Residents and visitors fed up with homeless encampments

By DAVE SCHWAB

With proliferating homeless encampments in Pacific Beach tarnishing the community’s image and vibe, residents are looking for answers. “This situation is an utter shame, and downright incompatible with a healthy, thriving beach community,” said Brian White, president of all-volunteer Pacific Beach Town Council. “The excessive number of homeless encampments and continued degradation in our beach area has created an unsavory atmosphere for residents, families, and vacationers. “Many feel threatened by aggressive behavior being displayed regularly by mentally unstable individuals roaming our streets, alleys, and boardwalks with impunity.”

White passed along an email PBTC’s office received recently from tourists who regularly stay in PB to enjoy the beaches with their family. Excerpts from that email read: “My family and I have been vacationing in Pacific Beach at least four times a year for the past eight years. We try and sympathize with the homeless, but after last week, it will be the last time… All we could see was the homeless encampments along the sea wall (with tents). Homeless trash and urination were prevalent 24/7.”

Continued the letter: “Both my wife and daughter were cornered on two separate occasions and cursed out using the vilest language while crossing the boardwalk to get to the beach. Your city is dirty, filthy, unsanitary, and getting worse. I know there are other visitors that felt the same way. Too bad California, San Diego, and Pacific Beach.”

“This (letter) is one sample of a growing perception among vacationers and is heavily echoed by our community and those that live here permanently. It’s out of control,” said White.
Maruta Gardner Playground opens at Bonita Cove in Mission Beach

On Monday, Nov. 9, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, Councilmember Jennifer Campbell, and community leaders celebrated the reopening Monday of the transformed Maruta Gardner Playground at Bonita Cove. The playground has been named in honor of Gardner, a longtime Mission Beach community leader who was tragically struck and killed by an impaired driver four years ago while she was painting over graffiti.

The Bonita Cove playground replacement effort began as a private initiative launched by the Mission Beach Women’s Club and Gardner. Following the development of projects funded under the Mission Bay Park plan, this replacement project was folded into the larger one to incorporate both the Bonita Cove West comfort station and playground. When Gardner died, Faulconer pledged his support in naming the park in her honor.

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vating the Bonita Cove Playground was one of her last big passions,” said Nancie Geller and Cordelia Mendoza of the Mission Beach Women’s Club.

“She succeeded at getting all of our members of the Women’s Club and the City onboard with the project, and today we re opened the beautiful, new playground in her honor. We know that children and families will enjoy playing in this park next to the beach for generations to come.”

A former volunteer member of the City’s Park and Recreation Board, Faulconer pledged to build a new generation of parks in San Diego. The four pillars of his plan included improving the regional Mission Bay Park, opening 50 new or improved neighborhood parks in five years, partnering with the San Diego Unified School District to upgrade parks on school property, and producing a new master plan for San Diego’s park system for the first time in over 60 years.

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Then-Councilmember Faulconer helped author Proposition C in 2008 and later, as mayor, Measure J in 2020.

“Over the next five years, the City will implement several projects for environmental protection and infrastructure upgrades to improve Mission Bay Park, including new and improved playgrounds, comfort stations, and other public amenities.”

PARKS MASTER PLAN

For the first time in more than 60 years, the City of San Diego is creating a new master plan for San Diego’s parks system. The Parks Master Plan aligns parks planning with the City of San Diego’s vision to achieve the shared Citywide goals of sustainability and resilience, equity, livability, and connectivity. The development of the Parks Master Plan will help implement the Climate Action Plan by providing a framework for thriving public spaces to be enjoyed by residents and visitors throughout the city.

50 PARKS IN 5 YEARS

In 2016, Faulconer pledged to build 50 new and improved parks in five years. The City has broken ground or completed 47 parks so far with additional park projects currently in various stages of design or construction bid phases. The City also implemented reconstruction and replacement projects at 43 other neighborhood parks and recreation centers to upgrade lighting, pools, playground equipment, comfort stations, and sidewalk and curb ramps.

