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# Local group highlights homeless issues in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach is mobilizing to get word out to authorities that it has serious issues with homelessness and other problems in the community that need to be immediately addressed.

So much so that a new Facebook site, facebook.com/cleanuppb/, has been established.

"Pacific Beach has been overrun by homeless, angry transients and filth," said entrepreneur Mike Spangler, who organizes the annual North PB Sip 'N' Stroll summer block party. "This (Facebook page) is a place to collect and post pictures.

"The community of PB, which is paying lots of money, are sick and tired of the city ignoring our homeless, transients, lack of police and overall trash issues," he said. "We encourage pictures and specific accounts of what is happening in hopes that this page will go viral for

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Mission Beach residents carry protest signs on April 4 to show their disdain for the current plans to redevelop the former Mission Beach Elementary School site at 818 Santa Barbara Place. PHOTO BY DAVE SCHWAB

# Residents protest Mission Beach redevelopment site

By DAVE SCHWAB

Mission Beach residents wearing white T-shirts with the message "Save the tree, make a park" and carrying protest signs turned out April 4 to march against the current plans to

redevelop the former Mission Beach Elementary School site at 818 Santa Barbara Place. The project, previously approved by the city Planning Commission, goes before San Diego City Council on appeal for review at 2 p.m. Monday, April 11.

"The Mission Beach residences/Santa Barbara residences is now considered a 'quasi-judicial' matter under state law. Under the law, members of the City Council are

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Featured Home of the Month

# **Bike thieves** ramp it up at beaches

### Police trying to keep up with stolen bicycles

By DAVE SCHWAB

Bike theft has become rampant – almost epidemic – in Pacific Beach, and residents and police are ramping up efforts to nab thieves.

Almost daily, bikes gets stolen somewhere along the beachfront. Mention bike theft on NextDoor.com, and you'll get numerous responses. Here are a few Beach & Bay Press got recently:

- "I've given up on bikes because so many were stolen over many years - locked up around PB and also from my yard and garage. Only safe way is to keep them in your house." - Diann Shea, PB North Shore **Highlands North**
- "... found a bike stolen in the alley and later found a bunch of money on the ground, clothes, a mask, duct tape, black gloves in a nearby trash can plus a black sweatshirt in the courtyard where bike was stolen from ... kind of

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# **PB** students moved by a Holocaust survivor's story

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

"The last time me and my sisters saw our father in the concentration camp, he said to us, 'You have to stay alive so that you can tell the rest of the world what are they doing to us," said Rosa Schindler, 86, Holocaust survivor.

More than 300 students at Pacific Beach Middle School went to see Schindler tell her survivor story. Eighth graders Carson Wells and Sebastian Poli invited Schindler to their school as their community project. Wells and Poli were happy about how well the event went.

"I thought kids are just going to play around and not listen, but to hear that silence with middle schoolers during the presentation was weird and amazing. They clearly got something out of it because normally they are just whispering and moving around," Wells notes.

raise awareness about the Holocaust and they don't want the past to be the future. They hope that when the younger generation knows about the past, it could make from the camps. a big difference.

let their kids find out the truth about harshly in German schools. what happened and learn more about it. I'm really glad that lot of people showed up so that we can get our message across," Poli said.



Carson Wells (left), Rosa Schindler and Sebastian Poli at Pacific Beach Middle School. PHOTO BY HANNA LAUKKANEN

Schindler told the students about how her mother and some of her siblings were killed in gas chambers in Auschwitz and how her brother The students said they wanted to and father were killed in a labor camp. Schindler and two of her sisters managed to get to a labor camp and stayed there until the end of World War II, when they were freed

Before going to concentration "I guess all the teachers wanted to camps, Jewish children were bullied

"Don't let anyone bully you. If you are being bullied, tell your teacher or principal. Kids can be really cruel to each other," she said.

"Not as many Americans know about the Holocaust as they should. It's nothing to advertise. It was already 75 years ago, and we are losing Holocaust survivors every day; most of them are over 90 now," she notes.

Schindler has been talking for 50 years about surviving the Holocaust. Poli says her story was really touching and he's happy that he now knows a lot more about it.

"I learned so much more through having a first person tell about it. She was there; she witnessed all this," Wells said.

