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PB shuttle from trolley to beach may start in June

By DAVE SCHWAB

acific Beach planners were told by City officials in April that the PB Shuttle Pilot designed to escort visitors from Balboa Avenue Transit Station to the business district and beaches is good to go and on schedule for a summer opening.

"I'm really excited to share a lot of great progress that we've had on the planning and forthcoming deployment of the Pacific Beach shuttle," said Krystal Ayala, program manager for Curb and Parking, City of San Diego's Department of Sustainability. "We're working toward a launch date in June."

There is a direct tie-in between PB's shuttle and the pilot parking meter zone on Garnet Avenue approved last year. Parking meters are planned for installation in two-hour spaces within the business district along the densest part of Garnet Avenue and surrounding streets sometime later this year.

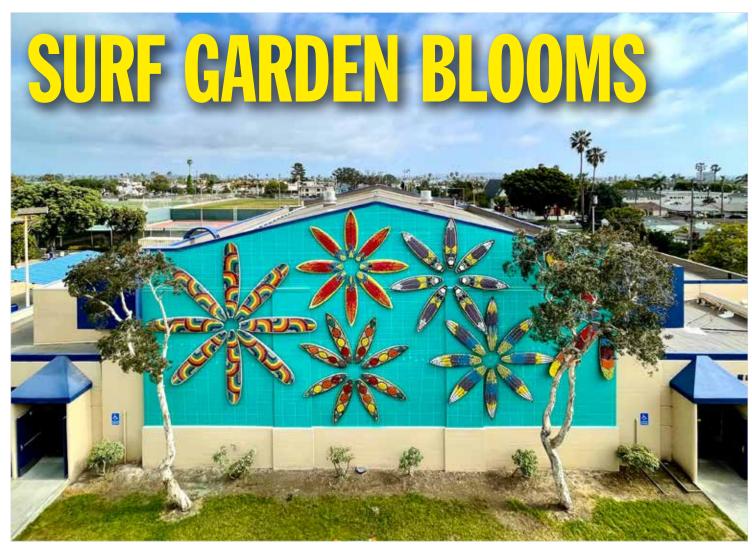
Ayala talked about a major goal in launching PB's parking pilot program. "We (City) want to make sure we improve access from the transit station, exploring how the shuttle can expand opportunities to use the trolley station, as well as to help us reduce demand for parking," she said.

PB's parking pilot is a key initiative of the PB Community Parking District said Ayala noting: "The City is also partnering with SANDAG in launching this project. SANDAG is providing matching funding allowing us to be able to jump-start the shuttle and bring these new and innovative technologies to our communities.

The San Diego Association of Governments is San Diego County's transportation planning agency governed by a board of elected officials from the region's 18 city councils and the County Board of Supervisors,

The City is proposing the deployment of a small, low-speed all-electric shuttle vehicle in PB ideal for short trips to and from its Balboa

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The Pacific Beach Community Surf Garden mural has been installed at Pacific Beach Recreation Center on Diamond Street.

New surfboard mural installed at PB Recreation Center

By DAVE SCHWAB

reated by muralist Rob Tobin with the aid of nearly 300 volunteers

and 64 donated surfboards, Pacific Beach Community Surf Garden has been installed at Pacific Beach Recreation Center, with a formal dedication expected soon.

"After four years involving vision, design, review, com-

munity input, city permitting, fundraising, structural engineering, patience, and tolerance, the Pacific Beach Community Surf Garden has been approved and installed," said Brian Curry, who spearheaded the the recreation center and take a look. It is spectacular and will be an incredible artistic by muralist Tobin. He discussed the "flower-

community/volunteer effort sponsored by

the Pacific Beach Town Council. "Come by

'The good news is you can still donate to the Surf Garden project at pbtowncouncil.org.'

- Brian Curry, who spearheaded the project

statement. It is a rec center beautification project that has evolved into a permanent City of San Diego Civic Art installation."

Much of the work on the donated mosaic-tiled surfboards used as "flower petals"

on the art piece adorning PB Rec Center at 1405 Diamond St., was conducted over several weeks during volunteer workshops led

ing" of the surf garden.

"I came up with this surfboard idea, and flowers, which just popped into my head: It just kind of came together like this," said Tobin, noting neighbors donated the surfboards used in the mosaic mural. "They also came out,

about 300 of them, to work on the tiling process over the course of a few months," he said.

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City seeks to expand wetlands, keep recreational spaces at De Anza

By DAVE SCHWAB

he City Parks and Recreation Board's informational hearing on a draft amendment updating Mission Bay Park's Master Plan turned into a scrum between environmental and recreational stakeholders.

Recreationalists, in large numbers, expressed fear that updating Mission Bay Park's Master Plan to create more wetlands would encroach upon and endanger active recreational uses of the park including baseball, soccer, tennis, etc.

