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BUCS' SPIRIT OFF AND RUNNING



The Mission Bay cheerleaders sprint down the track to celebrate after the Buccaneers scored a touchdown against Eldorado earlier this season. The Bucs play host to Vincent Memorial High at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21. See story on page 13.

Nearly 130,000 pounds of trash collected at Coastal Cleanup Day

At the 34th annual Coastal trash and debris from San Diego Cleanup Day on Sept. 15, I Love A Clean San Diego harnessed the power of people to combat ocean pollution by mobilizing an estimated 7,000 volunteers at 106 cleanup sites in San Diego County, including four on-water sites.

Volunteers including residents, corporate groups, and civic organizations, turned their appreciation for the environment into action for the planet by choosing to do their part to protect and enhance their local communities.

During this three-hour cleanup, volunteers removed an estimated 130,000 pounds of

County. Among the debris, there were several notable odd items collected during the cleanup including: a disco ball, a stuffed animal tiger, 641 golf balls at one location (they were returned to be reused), a snowboard, and fake evelashes.

Volunteers also restored the local environment through beautification projects such as: mural painting, vegetation trimming, mulching, trail restoration, tree planting, and weeding. While priming a storage container that



Volunteers help clean up trash at South Shores Park on Mission Bay during Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept. 15.



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City, residents discussing plans to improve mobility in Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach residents weighed-in on a visionary plan to re-imagine public park and street space along Mission Boulevard and side streets to make them more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly at a Sept. 13 workshop.

The Mission Boulevard Public Spaces and Active Transportation Plan was recently unveiled by City senior planner Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero and her team at a two-hour workshop at Pacific Beach Library with diagrammed storyboards and City planners providing a narrative.

Following a brief introduction, participants broke up into small discussion groups to question City officials and render their views on a handful of possible alternative road realignments for Mission Boulevard. Alternatives being considered feature various types of bike lanes, as well as roundabouts.

"This project is for the area between Mission Boulevard, Pacific Beach Drive, Diamond Street and the Ocean Boulevard boardwalk," said Ocampo Vivero, who added the plan, led by the City of San Diego, is being funded by a San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) grant.

Noting the City has reached out to groups like beautifulpb and Pacific part of the PB Parks Project, a grass- Parks and Transit was presented to here," Bothwell said. "We need to get

NOW OPEN IN PB!



possible creation of traffic-circle Beach Town Council to come up with roots community effort to celebrate SANDAG, resulting in a \$400,000 its conceptual plan, Ocampo Vivero, said, "The main objective of this study is to identify the opportunity for multi-modal improvements for walking, bicycling and mass transit to improve community character and enhance access to the beach, while identifying additional community gathering spaces."

Pacific Beach culture and improve grant and an additional \$40,000 in social activist. community infrastructure.

A PB Parks Expert Team subsequently brought the community together for multiple meetings and design charrettes over the past few redesigning the project site.

In 2015, a planning grant propos-The Active Transportation Plan is al called Pacific Beach Greenways,

matching funds.

Two attendees at the Sept. 13 workshop shared their impressions.

Marcella Bothwell of Pacific Beach Town Council said more City outyears to create an approach to reach to the beach community is needed.

> "It doesn't appear that the people who made these plans live down

Sara Berns, executive director of DiscoverPB, speaks with residents about the plans. DAVE SCHWAB / BEACH & BAY PRESS

cars off of Garnet, turn a portion of it into a walking plaza, and make Grand the main east-west corridor."

District 2 bicycling advocate Nicole Burgess pointed out, "There are only certain scenarios that go together," of the handful of possible road realignments presented. Burgess noted her preference for "protected bikeways, which are safe and comfortable for all ages and abilities to ride. A one-way bicycle track is preferred over a two-way bicycle track, because it's very hard to cross streets."

"We have to be both patient and persistent working with the City through this process. The workshop focused on mobility options on Mission Boulevard," said Chris Olson, a longtime PB community planner and

"This is important, but I am looking forward to workshops that look at pocket parks, activation of public spaces and widening the boardwalk. For mobility let's be progressive and look at pickup and drop off zones of ride share rather than parking of private vehicles at the beach," Olson said.

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FENTANYL LACED COCAINE LEADS TO DEATHS IN PACIFIC BEACH

Local law enforcement and health officials are warning the public about a spate of deaths in beach communities connected to cocaine laced with the highly-potent and often deadly drug fentanyl.

This past weekend three people died, and two others overdosed but survived, related to the ingestion of what initial toxicology results show was cocaine laced with fentanyl. The deaths occurred in the areas of PB and OB; the victims ranged in age from 30 to 47-years old.

Authorities are not able to say publicly where the drugs may have been distributed or obtained. Various law enforcement agencies are investigating and no arrests have been made. In the meantime, investigators believe more of the dangerous drug combination may be being sold by dealers.

"We're seeing a dangerous trend of drug dealers and cartels cutting various drugs with fentanyl and, increasingly, it's a recipe for death," said District Attorney Summer Stephan. "The public needs to be aware of the danger of using any controlled substance, but specifically quantities of cocaine that are currently on the street in San Diego that may be laced with fentanyl."

A Drug Enforcement Administration-led task force is investigating the recent deaths and said the danger of fentanyl-laced drugs goes beyond cocaine.