PLAY ALL DAY PARKS PROGRAM

The Play All Day Parks Program is an initiative put forth by Faulconer in partnership with the San Diego Unified School District to create new, shared recreational opportunities for San Diegans by designating school sites for community recreational use during non-school hours. Since 2016, the City and school district have opened 14 joint-use parks and have more than 30 additional sites in various stages of construction or planning phases.
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Mixed reviews for parking meter pilot proposal in Pacific Beach

By DALE SCHWAB

Some push back was en- countered during the 5 meeting on the proposed implementation of a year-long parking meter pilot study in the densest part of Garnet A venue’s commercial district in Pacific Beach.

Regina Sinsky-Crosby, chair of the PB Parking Advisory Board, presented detailed plans for cre- ating a parking pilot program us- ing new technology, not old-style metal meters.

“The Community Parking District was established in Pacific Beach by the City Council in June 2005,” she said. “The goals are to address ongoing traffic concerns and identify issues with PB park- ing inventory, how difficult it is to park at certain times on Garnet, specifically weekends and prime business hours.”

The Parking Advisory Board’s roster is drawn from PB Planning Group, PB Town Council, Discover PB Board, and at-large neighborhood delegates repre- senting the four quadrants of PB.

“The Pacific Beach community has control over parking in our community,” noted Sinsky-Crosby. “Our community controls when, how, how much, how long me- tered parking would go into PB. Street parking is a resource we all share.”

“There’s not enough available street parking during peak times, especially for retailers on Garnet. Within that two-hour commer- cial zone, drivers will cruise the neighborhood to find parking. This causes traffic congestion on Garnet and the adjacent streets.”

Added Sinsky-Crosby: “The parking pilot is limited to 321 two- hour or less-time limited spaces in the commercial zone. CPD paid parking will help solve traffic prob- lems. It’s a management solution and tool. It’s a revenue stream for Pacific Beach that stays in PB.”

“Parking businesses are keeping a chunk of that revenue from parking in PB, funding community improvement projects, increasing turnover for prime parking, increasing space availability, reducing traffic con- gestion, and increasing pedestrian safety.”

Based on emailed feedback for the paid parking pilot program, 34 businesses surveyed inside the pilot area are in support and none are against. Twenty-three busi- nesses did not respond. Six of the sur- vey and 30 businesses did not have contact information available. Five businesses outside the pilot zone support and one is against.

Based on 13 public community meetings and events held since September, 18 residents have written in support of the pilot and 15 have written in sup- port. Three have written neutral suggestions for the pilot.

“Reaction to the pilot parking proposal was strong on Nov. 5, both for and against. “New is not the time for Discover PB to pursue parking meters on Garnet, Hornblend, and Cass streets,” said PB resident Greg Duanoros after the meeting. “Our businesses need all the customers they can without additional cost burdens.”

“Parking meters increase turn- over, it’s just a fact,” argued one Zoom participant. “We have so much control over how we design this plan.”

“Would you like me to come over to your block and put up parking meters without even considering what you’d like?” asked Gordon Froehlich, a Parking Advisory Board member representing PB’s northwest quadrant.

“Paid parking forces cars into the business district, PB’s just a fact,” argued another participant.

“Does it matter to anyone on the board that the overwhelming majority of the community is ve- hemently opposed to this?” que- stioned another participant. “Nobody wants this. The fact that you’re trying to push this, sneak this through during a pandemic with no community.”

“The resident’s opinion that ‘no- body wants this’ is false,” reacted Sinsky-Crosby after the meeting.

“Completed surveys are easy to ignore, the idea of PB that has voted on this issue has voted in favor of the pilot. It is supported by PB Planning Group (9-3 vote on Nov. 1), beautifulPB (two votes), Discover PB board of directors (one vote against), and PB Town Council, which voted unanimously in favor.”

Brian Curry, co-owner of a PB fitness facility, spoke in favor of the parking meter pilot.

