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**Lifeguards, city agree on expanded health coverage**

**By DAVE SCHWAB**

San Diego lifeguards, who recently approved a new contract proposal with the city dealing with "presumptive illness coverage," got some — but not all — of what they were looking for in the deal.

"It falls far short of what we were told by the mayor we were going to get in 2013," said Harris.

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**The long and short board of the record**

The One Wave Challenge, first of its kind in San Diego, kicked off the Farmers Insurance Open golf tourney at La Jolla Shores on Saturday, Jan. 23 when nearly 200 surfers gathered for the chance to beat the current world record, set six years ago, in Cape Town, South Africa, when 110 surfers rode a single wave to shore. Unfortunately, the local surfers fell a bit short of the record, as only 97 surfers managed to ride one wave. The event, supported by the charitable Century Club, benefited Boys to Men, a San Diego nonprofit dedicated to guiding and supporting often fatherless boys on their journey to manhood.
Community

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

If you laid all the spectators at the 2015 Farmers Insurance Open golf tourney end to end (assuming they’re an average 5’6”), they’d stretch from San Diego to Pasaden-a. Absolutely no kidding. That’s a stratospheric 114 miles, and it’s a testament to the tournament’s prestige. More than 110,000 saw at least part of last year’s action on the south course at Torrey Pines Golf Course, where San Diego’s most notable outdoor sporting event has been held since 1968.

In all that while, volunteerism at the tournament has become its own industry. An army of 100,000 volunteers donate its time and talent at PGA events nationwide every year, with the Farmers till commanding the help of 850 volunteers over about 28,000 hours. Press materials, grandstand preparation, patron seating and maintenance are among the areas ripe for staffing – indeed, some take up player transport duties in hopes of rubbing elbows with the giants of the game.

Enter La Jolla resident and transportation volunteer Bill Jenkins, whose curiosity has brought him to the tournament for the first time. He’s played a few holes in his 65 years, though he’s not particularly a duffer’s paradise this time of year. But as the 2016 Farmers Insurance Open volunteer comes to the right place, he volunteers – this year, the tournament will be shown live on 110 channels in 13 languages worldwide, with potential exposure to 405 million households. It will also be broadcast on CBS, whose San Diego affiliate is KFMB, Ch. 8.

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Surfers celebrate life of Larry Gordon with memorial paddle-out

By DAVE SCHWAB

Humble, Loving, Spiritual. A friend to the countless lives he touched.

Those were just some of the accolades spoken about San Diego surf icon Larry Gordon at a paddle-out celebration of his life attended by about 400 people at Tourmaline Surf Park on Monday, Jan. 18.

Gordon, co-founder of Gordon & Smith surf and clothing company, died New Year’s day of Parkinson’s disease at age 76. He built the internationally renowned company into a custom surfboard, skateboard and clothing conglomerate known by surfers worldwide.

Gordon and his partner, surf buddy Floyd Smith, were among the first people to make surfboards out of foam, designs that were first crafted in Floyd’s garage when Gordon was a college chemistry student.

Many local surfers and board shapers, like Skip Frye, learned their craft at Gordon's side. "He was a spiritual mentor to me," Connelly said, "and I noticed a circle of of men..." --- (Continued from Page 1)

Parks group begins bylaws revision to set term limits

By DAVE SCHWAB

In January, La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. began revising its bylaws to include term limits for its members. The group also heard a report on future plaque placement at Children’s Pool before talking about the measure and heard a proposal to compile a dos and don’ts list for Scripps Park users.

Group chair Dan Allen noted that the possibility of establishing term limits was one of 17 items the group identified in 2013 as issues to be dealt with in a bylaws update being worked on by a parks and beaches subcommittee led by Nancy Linck.

Discussion of possible term limits sparked a debate among members over the necessity of having them.

Patrick Ahern noted term limits make it too easy to take over by special interests who otherwise might try to stack the board. Judy Halter noted the group has "really turned in a new direction" in considering term limits, adding, "We need as much credibility and transparency as possible."

Longtime community park planners Debbie Beacham and Melinda Merryweather noted that in the early days of the parks group, it was an effort just to get enough people together for a quorum.

But Frye said Gordon's personal friendship and love transcended the workplace. "He was a spiritual mentor to me," he said. "I had some pretty dire times in my life, and I know his prayers got me through. To me that was the most important thing."

At the paddle-out, Gary Adams described Gordon as a “legend.” He said, "He developed the first foam surfboards in San Diego.”

Kevin Connelly concurred. "He just had love for everyone in the surf industry,” he said, noting he worked with Gordon as a board shaper at age 17 before recently returning to his employ many years later. "The whole surf industry has been impacted by him,” Connelly said, adding, “He was just a great person — the love he had for people.”