Environmentalists, who've pointed out that wetlands now contained in Kendall-Frost Marsh have dwindled down to 1% of their previous extent, argue that maximizing wetlands expansion is critically important to improving water quality, storing carbon, and preparing for sea-level rise in the future.

De Anza Natural, the latest cove update, which is part of the larger Mission Bay Park Master Plan, seeks to balance recreational interests by maintaining active sports in Mission Bay while fulfilling environmentalists' desires to restore wetlands.

Both environmentalists and recreationalists argued their case during lengthy testimony before City Parks and Recreation Board on April 20.

"There's been a lot of talk about a balanced plan," testified Susan Crowers of Pacific Beach Town Council. "But with so many different groups vying with their special interests, it's a tall order. It's important to preserve the natural resources and habitat in the Kendall-Frost Marsh. But I can't emphasize strongly enough the immense value, and crucial role, of Bob McEvoy Youth Fields."

"Participation in youth sports provides immediate and long-term physical and mental benefits for youth, families, and their communities," continued Crowers. "With our City's aggressive pro-growth agenda packing more and more people into an already overcrowded area, it's more important now than ever to protect these recreational spaces for our kids."

"We are members of the ReWild Coalition and have done a lot of research and have been in a lot of training about the importance of marshlands and the immediate movement of climate change and how that will affect everyone's children," said Dr. Cherry Robinson of Climate Education and Activism For San Diego, which promotes climate science and education. "We're making some changes for our children. I very much encourage you to look at the ReWild Coalition's plan; it's a bit different than the City's current plan. Change is difficult. I hear everybody saying they don't want things to change. Climate change is happening. And we need to make hard choices.'

In a letter, Mission Bay Youth Field Association representing

DE ANZA NATURAL PLAN

- Expand wetlands for both habitats and for public enjoyment.
 Create an iconic recreation destination that maximizes the benefit offered to the region by this extraordinary waterfront amenity.
 Provide the highest and best use of the project area to serve the needs of a broad range of local and regional
- Identify a mix of uses that will provide sustainable revenue-generating leaseholds for the City. To meet these goals the City will engage the community and technical and design experts to determine the potential reuse of the project area to revitalize De Anza and surrounding areas and include a diverse mix of public recreation, camping, wetlands, and other active regional park uses.

youth baseball, softball, and soccer requested that the Mission Bay Master Plan be revised to "preserve, protect and enhance the current athletic area uses. The MBYFA collectively operates, maintains, and utilizes the Bob McEvoy Youth Athletic Fields and provides continuous year-round service to between 500 and 600 youth athletes between the ages of 6 and 16. The 8-acre community and regional field complex accommodates athletes across a broad area of our City including La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Clairemont, University City, North Park, and Central San Diego communities. The current draft proposes new uplands habitat and trail along Rose Creek which will eliminate two of the four ball fields.



The De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan envisions a balance of land uses that serves local and regional recreational needs, while also restoring natural habitats and preparing for the impacts of climate change.

"There are no provisions within the plan that state that the ball fields will be replaced in-kind," continues MBYFA's letter. "Relocating and replacing these ball fields will displace portions of the golf course or tennis courts. MBYFA wants to make it clear to the City that the elimination of these youth fields cannot be allowed to happen. The impacts associated with the destruction of these fields will result in the dissolution of these youth baseball, softball, and soccer leagues. There is no other alternative facility available for our leagues to operate."

After the rec board meeting, Jacob Gelfand, VP for Terra Vista

Management, Inc., which operates Campland on the Bay, stated: "Campland on the Bay and Mission Bay RV Resort have provided options for low-cost, family-friendly camping on the waterfront for more than 50 years in San Diego. While we support the preservation and enhancement of the park's natural environment, it is vital that any long-term plan for Northeast Mission Bay balance active recreation with the environment. Millions of San Diegans enjoy camping and recreation in northeast Mission Bay each year and those experiences must be preserved for future generations."

ReWild Coalition calls for maximum wetlands restoration

By DAVE SCHWAB

ReWild Mission Bay supporters held a press conference on April 19 to emphasize the need for the greatest possible volume of restored wetlands in the City's De Anza Natural wetland restoration proposal in northeast Mission Bay.

The event was sponsored by the ReWild Coalition, which includes members of San Diego Audubon Society, Outdoor Outreach, San Diego Pediatricians For Clean Air, San Diego Coastkeeper, San Diego Surfrider Foundation, and San Diego Sierra Club, among others. It was held the day before the City Parks and Recreation Board's informational public hearing to receive community testimony on the Draft De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, which has been released for public comment.

Developed with input from the public and stakeholders representing the wide variety of interests using De Anza Cove, the De Anza Natural Amendment envisions a balance of land uses serving local and regional recreational needs, while also restoring natural habitats and preparing for the impacts of climate change.

