Due to the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer has directed City of San Diego staff to delay full enforcement of parking regulations until Sept. 1. The City will continue limited enforcement until then.

Parking enforcement has been limited to holiday or Sunday regulations in the City of San Diego since March 16. During that time, the City has suspended citations for vehicles violating street sweeping parking restrictions, metered parking, time limits and yellow commercial zones. Citations have continued to be issued for vehicles parked illegally at red, white and blue painted curbs.

Street sweeping has continued throughout the public health emergency. During the limited enforcement period until Sept. 1, citations with corresponding fines will not be issued to vehicles parked in street sweeping zones. View an interactive map and street sweeping schedules by visiting tinyurl.com/ycewncip.

Prior to March, the City typically processed an average of 42,000 parking citations per month. In the month of April, the City issued 1,704 parking citations for violations of the holiday or Sunday regulations.

While restarting parking enforcement is seen as one small step toward restoring San Diego’s economy by allowing for increased turnover of customers in business districts, many residents are still working from home or dealing with job losses due to COVID-19. Extending the limited enforcement of parking regulations will provide additional relief to those residents.

Other jurisdictions in San Diego County have continued to enforce metered parking, so drivers are encouraged to review posted signage when looking for a parking space.

“We know many San Diegans are facing financial hardship during this difficult time, and the last thing we want to do is add another burden like having to pay for a parking ticket,” Faulconer said. “Delaying full parking enforcement is simply the right thing to do as we work together as a community to recover and rebound from this deadly pandemic.”
City Council adopts economic relief measures for small businesses

Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer won unanimous City Council approval on Aug. 4 for two measures that will offer greater opportunity for small and disadvantaged businesses to stay in business and follow public health orders during these difficult times. Together these measures aim to reactivate the local economy safely and inclusively by allowing more business owners affected by the state’s indoor activity restrictions to operate outdoors while also specifically allocating funding to support historically underserved businesses hit hardest during this pandemic.

“Mom-and-pop shops, especially in communities of concern, are struggling to keep up with changing rules despite doing everything they can just to survive this economic crisis,” Mayor Faulconer said. “Whether it’s allowing a barber to set up shop in a parking lot or providing a grant that helps a restaurant make payroll, we know small changes can make a big difference between closing for now or closing for good.”

EXPANDING OUTDOOR BUSINESS

The first measure cemented Faulconer’s executive order allowing businesses — including gyms, churches, barbershops, nail salons — to expand their operations into private parking lots, sidewalks and on-street parking. As public health experts continue to promote outdoor settings and physical distancing as two key tools to help slow the spread of COVID-19, this measure provides an innovative solution to allow more business to operate safely.

“This emergency ordinance will allow barbershops, hair salons, gyms, fitness centers, and faith-based groups to bring their operations outside. I am honored to co-sponsor creative solutions like this which will help businesses get back up and running in a safe manner. Employees can return to work and families can again participate in programs and support our businesses, if they so desire,” said City Councilmember Chris Cate, chair of the Council’s Economic Development & Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The ordinance now allows the following services to operate on private parking lots, sidewalks and on-street parking:

• Personal services: hair salons, barbershops, nail salons and massage establishments;
• Gyms, physical fitness centers, and instructional studios;
• Places of religious assembly.

As with the ‘Streateries’ and ‘Streettail’ ordinance, now hundreds of gyms, churches and salons can join restaurants and retail businesses in applying for a permit to operate in this outdoor capacity.

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Coronavirus cases spike in Pacific Beach, County opens testing site

By Dave Schiawb

Pacific Beach has become a coronavirus hot spot. So much so that San Diego County opened a COVID-19 testing site in the beach community due to the increasing number of cases there.

“It’s important to remember that our actions matter. We must all do all we can to prevent contact and spreading the virus,” said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer.

“Some San Diegos think they’re not going to get sick and therefore are not following the public health guidance,” said Wooten. “What they don’t realize is that they could get infected and pass the virus to others who are vulnerable.”

The new drive-up site will offer free COVID-19 testing Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Library at 4275 Cass St. Appointments are required and can be made five days in advance. They can be made at 211sandiego.org or by calling 2-1-1. For a complete list of other testing sites, visit coronavirus-sd.com.

“We have looked at this over and over, short of looking at confidential medical files,” said Michael Workman, director of San Diego County News Center.

Concerning why Pacific Beach has seen a spike in COVID cases, Workman said: “Bottom line, lots of higher-risk activity a few weeks ago. That has of course diminished indoors. But not outdoors. We hope to see the numbers drop over the next few weeks. But with additional testing, you never know.”