"DEA is seizing cocaine, methamphetamine, heroin and counterfeit pills that look like legitimate pharmaceutical tablets that are laced with deadly fentanyl throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties," said DEA Special Agent in Charge Karen Flowers. "The public needs to be aware that it is

not possible to tell if a product contains fentanyl. There is no test available at the drug store or from your dealer. The only test is in a laboratory. Don't let your loved ones find out the test results at the mortuary."

Deaths specifically from fentanyl or fentanyl in combination with other drugs in San Diego County are spiking. Eighty-one fatal overdoses were reported last year, more than double the number in 2016. Fentanyl, a synthetic opioid, is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine even in tiny doses. As little as two milligrams of fentanyl is a fatal dose for most people.

Fentanyl can be up to 50 times more potent than heroin, and overdoses may require additional Naloxone to reverse. Naloxone is a medication that reverses overdose from opioids. Additional doses of Naloxone are sometimes needed to reverse fentanyl overdoses due to the potency of the drug.

"We have seen a steady increase in fatal overdose cases over the years where fentanyl has been added to opiates," said County Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Glenn Wagner. "But now we're seeing an emerging pattern of cases where fentanyl is unexpectedly added to other drug combinations. It's a new, deeply concerning trend."

County Public Health Officer, Dr. Wilma Wooten, stated "these cases show the deadly and unknown nature of drugs that are being sold on the street. If you or someone you know is in need of drug treatment, please get help."

SKATEBOARDER DIES IN TRAFFIC **COLLISION IN MISSION BEACH**

A 22-year-old male was riding a skateboard eastbound in the 1300 block of West

Mission Bay Drive about 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 16. At some point, he lost control of the skateboard.

While chasing his skateboard, which continued to roll, he followed the board on foot across the No. 1 and No. 2 lanes of eastbound West Mission Bay Drive. He then followed the skateboard over the center divide into the westbound No. 1 lane of West Mission Bay Drive.

The male was struck after crossing in front of a vehicle to catch his board in the westbound No. 1 lane, by a 25-year-old male driving a Nissan Sentra sedan. The driver remained on scene and alcohol is not a factor in the collision.

The skateboarder/pedestrian was transported to the hospital with life threatening injuries, and later died. The San Diego Police Traffic Division will be investigating the collision.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY LAUNCHES APP FOR NOISE COMPLAINTS

The San Diego Airport Authority has launched a new mobile app that provides members of the public an easy-to-use, nocost option for submitting an aircraft noise complaint. The app is part of an upgraded Airport Noise and Operations Monitoring System, uses near real-time flight tracking (5-minute or less delay), which is the most accurate data of aircraft movement that is available from the FAA.

The upgrade complements the airport's existing WebTrakTM flight tracking system, which allows the public to monitor the movement of flights and air traffic patterns and submit a complaint to the airport directly from the website. For more information, visit san.org/Airport-Noise.

























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Mission Beach Town Council listens to concerns about **short-term rentals, scooters**

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

In September, short-term vacation rental owners packed Belmont Park's community room to air their displeasure to Mission Beach Town Council about new, stricter city regulations some claim are unnecessary while threatening their existence.

Short-term rentals joined two other hot-button issues — electric scooters and airport noise — on MBTC's Sept. 12 agenda.

Mission Beach has the highest number of short-term rentals upwards of 40 percent – along the beachfront.

In July, the City Council nixed Mayor Kevin Faulconer's lessrestrictive short-term vacation rental proposal in favor of stricter regulations allowing primary-residence-only rentals with a sixmonth maximum.

A "carve-out" of Mission Beach exempting the community from **Electric scooters** new rental regulations in the mayor's proposal was also defeated. Existing Mission Beach rentals will not be grandfathered into the City's new ordinance, scheduled to take effect in July 2019.

"This isn't a Mission Beach issue – it's a citywide issue," said MBTC president Gary Wonacott.

"Mission Beach forever has had a huge percentage of short-term vacation rentals," answered one audience member, who added: "People come here from everysee where the crisis is."

Another rental owner noted that, previous to the huge growth in almost impossible to control." short-term vacation rentals, college students and fraternities had predominated in Mission Beach seasonal summer rentals. He claimed short-term vacation rentals and families were "a better quality of tenant with less drunken college kids replaced by families and toddlers with fewer cars."

Some audience members charged MBTC board with being partial toward sterner short-term rental regulations, arguing the board "ought to be more open Airplane noise minded and listen to all the stake- Wonacott gave a brief presentaholders."

"You're not going to solve the problem in a forum like this," contended Bob Semonsen from the audience. "I think what we need to do is have a workshop between vacation-rental advocates, and those wanting stricter limitations, and work through this. We need them to come together."

But Semonsen warned, "Each side has to bring realistic expectations."

'This isn't a Mission Beach issue - it's a citywide issue.'

> **GARY WONACOTT** PRESIDENT OF MBTC

Following the Sept. 12 meeting, Wonacott said the vacation-rental industry is "in denial that longterm rent is financially advantageous compared to short-term rent for many of the units in MB on the courts."

He added: "There are almost as many short-term owners who are deactivating their listings as adding to the list. Summer-winter rentals are not possible under the new regulations, but are the best option, from a financial standpoint, and result in the highest year-round occupancy."

Concerning motorized scooters, MBTC secretary Matt Gardner reported progress is being made in a dialogue between the City, and beach areas, on how to properly regulate them.

Noting scooters "have been unleashed on this city with no controls," Gardner pointed out, "There are no problems with people using them correctly. The problem is, the other 98 percent of people using them, are not using them correctly."

