rapes; one assault stemmed from incident at Jack’s

A jury on Monday, June 23, convicted a Del Mar man of raping two women, including one who met him at a La Jolla restaurant in 2009 and woke up being sexually assaulted in her home.

After 10½ hours of deliberations over three days, the eight-woman, four-man jury convicted Sean Patrick Banks, 39, of rape of an intoxicated woman in the 2009 incident.

The woman testified she last remembered being at the former Jack’s La Jolla and consuming an alcoholic drink she did not see poured. She said she woke up and found herself being raped in her own Del Mar home.

The jury also convicted Banks of the rape of a 22-year-old La Mesa woman, residential burglary and two counts of digital penetration in a 2012 incident in which she met him using an alias on the website ChristianMingle.com. “This defendant is a very dangerous serial date rapist and potentially a sociopath,” said the prosecutor, David Williams III, afterward.

“Sean Banks would spend weeks, if not months, grooming these victims, making them believe that he was an honest, trustworthy Christian man,” said Williams.

El Cajon Superior Court Judge Daniel Goldein set sentencing for Sept. 5. Williams said Banks faces a maximum term of 40 years to life in prison.

Defense attorney Brian White told jurors in his closing argument that there was no physical evidence or DNA processed about either rape. The victim from 2009 didn’t call police until hearing about the other incident. “We’re deeply disappointed,” said defense attorney Brian White afterward. “It was a he, she, said she case. The jury has spoken, and we need to see the options available,” said White, adding he would consider making a motion for a new trial.

Banks’ parents and friends were in the courtroom.

“They’re in a state of shock. It’s been very emotional for the family. The client. It’s a big blow,” said White.

“It’s very difficult to prove you didn’t do something. He’s obviously taken it very hard,” said White. “Banks remains in jail without bail.”

—— Neal Putnam

NEWS Briefs

La Jolla embezzlement sentencing is delayed

The sentencing for Eric Levine, who has been delayed from June 27 to Aug. 22 in federal court so he can raise more money to pay back the La Jolla Synagogue Beth El, from which he embezzled nearly $400,000 when he served as its executive director.

U.S. District Court Judge Dana Sabraw delayed the sentencing date last week.

Levine, 36, faces up to 20 years in federal prison, but paying more restitution could reduce his sentence. Levine remains free on $25,000 bond and has surrendered his passport.

Levine pleaded guilty to mail fraud in a scheme where the synagogue paid his personal credit cards, travel expenses, jewelry purchases and $1,400 for a personal trainer at a fitness club plus membershhip dues, according to court records.

Levine served as executive director from July of 2007 to December of 2013.

La Jolla Man pleads guilty to firearms charge

A La Jolla man has pleaded guilty to discharging a firearm in a grossly negligent manner when he fired two shots through the wall of his home and into a neighbor’s unit.

Alan Deller, 64, will be sentenced Aug. 6. The district attorney’s office has agreed not to ask for prison but instead will seek a jail sentence up to one year, court records show.

Deller remains free on $50,000 bond on condition he not contact two neighbors.

Deller’s attorney, Marc Geller, filed court documents that said Deller was “quite intoxicated” and “irrational” when he fired two shots into his bedroom wall on Oct. 18 around 7 a.m. in his condominium in the 3200 block of Via Marin.

His neighbor, Daeyong Sim, heard the shots and found that a bullet went through a wall about two feet over his daughter’s bed. A second bullet lodged in another wall in the same room, court records say.

Daeyong, his wife and daughter had never met Deller and said they had no idea why he would fire a gun. Sim notified his daughter’s school about the incident, and San Diego police contacted Deller at 9:33 a.m. His arrest followed.

Deller pleaded guilty June 11 before San Diego Superior Court Judge Timothy Walsh. A second count of discharging a firearm was dismissed.”

—— Neal Putnam

Winchell Jewelry closes amid investigation

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Piano company hits sour note for some in Bird Rock

By DAVE SCHWAB

The business practices of Schroeder Piano Company, a Bird Rock merchant that handles consignments, have been called into question by multiple customers and are the subject of review by the county District Attorney’s Office, as well as being featured in spotlights of TV consumer advocate Michael Turko.

La Jolla resident Lance Pelky has stepped forward to speak with Schroeder on a 60-40 split,” Pelky said, adding Schroeder kept delaying him. “He would tell me, ‘I haven’t sold it yet,’ then he told me, ‘I’ve been contacted by someone interested,’ then said, ‘They’ve given me a deposit.’”

Finally, Pelky said, he stopped hearing from Schroeder at all. After many months, Pelky took his case to TV consumer watchdog Michael Turko and “The Turko Files,” which subsequently profiled Schroeder and Schroeder’s alleged unfair business practices.

After that, Pelky claims Schroeder offered to pay him part of the money he was owed, which Pelky said he refused, before both parties finally arrived at a mutual-resolution for them. I think there are other mitigating circumstances with (other) accounts payable that are too lengthy to go into,” she said.

Turko said he was told repeatedly by interviewees, many of them elderly, that Mr. Schroeder “won’t or hadn’t given them a satisfactory explanation” as to where many of them elderly, that Mr. Schroeder “won’t or hadn’t given them a satisfactory explanation” as to where their pianos were.

As to the substance of allegations made about subjects of his TV spots, Turko said, “I’m not a cop. I’m not a law-enforcement agent. I’m not a judge. That’s not my call to make. That’s the call the DA has to make.”

The county District Attorney’s Office was then contacted for independent comment.

How to save thousands when selling your home

LA JOLLA, When you decide to sell your home, setting your asking price is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Depending on how a buyer is made aware of your home, price is often the first thing he or she sees, and many homes are discarded by prospective buyers as not being in the appropriate price range.

