Children’s Pool historical designation likely in future

By Dave Schwab | La Jolla Village News

An effort to have Children’s Pool in La Jolla officially designated as historic is advancing. Consideration of Children’s Pool’s proposed historical designation will be an action item on La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc.’s Aug. 27 agenda.

Architectural historian Diane Kane has teamed with the La Jolla Historical Society to initiate the process for pool historical designation. She has since been canvassing La Jolla civic groups, lobbying them to back historical designation for the pool, created by construction of a concrete breakwater in 1931 by famed La Jolla philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps. Scripps paid for breakwater construction to create a safe and protected children’s wading pool.

“The Children’s Pool has been ‘deemed historic’ for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), but isn’t formally designated,” said Kane. “If it were formally designated, it would be rehabilitated or reconstructed using the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards and the State Historic Building Code.”

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Salk Institute settles discrimination suit with majority of parties

BY DAVE SCHWAB | LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

A year-old lawsuit against Salk Institute for Biological Studies alleging gender discrimination against women by three of its female scientists has been settled out of court.

The principals, Salk president Dr. Rusty Gage on behalf of the Salk Institute, and two of the three female professors involved in the suit, Drs. Kathy Jones and Vicki Lundblad, issued the following joint statement on Salk’s website.

“When each of us joined the Salk Institute, we signed on to a bold and collective mission far bigger and far more important than our work as individual scientists,” the joint statement read. “Over the last year, the Institute’s collective nature has been put to the test, having entered into uncharted territory amid very public litigation. As we have moved through the legal process, however, we have been reminded that, whatever our differences, we must never lose sight of our aspiration to work for the betterment of humanity and for each other.

“With that spirit in mind, in recent weeks the Institute’s leadership and Drs. Kathy Jones and Vicki Lundblad commenced discussions in hopes of resolving our disputes,” the statement continued. “Those productive conversations have led to a resolution of all claims between these parties that will enable us to put our disagreements behind us and move forward together at Salk for the collective good of the Institute and science.”

Contacted by La Jolla Village News, attorney Deborah Dixon of the San Diego law firm Gomez Trial Attorneys representing Jones and Lundblad, said the terms of the settlement with Salk did not allow her to discuss its details.

A year ago, three women involved in the lawsuit against the independent, non-profit, scientific research institute, contended it systematically discriminated against them on salary, benefits, promotions and access to private donations.

The female trio, which included Dr. Beverly Emerson, in their suit against Salk, alleged that “the Institute’s gender-biased policies and practices have led to both explicit and implicit gender discrimination … Salk allows a subset of senior men to openly vocalize biases against the Salk tenured women professors, which has created a hostile work environment … the discrimination has affected these women’s advancements within Salk. The pervasive gender discrimination is obvious, yet Salk takes no action to stop such conduct, or rectify its damage.”

At that time, then-Salk president Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn countered that “I have both a personal and professional commitment to fairness, equality and accord for each of our women faculty … when we have been reminded of our collective nature has been put our disagreements behind us and move forward together at Salk for the collective good of the Institute and science.”

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Drug and firearms dealer sentenced to 46 months in prison

BY NEAL PUTNAM | LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

A University City man who illegally sold firearms and heroin was sentenced Friday, Aug. 17 to 46 months in federal prison.

Paul Joseph Holdy, 42, pleaded guilty a year ago to distributing firearms and drugs is a high priority for the U.S. Attorney’s office for the Southern District,” said Sutton.

The seized weapons included seven pistols, machine guns, shotguns, silencers, and rifles along with hundreds of rounds of ammunition. No serial numbers or manufacturer’s markings were found on 18 of the weapons. One Glock pistol had out-of-state markings. Prosecuting people who traffic in firearms and drugs is a high priority,” said Sutton afterwards. “Well continue to prosecute cases like this in the future.”

There were six controlled purchases by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms with assistance from the FBI from June 23, 2016 to April 6, 2017. Some of them were from his home on Angel Place, and others were in public places. One undercover informant was sold both heroin and a silencer, according to court documents.

“Targeting people involved in illegal guns and trafficking is a high priority for the U.S. Attorney’s office for the Southern District,” said Sutton.

Holdy has been incarcerated at the Metropolitan Correctional Center since May, 2017, and will get credit for that time against his sentence, said Sutton.

His attorney, Merle Schneidewind, asked for a 37-month sentence. He submitted a prison document showing that Holdy has attended all of his Alcoholics Anonymous meetings while in custody.

Holdy was convicted in 2009 in San Diego Superior Court for selling a controlled substance. In his current case, Holdy sold one ounce of heroin to an undercover agent for $1,000, according to court documents.

During one sale, Holdy described one machine gun as “fun to shoot and works really well.” Holdy told an undercover agent that it takes him longer to manufacture machine guns because necessary parts are not easily available.

An undercover agent paid Holdy $6,600 for three firearms in one sale and another agent paid $3,700 for silencers and firearms in another sale.
These do not require bringing historic properties up to current safety codes, which would be very expensive and result in a better facility with high chain-link safety fencing that won’t look at all like the current one.”

She noted Children’s Pool’s historical designation “would also make the facility eligible for both public and private grant money to fix it up. Rebuilding it to current standards would come out of the city’s Capital Improvement Program where there is a long waiting list. So, hopefully, this strategy would result in a quicker upgrade with outside funds to keep the property in service, looking like it was originally designed.”

Kane and associates are working on creating a Children’s Pool historic district. They will be submitting a formal proposal to the State Office of Historic Preservation that reviews National Register nominations at its quarterly meetings, before submitting them to Washington, D.C. for final review.

Only elements at the pool present from 1920-1931 that have “integrity,” will be considered contributors to the historical district according to Kane. She added the historical designation process entails establishing boundaries “to include elements associated with the pool’s original setting, design and construction.”

“This would mean everything from the curb on Prospect Street out to the break wall is part of the historical project. Other features in and around Children’s Pool, like the concrete walkways, have been altered disqualifying them from inclusion as “contributing” historical elements.

