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TANDEM TRAVAILS

Notes from a Stoker

Steve Tarkington | 11th Street

Living in Del Mar and riding a bicycle go together. Nice scenery. A few climbs to get the heart pounding. That's all good.

However, there are a few scary spots that also get the heart pounding that I would like to call attention to. I'm the "stoker" in the back of the bike, so the scary spots get magnified. And, as a seasoned cyclist (having ridden bicycles around the world), I know it is no contest between a bike and any other moving object: the bike is at risk.

A frequently used danger spot is where the railroad tracks cut across Coast Boulevard, between 15th Street and the Powerhouse. In theory, a cyclist should cross tracks at 90 degrees. This is not possible because according to Google Earth the angle of the street to railroad crossing is less than 30 degrees. To accommodate riders, the existing bike lane does an "S" jog that increases the angle to 40 degrees. In my opinion, that is still too narrow an angle to comfortably and safely cross. On our tandem, we need to travel into the traffic lane. A temporary fix would be to post a warning sign to cyclists; a more permanent solution would be opening the traffic lane to bikes with a sharrow, eliminating the narrow bike lane. Long term could be a rethinking and reconfiguration of the rail/vehicle intersection.

Another troubling area is on the south end of Stratford where many cyclists ride as an alternative to Camino del Mar, at the point where the street turns into a path and then intersects CDM. The pavement there has risen above

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Steve (stoking in rear) and Al Tarkington in Majorca.
Photo Jan McCready



A danger spot on the railroad tracks between 15th street and the Powerhouse. Map data @ 2018 Google, INEGI



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CLEAN ENERGY COMPROMISE

In January 2018, President Trump imposed a 30 percent tariff on solar panels, his latest body blow to the U.S. clean energy sector's fast growing solar industry. The Sandpiper rarely comments on national issues; however, this latest action will have an impact on Del Mar's efforts to embrace a clean energy future. The President said this was necessary to stem the tide in foreign imports of solar cells and modules which pose "a substantial cause of serious injury to domestic manufacturers." The tariff is expected to cost 23,000 installation jobs in the solar industry nationwide in exchange for 4,000 jobs added to American companies that manufacture solar panels.

In a thoroughly globalized world, it's questionable whether tariffs can truly be effective in propping up a domestic industry (in this case, solar panel manufacturing) that's already shrinking. More importantly, any measure that curtails growth in solar energy installations—whether here or in Beijing—will only lead to an increase in pollution, and the harmful greenhouse gases that have already undermined the well-being of countless species, including

us humans. More pollution means more extreme weather patterns leading to more 90 degree+ days, unstoppable wild fires, rising tides rising even higher, and devastating floods. Unfortunately this tariff is but one more strike among a multitude of relentless attacks by the Trump administration on our clean air, renewable energy and our coasts which are now open to drilling.

This disturbing state of affairs makes our efforts to embrace a clean energy future in Del Mar and California all the more critical. The negative impacts of climate change are happening right here. In 2016, Del Mar adopted its Climate Action Plan, and is now working—through its Sustainability Advisory Board—on implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel use and expand our consumption of renewable energy. Our region has been impacted by devastating wildfires and Del Mar is now planning for the inevitable sea level rise that will threaten not only our beaches, lagoons and bluffs but essential roads and rail as well as public structures such as the Fire Station.

Everyone can and needs to be part of the solution to ensure that climate change trends don't accelerate. You can fight climate change and support clean energy in a variety of ways: purchase an electric car, get solar panels installed on your roof (prices are still low!), and retrofit your home to make sure it's as energy efficient as possible. You can also walk or bike instead of driving and vote for candidates who promise to implement policies that seriously address clean energy and transportation options. ■



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the concrete path, creating a dangerous ridge. Solutions: grinding down the pavement and filling the cracks would make for a safer, smoother transition onto CDM: improving line of sight by trimming back the foliage would make the path and the intersection safer for both cyclists and pedestrians. Also, a warning sign on CDM would alert drivers, cyclists and pedestrians traveling south to possible cyclists entering from Stratford.

Let's do what is needed to welcome cyclists to a bike-friendly Del Mar.

Steve is a long time Del Mar resident and rides on the back of a tandem bicycle with her husband Al Tarkington. ■

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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WALK ON THE WEST SIDE

Ann Gardner | Via Latina



*Southern entry at Carmel Valley Road and Camino del Mar merge.
Source: Del Mar's 1996 Streetscape Plan*

As we go to press Public Works Director Joe Bride is at City Hall opening up bids for construction of a multi-use pathway on the west side of Camino del Mar between 4th St. and Carmel Valley Road. He is excited about the possibilities of this new project that also includes a second left-hand turn lane going east at the 4th St. intersection. "I think it is going to be really neat," he exclaimed while explaining plan sheets at the Public Works office. Public Works will go to City Council on March 5th with its recommendation for a contractor and, according to bid specifications, the project is expected to be completed by July, 2018.



Couple with two tots and a dog walking in the parking lane at the Coast highway and Carmel Valley Road because there is no pedestrian path. Photo Virginia Lawrence.

The Camino del Mar multi-use pathway project design is the result of a collaborative effort between the City and neighbors, including neighbors in San Diego's Del Mar Terrace that objected to an original plan to eliminate the free right-hand turn going north at the intersection →

NEWS UPDATES

Coastal Consideration on STRs

The California Coastal Commission has extended its 60-day time limit for review and action on Del Mar's application to amend its certified Local Coastal Program to establish new regulations for short term rentals. Given local interest in the matter, staff anticipates that the item will be on the agenda for Commission action at the next hearing in San Diego which is currently scheduled for June. The amendment allows short term rentals of not less than 7 days and for no more than a total of 28 days a year in all residential areas of the City. Rentals of 30 or more days are not affected.

