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Jury acquits man in gasoline splashing at Fiesta Island

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

After deliberating five hours over two days, a jury acquitted a man of attempted murder and attempted manslaughter in the splashing of gasoline on a woman at Fiesta Island.

The jury also acquitted Myles Edward Chapin, 46, of assault with a deadly weapon, which was gasoline, that may have splashed onto Rhonda Chittenden, of Pacific Beach, in a July 12, 2018 incident.

Chapin smiled broadly at his attorney, Angel Turner, after the verdict from the seven-man, five-woman jury was read at the end of the one-week trial.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert Trentacosta ordered Chapin released from jail Wednesday where he has been on \$1 million bail since the incident. He is from San Diego.

Jurors said afterwards they were not convinced that gasoline was ever spilled on Chittenden, with one juror commenting "her story

kept changing."

"It was she said, he said, circumstantial," said a female juror. "I didn't have proof."

"We couldn't be absolutely sure," said a male juror.

"The standards of finding someone guilty are very, very high," said a juror.

Chapin acknowledged he poured gasoline over himself during the 4 p.m. incident, but denied spilling any on Chittenden. His lawyer told jurors it was not illegal to try to commit suicide.

"I don't threaten women. Rhonda was my friend," testified Chapin. "I was bluffing, attempting to draw...sympathy from my friend."

"I doused myself pretty thoroughly," said Chapin. "If that had lit, I would have lit up like a Roman candle."

"I did not put any gas on her. She was five feet from me," said Chapin. "She was demanding the money I owed her."

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Man gets 23 years for sexually assaulting woman in Pacific Beach

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A man who sexually assaulted a Pacific Beach woman after crawling through her apartment window was sentenced on June 3 to 23 years and eight months in state prison.

Jeffrey Dean Hanze, 56, will have to serve 85 percent of his sentence because of his prior record before he can be paroled, his attorney, Manuel Avitia, confirmed afterwards.

The incident took place Oct. 1, 2018 at 1:45 a.m. in the woman's home on Chalcedony Street just east of Ingraham Street. The woman was initially asleep when he first touched her in bed.

Deputy District Attorney Jessica Coto said the woman moved out of the apartment as she no longer felt safe and returned to another

California city where she grew up.

Coto read her letter aloud to San Diego Superior Court Judge Polly Shamon. The victim said she could not sleep for weeks afterwards and she suffered from severe post traumatic stress disorder.

"I've lost my trust in men. I'll never be quite the same," wrote the victim.

Noting the long sentence, Coto said Hanze will "spend the rest of his days in prison." Hanze will have to serve 20 years before he can be paroled at age 76.

"He's very apologetic to his wife and children," said Avitia, who added his client has taken responsibility for his actions and has shown remorse with him since he first talked with him in jail.

"You have monumentally changed the lives of [the victims]," said Shamon.

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Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Galvin urged the 37-month term, while Martinez's attorney, Julie Blair, recommended 24 months. He could have received a maximum five-year term in prison.

There were nine other Hooligan gang members charged with Martinez, and most have been sentenced. The most recent sentencing was Sebastian Ponce who got 15 months after pleading guilty to stealing a Kawasaki Ninja motorcycle. Ponce was ordered to pay \$18,553 in restitution, according

to court records.

The restitution order for Martinez specifies he pay \$91,157 to Geico Insurance, \$71,347 to USAA, \$50,630 to Progressive, and \$33,262 to Allstate.

Approximately 50 percent of money placed on Martinez's books in prison will be diverted to the insurance companies, according to his sentencing documents. He will also be subject to paying the insurance companies back even after he is released from prison. He will be banned from associating with other Hooligan members even after his release.

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How, or will, new scooter regulations be enforced? SDPD responds ...

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

New scooter regulations took effect July 1. But how are they going to be enforced?

The answer, according to San Diego Police Department is: The same way all other laws are enforced, on a case-by-case basis, with highest-priority calls addressed first.