“The program is in confor- mance with the eco-district that we have in PB that discourages motorized transportation and en- courages non-motorized trans- portation in PB, and actually is a component of the PB Climate Action Plan,” Curry said. “In the end, money does matter. Many of us have been trying forever to get some type of funding vehicle in PB. To me, the business district is the sore spot in PB. We need to improve our business district. This is an opportunity to do that.”

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San Diego Unified, UC San Diego reach deal on COVID-19 testing for students, staff

Students and school employees throughout San Diego Unified will receive regular COVID-19 tests with rapid results under a proposed agreement with UC San Diego Health. The testing program is the result of months of collaboration among the district, the San Diego Unified Board of Education, UC San Diego in an effort to keep schools safe as in-person instruction is expanded gradually and in phases.

The San Diego Unified Board of Education is meeting tonight to authorize an initial $5 million investment in the testing plan, to begin. Eventually, the program could be expanded to include all 100,000 students within the district and its more than 10,000 staff members.

From the beginning of the pandemic, UC San Diego Health has provided expansive and growing COVID-19 testing services to patients, university faculty, students and staff and to external organizations and communities. UC San Diego Health’s Center for Advanced Laboratory Medicine can process thousands of COVID-19 tests per day, covering multiple types of testing. Results are typically returned within 24 hours. This capacity continues to grow.

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WHERE TO GET A FLU SHOT

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TIPS TO PREVENT THE FLU AND COVID-19

The novel coronavirus and influenza are both spread from person to person, especially indoors and in crowded places.

Here are some tips to help you prevent COVID-19 and the flu:

• Wash your hands properly and regularly or use a hand sanitizer.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, throw it away and wash your hands.
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Flu activity extremely low this season due to COVID-19 measures

By JOSE A. ALCARAZ

A total of 18 influenza cases have been reported in the county this season compared to 400 at the same time last year. County health officials believe this is the result of the preventive measures San Diegans are taking to fight the spread of COVID-19.

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La Jolla veteran and Purple Heart recipient reflects on the random chaos of war

White Sands resident Bob Tauber was 20 years old when he was injured at The Battle of the Bulge.

Bob Tauber can retrieve details from 76 years ago like it was just last week. From his home at White Sands La Jolla senior living community, he fondly reflects on his service during World War II, and his participation in one of its most pivotal conflicts – The Battle of the Bulge.

A Chicago native, Tauber originally enlisted in the Navy, only to be rejected due to partial red-green color blindness. Instead, he went to community college, where he was eventually drafted into the Army.

“They gave me a choice – infantry or cavalry,” said Tauber, who turned 96 on Halloween. “I knew how to ride a horse, so I chose cavalry. Little did I know it was mechanized, so that’s how I wound up in the 94th Cavalry [14th Armored Division] under Patton.”

Tauber, 20 at the time, was part of a fast-moving, lightly armored group whose main job was intelligence. Always the tip of the spear, they maintained constant contact with the enemy to source numbers, weapons, strengths, weaknesses—all without being killed or captured.

In the dead of night on New Year’s Eve, 1944, Tauber’s position was attacked in what would become The Battle of the Bulge. Chaos reigned; at times friend gone, as far as I know.”

Fortunately, I didn’t. You realize that so much in life is out of your control, so many things are going on that affect your life. There were so many comrades in the wrong place at the wrong time. It could’ve been you. You had no control; it was just random chaos.”

According to the National WWII Museum, only 2% of the 16 million Americans who served during World War II are with us to share their stories. It’s a reality Tauber knows all too well.

“I’m the last one standing [from his friends in his outfit]—they’re all gone, as far as I know.”
**County moves to Purple Tier; restrictions to start Nov. 14**

Restaurants, gyms, worship centers, museums must cease indoor operations

By DAVE SCHWAB

Ising COVID metrics have forced the county to slip back from the red tier to the most-restrictive purple tier, which means indoor operations will once again be prohibited at restaurants, bars, fitness centers, worship centers, movie theaters, museums, zoos, and aquariums. Restaurants will once again have to turn themselves inside out, finding creative ways to move outdoors, or close.