For years, Children’s Pool has been a battleground between seal supporters and local beach-access advocates, who have contended over the existing harbor seal rookery there and human access to it.

Kane told LJPB previously the proposed Children’s Pool historic district will be evaluated for its association with engineer Hiram Newton Savage and architect William Templeton Johnson. She said the pool’s historicity will be judged for its innovative engineering and site-specific architecture, influenced by both the Beaux Arts tradition and its organic design. The property will be nominated for historical designation at the local level of significance for the time period 1920-1931.

LJPB president Ann Parode Dynes and Kane met recently with Andy Field, Meredith Dawson and Paul Jacobs of City Park & Rec to brief them on plans by the La Jolla Historical Society and La Jolla Parks & Beaches Inc. to submit an application to the National Registry to have Children’s Pool designated as a historical site.

“I believe that they were enthusiastic that this step, if successful, would enable the City to move forward with a clear need to repair the wall, and ultimately the breakwater, consistent with CEQA and other mandates, and hopefully using grant funding available to historical restorations like this,” said Parode Dynes. “We advised them that we are unaware of any negative consequences of this action since the pool is already ‘deemed eligible’ to be so designated, so it lives in a never-never-land, as we discovered when we met with the City engineers a year and a half ago at this site.”

Dynes said arrangements are being made to bring District 1 Councilwoman Barbara Bry “up to speed on this project.”

At a recent LJPB meeting, longtime La Jolla parks planner Melinda Merryweather cited Kane for her work delineating the historical significance of Children’s Pool calling her efforts, “the biggest gift we could ever get. We’ve been talking about this for 30 years.”

“The nomination of the Children’s Pool to the National Register of Historic Places and the California Historic Landmarks register is important for La Jolla because of the site’s association with engineer Hiram Newton Savage and architect William Templeton Johnson, its innovative engineering and site-specific architecture, and its association with philanthropist Ellen Browning Scripps,” said La Jolla Historical Society executive director Heath Fox. “Listing on the National and State Registers will ensure the rehabilitation of the Children’s Pool can be accomplished in accordance with the Secretary of Interior Standards and the State Historic Building Code, and will provide an avenue for private funding and the opportunity for the community to participate in the preservation of this important historic site.”

LJPB, which makes recommendations to the City on coastal parks in the Jewel, meets at Monda, Aug. 27 at 4 p.m. at La Jolla Rec. Center Auditorium, 615 Prospect St.
La Jolla clusters back to school updates

UC San Diego Health and its medical and surgical specialties have again been nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report for 2019. Each year, U.S. News & World Report analyzes and reviews hospital performance in clinical specialties, procedures and conditions for its “Best Hospital” rankings. These rankings evaluate hospitals that provide excellent treatment for health conditions that require the most comprehensive care.

“UC San Diego Health is the only academic medical center in the region, and with our focus on recruiting world-class physician-scientists and accelerating bench-to-bedside treatments, we continue to receive patients from all over the region who are looking for the highest-quality care,” said Patty Mayzent, chief executive officer, UC San Diego Health. “We are proud of the high quality care we provide to the sickest and most complex patients in our region and beyond, and we continue to focus on serving our community by creating more access for patients to our sub-specialized physicians and ground-breaking treatments.”

For 2018-19, U.S. News & World Report ranked 4,500 hospitals. Among these UC San Diego Health ranked in six specialties:

- Cancer (No. 45) – Anchored by Moores Cancer Center, UC San Diego Health is home to the only National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center in the region. Moores Cancer Center is at the forefront in developing promising new therapies and bench-to-bedside innovation and offering the latest surgical technologies, plus more than 300 leading-edge precision and immune therapy trials.
- Cardiology and heart surgery (No. 40) – The region’s first cardio-vascular institute, the Sulpizio Cardiovascular Center was opened at UC San Diego Health in 2011. So far this year, Sulpizio physicians and staff have performed 48 ventricular assist device procedures, 54 heart transplants, 900 cardiac surgery cases, 3,700 cardiac catheterization procedures; and handled more than 34,000 outpatients at our sub-specialized patient clinic visits across the San Diego region.
- Geriatrics (No. 38) – A pioneer level UC San Diego Health will open a state-of-the-art physical space dedicated to treating seniors requiring emergency health care. The new space will be located in the Gary and Mary West Emergency Department at UC San Diego Health in La Jolla and will open in 2019. In May, the Gary and Mary West Emergency Department was accredited as California’s first geriatric emergency department by the American College of Emergency Physicians.
- Neurology and neurosurgery (No. 46) – This year, UC San Diego Health added a second Joint Commission-designated Comprehensive Stroke Center, making it the only health care provider in the region with two such centers. Additionally, this specialty is home to a Level 4 epilepsy center; a Lewy Body dementia research center of excellence; two intra-operative imaging suites; and a world-class skull base tumor program.

La Jolla clusters back to school updates

Dr. Dave Schiavone | La Jolla Village News

All five schools in the La Jolla Cluster Association — Bird Rock, La Jolla and Torrey Pines elementary schools, Midland Middle School and La Jolla High — are aiming to ensure the 2018-19 school year beginning Monday, Aug. 27 will be successful for all.

LJCA serves the five La Jolla public schools with an executive board of 10 parents (two from each school), 10 teachers (two from each school) and five principals.

The LJCA’s mission is to promote and support excellence in education in all La Jolla public schools by:

- Working collaboratively to meet the needs of a diverse student population through K-12.
- Preparing students for college, careers and life by providing a rigorous, comprehensive, standards-based curriculum that includes technology, the visual and performing arts, physical education and character education.

There are two new principals in the La Jolla Cluster this year: Andrea (Andi) Frost at Bird Rock and Gof Martin at Midlands.

There is presently a principal vacancy at Torrey Pines Elementary as former principal Sarah Ott has been named executive director of special education for San Diego Unified School District.