At present, scooter violations will go into the general police-call mix and will be responded to according to their severity, said SDPD Lt. and spokesperson Shawn Takeuchi.

"Officers will not have radar guns enforcing scooter speeds, and there are obviously some areas outside our jurisdiction that we cannot enforce," said Takeuchi.

Noting SDPD's workforce remains below desired levels despite recent pay increases and heightened recruitment, Takeuchi said technology will be relied on to help slow scooters down in high-volume areas.

"All the scooter companies will be required to use self-enforcing geofencing technology, putting 'boundaries' around certain areas," he said. "That technology uses constantly transmitted data to automatically reduce scooter speeds in certain designated areas."



Scooter riders head north up the boardwalk in Mission Beach.

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In specific geofenced areas, operators will slow scooters to 8 mph. Three of those designated areas are pedestrian-only, where operators will slow scooters to 3 mph with a push message notifying riders to leave that area. Geofencing will be in effect for beach-area boardwalks, Balboa Park, NTC

Park, Mission Bay Park, Petco Park and pedestrian-only locations, including North/South Embarcadero, MLK Jr. Promenade and La Piazza della Famiglia in Little Italy.

Takeuchi noted new scooter regulations now require them to be left in designated scooter corrals, 330 of which are now in down-

town, with more being determined in other City neighborhoods.

"Most corrals are being staged in front of red curbs, a dead-space area on the street," Takeuchi said.

The SDPD spokesperson said education about new scooter laws for users of all ages will be a big part of the initial rollout of scoot-

'We can't take a 100-percent zero-tolerance stance and just give everyone a ticket.'

Lt. SHAWN TAKEUCHI
SDPD SPOKESPERSON

er enforcement.

"We will stop double-riding," said Takeuchi, who added such violations are "not considered child endangerment."

"What you find frequently is that out-of-town tourists are the ones engaging in this behavior," he said. "With tourists, our first approach is to educate them to cease their behavior."

Takeuchi added the police department has to strike a balance between the spirit of the law and the realities of everyday enforcement.

"We can't take a 100-percent zero-tolerance stance and just give everyone a ticket," he said. "We hire officers and train them to use their discretion."

Concerning scooters and new regulations governing them, Takeuchi said the bottom line is, "We will enforce scooter violations as we can. We will use education and warnings first, then officers will use citations at their discretion."



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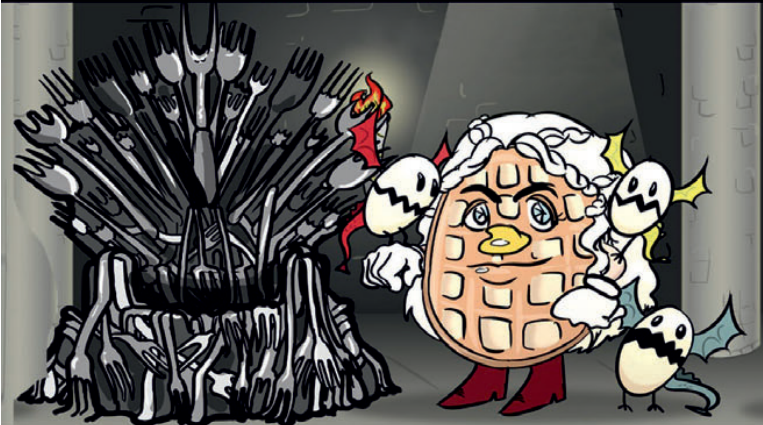
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PB Planning Group disapproves of Van Nuys Street project

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A map waiver request for two existing detached dwelling units being remodeled on a non-standard size lot in north Pacific Beach drew angry neighbors in opposition at Pacific Beach Planning Group's last meeting.

At issue was a request for a tentative map waiver for creation of two existing detached dwelling units described as condominiums, which are currently being remodeled on a residentially zoned 0.14-acre site on a cul-de-sac at 1039-1041 Van Nuys St.