Downtown Streetscape a GO

Phase One of the long awaited Downtown Streetscape Plan was approved by City Council on February 5 with an anticipated start date for construction this Spring. Phase One will implement the vision for enhanced, safer crosswalks and improved bicycle lanes, accent paving, and landscaping from 9th Street to the northern bulb-outs at 11th Street. Speakers urged the Council to "keep the ball rolling" in order to implement the complete plan through 15th Street to the northern edge of the Plaza as soon as possible. Four hundred thousand dollars of the total \$1.4 million cost will come from Measure Q funds.

Almost approved

The restaurant that will replace Bully's on Camino del Mar, known as the Hillstone Project, was approved by the Design Review Board (DRB) at its November meeting, but that approval requires the applicant to provide the Planning Division with revised plans that illustrate compliance with conditions of approval designed to protect the residential area to the west. A subcommittee composed of two Design Review Board members will deny or approve the proposed revisions when a resubmittal is received. The DRB's approval of the project was appealed to the City Council, but was declined, leaving the DRB's decision as final, pending approval of the revised plans. ▣

of CDM and Carmel Valley Road. The revised plan keeps the free right-hand turn lane and the proposed multi-use pathway that allows residents and visitors to walk safely all the way to the Torrey Pines Bridge and beach. Pedestrians now have to walk on the road, competing with cars and bicyclists. The new design at different locations even provides physical buffers between bikers and cars, and between bikers and walkers. The southern end of the pathway will actually meander away from the road among Torrey Pines trees. The project will also:

- Paint the bike lanes through the intersection of Carmel Valley Road / Camino del Mar green for added visibility and delineation. (This is similar to what was done at Camino del Mar and Jimmy Durante Boulevard north of

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Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

Bob Gans | President DMF

The Del Mar Foundation is pleased to welcome Sharon Bockoff and Jill Wheeler as new members of its Board of Directors. Both Sharon and Jill have substantial ties to the Foundation, having served as volunteer leaders for years.

Sharon Bockoff, a native of Detroit, Michigan, is a retired director of high school guidance counseling, who settled in Del Mar with her husband, Richard, in 1997. (Richard recently left the Board, having served as a member for the past four years). Sharon has been a member of the Foundation's Grants Committee for the past five years, and has played an active role in many of the organization's activities directed to our community members and their pets. She is a true dog lover, and you might recognize her name from one of the three dog fountains that she and Richard have donated to the City of Del Mar over the years. When she is not walking her French Brittany, Sharon enjoys golf, pilates, weight training, and showing off Del Mar to family and friends who come to visit.

Jill Wheeler is another Foundation volunteer veteran and Del Mar realtor, who arrived here by way of Long Island, NY in 2006. She and her husband, Daniel, have Woody, a kindergartener at Del Mar Heights Elementary, and Quincy, an eight-month-old who loves story time at the Del Mar Library. Jill will continue to stage the annual Easter Egg Hunt, as she has for the past several years, and will expand into additional Young Del Mar activities as a member of the Board. When Jill isn't working for Willis Allen Del Mar or volunteering, she loves to surf with her family and do yoga.

The Foundation is so grateful to its many dedicated volunteers, like Sharon and Jill, who are willing to work on behalf of our community. If you are interested in helping to make Del Mar a great place to live and play, please email the Foundation at info@delmarfoundation.org, or track down a Board member at one of our events. We look forward to hearing from you.

ROVING TEEN REPORTER

Which Wheels?

Sammy Hallal | Torrey Pines High School Senior

For many teenagers getting a driver's license is almost like a rite of passage, bringing with it a new sense of independence, freedom and responsibility. Many teens, like I did, count down the days till they turn 16 so they can finally obtain their license. Some, however, still do hold off on learning how to drive, choosing to utilize alternative methods of transport instead.

"Before I got my license I missed out on plans with friends and sometimes waited an hour after school before my parents could pick me up," Deriot, a student at Torrey Pines High School said. "Now I can drive myself to my extracurriculars, school and hang-outs with friends. I even went out and got a job since finding rides back-and-forth from work was no longer a barrier."

Though many teenagers do get their licenses as soon as they can, it is becoming increasingly common for young people to pump the brakes on applying for a license. A 2010 study by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention found that the number of high school seniors who applied for a driver's license in 1996 dropped from 85 to 73 percent.

"Even though there is pressure from my peers to learn how to drive, I really feel no need to," Garvey, a senior at Canyon Crest Academy said. "Between my parents, public transport, friends who drive and services like Uber and Lyft, it's not hard to find rides."

As a student at Torrey Pines High School, I see several Ubers and Lyfts lined up to pick up students after school almost daily. The ride-hailing apps, even though they have rules against people under 18 riding without an adult, are very popular with teenagers. Even teenagers who can drive themselves often use the apps to get home when going out late at night for added safety.

"I probably take 2 to 3 Ubers a week," Abu-Khalaf, a junior at Francis Parker High School said. "I don't think I have ever been on public transport like the bus before. There aren't really any bus stops near me and it's just not as quick or convenient as driving myself or using Uber."

As gas prices have dropped and ride-hailing apps have gained popularity, the appeal of buses has decreased in nearly every city in the United States. San Diego City's Climate Action Plan predicted that 12 percent of residents near bus stops would stop taking the trolley or bus to work by 2020, tripling their 2010 estimate. The decline in passengers has led to a decline in the ticket-sale revenue of transit operations like the Metropolitan Transit System.