Comprehensive La Jolla High School, serving grades 9-12 opened in 1922. Located in the heart of La Jolla with its approximately 41,000 residents within the San Diego City limits, LJHS encompasses 12 acres with 34 permanent buildings. One of 16 high schools in SDUSD, LJHS is the district’s second-oldest campus.

LJHS principal Chuck Podhorsky is excited about the coming year. “I know this is going to be an incredible school year,” he said, adding, “We need to remain focused on student data as a way of helping us to understand how we can build systems and structures of support at our school... Our path to being the top school in the nation will be paved by ensuring the highest levels of academic success for all students.”

Referencing what’s new at La Jolla Elementary, principal Donna Tripi said new turfing on Girard Avenue was put in over the summer, with new projection and sound systems installed in the school auditorium.

“Flexible seating for all classrooms through foundation funding allows more movement for students, gives them choice for work areas, and helps them learn what they need as learners,” said Tripi. “Classroom teachers purchased bean bags, yoga balls, standing desks, wobble seats, etc.”

Added Tripi, of La Jolla Elementary, “We’re always refining our work with the new Common Core standards in literacy and math. We are implementing the Next Generation Science standards in earth, physical, and life science as well. We added an engineering/robotics unit last year in all grades K-5.”

At the end of 2017, Tripi said the elementary school “received our district allocation of laptops for all students in grades K-2” adding “grades 3-5 students already had a one-to-one laptop-to-student ratio.”

Like other SDUSD schools, La Jolla Elementary is becoming more health-conscious. “We’re all implementing the district’s Wellness Initiative and we’re helping our students to understand what we offer, in addition to looking at nutrition guidelines for parties, etc.,” said Tripi.

Additionally, Tripi noted LJHS added Spanish a couple of years ago, which is being increased to two sessions per week in grades K-2, with grades 3-5 having one session per week.

“We also have full grade-level music through the district, and music, art, technology, dance and theater through our Foundation,” Tripi said.

The second-largest school district in the state, SDUSD serves more than 132,000 students in 223 educational facilities. The district includes 116 elementary schools, 24 middle schools, 26 high schools, 44 charter schools and 14 apprenticeship schools.

Besides being one of the largest districts in the state, SDUSD is also one of the most diverse, representing more than 15 ethnic groups and more than 60 languages and dialects.

For more information visit lajollachurch.com.
Where to crush it for ‘Sunday Fundays’ at the beach

By ANDREW EAKES | la jolla village news

Yes, Sunday Funday is a thing. A few years ago, avocado toast and long mimosa-fueled brunches took over Sundays. But now, brunch has expanded into day drinking. DJs and dancing into the evening as a way to extend the weekend party and make the looming work week more palatable.

How does it all work? First, organize your squad. Sunday Funday is a group activity. Second, pick out a spot and make sure bottomless Bloody Marys – as well as various food options that include a lot of bacon – are on the menu. Others things to consider: outdoor deck or patio with a scenic view, music options – live or DJ-infused, flexibility to “go with the flow,” and plenty of space to accommodate the busy crowds.

Now that you’re ready for a Sunday Funday, check out our list below of some amazing places to stretch the weekend out to its full potential.

La Jolla

Herrington (7837 Herschel Ave.): They make it really easy for Sunday Funday. Herrington offers $10 single mimosas or bottomless Sunday Funday. Herringbone offers a restaurant by respected French chef Brian Malarkey. George’s at The Cove is the best way to extend the weekend party over Sundays. But now, brunch has expanded into day drinking. DJs and dancing into the evening as a way to extend the weekend party and make the looming work week more palatable.

Ocean Beach

Raglan Public House (1851 Bacon St.): After a Saturday night of drinking, Raglan Public House may be the fried-and-greasy fix you are craving. Best known for the delicious burgers including their lamb burgers, fish ‘n’ chips and chicken pot pies. Sunday Funday gets a little crazier with the addition of $1 mimosas from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Voltaire Beach House (4934 Voltaire St.): There is really no place better in OB to get a Sunday Funday going than Voltaire Beach House. This dog-friendly, open-air restaurant offers bottom-less mimosas for $14.95, pitchers of sangria for $10 and their Cutwater Spirits Fugu Vodka Beach House Bloody Mary for $8. For a larger appetite, bite down on their Short Rib Hash, a mix of braised short ribs, breakfast potatoes, fried eggs, sautéed onion and mushrooms.

Wonderland Ocean Pub (5083 Santa Monica Ave.): Who doesn’t want to suck up their Sunday Funday with one of the best ocean views at any bar in OB? Wonderland offers just that. Some of their most popular favorites include the OBurrito, shrimp and goat cheese omelet and eggs and enchiladas. On Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., they offer $12 bottles of champagne, $10 Greyhounds (Fugu Vodka by Cutwater, fresh grapefruit juice and agave nectar) and $10 Aperol Spritz (Aperol, champagne and soda water).

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“It’s such a spectacular thing. It’s hard, the way the players do, to keep the ball moving over the net without using your hands,” said Cesar Lima of Pacific Beach, who competed in the first professional tournament of its kind held in San Diego recently.

The 5-foot-10-inch tall futevoleira, who was born in the United States but whose parents are Brazilian and who grew up in Rio de Janeiro, added, “It’s a show.”

Lima described the graceful movements of the athletes and the intricacies of the sport, which stipulate that servers must kick the ball from a tiny mound of sand they build up behind the back line just for that purpose.

As the native Baltimorean spoke, footvolley pairs in the tourney—including pro star Leah Morales from Northern California—received the ball off their chests and headed shots over the net as visitors to the beach area eyed the unusual sport from the bluff above the court site and from the sidelines down on the beach proper.

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Dany Gaspar of Pacific Beach, another Brazilian entered in the National Footvolley Association (NFA) event a Frazee Beach in Carlsbad, is also a member of the local San Diego Footvolley Club, which practices at the sand volleyball courts at “The Pit,” in Mission Beach across from the Belmont Park roller coaster. Beginners are welcome. He showed off a hard cast on his left arm from a recent mishap. Other locals entered included Guilherme, of Point Loma, and Nunu.