A couple of Mission Beach resiwhere to go to the beach. I don't dents testified they've almost been run over by scooters arguing, "They're going way too fast and are

> One audience member decried that there is a state bill in process that would eliminate the requirement for adult scooter riders to wear helmets.

A petition was passed out at the MBTC meeting requesting the City to, "Declare a moratorium on ride sharing motor scooters until such time as a pilot program is established that ensures education, compliance and enforcement of scooters."

tion noting, airport noise is "an ongoing issue that's substantially impacting Mission Beach, especially South Mission Beach."

"There aren't enough noise complaints coming from Mission Beach," argued Wonacott. "We need to start doing more of this. We also need to get the waypoint (geographic navigational points) for planes moved a few miles south in the ocean that will give us relief in Mission Beach."

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S AT CROWN POINT PARK

A fundraising walk to end Alzheimer's disease will take place Sunday, Sept. 23 in Crown Point Park on the east side of Crown Point on Mission Bay. Registration for the 5K walk is at 8:30 a.m. with a ceremony at 9:30 a.m. and the walk at 10 a.m.

There will be about 3,000 people out in Crown Point between 9 a.m. and noon on

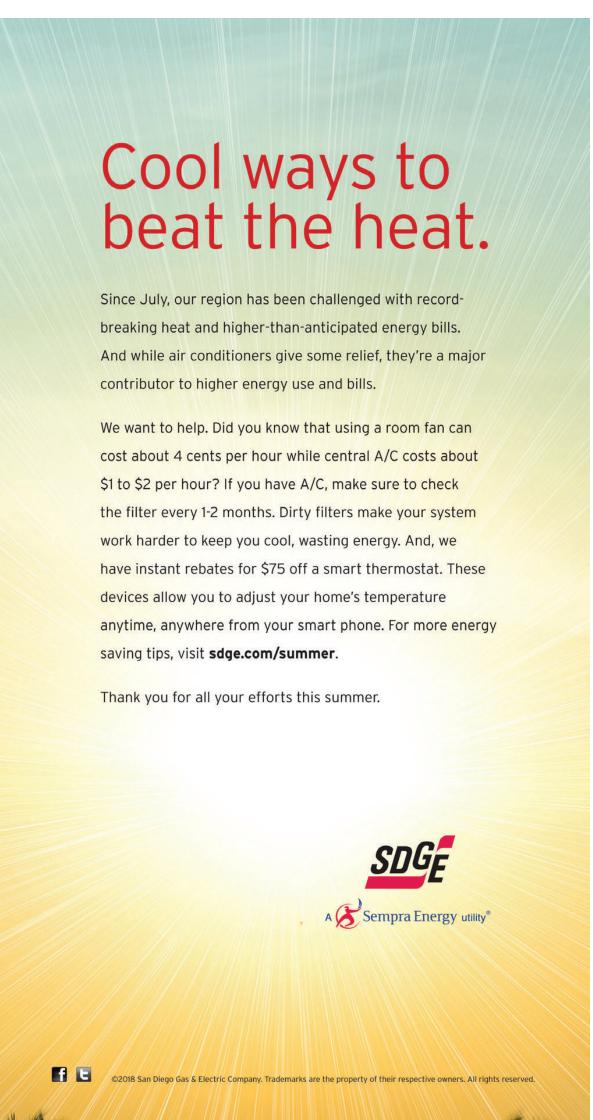
event day. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research.

Alzheimer's is a type of dementia that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Symptoms usually develop slowly and get worse over time, becoming

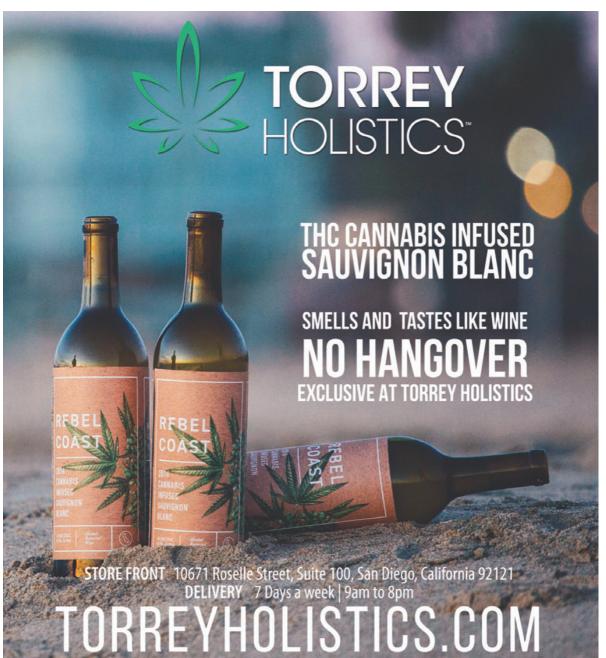
severe enough to interfere with daily tasks. In San Diego in 2018, a total of \$139,525

toward a fundraising goal of \$365,000 has been raised. All funds raised through Walk to End Alzheimer's further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. All donations are taxdeductible.

Register at act.alz.org/sandiego. For more information, contact kladkins@alz.org.







Judge sides with condo project developers in Mission Beach

BY DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The most recent judicial decision has gone against Mission Beach residents' challenge of developer's plans to convert the two-acre, long-abandoned Mission Beach Elementary School site into condominiums.

A lawsuit brought by a group known as Mission Beach Citizens for Responsible Development seeks to overturn the City Council's 6-2 vote in 2016 approving developer McKellar McGowan's plans to build threestory buildings, with a total of 59 units, split between two development areas on both the south and north sides of Santa Barbara Place in Mission Beach.