Whether it's driving themselves, riding with their parents or using other methods of transport, teenagers have multiple ways to go from point A to point B. There are a handful of methods to get around literally at our fingertips and getting around is only getting more convenient. □

BELIEVE IN THE BURRITO

Unknown Walker



*Craft Burrito Co., at the corner of Camino del Mar and 15th Street.
Photo by Tom Nelson.*

The Unknown Walker wanders into Craft Burrito, on the southeast corner of Camino del Mar at 15th Street, in the former site of the Tasting Room adjacent to Starbucks. The menu is different from what you might expect from a burrito establishment, offering a new twist on typical Mexican fare. There are many choices, all with unique names: the Hot Buggy burrito, the Wild Bill, the Bird Hound (chicken, of course) and more. They all include a small craft salad. One can customize any of the listed burritos with many add-ons. These burritos are hefty; you will not leave hungry. They offer many craft beers and wine. There is indoor seating and an outdoor patio area. Both are comfortable (weather dependent). The seating areas allow you to experience the great outdoors, adjacent to Camino del Mar; some traffic noise during the commute, but not bad. Prices are in the low range as a well-equipped burrito will be under ten dollars. The menu also includes tacos, chips, fries and other sides. Did I mention that they offer a Naked Burrito? As far as I could tell there is no happy hour. All food is available to go. They also have a bottle shop with items to go. Reachable at 858.261.0659 or online at eatcraftbc.com. Their motto is "Believe in the Burrito"... you will. At 1435 Camino del Mar. Hours 10 AM to 8 PM, Friday and Saturday evenings until 9 PM. ■

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the Village.)

-Resurface all roadways in the project area and re-stripe to accommodate vehicles and buffered bike lanes.

Existing Torrey Pines trees will be protected, replanted or if necessary replaced. Upon completion of the project staff will conduct a traffic speed survey to determine if new, slower speed limits would be advisable in the project area. ■



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Ashley Simpkins, Office Administrator

Be a Good Neighbor and spread the news about DMCC

Do you have a senior citizen neighbor in the City of Del Mar that:

- Spends a lot of time at home?
- Has difficulty finding transportation for medical and essential appointments?
- Would benefit from an in-home meal program?
- Would enjoy more social interaction?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you have a neighbor that might benefit greatly from the programs and services offered by Del Mar Community Connections. DMCC has a variety of services that can bolster independence and improve every Del Mar seniors' quality of life, and we want to get the whole village involved. Be a Good Neighbor and call or email our office today to tell us about your neighbor (after asking their permission to share their contact information, of course) – we'll happily reach out to get them involved.

Seniors are often hesitant to ask for the help they need and deserve. What kind of good could be done tomorrow if we could all Be Good Neighbors and invite these valued members of the community into the DMCC fold today?

Guest Bartender Night March 14th, 5-8pm

Continue the tradition and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with DMCC at Sbicca on March 14th! Chris Rose is taking over the bar for the night and donating her tips to DMCC. Plus, there will be an opportunity drawing to win a good bottle of wine donated by George Hoover, a spa facial by Taliah, and more! Wear your leprechaun best, find the luck of the Irish, and join us for one of our most fun annual events!

For more information...

Please contact the DMCC office at (858) 792-7565 or dmcc@dmcc.cc for more information on these programs, or to join our mailing list.

BEST PRACTICES

Dolores Davies | Crest Road

Since its formation in 2015, the Ad Hoc Development Review Process Citizens' Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc Committee) has focused on identifying problems with Del Mar's design review process and proposing possible remedies for those problems. After many months of listening to public testimony, working with the City's consultant, and conducting research on how other jurisdictions similar to Del Mar review development projects to ensure the best outcome, new Design Guidelines have been completed and adopted by the City Council.

The Ad Hoc Committee continues to be involved in monitoring the new Guidelines, to ensure that they work as effectively as possible. In addition, the Committee is researching best practices in terms of recruiting, training, and informing the Design Review Board (DRB) members. City planning staff has also begun training sessions for the DRB to facilitate the integration of the Design Guidelines into DRB decision making.

At its February meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee discussed additional areas it has identified for further study and analysis, using its spreadsheet of California peer cities as a point of reference. An Ad Hoc subcommittee has begun studying how peer cities regulate residential basements. The goal here, according to the Committee's report to the Council discussing its work plan for the next 5-6 months, is to ensure that Del Mar has the most effective and up-to-date tools for addressing basement-related issues. Another area to be studied to identify best practices and effective tools used by peer cities includes how to more clearly define residential bulk and mass, with the goal of reducing subjectivity in project review.

Another set of issues the Committee is grappling with relates to the City's existing policy for addressing residential nonconformities and whether this policy might in fact undermine Del Mar's Community Plan goal of preserving community character. This concern stems from the fact that Del Mar has a number of distinctive homes that were legally built before the City incorporated and its zoning code was established, and are now nonconforming. In the event of a disaster in which these residences sustained serious damage or complete destruction, many of these homes could not be rebuilt with nonconforming elements under the current policy. The Ad Hoc Committee is examining what other methodologies are used by peer cities to determine when a nonconforming structure must be brought into compliance with the zoning code.

In addition to the documents produced by the Ad Hoc Committee to clarify the design review process for residents and applicants (Resident Handbook: Understanding The Design Review Process in the City of Del Mar and the Good Neighbor Guide to the Design Review Process in Del Mar), a comprehensive FAQ for the Design Guidelines was also completed and is now available for review and reference at: <http://bit.ly/DesignFAQs> ■

BE THERE! 941

Bud Emerson | Klish Way

Plan to attend an important meeting concerning the 941 CDM project, formerly known as the Garden Project, for the site at 10th and Camino del Mar.

The 941 CDM planners will unveil new design ideas at their second public Citizens' Participation Program (CPP) meeting at **City Hall on Jimmy Durante Boulevard Wednesday, March 21 at 3pm**. This is the best opportunity for public input on a project which will be subject to voter approval required by Measure B for large developments in the central commercial district.

The changes from the previous voter-approved project are significant. Instead of office condos, it now proposes condominium hotel ownership and use along with commercial uses. What we see on the ballot will be the final product, so we will be limited to two choices, yes or no. By participating now we can influence the details of the project including uses, parking, setbacks, height, density, and public benefits. ■

NO BARK BEETLES IN SURVEY

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

When two neighbors told me Bark Beetle infestation had killed Torrey Pine trees growing on backyard slopes in Crest Canyon, I started to worry or wonder about the general state of Torrey Pines in the Canyon. I didn't see signs of distressed trees in my clearing and cleaning-up activities with the Friends of Crest Canyon, but I knew I didn't know.