Among the onlookers was Bebe, a towering 7-foot-tall former member of the NBA Toronto Raptors, presently a free agent, whose given name is Lucas Nogueira. The carioca (native of Rio) hung out with his fellow Brasileiros under a shady awning off one corner of the main court below Pine Avenue, looking relaxed and enjoying quips in Portuguese. Though the skies were still overcast in the late morning, Bebe’s presence seemed to add to the friendly and starry atmosphere, as footvolley players’ wives arrived and double kisses were exchanged.

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Fashion files: Celebrating Couture 2018 at Omni La Costa

The Globe Guilders and Neiman Marcus presented Celebrating Couture 2018 on Aug. 16 at the Omni La Costa Resort & Spa. This is the 28th year of high-quality runway shows by the Guilders and the 11th anniversary for the partnership with Neiman Marcus. The chair and Globe Guilders president, Kim Neapole, was present for the event, which began with a champagne reception and silent auction. Co-chairs were Pamela Maudsley-Merrill, Mary Roberts, Lisa Berry Shaw and Lynn Silva.

Neiman Marcus featured the “Art of Fashion Fall 2018” with a glamorous runway show showcasing the latest of fall fashions. This high-energy runway wowed the audience with non-stop men’s and women’s couture, pret-a-porter fashions and a cornucopia of accessories with many different styles of sunglasses. One of my favorites was a pair of red cat-eye sunglasses by Karen Walker.

Models were jewelry designed by Los Angeles jewelry designer Devon Leigh. Earrings at this event were big, bigger and gigantic, with some going down to the shoulders and past. Many of these unique pieces were designed with gold-dipped metal and semi-precious stones. Turquoise was seen the most throughout the evening, however.

The catwalk revealed variations of brown, many shades of greens, and a plethora of red hues—fall fabrics of beautiful velvets and geometric designs. The runway shows led up to a dramatic finale with designer Zac Posen who is known for his craftsmanship and textile manipulation. Since Posen was unable to attend, a short video clip was shown with him thanking those present. His designs showed off American glamour, and it was exciting to see him bring back 50s elegance. There were many off-the-shoulder gowns, ball gowns with full-length capes, or tight-fitting gowns with trains. The embellishments were exceptional using beading and embroidery.

Globe Guilders have been around since 1955, during which they have been more than giving of their time and financial support. This event, which was dedicated to the memory of Peggy Matthews, helped raise funds for The Old Globe Theatre and benefit’s The Old Globe’s artistic and arts engagement programs. For more information, visit globe-guilders.org or for membership information call Mary Roberts at 619-222-2486.

Upcoming events
• Thursday, Sept. 20 – 63rd annual Art of Fashion runway show and luncheon presented by the Country Friends. Located at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe. Events are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For tickets, visit thecountryfriends.org.

• Saturday, Sept. 22 -14th annual “Strut for Sobriety!” boutique, luncheon, awards ceremony and fashion show to be held by A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing) at the Hyatt Aventine La Jolla. The event celebrates recovery from drug addiction. Fashion show produced by Gretchen Productions. For more information, call 619-670-1184.

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Luau and Legends of Surfing Invitational
Celebrating a quarter century of wave riding royalty, culture

It was supposed to be a joyous, carefree adventure. New Zealand newlyweds Matt and Daniella Fontenesi commenced their three-week honeymoon trip to the United States in August 2013.

On the flight, Matt was struck with a debilitating fever, which he disregarded as a lingering virus. Less than a week later, he was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia—his blood was 90 percent cancerous.

For three years, he battled fevers that soared to 107 degrees and endured high-dose chemotherapy. When he needed a bone-marrow transplant, he was transported to Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health, one of the leading hospitals in the world for the high-risk procedure. On Aug. 19, Matt was among the surfers participating in the Luau and Legends of Surf Invitational.

“I surfed in the Luau and Legends of Surfing Invitational because I can, because I’m alive,” he said. “What I loved about my treatment at Moores Cancer Center is that, not only are they experts who have seen every possible permutation...they treated me and my wife with dignity. They really appreciated how difficult this made our lives, and they wanted to help us get back. It was an amazing collaboration between both brilliant doctors and incredibly compassionate nurses.”

Now in its 25th year, the annual fundraiser units more than $100,000, surfers, scientists, survivors and friends have supported cutting-edge science at UC San Diego Health through the Luau and Legends Surfing Invitational,” said Scott M. Lippman, M.D., director of Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. “This passion mirrors the commitment that my colleagues and I display every day as we search for new cures and treatments for a devastating disease. Breakthroughs occur and lives are saved at Moores Cancer Center thanks to the generous support of the Luau.”

In addition to raising funds, the Luau celebrates the advances made in cancer research and patient care, and recognizes individuals who have contributed to the progress—such as Howard Birndorf and Ivor Royston, M.D., who pioneered the biotech industry in San Diego. In 1978, the UC San Diego scholars formed Hybritech, the region’s first biotech company. The scientists developed the first blood test to screen for prostate cancer as well as custom-made antibodies to specifically attack cancer cells. Birndorf and Royston were acknowledged this year with the Rell Sunn Award, which honors the memory of Rell Kapolokia’eukai Sunn, known as the “First Lady of Surfing.”

Sunn was diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 32, but rather than submitting to the disease, she lived vibrantly until passing 15 years later in 1998. The Sunn Award recognizes medical scientists, philanthropists and community advocates who have made a difference in the battle against cancer and who embody the Aloha spirit.

This year, the event was chaired by Sam Armstrong and John Otterson, who founded the Luau and Legends of Surfing Invitational in 1993. Both are current Moores Cancer Center Board of Visitors members. Festivities kicked off at 7 a.m., at the beach near Scripps Pier in La Jolla, where teams of four were paired with a surfing legend for a friendly competition.

