LEGISLATION AIMS TO COUNTER TRUMP SEPARATION POLICY

A group of Mexican citizens look across the border fence at Playas de Tijuana.

Peters co-sponsors ‘Keeping Families Together Act’

U.S. Rep. Scott Peters (CA-52) defended his co-sponsorship of the Keeping Families Together Act, which would immediately halt separating families at the U.S.-Mexico border, as the right thing to do. Noting border issues are “complicated,” Peters said asylum seekers “have a right to a hearing and we want to give them that.” Concerning asylum seekers, Peters said, “There’s no reason not to treat them humanely. I can’t think of anything more inhumane than taking a child from his or her parents.” The bill would prohibit Department of Homeland Security (DHS) officials from separating children from their parents, except in extraordinary circumstances, like trafficking indicators or other concerns of risk to the child. It also...
The Rules Committee voted 3-2 in favor of the proposed ban on Polystyrene foam and restrictions on single-use plastics in the City of San Diego ordinance, which now moves to a full City Council vote as early as September. Councilmembers Chris Ward, President Pro Tem Barbara Bry, and Myrtle Cole - who chairs the Rules Committee - voted in favor. Councilmembers’ Chris Kersey and Chris Cate voted against.

Representatives from Surfrider Foundation, 5 Gyres Institute, SD350.org, Teamsters Local 911, California Grocers’ Association, and Business For Good all spoke in support of the ordinance, which would place restrictions on the use of expanded polystyrene (commonly referred to as styrofoam), and reduce the distribution of other types of single-use plastics in San Diego.

Surfrider San Diego volunteers collected 12,575 pieces of expanded polystyrene from San Diego beaches in 2017 alone.

The Obama Administration had been continuing a “catch and release” policy under the previous Bush Administration, which is a practice of releasing an immigrant to the community while he/she awaits hearings in immigration court, as an alternative to holding them in immigration detention. Under that policy, migrants whom U.S. immigration enforcement agencies had allowed to remain in the community pending immigrant hearings were deemed low-risk, such as children, families and those seeking asylum.

“Under catch and release, if people didn’t come back for their hearing — they were expelled,” said Peters. “Most people did come back.”

Peters pointed out that, though the Trump Administration has rescinded its policy of separating families, “We’re still putting them in cages on concrete floors. That’s very un-American. I think it’s racially driven, and not consistent with American values.”

Peters is a proponent of protecting Dreamers, alien minors in the United States, with legislation that would first grant them conditional residency, while they work toward permanent residency.

“That’s most obviously the least-threatening issue,” the Congressman said. “Many of these Dreamers don’t even know the language of their home country, and they’re some of the finest people you’d ever want to know.”

Peters said upwards of 80 percent of Americans “want to let Dreamers be citizens.”

Concerning the Trump border wall, Peters said, “The wall in so many ways is such a bad idea. Not just the fact that it would cost $20 billion, enough for one and one-half aircraft carriers. But just think what we could do with that money with homelessness or education. Our trade with Mexico is an important part of our economy, and the border is the busiest land port in the world. The notion that we would insult Mexico with this wall is just antithetical to the very character of all the communities along the border from San Diego.
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A judge ordered the owner of a La Jolla restaurant June 28 to stand trial on 27 counts of rape and other sex charges involving eight women who were apparently given drug-laced alcohol that left most of them unconscious or severely inebriated.

Seven of the eight women testified against Daniel Dorado, 59, in a two-day preliminary hearing before San Diego Superior Court Judge Michael Groch. A detective testified about what the eighth victim told her about her alleged assault.

The 27 charges include forcible rape, rape and oral copulation of an intoxicated or unconscious person, forcible oral copulation, digital penetration, felony sexual battery, and assault with intent to commit rape.

If Dorado is convicted of all charges, he would face a maximum sentence of 12 years in prison. He has no prior record.

He has pleaded not guilty. His attorneys, Brian White and Lindsey Mercer, persuaded Groch to dismiss seven charges on insufficient evidence grounds which was opposed by Deputy District Attorneys Katherine Flaherty and Jessica Coto.

Dorado’s daughter and her husband attended the hearing, along with a family friend. Dorado was dressed in blue clothing and one hand was handcuffed to a chair both days. He is divorced.

Dorado has owned the Voce Del Mare restaurant at 5721 La Jolla Blvd. in the Bird Rock area for years. The restaurant closed after his March 28 arrest.

Groch ordered Dorado to next appear in court on July 12 to set a trial date. He remains in jail on $900,000 bail.

The women varied in age from 22 to 57 years at the time. The first incident occurred in 2009 and the others were alleged to have occurred in 2014, 2015, and 2017. The last incident is alleged to have occurred Jan. 21 to an Orange County woman who had driven down to meet Dorado in the restaurant.

Every single victim said they were given either a pink drink, wine, or champagne by Dorado that they did not see poured. Every victim said they became very intoxicated quickly, and several woke up to realizing Dorado was either having sex with them or they were not wearing clothing.