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UCSD students must consign the Ché Café to history

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

One of the cool nuances at the Ché Café, the historic and beleaguered art/music/discussion venue whose collective has been evicted as of July 13, is the acronym in the title. “Ché” is not only a nod to Argentine Marxist revolutionary Ernesto (Ché) Guevara, who became disenchanted with capitalist theory while studying to be a doctor; it’s an acronym for Cheap, Healthy Eats, and it touted its vegan fare accordingly.

I’d visited the place a couple times in the days when I reviewed La Jolla Playhouse theater nearby for another publication; the peeling facade and dusty foundation reminded me of the kinds of places I’d hang during my own student days thousand of miles and almost 50 years ago, when we were all firmly convinced that Washington would soon become the target of an armed insurrection. Guevara’s cudge now lay at our feet, and a few sacrificed lives were well worth the effort. On my visits, the Ché’s air was clouded with those memoirs, which are as dusky as the air around the building. Trendy vegan food somehow seemed ironically out of mood.

And that’s basically my metaphorical argument in favor of the Ché’s closure.

The logistics would clearly indicate that a shutdown’s the proper path in any event—the Associated Students of UCSD, which oversees maintenance and programming, faces a repair bill to the tune of $700,000; the cafe had to briefly shut down in 2012 amid defaults on its insurance payments; the venue is reportedly behind in the rent; and above all, the school’s student-led advisory board voted in May not to fund the venue during 2014-15. Supporters claim that the university’s efforts to take down the ‘Ché is an orchestrated attack.’ The repair figure; they say, is inflated in order to incite support for a shutdown, and they suggest that an on-campus bar has an interest in seeing the Ché close its doors.

But there’s a bigger argument at play here than the “he-said, she-said,” nuts-and-bolts discussions that surround differences of opinion. It’s true the Ché has hosted some very important music acts, such as Green Day, Nirvana and Jimmy Eat World, and is one of the few all-ages music venues around; it’s held art exhibits to the benefit of students who might not otherwise have a venue; and most important, the progressive dialogue of Guevara’s era characterized it as an entity unto itself.

The Ché is a kind of poor man’s Student Union, a center of inclusion for peripheral thought and action among the presumably dispossessed. Evolution, however, has other ideas, and they’re not the sole province of a bohemian UCSD administration. 1960s radical social and political activist Jerry Rubin, for one, would have made an ideal central figure among the Ché’s visitors if the venue had been around (it opened in 1980); his socialist sensibilities gave way to other modes of conduct, and he became a multimillionaire businessman by the end of the 1970s. Eldridge Cleaver, whose book “Soul on Ice” became a staple for violent black activism in the United States, died a Mormon and a conservative Republican. Change, even at its most surprising, is life’s sole constant for individuals; so it is too with human institutions.

The Ché, God bless it, served myriad purposes for myriad strains of progressive philosophy and art. But the core age it represents (the one an old hippie like me is eternally grateful to have experienced) must be permitted to take on a life of its own, and you don’t do that by forcing its signature venues to outlive their usefulness. The venue’s demise is the only appropriate course, lest its role in campus history be stuck in time and space.

— Martin Jones Westlin is editor of La Jolla Villages News.

Minimum wage: Socialism doesn’t work

I oppose the sick leave and minimum wage increase sought by councilmember [Todd] Gloria. The perceived gain wage earners effected by this proposal will be short-lived as prices on goods and services in San Diego will jump up to negate it. Socialism does not work in the long term. Capitalism does. Let the free market system work for workers like I did for me. If I did not like the low wage and no sick leave offered by my employer, I changed jobs.

— Lance Peiky

Where does the community of La Jolla need help?

NANCY GARDNER

The dark-eyed likeness of Argentine Marxist revolutionary Ernesto (Ché) Guevara peers from the façade of his namesake venue on the UCSD campus. COURTESY PHOTO

Giving her take on statesmanship

By NANCY GARDNER

It was nice to have lunch recently with Scott Peters and Kirk Jorgensen. Both [were] running for the same 52nd district congressional seat. They respect each other, spoke kindly to one another, shared insight and mutual regard and, well, acted statesmanlike. We were at Rotary, where we always treat each other that way, but not all politicians behave with the aplomb I saw at lunch.

Those who live at the pleasure of the public vote, or those who can empower that vote, often live apart from the virtues we value. Many seem to have lost their moral compass. What happened to visibly leading a highly principled life, exhibiting wisdom and skill in managing public affairs, even one’s own affairs? When did “Do the right thing” morph into “Do what’s right for me”? Statesmanship: Some politicians still have it. Sadly, we see the behavior associated with that concept less and less. When are infighting and bad behavior good for a community? Too often in our society, dirty tricks have become the means to an end, usually to get control and run things the way those who play the game better choose. Congress, State, Local, Village and self-interest politics have become a way to show strength rather than winning the public’s support through good works. Statesmanship, honor, putting the public weal ahead of self-interest: Haven’t seen it much recently in our Village. Have you?

— Nancy Gardner, Ernest La Jolla Town Council trustee, is president of California Mortgage Consultants, Inc.

Minimum wage: Socialism doesn’t work

[Gardner adds] that many people don’t have that option because they have kids or whatever. They should have thought about their income before they had the kids. I did.

The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people’s money.
Miriam and Jerome Katzin; UCSD benefactors died 12 days apart

Miriam and Jerome Katzin, UCSD philanthropists who established numerous gifts of support to the university and recognized it as one of the city’s most important assets, have died 12 days apart. Miriam died on June 2; Jerome passed away on June 14.

For three decades, Miriam and Jerome Katzin ranked among UCSD’s most steadfast benefactors, their philanthropy marked by endowments to establish The Katzin Prize Endowment Fund to support graduate students; the Katzin Research Laboratories at the Moores Cancer Center; the Katzin Chair in Jewish Civilization; the courtyard at Muir College; the Chair in Corporate Governance at the Rady School of Management; and support of the Sulpizio Family Cardiovascular Center and other faculty chairs and funds. They were highly involved with the local Jewish community and gave to many causes in the region.