Added Workman: “Of course we cannot ignore the number of tourists who visit the area. But if a group comes in and gets sick, if they don’t live there, they don’t get counted there. We don’t currently have Pacific Beach- or Mission Beach-only charts. The only trend is that those positive in the area appear to have contracted it there in PB.”

Workman also pointed out that: “Anecdotally, lots of young people frequenting the popular spots are the No. 1 general class of positives. Next up are folks who work at those places mixing away from work at other establishments. Also know, if you test positive and live in Phoenix, you are not counted in our local numbers.”

Civic leaders in PB responded to the news of escalating COVID-19 cases in their community.

“It is not surprising to see the surge in PB as we are a summer destination and despite stay-at-home orders, Pacific Beach has still been busy with an influx of people,” said Sara Berns, executive director of Discover PB, the community’s business improvement district.

“Our businesses have made significant investments in changing business practices to ensure social distancing and safe environments. We hope people that come out to our business district adhere to public health orders by wearing their masks, social distancing, and practicing good hygiene.”

Brian White, Pacific Beach Town Council president, attributed the rise in local cases largely to beaches being open locally and not elsewhere.

“While state and county beaches in Los Angeles, Ventura, and Orange counties were all closed to the public for the busy July 4 weekend, our local beaches remained open and thus became one of the top destinations for Southern Californians over the busy holiday weekend,” White said. “With an incubation period of 2-14 days for the virus, it’s not shocking that our ZIP Code (92109) is currently surging with COVID cases.”

Added White, “It’s ever-more important that people follow public health guidelines by consistent-ly sanitizing their hands, avoiding large gatherings, and respecting our service industry workers by wearing masks and them entering their establishments.”

PB resident Nicole Turner noted some short-term vacation rentals in the community serving significant numbers of out-of-towners have high turnover rates. She added some short-term rental guests are also disposed to partying in groups, which may or may not be observing proper health protocols.

“The renters all seem to be in their 20s,” said Turner. “Sometimes they’re going out late outside until 2 a.m. It’s essential-ly a business opening up on a residen-tial street. It just opens up a can of worms.”

Added Turner: “Short-term rental parties can go over maxi-mum capacity and people can be loud, intoxicated, and fighting. On top of that is the fact that we’re trying to stop people from gathering during COVID-19. Short-term rentals are essentially bringing the bars into everybody’s neighbor-hood. It’s crazy.”

Additionally, San Diego County officials confirmed recently there was an outbreak of COVID-19 tied to a popular Pacific Beach gym operating in violation of the county’s public health order. The Gym, at 2949 Garnet Ave., remained open and thus became one of the first testing sites in Pacific Beach. The County is opening a COVID-19 testing site in Pacific Beach due to the increasing number of cases in the area. The drive-up site will offer free testing Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St. Appointments are required and can be made five days in advance. They can be made online at 211sandiego.org or by calling 2-1-1. For a complete list of other testing sites, visit coronavirus-sd.com.

COMMUNITY OUTBREAKS

• Four new outbreaks were identified on Aug. 2: one in a higher education setting, one in a government setting and two in business settings.
• In the past seven days, 39 community outbreaks were identified.
• The number of community outbreaks remains above the trigger of seven or more in seven days.
• A community setting outbreak is defined as three or more COVID-19 cases in a setting and in people of different households.

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Residents concerned about Airbnb guests and parties spreading COVID

Concern is ramping up that some coastal short-term rentals are hosting gatherings and parties without guests wearing masks or social distancing.

“Many short-term rentals operating in our residential areas here at the beach have shown to be consistent hot spots throughout the pandemic for large gatherings and unchecked parties with complete disregard for public health orders and safety precautions,” said Brian White, Pacific Beach Town Council president. “It’s inexcusable that our City leadership has allowed this problem to occur.”

Venus Molina, chief of staff for District 2 Councilmember Jennifer Campbell representing the Mission and Pacific beaches, disputed the notion that short-term renters are mostly to blame for not practicing COVID health protocols in beach areas.

“The majority of the people who are not wearing masks and having parties are our own constituents,” Molina said. “The number of vacationers who are there who are bad actors, compared to the number of residents who are actually having parties – it’s very slim.”

Pacific Beach resident Tom Coat emailed City Council members months ago expressing his concern about the COVID threat posed by some short-term vacation renters.