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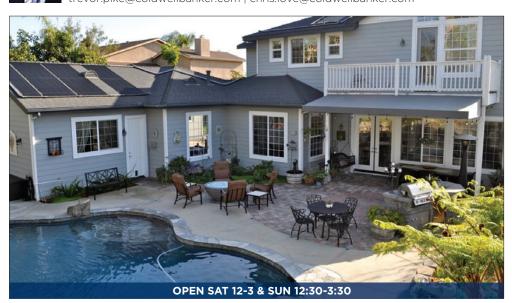


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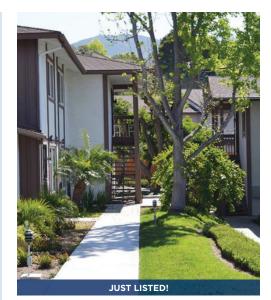
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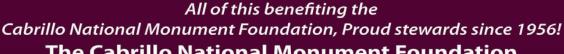












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# **Beach & Bay Press goes in-depth with mayoral candidate Ed Harris**

By DAVE SCHWAB

Some would say Ed Harris is crazy to run for mayor against popular incumbent Kevin Faulconer given the crowded candidate field.



But that's just what the lifeguard turned legislator, now lifeguard again, wants to hear.

"They told me in 2009 I would never be able to unite the lifeguards

their own union," said Harris, who now represents his colleagues as a union rep with the city. "I've been told my whole life that you can't do it — it won't work. I was a Marine. I don't really buy into that. If you have the bile to fix things or help failing to live your own life."

Harris has tossed his hat into the ring joining a field of eight mayoral candidates because he feels he has a unique perspective on what needs to be done to make things right at

"I tried to stay out of (the race)," admitted the lifeguard veteran, who served a nine-month stint as City Councilman for District 2, representing the beaches. "I saw where the money goes — and the reasons why we don't have enough for police officers and firefighters and library staff, et cetera."

Said Harris, "If you want to fix the city of San Diego, you've got to start building the foundation from the bottom up. You don't hire guys who want to go to Washington or Sacramento. You have to have someone that is committed (locally)."

The other candidates include nurse practitioner Gita Appelbaum; people and you don't, then you're retired military man Marty Gardner; real estate investor Steven Green-

wald: restaurateur Sina Simon Moghadam; socioeconomist Gregory Morales; community college instructor Lori Saldaña; and businessman Lawrence Zynda.

A major priority for Harris is addressing the current severe shortage of first responders. Pointing out that the current shortage of police and firemen is well documented, Harris said the situation with lifeguards is even worse.

"Forty percent of lifeguards serving will be leaving in the next five years, and most of the people leaving the (most experienced) boat safety unit will be leaving in the next 18 to 36 months: That's crippling," he said, noting, "It take eight years to make a boating safety officer."

Harris was the odd man out during negotiations between the city and operators of Belmont Park, which the city approved with the mayor's consent. Harris felt that was a raw deal for the taxpayers.

that gave close to \$70 million in taxpayer subsidies to Belmont over the life of the lease," he said. "You have to make sure you're getting fair market value. A very good deal for the city doesn't mean the taxpayers get fleeced over it."

Concerning ongoing negotiations between the city and the Chargers on a new stadium, Harris said, "I don't think San Diego can handle another giveaway on the magnitude of what we've seen in the past.

"The Chargers are playing chess, and the city is playing checkers. We (city) don't represent the developers. We represent the taxpayers. We're not responsible for the developers making a profit.

"We provide our land. We need to get fair market value for it. It's black and white."

It's Harris's view that "Politics start in your backyard.'

He takes issue with a current pro-

"They (city) orchestrated a deal posal by developers to put in 63 condos where Mission Bay Elementary School used to be.

> "When the project was sold and supported by (then Councilman) Faulconer, it had a park in the center of it," Harris said.

> "But now they're maximizing units on the property, and they did away with the park in the middle in favor of a linear park along Mission Boulevard. This is not a park but a green-space setback. And you don't want kids playing next to a busy street."

> Harris has come a long way during his more than a quarter century of public service.

"I was a kid coming out of the Marine Corps jogging on the beach when I saw a flyer for lifeguards, and that led to a 27-year career that I'm extraordinarily grateful for to the city of San Diego," he said. "The least I can do is give back to the city."

### HOMELESS »

more attention to what our community needs."

Pacific Beach resident Racheal Allen sought out and received broadcast news attention recently by pointing out a problematic situation in full public view that had gotten out of hand.

"I reported on a homeless woman who'd just been trashing up the sidewalk who'd been urinating in a cup and throwing it," Allen said, adding, "I'm very fed up with all this, and I said, 'I'm going to try and do something about it."

Spangler said his purpose in creating the new Facebook site was not to "point fingers" at anyone in particular. But rather, he said, he wants to draw attention to an issue that can no longer can be ignored.

"These are people of which some of them have mental illness, so we need to be reminded that the purpose of this is to show the city our issues — not degrade people," he

Allen, too, concurred that a recent uptick in the growing conversation about homelessness is all about the subject, not about specific individuals.