The Luau followed at 11 a.m. with musical entertainment by Gary Hoey, who wrote the soundtrack to “Endless Summer II: a tropical buffet,” and live and silent auctions featuring surf-inspired artwork, unique surfboards and vacation packages. Featured artwork was presented by painter, designer and illustrator Josh “Shag” Agle. Odonate was supporting the event as the title sponsor.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, team entries, tickets and event activities for next year’s event, call 858-822-6623.

Robert “Wingnut” Weaver gets comfortable during the invitational.

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Surfing named ‘official sport of California’

On Aug. 20, Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB1782, which officially declares surfing as the “official sport of California.”

The bill, introduced by Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi, co-authored by Majority Leader Ian Calderon.

“I am stoked that surfing is now California’s official sport,” said Muratsuchi, apparently an avid surfer, to multiple press outlets. “No other sport represents the California dream better than surfing, riding the waves of opportunity and living in harmony with nature.”

Not only is the state home to more than 1,100 miles of coastline, which boasts some of the world’s best/most iconic waves, but the surf industry has maintained an economic boon. Let one forget that the Beach Boys, whose hometown is represented by Muratsuchi himself, hail from the Golden State as well. Despite their questionable surf abilities, the group nonetheless championed the sport’s popularity.

Luau-goers congregate at the 25 annual luau.

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Bird Rock Coffee Roasters announced the launch of their first ready-to-drink product, a single-origin cold brew created in collaboration with BKON, LLC.

The limited-release cold brew is made from green coffee beans from the family-owned Café Granua Las Esperanzas’s Las Margaritas farm in Colombia. The red bourbon honey processed coffee beans are from microlot No. 16. This week, the coffee received a score of 94 from Coffee Review, the highest scored cold brew made in Southern California.

BKON used its uniquely patented RAIN (Reverse Atmospheric Infusion) process to create this Bird Rock Coffee Roasters cold brew, the first of its kind in the West. The RAIN process gracefully removes the air trapped in an organic material’s cellular structure, further enhancing the way infusion occurs and how soluble elements are extracted into a beverage.

The results are deep and layered flavor profiles that are truly unmatched.

“We have been wanting to do a cold brew option for a while, and we are thrilled to have found the partner that retains the excellence of our beans,” said Jeff Taylor, co-owner of Bird Rock Coffee Roasters. “Our goal is to expand the opportunities to provide the world’s greatest coffee to our customers, and when searching for partners in innovation that could bring us to that next level, BKON offered not only the most outstanding technology, but a love for bringing the best flavors out of their ingredients that rivals our own love for coffee.”

The Bird Rock Coffee Roasters single origin cold brew cans are 8.4 oz and $4.45. They are available for sale at all four Bird Rock Coffee locations in San Diego, and available while supplies last.

A review from Coffee Review had the following tasting notes: “crisp, fruit-toned cocoa, fresh-cut cedar, raspberry, passionfruit, violet-like flowers. Satiny, lively mouthfeel. Long finish resonating with cedar, fruit and flowers.”

“Rain is the idea of [creating] something different for the coffee world,” Tedesco said. “We have a special relationship with Bird Rock and have always held them in high esteem.” Said Lou Var- tardi, co-founder of BKON. “This cold brew is truly a testament to why Bird Rock Coffee Roasters was selected as Roaster of the Year and continues to produce exceptional products.”

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters was the first to introduce direct trade and origin-sourced coffees to the San Diego community.

The roaster has received numerous accolades for their coffee, including the national Good Food Awards in 2016 and 2017, best coffee in San Diego from multiple national and local outlets, and the national “Micro Roaster of the Year” award in 2012.

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To learn more about Bird Rock Coffee Roasters, please visit bir drockcoffee.com.

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**Bird Rock Coffee Roasters’s new Red Bourbon Honey cold brew.**

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**Tedesco sets the table towards community-oriented restaurant**

By Blake Bunch | La Jolla Village News

Chef Dominic Tedesco has spent his 32-year career working for celebrity clients with specific, high-end tastes in Las Vegas. Prior to a trip to La Jolla last year, the Kentucky-born-and-bred chef of Italian descent hadn’t spent much time in California. Like most visitors, during the last day of his trip he caught himself and fiancé, Lisa, enamored with the Pacific Ocean’s aqua-marine lures.

“This is the spot,” he recalls telling her. “Something about this seems right.”

Their walk back from Scripps Park, Tedesco noted several turnkey restaurants in the Village. Without her knowledge, he took down the numbers and called the broker. Despite his best efforts, the first two spaces he made bids on did not work out — to his credit, possibly for the better. He finally landed a gem of a 6,000-square-foot restaurant space, formerly known as Roppongi Sushi, and has made it his life’s work to provide a family-style restaurant catering to the needs of the community.

Dominic’s Table, located at 875 Prospect St., Ste. 102, draws from Tedesco’s heritage while focusing on “world cuisine.” Be careful using words like “fusion” to describe this form of service, however, because that is definitely not the case at this establishment.

“Fusion” would imply that I’d take a Korean dish, and add elements of Italian or French cuisine,” said Tedesco. “At Dominic’s Table, we are offering my life through cooking. Having worked for clients with demanding tastes and backgrounds, I pride myself in the ability to cook traditional cultural dishes.”

Tedesco was raised in Louisville, Ky., along with his eight brothers. His father, a former soldier in Mussolini’s army and P.O.W. at Camp Atterberry in Indiana, eventually brought his mother over from Palermo after receiving citizenship. The chef recalls a warm childhood in which his parents, well-respected, welcoming immigrants who ran a chain of Italian restaurants, were always willing to help out their fellow man.

“I can distinctly remember a regular who used to come in every night, who was typically cheerful,” said Tedesco. “One night, he came in and was not himself, in a sad state. My mom and dad made sure to take care of him, and before he left he was smiling ear-to-ear again. I was 9-years-old and I asked my mom to teach me how to cook like that. She said she would, so long as I ‘put my heart completely into it,’” which I do.”