“I requested that the City of San Diego prohibit vacation rentals during the pandemic as other cities had done,” Coat said. “I had just passed by a house on Soledad Mountain where five cars were parked in the driveway and on the street. All had Arizona license plates.”

Added Coat: “Why, I asked, were we allowing visitors from other states to come together to rent homes in the middle of our neighborhoods while, at the same time, the County Health Department was asking residents not to have family or group gatherings in their own homes?”

Pointing out that, “This has been a concern for some time,” Coat argued, “The fact that Pacific and Mission beaches are now considered hot spots for surging numbers of COVID cases certainly reinforces those concerns.”

Added Molina: “It would be great to see the data on testing results. Also, we’ve spoken to the [short-term rental] platforms, and they’ve gotten hit tremendously by COVID. Nobody is really traveling. [Rentals] are not really up to rent homes in the middle of our neighborhoods while, at the same time, the County Health Department was asking residents not to have family or group gatherings in their own homes.”

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“People in Los Angeles and Arizona and other communities are saying, ‘Let’s go to Mission Beach,’ we’re seeing a lot of that,” claimed Knight, who insisted that, on the boardwalk between Mission and Pacific beaches, “It is physically impossible to social distance.”

Knight claims a few summer Mission Beach visitors are observing proper health protocols.
"I'd say, on a good day, only about 20% are wearing masks," he said, adding, "I can guarantee there are no Airbnb health protocols going on."

Jonah Mechanic, owner of SeaBreeze Vacation Rentals in La Jolla and president of Share San Diego, disputed the claim that short-term renters are to blame for COVID health protocols not being observed at the beach.

"There's zero proof, or data, to prove short-term travelers are more responsible (for infractions) than residents," he said. "That has been a sound bite from anti-short-term rental people trying to demonize responsible tourism from day one.

"There is an anti-tourism group that wants to lift the drawbridge and not allow any tourists in," continued Mechanic. "They're looking for anything negative to say about short-term rentals. First, it was that short-term rentals went against affordable housing. Then it was prostitution rings run out of houses. Whatever the hot topic is of the day—they grasp at. Now it's COVID."

Knight contends turnover rates are so high that there is insufficient time for rental operators to properly clean in-between clients, and he also claims short-term renters tend to bend the rules more in San Diego because they don't live here and don't have to suffer the consequences.

"People traveling down here right now, some of them are saying, 'We don't care. We don't need masks. It's my right to not do masks.'" Knight said.

Mission Beach resident Gary Womacott, a critic of the preponderance of short-term rentals there, said the community is fed up.

"Frankly, we feel a little forgotten in Mission Beach, what with the COVID-19 and the saturation of short-term rentals filled with visitors from areas with high rates of coronavirus," he said. "Community transmission is the latest terminology for the spread of the virus in communities with over-tourism. Our County Public Health administrator, Dr. Wilma Wootten, sidesteps questions regarding short-term rentals in communities with a high density of short-term rentals."

Mechanic said: "The number one question we used to get from guests was, 'How close is it to the beach, and can I see the ocean?' Now the most common question is, 'Do we have to bring our own masks, or do you supply masks, and what is it with restaurants, dine-in or dine out?'" Without a doubt, our guests have the same concerns about COVID as the residents."

Mechanic cited a different reason for the bad and irresponsible behavior by some in beach communities like PB and MB.

"It is legal what they're doing," added he is opposed to community planning and zoning laws claiming they are extreme. "It was a move that caught everyone by surprise," he said. "It was a private agreement between two private organizations, HomeAway (an online vacation rental marketplace) and a labor union, Unite Here, representing hotel workers and tourist hotels. The non-binding agreement between the two organizations purports to say, 'We're tired of fighting... and they've come up with a proposal that is no proposal at all.'"

Adding he is opposed to the proposal as presented. LaCava pointed out five of the nine members of the present City Council will be different after the Nov. 3 general election.

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La Jolla Parks and Beaches discusses sidewalk vending and safety issues
By DAVE SCHWAB

In July, La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. returned to a familiar topic: park commercialization. The parks advisory group has also discussed safety issues in Pottery Canyon.

Board member Rob Evans has been tracking SB 946, a state bill that took effect Jan. 1, 2019 relaxing restrictions on sidewalk vending. He noted SB 946 is now proposed to be amended to allow nonprofits and faith-based organizations to temporarily open up for business in City parks to provide economic relief during the pandemic.

“SB 946 basically has nullified any ability for the City to enforce sidewalk vending,” Evans said.