"It's quality of life," she said. "My neighbors, like me, want to do something. They just don't know where to start. I want to try and help the police as much as I can, any way that I can."

Concerning their appeals on social media, Spangler noted, "We live in the 21st century; we might as well use it. It's also a way to engage younger people in the community."

### Community planners sought for Pacific Beach

The Pacific Beach Planning Group has vacancies on its board for five residential seats and one commercial seat. The seats are open to people who live in the Pacific Beach area. If people cannot be found in the census tracts that have openings, other people can apply.

The commercial seat is open to any representative of a business in the commercial zone. Homebased businesses are not eligible. For more information, call or email Debbie Conca, elections chair, at (858) 531-5379 or debbieconca@yahoo.com.

### **Seniors supplement** retirement while helping other seniors

A recent Gallup survey found that 63 percent of workers planned to work part-time when they reached retirement age. Seniors return to work after retiring for financial reasons but others are looking for opportunities to give back. A local company, Seniors Helping Seniors, offers a unique opportunity for retirees to supplement retirement income and help other seniors. The company matches active seniors with seniors who

need some assistance to remain independent. The senior caregivers are employed by Seniors Helping Seniors and provide a variety of services including companionship and socialization, rides to doctors, shopping, help around the house and medication reminders. The services often allow a senior to remain in their own home instead of moving to an assisted living setting. If you have a heart for helping fellow seniors, want to earn some extra income and have your own car, call Seniors Helping Seniors. They are hiring and provide free training. Call 800-481-2488 or visit the company website - homecarebyseniors.com - to learn more.







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Mission Bay High's Destiny Curiel (left) and Cassidy Kepner compete against Clairemont at Mission Bay Park on April 4. Curiel and Kepner won their match. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

# Mission Bay spikers set course for success

By DAVE THOMAS

Whether playing indoors or outside, a pair of Mission Bay High vollevball teams have their sights set on acing winning seasons.

The girls sand volleyball team under head coach Brittany Johnson sported a 12-10 record heading into action this week.

The Bucs are led by five seniors, leaders that Johnson said are all extremely talented.

seniors on the team since they were freshmen, and they are all extremely talented – Cassidy Kepner, Alina Snyder, Destiny Curiel, Lili Christensen, and Pearl Moore. The 'A' team consists of two amazing juniors, Maddie Tandy and Alex Briski. Finally, our freshmen are similarly talented, with Bethany Kepntop positions," Johnson said.

As Johnson noted, sand volleyball is a game of doubles, so there are no specific "positions." It's about who is the best, most consistent athlete.

"Our goals for the season include finishing with a winning record, fostering a great love for the sport, and having fun in the sun. All of the girls get along famously, so it is easy to pair them up for each competition,"Johnson said.

Given the talent on this team, "I have been coaching the five consistency should not be a prob-

### Boys volleyball

In volleyball action indoors, the Bucs restarted their boys varsity program this year with first-year head coach Nikki Caufield and assistant coach Jeffery Caufield.

er always competing in one of the played indoor volleyball before, the gram," Caufield added.

learning curve has been tremendous," Caufield stated.

"So far our record is 0-3 in league play against all higher division opponents, but the team is showing steady improvement each game. We are closing the gap on match scores and starting to take games away early in the season."

Outside hitter Kieran Wills (junior), middle blocker Jefree Johnson (senior) and setter Jacob Cayatano (junior) are leading the Bucs' team in kills, blocks and assists, respectively.

As Caufield pointed out, the team has played most opponents close so far and just needs to reduce the number of first-year mistakes to win some matches.

"With only one senior on the roster, the team looks to have a solid "With only one starter having base to build on for the future pro-

# Bucs tennis hopes to make season a smash

By DAVE THOMAS

For the Mission Bay High boys tennis team, head coach Trong Tong hopes this spring will be a smash hit. As the Bucs returned from spring break this week, they sport a record of 2-7.

(No. 1 singles), Shawn Ries (No. 2 singles) and Jacob Sapp and Nicolas team will graduate this summer, Guevara (No. 1 doubles).

"Despite our current record, we're still striving to improve match by match," Tong commented. "Even to carry the torch next season," after a few frustrating losses, our Tong said. team morale remains very positive According to Tong, key players to and we'll always continue to enjoy plant the seeds for future success, date have included Simon Glezer ourselves on the courts.

"Since many players on this year's our main priority for the remainder of the season is to greatly challenge our newer players so they'll be ready

Tong and company are looking to something that will definitely be a hit.



# Inspiring children through action with 2nd Recess

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

Children in the United States need to get moving, and a nonprofit program in San Diego wants to help.

San Diego residents Marco Anzures and Natasha LaBeaud Anzures co-founded 2nd Recess with one goal in mind – to inspire through action. As professional runners, Natasha and Marco saw the need to give back to the community and inspire the next generation to make decisions that can directly impact future health.