Following lengthy debate among PBPG board members, neighbors and the developer, Robert Bateman of Beach Developer, LP, the board voted 9-5 to disapprove the project. Reasons for board opposition to the technically complex project included its unusual configuration, and allegations that it didn't fit the

neighborhood, would set a bad precedent and that it was an end-around zoning requirements maximizing profits at the neighborhood's expense.

"These two lots are long and skinny," noted PBPG chair Karl Rand.

Bateman defended his project, pointing out it was on a nonconforming lot caused by the previous street realignment of Van Nuys. "We're asking to build two single-family homes, but we could have built four units," he said. "But we didn't because it wouldn't have been best for the neighborhood. We wanted to create two single-family homes with yards – not rental units."

Bateman said affordability was another factor. "We want to sell to young families and they can't afford market-price homes going for \$2 million," he said, adding both dwellings would be well below that price point. "We did the best

we could, and we're sorry the community is in such an uproar."

Board members Carolyn Chase and Jason Legros questioned Bateman.

"This is an unusual lot-line situation, how many other situations exist like this in the neighborhood?" asked Legros.

"It's an anomaly, one of a handful of properties in PB like this," answered Bateman.

Neighbors weighed in against the project.

"If this exception gets pushed through it will be the rule on our street that you can have up to four units, it's very frightening," argued one.

"I feel like this guy broke all the rules," contended another.

"This will set a bad precedent in our neighborhood," and "one hundred percent of neighbors do not want this project," were other comments by neighbors addressing the Bateman project.

PBPG board member Eve Anderson, noting the roofs of the two structures are so close together you can almost touch one from the other remarked, "That's not a healthy way to live."

Group chair Rand noted the plan group's recommendation will be forwarded to a hearing officer who will make a decision on the Bateman project, which is appealable to both the City Planning Commission and ultimately, the City Council. He said the public will have input at every governmental level of review.

In other action

• PBPG board overwhelmingly approved a 1,200-square-foot, two-story granny flat at 1304 Emerald St. owned by a family intended for use by their daughter and her child. A couple of neighbors complained of a past history of noise from the main dwelling, which has been both a long- and short-term rental.

PB cell phone store robber gets 12-year sentence

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A second robber who held up a Pacific Beach cell phone store got 12 years and seven months in federal prison, which is about a year longer than what his buddy received.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephen Wong described Justin Wayne Caldwell, 32, as a career criminal, noting he was convicted previously of possession for sale of methamphetamine and ecstasy.

Wong recommended 151 months for Caldwell, and U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Whelan imposed that in June. The other bandit, Carlos Adolfo Soto, 41, was sentenced to 11 years and eight months in May.



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Residents prefer Option A for new Mission Bay Park signs

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Concept A is the preferred of two options offered for new way-finding signage throughout Mission Bay Park. The new signage is being designed to replace the 30-year-old signs directing visitors to marinas, beaches, streets, boat launches and attractions.

Both signage design concepts were unveiled previously at a May 7 community workshop at Mission Bay High School. May 13 was the deadline for residents to vote their preference on the City's Facebook and Nextdoor pages.

San Diegans submitted more than 2,500 opinions to help shape the next phase of sign redevelopment. While hundreds said they liked Concept B, twice as many preferred Concept A (at right).

"Given that public review of the two signage concepts was decidedly in favor of Concept A, the final design will most likely be a modified version of that concept," said Alec Phillipp, senior City spokesperson. "After 30 years of the current signage, the public appears eager to move forward."

Mission Bay Park is the largest aquatic park of its kind in the country, with more than 4,235 acres split about evenly between land and water.

Regarding when the final sign design/plans will be ready, Phillip



said: "A second concept is currently being developed, though we don't have a deadline for completion yet. A modified version of Concept A based on public input received is being developed and will be included within the PEIR as design guidelines, proposed locations, signage types, example graphics, etc."