In recognition of their support, they received the prestigious Chancellor’s Medal during the campus’ 50th anniversary celebration in 2010. Conceived in 2000, the medal has been given to a select few whose contributions have supported promising students and furthered meaningful research, community leaders who have helped the campus and local communities grow and individuals who have inspired the community and given to many causes in the region.

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For their contributions, Miriam and Jerome Katzin received UCSD’s Chancellor’s Medal in 2010. Courtesy Photo

Instituted and administered a similar program at Torrey Pines Elementary School. The Katzins are survived by their children, David, Daniel and Diane Katzin, and two grandchildren, Erica Katzin and Katrina Kurnit.

The family suggests that donations be made in Miriam and Jerome Katzin’s name to the Seabrook Foundation, 211 Saxony Road, Encinitas CA 92024.

Kerr Bache organizes the community’s annual year-end holiday parade. La Jolla fireworks was started originally in 1985 by La Jolla restaurateur George Hauer and a local bank.

Marengo said it was “a friend of a friend” who “knew somebody in the fireworks industry in Los Angeles who was not booked for the Fourth” that ultimately made the difference. “I called him up, and he drove down from L.A., and he walked through everything, and he said, ‘We’re on,’ ” she said, adding she’s gotten most of the donations she needs.

There will be a few changes this year, though, said Marengo, adding that some are good, some bad. One bad is that the event will cost more.

“It’s going to cost a little bit more than $33,000 just for the pyrotechnics,” Marengo said, adding, “But we’re getting a full 30 minutes when we usually get 21.”

Marengo estimated the total fire- works cost for this year for the show will be between $50,000 and $52,000. Complicating the La Jolla Fireworks show the past few years has been litigation filed by environmental attorney Marco Gonzalez. Gonz lez has argued that all fireworks displays held over water should be required to do more stringent testing and clean-up to guard against pollution.

Recently, Gonzalez reached a settlement with the city in which he will receive $250,000 to end the litigation, while the city will have to perform environmental reviews before issuing future special event permits or discretionary park use permits.

Gonzalez targeted the La Jolla Cove fireworks show because it takes place above a protected marine area. Environmentalists contend that debris from the pyrotechnics is harmful to marine life.

The settlement details actions that must be taken by organizers, including erecting a fire-retardant debris barrier, in view of the reinstated La Jolla Cove fireworks show.

“Though the funding target was eventually met, Marengo said fewer people donated this year than in the past.

“We actually only have 29 people who have donated money,” she said. “In the past, we’ve had 100 or more donate. It was just difficult this year to try and get enough people to come in with large and small contributions.”

Marengo gave special thanks to La Jollans David and Patsy Mariano, who came through with a big donation for pyrotechnics. Marengo added negotiations are under way with an entity in town to try and establish a structure so that fireworks can be funded each year without all the drama of recent years, where it was uncertain whether there would be enough money for the show to go on.

“We’re working on that,” she said. “We’ll probably have an announcement to make on that in a couple of weeks.”

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La Jolla Pop Warner ready to tackle ninth season

La Jolla Pop Warner – in which the association will likely continue to attract more followers – is getting closer.

According to La Jolla Pop Warner Football & Cheer Association President Scott Rosecrans, the game provides an excellent opportunity to those children who may have an interest in learning the game of football or cheerleading.

"Experienced participants," he said, "have the ability to further hone their skills and develop new skills that will help them advance to the next level of play, if they choose to play at the high school level. Over the past several years, LJPW has established itself as a successful program by developing young players (12 of our alumni were awarded All-League honors last season at various local high schools) and being very competitive within the San Diego Pop Warner Conference. Last season marked the second undefeated season for a Torrey team, as our Mitey Mites ran the table. In addition, LJPW routinely qualifies multiple teams for the SDPW playoffs each season."

The 2014 season officially begins on Aug. 1, but registration is open and has been since March. All registration is done online at http://www.lajollapopwarner.com.

Three La Jolla high school rowers take third in youth championships

Three La Jolla high school students are among a girls varsity team on the San Diego Rowing Club (SDRC) who brought home a bronze medal from the U.S. Rowing Youth national championships in Sacramento. The event was held three days earlier this month at Lake Natoma, near Sacramento, where top high-school-age rowers from across the nation raced on a 1.25-mile course to cap off the 2013-2014 season.

SDRC’s time of 7:27 made the team the country’s third fastest women’s youth boat in the 4× (4 rowers, 8 oars) division. SDRC Junior rowers Marissa Gibson, Mariko Kelly, Jillian Renly and Sarah Hoskin earned their medals after competing against 19 teams in multiple heats. The SDRC junior women advanced to U.S. nationals after racing to a gold medal in the same event at the Southwestern Junior District Championships in May, beating a field of 30 women’s teams in multiple heats.

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By DAVE THOMAS

While the summer sports drums leave many eagerly awaiting football season, take hope. It really is not as far off as it seems. The ninth season of La Jolla Pop Warner – in which the association will likely continue to attract more followers – is getting closer.

According to La Jolla Pop Warner Football & Cheer Association President Scott Rosecrans, the game provides an excellent opportunity to those children who may have an interest in learning the game of football or cheerleading.

"Experienced participants," he said, "have the ability to further hone their skills and develop new skills that will help them advance to the next level of play, if they choose to play at the high school level. Over the past several years, LJPW has established itself as a successful program by developing young players (12 of our alumni were awarded All-League honors last season at various local high schools) and being very competitive within the San Diego Pop Warner Conference. Last season marked the second undefeated season for a Torrey team, as our Mitey Mites ran the table. In addition, LJPW routinely qualifies multiple teams for the SDPW playoffs each season."

The 2014 season officially begins on Aug. 1, but registration is open and has been since March. All registration is done online at http://www.lajollapopwarner.com.