It is recommended that children exercise at least two hours a day, and some children don't exercise at all. As rates of childhood obesity continue to rise, 2nd Recess has committed itself to teaching the importance of regular exercise and healthful dietary habits to local children and families.

"We wanted to give back to community. With children, we play, do different workouts, explore sports and train different games," said Marco Anzures, a National Federation of State High School Associations coach and a USA Track & Field level 1 and 3 coach.

When the Anzureses started five years ago, they had five children in a training group. Now they have 500 children exercising in groups and different events from Mission Bay Park to University City to Chula Vista. They also participate in running races, where kids have the opportunity to see how races work. Children run with adults at their own speed.

"They have the same finishing as adults, and their time is tracked, so it's a really genuine experience of racing," Anzures said.

2nd Recess holds weekly groups in Mission Bay Park, Balboa Park, Chula Vista, Monte Valley, University City and Doyle Park.

The children are between 5 and 14 years, and when they reach 14, 2nd Recess encourages children to join their high school running team.

The group is looking for more volunteers, some of whom get a stipend for coaching. If you are interested being volunteer, 2ndrecess.org.

Marco Anzures hopes that children will develop the love of exercising for the rest of their lives. The idea isn't to be too competitive but for kids to feel good about themselves.

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# **Get a 'full body experience' at Addie's**

By DAVE SCHWAB

While most fitness places specialize in one workout mode or another, Addie's Personal Training Studio in Pacific Beach is making a name for itself going against the tide.

"We're old school in our approach to fitness," said Junior Leoso, owneroperator of Addie's, at 4440 Ingraham St. "It's better to have old-school techniques with new-school gear."

The gym owner-trainer noted that "It's hard to sustain a business when you're only serving one item."

He likened single-mode fitness studios to "a restaurant that just has shrimp. You could go once a month. But you're not going to eat there twice a day, every day."

Leoso has been the proprietor of Addie's in its present location, formerly a credit union, since 2005. He noted that, though they don't specialize in anything in particular, Addie's carries all the tools – kettle bells and medicine balls. Pilates machines, treadmills, speed bikes, et cetera – that anyone would need to accomplish their fitness goals.

An Addie's workout was described by Leoso as a "full body experience."

"We provide the gear and all that is necessary to do that," he said. "The goal is to provide all the tools necessary to do that."

Addie's has done, or is about to do, a number of progressive things in the



Junior Leoso, owner-operator of Addie's, in the gym that carries all the tools to accomplish a person's fitness goals. PHOTO BY DAVE SCHWAB

industry. The studio offers small group classes and one-on-one instruction with a trainer as well as a "mobile" gym.

"We call it the power lunch program," Leoso said. "Myself and two of my trainers show up to their place of business: We bring our gym to them. About 40 percent of our training is mobile, going everywhere from UTC to Chula Vista and everywhere in between."

and women, are age 50 and beyond. Asked if it's any different training older clients, Leoso said it is.

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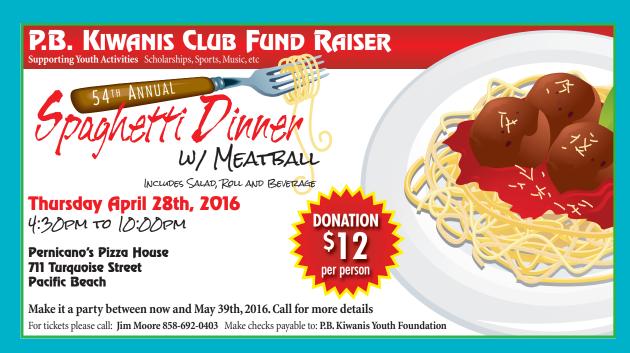
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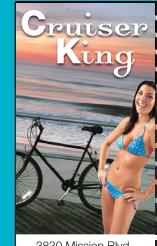


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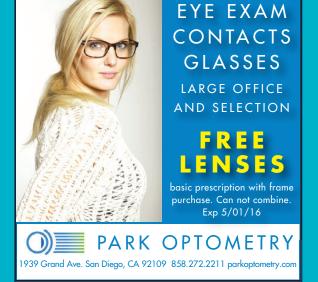
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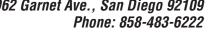






















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scary finding all that stuff in a trash can near where the bike was stolen." — Paula Patti, Crown Point North

- "I've probably had 15 to 20 bikes stolen in the last 25 years here in PB. Sawed through locks, taken out of my garage or any other number of ways. A handful of them could probably be considered my fault for not exercising enough caution, I suppose, but at this point I just consider it a beach tax. Sad but true." Stephen Hanning, Riviera Sail Bay
- "We had our two eBikes stolen out of our office garage, located at 4666 Cass St., on March 19... We ordered these bikes (\$3,000-plus value), and it took us eight weeks to have them delivered... We only got to ride them once before they were stolen. ... Thieves cut the large padlock off the garage door, then cut two of the Club UTL utility locks off each of the bikes." Maureen Martin, PB North Shore Highlands North

That's a sampling of PB bike-theft incidents, with new ones continually being reported.