The City of Del Mar website includes an informative article from April 5, 2016 on then current infestation in the City, describing tell-tale signs, with photos, and tips on treatment and prevention. It states that bark beetles "are significantly impacting Del Mar's Torrey Pines" due to the drought. Healthy trees can repel penetrating bugs with the flow of sap, which is undermined by severe and prolonged drought.

On April 4, 2016 the City Council considered increasing the beetle traps on City land and passed an ordinance, chapter 11.13 of the municipal code, addressing the problem of distressed trees on private property which become breeding grounds for beetles that could threaten other trees, on public land.

Canvassing other neighbors involved with Torrey Pines, I found that the current situation was not bad in Crest Canyon, and this was confirmed when San Diego Park and Recreation Ranger Aide Byron Shoemaker answered my earlier inquiry, saying that a recent survey found the Crest Canyon Torrey Pines "in a healthy state." There were some dead trees showing signs of previous infestation, but the beetles leave once the tree dies. There is an impressive array of magnificent trees in Crest Canyon. ■

FINAL LEG

Two Months to the Finish Line

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The new Civic Center buildings are nearing completion and the construction barriers are down so that all can see the final stages of the project. Several residents have described the buildings as “impressive” and “beautiful.” Almost all of the concrete work is finished, and the civic plaza in front of city hall now has a finished final deck of exposed aggregate. The entire plaza and the outdoor parking lot on the west side of City Hall were designed to capture rain water and use it to water landscaping, one of the many sustainable features incorporated into the design by Miller/Hull architects. Interior work on the Town Hall continues with vertical wood elements behind the future position of the dias and sound attenuation panels placed at critical positions beneath the roof. The attention to acoustical design should result in a gathering site with much better sound quality than the Powerhouse. The bids are in for the solar panels and battery storage system and the goal is to have the system online by May. Council has approved the purchase of level 2 electric vehicle charging stations that can serve up to 5 vehicles. The end is in sight. The move in date for city employees is over the Memorial Day weekend and the dedication ceremony is now scheduled for Saturday, June 30th. Stay tuned for more details about that event.



Descending the stairs between Camino del Mar and the new Town Hall with a view of the Civic Center Plaza looking northwest. A Monterey Cypress will be planted in the raised square planter near the center of the picture and the planter will be surrounded by decomposed granite paving. The raised rectangular structure beyond the planter is the elevator tower connecting the lower level parking garage and the plaza level.



The walkway from 10th Street looking north, with the new Town Hall to the right and the new City Hall to the left. The walkway leads to the south entrance to Town Hall and the breezeway between the two buildings. Safety rails are being installed on the terrace above the TV studio which is visible on the right adjacent to Town Hall.



View from the Pacific View terrace looking south with the Torrey Pine themed trellis in the foreground and the north façade of City Hall in the distance. The workers are finishing the stairway to the parking level adjacent to the elevator tower. The trellis over the stairwell and between the elevator tower and City Hall will be fitted with glass panels to provide weather protection on rare rainy days.

Photos Don Mosier. ■

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CREST RIM!

Linda Chisari | Crest Road

It's been ten years since the Del Mar Garden Club took on the challenge of converting a roadside dirt parking area along Crest Road into a lovely neighborhood park, Crest Rim. Lane Goodkind, a Landscape Architect who grew up in Del Mar, designed the park. There's an inscription on the beautiful stone bench that Lane dedicated to his mother, long-time resident and community activist Alice Goodkind. The plants and cost of construction were funded by generous donations from residents of Del Mar.

While lots of lizards and birds have always welcomed this new habitat, many of the plants have been far more reluctant, and their growth, or lack of same, has been a challenge and learning experience for Garden Club members. The original plant palette was chosen from a short list of plants that are native to and thrive in Crest Canyon, below and to the east of the park. The Garden Club didn't want to introduce 'alien' plants that might spread to the Canyon and threaten the native species.

To a large extent, these natives are doing well. Our own Del Mar Manzanita, federally-listed as endangered, was a

prime choice, and one original one, directly south of the main entry and across from the project's name-bearing boulder, has done exceedingly well. Other Del Mar Manzanitas have struggled and been replaced. Several still hang on but remain very small. Plants that have done well include three varieties of Dudleya, White Sage, Beach Asters and Lemonadeberry. A few non-native interlopers

appear every Spring (Nasturtiums, 'Freeway Daisies', Statice, to name a few) and, because of their fleeting beauty, are tolerated and then removed after they bloom. Some truly-unwanted invasives are removed as soon as they're noticed; Crystalline Iceplant and Tumbleweeds would happily take over the entire park if allowed to creep in.

The park was watered by hand for the first two years after planting, but regular watering is no longer done. Garden Club

members, with the help of a few neighbors, have diligently pulled and bagged weeds and cut back dead growth several times a year. Assistance from hired gardeners helps with the heavy-duty end of season clean-up.

This lovely park is a living 'front porch' where neighbors, walkers, dogs and passers-by can meet and enjoy a tranquil respite. It's Spring! Come and sit for a while! ■



Early morning views over Crest Canyon. Photos Linda Chisari.

DEL MAR VISIONARY

Joel Holliday

Betty Wheeler | Seaview Avenue

Often, the most profound contributions to our civic life are made by quiet people who accomplish great things out of the limelight. Joel Holliday is living proof of that fact. While his contributions to Del Mar have been wide-ranging (he was a principal organizer of the effort to acquire Powerhouse Park and Community Center, for example), his vision and tenacity in establishing the Del Mar Foundation's community endowment is noteworthy, especially since that endowment has recently grown to more than \$2 million.



Rosanne and Joel Holliday. Photo Bill Morris.