Most of the women did not report the incidents initially because they said they were embarrassed and often blamed themselves for what happened. Some only came forward after Dorado was arrested. One woman said she didn’t consider her alarm until after Dorado was arrested. One woman said she called Lyft the next day to find out where the driver picked her up because she could not recall where she left her car.

The youngest victim, who is now 25, testified she showed up at the restaurant at 9:30 p.m. on April 27, 2015, to be interviewed by Dorado for a hostess job. She said she had two glasses of wine and was seated on the couch in his office.

“I lost consciousness really fast,” said the woman. “I remembered trying to wake up. He was on top of me. I was not strong enough to get him off me.”

Her phone rang and her mother was calling her, as she was concerned. The woman realized it was 4 a.m. and she and Dorado were not in the same car. Some of the assaults allegedly occurred in the restaurant where there was a couch in his office, but most of the other encounters occurred in either La Jolla hotels or his residence where he lived in Solana Beach at the time.

Some of the women later noticed various bruises and other injuries. Several said they woke up to Dorado biting their nipples, causing abrasions. Detective Travis Demas testified that a woman told him that Dorado “would bite her breasts.”

Dorado drove the women to their cars, and many testified they drove home even though they were likely too drunk to drive. One woman testified she stopped her car in Pacific Beach and called for a Lyft ride home as she was too drunk to drive. She said she called Lyft the next day to find out where the driver picked her up because she could not recall where she left her car.

Under cross-examination, the woman said she filed a lawsuit against Dorado, saying “I want justice.”

The woman drove home and told her mother what happened. She had a rape exam taken that morning in a hospital. In a stipulation, Coto said DNA found on the woman matched Dorado’s DNA profile.

A 37-year-old bartender said she answered Dorado’s ad for a wine porter in 2017 and met him at a restaurant for an interview. She was surprised the restaurant was closed at the time, but he poured some wine for her.

The bartender said she felt drunk after getting a third glass of wine. She said she was experienced with drinking, but this was the most intoxicated she had ever felt in her life. She declined to sit on his couch, but she said he began touching her.

“She let him be,” said the bartender.

Deadline to file a claim: September 7, 2018
Local reaction to proposed ‘greening’ of La Jolla cultural zone: Support for new idea expressed

By DAVE SCHWAB | LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

A random survey finds La Jollans overwhelmingly embrace an underwater-parking proposal by contractor Tom Grunow to restore the luster to the La Jolla Cultural Zone by “greening” it and making it more walkable.

Grunow has proposed taking steps, including building an underground parking structure beneath La Jolla Recreation Center at 615 Prospect St., to enhance the existing La Jolla Cultural Zone.

The contractor outlined his preliminary vision in a recent charrette attended by numerous community stakeholders.

“This is a good idea that will invigorate La Jolla’s Cultural District, improve its usability,” said Rec Center, and help ease our parking shortage,” said landscape architect Jim Nerli. “While it won’t be easy, it will advance the project if we just get out of our own way and provide a community endorsement for it in concept. The rest will follow traditional requirements (geotechnical investigation, traffic, air quality, etc.) that would unearth potential problems…or we could take a page out of the Lindbergh Field flight plan and study alternatives for 25 years before building it anyway.”

“The La Jolla Rec Center board members voted unanimously to support the concept under the conditions that the parking garage did not delay our playground renovation unreasonably, and that it will not impact our very limited play area in any way space wise, environmental wise, or otherwise,” said Mary Cosakley Munk. “This is a project that has great potential merit and, to my knowledge, has never been a project in La Jolla where anyone has worked as hard as Tom Grunow to vet the pros and cons with as many community members, groups, facilities, etc. La Jolla has so much potential, but until everyone can decide that they are willing to work for the good of the community… Whether the underground garage is good for the community, or not, needs to be determined by open minds.”

Loosely defined, La Jolla’s Cultural Zone is a broad area surrounding the rec center comprising 17 historical sites including Wisteria Cottage, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (closed for reconstruction), La Jolla Woman’s Club and La Valencia Hotel.

There are an additional 28 historical cottages associated with the zone. Among them, Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) cottages in La Jolla Shores, and the Red Root & Red Rest beach bungalows overlooking the Cove.

“I know first-hand how difficult it is to get new ideas implemented in our Village and down at the City,” said Sheila Fortune, executive director of La Jolla Village Merchants Association. “We need leaders like Tom Grunow who are willing to step out with their voices and get some of these great ideas energy and community support. This Village has been living in the past glory days for far too long. The charrette that Tom put together was thoughtful, professional, and is exactly the kind of forum that needs to be implemented for our entire Village. With that energy and community support, La Jolla can look as beautiful and our Village can thrive again.”

Parking in the cultural zone is a primary concern of La Valencia managing director Mark DiBella.

“The Village of La Jolla continues to fall behind other older and newly emerging San Diego mixed-use communities which also have retail, residential, entertainment and retail businesses combined – this is in part due to a lack of available parking,” DiBella said. “I support the proposal for the addition of public parking and endorse projects where parking facilities do not impede on the public visuals. Underground parking at the La Jolla Rec Center is an ideal match for the community with a location benefiting multiple vested parties.”