Dan Niefer, of San Diego Police Department's Northern Division Bike Squad, is among a team of officers whose job it is to try and catch bike thieves. Typically, "bait bikes" outfitted with GPS tracking are left in designated areas attempting to lure prospective thieves.

Noting bike thefts are "crimes of opportunity," Niefer said all types of crooks out there, from transients to professional thieves, steal bicycles, which are then often delivered to neighborhood "chop shops" to be repurposed and resold.

"We've seen people walking around with backpacks full of lock cutters, pics and all manner of devices to defeat locks," Niefer said, adding he's uncertain whether the actual number of thefts is rising dramatically.

"I think that (bike theft) awareness is higher now because of social media like NextDoor," he said.

Niefer said NextDoor has proven a useful tool to get leads and help track down thieves. This is good, he said, noting no bike lock is impregnable.

"I've seen these guys defeat pretty much every kind of lock, even heavy-duty chains or cables," Niefer said, pointing out the best thing to do with a bike is "not to leave it out at all. If you're not using it, keep it inside a locked garage or another good spot."

The police bike detail has now gone citywide and is getting results, though it can take time, said Niefer. He added police are also getting better at tracing bikes once they're stolen.

"We had an arrest last week where the bike was taken to a chop shop," he said. "There were about 50 broken locks laying around and an assortment of bike tires and other pieces – an unreasonable amount of stuff. We shut the place down."

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### PB Elementary

- Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary (FOPBE) meeting, Wed., April 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.. Child care will be provided.
- PBE is gearing up for the annual spring auction, Solid Gold, on Fri., April 22. For tickets, donations and sponsorship, pbe.schoolauction.net/solidgold. Proceeds directly benefit all students and help fund our many programs, including science, music, art and PE.

### Sonic Drive-In to roll into PB this fall

This national, name-brand tenant famous for its style of serving food on roller-skates, is coming to Pacific Beach and is scheduled to open in November of 2016, announced Tony Franco, a Pacific Beach commercial Realtor.

Franco said the fast-food chain, along with a 114,000-square-foot A-1 Self Storage Facility, is expected to start construction soon at 2740 Garnet Ave. near Mission Bay Drive.

This is A-1 Self Storage Facility's 18th location and Sonic's seventh store opening up in the San Diego market.

"This is the first time in many years that a national name-brand tenant is opening for business in Pacific Beach," Franco said, noting that, recently, national tenants such as Carl's Jr and Panda Express "are being out-negotiated by local fastfood Mexican restaurants in Pacific



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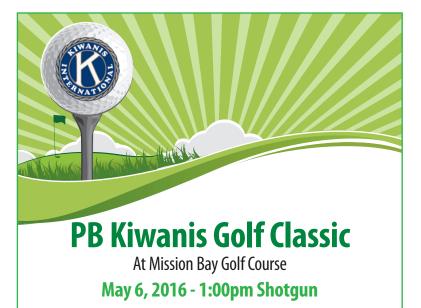
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The philosophy of the camp is to always provide a fun-filled time and to let kids learn the game while being happy. It is our 25th great year!"

Camp dates include June 20 through June 24 at Ocean Air Park in Carmel Valley, June 27 to July 1 at Aviara Park in Carlsbad, July 18 to July 22 at NTC Liberty Station in Point Loma, and Aug. 1 to Aug. 5 at Poinsettia Park in Carlsbad. Half-day camps run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for \$165 for five days or \$33 a day, and full-day camps run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for \$210 for five days or \$42 a day. To learn more or to watch their exciting camp videos visit littlerookiestball-school.com for ages four to six and allstarbaseballsoftball.com for ages seven to 12, or call 858-344-7678.

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prohibited from expressing support for or opposition to land use matters under consideration," said Donna Cleary, spokesperson for District 2 Councilwoman Lorie Zapf.

Closed in 1996 because of declining attendance, the former school and its 2.23 acres of prime coastal real estate were sold at auction by San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) for \$18.5 million in May 2013 to the highest bidder, developers McKellar-Ashbrook LLC of La Jolla. The former school site, among others, was sold by SDUSD to help offset a school district operating budget shortfall.

McKellar McGowan is proposing a total of 20 buildings housing 63 individual units in a mix of duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and one single-family residence on the site.