In 1982, shortly after the Del Mar Foundation was created, the original Board of Directors held a retreat to envision the Foundation's future and identify key goals. President Lou Terrell suggested a summer concert series in Seagrove Park (which was soon established and continues today as the Summer Twilight Concerts in Powerhouse Park), and a permanent library. Board member Joel Holliday proposed a two-fold purpose for the Foundation: to set up a long-term endowment, and short-term projects, such as a cultural series of music and plays and the acquisition of property. These goals also have been achieved to a notable extent.

The concept of a community endowment to provide long-term stability for community needs was in many ways the most ambitious goal, articulated by Joel at a time when donations to the Foundations were typically in the \$100-or-less range. By carefully mapping out a rationale for the endowment and a strategy for an endowment campaign, Joel put the Foundation on a path to success, with the endowment's launch in 2007, the Foundation's 25th anniversary year. Remarkably, this endowment reached the \$2 million mark last year, reflecting the collective efforts of many hard-working Foundation board and Development Committee members, and the generosity of many community members. This is a signal achievement for Del Mar, and something that perhaps only Joel could →



"March 17th Del Mar Gun Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds." Photo Ann Gardner.

Voter Registration Factoids

As of Sept. 27, 2017, the City of Del Mar had:

3061 registered voters

Democratic – 1112 (36.3%)

Republican – 999 (32.6%)

No Party Preference – 812 (26.5%)

Other parties* – 128 (4.18%)

Unknown – 4

*Other parties include: American Independent (81), Libertarian (27), Green (10), Peace and Freedom (6), and Reform (2).

Registration by Decade of Birth:

1910s and 1920s– 66 (2.2%)

1930s – 212 (6.9%)

1940s – 578 (18.9%)

1950s – 612 (20%)

1960s – 593 (19.4%)

1970s – 390 (12.7%)

1980s – 301 (9.8%)

1990s – 277 (9%)

Note that 32 people (1%) have a listed birthdate of 1900; these are presumably inaccurate dates.

envision, back in 1982, as possible.

Bob Gans, Del Mar Foundation president, observes: "There are so many people who deserve credit for the growth of the Foundation's reach over the years. Joel's contribution was unique, however, both for his vision of creating a multi-million dollar endowment that would have an enduring, positive impact on our community, and for his efforts in making that vision a reality."

Most valuable of all, perhaps, is the reminder that it is committed, visionary residents like Joel Holliday who make Del Mar the special place we are so fortunate to call home. ■

BIGGER BUILDING

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The Del Mar City Council approved a conceptual plan for a 4,773 sq. ft. Community Building as a component of the Shores Park Master Plan at their Feb. 5th meeting. The building will be separate from the Winston School campus and will contain a flexible 2,400 sq.ft. activity space that can be divided into 4 separate rooms. Office space, restrooms, a lobby area, a small kitchen and storage space are included in the concept. The goal was to achieve a building size that will accommodate the indoor activities desired by all residents of Del Mar and that will also serve the current and planned programs of both Del Mar Community Connections and the Del Mar Foundation (disclosure: I am currently President of DMCC). The siting of the building and the detailed design will be developed as the Master Plan process proceeds. ■

WHO PAYS WHAT

Proposed Settlement for Shutdown Costs

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

The San Onofre Nuclear Generator Station (SONGS) closed in June 2012 due to premature failure of the new steam generators. The costs of closing SONGS including loss of energy generation were assigned to both ratepayers and investors, with initial costs to ratepayers estimated at \$2.8 billion. After it was revealed that this bill to ratepayers was privately negotiated at a meeting between former California Public Utility Commission (CPUC) Chair Michael Peavey and Southern California Edison (SCE) executives in Prague in 2013, SCE was fined for improper ex parte communication and the original settlement was set aside. On January 30, 2018, a new settlement was agreed upon that reduced the cost to ratepayers to about \$1.9 billion and ended ongoing ratepayer charges as of December 2017. The CPUC must still approve this proposed settlement during the next 6 months, but all parties to the settlement have signed off on the agreement. The parties are: The Alliance for Nuclear Responsibility, the California Large Energy Consumers Association, California State University, Citizens Oversight, the Coalition of California Utility Employees, the Direct Access Customer Coalition, Ruth Henricks, The Office of Ratepayer Advocates, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, The Utility Reform Network, and Women's Energy Matters. The estimate by SCE is that the average ratepayer will save \$68 over the next 4 years if the CPUC approves the settlement. In essence, this settlement means that ratepayers no longer have to pay for electricity that has not been generated since SONGS closed. ■

PEAK POWER PARTNERING

Don Mosier | Rimini Road

Two important steps in reaching the CalGreen Tier 1 sustainability target for the new Civic Center have recently been achieved. The City Council has approved the installation of electric vehicle charging stations for 5 cars, with the ability to add 5 more spaces in the future. The bids for the new solar panels and battery electric storage system have been received, and one bid proposes an innovative design that will achieve the goals of reducing peak power draws from the grid and providing backup power during an outage. The contract for the system is scheduled to be awarded at the March 5th Council meeting, and full details will be available at that time. The California Energy Commission grant includes funds for the installation of this state-of-the-art system as well as a public demonstration period of one year after operation begins. The Center for Sustainable Energy is a partner in the demonstration effort, and real time monitoring of the performance will be able to be viewed on the website and on a kiosk to be installed in the lobby of City Hall. ■

FARMERS MARKET

Chocolatier Tom Evans

Jeff Barnouw | Amphitheatre Drive

The man who sold the fancy chocolates at the Farmers Market, Tom Evans, died January 22. There is a nice collective elegy on the FM website and on the Facebook page of FM manager, Fabian Huertas. "His cheerful demeanor, warm sense of humor and yummy treats will be greatly missed by all of his Del Mar Farmers Market family and friends." Fabian added, "I will miss our daily talks about life, great pints of beer, and the joys of futbol." ■



"March 24 - March for Our Lives - and every town and neighborhood in America." Photo Ann Gardner.