The plan amendment recognizes the benefits of wetlands, which



Andrew Meyer of San Diego Audubon Society, flanked by ReWild Coalition members (from left) Vi Nguyen, Sonia Diaz, Alex Ferron and other ReWild Coalition supporters, advocated for the City's implementing maximum wetlands restoration in updating Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

PHOTO BY DAVE SCHWAB

reduce the impacts of sea-level rise and improve water quality. Additionally, the City's Climate Action Plan has set a target to restore 700 acres of salt marshland and other associated tidal wetland and riparian habitats citywide by 2035.

One of the primary goals of the De Anza Natural Plan Amendment is to identify wetland restoration areas, which will contribute significantly to meeting CAP wetland restoration targets, increase Mission Bay's resilience to the impacts of climate change, provide critical habitat for sensitive species, and create

passive recreation and educational opportunities.

"ReWild Mission Bay is a project of the San Diego Audubon Society essentially to rewild and restore native wetlands of Mission Bay," said Tommy Hough, ReWild Mission Bay consultant and campaign coordinator. "We have this surviving component, Kendall-Frost Marsh, and we're trying to restore the wetlands there so we can have cleaner water and a more resilient shoreline sequestering (storing) carbon."

Added Hough, "We'd like to see maximum wetlands restoration and we're not really seeing the signs and the numbers for that (in the City's proposal). "We also want to see more data, more science, on how sea-level rise is going to affect existing public assets in Mission Bay Park."

"What we are pushing for is to restore some of this (Mission Bay) park, To give pieces back to the humans and wildlife for water-quality improvement, sea level-rise resilience, and carbon sequestration to help us meet our Climate Action Plan goals," said Andrew Meyer, director of conservation for San Diego Audubon Society.

Noting Mission Bay Regional Park is 4,200 acres. Mever pointed out Rewild is asking for 315 acres of restored habitat, 227 acres restored to tidal wetlands up-front, with the remaining acres to act as buffer/habitat where the marsh would migrate into it as sea level rises. "It is a small portion of what we all know and love about Mission Bay," he said adding, "There's plenty of space for camping and active recreation. We are encouraging the City to improve their plan (adding wetlands), and we also need the City to do sea level-rise modeling."

"We have a great opportunity to redefine the social and environmental determinants of health in our region," said Vi Nguyen of San Diego Pediatricians for Clean Air. "Maximum wetlands restoration will help us fight climate change and prevent the worst health effects – allergies, asthma, heat-related illnesses, etc. – that we are already seeing. San Diegans will be healthier if we get this done."

"The project area had 87 days of either advisories or closure in 2022 due to bacteria levels too high to meet water-quality standards," said Lucero Sanchez, of San Diego Coastkeeper. "Mission Bay annually draws approximately 15 million visitors, many from low-income communities of color." Those guests, she noted "do not have the loudest voices in this conversation."

"I'd like to compliment the City on their serious effort to rewild the northeast corner of Mission Bay," said Ron Askeland of the San Diego Sierra Club. "The Sierra Club supports the wildest wetlands restoration."

"Quality data sampling shows Mission Bay's waters test at such a high level for fecal bacteria that this water is unsafe to recreate in," said Alex Ferron, chapter manager for San Diego Surfrider Foundation. "ReWild will not only improve water quality in Mission Bay, but it is also a proactive measure to manage how sea-level rise is going to impact San Diego. Join us in supporting the wildest rewilding of Mission Bay for the future of our community and our environment."

MURAL»

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"People love it," answered Tobin, when asked about the reaction he received to the mural as he was installing it last week.

But the artist added the mural nearly took a different form. "The first concept I drew actually had the surfboards looking more like fish sideways," said Tobin, who added, "It just wasn't speaking to me as much. So we made them (fish) flowers. The surf garden theme (then) came from the flowers."

Tobin pointed out he's been doing murals for 20 years now for schools and nonprofits in places like North Park and National City, typically working with groups. "I rarely work alone," he said.

Asked if this was one of his more ambitious projects, Tobin replied, "Yes, by far," adding, "I've got a 300-foot-long project I did in National City."

Even mounting the PB Surf Garden proved a monumental undertaking. "We had to X-ray the building to make sure we didn't hit the rebar," noted Tobin, who added the formal dedication ceremony will likely be on a Saturday sometime early this summer.

Curry added some challenges remain with the mural. "Costs, due primarily to the extensive engineering and more expensive



Muralist Rob Tobin installs the mosaic-tiled surfboards on the Pacific Beach Rec Center at 1405 Diamond St.

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materials, have exceeded our original budget," he said. "Costs have not yet exceeded our fundraising donations but there are significantly fewer funds to complete the project as envisioned (e.g., lighting, landscaping, etc.) and the intended use of excess funds for other rec center improvements."