About 25 members of an ad hoc group known as Mission Beach Community for Responsible Development, wearing their "Save the tree" shirts (a ficus proposed to be eliminated), came out to make a statement.

"We're not opposed to development," said Brian McCarthy. "We're

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want this development to abide by the Planned District Ordinance for Mission Beach. As they've proposed it, it does not."

Andy Chotiner, characterizing developers' plans as "an end-run around the community right through the city planning department," said the project's proposed park needs to be reconfigured.

"They're supposed to have a .35acre, open-space community park," Chotiner said. "What they've done is taken a small strip along the (Mission) Boulevard, which is divided by a court and an alley. It is a buffer for the development. It has nothing to do with the park."

For Vicki Moyer, who lives on Jamaica Court, one issue about the project stands out. "This is going to exacerbate problems with parking," she said.

Financial planner Torrey Merriel, a 10-year Mission Beach resident, agreed. "I now have to park three nights a week in Pacific Beach because there is no parking at all," he said.

"Imagine what it's going to be like when they put in 63 (more) units taking away 35 public (parking) spots when there's no parking now."

in favor of development. But we **READ MORE ONLINE AT** sdnews.com

# **University of Queensland Big Band to swing at Dizzy's**

By BART MENDOZA

Although for many the thought of big band music conjures up images of swing dancers and the 1940s, Australia's 26-member University of Queensland Big Band is about the ideal, San Diego-centric, more akin to classic soundtracks with jazz as a key element, more Nelson Riddle than Glen Miller.

under the direction of Clint Allen, to 2:30 p.m. the group is an impressive gathering of young student talent, with seamless interplay and a real passion for 2007, this show is part of the band's first international tour and will thrill any fan of instrumental music or virtuoso musicianship.

University of Queensland Big Band: Friday, April 8 at Dizzy's, mance, but this show promises to 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$15. www.dizzysjazz.com.

Davis performs at the Kona Kai Resort on April 10 as part of their Julien Cantelm's inspired beats. brunch music series.

and standards singer in the classic Lou Rawls mode, but he's been performing since the mid-1960s, given 2015-2016 season one of the year's the nod of approval by Frank Sinatra and releasing now-classic soul

on to perform in two of the classic "Benji" films of the 1970s. If you haven't caught a set by Davis, this show, set next to the marina, besides the resort's private beach is just way to do so.

Jesse Davis: Sunday, April 10 at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Appearing at Dizzy's on April 8, Island Drive, Shelter Island. 11 a.m. No cover. www.resortkonakai.com.

Jazz fans will want to check out, their instruments. Founded in April in Paris, a themed performance at the Pacific Beach Library, showcasing "jazz-infused songs of springtime.'

The library's quiet setting is the perfect spot to catch any jazz perforbe special, featuring vocalist Allison Adams Tucker's wonderfully evocative voice, beautifully matched San Diego music legend Jesse against pianist Danny Green's lyrical piano playing and drummer Adams sings in both English and These days, Davis is a terrific jazz French, with a signature version of "La Vie en Rose," that's sure to make this closing concert of the library's highlights.

Allison Adams Tucker: Wednessingles such as 1967's "Gonna day, April 13 at Pacific Beach

Hang On In There Girl," later going Library, 4275 Cass St. 7 p.m. All www.pblibraryfriends.org.

> Music is back at San Diego's most unique music venue, The Bahia Belle paddlewheeler, as it cruises around Mission Bay. You can find live music on Friday evenings, with classic rock cover band Steal Dawn performing on April 15.

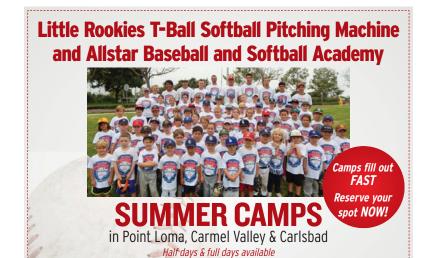
> The band is excellent at a range of hits from Bruno Mars to the Eagles, performing short sets between the hourly docking on either side of the bay. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. with all ages permitted before 9:30, making this a terrific event for all ages.

Steal Dawn: Friday, April 15 at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 7:30 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. www.catamaranresort.com

Hip-hop returns to Pacific Beach with a fast-paced, five-artist show at the 710 Beach Club on April 15. While the local hip-hop community is largely under the media's radar, the scene is thriving, with a growing number of San Diegans matching rhymes and beats.