DiBella added a key to the parking proposal “is that the facility includes security, ample lighting and state-of-the-art parking access and market parking rates…The charm and umbrellas on the Village can be retained through thoughtful and future planning while also ensuring that the needs of today’s urban market demographics are met.”

Longtime La Jolla civic activist Joe LaCava urged Grunow and supporters to “stay the course.”

“Continue to listen to everyone, and incorporate good ideas,” urged LaCava. “Be modest in claiming momentum.”

LaCava added he appreciated “the extraordinary effort and passion at play here.”

Bill Kellogg of the La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club was on board with the cultural-zone proposal.

“There is almost unanimous recognition that our Jewel needs some polishing,” said Kellogg. “Tom’s passion and willingness to include as many people in the program and development plan for the park should be celebrated by the community. Let’s keep this project moving ahead and kudos to Tom for taking the lead.”

Coastkeeper, Port of San Diego bring climate science to local schools

San Diego’s Coastkeeper and the Port of San Diego have launched a new set of bilingual lessons featuring water and climate science, available for use in local schools. The lessons are the latest addition to Coastkeeper’s Water Education For All program, a standards-aligned K-12 science curriculum available free of cost to San Diego-area teachers and informal educators.

Funded by the Port of San Diego’s Environmental Fund, the new water and climate lessons guide students in learning about how human activities influence the natural world. By participating in the lessons, students learn how to calculate their personal carbon footprint and plastic usage, and are empowered to develop and implement plans to reduce their impact and share outcomes with their families, friends, and communities.

The lesson plan is hands-on, inquiry-based, and standards-aligned to help teachers ensure their students achieve Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

“We believe that as environmental educators, our job is not only to inform local students of the challenges that face them, but to equip them with the tools they need to develop real-life solutions to those challenges,” says Coastkeeper Education Manager Sandra Lebron. “Climate change and plastic pollution are two of the largest issues facing the next generation. By providing students with engaging, locally-rooted science education, we are empowering San Diego’s youth to take the lead in creating a better world for us all.”

The new lessons were pilot ed at five local schools in the San Diego Bay watershed, where 598 4th-grade students received water and climate education and learned about how climate change affects the marine, coastal, and intertidal habitats of San Diego Bay. Two of the five schools completed additional carbon and plastic reduction projects. Pre- and post-lesson evaluations showed increases in student understanding about the causes of rising levels of greenhouse gases, the impacts of human activities on the environment, and great plans can be taken to reduce carbon emissions and decrease plastic use.

Teachers interested in utilizing these new water and climate lessons are encouraged to visit sdcoastkeeper.org, or get in touch with San Diego Coastkeeper Education Manager Sandra Lebron at slebron@sdcoastkeeper.org or 619-787-7475 Ext. 125.

How to sell your home by yourself

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~ Your San Diego Senior Specialists
Dockless bike share program, Spin, thrives at UC San Diego

First, there was DecoBike — an app-based bike share program that, among many frustrating points to locals, utilized centralized docks (storage locations) for the vehicles. That went the way of the Dodo.

Next, cities began to see brightly colored LimeBikes, Ofo, etc. ad nauseam populating boardwalks, streets and thoroughfares throughout the city. Then, there was the propagation of electronic scooters, dispersed by both Bird and LimeBike, causing a myriad of safety concerns and evaluation of the City’s current regulation.

While the eco-conscious efforts of these vendors, as well as their providing an alternative to the City’s public transportation, the benefits are often overshadowed by NIMBY concerns.

At the University of California San Diego, however, Spin, an app-based, dockless bike share program as well, has recently loaded their success on campus. The pilot program, in operation since December 2017, has shown more than 91,000 rides for more than 15,600 miles, which saved roughly 17,100 pounds of CO2.

Obviously, UC San Diego’s vast campus provides a much different climate, with vastly comparable traffic concerns to those of coastal communities.

“For navigation inside a university, there’s nothing better than riding a bike or walking,” said Josh Kavanagh, director of transportation at UC San Diego. “Ultimately, we want to support pedestrian-and-bike-friendly walkways to allow this mode of transportation to flourish.”

A majority of UC San Diego students arrive at campus via buses and other public transportation, so having centralized Spin “high use” locations close to bus stops is crucial. Not only does this make getting to class easier for students and faculty, but also decongests public transport bus racks.

To what does Kavanagh attribute the success of Spin on UC San Diego’s campus?

“The quality of the partner we’ve found in Spin,” Kavanagh said. “Whereas other communities have had trouble with congestion and safety, because we’ve partnered with one vendor, we don’t see multiple vendors over-providing bicycles.”

Although Spin was launched solely on UC San Diego’s campus, it is not prohibited for non-students/faculty to download the app and use bikes in the area. Kavanagh says that at least 25 percent of users during

La Jolla MAD decision reversed, future appeal is likely

By BLAKE BUNCH | LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

It’s been a see-saw battle with the La Jolla maintenance assessment district (MAD) formed to lobby for the proposed La Jolla maintenance assessment district (MAD). It was legal — then it wasn’t. Now it might be again.