Phillip said the public will have another opportunity to review the modified version of Concept A once it's developed.

There is presently no estimated cost for sign replacement, nor a start date for construction. The funding will likely come from the Mission Bay Park Improvement

Fund, according to the City.

As one of the City's most iconic destinations, Mission Bay Park hosts an estimated 15 million visitors annually. For those visitors, navigating throughout the area is assisted by a meticulously placed series of about 140 way finding signs.

A few highlights from the collected suggestions and comments on signage include: high contrast improves visibility; avoid fonts that are too narrow, use arrows rather than triangles for direction markers, include wildlife graphic elements, and add "Regional Wetland" to any tagline.

"We greatly appreciate the pub-

lic interest in this project," said James Arnhart, project manager for the City's Mission Bay Park Improvements Program Environmental Impact Report. "We will continue to consider all comments as we move forward in the design process."

The locations of signage, whatever ultimately is chosen, has yet to be determined. The City will evaluate the most effective locations for the various types of signs to orient and educate residents and visitors alike. It is possible that not every existing sign will be replaced at its current location.

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SEAWORLD RESUMES SUMMER FIREWORKS

SeaWorld San Diego has announced it will hold fireworks every Saturday night this summer at 9:50 p.m. through Aug. 31. There will also be a fireworks display Sunday, Sept. 1 at 9:50 p.m. The theme park added their fireworks schedule is subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Two years ago, SeaWorld put its summertime fireworks largely on hold, other than on the Fourth of July holiday weekend and for a handful of other special events, due to public opposition. A successful online petition drive was launched garnering more than 11,000 signatures against summertime displays.

SeaWorld fireworks detractors claim research shows "noise pollution from nightly fireworks causes harm to humans and other animals," allegedly due to noise pollution.

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REAL Scooters recently announced the launch of their Gen. 1 electric scooters. The scooters are built with large, durable wheels and suspension to offer a smoother ride. The wide deck is large enough to fit two feet side-by-side, and features an ergonomic safe thumb throttle as well as hand-operated brakes. Owners can park and lock the scooter while about town or at work.

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Find miniatures and collectables at Ms. Peggie's Place

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Ms. Peggie's Place's innumerable miniatures and collectables in Pacific Beach is a diminutive universe in exquisite detail. The name of the cottage-industry business at 5063 Cass St. refers to its previous owner/creator, Peggy Devine.

Current owner Michael Sue Nanos talked about how the business' "torch" got passed to her.

"I worked in an art store and [Devine] was a customer of mine, an art major who painted," Nanos said. "I started making things for her and teaching classes. She made me an offer I couldn't refuse when she retired. The business was 24 years old when I bought it. I've had it for another 15."

What's the appeal of miniatures? "Somebody told me it's control," said Nanos. "It's only you creating it. You make it what you want it to be."

"You can have in miniature what you can't have in the real world," agreed employee Peggy Boggeln, adding, "It's fun. The people are fun. The ideas and creativity that surrounds you is fun."

"I build a lot of it myself," added Nanos of some of her merchandise. "Most everything is handcrafted."

The price of miniatures literally goes from a quarter in the bargain bin to \$1,750 for a miniature



Ms. Peggie's Place has it all in miniature.

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Aspen tree whose individual leaves are all individually handcrafted.

While chatting, one of Nanos's students came in with some miniature Mexican pastries she'd crafted at 1/12th scale at her request.

Nanos thinks fantasy fulfillment might be another attraction of miniatures. "Doing grandma's farmhouse, or trying to capture a moment in time, there's so many reasons," she said for collecting miniatures. "There's a huge range of what people do."

Ms. Peggie's has it all in miniature: animals, furniture, dolls — everything.

All ages are interested in miniatures, even young people. "I've got children I teach classes to once a month," said Nanos.

Is Nanos grooming an heir apparent like she once was? "I wish I was," she said. "I keep looking."