For this show, the venue has put together a solid bill featuring local rising stars Pakman, Watusi, Noize

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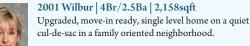
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# Eating your yard - one of the many benefits of planting an edible landscape

Spring is the perfect time to plant a garden, so why not consider planting an edible landscape that incorpo-



By Linda Marrone

rates both vegetables and flowers into your gardenscape? Edible landscapes are a growing trend, since you can eat most of what you grow

and make better use of the water it takes to create and grow a garden.

Whether you have a large space or just a small area for growing, the first things to think about are the bones and foundation for your garden, which includes pathways, walls, fences, hedges and arbors as well as your garden beds, which can be wooden-bordered raised beds. If you don't have growing space or a vard, containers filled with veggies, flowers and herbs on a sunny patio area or balcony will do just fine. A friend of mine grew a beautiful crop of tomatoes, Japanese eggplant and an assortment of peppers in wooden barrel planters.

Healthy soil is the garden's foundation. Each spring, I amend my soil with earthworm castings and a variety of organic supplements that I mix up and work into my soil. You can even purchase earthworms to add to your soil, and they will aerate the soil as well as fertilize it.

Once your soil is ready for planting, decide on what you want to grow. Choose what you like to eat and use both the vegetables and flowers to create a color scheme you admire that includes a variety of textures.

Flowers and herbs that will attract



Iceberg roses and grapevines surround the edible organic garden of this historic Barber Tract home. Gravel pathways separate raised beds filled with a variety of seasonal vegetables and herbs.

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beneficial insects are perfect partners to grow along with vegetables. Plants with small flowers, such as sweet alyssum, lobelia, marigolds, violas, dusty miller, Santa Barbara daisies and yarrow, attract ladybugs, parasitic wasps, lacewings and hoverflies—the "good" bugs that feed on unwanted pests.

Allow a few of your vegetables and herbs to flower – good bugs really love them. I let some of my arugula produce flowers, and every morning, the hoverflies swarmed around them. Hoverflies, lacewings and parasitic wasps eat the lava of caterpillars that like to munch on your plants, and I notice a sharp decline in the caterpillar population in my yard when the hoverflies are present. Welcom-

ing friendly insects into your garden to help combat pests will create a healthy ecosystem there without having to rely on chemical pesticides.

To quote Anne Raver, "To me, the garden is a doorway to other worlds; one of them is the world of birds. The garden is their dinner table, bursting with bugs and worms and succulent berries, so plant more to accommodate you both...."

Add a birdbath and bird feeders, which will keep your garden aflutter with bird activity; the birds will also help remove unwanted pests. Flowers such as alstroemeria, California fuchsia, daisies, milkweed, nasturtium, penstemon, petunias and phlox will bring hummingbirds and butterflies. Water features can





(Top) The blue-green leaves of Lacinato kale and tiny violas make a striking combination in this container that is sitting next to bright pink toad-flax (Lineria). Violas and Lineria are favorites of beneficial insects. Cabbage, ruffled leaf kale, rainbow chard grow with pink-flowered yarrow in the spring. Against the wall, the bell peppers will produce their "fruit" in the summer.

attract dragonflies; each summer, vivid orange dragonflies visit my garden. To me, a garden needs the presence of nature's creatures to complete it.

Frame your garden with a border by planting plants that are lower to the ground. Add medium-size plants in the center and taller ones in the background. Containers can also be placed here and there throughout the garden to add interest and height. For borders, plant herbs such as thyme, oregano, marjoram, sage and chives mixed in with flowers

that attract beneficial insects. Spring is also a good time for strawberries, which work well in borders or can be grown in containers. If you want to grow mint, grow it in containers, or it will take over your garden.

For the next layer, consider different colors of cabbage, kale, Swiss chard, lettuces, chili peppers, bell peppers, rosemary and different varieties of basil. Blue basil can grow quite tall and has lovely lavender sprays of flowers. If you have a large area, zucchini and summer squash will work well. Swiss chard and kale have beautiful leaves, and rainbow chard grows on colorful stems. Kale comes in many different textures and hues, and some have wonderful ruffled edges.

Blueberries are another edible plant to consider, and many new hybrids do well in our coastal environment. Plants that grow on vines, such as tomatoes, grapevines, berries and beans, can be grown in the background on walls, fences, trellises or arbors.

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Finally, when creating your garden, remember to set aside a place where you can sit back, take a break and enjoy nature and the fruits of your labor. Happy gardening!

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### Real estate: It's a seller's market

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

Real estate agents that sell houses in La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Point Loma and Ocean Beach say that now it is a seller's market. It is a great time to sell because many buyers are looking for a house and there aren't that many houses listed.

"If a house is market-ready, clean and neat and has a good location, it sells fast. Many families don't want to renovate a lot before they move in, so they buy a house that is ready to move in," says real estate agent Michelle Serafina.