Translating that sentiment into food is natural for Tedesco, as he has perfected his world menu throughout his culinary existence. Serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, Dominic’s Table’s extensive menu ranges from classics like French toast, pancakes and bloody Mary’s to steamed pork buns, cheese plates, fish and chips, pizzas, shrimp and grits, and countless other dishes.

“Don’t see something on the menu? Tedesco will gladly prepare it for you. If he doesn’t have the ingre-
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With decorative hues as vibrantly varied as their flavors of batter, Ohana Cupcakes takes on the feel of an old-fashioned ice cream shop, or perhaps even the candy store on Main Street in Disneyland. While their flagship store is located off Vista Way in Oceanside, the cupcake shop recently expanded to the UTC Westfield Mall in La Jolla and is having their grand opening in July.

"Normally, when you walk into a bakery, it’s pretty small and all you have is the pastry case to pick from," said Megan Wilson, head chef at Ohana Cupcakes. "But at Ohana, there’s this huge floor with all these bright colors and different decorating stations...it’s honestly like walking into a Willy Wonka store."

Carts of sweet treats, aprons, oven mitts and leis rest on waves of turquoise, lime green and sunset orange that cascade the floor. There are tubes of candy dispensers that reach the ceiling, a window to view the chefs at work and three cupcake stations for baking and creating. At Ohana, guests can choose to either buy ready-made cupcakes, or create their own.

"A lot of people do it for date-night, which is super cute," said Susan McKenna, founder of Ohana. "We’ve had parties do these cupcake battles and ‘baker’s choice’ where they vote on creativity. People have chosen us to help with gender-revealing events for their babies... There’s so many things you can do with cupcakes."

It was actually her own sweet-toothed children (and an Easy-Bake Oven) that inspired McKenna and her husband Mark to open Ohana Cupcakes. "When the kids were little, we did a lot of Build-A-Bear and Ceramic Café together and I always thought that doing something with food would be great," said McKenna. "My boys loved baking brownies and cookies, but the only Easy-Bake Ovens we could find were pink. It was gender-oriented and I knew it shouldn’t be."

It was when McKenna’s daughter made some cupcakes for one of her brothers, and McKenna saw the “connection and love” that went into baking together, that she and Mark decided to start a company where everyone could do the same. The name stemmed not only from their time living in Hawaii, but also from this concept of “togetherness.” "Ohana’ means family, like from ‘Lilo and Stitch,’ and ‘family’ means never leaving anyone behind," said McKenna. "It’s inclusive. We really wanted to focus on everyone baking, not just girls.”

Their kids have all grown up now, but so has the dream. Ohana Cupcakes now caters to weddings, birthday parties, baby showers and corporate events. Passion fruit, coconut, pineapple mango and Kona mocha are just a few of the unique Hawaiian flavors in Ohana’s cupcakes. McKenna also hopes their new La Jolla location will be known for their vegan and gluten-free cupcakes, such as cinnamon sugar, lemon, coconut and cookie dough.

"Healthy eating is in such high-demand out here and we’re seeing a lot of positive responses to the flavors so far," said McKenna. "That’s a huge credit to our chefs."

The freedom to create out-of-the-box flavors was one of the reasons Wilson was drawn to Ohana. "To be able to come to work and run with a new idea I have is amazing," said Wilson. "Whatever the bakers and I feel like baking that morning, we can bake. It’s a good opportunity for the customers to try new flavors and I feel like the environment has helped grow me as a chef.

"I think everyone being able to express themselves and be creative is one of the biggest differences between Ohana and other shops."

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Botticelli has been an active member of the La Jolla Y since 2012 and will continue to serve as a board member, as her passion for the Y stems from three generations of YMCA members, donors and participants.

“It’s Annie’s dream to make the YMCA a part of every family’s active daily life,” said Ball. “During her tenure as board chair we were able to create an amazing facility to help achieve just that. We thank Annie wholeheartedly for her service and personal investment, and for what she’ll continue to do for the community as a ‘Y-Lifer.’”

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to sign up for a site in their neighborhood and help leave a lasting impact on the entire region. For more information about sites and volunteer registration, visit CleanupDay.org.

Last year, Coastal Cleanup Day volunteers removed 137,299 pounds of trash and recyclables from San Diego and Tijuana regions that otherwise would have polluted the beloved coastline and the Pacific Ocean. Each volunteer who brings a reusable water bottle, work gloves, and a bucket to collect litter significantly reduces the need for single-use bags and disposable gloves.

Sony Electronics has returned to sponsor this year’s Coastal Cleanup Day Photo Contest where volunteers have the opportunity to win a Sony camera.

Volunteers are encouraged to submit a photo of their Coastal Cleanup Day experience that best fits the theme, Cleaner Together. Email photos for the “Bling Your Bucket” and Sony Photo Contest directly to submittedloavesandcleanups@gmail.com.

**Coastal Cleanup Day**

Coastal Cleanup Day covers more than the shoreline. I Love A Clean San Diego focuses the majority of its cleanup efforts along inland waterways and canyons. With 80 percent of marine debris coming from inland territories, volunteers learn first-hand the importance of keeping trash out of waterways that flow out to the ocean untreated through the storm drain system.

Utilizing the Clean Swell app is another option for volunteers to help cut back on waste produced at this year’s Coastal Cleanup Day. Volunteers are encouraged to download the Clean Swell app to be used in place of paper data cards to track the debris collected at this event. The app is free and available to download for both iOS and Android devices.

**Whale watching lecture to be held at Scripps**

On Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. at Summer Auditorium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, the San Diego Chapter of the American Cetacean Society is pleased to present a free lecture. Erin Gless, lead naturalist at Island Adventures Whale Watching will present: “From San Diego to the Salish Sea: A Whale Watching Comparison.”