Ms. Peggie's also carries all the building supplies needed to make miniatures. "I always say I have the biggest lumber yard on the West Coast," joked Nanos, who carries doll house miniature kits that sell for \$200 plus.

Nanos is old school, preferring her brick-and-mortar place to selling over the Internet. "This is a niche, truly," noted Nanos of her cottage industry pointing out it's hands-on. "The miniaturist wants to touch, feel, look at, compare it to the other one that's sitting next to it," she said. "You can't do that over the Internet."

Rubio's now offers Keto-style tortillas

Taco night just got more delicious, with the launch of Keto-style tortillas at Rubio's Coastal Grill. Guests looking for a low-carb, high-protein option can now order Rubio's tacos with cheese tortillas, with just two grams of carbohydrates each.

Recently, Rubio's employees noticed more guests asking for their tacos low-carb, without a corn or flour tortilla. One guest shared a photo of her Keto-style Rubio's taco on social media, and Rubio's co-founder, Ralph Rubio, took notice.

"This is an opportunity to offer a delicious cheese tortilla that already exists on our menu as part of our grilled gourmet taco line," Rubio said. "We now offer guests a Keto-friendly menu that meets their individual health and

wellness needs. Our cheese shell pairs well with every taco we serve, and is incredibly delicious."

The Keto-style tortillas are a blend of mozzarella, Monterey jack and white cheddar, placed on a hot flat grill until toasty and melted. Every taco on Rubio's menu can now be made to order with the Keto-style tortilla, with no additional fee. Guests simply need to request the Keto-style cheese tortilla when ordering.

Every taco on Rubio's menu can be ordered Keto-style, including: Salsa Verde Shrimp Taco, Grilled Gourmet Taco with Steak, Wild Alaska Salmon Taco.

"We also noticed more guests requesting vegan, vegetarian and gluten-friendly options, and making healthy substitutions," said Rubio.

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Over-the-Line Tournament begins July 13

It's been 66 years since the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club first called beachgoers out to San Diego's summer spectacular Over-the-Line Tournament, taking place this year from July 13-14 and July 20-21 at Fiesta Island on Mission Bay.

More than 1,000 teams will hit the sand at sunrise on Saturday morning, July 13, with their bats, balls and most creative team names to kick-off the annual signature summer tradition.

New this year is "Glow-TL," a glow-in-the-dark event, which kicks-off the annual championship on Friday, July 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. The inaugural OTL Beerfest happens the following weekend on Saturday, July 20, and features everyone's favorite local breweries and distilleries.

The first three game days will start at 7:30 a.m. and continue until sunset, concluding on Sunday afternoon, July 21, with the Men's Open Championship. Games will be three innings only for the first weekend of the tournament and four innings during the second weekend. The tournament will follow a double-elimination format for all participating teams in all nine divisions.

This summertime staple draws teams from all over the world, but OTL originated right here in San Diego. OTL dates back to 1954 on the sand of Mission Beach, where



The first three game days will start at 7:30 a.m.

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a group of beach volleyball players, awaiting an open court, grew antsy and began brainstorming ideas to pass the time. OTL was the result.

The bat-and-ball sport, trademarked by OMBAC, is a variation of softball that uses rope, a softball bat and a rubber ball. Three-person teams pitch, bat and field. The game is played on a sand court resembling a triangle attached to an open-ended rectangle.

OMBAC provides complimentary bus transport, as traditional parking fills the island early, usually closing it to traffic by 10 a.m. The "OmShuttle" goes to and from the island during the first three days of OTL. OmShuttle runs from Fiesta Island to the Sun Runner lot on Sea World Drive and from Fiesta Island to the Linda

Vista trolley station.

All OTL participants are asked to observe the no B's rule: "No bottles, bikes, babies or bowsers."