Added Curry: "The good news is you can still donate to the Surf Garden project at pbtowncouncil. org. All donors get a tile (shaped like a surfboard) that will be permanently installed in the exhibit. Please tell everyone about the project and our need for additional funds to make the Surf Garden a one-of-a-kind example of a

community-sponsored artistic beautification endeavor for the benefit of all the public be they residents, visitors, and workers here in PB."

Tobin especially liked the "recycling aspect" of the art project, in that it utilized old surfboards that he said otherwise "would have ended up thrown away in the landfill. This project took an environmental stance and was more upcycle. It also got buyin and involvement from the community."

Of his new creation, Tobin concluded: "It's been amazing. I would do it again. I would do it in every city up and down the coast and in Hawaii."





MBHS students plan to install drop boxes for prescription meds

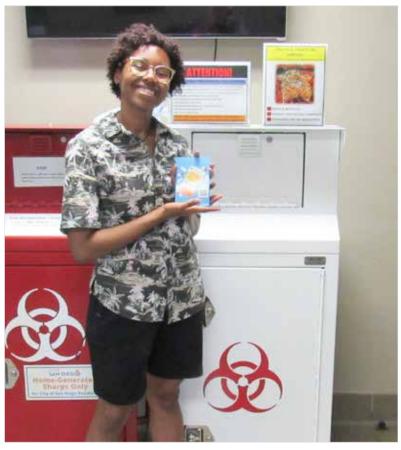
By DAVE SCHWAB

students recently clued Pacific Beach Town Council in on their project to create permanent, year-round drop boxes countywide for the safe disposal of expired and unwanted prescription pills.

At PBTC's April 19 meeting, the Youth Advocates Club of MBHS, in conjunction with National Prescription Drug Take Back Day on April 22, told the council members of its plans to establish a few dozen locations around San Diego County. The new boxes are in pharmacies and public buildings.

Students talked to PBTC, distributed magnets, and explained the importance of removing old prescription pills. Their campaign continued afterward with their passing out magnets on Take Back Day, as well as with events on campus at Mission Bay High.

Youth Advocates Club members also pointed out there are no Take Back Day sites in PB, noting residents' only current option is using permanent drop boxes at pharmacies. To help people find new drop boxes providing a safe way to dispose of unwanted prescription medications, Youth



Youth Advocates Club president Khouri Evans at one of the prescription drug drop boxes that are available all year long.

Advocates Club members passed out magnets with QR codes.

Youth Advocates Club president Khouri Evans, a senior, explained how the drop-box system works. "The magnets have a QR code on them that links to a map showing all the permanent drop boxes around San Diego, including two in PB," she said. You don't have to wait for the next Take Back Day. You can get rid of your old medications all year long."

"Whether you put your old pills

MISSION BAY YOUTH ADVOCATES

The Mission Bay High School club, which started in 2019, does leadership development and youth substance abuse prevention. Take Back Day factoids:

- Take Back Days are held twice a vear.
- There were 21 Take Back locations around the county on April 22.
- There aren't any take-back locations in PB, but there are drop boxes at the two CVS pharmacies there.
- Students designed magnets that link to a map where people can find a
- drop box in their own neighborhood.

 Getting rid of old medication
- prevents accidental poisonings as well as opioid abuse.
- Medicine that is flushed down the drain ends up in the ocean.
- Meds tossed in the trash eventually go into a landfill, where they can seep into the groundwater.

in a drop box or bring them to a Take Back Day, it's a way to prevent opioid addiction from starting in the first place," continued Evans adding, "Most people, especially here in the beach area, care about the environment. We don't want to pollute the ocean by flushing pills down the drain."

In San Diego County, prescription drugs contributed to 912 deaths in 2021. Nearly 3,000 pounds of old meds were turned



in at local Take Back Day sites in October of that year. A survey showed nine out of 10 San Diegans would use drop boxes in pharmacies to get rid of their old meds.

In using the QR codes on magnets, San Diegans can type their zip code into the interactive map provided to find nearby drop boxes in stores, pharmacies, and public buildings. That means people don't have to wait for the next Take Back Day to dispose of their pills that are expired, unwanted, or no longer needed.

DEA San Diego Field Office teams up with more than 4,300 partners annually to remove unneeded prescription medications from communities. San Diego County Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force's 2022 Report Card can be viewed at sdpdatf.org/annual-report-cards.

UC San Diego students hold Walkout For Climate rally

By DAVE SCHWAB

ossil-free UC San Diego. That's what some university students called for on April 19 at a "Walkout For Climate" rally held at Geisel Library on campus, during which protesters called on Chancellor Pradeep Khosla to commit UC San Diego to campus electrification by 2030.