In approving the condo project, the Coastal Commission demanded concessions from McKellar McGowan, which included reducing the number of units from 63 to 59, and relocating, re-shaping and enlarging the project's public park fronting Mission Boulevard. Some beach residents had derided that public park as more of a "median than public-recreation space."

Excerpts from the Sept. 4 court ruling read:

"Petitioner has failed to establish that the [Coastal] Commission proceeded without or in excess of its jurisdiction, provided an unfair trial, or committed a prejudicial abuse of discretion... The updated traffic study analyzed summer traffic and found that the effects of the projects would be appropriately mitigated by the

installation of a traffic light.

"The school site also presents a prime location to convert vacant, obsolete development into a newer, more relevant use, concentrating development in an already disturbed area that is in a pedestrian-oriented community along a major alternate transit corridor. By increasing the supply of dwelling units in close proximity to recreational destinations, the proposed development will help address housing shortages while encouraging alternate means of transit and a decrease in vehicle miles traveled."

"Winning was never in doubt; the opposition has no case and they know it," reacted developer Chris McKellar.

Mission Beach residents were split on the merits of McKellar-McGowan's project.

"This school site has been an eyesore for decades, and it pains me to see the community sandbag this development because it simply isn't the way they would have done it," said Matt Gardner, a Mission Beach small-business owner. "They have went way above and beyond in an effort to appease the public."

Mission Beach resident Brian McCarthy disagreed.

"The MBE condo conversion will bring many more occupants – too many," he said, adding, "MB is already the most densely populated neighborhood in the city."

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Expect more road construction as pipeline project restarts in PB

The City is replacing and rehabilitating aging water and sewer infrastructure to avoid service disruptions such as water main breaks and sewer pipeline stoppages.

Current work will begin within the week at the Ingraham Street and Grand Avenue intersection and then move north toward Tourmaline Street.

As part of the City's efforts, Pacific Beach Pipeline South is replacing approximately 7.6 miles of water main and approximately 1.6 miles of sewer main in the Midway-Pacific Highway Corridor and Mission Bay areas.

This project will contribute toward the City's program that mandates the replacement of all aging and deteriorating cast iron water mains in service. It will:

- Replace associated water services, fire hydrants, curb ramps, and traffic control devices;
- Use best management practices to control erosion and protect storm drain inlets;
 - Resurface streets impacted by

project construction activities;

 Install new accessibility curb camps.

These improvements are consistent with goals set forth in the City's Climate Action Plan, by maintaining water supplies and services that support the region.

Notices will be mailed to residents and businesses within the project area prior to the start of construction. In addition, the City's contractor will deliver door hangers with the start date of construction for specific streets.

To keep you informed about the anticipated construction activities and impacts for both the water and sewer improvements, you are encouraged to sign-up for emailed project updates.

The project's construction schedule runs through January 2020. The project's planning, design, and construction budget is \$44 million. The construction schedule and budget is subject to change.

For information about CIP projects, visit sandiego.gov/cip.



Chronic Smoothies Blazin Grill at 865 Turquoise St. DAVE SCHWAB / BEACH & BAY PRES

Chronic Smoothies Blazin Grill celebrates 10 years in North PB

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Chronic Smoothies Blazin Grill in North Pacific Beach is marking its 10th anniversary with, among other things, a festive mural painted on the side of the building.

The business at 865 Turquoise St. started out small. It has since transa full-on hybrid restaurant.

"The first six months was just smoothies," said Swiec of the early days. "When I came on, we brought in sandwiches. We did that for about eight years, and then we started doing everything: pizzas, burgers, soups, salads and breakfast."

Swiec never intended to be a restaurateur. He had a friend in the deli business who needed some help years ago. So he pitched in.

"I had like four jobs including busboy, valeting cars and my own landscape business at the time," Swiec said. "I was their first employee. I bought it from one of the partners."

Why the name chronic?

"Chronic is slang for the best," noted Swiec. "It's also just consistent. We try to make sure that everything is the best - and consistent."

Besides consistency, you'll also find diversity at Chronic Smoothies. The menu is a rich and eclectic mix of different items that go well together.

Swiec said Chronic's pride and joy is their Philly cheesesteak.

CHRONIC SMOOTHIES BLAZIN GRILL

Where: 865 Turquoise St.

Hours: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

Info: chronicsmoothies.com, 858-488-2529.

"We make it with New York steak, formed under owner Chris Swiec into chop it up," he said. "It's definitely gourmet."

> At Chronic, pleasing the customer comes first.

> "You want it custom?" Swiec asked. "We're all about making custom stuff around here. However you like it."

> Open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Swiec said the clientele at Chronic is "mostly locals." But he has loyal customers who come in from all over.

> Chronic breakfasts include a host of omelets, breakfast sandwiches and burritos. You can order breakfast all day too.

"We're known for our acai bowls," pointed out Swiec. "We're the ones that made it popular. Other places have been trying to copy us ever since. Ours are the biggest, best-tasting and cheapest around."

Lunch features an array of hot sandwiches, like buffalo chicken. The half-pound burgers are top-notch. "In our deli sandwiches, we use only boar's head, the best meat you can use," Swiec said.

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Blumkins are back with Luxe Jewelry & Loan

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Blumkin brothers, Baba and Juan, have come full circle returning to open Luxe Jewelry & Loan in Pacific Beach.