“We’re hoping to enact some restrictions and prohibitions to remove sidewalk vending from our parks and coastline beaches,” he said.

Evans pointed out sidewalk vending in a live and well in Scripps Park, on Pacific Beach’s boardwalk, and at Children’s Pool.

“There’s nothing we can do in light of this pandemic. With the need for communities, in general, to come together and support local businesses,” noted Evans adding, “I’m not saying put in the white flag. Just take a step back. I don’t know what else to do.”

“We want to be following the developments with vendors in the park,” said board president Ann Dynes. “We all care about the natural state of our parks. It should be on our radar.”

Board member Debbie Beacham warned that park vending threatens public park use.

“We have always used the parks for the public, and sometimes when it becomes commercialized, the public doesn’t get a chance to walk quietly through a park,” she said. “On the flip side of the coin, people are really looking for places to go walking and for outdoor exercise. If we take parks and turn them into commercial pockets, we’re taking away exercise opportunities.”

“I agree 100% with you,” replied Evans. “I just don’t know how to combat this.”

“It’s not appropriate in our little, limited amount of parks that we have here to commercialize them,” answered Beacham.

Colleague John Shannon noted scooters are back at Children’s Pool displacing some bicycle parking.

Mary Munk of La Jolla Shores pointed out kayak and surf camp operators pay significant fees to operate on beaches and in parks, whereas sidewalk vendors do not.

Board member Phyllis Minick added T-shirt vendors have also returned to the public plaza overlooking Children’s Pool.

Another board member, Ken Hunrichs, characterized commercial vending activities during the pandemic as an “extraordinary circumstance. We need to encourage the City to bend just a little to allow some businesses, like gyms and yoga studios, to use the parks. Small-businesses are really struggling to even survive,” he said.

Dynes said she would put sidewalk vending on the group’s next agenda on Aug. 24 for further review.

Switching topics, board members, and property owners aired problems with numerous large fallen trees at Pottery Canyon, a relatively undeveloped public park with a hiking trail and a historic pioneering pottery site off Torrey Pines Road. Neighbors Willis and Claudia Allen discussed problems with flooding, fallen trees, and canyon safety and access.

“This is a major safety hazard,” pointed out Diane Kane, president of La Jolla Community Planning Association, which makes land-use recommendations to the City.

“We have historic resource issues out there. Ignoring this is just inexcusable.”

La Jolla Town Council hears about parking issues at Beach-Barber Tract
By DAVE SCHWAB

In July, La Jolla Town Council heard about renewed problems with oversaturation in the Beach-Barber Tract, as well as getting a report on the status of outdoor dining.

Named after Phillip Barber, an heir to a steamship fortune, Barber Tract was established in the early 1920s. The coastal La Jolla neighborhood includes Windansea Beach and features a wide-ranging mix of home styles from English-style cottages to exquisite oceanfront residences valued between $950,000 and $9.2 million. Many longtime Bight residents have preserved the architectural integrity of their homes.

Introducing Michael Cole, president of the Barber Tract Neighborhood Association, La Jolla Town Council President Ann Kerr Bache thanked association members. “They’ve been on the front lines fighting for public safety and against alcohol and drugs on the beach as well as parking problems,” she said.

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ADMINISTERING YOUR TRUST UPON YOUR DEATH

By: Dick McEntyre and Chris von der Lieth, Attorneys at Law

You may wonder what is involved in your successor trustee administrating your revocable living trust following your death. Here are the primary actions (not necessarily sequential) your successor trustee will need to take:

1. Arrange for the ongoing care of your pets, secure your home, and make the final arrangements for the disposition of your personal effects.
2. Order several Death Certificates through the mortality to be used as a connection with closing financial accounts and transferring title to real property.
3. Mail out “Notice to Beneficiary/Heir” letters as required by California law.
4. Obtain preliminary value of your estate to determine whether a federal estate tax return may need to be filed with the IRS (within one (1) year of the date of your death).
5. Notify the California Department of Health Care Services as required by California law if you received or may have received any benefits from Medi-Cal.
6. Pay all outstanding debtors to the trust name (or convert an existing account). This account will be used to pay all of your debts and on-going trust expenses. In this connection, obtain from the IRS a new income tax reporting number (EIN) for the trust which the bank will require, since your trust became irrevocable upon your death.
7. Transfer title to all financial brokerage accounts from your name to the successor trustee’s name, or close (sell the asset) & add to the supporting accounts and transfer the proceeds into the new account in the trust account. This information can be found on your bank statements.
8. Locate all outstanding bills and pay name from the account referred to in Para. 6 above.
9. Make sure any death benefits payable on your death.
10. If any property in your estate, have an appraisal of such property made by an estate personal property appraiser, and sell such property and deposit the sale proceeds into the trust account, or divide such property among the entitled beneficiaries based on value or any other instruction provided by the terms of your trust.
11. Obtain date of death values of all other property in your estate. Your banks and brokerage firms can provide the trustee with a statement covering the time of your death and/or a letter providing the date of death valuations of such accounts. The trustee will probably need to hire a qualified real estate appraiser to value your real property(ies) (needed for income tax basis purposes).
12. The trustee should keep a good record of all trust income and expenses and trust distributions, since an accounting should typically be provided to all beneficiaries of the trust at the end of each administration.
13. The successor trustee should pay to himself or herself the compensation he or she is entitled to under the terms of the trust.
14. After all estate expenses and debts have been paid, make the distribution to all beneficiaries called for by the trust.
15. Have an accountant prepare and file the needed income tax returns for you and/or the trust.

The above statements are not to be taken as legal advice for the reader’s particular situation.

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Love, floss, and La Jolla – married dentists from Iran forge successful practices

By DAVE SCHWAB

It’s been an inspiring journey for La Jolla husband-and-wife Ali and Nikou Rahbar Fakhimi, both Iranian immigrants, who found each other – and new careers – practicing dentistry after coming to the United States.

Surprisingly enough, Dr. Ali Fakhimi, DMD, did not start in dental science. He worked for his father, a successful real estate developer. Now after running a 20-year practice, Soft Touch Dental at 3735 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Fakhimi has forged a national reputation as a “comprehensive dentist.”

Nikou Rahbar Fakhimi, DDS, migrated to America in 1997 with her Persian parents, both now physicians in Orange County. She was initially interested in going to medical school but ultimately gravitated toward cosmetic dentistry.

The pair, who have two daughters, started dating during Nikou’s last year in dental school. They moved to La Jolla to start a life together.

“Doing it all is what Ali does,” Fakhimi said. “We are a multi-specialty practice including restorative family dentistry, implants, root canals, oral surgery (wisdom teeth) and cosmetic dentistry, bonding, and whitening,” Fakhimi said.

Responding to COVID, the dentist has sanitized his workspace. “We’ve done a major remodel on our office putting airflow control in every exam room,” he said. “We also have an electrostatic disinfectant gun we use to clean up after every patient.”

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Nikou worked briefly in Ali’s office but has since relocated her practice to Hillcrest. Though they practice dentistry separately, Ali noted: “We constantly confer about procedures and research, anything that has to do with our fields. She’s more specialized in cosmetic dentistry. Any kind of surgical work that’s needed, I come in.”

Of his dental “conversion” from real estate, Ali said, “I found I liked the medical field, working with my hands. There’s also a lot of diversity with dentistry, so many things you can do from A to Z.”

Dentistry has come a long way during Fakhimi’s time practicing it. “The technology has advanced so much, especially the comfort level for patients,” he said. “The patient should not have to feel any pain or anxiety going to see the dentist anymore.”

Concerning observing COVID protocols, Fakhimi noted, “A dental office right now is the cleanest place there is, with so much disinfecting being done with microbial rinsing and sterilization of rooms.”

Ali and Nikou Rahbar Fakhimi with their children.

Ali and Nikou love La Jolla and plan to stay. “My office is 2 ½ miles from where I live,” he said. “My kids go to school in La Jolla. We do most everything, all our shopping, in the Village of La Jolla.”

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NOTABLE WOMEN OF SAN DIEGO
Commemorating 100 years of the 19th Amendment when women took the vote

BY KAREN SCANLON

The right of citi
tizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex... so goes the text of this celebrated passage.

Women’s suffrage ended on Aug. 18, 1920, culminating nearly a century of protest. Though she took the vote, oth
er rights granted continued to evolve — to live free from vio
lence, slavery, and discrimina
tion. The right to be educated, own property, and earn an equ
uitable wage.

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trees a year. She would become known as “Mother of Balboa Park,” and was connected to the philanthropic generosity of busi
nessman, George Marston.

But there are other women whose contributions to San Diego ought to be remembered.