The climate rally was supported by UC San Diego students who walked out of classes to join the protest, along with allies from the Sunrise Movement San Diego, San Diego 350, Sierra Club's San Diego Chapter, the United Auto Workers Locals, The California Nurses Association, and several others.

The UC San Diego main campus burns fossil gas for electricity generation and heating/cooling, thereby emitting more than 170,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year.

"UC San Diego must stop burning fossil gas and lead the transition to renewable energy," said the UC Green New Deal, a UC San Diego climate movement pushing to run the campus on renewable-generated electricity, in a statement before the April 19 climate rally. "This will encourage the 10-campus UC system to do the same: help California's renewable energy transition, and accelerate emissions reduction in other states and the nation. Our walkout comes at a critical time with a 10-campus task force and our faculty allies that, all together, may soon trigger a decisive commitment to



UC San Diego students called for a fossil-free campus on April 19 at a "Walkout For Climate" rally held at Geisel Library.

electrification from the UC San Diego Administration."

"UC San Diego is currently engaged with the system-wide Fossil Free Pathways Task Force to evaluate what would be required to achieve electrification of main campus energy systems, as well as explore other potential technologies that could result in a 90 percent or greater reduction in scope 1 emissions from fossil gas use," said Leslie Sepuka, associate director, university communications.

"UC San Diego is the size of a small- to mid-sized city, with complex energy needs for research labs and hospitals. Although labs and hospitals require high levels of energy for activities such as the sterilization of equipment, the university works to achieve the appropriate level of energy with the highest level of efficiency. In addition to electrification, the university will continue to explore potential technologies, including hydrogen, concentrated solar thermal, and others that could align with both our climate goals and the demands of our campus," Sepuka said.

Since its founding in 2019, the UC Green New Deal coalition's efforts led to the creation of a Fossil

Free Pathways Task Force in 2022. It is hoped the task force will guide the 10 UC campuses to make campus electrification plans that don't require burning gas.

UC San Diego Professor Adam Aron, a Green New Deal member who participated in the climate rally, talked about its objectives. "We've got a climate crisis, and if we don't dramatically cut our (carbon) emissions by more than 50% in the next 10 years or less – we could be changing our world (for the worse) in a matter of decades," he emphasized adding, "It is very urgent to leave fossil fuel in the ground."

Arguing UC San Diego's co-generation plant emits nearly 200,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year, Aron said, "We want the campus to stop burning fossil gas and plug itself more into solar and renewable electricity. That's what we've been pushing for."

Aron is a climate activist and professor of psychology at UC San Diego. His research and teaching focus on the social science of collective action on the climate crisis. He is the author of a book titled "The Climate Crisis."

The climate activist said UC San Diego hasn't gone far enough in greening the university's power usage. "Up until now, UC San Diego's policy has been to keep burning fossil fuels and pretend that it can make good buying carbon offsets. That's nonsense. Our efforts have been to push for UC's 10 campuses to electrify, and we've made headway in that."

A carbon offset refers to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions – or an increase in carbon storage through land restoration or the planting of trees, etc. – that is used to compensate for emissions that occur elsewhere.

"Our walkout, our rally, was to get Chancellor Khosla to commit to electrification," concluded Aron. "We need the chance to adopt a goal, which is to declare that we will electrify by 2030. Just making plans is not enough. We have to have a commitment from our leaders to actually move forward with that."



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Mission Bay girls lacrosse earns first victory over Clairemont

By HECTOR TRUJILLO

he Mission Bay girls lacrosse team came out with an impressive 14-8 home victory over Clairemont on April 14 to earn the Bucs their first win of the

"Honestly, we're really focused on ourselves," said head coach Hayley Burke. "Last year, we were in the lower division and we won our league. We lost 12 seniors last year and this year we got bumped up into a more difficult division."

Mission Bay swept both games against Clairemont last season on their way to a 14-4 overall record and hope that victory is a prelude of things to come. This season's team has three quarters of its roster playing competitive lacrosse for the first time as they close out the remaining games left on the schedule.

"It's a big learning year for us and we're playing some really good teams," Burke added. "That's why we're really focused on us and just improving every game. By the end of the season if we get another



Mission Bay's Ella Megliola controls the ball at midfield.

PHOTO BY STEVE SIDELL

couple wins under our belt that's all we can ask for and making sure that we're getting better."

Among the standout players so far this year for Mission Bay are senior co-captains Jordyn Jones, Eve Brogan, Izzy Garcia, and Haley Venard along with sophomore goalie Sydney Kidd who has had an impressive save percentage throughout the season.

Mission Bay has games remaining with Canyon Hills on April 28, and Mater Dei on April 29 as they close out the season with back to back road matches versus University City on May 3 and San Diego High School on May 5. After the win, the Bucs stayed and rooted on the boys lacrosse team to a victory over Preuss School UCSD later that evening.



Richie Lynn Nguyen of Mission Bay takes a shot.