"I went to Kate Sessions Elementary, PB Middle and La Jolla High before going to Los Angeles and opening a Caribbean-style juice bar in Hollywood," said Baba, pointing out transitioning from juice to jewelry went through his cousin's Hollywood office.

"I don't like what I'm doing here, and I really want to try what you're doing here," Baba told his cousin in LA, who replied, "Go to gemology school."

After graduating with a gemologist's degree from GIA, Baba worked in quality control at Alan Friedman's Beverly Hills jewelry store, known for its dealings with A-list celebrities and exquisite pink diamond jewelry.

Baba then moved on to work for Iordan Tabach-Bank. The pawnto New York City to work in the mond District.

Juan Blumkin started working for Mart. While there, Juan picked up tom jewelry, watches, bridal engage-



Luxe Jewelry & Loan at 1029 Garnet Ave. in PB.

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LUXE JEWELRY & LOAN

Where: 1029 Garnet Ave.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Info: 858-900-2036, luxepb.com.

on key lessons in the jewelry trade broker to the stars, before moving such as "sell cheap and tell the truth," "never stop learning and International Gem Tower in the Dia- innovating" and "treat your customers like family."

Surveying the display cases in longtime family friend and business Luxe Jewelry & Loan at 1029 Garpartner Warren Buffett at Berkshire net Ave., Baba Lumkin, said, "We Hathaway's Nebraska Furniture do a little of everything - retail, cus-

ment rings, estate pieces, repairs, repurposing."

Examining Luxe's exquisite display cases reveals light glinting off a plethora of rings, necklaces and earrings with multi-colored diamonds and precious stones.

"The sky's the limit," said Baba of Luxe's price range. "You could spend anywhere from \$100 to six figures in here. If the client needs it: I can find it."

Luxe is a rarity, concluded Baba.

"We are a jewelry store/hybrid pawn broker," he said. "We manufacture jewelry. We sell jewelry. We also lend money to people who are in a cash crunch."



A Bowie Celebration to perform at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

David Bowie may no longer be with us, but fans of the British music legend's music will have the next best thing on Sept. 28 when A Bowie Celebration stops in at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay.

This is not a tribute band, instead this is the concert of the year. it's a group of musicians who performed both live and in the studio with Bowie, including such legendary players as pianist Mike Garson and guitarist Earl Slick, along-

side guest musicians including Corey Glover of rockers Living Colour, Bernard Fowler bassist for The Rolling Stones and singer Evan Rachel Wood. With music running the gamut from "Space Oddity" to material from Bowie's final album, "Blackstar," if you are a Bowie fan,

A Bowie Celebration: Friday, Sept. 28 at Humphrey's Concerts, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 7:30 p.m. humphreysconcerts.com.

San Diego of the past few decades, Superunloader, returns to the 710 Beach Club on Sept. 21. The trio is led by superb guitarist and singer acclaimed jazz group, The Preserva-Jimmy Lewis, and is capable of turning out great versions of classics by the likes of Peter Green's Fleetwood Mac or Led Zeppelin. However what sets them apart is their terrific originals, which are cut from the same cloth as those classic rockers. Superunloader has stood the test of time.

Superunloader: Friday, Sept. 21,

One of the most popular bands in at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. 710bc.com.

> Mission Bay High School's tionists, stage their first public performance of the school year with a free performance as part of the Moon Festival, taking place at the Spreckels Organ Pavilion in Balboa Park on Sept. 22. The combo, led by music director JP Balmat, excels at

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Guatemala native Gaby Moreno will perform with A Bowie Celebration. PHOTO BY STEVE ROSE

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'Hangin' With Matty D' podcast showcases eclectic beach community

By PAIGE FULFER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Originally from New Jersey, Matthew Dykes has called San Diego home since 2011. He ventured out from the Garden State when he joined the Navy.

"I was stationed out in Camp Pendleton, went to Afghanistan, and worked as a military corpsman until 2014," Dykes says. His experience as a Navy medic led him to his full-time job today in medical sales.

Craving authenticity and diversity, Dykes started his podcast "Hangin' With Matty D" in November 2017. He had listened to several podcasts in the past and thought he should give it a go, plus he loves talking with people and is a natural conversationalist.

"I think one of my biggest motives [for this podcast] is that it's a stress reliever for me to talk to people. I feel like with everyone constantly on their phones, the power of conversation has diminished and people don't realize that just talking with someone for an hour is powerful," Dykes says. "The power of conversation has done so much for me."

studio, which is fully equipped with ner."



microphones, headsets, and a fridge full of La Croix, Dykes has hosted a variety of guests from different backgrounds and industries.

"I didn't want to cater to a certain crowd," Dykes says. "If I don't have a certain demographic I'm trying to Since starting to record out of his hit, then it isn't keeping me in a cor-

Dykes points out that his diverse range of guests are encouraged to share their life lessons, trials and errors, and various experiences they've had while navigating their careers and personal lives.

"People listen to my podcasts to hear normal, real, but unpredictable stuff," Dykes says.

"I have had nonprofits, comedians, psychologists, local business owners, radio personalities, artists, authors, restaurant owners, and the list goes on," he says.

"One of my favorite podcasts I've done was with Chris Waters, founder and owner of Constructed Adventures," Dykes says. Waters'

Matthew Dykes at the mic in his podcast studio. THOMAS MELVILLE / BEACH & BAY PRESS

company creates a day completely customized for the player(s) filled with puzzles, riddles, and surprises... basically a giant-scale scavenger hunt."