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Timeless fashion, timeless event

San Diego History Center presented “Fashions: Past, Present, and Future” on Friday, June 6 at The House of Hospitality Ballroom in Balboa Park. This luncheon and fashion show began with a terrific silent auction and boutique shopping, with Zandra Rhodes serving as honorary chair and Patricia O’Connor as event chair. The program began by honoring Ann Jones, First Costume Council President.

Weather anchor Pat Brown was mistress of ceremonies and introduced Fashions from the Past. Well-known San Diegans modeled their favorite designer clothes. Valerie Cooper showed off her red silk georgette Zandra Rhodes creation; Barbara Zobell showed off a 1991 Moschino suit; and Jeanne Jones sported a three-piece linen ensemble by Giorgio Armani Black Label. Brown delighted the audience when she walked the catwalk wearing a 1980s Tadashi Shoji wrap dress.

The next portion showcased Present Fashions from local boutiques, featuring current fashions from Halston Heritage, Junc.Life and Le Bel Age. The finale highlighted Future Fashions, presented by Fashion Careers College, San Diego Mesa College and Palomar College. Students and graduates gave us a look at upcoming creations. Tanya McAnear was fashion show producer.

This awesome event benefits the preservation of the more than 7,000 costumes in the permanent collection at the San Diego History Center. The Costume Council helps to support this collection, which is considered one of the top ten in the U.S. For more information, visit sandiegohistory.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 29: LA JOLLA HAT SHOW at the Bijou French bistro, 1205 Prospect St., from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will feature collections from Ann Demeulemester, Jill Courtemanche Millinery and Greenpacha Hats. For reservations, call (858) 877-3160.

JULY 24-26: LA JOLLA INTERNATIONAL FASHION FILM FESTIVAL at the Museum of Contemporary Art La Jolla. This is a worldwide gathering of the fashion film community and includes filmmakers from around the world. For tickets, visit ljifff.com

— Diana Cavagnaro is a nationally recognized hat designer and milliner. Diana has been operating a fashion business for 30 years, the last 20 years in downtown San Diego’s historic Gaslamp Quarter. She has been teaching in the fashion department at San Diego Mesa College for 20 years. Diana is an active member of the Gaslamp Quarter Association, the American Sewing Guild, the San Diego Costume Council and the Fashion Group International.

LA JOLLA INTERNATIONAL FASHION FILM FESTIVAL

Some call it the Cannes Film Festival of the fashion industry, even as Cannes enjoys worldwide renown and outstrips it by about 70 years. But the La Jolla International Fashion Film Festival, now in its fifth year, is having its moment – officials note that it’s the first international fashion film festival founded in North America and will host the world’s largest gathering of filmmakers this year (more specifically Wednesday, July 23, to Sunday, July 27). Special short-film screenings and panel discussions will highlight the cavalcade of filmed work on the latest trends and outlooks in fashion at the Sherwood Auditorium, 700 Prospect St., on the MCASD campus. We’ve provided this poster from Mercado de Lagrimas’ world-premiere “Guns, Diamonds and Gowns,” tagged “where high fashion meets surrealism,” to show you what you can expect.

It’s 2045 in a huge, run-down metropolis called Aztlán City (formerly San Diego), where violent barrio families run the streets in a society abandoned by Anglo America. Barrio kingpin El Hank eventually finds his street kingdom threatened, and he’ll seek the help of his brave and charismatic son El Henry, who himself is wrapped up with a bunch of thieves and drunkards. Join La Jolla Playhouse as it ventures from its usual venue through June 29, 7:30 p.m. at the new cultural venue SILO, in the East Village. It’s “El Henry,” a modern adaptation of Shakespeare’s “Henry IV, Part 1,” and it’s directed by San Diego Repertory Theatre artistic director Sam Woodhouse and features Rep resident artist Herbert Siquenza, founder of Latino comedy troupe Culture Clash.

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Foster donates $7.5 million toward UCSD cancer center

Pauline Foster, a San Diego resident and philanthropist, is donating $7.5 million for a new cancer care hospital at the Jacobs Medical Center on La Jolla’s UCSD campus. The university said the facility will be named The Pauline and Stanley Foster Hospital for Cancer Care.

A medical center grant will match Foster's gift, for a total of $15 million.

Foster lost her husband Stanley and a brother to cancer, remarking that her brother’s death was marked by a lack of beds.

The 108-bed Jacobs Medical Center is under construction and scheduled to open in 2016. The Pauline and Stanley Foster Hospital for Cancer Care is said to be the only in-patient facility of its kind in San Diego County. The venue will work closely with UCSD’s Moores Cancer Center to align patient care. Moores provides clinical trials, nutrition support and family counseling.

San Diego County is the fifth largest in the country, and cancer is its No. 1 cause of death.

Country Day JA students win third place in national event

Junior Achievement USA has selected a group of teen entrepreneurs from La Jolla Country Day — who own and operate the San Diego company Nalu — as third-place winners in the 2014 U.S. JA Company of the Year competition.

The team was selected from among 15 competing student companies representing JA operations from across the country.

In addition to taking third place, Nalu won the FedEx Access Award for presenting the best business plan with the potential to create jobs and grow small businesses with environmental sustainability.

The teens also vied for the Marketing Award for the best commercial and the Ingenuity Award for the most creative product at the local competition, held May 3.

Nalu, which manufactures the only eco-friendly colored and scented surf wax, was formed by the Country Day students.

“I have watched these students throughout the year as they started and grew their business,” said Joanne Pastula, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of San Diego.

“They truly demonstrate how fostering entrepreneurship can help spur economic growth through innovation and job creation.”

During the national competition, the teen-run companies participated in a Washington, D.C. trade fair in which they promoted their products and pitched their companies to a panel of business leaders. The companies were evaluated on their financial performance, on an interview with the judging panel and on a formal presentation.