Passed by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin by mail ballot of residents and businesses within La Jolla’s downtown Village in November 2016, the MAD was supposed to have taken effect Jan. 1, 2018.

Enhance La Jolla, nonprofit, was formed to lobby for the proposed MAD, and we supported by La Jolla voters to administer the new MAD should it become operative.

But a landlord group known as La Jolla Benefits Association (LJBA) filed a lawsuit, nothing better than the La Jolla MAD on Dec. 28, 2016 in San Diego Superior Court.

Attorney Maria Severson of the law firm of Aguirre & Severson LLP representing LJBA, said landlords were arguing the proposed MAD “does not provide special benefits, but rather, only dresses up the City Charter’s mandated duty to provide special benefits. The [MAD] is real-

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ly just a second tax on services the City is supposed to already be providing.”

In a Nov. 30, 2017 judgment, San Diego Judge Randa Trapp ruled the La Jolla MAD was unconstitutional.

“The general public should not be required to pay for special benefits for the few, and the few specially benefited should not be subsidized by the general public,” Trapp stated.

So the business improvement district, La Jolla Village Merchants Association, stepped in to continue basic Village maintenance functions, like watering hanging flower baskets.

“LVMA requested to the City back in March from our budget funds to move $9,000 from the design/landscape category to personnel to cover the part-time person we re-hired to water the plants, sweep and pick-up trash,” said Sheila Fortune, LVMA’s former executive director. “This person was previously in our budget under the Sparkle & Shine campaign for almost three years, prior to this past December when we closed the program anticipating the start-up of the MAD in January 2018.”

Fortune noted the BID “also had to incur expenses of $3,500 for replanting the hanging flower pots, as they had all died. That was pulled from our contingency category. These expenses were covered due to the MAD not moving forward as anticipated, but had to be done in order to try and save the baskets and keep the cleaning services.”

However, the situation with the MAD’s legality flip-flopped recently on June 27. After Judge Trapp revisited her previous ruling on the MAD’s unconstitutionality, she reversed. Since the second time around, Trapp determined the benefits association “had no standing in the case.”

In law, standing refers to the ability of a party to demonstrate to the court sufficient connection to, and harm from, the law or action challenged to support that party’s participation in the case.

The judge did not overturn her ruling on the merits of our complaint, where we prevailed in her previous ruling,” said Lincoln Foster of LJBA. “However, she believed there was a technical flaw in the structure of the plaintiff’s entity, and therefore ruled that the plaintiff’s structure did not permit her to revisit the merits. We believe the judge is in error, and do plan the appropriate appeal process.”

Commented plaintiff’s attorney Maria Severson: “The court decided in a six-page ruling that the maintenance assessment district was unlawful. We respectfully believe the post-judgment court decision regarding standing is in error, as the real party in interest in the plaintiff LLC is obligated to pay the tax, and was as of the date of the timely filing.”

Besides Severson: “We have scheduled the earliest available motion date for the court to reconsider the recent order and allow the legal challenge to go forward – especially having previously ruled it was invalid. To do otherwise would impose an unlawful assessment on the property owners within the MAD.”

Ed Witt, Enhance La Jolla treasur-er, said his group, which works closely with philanthropic nonprofit, launching La Jolla Community Foundation, was pleased by this most recent turn of events. Witt noted the lawsuit “was not against La Jolla, it was against the the City of La Jolla for granting the MAD.”

Witt said any future money spent by a MAD on community beautification would be cared proscribed.

“We’re not even legally allowed to empty a trash can,” said Witt, adding, “It’s a great way for La Jolla to have some control over the Village and how it appears. This will allow us to power wash sidewalks and a lot of other things. I think it will make a big difference. We’ll be able to restore La Jolla to the Jewel.”

Witt noted a new Village MAD would benefit both residents and businesses.

“The more businesses succeed, the more property values will go up and we’ll all enjoy a better life,” he said. “This is so important for every- one who loves and enjoys La Jolla. All of us will benefit from this community effort.”

For more information visit www.enhancelajolla.org.
On Saturday, July 7 the inaugural (and soon to be annual) San Diego Sneaks Summer Classic 5-on-5 basketball tournament took place at the La Jolla Recreation Center. The tournament was a fun, yet a competitive couple of days on the blacktop courts.

The tournament was sponsored by basketball enthusiasts and friends Sawsun Khodapanah and Tyson Youngs. The two have been in the La Jolla community since high school and have left a mark in basketball communities across the San Diego area.

“Tyson and I have been in the La Jolla community since high school, as well as various basketball spots in San Diego,” said Khodapanah. “We used our network of friends and basketball players across La Jolla and San Diego to form 12 teams of five or more players.”

The San Diego Sneaks Summer Classic tournament was a one-day event, held from 8 a.m. to about 6 p.m. The games lasted to 25 points and showed the spirit of the teams that were able to advance and win the tournament over the course of a long hot summer day on the blacktop courts.

La Jolla High School and The Bishop’s School basketball coach and legend Kamal Assad played in the tournament as well, and described the event as, “a great way for kids out of high school and even college to keep playing basketball, especially in the summer, even when it’s hot.

This tournament will only grow and I can’t wait to see more people next year;” he added.