Agents Tony Franco and Lionel Silva note that the hot buying season has been early. It started already in December, although it usually is in March to June.

In 2015, the prices were at the same high level as in 2007, and now the prices have steadied. Buyers are active, but they don't buy anything. Some sellers check what other sellers in the same area have gotten and try to get their prices higher. Agents note that buyers are smart and that they notice when a house is overpriced.

Interest rates are also quite low, so people are willing to take a loan on a house. Some people also buy houses now with cash.

"One out of 10 deals I sold, a buyer received a loan. That also saves buyers money. For many years, people invested in the stock market, and after that, they are now willing to put the money for a house or apartment," says Franco.

Listing agent Chris Mannerino says there will be a correction in the prices at some point.

"Nobody knows how shortly markets change, because global events are usually a chain reaction. But banks don't give out house loans so much than they used to, so some kind of bubble with loans is avoided for the most part," he says.

Lionel and Tyler Silva say that during the last 12 months, rents have raised 20 percent or more, so families that rent want to buy a house. Meanwhile, Michelle Serafina says families are paying attention to comfort.

"They want quality of life: a house that is in

good shape, large yard, space that they need and short distance to schools," she notes.

Agents say that some homes are now sold even before listing. Lionel Silva notes it's not always wise to sell a house that way.

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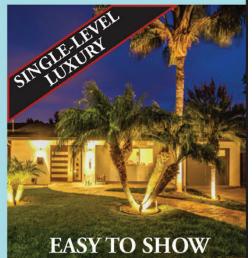






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1632 Missouri St.: Our newest Pacific Beach listing is nothing short of <mark>amazing! It f</mark>eatures engineered wood flooring, quartz count<mark>ers, stainless</mark> steel luxury appliances, white shaker cabinetry, a massive open great room, multiple decks, and city, bay AND ocean views. The list doesn't even end there! This 5BR/ 4.5BA masterpiece is perfect for a large family or someone who loves to entertain. Call now for more details or to schedule a private showing



5004 Kate Sessions Way: This breathtaking property with unobstructed, jaw-dropping views of the city, bay and ocean creates a dreamy <mark>lifestyle. Fro</mark>m media and recreation rooms to a sauna an<mark>d large main</mark> level deck, this property doesn't skip a beat! 4BR/ 3.5BA, 3856 sq ft, an open floor plan and tons of outdoor space makes this immaculate and lavish home an entertainer's palace. Scott & Kathy represented a very thrilled buyer on this \$2,300,000 transaction. Call us so we can also help <mark>YOU find yo</mark>ur dream home TODAY!



ft lot. Scott sold this property off-market for \$890,000 and represented both the buyer and seller. Call us NOW, so we can sell yours off-market, too. We have buyers that are ready to buy NOW!



Kathy Evans (858) 775-1575

**Scott Booth** (858) 775-0280



Offered at \$1.975m

Location, tranquility, & a spacious layout are yours in this timeless Schindler-inspired N. PB oasis in the LJ school district! Boasting 4 beds, 4.5 baths, an office & yoga studio, this home lives beautifully inside & out w/ a 2-level plan revolving around a 55' gas & solar heated serene lap pool, spa, and gas fire pit. Choose from 2 master suites, 1 ground-level & upstairs w/ a north-facing veranda. Mahogany floors & 12' eilings span throughout, & the property is garnished w/ minimalist landscaping.

Steve Cairncross TeamCairncross.com 858-859-3370

1454 Reed Ave Offered at \$1.095m

Own a brand new home built in 2015 just blocks from the bay, ocean, & PB's best shopping & dining! This charming Cape Cod style residence is designed for comfort with 3 beds, 3.5 baths, a home office, & a full-sized laundry room! Entertain in your great room with a gas fireplace & open kitchen featuring a limestone breakfast bar white-shaker cabinetry, & stainless-steel appliances. Relax in your front & backyard or head upstairs to any of 3 balconies.

Enjoy 2-car parking, AC, & solar!

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### 440 19th Street \$684,000

One week on market, negotiated top dollar for the seller of this property.



For extraordinary service and great results like this, call Dane today!

Dane Scharetg CA 858-504-3263





### Shhhhh....Get it before it hits the market

Second level end unit location within The Plaza in Pacific Beach. Split "en-suite" 2/2 floor plan. Relax on your balcony & enjoy the tranquil pool & mature landscaping view.



Kara Watkins Norgart







### 4767 Ocean Blvd.

Capri by the Sea - Offered at \$1,330,000

2 Bedroom Ocean Front Corner Condo. Prime Ocean Views from every room. Everything is new and very high end - new construction complete this week. Your Perfect Ocean Front Condo...just in time for the Summer. Call me for your private tour.