The annual competition is a contest of business skills, ingenuity and innovation focusing on the accomplishments of JA students aged 15 to 19 during the 2013-2014 academic year. Currently reaching nearly 15,000 U.S. students annually, JA seeks to give teens the skills to start and run their own businesses under the mentorship of a local business volunteer.

Junior Achievement of San Diego, Inc. impacted 52,000 students in kindergarten to grade 12 during the 2013-14 school year.
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*with minimum $5 purchase

Zenbu redux: Now it can be told

Area diners were surprised to learn recently that the popular Zenbu sushi eatery, at 7660 Fay Ave., had closed, without explanation, after 14 years. The edge has been taken off with the announcement that Sugar & Scribe Bakery, which opened in Pacific Beach in 2010, is starting another full-fledged restaurant and bakery in the La Jolla space.

The restaurant is slated to serve Irish, Scottish and British scones, tarts, breads, pies and more and be open by mid-September.

Ahi Sushi & Grill is located at 3949 Governor Drive in University City in the shopping center.

For more information, call (858) 678-0288 or visit iloveahi.com. Ahi has other locations in Alpine, San Marcos and San Diego as well.

Art of presentation is king at University City's Ahi Sushi

If you love Sushi, then you're in for a treat at the new Ahi Sushi & Grill. With more than 260 items on their menu, they are sure to have all your favorites.

As casual venues go, Ahi caters to a different level of taste, chiefly because of its attention to presentation. You get a dragon roll in the shape of a dragon, a caterpillar roll that looks like a caterpillar and an orange cut to look like a bear, a rabbit or any animal that comes to the artist’s mind. Meanwhile, that giant menu includes Chinese entries as well, and you can eat them in front of a big-screen TV.

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A cake-dedicated bakery will occupy the upper level, while the main floor will include gourmet take-out and a dining room for breakfast, lunch and dinner, featuring such items as pancakes, black pudding, Guinness stew and vegetarian shepherd's pie.

Sugar & Scribe looks toward North County and Los Angeles as its next areas of expansion.

Going forward, Sugar & Scribe’s original PB bakery will mainly focus on their sweet offerings.

The new movie “Jersey Boys,” centering on the lives and times of The Four Seasons pop song group, is opening to mixed reviews — but as a reminder on local arts history, it might be worth an afternoon or evening.

The play premiered at La Jolla Playhouse in 2004, opening to smash reviews and eventually making history. It hit Broadway in 2005, and a national tour was launched the next year. Then came an international installment, with the show premiering in countries from The Netherlands to South Africa up until 2013. South Korean and Malaysian entries opened earlier this year, and a national tour of Britain will commence in the fall.

It’s described as a “rags to riches to rags” piece, embedded in a subtext about music’s seamier backstage side. Generous time is also given to lead singer Frankie Valli’s estrangement from his daughter Francine, who died in 1980. It may not always be pleasant, but The Four Seasons’ music endures nonetheless, fueled by hits “Sherry,” “Big Girls Don’t Cry,” “Walk Like a Man” and untold others.

The La Jolla show was directed by Des McAnuff — say what you want about his abilities (we will, thanks), but the excellent stage version led all the way to Hollywood and is a major part of this community’s modern lore.

— Martin Jones Westlin

‘Jersey Boys,’ the movie: It all started here
The Patio features Guest Chef for Bastille Day

Bastille Day, celebrated annually in France, commemorates the storming of the Bastille fortress, which sparked the beginning of the French Revolution in 1789. In honor of the French National Day, The Patio on Lamont Street will be hosting a two-night special wine dinner on July 14 and 15, prepared by guest chef Olivier Bioteau, former chef-proprietor of Farm House Café and chocolatier.

Born in The Loire in France, Bioteau learned to cook in his grandmother’s kitchen and spent his military service cooking at L’Elysée, the French White House. In 2008, he opened Farm House Café in University Heights, and it quickly became a favorite gathering spot for local chefs and lovers of French cuisine. He sold the restaurant earlier this year.

The five-course dinner at The Patio will be classically French and will include Bioteau’s chicken liver mousse, a Farm House favorite.

Each course will be expertly paired with wines imported by renowned wine merchant Kermit Lynch. According to The Patio’s wine buyer, Sheila Tracy, Lynch is known for sourcing high-quality, rare wines from small family wineries around France and Italy.

For more information about the event and to purchase tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com and search “The Patio.” Reservations are required and space is limited.

Donovan’s

Donovan’s sets the standard of fine dining excellence. A classic steakhouse. A stylish, lively atmosphere. Cordially friendly. We like to think of Donovan’s as your own special place. A place where you can celebrate with friends, family and associates.


The Broken Yolk Café

The Broken Yolk Café offers a large selection of home-cooked meals in a comfortable and casual atmosphere. There are over 20 different omelets to choose from as well as a wide variety of other breakfast favorites which include pancakes, waffles and French toast. Feel more like lunch? Try one of our juicy ½ pound burgers or one of our large sandwiches.
Mom, you hit a fire hydrant

By Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

Daughter: Mother-dear, I can’t believe you smashed your car into a fire hydrant. At least you didn’t get hurt.

Mother: That fire hydrant wasn’t there yesterday.

Daughter: Oh, mom, of course it was. I wonder whether you should keep driving.

Mother: I’m fine, and I’m not giving up driving.

Daughter: You know, if you lived in a retirement community, there would be a driver to take you everywhere.

Mother: Are you trying to put me away in an old-folks home?

Daughter: No, of course not. What I have in mind is a retirement community with lots of interesting activities.

Mother: Well, I’m not ready.

Daughter: Mom, what does “ready” look like — like when you’re so disabled I have to make the decision for you?

Mother: I just put new carpeting in.

Daughter: You won’t move because you want to amortize the carpet? Anyway, the new carpet will attract buyers.

Mother: I love my home, my things — my books, your grandmother’s rocking chair, the antique chest of drawers your father brought back from Europe — and neither you nor the grandchildren want any of it.