Stephen (The Cowboy) Benson, who lives 50 miles away in Ramona, said he wouldn’t have missed Gordon's paddle-out. "He helped my father 50 years ago," Benson said. "He helped me." Dessa Kirk related a personal story about Gordon. It was 7 a.m. Saturday morning, and I noticed a circle of of men standing at Tourmaline,” she said. "They were praying. I asked if I could join. They welcomed me. After they were finished praying, they introduced themselves. One of them was Larry ... Larry encouraged me to explore shaping and follow my own path ... He, like Skip (Frye), thought it was important to give what's been given, to teach others..." --- (Continued from Page 1)

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on the board. "My family has owned property in the Shores since 1958.” Lucas said. "It's been great serving on the board. I encourage people out there to become active in your community. We've done a lot of good things on this board, and we're very proud of what we've accomplished."

• The association formed an elections subcommittee to get the ball rolling for group elections in March.

• A total of eight two-year-term seats will be available in the next election for the 15-member board.

• It was noted that Shores’ resident Bill Gibbs, the founder of Gib’s Flying School, whose name once graced what is now Montgomery Field, turned 105 recently.

• Heath Fox, the executive director of La Jolla Historical Society, dropped in to clue community planners in on an upcoming historical photo shoot in the Shores. Showing a photo taken in 1906 of cows on La Jolla Shores when the community had a dairy farm, Fox said plans are to retake that shot on property owned by La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club.

“Westerns,” Fox said the historic photo shoot is scheduled to take place Sunday, March 13 during low tide at 7 a.m. on the beach. The group had no problem with Fox's proposal and unanimously endorsed it.
Have you been to a mall recently? There is a new uniform: skinny jeans and high-heeled boots on sale in a catalog and wore them with a long-sleeved tunic down to mid-thigh. I thought I looked absolutely smashing.

That is just the beginning of the story....

My daughter and her husband and son came to visit for a few days from Canada. I thought I would surprise them with how cool a grandmother I was — if deemed redeemable — by that notion of what mature women are — that was termed out in 2010. She represented the 76th District, which is composed of La Jolla....
The Women’s Museum of California is presenting a head-turning exhibit called “Talking Through Her Hat: Hats and the Women Who Wore Them” through Jan. 31 at Point Loma’s Liberty Station. The museum has around eight hats in its collection, many of which are on display, ranging from bonnets to pillbox to picture hats. The museum presented a VIP opening on Jan. 7. Museum executive director Ashley Gardner was on hand to greet the guests, wearing a ’40s Rayon dress with piping, a ’20s duster and a stylish ’30s hat. Many in the crowd came decked out with hats to view this entertaining and educational exhibit.

The exhibit also presented hats from local collectors, with Darlene Davies loaning my all-time favorite hat to the event. Queen Elizabeth II came to San Diego in 1983, and Davies wore this hat when she and her husband met Her Highness. The Royal Palace forbade the Queen from greeting anyone in a wheelchair, so Darlene’s husband Lowell was placed in a period chair from the theater stock. This picture shows the queen warmly taking his hand when she greeted him. The exhibit includes a display with this special hat, the amazing picture with the Queen and a booklet reflecting this extra-special day.

A local collector, Lady Janice Martinelli, loaned her Victorian era-inspired hats and garments for the exhibit. Martinelli is the president of the National City Historical Society and the curator of the Frank Kimball House Museum. One of Martinelli’s specialties is giving Victorian teas at Hannah Lee’s Victoria Tea House, located on Brick Row in La Jolla. As a treat for this exhibit, Martinelli included a High Tea, Edwardian style, on Jan. 25.

The Women’s Museum of California, at 2730 Historic Decatur Road in Liberty Station, collects the contributions of women to educate future generations in its efforts “preserving the past...inspiring the future.” Hours are Wednesdays through Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. For more, see womensmuseum-sc.ca.org or call (619) 233-7963.

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Fashion Files

Diana Cavagnaro

Looks like a storm's brewing on the Cygnet Theatre stage with “When the Rain Stops Falling,” running through Feb. 14 at The Old Town Theatre.

C'mon out and play at SD Symphony's piano festival

By CHARLENE BALDRIDGE

A dilemma, to be sure

San Diego Symphony is amid its sixth annual Chamber Music Series, congruent with its current, cleverly named Upright & Grand piano festival, evidenced by the gaily painted upright instrument in the symphony hall lobby. Sit down, make yourself at home and play.

Featured Upright & Grand pianist Jeremy Denk (the played the “Emperor” Concerto Jan. 16 and 17 with the orchestra) recently released an exquisite recording of J. S. Bach’s Goldberg Variations, so what could be better than presenting him in a chamber music series reflecting this extra-special day.