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The Mission Bay girls lacrosse team will look to get even with Academy of Our Lady of Peace

this season. Since then, the team has averaged over five goals per game and continue to get consistent play from sophomore goalie Kidd. "Last year we had a senior goalie and she didn't play one game,"

said Burke. "Her

on Wednesday

at home (after

press time) in a

rematch from

April 3. On that

occasion, AOLP came out with

a 16-1 victory,

which was the

most lopsided de-

feat for the Bucs

save percentage is unreal. This year, she's been playing lights out and

is one of our best players and a game-changer."

One year later, Crown Point violin teacher's impact lives on in music

By JILL BHOWMIK

ans of live music should mark their calendars for a special day to honor beloved violin teacher Stephen Luchs at Crown Point Junior Music Academy (CPJMA) on May 10 from 4-6 p.m. The event is the brainchild of Friends of CPJMA and Cathy Valenzuela, former CPJMA employee, and parent of a child who learned violin from Luchs.

"We wanted to do a music day, something that brings joy, something that brings happiness," Valenzuela said about the event. Luchs was an accomplished

musician who taught CPJMA students the violin using the Suzuki method. He passed away on April 10 of last year.

"I wanted to continue his legacy as long as we could," Valenzuela said. Luchs' love of music, particularly when created by youth, was evident to anyone who ever saw his students perform. His music and life lessons live on in his students.

Fifth-grader Emma Steinberger said that learning an instrument helps her let out her emotions. "If I feel happy while I am playing the violin, I can let out those emotions in the song. The same goes for being sad," Steinberger said.

Luchs liked to start class by asking the students if they knew any jokes. "He always used to joke around. He was just so funny," fourth-grader Marlee Overton said. She credits Luchs for the fact that she was accepted into the San Diego Unified District's advanced orchestra. "He was a really great teacher," she said. Luchs, Overton recalled, didn't let the COVID restrictions prevent him from teaching violin. which he did via Zoom when the school was shut down.

The music-day organizers want to make sure that the love Luchs had for music education and musical performances continues to grow. The event will include music performances, interactive activities, speeches, and opportunities for former students to perform. There will also be photos to remember Luchs. The public is welcome to this day in his honor created in hopes that his impact plays on.

"We should always continue celebrating Mr. Luchs for his dedication, his motivation, his kindness, and his contribution to teaching violin," Steinberger said. "Not only was he my teacher, but he was a friend. A funny, motivating, intelligent friend."



Stephen Luchs

Gardens and chickens and crafts, oh my! PB Middle celebrates Earth Day

acific Beach Middle School celebrated Earth Day with students and community members on April 21 during a festive lunchtime event held in the revitalized campus garden. The celebration was hosted by the PBMS Garden Club, a student club dedicated to planting and maintaining the school's garden, and featured the introduction of the school's newly hatched baby chicks, the release of ladybugs and worms, and fun craft activities.

PBMS welcomed current Board of Education Trustee Cody Petterson, former Board of Education Trustee Dr. Michael McQuary, other members of the Pacific Beach community, and volunteers from UPS who helped run the Earth Day activities for the roughly 100 students who participated. These activities included creating pots of succulent plants and building pine cone bird feeders, using peanut butter and



PBMS seventh-grader and Garden Club member Mars W. releases earthworms into one of the school garden vegetable beds during the recent Earth Day cele-

birdseed. UPS also provided about 500 ladybugs that, along with earthworms, were released in the garden. Ladybugs prey on harmful



Three of PB Middle School's newly hatched chickens.

insects, and earthworms help improve soil fertility.

Another highlight of the event was the official debut of the school's chicks, which had hatched during the week prior to Earth Day. PBMS library technician and Garden

Club advisor Sally Kaufman held a campuswide contest where students and staff could guess which of 12 incubating eggs would hatch first. PBMS Principal Kimberly Meng and eight students who voted for "Eggiana Grande" were the

COURTESY PHOTO

lucky winners. Once fully grown, the chicks will live in the hut adjacent to the school garden.

The PBMS Earth Day celebration had been an annual school event before COVID and construction interrupted the tradition.

"It's so nice to bring this activity back to campus," said Kaufman, who organized the event. "It's so fun to see the students so engaged with nature, whether it's with the plants or the chicks. The students are amazed by how quickly the chicks and the plants are growing, but we adults are just as amazed by how quickly the students are growing."

"My favorite part [of the festivities] was the amount of enthusiasm everyone had," said seventh-grade Garden Club member Mars W. "Whether they were releasing the ladybugs and worms or chilling with friends and creating succulents, it was pretty neat that so many people came and checked out what we were doing."

Premium Decor San Diego offers elegant and affordable furniture

By DAVE SCHWAB

he mission of Premium Decor San Diego in Pacific Beach is clear: to create unforgettable memories via its elegant-yet-affordable furniture.