Daughter: I know, mom. Everything you have has a memory attached to it. I tell you what, I’ll take photos of all the things you need to give away, so you can keep the memory.

Mother: Your brother thinks I’m just fine as I am.

Daughter: My brother lives across the country and doesn’t know what’s going on. I do.

Mother: It’s just hard to even think about moving — I am not ready; leave me alone.

Daughter: The longer you wait, the harder it is. Moving is stressful both physically and emotionally. It is easier to do when you’re strong and still healthy. It’s better to move when you want to and not when you have to.

Mother: How do I know if I will like the people there? I like my independence.

Daughter: You won’t lose your independence — you can be as private or as social as you like. You can eat with people or eat alone. You can join the exercise classes and all the other endless activities, or you can sit quietly at home and read and watch TV — which is what you do much too much now. At least then you’ll have some choices. This is an opportunity to meet new people, go to new places. There’s a bus that takes residents to theaters, museum lectures and concerts. Good health also depends on socializing with people.

Mother: I don’t know. It feels scary.

Daughter: Of course it does. It’s normal to be afraid of the unfamiliar. What’s scary for me is that I don’t know if you take your medications or get out of the house.

Mother: Well, I don’t want you to worry — I’m fine.

Daughter: I do worry, all the time. I was going to go on a trip, but I cancelled because I thought: Suppose something happens to you and I’m away. Do it for me, mother!

Mother: Oh dear, I certainly don’t want to be a burden to my children. All right, what is this place?

Daughter: Oh, mom, you make me so happy. I’ll make an appointment for lunch tomorrow for you to meet the staff and take a tour of the facility, and we can look at apartments. Your grandchildren will love the pool.

Mother: OK. OK. I’ll take a look. We’ll see — maybe you’re right. I know you’re doing this because you worry and you love me, and I appreciate that. I love you too. Do they have a bridge club?

— Natasha Josefowitz taught the first course in the U.S. on women in management and is the author of 20 books. She lives at White Sands in La Jolla. Visit her website at natashaswords.com.

San Diego ranked sixth among cities with highly rated doctors

ZocDoc, a website dedicated to the public’s search for medical professionals, has ranked San Diego No. 6 among cities with the highest-rated doctors and No. 2 for the best optometrists and psychologists. The city was also No. 3 in shortest wait time.

The survey also showed Los Angeles at No. 10 in the best-dentist category.

The rankings are based on an average of three ratings criteria (wait time, bedside manner and overall rating) among ZocDoc member providers with 15 or more reviews over the last year.

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HIV transmission networks mapped to reduce infection rate

Researchers at UCSD’s school of medicine have mapped the transmission network of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in San Diego, allowing researchers to explore the likelihood of new transmissions and identify persons at the greatest risk for transmitting the virus.

The findings are published online in the June 5 issue of the journal PLOS ONE.

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Within the transmission network, researchers calculated a score to estimate the risk of transmission from a newly diagnosed individual to a new partner. Participants with a high score were significantly more likely to develop a close linkage to another person within their first year of infection, suggesting onward transmission. Using this information resulted in a significantly greater likelihood of reduced new transmissions.

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Health Scams Abound

Health scams have been around forever but it seems that there are more ways than ever to advertise miracle cures and “magic potions,” and the Internet e-mails bombarding us. A lot target diseases that have no cure such as diabetes, arthritis and Alzheimer’s, and the older person in there that suffers most often with these diseases. You may see ads for:

- Anti-aging medications. Aging is a normal and as of this time, no treatment has been proven to reverse the aging process.
- Arthritis cures. Symptoms of arthritis are likely. If you think you want to begin a new treatment, discuss it with your doctor first.
- Cancer cures. Cancer is frightening so scammers prey on that fear.
- Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s treatments. The finding is suggestive of a transmission link. The scientists noted that viral similarity does not independently prove that a transmission occurred, only that the individuals are part of a closely connected transmission network.

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“All I can say is that a case is currently under review,” confirmed DA spokesman Paul Greenwood.

The Village News talked with a couple of other apparent customers who’ve had similar stories to tell about their business dealings with the Schroeders.

Thomas Hull, who is retired from UCSD and still lives near the university, said he placed his mother’s piano with Schroeder for consignment back in 2009.

“[Peter Schroeder] told me he was going to ask $35,000 for it,” Hull said.

“When I called him back a few months later, he said he’d gotten a down payment. I never heard any more about it.”

Hull said he later told Schroeder he wanted his piano back.

“He said it was sold and sent me a check (said to be a partial payment) in the next few days,” Hull said. “But I never heard any more.”

Dolores Schroeder counterclaimed the money would be delivered, as promised.

“He has been paid 25 percent of monies owed to him and will be paid in full,” said Dolores Schroeder.

Piano restorer and technician Russ Berkley of North Pacific Beach said he, too, has a similar story.

“I bought and restored an old Steinway for about $18,000 and consigned it with Schroeder, who later called me and told me he’d gotten about $3,800 for it,” Berkley said, adding he ultimately settled with Schroeder — following legal action — who agreed to pay some cash upfront and then make payments.

“He finally ended up giving me an old Steinway he paid $6,000 for, and I restored it,” said Berkley. “We’re done.”

Dolores Schroeder maintains Berkley was fully compensated.

“We gave him a job with our company and he enjoyed referrals,” she said. “We sent him to technical school for a specialty learning to install Pianomation Units, which gave him a unique niche in the business, thus profiting him from our initial employment.

“We had his piano on consignment, we traded him for the amount due to him after the sale with a specialty Steinway Piano,” she said. “He sold that piano for much more than we owed him and made a large profit.”

Pasadena resident George Ashikyan, who rebuilds pianos, said he’s dealt with the Schroeders for 15 years or more, adding the relationship was pretty positive until recent years.

 “[Peter Schroeder] would send his pianos to me and I would rebuild them and send them back to him for consignment to sell,” Ashikyan said.