OMBAC is a nonprofit organization that focuses on amateur sports, youth athletics, and local charities. OTL is the group's main fundraising event. Past recipients of OMBAC's fundraising and donations have included UC San Diego Cancer Research, Jr. OTL Scholarships, Wounded Warrior Foundation, Huntington's disease, Bikes for Kids, Jr. Lifeguard Foundation, Cancer Walk, Marine Family Christmas Fund, Alpha Project, Meals on Wheels, Hospice, Pacific Beach Youth Group, San Diego St. Patrick's Day Parade, San Diego Blood Bank, OMBAC Rugby, OMBAC Lacrosse and OMBAC Water Polo.



Ethan Silber, Jonah Priest and Garrett Fall make up team Meat, which is sponsored by Saska's.

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Local teens win Junior Over-The-Line Tournament

After competing together in over-the-line tournaments since they were young kids, Ethan Silber, Jonah Priest, and Garrett Fall went undefeated to win it all at the Junior Over-The-Line Tournament held at Fiesta Island on Sunday,

June 23. The three friends from Pacific Beach Middle School were sponsored by Saska's and aptly named themselves, "The Meat." They plan to compete in the remaining two JR OTL tournaments held over the summer.

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Renovation of Pacific Beach Middle begins with razing of aging buildings

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Neighbors, administrators, teachers and alums looked on as construction crews demolished an aging building at Pacific Beach Middle on July 10 as part of the school's whole site modernization plan.

The update is part of San Diego Unified School District's capital projects funded by Propositions S and Z, local bond measures approved by San Diego voters. Funding from both propositions goes toward repairing, renovating and revitalizing neighborhoods schools like PBMS.

"It's so exciting to see this," said PBMS principal Kimberly Meng. "It's a huge commitment to the bond measures that allow us to create these amazing spaces in rundown places."

Dr. Mike McQuary, San Diego Unified School Board trustee, noted PBMS and the Mission Bay Cluster schools within San Diego Unified School District are unique.

"This is a magnet program," said McQuary of PBMS. "Kids from all over the city come here."

"They are building three new classroom stations inside our media center, as well as a nurse's office and a new counseling center," said Meng.

"This is really the second phase (of modernization)," said



Construction crews tear down one of the buildings at Pacific Beach Middle on July 10. DAVE SCHWAB / BEACH & BAY PRESS

McQuary, adding phase one was the new parking lot and playing fields PBMS shares with the YMCA.

"When all is said and done, we're going to have an amazing facility here," said Meng.

When was PBMS built? Meng said: "In every decade. The front building was built in the '30s because it started as PBElementary."

The whole site modernization plan at the school includes construction of a new two-story classroom building and three new classrooms in the existing library media center, and renovation and expansion of existing food service facilities.

The new two-story classroom will replace two aging buildings on the northeast corner of the cam-

pus along Felspar Street. When complete, it will include innovative work spaces, 26 classrooms and state-of-the-art technology.

Meng said air conditioning turned out to be the deciding factor determining whether old buildings on campus would be remodeled or torn down.

"There was talk about a new building, then it switched to reno-

'When all is said and done, we're going to have an amazing facility here.'

KIMBERLY MENG
PBMS PRINCIPAL

vating," the principal said. "Then once the board approved air conditioning for all the schools, that brought it back to a new building. That was the tipping point."

Added Meng: "We had algebra classes being taught in 98-degree heat at 2 p.m. No way [contractors] could put duct work up [in existing ceilings]. Now we're going to have a climate-controlled building with new classroom spaces, common areas for kids and different kinds of learning spaces."

Meng said the school's modernization project will done in 2021.

"I anticipate our incoming sixth graders will be able to learn in the new building," she said. "The entire project should be done with the fifth graders who will be coming here."

Will construction be disruptive when school resumes in the fall?

"A bit, but we're doing the worst part, the tear down, now so all the significantly impactful construction projects are taking place in the summertime," Meng said.