THE FIRST FEMALE HARBOUR PILOT
Celia Sweet of Ballast Point was the lightkeeper’s wife. James, and often Celia, tended the bay beacons and lamp in the tower. He also built boats known as Sweet Craft. In 1907, Sweet christened Pilot. San Diego’s first motorized harbor-pilot vessel. Celia bursting the cham
pagne bottle against its bow.

While raising two children, Celia became the first federally licensed woman harbor pilot in San Diego, and also ferried passengers across the bay to Coronado’s Tent City. When she could solicit no female com
petition, Celia raced the Relue against her male equals of San Diego Yacht Club. Sweet’s 28-foot Relue set a Pacific coast speed re
cord of 22 knots.

SOUTHERN BELLE SAVES SURFING IN SAN DIEGO
An extrovert known as Miss Billy Riley of Oklahoma burst onto Shelter Island’s entertain
ment scene when tourism efforts were flailing. Through evolv
ing monikers of the 1960s — Windsong, L’Escala, Half Moon, and Humphrey’s — Miss Billy be
came the first woman manager of a major hotel and eventually part owner. She served as the first female president of the San Diego Hotel-Motel Association, director of San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and strongly advo
cated the construction of Ocean Beach Fishing Pier.

Miss Billy will be remembered for defending the 1966 World Surfing Championships when city officials uttered disdain for the whole affair. “Five years earlier, surfers had misbehaved during a similar event,” she said, “and the city was forced to con
sider the future of surfing in San Diego generally.”

“I gathered a bunch of those 200 surfers in the parking lot of Bali Hai and told them you’re going to have a rough time in this city — people think you’re a crummy bunch. We expect you to conduct yourselves honorably to represent the surfing indus
try.” As it was, surfing greats Kimo McVay, Nat Young, and ‘the Duke’ Kahanamoku took to the waves in Ocean Beach, while spectators crowded the new pier.

In downtown’s Gaslamp District, Billy’s name appears on the outside bronze plaque of the Horton Grand Hotel. “We’d heard that the old Horton Hotel and Kahle’s Saddlery were being torn down and felt the urgency to preserve what we could,” she said. Some of us moved sections of those buildings into storage in an old garage on Island Avenue, brick-by-brick, windows, and everything. And when the time came, we, and other investors, recreated a hotel.” The Horton Grand is a testament to Miss Billy’s tenacity and goodwill.

THE CITY’S HISTORY PROFESSOR EMERITA
Iris Engstrand, Ph.D., has taught thousands of students at University of San Diego over 49 years as a professor of American history. In turn, she says, “These students have them
selves become teachers and au
thors. They serve as politicians, city planners, national and state park employees, mayors, and in other positions of leadership. Teaching others is truly a gift that keeps on giving.”

Of relevance is Engstrand’s pictorial history of San Diego, first published in 1980 and reprinted three times in re
vised editions. “This factual account,” she says, “tells a complete story of San Diego beginning with the indig
enous population and con
tinuing through the Spanish, Mexican, and American periods.”

Other notable women were to be recognized at this year’s Congress of History of San Diego and Imperial Counties, an annual two-day conference. But “Remarkable Women 1920-2020” fell by the pandemic wayside. The Congress is scheduled to re
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Keeping skateboarders safer inspires Pacific Beach skateboards’ latest project

By Thomas Melville

T o honor the memory of Cameron (Cam) Bob, a 25-year-old who was killed by a hit-and-run driver while skateboarding on Ocean Street, a Pacific Beach artist is working on a creative project to help make roads safer in the beach community.

In July, Krystal Dyer received a Facebook message from a friend who asked if Dyer would be interested in painting a skateboard deck to read “Share The Road,” which would be installed as an awareness sign near the spot of the fatal incident.

“Neither my friend nor I had the pleasure of knowing Cameron, but we both skateboard and what happened to Cameron is a real fear for any skateboarder,” Dyer said.

“Me and my up with friends to retrieve the skateboard deck that I was going to paint and they mentioned they wanted to get more decks and asked if I knew any other artists able to help out. I said I could probibly get more decks and artists so I made a post in Social Pacific Beach,” Dyer said.

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The Barber Tract – A neighborhood rich in history and charm

BY LINDA MARRONE

The Barber Tract is a neighborhood rich in La Jolla history, as well as a treasure trove of 1920s and ’30s architecturally designed homes. In this picturesque neighborhood that is bordered by white sand beaches you will find homes with an eclectic mix of architectural styles that include; both cottages and stately homes designed in the Spanish, English Tudor, and French Normandy styles. Along the charming streets, vine-covered walls and garden gates sometimes hide well-kept secret gardens filled with mature landscaping and old-growth trees. The neighborhood has been affectionately known as the Barber Tract after Phillip Barber began developing it in the early 1920s.