“The last piano he sold, he just didn’t pay me. I had to hire an attorney and sue him. He paid the remainder of what he owed me.”

Ashikyan said Schroeder was good about paying him until four or five years ago, when Schroeder “got slower and slower with payments, and then the last time he didn’t pay.”

Dolores Schroeder takes issue with Ashikyan’s claim.

“We have a legal contract with our attorney and his, that we are to pay him whenever,” she said.

The DA’s Office can be reach at (619) 531-3464, or by emailing paul.greenwood@sdcda.org.

La Jolla official among those hailing city’s new oversize vehicle measure

By DAVE SCHWAB

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“Heart disease remains our nation’s No. 1 killer,” says Mitchell Kronenberg, La Jolla Institute president and chief scientific officer. “We are excited by Dr. Ley’s studies, which show promise for creating a vaccine that may one day reduce the incidence of this terrible illness.”

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The main ingredient in your salsa verde is a fruit

If you are looking for something easy to grow in your vegetable garden that loves the sun, requires little water and produces like crazy, try growing tomatillos. These little green, husk-encased fruits look like tomatoes, have a sweet citrus flavor and are used as the main ingredient in salsa verde.

Husked or not, the tomatillo is a thing of beauty. PHOTO BY LINDA MARRONE

The tomatillo stands a small, bushy 3- to 4-foot-tall plant. It needs support such as a trellis or a stake to help it reach full size. The tomatillo produces a great success, and all the plants this year came from seeds saved from last year’s crop.

It is important to plant more than one tomatillo plant to ensure the blossoms get pollinated so that the plants will bear fruit, since they are not self-pollinating, like their tomato cousins. They’re fast growers — a six-pack of plants will generate literally hundreds of tomatillos in approximately 90 days after planting, or about a pound of fruit per plant. When the plants begin to yield their fruit, they appear to be adorned with hanging paper lanterns, because the tomatillos are covered with a delicate domelike paper husk.

Tomatillos prefer well-drained soil and a good, deep watering about once a week. Unlike tomatoes, they do not require a lot of fertilizer, but an occasional helpings of organic fertilizer will keep the plants healthy and producing all summer long and even into fall. They also do well as container plants, as long as they have good drainage and plenty of room for their roots to spread out. Water them more frequently if they are planted in containers.

Harvest tomatillos when they have filled out their husk and before they get yellow and soft. You can store them in their husks, uncovered in the refrigerator for a couple of weeks, or longer. It is also recommended to freeze them whole. Remember that the husks need to be removed before cooking the tomatillos.

Remember that the husks need to be removed before cooking. Enjoy these unique plants in your salsa verde! — Linda Marrone is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker. Stories about her historic La Jolla garden have been published in local and national magazines.

Grant breathes life into Pacific Beach/Clairemont transit station

The city has received a $787,000 state grant to begin developing a specific-plan area (SPA) for the region surrounding the proposed Balboa Avenue Transit Station that would slice through Pacific Beach and Clairemont.

The grant for the new station, which would be located just east of Interstate 5 and south of Balboa Avenue, and is one of nine that will include La Jolla-area stops, seeks to increase bicycle, pedestrian and transit access to the area.

Residents of Pacific Beach and Clairemont are being engaged to produce the plan and an implementation program that would address transportation demand, economic market analysis, urban design concepts and multimodal improvement projects.

The grant award was hailed by Pacific Beach Planning Group chair Brian Curry as a major step forward for local planning.

“This transportation-oriented district (TOD) is a critical piece of our long-term sustainable design plan for Pacific Beach,” said Curry. “The combination of this $787,000 grant and the city’s contribution totals around $900,000 for this planning process.”

Curry said local planners are “extremely happy to see that we will be able to incorporate the new SPA into the PB Community Plan that emphasizes sustainable elements for public transportation, bicycles and pedestrians, while also revisiting vehicular traffic patterns and efficiencies in and out of Pacific Beach.”

The grant for the Balboa Transit Station improvements comes from the California Strategic Growth Council, which dispenses funding statewide for green and other environmentally sustainable projects.

The Balboa Avenue Transit Station is one of nine being planned for construction as part of Mid-Cost Corridor Transit Project. The project will extend trolley service from Santa Fe Depot in Downtown San Diego to University City, with stops along the way at Old Town and two at the UCSD campus, ending at Westfield UTC.

In 2013, several members of the American Institute of Architects’ (AIA) Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) visited Pacific and Mission beaches and Mission Bay Park to collaborate with local planners on developing some concepts for making their communities more green and environmentally sustainable through creation of an eco-district. Several major areas are being focused on in eco-district formation, including community identity, urban design and sustainable infrastructure, economy and land use and transportation.

A public forum on the Balboa Avenue TOD, originally set for July 12, has been tentatively rescheduled for Aug. 2 at a time and place yet to be determined.

Defense Department funds five Scripps ocean research projects

The Defense Department has announced awards to five researchers at Scripps Institution of Oceanography for projects that will help scientists characterize waves, improve ocean weather and climate prediction and analyze acoustics in the deep ocean.

Defense University Research Instrumentation Program grants support the development of instruments that have a wide range of military applications. The awards continue a history of collaboration between Scripps and the Navy that dates back immediately prior to World War II, when the Navy would charter Scripps’ sole research vessel.

Under the grants, Marine acoustics researcher Bill Hodgkiss will design and fabricate a two-dimensional, 256-element hydrophone array for use in the collection of midfrequency ambient noise and underwater acoustic propagation data in deep water.

Bruce Appelgate will install a scientific radar that makes precise real-time measurements of surface waves around the research vessel Sally Ride, which is currently under construction.

Researcher Eric Terrill received funds to support the Global Wave Buoy Array, comprising small, expendable drifter buoys equipped with GPS technology that measures the height, period and direction of ocean waves and reports these data back to Scripps via satellite.