WALL OR NOT

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street

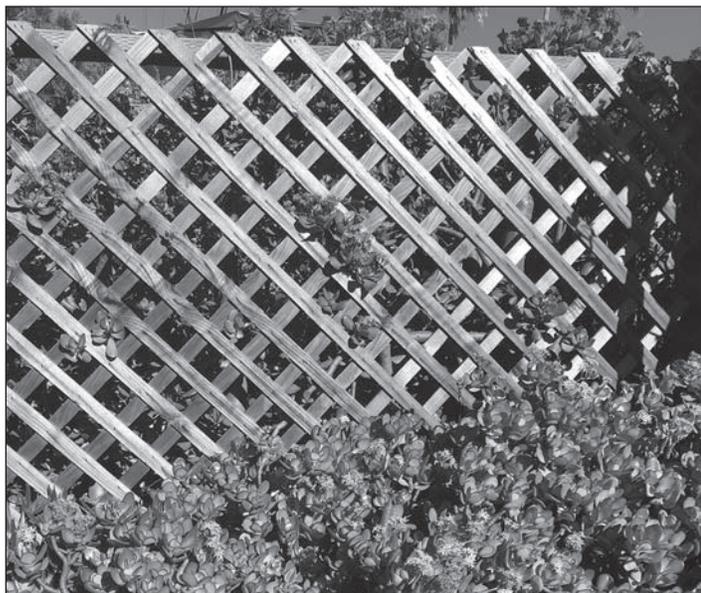
Walls and fences, big, little, long, real or theoretical, are part of our global landscape.

Here and now the talk is about whether the idea that “good fences” indeed make “good neighbors” as Robert Frost’s poem suggested, applied to the border wall President Trump has campaigned for to separate us from our Mexican neighbor a few miles to our south. We already have an 18’ high slatted barrier wall, aka the Tortilla Wall, built in the 1990s at Playas de Tijuana that runs into the sea splitting Tijuana from Imperial Beach. The question is: what more?

Examples exist. Further east in San Diego borderlands, eight prototypes of various materials, heights and designs, await perusal by President Trump and his verdict on which will be his best “big, beautiful wall.” To qualify, the models, which cost the government up to \$500,000 each, had to be 30’ tall, sunk 6’ into the ground, unscalable, and “aesthetically pleasing” when seen from the U.S. side.

Locally, thoughts on the wall vary from skeptics who don’t imagine that it will ever get built to those debating issues as if our fence hasn’t been here for decades: jobs, who will build it, what good will it do with the options of tunneling under, catapulting over, or taking the ocean route. As to the impact on trade, many in the business communities on both sides of the border look at it as an obstacle to get around.

In 2006, Rep. Peter King (R-NY) introduced a proposal to build many miles of a barrier wall. The plan won bipartisan support. President Bush signed the Secure Fence Act. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) got busy and built 654 miles of fence at a cost of \$2.4 billion. President Obama oversaw the fence’s construction. President Trump wants 1,300 additional miles (that would also replace 14 miles of our wall in San Diego) and has asked →



THIN THE HERD

Bud Emerson | Klish Way and Lee Haydu | Cofair Court

Our 49th congressional District is now up for grabs after intense grassroots anti-Trump pressure forced Darrell Issa to retire. The opening has attracted 12 prospective candidates so far. The June primary election will eliminate all but the top two, regardless of party affiliation, to face each other in November.

The district runs from Dana Point in Orange County to UCSD, then east to Vista. Republicans have a 7 point edge in the district, but polls show an 8 point advantage for a Democrat, again based on strong anti-Trump sentiment. In 2016 Issa lost in San Diego but secured enough Orange County votes to get re-elected by about 1600 votes over Applegate.

Both parties have a problem so far with too many candidates, five Republicans and five Democrats. Unless one party or the other convinces candidates to drop out, they risk spreading out and diluting the votes which could even result in two candidates from the same party in the November runoff.

Early Democratic leaders so far are Applegate, who almost won last time, Levin, and Jacobs. Favorites so far on the Republican side are Chavez, Harkey, and Gaspar. ■

Congress for \$18 billion (or \$1.8 billion for 10 years) since it appears that Mexico is not going to contribute. Other estimates project the cost to be much higher.

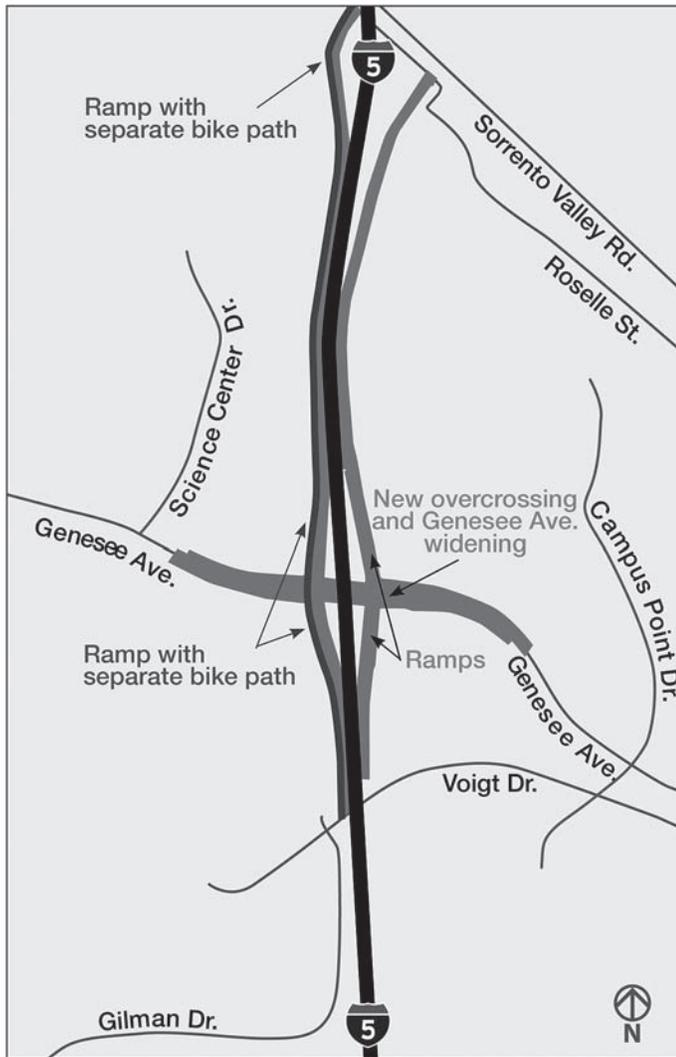
Many complexities lurk. In addition to the obtaining the funding, there are tangled webs of lawsuits and more to come in the future. Among the problems: landowner resistance to eminent domain seizures, challenges by environmental groups and tribes to waivers of environmental and cultural protection laws, and the division of tribal lands. Each is complicated. ■