While on vacation in La Jolla in 1921, Phillip Barber purchased 12 acres of land for $22,875 that was once part of the early 1900s subdivision, Neptunia. Barber was an heir to the Barber & Co. steamship firm in New York. The 16th of 18 children, he was a visionary and dreamer with an artistic sense, who in many ways was a man ahead of his time. In those days, rugged sand dunes ran throughout the area and reminded Barber of a favorite vacation spot on Long Island, N.Y. and it was, love at first sight.

Barber’s daughter, Barbara Barber Stockton, who passed away in 2009, recalls her very excited father telephoning her mother in Tenafly, N.J., saying, “Pack up the family; I’ve just purchased property in La Jolla, California!”

The Barber family moved to La Jolla in 1921 and in January 1922, Barber finished building his oceanfront estate, “The Dunes.” In the fall of 1922, the home was featured in Better Homes and Gardens Magazine. After the construction on his home was completed, development of the neighborhood began to take off. Most of the homes were designed in the European Revival style that was gaining popularity across the country during this era. Barber considered La Jolla, "America’s Riviera" and this style of architecture fit in perfectly with his dream to have the neighborhood feel as though it was a seaside European village. Early noteworthy San Diego architects and designers, such as Edgar Ulrich, Tom Shepard, Herbert Mann, Herbert Palmer, Richard Requa, Lilian Rice and Florence Palmer, have all left their eclectic architectural imprint on this seaside terrain. Barber even designed and built a few homes himself.

During the Great Depression, Barber had to relinquish ownership of his beloved home, as well as the tract he was developing. Our home on Monte Vista Avenue was one of the few built during the difficult period of the 1930s. In the 1940s and ’50s, development began again and master architects, Russell Forester and Locke Crane designed homes in the neighborhood that reflected a more modern approach to architecture.

The Barber Tract remains one of the few La Jolla neighborhoods where much of the original style and ambiance still exists. Today, the neighborhood boasts quite a few historically designated homes, all voluntarily designated by owners in an effort to maintain the allure and charm that compelled many of us to make this seaside neighborhood our home. My full story about the Barber Tract appears in the book, "Historic Tales of La Jolla," by Patricia Daly-Lipe.

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The front yard garden of our English Tudor cottage, Historic Site No. 226 – “The 1935 Morgan Lawkins Marrone residence. The home was designed by master architect Edgar Ulrich.

The Barber family, early 1920s. A fifth child, Tootie was born to the family later.

The Barber family enjoying the Barber Tract beach, circa 1920s. The former Grace Scripps Clark, Roger and Ellen Revelle home, “Casa de Lido” is in the background.

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The Women's Museum of California presented a virtual event on purses on July 23. Award-winning veteran journalist Sandra Maaas was MC for the evening. She is the VP of external affairs at the museum. Her mission is to help women achieve equal pay in the workplace.

She introduced the executive director Felicia W Shaw who talked about her vision to make everything more accessible to all women of all backgrounds. She talked about the upcoming programs.

The year is the 100th anniversary of the women’s right to vote and they will have some events coinciding with the 19th Amendment. They have also collaborated with a dance organization which will interpret what the suffragettes went through during that period. We are still fighting the same issues through during that period. We were shown handbags from the '20s, '30s, and '50s and the bigger pursers of the '60s. As the purses got bigger the pockets got smaller.

It was a statement to say, “Here is what I think of myself.” Brown was wearing nitro gloves, which are needed to protect beaded and sequin items whereas cotton gloves worked well for holding paper and film. If you would like to know more about this museum or their upcoming events, visit www.womensmuseumca.org.

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Raymond Lawrence Sullivan and Best Actor for Alain Benatar. “Anyway” filmed breathtaking scenery in Florence and director Rossano B. Maniscalchi won Best Cinematography. “New Religion - Another Perspective” was awarded Best Makeup and Best Hair to Teyana Alexis. Antonio Contreras and Tom Concordia were awarded Best Documentary for “L’Hommage 2020.” This film was a tribute to New York LGBTQ and youth. It was organized by Anthony Stropoli and was to take place at the Judson Memorial Church. When the event was canceled, Antonio Contreras finished the film with his amazing art work.