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Mission Bay grad to show paintings at La Jolla gallery

Mission Bay High graduate and emerging artist Lola Victor, and UK-based artist Revati Singh, will be co-exhibiting in "The Language of Abundance" from July 9 to Aug. 25 at The Fresh Paint Gallery, 1020-B Prospect St. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m., July 12.

The exhibition will showcase eight of Victor's large ink paintings, which she created during a six-month interdisciplinary artist residency with BNIM Architects San Diego.

Working across disciplines, Victor creates art that explores the power and fluidity of storytelling, both visual and written, as it pertains to myths and narratives of the feminine. Her large ink paintings display historical symbols, lyrical incantations, astrological references, natural elements, and feminine figures.

To create this work, Victor employs a tri-tone palette: metallic gold, black, and cream. She uses traditional Eastern art papers, brushes, and inks, and combines them with contemporary Western pigments, dyes, and linguistic elements. These works stand gracefully 6-feet tall and 3-feet wide, and display brilliantly in light like sacred and ancient scrolls.

This body of work is mystical and



Mission Bay High grad Lola Victor sits next to one of her paintings.

COURTESY PHOTO

enchancing. Each work is a visual journey, presenting both a story and a question of its own, but to experience them together is a powerful moment that should not be missed.

Victor is a San Diego native, who has spent her adult life living, working, and

exhibiting internationally. She is honored to unveil these new works for the first time in San Diego, and offer them in exhibition together at a new emerging artist gallery.

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"This is an iconic gathering place and has always been the centerpiece of Belmont Park since 1925," said Faulconer. "Today, we mark the beginning of its new future."

Faulconer praised the public-private partnership that went into re-creating the "cherished landmark." He gave kudos to Pacifica Enterprises, Belmont Park's operator, for turning the amusement park into a "world-class destination."

"Mission Beach has been waiting for this day for a very long time," concluded Faulconer.

Chris Wahl of Pacifica Enterprises praised the revitalized pool's "contemporary design," noting it hasn't always been so modern. "It used to be all stucco and you used to have to dodge falling pieces,

there used to be a net to catch it," he said.

Wahl noted two memorial plaques are outside the facility. One honors late educator Maruta Gardner, killed by an intoxicated driver.

"We miss her every day," said Wahl.

Steve Thomas, general manager of Belmont Park, noted, "It isn't often you come across an opportunity like this to rebuild a historical building in the City of San Diego, or work with a team that shares the same passion and vision."

Added Thomas: "Tomorrow, our country turns 243. Belmont Park is 94. Our gift to the City is this Plunge building that has new life and will bring the joys of swimming for years to come."

Thomas also cited Mission Beach Town Council for its support of the Plunge's revitalization, characterizing the group as "pillars of the community."

Founder/president Scott Lutwak of the

renovated Plunge's new operator, Fit Athletic Club, pointed out the restoration project has been seven years in the making.

"There's now rooftop yoga and cutting-edge equipment with endless ocean views and ocean breezes," he said. "That makes this the greatest fitness scene anywhere."

Belmont Park and its iconic Plunge pool's history date back to the 1920s and wealthy sugar magnate and early San Diego pioneer John D. Spreckels who built Belmont Park.

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LIVE MUSIC: Rock Goddess Benefit Night at Brick by Brick

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Brick by Brick will host a Rock Goddess Benefit Night on July 13. Funds raised will go to the Voices of Our City Choir, a non-profit that works with the area's homeless, through music. The evening will pay tribute to female rockers through the ages, with performances from Roni Lee, best known for

co-writing The Runaways classic "I Wanna Be Where The Boys Are," as well as from Rhythm Rose Turner, Shamini Jain, Jules Whelpton, Michele Whitlow, Francesca Valle, Bahar Shahidi, Laura Vreeland, Lee Eddy, Juliet Hawkins, and Colette Lopiccolo. This promises to be a great night of rock 'n' roll with the bonus of helping out a worthy organization.

Rock Goddess Benefit Night: Saturday, July 13 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8:30 p.m. 21 and up. \$15. brickbybrick.com.