DeL Mar Fences.
Photos Julie Maxey-Allison.

SI SI GENESEE

Julie Maxey-Allison | 10th Street



Graphic courtesy of CALTRANS

Do you wonder what is in the works as you drive by the I-5/Genesee Avenue intersection site, past the mounds of earth, the congregation of various construction machines, the standing pillars and the general complexity of the changing landscape? Plenty.

The I-5/Genesee Interchange Project is as extensive as it looks. At a cost of over \$100 million, the goals of the project, managed by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), include widening the freeway access ramps at Genesee Avenue (and Sorrento Valley Road), and widening Genesee Avenue in both directions adjacent to the freeway to provide new through and turn lanes. Also on the agenda is replacing the existing six-lane Genesee Avenue overpass with a ten-lane



BARNOUW BRIDGE

A new footbridge in River Park

Ann Gardner | Via Latina



Ribbon-cutting ceremony.
Photo Courtesy Jeff Barnouw.

A new pedestrian bridge in the San Dieguito River Park was recently inaugurated as the “Barnouw Bridge” in appreciation for a generous donation from one of our editors, Jeff Barnouw. The bridge is located on a segment of the Coast to Crest Trail at the northernmost tip of Lake Hodges not far from the also recently unveiled two story statue of the Lake’s unofficial mascot that was carved from a fallen Eucalyptus tree, a Loch Ness-like monster called Hodgee. Given Jeff’s many hours of volunteer work with the Park he is becoming a park mascot in his own right. ▣

bridge to accommodate current and future traffic demands. The same reasoning applies to adding an auxiliary lane in the northbound direction on I-5 between Genesee Avenue and Roselle Street. And, thinking beyond the automobile, there will be a new separated bike path for cyclists. This is a lot to look forward to with the projected completion date of Spring 2018. Maybe! To learn more: google: I-5 Genesee Avenue Interchange Project.

That’s not all. At the same time, construction on the Mid-Coast Trolley route, managed by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), has started. The new trolley line that will link downtown San Diego to UTC and UCSD is anticipated to be ready to roll by 2021. To learn more: <http://bit.ly/Mid-Coast-Trolley> ▣

WHAT CAN WE DO?

GUN REGULATIONS IN DEL MAR

Dwight Worden | Mayor, City of Del Mar

Many citizens in Del Mar, including me, are upset and looking for action on reasonable gun control as a result of the recent school shootings in Florida. We are asking what Del Mar can do regarding gun safety. The following is provided by me, reflecting my own research, analysis, and opinions, recognizing others may disagree. I speak only for myself.

Del Mar's Current Regulations.

The Del Mar Municipal Code already contains strict gun regulations prohibiting the firing of guns within the city and prohibiting carrying a gun into a public building:

9.12.020 - Firing within City.

It is unlawful for any person to fire any firearm within the City, except where reasonably necessary in defense of person or property.

9.12.30 - Exceptions.

The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to any of the following:

- (1) Firearms fired under the authority of the United States, the State of California or the City of Del Mar.
- (2) Firearms fired as part of the operation of a shooting gallery operated under the control of the 22nd Agricultural District as part of the County Fair.

9.12.040 - Public Buildings.

Except for officers of the Federal, State, County or City of Del Mar and persons possessing a valid license to carry a loaded weapon, it is unlawful for any person to enter a public building within the City while in possession of a firearm. →

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effort. Fighting to sustain the lives of our school children and all the people we love against man-made death machines is something all of us can do right NOW.

The 22nd Agricultural District Board trades the safety of our school children and all those you love to make \$113,000 PROFIT from its gun shows four times a year. It is time for the community to demand to be consulted about the policy to continue holding gun shows at the Fairgrounds. Guns don't kill people, some say. Evidence is that people with guns kill people much more often and in far greater numbers than people without guns. ■

Zoning.

Firearm sales are not an allowed use in any Del Mar zone. However, "sporting goods stores" is an allowed use in the Central Commercial zone under Section 30.22.030. My take on the zoning is that retail gun sales are not allowed by Del Mar zoning in any zone. Del Mar would face an issue of first impression, however, were a true sporting goods store proposed that offered firearms among other products. I would advocate that Del Mar not allow firearm sales as part of any such sporting goods store application.

In addition, the Del Mar City Council recently (February 20, 2018) adopted a policy statement, proposed by me, in an effort to gain control over gun shows at the fairgrounds:

"Support legislation to prohibit gun shows at state fairgrounds property where the local city opposes such gun shows. "

At present the City of Del Mar does not have legal jurisdiction to prevent gun shows at the fairgrounds because the fairgrounds are state property. If state legislation were passed in furtherance of the above policy statement, Del Mar would, for the first time, have the ability to have a say about gun shows at the fairgrounds. If I had that say it would be a strong "no."

Federal and State Rules and Preemption.

Gun regulation is a complex and controversial topic. Most people are familiar with the US Supreme Court Ruling that the 2nd Amendment to the US Constitution protects a right to bear firearms independent of being in a militia. Beyond that, there are issues of permissible regulation, and preemption under state law.