Billing the business as "premium décor without premium prices," the custom furniture store showcases American-made sofas. sectionals, and beds in its colorful showroom at 2710 Garnet Ave., Suite 108.

"I used to work for a larger company for more than 20 years and I've worked in the home-décor industry selling high-end products for over 25 years," noted owner Luis Mayser. "Now my business is basically almost direct to the customer. Our attention to detail to your needs is our priority; not our inventory. We are able to provide excellent customer service through our top-of-the-line furniture at competitive prices by working with



Owner Luis Mayser inside his custom furniture store Premium Decor in Pacific

our local communities."

Mayser noted his brick-and-mortar PB business is it – his showroom, his warehouse, etc. Best of all, he pointed out, all the furniture he sells is American-made.

Of his clients, Mayser said they are mostly homeowners, adding they come to buy furniture from him because "my prices are so good" compared to his competition.

PREMIUM DECOR SAN DIEGO

Where: 2710 Garnet Ave., Suite 108. Info: premiumdecorsd.com, 619-961-5660.

Mayser went from one piece of furniture to another in his showroom, noting how his products are substantially marked down from prices they are sold at elsewhere. He added there also isn't a long wait for his furniture, as there is from his competitors who have to ship their product in from foreign countries.

Going in-between articles of furniture in his showroom, Mayser pointed out that the furniture pieces he sells are all custom-made and of superior quality. "I have everything for the living room and bedroom, which are manufactured in Los Angeles," said Mayser whose inventory includes accessories including rugs, end tables, mirrors, lamps, etc. He added the

furniture frames he sells "have a lifetime warranty."

Premium Decor has been at its present location for three years. And Mayser wants to get the word out that he is offering a better deal. "You are paying so much money buying from the big stores because you think you're getting a better-quality product," he said while adding, "You can buy made in the U.S. now for less price."

There are other benefits to working with an independent furniture retailer like Mayser. "I sell a lot of the floor models for 20% off," he said. "So, if you want this one today – you can take it. That's why I always switch my floor. Every 45 days, you are going to see new products."

What are customers looking for in high-end furniture? "Something that is very functional is stain-resistant," Mayser answered.

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By FRANK SABATINI Jr.

7 ou don't have to endure a 30-hour flight itinerary to Nepal to savor some of its traditional, homespun dishes. Amid the small number of Himalayan restaurants dotting the local landscape is Bhojan Griha, which is located where San Diego Avenue and Congress Street verge.

Pronounced "BO-jan Gree-ha," the restaurant's name translates to "food house" in Nepalese. It features a large, welcoming patio and a Zen-like interior adorned with colorful prayer flags and other décor imported from the enchanted land.

Owner Smita Giri and executive chef Sanjog Chaudhary both originate from Nepal, a rugged country of high peaks with some rising to more than 21,000 feet above sea level. Their menu accurately reflects dishes they savored while growing up.

Before first meeting in San Diego

and opening the restaurant a couple years ago, they each worked in the dining industry for a number of years — Giri in Nepal and England, and Chaudhary in San Diego and The Bay Area.

As I approached on foot, the redolence of cardamom, cloves, allspice, cumin and other spices suddenly supplanted the aromas of hot tortillas and carne asada I had just left behind. Though similar to Indian cuisine, Himalayan cooking flaunts some distinct differences.

"Nepalese food is less oily and with no sugar. And we do more steaming of the vegetables and meats," said Chaudhary, who credits his mother and grandmother for teaching him classic Nepalese recipes at an early age.

In addition, cream is used in restrained measures — or not at all. Although an exception is made for an outstanding entree of velvety butter chicken, served in a slim copper bucket brimming with boneless

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chicken strips and cream-laden tomato sauce. Unlike the Indian version, which calls for a fair amount of butter, this receives only a pat on top. And it 100% sufficed.

Popular throughout Nepal are steamed momo dumplings with sturdy casings to support a variety of fillings.

Bhojan Griha's veggie-filled chat samosa. PHOTO BY FRANK SABATINI JR

Bhojan Griha owners Smita Giri and chef Sanjog PHOTO BY FRANK SARATINI IR. Chaudhary. I chose coming from either the meat or chicken

poultry jazzed up with minced onions and cilantro. Somewhere in the scheme there

seemed a pleasant hint of sesame

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the thin, zingy tomato sauce bathing the momo.

Chaudhary says the momo can also be served "fried, seared, sauteed or in soup form" if preferred.

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PET MEMORIAL PLANS FOR FIESTA ISLAND

Purpose: To re-create a new rock memorial in the off-leash area on Fiesta Island where the public can place painted memorial rocks honoring their deceased pets, replacing a previous memorial honoring lost pets. **Description:** It will be a 6-foot by 6-foot area outlined by decorative cement blocks resting on a crushed rock and block footing. This plan, designed by Charles Daniels from Park Design Review, will be a 4-inch by 4-inch post in the center engraved with "Our Beloved Pets."