Many retail businesses will be required now to further limit capacity. Schools will not be permitted to return to in-person learning while San Diego remains in the purple tier.

Two weeks of coronavirus case rates exceeding the state-mandated threshold of 7 per 100,000 residents, finally triggered the county’s downgrade from the red to the purple tier.

Beginning Nov. 14 at midnight:

- Restaurants will have to close midnight:
  - Fitness centers and gyms must cease indoor operations.
  - Restaurants will have to close.
  - Indoor operations at retailers will be capped at 25% occupancy.
  - Hair salons, barbershops, tattoo parlors, and estheticians can remain open for indoor operations, but with social-distancing modifications.
  - Auto repair, appliance repair, plumbing, and other services can remain open with modifications.
  - Bars, breweries, and wineries with no food service will have to close.

Residents and business owners in Mission and Pacific beaches as well as La Jolla reacted to the news with a mixture of anger, sadness, and resignation.

“The tier system is a good measure of how communities are doing in controlling the spread of the coronavirus,” said Janie Emerson of La Jolla Shores. “It is a shame that those who aren’t wearing masks and not social distancing are spoiling the economic recovery for all of us.”

“This virus is highly contagious and is airborne. For now, the only way to break the vicious cycle of infection is to wear masks and social distance.”

Some others, however, expressed disillusion with the present color-coded health protocol system and how it’s being implemented.

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“It’s truly unfortunate to see our county backslide into a more restrictive tier, and the effect that will have on local businesses that have been playing by the rules and are just barely scraping by,” said Brian White, president of Pacific Beach Town Council.

“I respect the public health experts, but the state’s checkdown on our local economy is becoming unbearable as livelihoods are destroyed.”

“Vulnerable segments of our population should protect themselves and take all precautions necessary for their health and safety. At this point, local businesses should be allowed to operate with reasonable safety plans in place.”

Greg Knight, a Mission Beach small-business owner, was at his wit’s end.

“We are simply sick and tired of our business feeling as if it is on a yo-yo with these closings and openings,” he said. “We are having a hard time planning our business for next week, not to mention next month and next year. We continue to feel as if our business is boiling water with bricks attached to our feet.”

“We all feel bad for our friends and neighbors who own local businesses,” said Greg Bunnanos of PB. “But I do believe the color-coded restrictions do work well.”

“Looking at the stats, I would think that if you are older or at a high-risk, you should stay at home,” said PB resident Henish Pulickal. “Let everyone else do what they want, potentially get sick, and speed up the rate of herd immunity. Our hospitals are not overburdened in San Diego, even though it’s reported that other parts of the country may have more problems. We can handle more sick people in our healthcare system locally.”

PB restaruant Mark Oliver, who owns Pueblo, shared his thoughts.

“The state should coordinate the effort of managing the pandemic protocols, grading each county as they now do,” he said. “This gives each county a point of reference to which to gauge their progress.”

Oliver suggested indoor dining can be made safe “by placing limits on occupancy levels. Eliminating any indoor dining...will cause the permanent closure of many restaurants and the loss of thousands of jobs. The loss of taxes and fees generated by businesses will be setting the county back financially in a way that will impact residents for years to come.”

PB resident Paula Gandolfo noted, “U.S. citizens are blowing it. State protocols must include County restrictions. This wildfire is out of control and the vaccines won’t come soon enough. Mask-up to interrupt community spread.”

Sara Berens, speaking for PB’s business improvement district, said, “Discover PB is disappointed with the move today into a more restrictive tier, being that it is right before the holiday season, which is often a crucial couple of months before our businesses head into slow winter months.”

Added Berens: “We are glad to see that health and beauty services will be able to stay open with modifications and most businesses will have some kind of operating ability. We want to encourage people to support businesses now more than ever when considering your holiday.”

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Guava Beach Bar & Grill has become a mainstay of Mission Beach community

Guava Beach Bar & Grill has been a mainstay of the Mission Beach restaurants for the past 15 years. But it hasn’t always been that way.