With two courts side by side, the tournament was extremely exhilarating with two games going on the whole day.

Sawsun Khodapanah, the tournament’s founder, releases a jump shot during the July 7 tournament.

UC San Diego swimming, diving programs join Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

The University of California San Diego men’s and women’s swimming and diving programs are joining the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), with immediate effect for the 2018-19 season. The MPSF Administrative Committee granted the membership. The league made the announcement on July 6.

The change in league alignment comes after UC San Diego’s sustained long-term success in the Pacific Collegiate Swimming and Diving Conference (PCSC). The Tritons depart following a decade of dominance as winners of the last 10 PCSC championships in a row by both their men and women. The women brought home 15 PCSC trophies in total, and the men 11, since 2002.

The switch to the MPSF is in line with UC San Diego’s move from the NCAA Division II level to Division I in the fall of 2020. All of the ‘Tritons’ new opponents in the MPSF will be Division I foes. Their addition gives the MPSF 14 teams in the sport, eight on the women’s side and six for the men.

UC San Diego will compete in the 2019 MPSF Championships against BYU, Cal Poly, Hawai‘i, Pacific, UC Santa Barbara, UC Davis (women), and local rivals from the University of San Diego (women). The swim portion of the 2019 conference meet is set to be held Feb. 20-23 at East Los Angeles College (ELAC) in Monterey Park for the eighth straight year, while diving will be contested Feb. 21-23 at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center in Pasadena for the sixth year in a row. The Tritons previously competed at ELAC during a pair of PCSC Championships (2016, 2017) and multiple editions of the A3 Performance Invitational (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016).

The tournament also included Cool Bros Mexican eatery, Cool Bros offers tacos, burritos, and fajitas for a quick snack in between games. There was also music playing by the food station for players to relax and enjoy a great day of basketball.

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To sign up for the San Diego Sneaks Summer Classic 5-on-5 tournament, or to find out more information, email Sawsun Khodapanah at sawsunk@gmail.com or call 858-729-3210.

Rebecca and Vanessa Rogers, University City High School twin pole-vaulters

“H e just turned 2,” said Vanessa Rogers as Winston, a rather large black labrador, barked loudly and continually jumped against the family screen door as a visitor approached. Meanwhile, her sister, Rebecca, the other half of the Rogers pole-vaulting twins, did some last-minute things before an interview.

In the Rodgers household, Winston nearly took center stage away from the University City High athletes, rising juniors among a cadre of female and male Centurion vaulters whom Mike Hogan coaches. The amiable and male Centurion vaulters whom Mike Hogan coaches. The amiable

Rebecca and Vanessa Rogers. ED PIPER/VILLAGE NEWS

The University of California San Diego men’s and women’s swimming and diving programs join the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), with immediate effect for the 2018-19 season. The MPSF Administrative Committee granted the membership. The league made the announcement on July 6.

The change in league alignment comes after UC San Diego’s sustained long-term success in the Pacific Collegiate Swimming and Diving Conference (PCSC). The Tritons depart following a decade of dominance as winners of the last 10 PCSC championships in a row by both their men and women. The women brought home 15 PCSC trophies in total, and the men 11, since 2002.

The switch to the MPSF is in line with UC San Diego’s move from the NCAA Division II level to Division I in the fall of 2020. All of the ‘Tritons’ new opponents in the MPSF will be Division I foes. Their addition gives the MPSF 14 teams in the sport, eight on the women’s side and six for the men.

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University City updates: Coffee and cars, Girl Scout awards and more

Summer Concerts at Standley Park

The 2018 Concert Series features bands from a variety of musical styles, including many professional bands with local University City residents. All concerts are held at Standley Park, 3585 Governor Drive. New this year, all concerts are scheduled for Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. The 2018 summer concert schedule is as follows:

- July 8: Teaser – Arena Rock with UC resident Rick Kern
- July 15: Rare Form – Alternative Rock with UC resident Dan Pena
- July 22: Relative Minors & Friends with UC resident Craig Zinser
- July 29: Rachel Aldous & The Long Road Home, old-time country, bluegrass, folk and western swing
- Aug. 5: Full Strength Funk Band with UC resident Pamela Gallo
- Aug. 12: Siers Brothers – Classic rock
- Aug. 19: Corvelles – Supremes Tribute
- Aug. 26: Forecast – Jazz variety with UC resident Greg Pardue

Bring your beach chairs and a picnic dinner, and enjoy the free summer concerts, made possible by the sponsorships provided by Scripps Health, Costa Verde Regency Center, UCCE, and the efforts of the Standley Park Recreation Council. Make sure to use #UCSummerConcerts and #StandleyPark when posting photos on social media.

UC Cars and Coffee hosts successful Fourth of July show

More than 45 automobiles were shown during the Fourth of July UC Celebration, being the second year that the UC Cars and Coffee group organized the car show event. The fun favorite winner was the 1957 Chevy Bel Air, with two red Volkswagens tying for second place – a Carmen Ghia and a bus.