Best Art Direction went to Miranda and Mary Emuz in “Stones/Slices of Infinity” about sustainability. This year, LJFFF added the category Best Fashion. Diana Cavagnaro was an internationally renowned Couture Milliner based in the San Diego 2020 now has passes on sale for their Virtual Runway Show with 9 Designers. Purchase your virtual front row pass at fashionweeksd.com.

Another Perspective was awarded Best Cinematography. New Religion – Another Perspective was awarded Best Costume Design to Alexander Kim Chen. Rocky Alexander was wearing nitro gloves, which is what I think of myself.” Brown was wearing nitro gloves, which are needed to protect beaded and sequin items whereas cotton gloves worked well for holding paper and film. If you would like to know more about this museum or their upcoming events, visit www.womensmuseumca.org.

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Get an Inside View:”An Evening with the Child Actors of ‘Aladdin’”

Camille Brown at the Women’s Museum of California.


The 11th annual La Jolla International Fashion Film Festival was presented on July 25. There were 40 different countries tuning in virtually from around the world. The founder and producer, Fred Sweet, hosted the event that showed seven films and gave out all the IFFA Awards. Kudos to Sweet for undertaking the production of this huge virtual event. All the films can be viewed at IJFF.com.

The film “Season of Aeon” took home the award for the Best Picture. “Inhuman Love” captured the most awards Best Visual Effects to Adam and Nick Hayes, Best Set Design to Alexander Kim Chen and Jim Hieh, and Best Costume Design to Alexander King Chen. “My Favorite Season” had a

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Communication is lost when body language is no longer available

By Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

Over 80 percent of communication is nonverbal. We read body language as a means of understanding what the other person is saying. Look in the mirror with a glazed stare, then—without changing your stare—smile, and you will see how fake it is; now get your eyes to smile with your mouth and it looks genuine. I mention this to show you how difficult it is to read someone’s face with a mask. When in a Zoom meeting, one looks at the speaker who is not interacting with anyone, and it looks as if that person is thinking or feeling. Even when eye-contact with anyone, and we miss important parts of the interaction, which is the impact our words are making.

This process is amplified in group settings. When I enter a group, I look for who has eye contact with whom, whose voice is the loudest, who is restless, who initiates, who interrupts, who is being interrupted. The list of what we perceive and base our judgments on continues throughout the meeting and gives us the information about the direction the group is taking, its friendliness, trust level, and degree of competitiveness. This information is challenging to ascertain via Zoom.

Wearing a face mask hides one of the two most important parts of communication: the mouth. The other crucial part—the eyes—often hidden behind sunglasses which further impairs communication. Wearing masks makes it impossible for people to lipread. Also, speech is muffled behind a mask. I wear a hearing aid and find it difficult to understand what people are saying; yet we cannot take our masks off to talk, for if we did that, virus droplets could escape. When I meet another resident in our hallways, I ask, “How are you?” The answer is often just a shoulder shrug. Sometimes I blow a kiss from my hidden mouth.

Women in Muslim countries have worn the veil for centuries, and trust. Smiling and laughing convey messages of friendliness and trust. Similing and laughing together increases bonding. Crying together forms strong bonds due to our willingness to show vulnerability in front of each other.

When online, we monitor our emotions and remain guarded. It is more difficult to show strong disagreement or much enthusiasm or distress or empathy when we sit expressionless in our little Zoom boxes, waiting to be unmuted and allowed to speak, waiting for our frame to be highlighted, indicating that we are next to speak.

At times I have called a friend after the meeting to check how he or she is doing. Although the gesture was appreciated, what was really needed was an arm around a shoulder, a hug, or simply holding a hand. We have all become poorer from the lack of opportunities to touch and be touched. I worry that the part of the brain which is good at picking up all these subtle cues will atrophy from disuse. When the pandemic is over it will feel good to embrace each other.

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It goes without saying that the last several months have been trying for everyone. With schools facing a lack of funding, drastically diminished donations/ability to fundraise, and the recent announcement that schools will start the school year with distance learning, now more than ever before, we as a community need to stay positive and do what we can to help ensure the safety and quality of education the kids of today are receiving. I currently have a child at PB Middle and one at PB Elementary, so I too am feeling the stress and uncertainty of the coming school year that many of you are feeling. We’re all in this together as a community, and I’m confident we’ll make it through, together as a community.

PB Fun Fact:
Ingraham St, one of PB’s main North/South streets, was initially named Broadway when it was created in the late 1880’s, then had a name change to Izard in 1900, then back to Broadway in 1907 and finally became the Ingraham Street we know today in 1913.