“It had pretty much been run into the ground,” said eatery co-owner Eric Christiansen of Minnesota who purchased Guava Beach, along with business partner Ben Ceci of San Diego, in 2002. “It had bright fluorescent lighting and the first time we went in there on a Friday or a Saturday night in the middle of summer there was only one person in there—and that was the boy or girlfriend of the middle of summer there was on-line one person in there—and that was the boy or girlfriend of the bartender.”

New ownership quickly turned things around.

“We didn’t have a lot of money but we came in and started over, trying to clean it up and rebuild its reputation,” said Christiansen. “We kept a lot of the same staff, established a sense of trust, and changed the menu into an eclectic bar and grill menu that had south-of-the-border influences.”

Christiansen said Guava Beach’s menu today features nachos and lots of tacos, including tasty items like mahi-mahi tuna and deep-fried codfish, as well as food made mostly from scratch. “We also do stuffed burgers, like our old smoky bacon burger made with smoked Gouda cheese,” he said.

Mission Beach’s character has changed a lot over the years.

“Eighteen years ago it was much more tourist-centered and seasonal with more students,” Christiansen said, adding the restaurant now caters a lot more to locals and their families, particularly during the off-peak non-summer months.

And Guava Beach’s restored reputation has endured with Christiansen noting “business has been pretty good,” even during the pandemic.

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Thinking Mexican Tonight? Indoors or Outdoors? Olé!

A happy diner holds her Guava Beach cheeseburger. Guava Beach offers mahi-mahi tuna and deep-fried codfish tacos.

Nancy’s Nails offers a clean, safe salon following health protocols

Nancy’s Nails in La Jolla has taken that extra step— or two—in cleansing the salon to comply with COVID health protocols.

“Nail salons have been very careful in preparing for the safety and comfort of clients during the pandemic,” assured a masked Holly Nguyen, who’s owned Nancy’s Nails at 721 Pearl St. for nearly 14 years.

“We have a lot of regular customers,” noted Nguyen, a Vietnamese native who is known to her clients by her first name only. “The problem now is the pandemic. People are afraid to come.”

Holly noted COVID has not been good for business. “A lot of our customers we haven’t seen since March,” she said.

The salon owner glanced down a line of plastic-shielded, socially distanced serving stations where female patrons were being closely tended to. She discussed health protocols in place which are strictly adhered to by her, her staff, and all of her clients.

“We put guidelines on signs where everyone can see, asking people to keep their masks on and to keep socially distanced while washing their hands before getting service,” said Holly. “We have shields everywhere for the pedicures and manicures. They (clients) are confident.”

“I’m a regular customer. I’ve been coming here every week for seven years,” agreed La Jollan Adrian Roberts, who was in Nancy’s Nails on a Friday afternoon for a little pampering. “I feel very at ease. They’ve done everything beautifully. The shop is meticulous. That’s why I come here.”

Since the pandemic, Roberts said she is very careful about only going to places where she feels safe, adding Nancy’s Nails is one of the few. “They have the shields, they have the masks, everything is fine,” Roberts concluded.

Roberts added Holly is renowned for her salon Christmas ornaments which she stores.

Nancy’s Nails was closed when the county was in the purple tier and has been reopened for about two months since the last COVID-forced closure. “If we have to close again, it will be the third time,” said Holly as San Diego County was on the verge of slipping back into the purple tier.

A person has to go to cosmetology school to become a nail technician, said Holly, who added applicants must go to Los Angeles to take written exams. “They have the shields, they have the masks, everything is fine,” Roberts said. Since the pandemic, Roberts said she is very careful about only going to places where she feels safe, adding Nancy’s Nails is one of the few. “They have the shields, they have the masks, everything is fine,” Roberts concluded.

Roberts added Holly is renowned for her salon Christmas trees, which she said are “a different theme a different color, every year. And there are very incredible
shopping ... Check out some of your local retailers for online shopping and delivery. In the meantime, we hope people will continue to wear a mask, social distance, and safely plan the holidays so that we can get our businesses back open ASAP."