The Pacific Beach Summer Concerts series returns for the season on July 21 at Kate Sessions Park. Taking place over four consecutive weekends through Aug. 11, the initial concert will feature music from Slower. Led by mohawked frontman Dominic Moscatello, the band is versatile, with a set list full of crowd pleasers ranging from AC/DC to Bruno Mars. As enjoyable as Slower is sure to be, it's hard to beat the incredible view of the city from this concert location, the mixture of music and scenery easily making the summer concerts series one of the most popular in San Diego.

Slower: Sunday, July 21 at Pacific Beach Summer Concerts, 5115 Soledad Road. 4 p.m. All ages. No cover. pbtowncouncil.org.

Indie combo Triton Eye performs at the 710 Beach Club on July 13. The seven-piece

band, complete with a three-piece horn section, is hard to pigeonhole, playing everything from classic rock to modern dance hits. While their cover tunes are solid, where they really excel is on their growing number of worthy originals. Songs such as the angsty soul tune "Leave This to Me" and powerpop gem "Text Me Back," showcase the band's range, with the horns adding superb dynamics.

Triton Eye: Saturday, July 13 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. 710bc.com.

Five-piece cover group, The Surf Birdz, perform at Humphrey's Backstage Live on July 17. The band keeps the energy level high in order to keep the dance floor packed, playing a mix of surf classics, such as The Chantays "Pipeline," dance favorites like Wilson Pickett's "Mustang Sally" and 1960s rockers including the Doors' "Light My Fire."

Surf Birdz: Wednesday, July 17, at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 7 p.m. \$5. humphreysbackstagelive.com.

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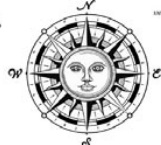
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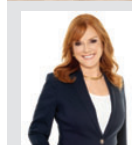
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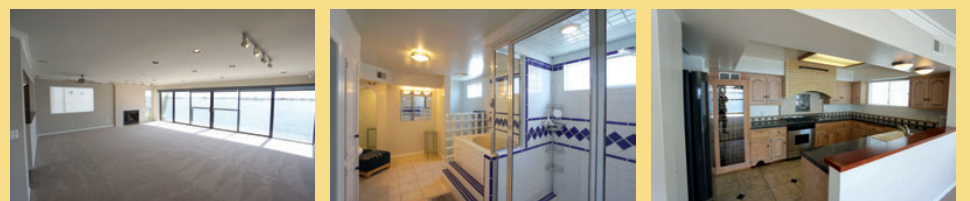
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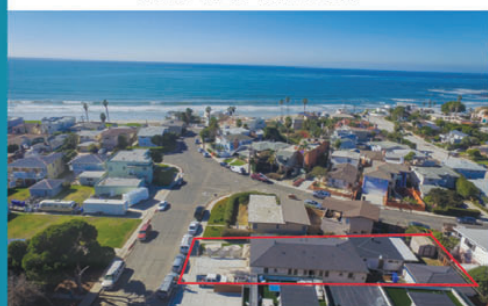


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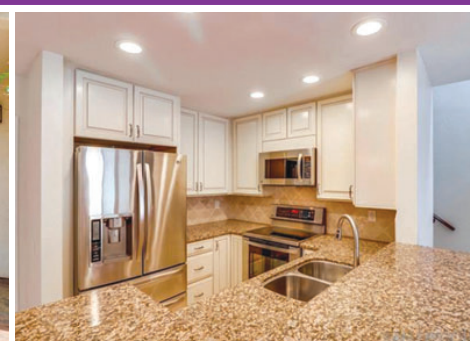
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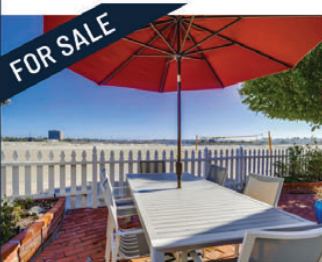
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