Knowing that Denk and the unaccompanied Variations would sell too many seats for the recital if it were held in the usual Chamber Music Series site (The Auditorium at the Scripps Research Institute), the orchestra merely limited seating at the Jacobs Music Center downtown to the two center sections of the orchestra, which were nicely filled Jan. 19.

The man, the 30 variations on Bach’s aria and the instrument were enough despite the fact that, as my companion remarked, the hall is not ideal for a piano recital. I, too, found some of the finer articulations blurred. Be that as it may, the audience was exceptionally quiet, still and attentive, and the playing was absolutely splendid. Oh, what worlds we traveled in our circuit from the first statement to the last iteration.

Free Poetry at the Globe

In conjunction with its production of the “translaptated” French farce “The Metromanics,” The Old Globe Theatre presents a free poetry festival titled “Poetry on the Plaza” at 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13 and 14, offering local literary luminaries Gill Sotu, Karla Cordero, Jim Moreno, Joe Limer and Liza Huerta. On Sunday only, “Metromanics” actor Adam LeFevre will join the other poets. In addition to his extensive theatrical credits, LeFevre recently published a third volume of poems, “A Swindler’s Grace.” Both poetry events are free and open to the public. Pray for sunshine, theodoglobe.org.

We’ve seen a rash of plays lately in which time is treated rather cavalierly. Case in point: When the curtain goes up on Australian playwright Andrew Bovell’s “When the Rain Stops Falling” (from Cygnet Theatre in Old Town through Feb. 14), a fish falls from the sky in Alice Springs, Australia. It’s not just any fish; it’s an extinct fish, and it’s as fresh as it was the day it hatched.

The acclaimed 2008 play concerns four generations of the same family, searching for truth on two continents in 2039 and 1959. Thinking ticket holders may need a little help, Cygnet emailed audience guidance the week of Jan. 18. The company includes Tom Stephenson, Rosina Reynolds and Rachael Van Wormer. Associate artistic director Bob Lutty directs, cygnettheatre.com.

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The Promiscuous Fork: There's method, and a whole lot of fun, in the madness

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

We have it on good authority that almost nobody knows the history behind the ice-cream soda – and in the interest of full disclosure, we feel it’s our duty to outline the facts as we have them. The item was invented in the late 19th century by Bob Green, who operated a Philadelphia soda shop and used carbonated water, milk and syrup in his signature entry. Word on the street is he ran out of milk one day and was forced to use ice cream in its place.

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Drought-friendly Lion's Tail is aptly named

More than 20 years ago, I purchased a tiny Lion's Tail at Mission Hills Nursery and planted it in a corner of our front yard. By the next season, the plant had grown to about five feet tall and was covered with eye-catching orange flowers that continually bloomed for most of the year. When people pass by, they always seem to notice this plant and its unusual flowers, and they ask me about it. While I knew its name, I realized I knew very little about the plant and decided to learn more.

Native to South Africa, Lion's Tail (Leonotis leonurus) is a perennial herbaceous shrub related to the mint family, and it received its nickname because its fuzzy orange flowers resemble the tuft at the end of a lion’s tail. The plant's unusual flowers attract hummingbirds, bees and butterflies, and its leaves give off a minty smell when brushed against or cut. While the most common flower color is orange, some varieties come in white (alba) and yellow.

Lion’s Tail is a drought-tolerant plant and will grow in almost any type of soil as long as the soil drains well. This is a plant that thrives with little water, and if you water it too often, the leaves will yellow, and its overall appearance will be poor. Plant Lion’s Tail in a sunny area of the garden that receives at least six hours of sunshine a day, and it will aggressively grow from five to seven feet.

As the petals of the flowers fade, a round thistlelike seed pod forms, and if you allow the pod to dry out and turn brown, you can cut it off and harvest the seeds by shaking them out. The seed pod has sharp spikes, so wear gloves when handling them. Along the coast, seeds can be planted in late winter.

Each January, I cut my Lion’s Tail back to about six inches above the soil, and right now it looks like dead twigs sticking out of the soil. By early spring, the plant will come back to life, shoot up and produce an abundance of green leaves and round flower buds. Flowers will begin to open by late spring, and by summer it is in full glorious bloom.

I fertilize my Lion’s Tail each spring with an all-purpose organic fertilizer, which seems to keep it happy and blooming for the rest of the year.

During the summer, I prune back its branches and shape the plant, since it can grow out of shape quickly. The long spikes of bright orange flowers are nice to use in floral arrangements.

While reading about this plant, I was surprised to learn that some consider Lion’s Tail similar to, and use it as a replacement for, cannabis. There are also many warnings about allergic reactions and that the plant can be toxic if taken in too high a dose.

That said, I guess the best “high” to get from this plant would be from admiring it and its unique, beautiful and ever-blooming flowers!