“It’s going to be tough on PB’s businesses, especially on Garnet,” said Eve Anderson of PB. “However, there is an answer: Wear your masks. If only those visiting our area had worn them earlier, we wouldn’t be in this position. It should be mandatory at purple level—or even red for that matter—so our businesses could stay open. They’ve added appropriate precautions and I hate to see them have to shut down again.”

Another PB restaurateur, Joe Bettles, feels relatively lucky amid the pandemic.

“Kono’s is fortunate to have ample outdoor seating and to have had the ability to keep our indoors closed,” he said. “I feel bad for the businesses that aren’t in this position. At the same time, I understand that these protocols only work when we all work together to keep everyone safe and healthy. Our priority has been, and continues to be, the health and safety of employees and customers.”

“We can’t make the cure worse than the disease,” said Scott Chipman of Pacific Beach. “It appears that is what we have been doing. Lockdowns were intended only to keep hospitals and medical services from becoming overwhelmed. The lockdowns should not be used to try to keep anyone from becoming infected. Now that we have therapeutics and better methods for treatment and death rates are known to be very low per infection, the governor should revise qualifications for the tiers at least one level based on the evolving conditions and treatments.”

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“We now have vacation renters from Arizona coming out and staying longer,” he said adding, “We have more families coming in now and students coming in to study with our Wi-Fi.”

Though Guava Beach was shut down for a time due to the coronavirus, Christiansen noted he and Cseri used the break to repaint the entire building inside and out.

Since re-opening, Guava Beach has enhanced its outdoor dining putting in a parklet adding 10 tables and artificial turf.

Of the restaurant’s ambiance, Christiansen said, “We’re very casual and eclectic with a sports clientele with 13 big TVs. We are home to the Minnesota Vikings, Denver Broncos, and Washington Huskies.”

Locals are much more a part of the everyday scene now at Guava Beach, noted Christiansen. “We’ve gotten to know the locals, some of whom come in several times a week,” he said. “We’re like Cheers. They know our names. We know their names. They’re our bread and butter. Without the locals, we would never have survived.”

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I have mixed feelings about distanced learning. I like that I can use my own bathroom, wear sweatpants, eat food from my house, and sit barefoot on my couch during my school day. However, that’s about it. I miss school so badly and I don’t like being home this much. I’ve gotten used to dividing up my day because it helps me expend energy and have different chapters in my days.

Last year my day went like so. I woke up and got dressed and came to school 10 to 15 minutes early just to hang out with my friends and chat. Then I’d wander into my first-period class and listen to Mr. Tellers and some smart friends and chat. Then I’d wander to my second-period class and put my phone up in the wall pockets of my enviro class. Some days there were lectures and others there were walks to the beach. Although, sometimes we were improperly dressed for these occasions and would sweat exceedingly through our unneeded layers. Always, once we met at the top of the Westbourne stairs pink-faced and awkward, the water always seemed to know we were coming and she was completely clear and all the clouds were all hidden. I miss it a lot.

Fourth period I almost always arrived early and would sit in the back listening to the wrap-up of my freshman English teacher’s homework instructions. Nostalgia for my freshman year that felt like yesterday and eats ago at the same time filled me up each day and I developed an appreciation and an acknowledgment that my time at this school would be quick.

Then I’d wander into his office and sit on his couch and vent about my problems and he would laugh and assure me he wasn’t listening and I’d assure him that he was and that he was my favorite therapist. He’d roll his eyes and shake his head, but I know he enjoyed my perspective on the complaints I enunciated about whatever was happening in the news.

Then the ASI student president would begin with instructions and I’d scurry to sit as they rolled their eyes to because I could never really stop talking. They’d explain what we had planned for the week and what we were to get done. I had my best friends in this class and my favorite people and my favorite adults. Some days we made football posters, others we called venues, and on the prime days we’d go to the village and pick up posters and flyers from Copy Cove.