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University City Blood Drive

The next UC Blood Drive is scheduled for Saturday, July 14 from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You’ll find the Bloodmobile in the parking lot of the Sprouts Marketplace on Governor Drive and Regents Road. You can sign up in advance at mysdbb.org or walk-in. The best walk-in times are between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Since UC donates 41 percent above average, more than 45 automobiles were shown during the Fourth of July UC Celebration, being the second year that the UC Cars and Coffee group organized the car show event. The fun favorite winner was the 1957 Chevy Bel Air, with two red Volkswagens tying for second place – a Carmen Ghia and a bus.

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Evidence of ancient abrupt climate change found in Arctic

A team of researchers from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California San Diego and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution found evidence for a massive flood of fresh water in the western Arctic, thought to be the cause of an ancient cold snap that began around 13,000 years ago.

The find could put to rest a question that has been open among scientists for more than 100 years. The existence of the cold snap, called the Younger Dryas, had been known for decades but the physical cause for its origin had eluded researchers who traveled to points throughout the Atlantic Ocean, the eastern United States, and Canada looking for it.

In 2013, Neal Driscoll from Scripps, Lloyd Keigwin from Woods Hole and colleagues set sail to the eastern Beaufort Sea in search of evidence for the flood offshore of the Mackenzie River, which forms the border between Canada’s Yukon and Northwest territories. From aboard the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Healy, the team gathered sediment cores from the continental slope north of the Mackenzie River.

The researchers found a record of the event encased in seafloor sediment over 200 kilometers (~135 miles) from the mouth of the river. Preserved in the shells of foraminifera were isotopes of oxygen with a ratio that is consistent with a large incursion of glacially derived freshwater.

“The signature of oxygen isotopes recorded in foraminifera shells preserved in the sediment allowed us to fingerprint the source of the glacial lake discharge down the Mackenzie River 13,000 years ago,” said Driscoll, a geologist at Scripps and co-author of the National Science Foundation-funded study. “Radiocarbon dating on the shells provided the age constraints. How exciting when the pieces of a more than 100-year puzzle come together.”

The abrupt climate change triggered by the freshwater inundation ended more than 2,000 years of warming, said Keigwin, an oceanographer at WHOI and lead author of the study, which appears online today in the journal Nature Geoscience.

The Younger Dryas triggered dramatic changes to regional climates. The freshwater from glaciers made its way from the Arctic to the north Atlantic Ocean. There it disrupted a circulation pattern that stretches from Greenland to the Southern Ocean. That pattern, the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), transports warm equatorial waters poleward and releases heat to the atmosphere.

That disruption caused substantial cooling in Europe. The Younger Dryas in fact takes its name from a flower (Dryas octopetala) that flourished in the continent’s cold conditions at the time.

The Younger Dryas lasted a mere 200 years making it only a short blip in a warming period that has lasted 20,000 years but to scientists like Driscoll, it’s an important example of how feedbacks affect the climate system. Overall trends of warming or cooling on Earth are not linear but are punctuated by reversals and accelerations such as this one. Such events help scientists interpret current trends, distinguishing global climate signals from regional signals.

Next steps in future research, Keigwin said, will be for scientists to answer remaining questions about the quantity of fresh water delivered to the North Atlantic preceding the Younger Dryas event and over how long of a period of time.

“Events like this are really important, and we have to understand them better,” added Keigwin. “In the long run, I think the findings from this paper will stimulate more research on how much fresh water is really necessary to cause a change in the system and weakening of the AMOC. It certainly calls further attention to the warming we’re seeing in the Arctic today, and the accelerated melting of Greenland ice.”

Earlier this year, a paper by researchers at the University College London and WHOI found evidence that the AMOC has not been running at peak strength since the mid-1800s and is currently at its weakest point in the past 1,600 years. Continued weakening could disrupt weather patterns from the U.S. and Europe to the African Sahel.

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The San Diego Diplomacy Council’s mission is to build global relationships and expand mutual understanding by arranging professional, educational and cultural exchanges. They connect community and business leaders in the San Diego region with their counterparts around the world to address common challenges, including citizen safety, economic opportunity, social justice and environmental sustainability. They do this predicated on the belief that public diplomacy, and more specifically citizen diplomacy, has a vital role in promoting peace, prosperity and stability around the world.

Cuba Cultural Travel began operating tours to Cuba more than 15 years ago with a team of two and has since grown in reputation, knowledge and staff. Since CTT began bringing groups of Americans to Cuba in 1999, their focus has remained the same, Bringing People Together. They pride themselves in creating itineraries highlighted by the arts and cultural experiences as well as the best accommodations and restaurants. Over the years, Cuba Cultural Travel has cultivated numerous relationships with some of the best artists, musicians, and scholars Cuba has to offer.

Cuba Cultural Travel is authorized by the United States Treasury Department to operate people-to-people tours in Cuba. These specialized tours were an effort by the Obama Administration to foster understanding between the people of America and Cuba. The itineraries are designed in a way that will encourage interaction and shared experiences. Join the San Diego Diplomacy Council for an information session on Tuesday, July 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Havana 1920 at 548, Fifth Ave.