Waters was working in a "soulcrushing, corporate" environment, and needed a change. A week before quitting his miserable job, his business venture idea was featured on Reddit and blew up.

Some other guests he has interviewed include: Tabitha Lipkin of Fox 5 San Diego, Bryce Smith (professional basketball player and Crossfit coach), PJ Busalacchi (owner of Little Italy's Sicilian restaurant Barbusa), and Samantha Louise (wedding planner turned selftaught abstract artist).

Dykes also co-hosts a weekly podcast with Beach & Bay Press editor Thomas Melville, which airs live on Facebook and is featured on the San Diego Community Newspaper Group's YouTube page.

Catch weekly episodes of "Hangin' With Matty D" on iTunes, GooglePlay, or YouTube.

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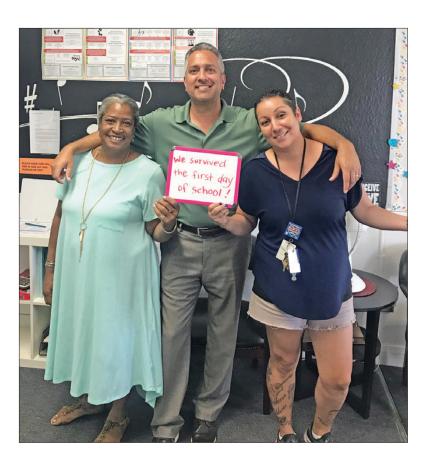












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MISSION BAY HIGH

- Principal's Coffee, will take place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28 in the MBHS library.
- MBHS homecoming game will take place 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28. Join friends and MBHS alumni for the homecoming game against San Diego High School. For MBHS alumni, the Mission Bay High School Alumni Association All Alumni Homecoming Celebration will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a stroll down memory lane and a school tour open to all alumni and guests.

At 5 p.m., the alumni "pre-party" will be in patio area next to concession stand, where alumni can catch up with classmates and enjoy grilled-to-order tacos compliments of PB Shore Club to benefit MBHS Alumni Association. Game time is 6 p.m. with alumni seating in the bleachers closest to the concession stand. Go Bucs!

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE

■ PBMS parent tour will take place 8 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. Meet Principal Kimberly Meng and IB coordinator Jennifer Sims and learn how the International Baccalaureate Program guides students toward being effective problem-solvers, lifelong learners, and internationally-minded communicators. Sign in at the front office and meet in the PBMS media center. A campus tour will follow.

BARNARD ELEMENTARY

Students and families from Barnard

Mandarin Magnet Elementary School celebrated the start of the school year at the PTA's third annual Day at the Bay event. In what has quickly become a favorite school tradition, the Day at the Bay brought friends old and new together at the Catamaran Hotel for a fun day of playing in the hot sand, swimming in the beautiful bay, and bouncing on a floating lily pad.

"This is my favorite day of the year because I get to see all my friends from school at the beach," said third-grade student Simone M. "Most of my friends live all around San Diego, so it is nice that we get to meet at the beach and spend the day together in the water. Plus, the lily pad is really awesome!"

While these students hate to say "good bye" to the summer sun, the enchantment of autumn is just around the corner. The Barnard community will welcome the fall season at the Balboa Park Moon Festival on Sept. 22.

■ For information on Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School, or to find out about the District's School Choice program, visit sandiegounified.org/barnard.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

■ A parent's night out to benefit PBE will be held at the VFW Post 5985 on Turquoise from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sept. 28. It's a costume party with the theme "Hippies vs Hipsters." Tickets will be on sale at PBE on Sept. 18. G3 Kids on Garnet is hosting a Friday Night Out for the kids that same night, with \$10 from each participant going to the school.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

■ The annual Day at the Bay is on

Sunday, Sept. 23, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Families are invited to come out to the bay adjacent to the Mission Bay Sportcenter to get to know each other while enjoying a day of fun in the sand and bay.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER

- Three Mission Bay Cluster schools will have their bands featured at Pacific Beachfest on Saturday, Oct. 6. Crown Point Junior Music Academy will perform at 11 a.m., PBMS will be on stage at 1:10 p.m., and MBHS Preservationists and Mambo Orchestra will play at 3:40 p.m., on the Community Stage. For more information, visit pacificbeachfest.org.
- The fourth annual "Future Bucs Night" is 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19 at Mission Bay High as the football team battles Scripps Ranch. Elementary and middle-school children and their families are welcome to come cheer on the team. The popular "Future Buc" T-shirt is now available for pre-order through Oct. 10. Cost is \$10, and available in white or gold in standard youth and adult sizes XS through XL. Email nadinedunphy@msn.com to order. Payment and pick-up will be at the event or by arrangement.

FOPBSS

■ The next Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools meeting will take place 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 at Mission Bay High School library. Join parents, teachers, and administrators from Pacific Beach Middle and Mission Bay High to hear about upcoming events and to learn how you can



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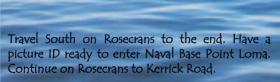
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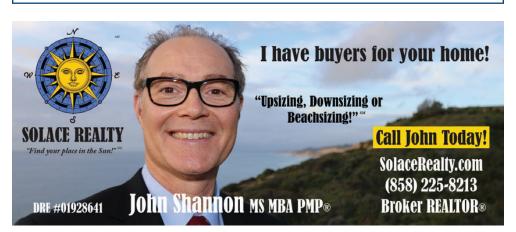


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was covered with a mural at the San Diego Youth Aquatic Center, Mission Bay Park's Senior Park Ranger Karolynn Estrada-Sparlin, said, "I am looking forward to seeing the final project, for years this has been in my head but now it will be reality thanks to all of you."