Erin has worked for successful whale watch companies in both locations, and will highlight the differences in operating procedures, viewing regulations, and wildlife sightings between the two areas. Learn about the “Humpback Comeback,” what a “Sounder” is, get an update on the endangered Southern Resident killer whales and more. Erin currently serves as lead naturalist for Island Adventures Whale Watching in Anacortes, Wash.
Trying to override the brain’s propensity to control our behavior

Doing it Better

By Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

It is time to have a heart-to-heart talk with our brains. Human brains are wired to meet the needs of our ancestors. Those who had descended from the tree tops to walk upright needed to fend off predators, especially other humans.

It is by knowing the propensities of our primitive brains that we can challenge them to behave in more civilized ways. Our instinctual urges do not need to control our actions. There is a rational “I” that, if trained to be mindful, can make different decisions and indeed control our actions and reactions. But first, we will need to become aware of our primal inclinations.

Like all other animals, our species’ survival was predicated on distinguishing between members of our own tribe and others who might want to steal our women, our goats, or our territory. The brain is wired to see these others as a threat within a split second. It is our amygdala, a region that puts out alarm, that reacts with fear when confronted with someone unknown who looks different. Given time to reflect, the upper brain, the cortex, can decide that the danger is not real and cancel the alarm. This does not always happen; according to Dr. Anna Fels of the Weill Cornell Medical College (New York Times, April 14, 2017), we may extend the fear of the current threat into future ones and preemptively kill off an entire group that conforms to our definition of “other.”

Hostility is activated when there is an unequal allocation of resources or a transgression of cultural tradi tions which are threats to social coherence. This happens when cultural beliefs are challenged (such as diversity or the re-definition of gender). When our rigidly held beliefs are shaken, our reaction is not to challenge, but to destroy those who do not conform. For some, the threat to one’s beliefs is a threat to one’s identity. We wish to punish those who make us feel threatened. Revenge activates the brain’s reward center giving a sense of satisfaction, even pleasure, especially if the hate is shared and revenge is acted upon as a group.

We tend to believe what our group believes; to do otherwise would endanger our membership: exclusion is one of the most powerful punishments experienced. Brain scans show that rejection is experienced as physical pain. (“The Pain of Exclusion” by Kipling D. Williams, Scientific American Mind, January 2011.) Even if we don’t agree with our group, we tend to silence our disagreements to remain part of “our tribe.” This is why we see group attacks on others whose only threat is different set of beliefs or identity, whereas an individual might not act alone.

Another chemical messenger, oxytocin, promotes social bonding and recognition including parental behaviors. It is released when mothers give birth to maintain a bond with their infants; fathers also get a surge when they see their newborn. Oxytocin increases generous behavior; it creates trust and can be induced just by giving someone a hug. According to Paul J. Zak (Wall Street Journal, April 28, 2012) our species has orchestrated caring behaviors by creating opportunities to bond: dancing, singing, and group activities. All of these increase levels of oxytocin—promoting trust and generosity. Feeling connected to a winning sports team gives a high of excitement from oxytocin, while the opposite, seeing your favorite team lose, has, at times, resulted in violence arising from the effects of another hormone, cortisol.

In our common language, we talk about being warm or cold: this is not so far fetched. In an experiment giving some people a hot drink and others a cold drink to hold while walking by a homeless person begging on a street corner, the warm-drink holders were significantly more generous than the cold-drink holders. These reactions are outside of our conscious control.

Instead of confrontations, a civilized society requires dialogue, tolerance, and acceptance of differences. Initiating community activities where people can get to know each other as humans is an important means to our common shared need for friendship, fun, family, and significance.

Summer camps that have included Israeli and Arab children have been successful in reducing and even eliminating animosities. Back in the ’70s and ’80s I led a group comprised of Caucasian, African-American, and Asian members living together for a week in Bethel, Maine, as part of NTL (National Training Laboratory’s) effort to understand and accept each other in our shared humanity. Creating such opportunities is one of the ways to successfully overcome prejudice, bigotry, and fear of the other.

Natasha Josefowitz is the author of more than 20 books. She currently resides at White Sands Retirement Community in La Jolla. Copyright © Natasha Josefowitz. All rights reserved.
Students at the French American School in La Jolla were greeted by something new this year: a recently opened state-of-the-art Robotics Lab.

The new lab with its large glass-panel roll-up doors really stood out from other school buildings on the sidewalk outside of 6560 Sorrento Mountain Road.

Founded in 1988, San Diego French-American School today serves 365 pre-K to 8th-grade students ages 2 to 13. The school’s mission is to provide a rigorous French-dual language immersion curriculum and unique multicultural experience.

For more than 29 years, SDFAS has been offering a world-class educational experience, through a carefully planned curriculum and by providing the materials and facilities necessary for students for the 21st-century world.

“The School is working to upgrade its environment and make it more future-oriented,” said Jesse, the robotics teacher. “I’ve been working on the project for a year, and we were able to open the lab in time on or before the 2018-2019 school year.

The school was looking to set up a Robotics Lab, a technology classroom that should look special and attract school children encouraging them to be enthusiastic and learn better,” said Jesse. “They were determined to set up this new classroom before the end of August, request...ting to use as much glass work as possible in order to let sunlight flow into the lab to provide a vivid educational space.”

Jesse added the robotics lab a Cambrian project with a constrained budget, tight time line and no existing old drawings and resources. Since the French-American School is in a wealthy community, the school expected a high-end aesthetic and extraordinary building, if not a unique one.

The school was initially looking to utilize shipping containers to make the building extrawhere the container was realized early on that shipping containers are quite new and might not pass the DMA process permit. It would take months to get passes, and would not be a good option cost-wise.

SDFAS had to think out the best possible solution. The school’s desire to have the new classroom in time for the 2018-2019 school year made the project difficult, especially since the school wanted to have this new classroom before the new 2018-2019 school year.

The next challenge was the budget. As the school is privately funded, a gala was organized in late March 2018. Parents gathered and helped in fund raising.