Register to Natalia@SanDiegoDiplomacy.org or visit sandiegodiplomacy.org.
Del Mar Racetrack to celebrate opening week of summer season

The highly anticipated Del Mar Racetrack summer season is quickly approaching. Thousands of fans are expected to head to the track for Opening Day on Wednesday, July 18. Fans can bet on the nation’s most prestigious Thoroughbreds, enter Del Mar’s annual Opening Day Hats Contest and celebrate in style at The Party.

The Del Mar Summer Concert Series is back and bigger than ever—with 13 concerts that feature top artists across all genres. British alt-rock band, The Psychedelic Furs, will be kicking off the concert series on Friday, July 20. Prior to the concert, guests can enjoy half-off prices on Del Mar’s signature cocktails or sip on an exclusive Saint Archer small-batch brew unique to Del Mar Racetrack during Saturday’s Happy Hour Friday from 2 to 6 p.m. The party doesn’t stop on Friday night. On Saturday, July 21, race-track visitors can listen to their favorite songs from leading reggae band, Iration, while sampling burgers and craft brews from some of SoCal’s top breweries and burger establishments at Burgers and Brews. Saturday also marks the start of Family Saturdays and Daybreak at Del Mar. The fun continues into Sunday with Family Fun Day and Jockey Photo Day on July 22.

Other highlights include weekly food and drink specials and exclusive access into the Turf Club:

**The Party**—Wednesday, July 18. attendees receive the VIP treatment and include Stretch Run admission and exclusive access into the Plaza– Friday, July 20, guests will receive half-off all of Del Mar’s carefully-crafted signature cocktails and enjoy a special Saint Archer small-batch brew unique to Del Mar Racetrack during Happy Hour Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m.

**Saint Archer’s Party**—in the Plaza– Friday, July 20, guests will receive half-off all of Del Mar’s carefully-crafted signature cocktails and enjoy a special Saint Archer small-batch brew unique to Del Mar Racetrack during Happy Hour Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Iration**—Move and sway to the sounds of award-winning reggae band, Iration, when they take the stage on Saturday, July 21 presented by Pacifico. Their smooth blend of rock and reggae are the perfect way to step into summer. Iration will perform shortly after the last race. Racetrack guests will receive free admission if they enter before 6 p.m. Concert admission will cost $30 after 6 p.m. All concerts are 18 and older.

**Burgers and Brews**—On Saturday, July 21, guests can enjoy a day filled with craft beers from San Diego’s top breweries and unlimited samples of the city's most mouth-watering burgers at Burgers and Brews. Burgers and Brews is open to all ages.

**Family Fun Day**—Sunday, July 22, is Family Fun Day at the Del Mar Racetrack. The infield will be packed with fun, free attractions that the whole family can enjoy, including pony rides, a bounce house, trampoline, Albion SC soccer clinics, a rock climbing wall, face painters and much more. Admission is free for children under 18.

**Jockey Photo Day**—Sunday, July 22, racing fans will be able to get the incredible athletes that make up Del Mar’s jockey colony. Fans are invited to take a photo, get an autograph and chat with their favorite jockeys from noon to 1 p.m. in the Plaza de Mexico.

**Daybreak at Del Mar**—Saturday and Sunday, July 21 to 22, the Clubhouse Terrace Restaurant will welcome early risers from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Fans will be able to dine and watch morning workouts while learning behind-the-scenes details from horsewoman and racing broadcaster Michelle Yu. There is no charge for admission, but a $10 parking fee applies.

**Taste of the Turf Club**—Sunday, July 22, fans can enjoy the mouthwatering menu of one of San Diego’s most celebrated chefs, Brian Malarkey, at the exclusive Turf Club. Seats are $100 per person and include Turf Club seating for the race day. Turf Club admission, choice of appetizer, entrée, dessert and bottomless mimosas, Del Marys or Chandon. Tables are limited.

Racing at Del Mar happens Wednesday through Sunday with the exception of Closing Day on Labor Day Monday (Sep. 3). First post daily will be at 2 p.m. First post on Fridays will be at 4 p.m. with the exceptions of Aug. 24 and 31 when it will be at 3 p.m. For more information call 858-755-1141 or visit www.delmarracing.com. You can follow Del Mar on Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat at @DelMarRacing or like us on Facebook at Facebook.com/DelMarRaces.

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From hieroglyphics to emojis: The only constant is change

By Natasha Josefowitz, Ph.D.

Frank entered my apartment and was surprised to find me writing this column long hand. “I can’t believe you’re not using the computer,” he said, looking puzzled and disapproving. I suddenly felt like a dinosaur, falling back to the stone age in one big swoop.

“I write faster long hand,” I replied apologetically. However, I continued to feel defective and wondered in what other ways I’m not keeping up with the times. I work at becoming technologically savvy, but keeping up with the times. I work at becoming technologically savvy, but I resist any changes to my old brain; it resists any changes to my brain. I resist any changes to my brain; it resists any changes to my brain.

From hieroglyphics to emojis: The only constant is change. So start smiling as they add “for your age.”

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Community groups launch ‘It’s Time San Diego’ campaign.