Coastal Cleanup Day was an opportunity for the community members to conserve in more ways than one. As part of the effort to boost zero waste practices, ILACSD encouraged all youth and adult volunteers to be more sustainable by choosing to bring at least one

reusable item for the cleanup like a water bottle, work bucket, or gloves - and many stepped up to the challenge. Volunteers had the opportunity to showcase their creativity and commitment to zero waste practices by decorating reusable buckets to enter the Bling Your Bucket Contest for a chance to win prizes while celebrating sustainability.

Coastal Cleanup Day also received attention from several of San Diego's elected officials who visited cleanup sites in their respective districts, including: Congressman Scott Peters; State Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins; City Council members Barbara Bry, Lorie Zapf, Chris Ward, Myrtle Cole, Mark Kersey, Scott Sherman, David Alvarez, and Georgette Gomez; County Supervisor Greg Cox; Imperial Beach Mayor Serge Dedina and Councilmember Mark West; and National City Mayor Ron Morrison.

ILACSD organizes Coastal Cleanup Day in San Diego County in partnership with the California Coastal Commission as part of a global international event led by the Ocean Conservancy. Top tier supporters of Coastal Cleanup Day include the County of San Diego, Think Blue San Diego, The Coca-Cola Foundation, San Diego Gas & (SDG&E), **Evans** Electric Hotels/The Bahia, and KFMB.

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similar bands, Rising Star also includes plenty of current dance hits, from Bruno Mars to Daft Punk, making for a well-rounded night of music whether you want to shake your groove thing or just pull up a beach chair and listen.

Rising Star: Saturday, Sept. 22 at Campland on the Bay. 8 p.m. All ages. campland.com.

Jaded music fans who think **The Preservationists: Saturday,** they've seen it all, will want to Sept. 22 at Spreckels Organ check out Captured by Robots, Campland on the Bay will host a JBOT, is enslaved by two real free outdoor waterfront dance robots, GTRBOT666 and DRMparty on Sept. 22, with an appear- BOT0110 and forced to travel the world making grindcore music. It's band, Rising Star is all about a surreal and unique concert experience that will leave you talking for months about what you just from Prince, Michael Jackson and witnessed and how it's all put

Captured By Robots: Saturday, Sept. 22, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8:30 p.m. 21 and up. brickbybrick.com.

Two of San Diego's finest guitarists, Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda, perform together at Dizzy's on Sept. 29. The duo has released four albums, each a dazzling display of fretwork well worth adding to the collection of any acoustic guitar fan.

While those albums are well Pavilion, Balboa Park. 4 p.m. appearing at Brick by Brick on worth hearing, their music is even eventbrite.com/e/moon-festival- Sept. 22. Almost more of a better live, where you can see the at-balboa-park-tickets- premise or concept art than a pair's incredible playing as well as band, Captured by Robots is just listen. For this performance what the name says: a human, Benedetti and Svoboda will be spotlighting the music of Spain and Europe. If you are a fan of flamenco, jazz or virtuoso guitar work, you will find much to enjoy at this concert.

> Fred Benedetti and George Svoboda: Saturday, Sept. 29, at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. dizzysjazz.com.

Mission Bay sports: volleyball, field hockey and football in action

By DAVE THOMAS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Boys beach volleyball

The boys beach volleyball team started their league play last week against Uni at UC High. The Bucs lost their opening match of the season 4-1, with the win notched by Zander Caufield and Andy Knight.

Coach Nikki Caufield said of their opening match: "Uni has a strong program that plays in a lot higher division than us, so we came in as an underdog. When we played them three years ago, we didn't win a match.

"We won one of the matches today and the teams of Ian Briski/Dusty Schraeder and Jackson Priest /Jake Smyrnos ended up losing by only a couple of points, which means that their games came down to one or two plays," Caufield said.

Caufield noted that overall, the **Field hockey** boys played tough.

again, away from their home courts, a record of 2-3. we could pick up a win," Caufield

The Bucs play their second league match against Cathedral at Cathedral High School.

Caufield said of the prospects for the season: "We have a solid core of returning boys and a large group of new players that are steadily improving. We face the tough prospect throughout the season of having to play all of our matches 'away' because MBHS doesn't have on-campus sand courts like most of the other high schools.

"We are going to be doing a fundraiser this season to try to build on-campus courts and will be looking for community support," Cau- halla High Monday, Sept. 24. field noted.

Girls volleyball

The girls volleyball team, under head coach Steve Upp, is off to a solid 6-3 start.

The Bucs won their first league match defeating Christian in three sets last Friday. This was a big win for a Mission Bay team that went 0-8 in league action only a year ago.

Mission Bay was to meet Coronado and Patrick Henry this week, respectively.

According to Upp, senior Bethany Kepner continues to lead the team in offense with impressive kill numbers. Junior Jesse Grigolite is leading the team in ace serves, while fellow junior Chloe Gallego leads the team

"The team is improving with each match," Upp noted.

The Bucs, under head coach Kris "I think if we were to play them Auer, came into play this week with

> According to Auer, Emily Crissman is a goal-scoring machine. Clara Sandoval continues to be the engine in the center midfield. Auer noted that Sandoval leads by example every day and is a wonderful role model to all of the younger athletes.