The clock would ring at 12:44 and we’d meander out to lunch. My friends and I sat on the ground in a hedgegarden group where the guys complained about an assignment they forgot about and the girls shook their heads. We sat and stood eating Hot Cheddors, sandwiches, or smoothies dropped off by somebody’s cool older sister, and there was always one girl that had extra energy. She would sort of frolic around as she told a story that the majority of the group wasn’t following. She’d intern herself with a burst of infectious laughter leading everyone away from what she was even talking about and laughed uncontrollably as well.

Fifth period I walked with a few of my guy friends who had classes near mine and we’d hold our foreheads concerned about whether or not we had math tests. The classroom was always hot but my math teacher was funny and students usually made incoherent remarks that kept you smiling and carried on the peri-
did efficiently and enjoyably. Last period, I walked with my friend from fifth grade all the way across campus to the library to my college class that I actually only had twice a week. Which was indeed wonderful.

I miss the way we learned. I miss the absence of blue light headaches. I miss making some effort into my outfit and I miss the overflow of caffeine and ADHD medicine. I miss the kids that you’d see and talk to every day in class but not necessarily outside of school. I miss meaningless conversations with your teachers about music. I miss the sea breeze at school and the loud birds after lunch. I miss coming home and telling my par-

ents about what I learned, what someone said, and what events the school had coming up on the calendar. I miss tutoring and club meetings. I miss football games and bath time makeup tests. I miss my teachers, my colorfully organized binders, girls complimenting each other in the hall-

way, and awkward assemblies.

I am aware of why we can’t re-

turn right now and I do not blame anyone for it... but I miss school. Amaya Bishop is a senior at La Jolla High School.
A former La Jolla restaurateur will be sentenced Tuesday, Nov. 17 on 20 sex charges involving four women. The prosecutor said she will be asking for 58 years in state prison.

The sentencing of Daniel Dorado, now 62, will be online only from the San Diego Superior Court website, in which viewers can hear the live audio of the sentencing by Judge Charles Rogers.

The plan was to have the sentencing in February or March 2021 when people can attend the hearing. But Dorado said in open court Nov. 6 he wanted it over with and that he will make a statement.

“I don’t want to prolong this,” said Dorado to Rogers.

Dorado said he heard that Rogers is retiring and he wanted Rogers to sentence him since he presided over the three-week trial in December 2019. Rogers told him not to consider his possible retirement.

The sentencing of Daniel Dorado, now 62, will be online only from the San Diego Superior Court website, in which viewers can hear the live audio of the sentencing by Judge Charles Rogers.

The court is still mostly closed due to the spread of COVID-19, but most of the hearings are broadcast on sdcourt.ca.gov/Criminal with audio-only.

People who wish to hear the 9 a.m. sentencing can log onto the website and select Department 1002 in San Diego Superior Court, said Emily Cox, spokesperson for the court.

Deputy District Attorney Jessica Coto said at least one victim will speak at the sentencing. The attorneys and witnesses will likely appear remotely and Dorado will appear on a video feed in a room from the George Bailey Detention Facility.

His attorney, Kim Santini, said Nov. 6 she has advised Dorado not to make a public statement at the sentencing. She said she will be asking for probation.

Dorado has been in jail since a jury convicted him of 20 counts on Dec. 20. Jurors determined the victims were either unconscious or too intoxicated to give consent. Jurors acquitted him of three counts.

Dorado testified on Dec. 11 that all sex acts with eight women aged 22-57 were consensual. He denied drugging the women and said they were lying about being sexually assaulted.

Most of the women said they woke up in the early morning hours in either a hotel room, Dorado’s home, or the restaurant itself. One woman said she woke up to discover she was naked on the floor of the Voce Del Mare restaurant at 5721 La Jolla Blvd.

The restaurant closed after Dorado was arrested on March 28, 2018. Jurors eventually deadlocked on 12 charges involving three women on Dec. 30 because they ran out of time and jurors who could serve, as all of the alternates became jurors.

Dorado was found guilty of six counts of oral copulation, six counts of rape, four counts of digital penetration, and four counts of assault with intent to commit rape.