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Richard Nixon, such as he was, called psychologist Timothy Leary “the most dangerous man in America.” Other people felt the same—amid his legendary experimentation with psychoactive drugs, Leary would see time in 30 jals during the 1960s and ’70s.

Controversy also dealt a blow to his livelihood; he and fellow researcher Richard Alpert left their Harvard University teaching positions in 1961 (Alpert was let go for dispensing a drug: reports conflict as to whether Leary was fired or quit).

Fate to 1996, the year Leary died, at age 75. Alpert would eulogize his friend as “my first profound spiritual teacher”—and he knew of what he spoke. Also known as culture figurehead Ram Dass, he got the latter name (Hindi for “servant of God”) during his travels to Nepal and India. He would write “Be Here Now;” the 1971 book on spirituality and meditation; in 2014, he was featured in the film “Dying to Know: Ram Dass and Timothy Leary,” which explores death, faith and the man’s unique spiritual bond.

You can see the movie, part of the 26th annual San Diego Jewish Film Festival, on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the David & Dorothea Garfield Theatre in La Jolla’s Jewish Community Center; it will show again on the 14th at the Clairemont Reading 14. The Gay Dillingham-directed entry is particular to this event because Alpert, now 84, is Jewish—and it’s one of some 40 films that explore the concept of Judaism in popular thought.

Other entries will be shown between Feb. 4 and 14 at La Jolla’s ArcLight Cinemas and at venues in Carlsbad and San Marcos.

The festival’s PR material toutsthe event in the way: “Dying to Know” is a film that reflects Judaism as both a religious and cultural marker. Craig Prater, film festival director, called “Dying to Know” an ideal expression of each facet. Alpert’s religion, for example, fueled his eventual embrace of Leary’s tenets—on top of that, everybody in our culture knows those guy’s names.

“We have so many international film groups that may or may not be Jewish,” Prater said, “but they’re interested in learning different cultures that make their film viewing experience broader.

“I believe that is what makes a Jewish film festival unique to other festivals. So many of our films refer to specific history down through the years, cultural things that may influence storylines. Same with Italian film. Some of them might emphasize food or something, but like Jewish film, the history is so much greater.”

Indeed. The first mention of Judaism dates to two centuries before Jesus Christ, and history takes it from there. The faith and its cultural components have outlawed some languages and countries amid dizzying evolutions in music, art, politics, war and religion. In “Dying to Know,” for example, Alpert explains that his strict Jewish upbringing led to his friendship with Leary and a larger view of the religious experience.

“I came out of the Jewish faith,” he had said at Leary’s eulogy, “and when I met Krishna, I was just flabbergasted that God would be singing and dancing and playing tricks on [Krishna’s holies]. It just didn’t compute.”

On the other hand, he said, fate would eventually lead to his embrace of the faith.

“My belief,” he told the Religious News Service in 1992, “is that I wasn’t born into Judaism by accident, and so I needed to find ways to honor that. From a Hindu perspective, you are born as what you need to deal with, and if you just try and push it away, whatever it is, it’s got you.”

If Alpert’s story isn’t exactly ripped from the headlines, Mideast conflict certainly is. The film “Rock in the Red Zone” is a case in point—it focuses on the Israeli town of Sderot, at once the birthplace of a revolution in Israeli rock music and a constant target of mortar fire from the Gaza Strip.

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of the latest agreement, adding, “It is not consistent with police and fire. But it will provide better protection than we have had in the past.”

Harris pointed out lifeguards “are going to be protected again for things like meningitis, tuberculosis, hernia and pneumonia. That’s a very good thing.”

Noting lifeguards “are part of the fire department,” Harris added, “It is our continued position that we fall under state law and should be fully covered under the Labor Code.”

After months of intensive negotiations, Teamsters Local 911 and the Lifeguard union leadership received its most recent proposal from the City of San Diego on presumptive illness coverage protections following City Council closed session.

The lifeguards union has been engaged in a public information campaign for the last six months.

With the El Niño season fast approaching and the potential for severe health exposures to lifeguards skyrocketing, the local believed it was in membership’s best interest to seriously consider the city’s most recent offer.

That offer, now approved, will provide coverage for short-term illness and injury. But it does not address, in the lifeguards’ view, the long-term health effects of exposure to contaminated water, sewage and chemicals.

The offer also fails to provide coverage for other things.

“The bad side of it,” Harris said, “is things that are more serious and could kill you, like heart attack and cancer, we don’t get. But we’ll keep trying for it. This doesn’t end the conversation or the effort.”

Harris said the most recent contract vote “makes it very clear that members of the fire department are covered presumptively, though it’s a choice on how that’s interpreted.”

Harris said San Diego is “the first lifeguard agency to get presumptive coverage in California.”

This most recent ratification will be an addendum to the current contract between the City of San Diego and the Lifeguards.

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