Cities in California have a state constitutional right to adopt regulations to further public health and safety, including regulating firearms. But court rulings confirm that this city power is sometimes preempted by state law. California has specific statutes that preempt: 1) licensing or registration of commercially manufactured firearms; 2) licensing or permitting with respect to the purchase, ownership, possession or carrying of a concealable firearm in the home or place of business; and 3) regulation of the manufacture, sale or possession of "imitation firearms."

California case law has held some local gun regulations are impliedly preempted where they conflict with state interests. For example, a San Francisco ban on handguns was found impliedly preempted.

Bottom line: Del Mar's current gun regulations are already quite strict. State legislation to allow Del Mar to have a say over gun shows at the Fairgrounds is likely the most important new law that Del Mar could pursue.

But, there is more that those of us who are concerned can do. As Del Mar does on so many other issues we can support petitions, advocate to our state and federal legislators, and take other actions to support sensible gun control. That's what I'm doing, and I encourage you to do likewise. ■

DEL MAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Highlights for March 2018

DEL MAR FARMERS MARKET
Every Saturday
from 1-4 pm in the Upper Shores Park
225 Ninth Street behind the Community Building

DM Library Kids. Learning to Play with Ms. Yuru. Friday, March 9 & 23, 11:20am. (2nd & 4th Friday of the month.)

DM Community Connections. Board of Directors Meeting. Saturday, March 10, 9am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Community Connections. Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina - Topic: Living Well and Loving It All the Way. Tuesday, March 13, 9:30 to 11:30am, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

DM Community Connections. Guest Bartender Night. Wednesday, March 14, 5pm to 7pm, Sbicca Del Mar, 215 15th St.

Sustainability Advisory Board. March 15, 2018, 7:30 AM-9:30 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM LibraryTeens/Adults. Book Talks and Treats. Staff & readers share reviews and recommendations of recently read books. Copies are available for check out. Coffee and snacks. Friday March 16, 2pm. (3rd Friday of the month.)

Solana Center for Environmental Innovation. Bokashi Basics & Bin Build Workshop. Saturday, March 17, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 137 N El Camino Real. Encinitas, CA 92024. FREE, but Pre-registration required. Contact us at: compost@solaancenter.org or (760) 436-7986 x700.

City Council Meeting. March 19, 2018, 4:30 PM-9:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee. March 20, 2018, 5:00 PM-7:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections. Tuesday Lunch Connections. Tuesday, March 20, noon to 1:30 pm, Del Mar Community Building, 225 9th St.

The Del Mar Historical Society meeting will be Tuesday, March 20, at 5:00 pm in the conference room at 225 9th Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

San Dieguito Lagoon Committee. March 21, 2018, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM @ Del Mar Library.

Sea-Level Rise Stakeholder-Technical Advisory Committee. March 22, 2018, 4:00 PM-6:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections. Healthy Aging Forum with Dr. Kalina – Topic: Living Well and Loving It All the Way. Thursday, March 22, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, private residence on 1345 Crest Rd.

DM Foundation - Del Mar Foundation Board Meeting. Thu, March 22, 8–9:30am 225 9th St

Friends of the San Dieguito River Valley. Monthly meeting Monday March 26, 4 to 6 p.m. at Del Mar Council Chambers on Jimmy Durante Blvd.

Finance Committee. March 27, 2018, 4:30 PM-6:00 PM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

Business Support Advisory Committee. March 27, 2018, 9:00 AM-11:00 AM @ Del Mar Council Chambers at Southfair.

DM Community Connections – ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Luncheon. Thursday, March 27, noon to 1:30pm, Sbicca Restaurant, 215 15th St.

DM LibraryTeens/Adults. Meditation. Practice the ancient art of meditation. All experience levels welcome. Wednesday, March 28, 6pm. (4th Wednesday of the month.)

DM Foundation - YDM: Easter Egg Hunt. Sat, March 31, 10–11 am Del Mar Seagrove Park. Check-in starts about 9:30, pre-registration is required.

PROJECT 941 PROPOSAL MEETING

NOTICE OF CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION PROGRAM (CPP) PROJECT PROPOSAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 3:00 PM
Meeting Location: Del Mar City Hall, City Council Chambers
2010 Jimmy Durante Boulevard
Del Mar, CA 92014

See details on page 10.

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COMMENTARY

Gun Show Board

Rose Ann Sharp | Crest Road

How many deaths will it take till he knows
too many people have died
The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind
The answer is blowing in the wind

Bob Dylan - Blowing In The Wind



"Vote for Gun Control." Photo Ann Gardner

We in Del Mar have a unique opportunity to make a start toward curbing gun violence by demanding that the 22nd Agricultural District which runs the Fairgrounds live up to the state mandate to fairgrounds boards: whether or not a fair rents out its facilities for gun shows is a policy decision to be made by the fair board and their community. California Department of Food and Agricultural Memorandum, May 2, 2000.

Fair Board members are appointed by the Governor. If you agree that "too many people have died," don't blow the



Yard sign on Crest Road. Photo Rose Ann Sharp.

answer in the wind; take action and call the candidates for California Governor now. Get their commitment to remove those who allow gun shows from the 22nd DAA Board of Directors. Do it for your kids and for all those whom you love.

On June 5, the gubernatorial candidates will be selected in the primary. Find out now where each candidate stands on gun shows at state fairgrounds. Condition your contributions, your support, your vote on a commitment to appoint to the 22nd Agricultural District Board only persons who are pledged to end the gun shows immediately and to ask for the resignations of any current members who refuse to vote to end gun shows.

This year the March 17 gun show coincides with St. Patrick's Day. St. Patrick drove out the snakes from Ireland; this is our time to drive out the guns shows from Del Mar, and hopefully from the state.

Del Mar wants to be a leader in sustainability efforts. Fighting man-made climate change is a worthy long-term

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