The DA’s office may ask for a second trial on the remaining 12 counts, but if he gets a substantial sentence, they may decide against that. Some of the women were applying for a job with Dorado, and others met him on a dating website. The incidents occurred in 2009, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2018.
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By Natasha Jorenwitz, PhD

In 1971, at one of the monthly lectures held at the child-guidance clinic where I worked, Dr. Marshall Klaus came to talk about his research on maternal infant bonding. He had been to South America and the United States and was now studying the same in Switzerland. As the only bilingual staff member, I became his translator since he could not speak French. After his lecture, he asked if I would be willing to accompany him as his translator during his travels through Switzerland. At the time, I was working on my Ph.D. thesis on children services in French-speaking Switzerland. I joined him in this endeavor. We were a great team and went on to lead similar groups in other parts of Switzerland as well as in Paris.

At the end of Herman’s two-year assignment in Lausanne, I had the opportunity to be trained in group dynamics, particularly in the Tavistock Method. So when Herman was approached to lead a week-long encounter group for executives of IBM International in Geneva, I joined him in this endeavor. We started a team and went on to lead similar groups in the United States, where I worked at Harvard University to start a satellite business school in Lausanne. As this school was in Calcutta and Amsterdam. He was looking for a social worker to work with him as consultants to a local hospital, I agreed to meet this professor. That evening I met Dr. Herman Gadon, and we decided that we could work together. This was the beginning of our consulting partnership.

Herman had many other consulting jobs in both non-profit and industry. In the 1960s encounter groups were taking off in the U.S. and becoming popular in Europe. Living in Switzerland, I had the opportunity to be trained in group dynamics, particularly in the Tavistock Method. So when Herman was approached to lead a week-long encounter group for executives of IBM International in Geneva, I joined him in this endeavor. We were a great team and went on to lead similar groups in the United States, as well as in Paris.

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745 DOVER CT.  
6 BD | 5.5 BA | 3,045 sq. ft. **Asking Price of $2,299,000**

Gorgeous home in South Mission Beach! This turn key property was built in 2010 and features travertine floors, stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops, AC, 4 car parking and solar. Home has a great rental history with $177,067 in gross rents for 2019. The property is also condo mapped giving the new owner the option selling as 2 condos in the future.

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3 BD | 2 BA | 1,173 sq. ft. **Asking Price of $1,299,000**

Enjoy amazing views of Mission Bay from your living room in this ground floor condo. This 3 BD, 2 BA property is located right in the heart of Mission Beach, is just steps from Mission Bay, the ocean, shops and restaurants. The open floor plan is great for entertaining at the beach and has plenty of room to sleep at least 8. No stairs required to step right out your front door and onto the sand.

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**IN ESCROW**

831 REED AVE.  
3 BD | 2 BA | 988 SQ. FT. **Asking price of $1,300,000**

Looking to build your dream home at the coast? 831 Reed Avenue is what you’ve been searching for! This full-sized, 6,300 square foot lot located in the coveted Braemar District of Pacific Beach features a cute 1942 beach bungalow that is only one block to the ocean, two blocks to the bay and is screaming for someone to turn it into their dream beach house. There are seemingly fewer and fewer opportunities these days at the beach to buy a property that will allow you to create your dream home, so don’t miss out on this “diamond in the sand.”

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724 VERONA CT.  
3 BD | 3 BA | 1,373 SQ. FT.  

Custom built home just 6 properties in from the ocean! The property features a spacious first floor master bedroom with an ensuite bathroom and sliders leading to a large front yard, a sizable ocean view deck on the second floor, and two more bedrooms on the top floor that allow extra space for guests. The property is currently used as a vacation rental that grosses approximately $150,000 per year!  

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**PB Fun Fact:**

Due to the increasing population in PB in the mid to late 1920’s, the school board purchased a 9 acre site between Turquoise and Tourmaline. With a budget of $55,000, Pacific Beach Junior High was built and opened on February 1, 1931 at what is now the Pacific Beach Elementary campus.