> "Early in the season we let a couple close ones slip away," Auer commented. "We could easily be 4-1. We are a young team and young teams make mistakes. My job is to minimize those errors and put us in a good position to be successful. We have shown tremendous growth in the last two weeks."

Mission Bay is slated to host Clairemont on Sept. 20 and visit Val-

Links for Learning golf tourney on Oct. 4 benefits Pacific Beach schools

The Mission Bay Real Estate tutoring support. Association (MBREA) has scheduled the 18th annual Don Brown more than 250 real estate industry Links for Learning golf tournament for Thursday, Oct. 4. The tournament, which is open to all members of the community and benefits Pacific Beach area elementary schools, will return to Riverwalk members live and work in the Pacif-Golf Club in Mission Valley.

time MBREA member and golf back to the community in which tournament founder Don Brown, we earn our living," said Rachael the annual charity event has raised Kaiser, MBREA president. more than \$177,000 to date.

This year's proceeds will again be donated to the parent/teacher associations at four local elementary schools: Pacific Beach Elementary, Crown Point Junior Music Academy, Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy and Kate Sessions Elementary. The funds have provided much-needed assistance with the expense of student computers, art supplies, music equipment and

The MBREA is comprised of professionals, including sales agents and brokers, mortgage brokers, title and escrow company representatives, and other industry affiliates. "The majority of our ic Beach area. Links for Learning Named posthumously after long- allows us the opportunity to give

> The tournament is played as a four-person scramble and is open to the community and all skill levels. The afternoon ends with dinner at the clubhouse and raffle featuring prizes. Parents, teachers, school administrators, businesses and real estate professionals are all encouraged to participate, and nongolfers are welcome to join for the post-tournament dinner and festiv-

Football

On the gridiron, Mission Bay, under first-year head coach Dane Roman, looks to snap a three-game losing streak when the Bucs host Vincent Memorial High at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 21.

The Bucs opened the season with a 38-14 victory over San Ysidro.

In the weeks to follow, Mission Bay has fallen to Eldorado High, University City High and Rancho Buena Vista High, respectively.

Following its home date with Vincent Memorial High, Mission Bay will close out the month on Sept. 28 by hosting San Diego High.

Mission Bay quarterback Nick Tropio scrambles during the Bucs' loss to Eldorado. STEVE SIDELL / BEACH & BAY PRESS





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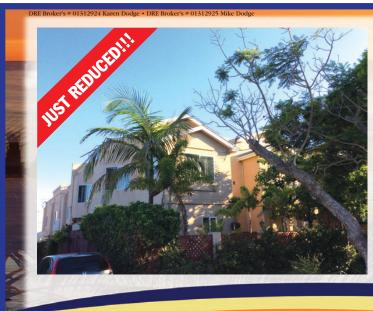
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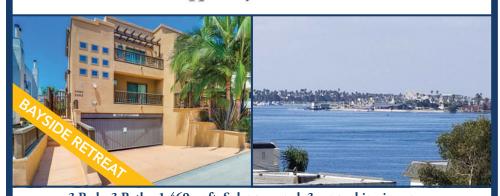
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3 Beds, 3 Baths. 1,469 sq.ft. Solar powered. 3 car parking in garage.

Rooftop deck with bay views. In Sail Bay. \$950,000 - \$1,050,000

OPEN HOUSE: Sunday 10am - 4pm. 3982 Riviera Drive, San Diego, CA 92109



4 Beds, 2 Baths. 1,762 sq.ft. Lot: 6,700 sq.ft. RM2-5 Zoning allows for up to 4 units to be built. \$1,199,000 JUST REDUCED

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Ocean & Bay Views - Price Reduced! \$1,225,000

South Mission Beach 3 Bed/2.5 Bath home featuring beautiful upgrades throughout and a 2 car tandem garage. Soak up the sun with your choice of balconies or wander up to your own private rooftop deck withphenomenal panoramic views!

This home is less than 250 feet from the beach and bay!

717 Asbury Ct. #A, Mission Beach





Priced to Sell – Just Steps to San Diego Bay! \$289,000

One of the largest studio condos in the Point Loma Yacht Club Condos! Features high end finishes and built in Murphy-Bed. Complex amenities include a heated pool, game room, gym, and laundry facilities. This condo is located right next to the Marina, Yachts, Kellogg Beach, Shelter Island, Restaurants and local shopping!

1021 Scott St. #240, Point Loma



Triplex on Large Bayfront Lot \$2,595,000

A unique Bayfront investment opportunity in the heart of Mission Beach! This Tri-Plex has awesome views of Mission Bay and one of the largest Patios on the Bayfront. Exterior Remodeled/Upgraded in 2017. This property also includes a scenic balcony, 3 car garage, large Jacuzzi, built in BBQ, gas fire pit, LED lighting, & security cameras. 2,519sq/ft divided into 3 income generating units.

3525 Bayside Walk, Mission Beach



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Sunsets are always better at the beach

4 BR 3 BA Detached beach home with white water ocean views only 2 homes off the water in North Mission Beach! \$2,200,000.



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2279 Loring Street in Pacific Beach - \$869,000!

Beautifully remodeled contemporary detached home with 2312 SQ FT of living space! 3 bedrooms plus a den/office, 3 full baths and a private lush yard. Great southwesterly exposure from the living area and balcony, new flooring throughout, vaulted ceilings, quartz counter tops, custom wood cabinetry, energy efficient lighting and new HVAC.