Oceanographer Andrew Lucas received funds to develop the real-time telemetry capabilities of the Wirewalker wave-powered profiler. The Wirewalker traverses a vertical wire suspended beneath a surface float, propelled by the energy in ocean-surface waves. This system can profile a variety of ocean phenomena indefinitely.

Physical oceanographer Rob Pinkel received funds to significantly upgrade an existing Hydrographic Doppler Sonar System mounted on the hull of Scripps research vessel Roger Revelle.
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City bidding process needs retooling, study says

San Diego's voter-approved competitive bidding process known as “managed competition” needs to be reformed, according to a consultant's study presented Wednesday, June 18 to the City Council's budget committee.

The study is the last of five by a group led by former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith that looked into improving efficiency in various municipal functions. The committee voted unanimously to forward the report to the full City Council.

The managed competition process can be beneficial to the city and employees but became unwieldy and contentious, limiting any potential good, the report says.

The city began taking bids on various functions in 2010 and saved $9 million annually. However, it drew opposition from organized labor and was suspended by former Mayor Bob Filner.

Goldsmith's study found, among other things, that a reliance on managed competition has limited the implementation of other reform tools; a “robust flow of efficiency and effectiveness innovations” from the private sector has been stymied with municipal employees winning all the bids so far; and debate over the program has focused on who loses, not on creating win-win opportunities.

His two dozen recommendations include forming a more effective partnership between the city and organized labor; streamlining the process so it includes fewer steps to complete; creating a financial “up side” for affected employees; and making managed competition part of an overall efficiency initiative.

“It is my hope,” City Council president Todd Gloria said, “this study will pave a path forward to reform our managed competition program and to look at other ways to streamline and improve city processes while generating savings that can be reinvested in neighborhood services.”

Last week, Faulconer proposed establishing rewards for employees who come forward with ideas for saving money and improving services. Gloria said he backs Faulconer's plan and is “committed to cultivating efficiencies and moving forward with appropriate fiscal reforms beyond managed competition. We should continue to work together to implement other innovations and reforms that achieve cost savings.”

Planning group sets trustee election for July 3

The La Jolla Community Planning Association (LJCPA) will hold a special election on Thursday, July 3 to fill two vacant trustee seats.

One seat expires in 2015, the other in 2017.

Voting is open only to association members in good standing. Voters must furnish proof of identity, and LJCPA bylaws prohibit proxy voting and electioneering within 90 feet of the polls. The ballot allows for write-in candidates; however, write-ins must still meet all eligibility requirements.

The association's election committee will open the polls at 3 p.m. and close them at 7 p.m. The ballots will immediately be counted and the results announced at the LJCPA meeting. Candidate statements exist online at lajollacpa.org/elections.html.

The LJCPA is La Jolla's community organization recognized by the City of San Diego to make recommendations on local land use and infrastructure matters. It meets the first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the La Jolla Recreation Center. For information on the LJCPA, including current trustees, membership qualifications, attendance records, meeting agendas and more, please see lajollacpa.org.
Preuss students help in sea bass restoration bid

Students from two area high schools, including one in La Jolla, released more than 55 tagged white sea bass into local waters in a bid to restore healthy population levels.

The groups, from La Jolla’s The Preuss School UCSD and La Mesa’s Helix Charter High School, participated in a Presidents SeaWorld Research Institute “Sea bass in the Classroom” program, funded in part by an SDG&E Environmental Champions grant, on May 31 on Crown Point Park, 3804 Ingram St, in Pacific Beach.

Mike Shane, the research institute’s research scientist and the program’s coordinator, delivered the bass (cultured at a Carlsbad fish hatchery) to the schools. The programs are two of five local programs targeted for expansion of the “Sea bass in the Classroom” plan this past year. The program teaches the students about aquaculture and stock enhancement by growing, feeding, tagging and finally releasing fish into local waters. Once released, the fish are tracked by tags embedded in their cheeks.

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The oversize vehicle ordinance, or more correctly, the Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance, is a long-overdue change to parking regulations that will protect residential streets as well as streets in our commercial and recreation areas,” LaCava said. “The ordinance prevents blocking sight lines for cars, pedestrians and bicyclists by requiring oversized vehicles to be set back at least 50 feet from street intersections.”

LaCava added the new ordinance “prevents streets from becoming de facto storage areas by prohibiting on-street parking of oversized vehicles between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.”

LaCava said the city recognized the need for residents to load and unload their recreational vehicles and is providing easy-to-use online permitting and a modest $1.25-per-day fee.

“The city has wisely provided for a two-year sunset date so the ordinance is revisited to ensure it is working for all San Diegans,” he said.

City Council adopted the revised Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance on June 17, city public information officer Bill Harris said. Harris added the new ordinance bans overnight parking of “over-size vehicles, nonmotorized vehicles and recreational vehicles.”

Over-size vehicles are defined as “any vehicle, including any attached trailers, vehicles or loads thereon, that exceeds 27 feet in length and 7 feet in height.”

The new ordinance also allows owners of recreational vehicles (RVs) to obtain a permit allowing overnight parking within one 24-

hour period. Harris said the permit process is limited to individuals offering proof of residency in advance of purchasing the permit. Permit applicants — once confirmed by city staff — may purchase up to three consecutive permits (72 hours). Applicants may purchase up to 72 days of permits per year.

Recreational vehicles are defined in the Vehicle Code as “any camp trailer, camper, trailer coach or house car” or “any boat, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or other motorized or towed vehicle designed, maintained or used primarily for recreational purposes.”

The new ordinance also includes the opportunity for the city treasurer to implement an automated permit system. That system will “go live” via the city treasurer’s website on July 8, allowing users to provide appropriate proof of residency. Permits will become available for purchase on Aug. 1.

The City will adhere to a grace period for citation of permit violators between Aug. 1 and Aug. 16. All citations issued after the grace period will include a first notification with no associated fines. Subsequent violations will result in a $100 fine to vehicle owners.

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