The new lab was real...
Miss Russian Beauty Pageant is building community among Russian immigrants

After 20 years, there will once again be a reigning Miss Russian in San Diego. Partnering with Gorozhanka, San Diego’s leading Russian Women’s magazine, Olga Soloyeva has worked hard to revive the non-profit organization, Miss Russian San Diego, since its premier in 1998. While her involvement with the project initially began with wanting to “fill the emptiness” of her own daughter leaving for college, the pageant has taken on a deeper message.

“We want to show the world that Russian women are not ‘mail-order brides’,” said Soloyeva, who serves as this year’s project organizer for the pageant. “Russian women are beautiful and educated. We want to bring peace and resolve conflict between all countries in the world. We are like everyone else. We are not a danger.”

Taking place Sunday, Sept. 16 at the California Center for the Arts (340 N Escondido Blvd), the pageant will not only consist of a gala concert, fashion show, art showcase and awards ceremony, but will also provide a platform for contestants to share their stories of immigrating to the United States, finding jobs and building a life. This part of the event is what Daryana Mikhniuk, a contestant from La Jolla, is looking forward to the most.

“I do really miss my home and my family and friends, but here in San Diego we have a huge community of Russian-speaking people and of course bringing them all together...it’s going to be fun,” said Mikhniuk, who immigrated from Belarus in 2013. “This experience has bonded all of us together as a community. Every time, I’m just shocked by how many Russian-speaking people live in San Diego. Everybody has their own community, but we can all call ourselves immigrants.”

The beauty pageant has also created a family dynamic among the contestants and pageant coordinators. Every Sunday, for three hours, the women get together to rehearse runway modeling, Broadway dancing and public speaking. They’ve even been on local cooking shows, demonstrating how to cook traditional Russian meals.

“As a team, all of the girls, we’re becoming friends,” said Mikhniuk. “Yesterday, all of us went out for dinner and it was like a big family together. We really don’t even think it’s a competition. It’s more like every Sunday we get together and we learn how to dance.”

Hanna (Ann) Datskevich, a contestant from Pacific Beach, added, “I’ve met lots of new girls and they are all different. They’re all beautiful, with their own power inside of them. It’s amazing.”

Datskevich is also originally from Belarus, and says she was surprised to have met Mikhniuk since her previous home had such strict travel laws.

“Belarus, it’s such a closed country,” said Datskevich. “It’s so complicated and hard to get out of there, so it’s been cool to meet others from my country in San Diego. I had no idea even many Russians lived here.”

She adds, “We all have our different lives, ways, how we came to United States, how do we do our own jobs...people can see that we’re different, but we have the same goal: to make this show beautiful.”

All the profits for the pageant go to Rady Children’s Hospital and Becky’s House, a transitional housing shelter for abused women, youth and children. Tickets for both the pageant and the VIP after-party are available at artcenter.org/events.

Soloyeva believes that “everything should be good, if everything will go right,” and hopes to continue the pageant next year.

“San Diego is the city of my dreams,” said Mikhniuk. “There are so many different people from around the world who live here. For me, it’s exciting and it’s a long and difficult journey, and it has bonded all of us together. Everyone has their own stories to tell.”

NEWS BRIEFS

Del Mar to host 2021 Breeders’ Cup

Breeders’ Cup, one of Thoroughbred racing’s most prestigious international events, today announced Del Mar Racetrack in Del Mar as the host site for the 2021 Breeders’ Cup World Championships on Friday, November 5 and Saturday, November 6. This will be the second time that Del Mar—where the Turf meets the Surf—will serve as the event’s host site.

A formal announcement took place in the Del Mar paddock, and will also be streamed live on Breeders’ Cup.com and the Breeders’ Cup Facebook page.

Breeders’ Cup also announced that the event will return to Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, California on Nov. 1–2 in 2019 and to Keeneland Race Course in Lexington, Ky. on Nov. 6–7 in 2020. The three-year announcement reflects Breeders’ Cup’s forward-thinking growth strategy to showcase the best tracks across the country and allow for ample lead time to engage local communities ahead of each event.

Breeders’ Cup’s decision to return to Keeneland and Del Mar is a testament to the brand’s effort to offer a more intimate venues. With a more elevated and enhanced fan experience by bringing the event to more intimate venues. With a renewed focus on patron experience and event logistics, the 2015 and 2017 renewals of the World Championships produced record-breaking ticket sales revenue and on-track wagering revenues, respectively. Fans are encouraged to visit www.breederscup.com/2021 to sign up for ticket information.

“As the Breeders’ Cup World Championships had an incredibly successful debut last year at Del Mar and surpassed every expectation for both Breeders’ Cup and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club,” said Breeders’ Cup president and CEO Craig Fravel, “We are thrilled to collaborate with the Del Mar, Solana Beach and San Diego communities to once again create a world-class horse racing and entertainment experience at this remarkable location.

Known for its scenic locale on the shores of the Pacific Ocean and prestigious summer meets, Del Mar underwent an extensive development process to expand its luxury seating options and infield experiences for its first Breeders’ Cup in 2017. The Breeders’ Cup debut at Del Mar resulted in a record-breaking, two-day on-track wagering mark, while also generating an estimated $96.8 million in economic benefits for San Diego County.

“Del Mar is delighted to again be hosting our sport’s championship days,” said Del Mar Thoroughbred Club’s chief executive officer Joe Harper. “We know we put on a good show here in 2017 and we look forward to presenting an even better one in 2021.”

Promises2Kids expands Guardian Scholars program

On July 26, Promises2Kids, San Diego’s leading nonprofit with a focus on foster care, honored the 2018 Guardian Scholars graduates and welcomed a new class of nearly 175 youth into the Guardian Scholars program.

Promises2Kids’ Guardian Scholars encourages foster youth to pursue higher education through community college, trade school or a university degree.

This highly successful resource provides former foster youth with a partial financial scholarship along with mentoring support to assist them in adapting to and excelling in a higher education setting.

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