The “It’s Time, San Diego” coalition including the SD Community Working Group on STRVs, made up of local civic and community groups, has come together to announce a quarter-million-dollar local ad campaign to elevate the voices of residents and neighborhoods that have been hurt by short-term rentals and to encourage the San Diego City Council to pass short-term rental regulations.

The San Diego Community Short-Term Vacation (STVR) Rental Working Group, which includes the San Diego Coalition of Town Councils (Clairemont, La Jolla, Mission Beach, Ocean Beach, South Park, and other neighborhoods) for Residents, University Community Association, Pacific Beach Planning Group as well as the California Hotel & Lodging Association, with input from residents who have seen their neighborhoods torn apart by short-term rentals.

“Their issues with short-term rentals are real, and short-term rentals are contributing to the suffering of neighborhoods across San Diego,” said Lynn Mohrfeld, CAE, president and CEO of the California Hotel and Lodging Association. The goal of our campaign is to give a voice to San Diego residents who are fighting to protect their quality of life, community fabric and access to housing for their vital workforce that is being ripped apart by short-term rentals. Housing that has been skirting rules and regulations put in place to protect our communities.”

Ann Kerr Bache, president of the La Jolla Town Council and head of the San Diego Community STVR Working Group, said other cities have stood up for their neighborhoods, and now calls on San Diego to do so too. “We’ve seen leaders rise up in other cities like San Francisco, New York, Boston, and Los Angeles step up to pass common-sense, short-term rental laws and protections for their residents and neighborhoods. Our message is simple: It’s Time for San Diego to follow their lead. It’s time for San Diego to protect our neighborhoods and hold these short-term rents sites accountable.”

Chris Brewster, who served as a frequent public safety advocate for 13 years, who is featured in an ad for the campaign, says the rapid rise of commercial Airbnb investors gobbling up homes in San Diego is taking away housing options and raising housing costs for the city’s vital workforce including emergency responders, teachers and healthcare workers. He has seen Airbnb change the fabric of his community, including the downtown area, and now calls on San Diego residents to support the ad campaign that will air starting this week. “Airbnb is making our communities less safe and depleting housing for vital workers like emergency responders. It’s time for San Diego to protect our neighborhoods.”

Both the San Diego Community Short-Term Vacation (STVR) Rental Working Group and the CHLA strongly believe that short-term rentals should be limited to Primary residents only. Mohrfeld noted that the proposed plan includes several safeguards to ensure that short-term rental investors and operators,

“The plan will return more than 2,000 homes, taken by commercial investors, back into the permanent rental market. It’s a win for San Diego residents and put in a self-funded enforcement program,” Mohrfeld said citing a recent analysis. “The San Diego City Council should strengthen the mayor’s plan by demanding they measure and pass this plan in Boston, including platform

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From my garden: Calming chamomile, used throughout history

Dr. LINDA MARRONE | LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS

After harvesting my chamomile and setting the flowers aside to make tea, I was inspired to write this column. Known for its calming properties, chamomile is a member of the daisy family (Asteraceae) and its flowers have been used for medicinal purposes since ancient times. The flowers can be used to make a soothing antioxidant-filled cup of tea.

Chamomile sprays of small daisy-like flowers can be used for medicinal purposes since ancient times. The daisy family (Asteraceae) and its flowers are best for making chamomile tea.

German chamomile (Matricaria recutita), grows about two feet tall and its flowers are best for making tea. English chamomile (Chamaemelum nobile), is also known as Roman chamomile and is smaller in size, growing up to foot tall in height. English chamomile also comes in a dwarf variety that is suitable for lawns and can be plugged in along with grass to create a “meadow lawn.”

The dwarf variety can also be used to grow in-between stepping stones and will release its sweet apple-like scent when stepped on. Chamomile is easy to grow from seed and once it establishes it is fairly drought-tolerant. It can be grown in most soils that drain well, but not in heavy clay soils. Along the coast, plant it in a sunny warm location, sprinkling the seeds in moist soil (do not cover them with soil) and give them a mist of water each day for 2 weeks, or until they germinate. You can also begin your seeds in pots and transplant the seedlings into the garden once they begin to grow. Chamomile can also be planted in containers, but be sure to use a large deep pot that has good drainage.

To dry chamomile flowers for tea, harvest the flowers during a warm sunny day when they are not wet from morning dew or watering. Spread the flowers out on a plate and let them dry for about 1-2 weeks, which will bring out their essential oils and intensify the flavor. Store the dried flowers in a covered glass jar away from direct sunlight until ready to use.

To make tea, brew 1 teaspoon of the dried chamomile flowers in 1 cup boiling water for several minutes. I like to steep my chamomile for about 10 minutes to create a stronger flavor and serve it with a touch of honey and a slice of lemon.

You can also brew fresh chamomile flowers in boiling water, but use 2 teaspoons per 1 cup of water, since fresh flowers are not as potent as dried. In the summer, make a pitcher full of chamomile tea and serve it over ice. Spread the flowers out on a plate and let it dry for 2 weeks, which will bring out their essential oils and intensify the flavor. Store the dried flowers in a covered glass jar away from direct sunlight until ready to use.

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