Materials: There will be an 8-inch deep trench with 4 inches of crushed 3/4 inch rock at the bottom. On top of the rocks, there will be one row of 4-inch tall concrete decorative blocks bringing it even with the soil surface. Another row of decorative blocks will be added on top of this to make the enclosure.

Cost: All materials will be purchased, paid for, and delivered to the area by Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO), a nonprofit organization with more than 16,000 members. Labor will be performed by FIDO volunteers. There will be a 4-foot tall temporary barrier fence around the site during construction.

Liability: FIDO carries a \$2 million Commercial General Liability insurance policy and will provide an endorsement naming the City of San Diego as an Additional Insured.

Location: It will be at the intersection of two paths in the center of the offleash area so mowing will only be required along two sides.

City Parks and Rec endorses new pet memorial for Fiesta Island

By DAVE SCHWAB

he City's Parks and Recreation Board unanimously endorsed a proposal by Fiesta Island Dog Owners to re-create a pet memorial in the off-leash section of the man-made island.

The impromptu pet memorial had been their about 10 years and was removed a year ago after someone complained of a canine being buried close by. The City subsequently removed the remaining memorial-painted rocks, eventually storing them at the park ranger's office for retrieval.

FIDO folks were wagging their tails after the park board's April 20 decision. "We're very excited to be able to begin moving forward on the rock memorial replacement," said Jean Spengel, FIDO secretary. "A lot of people were sad to see the old memorial removed, so this will once again give them a place to honor their deceased pets. It will give people a quiet place to remember their lost four-legged friends."

Previously, Spengel had said that Fiesta Island is "the only place where you can really exercise and walk in nature with your dog." She added, "We were able to convince the City and the California Coastal Commission that dog walking was really a valid recreational use for



people."

Over the past decade, people using the off-leash area of Fiesta Island to walk their pets had been organically placing painted rocks there to honor dogs lost. The memorial was in a six-foot-diameter spot next to a path in the middle of more than 90 acres.

Spengel noted there is no consultant for the pet memorial re-creation project.

"Everything was done by FIDO board members," she said. "The plan we submitted to the Park Design Division was slightly modified by

that department, but our submitted plan got the ball rolling."

Concerning the timeline for Fiesta pet memorial construction, Spengel said: "It will take at least two to three months to get the right of entry permit, which allows us to enter the area and do the work. There is also other paperwork and administrative fees to pay before we can begin. We would like to have the project completed by early fall.

"We are all set to proceed so it all depends on how fast the City can get us through the paperwork,"

continued Spengel. "As FIDO board members and volunteers are going to do the work, we must also go through a 'Volunteer Program' that allows us to work on projects within the park.'

Of FIDO's long-term aspirations on Fiesta, Spengel noted they are "to continue to help perform and fund maintenance and improvement projects within the fenced offleash area. We have other projects that we're currently working on and hope to move forward with those as well."

Diamond Street set to become permanent slow street

By DAVE SCHWAB

'n April, City officials updated Pacific Beach Planning Group on plans to make permanent the temporary Slow Street Program on Diamond Street, which was instituted during the pandemic to facilitate non-motorized travel.

Those plans include several changes including the placement of permanent signs, bollards or diverters, and striping or lane markings, along with designated crossings. A cornerstone of the Pacific Beach EcoDistrict, PB Pathways are safe, comfortable neighborhood streets that connect to places without driving a car.

The Slow Streets Program

closing off Diamond Street to motorized travel from Mission Boulevard to Haines Street in was introduced by former Mayor Kevin Faulconer in April 2020 as a temporary measure following the closure of the PB boardwalk during COVID. The objective was to create safe shared spaces allowing residents to get around for essential travel while maintaining physical distancing.

"The PB community has had Diamond Street on its PB Pathways network since 2015," said Everett Hauser of the City's Transportation Department and Mobility Planning Program.

Asked about the timeline for transitioning Diamond Street from temporary to permanent slow

streets status, Hauser replied, "Our goal is to get it in by May 31."

Hauser pointed out that PB Pathways is a way-finding measure involving the "identification of lower-volume streets" in order to navigate neighborhood streets more easily. He noted slow streets were started, in conjunction with PB Pathways, after both the beaches and parks were closed. Diamond Street was then selected as the most desirable spot to model slow streets.

Hauser said the Slow Streets Program on Diamond Street was well publicized and that the community actively promoted it as well as having an online survey to get community feedback on it. "It was a unique application at the time," he said adding, "Last year, PB Planning Group made a recommendation for the City to upgrade signage and conduct outreach."

In February 2022, Kohta Zaiser, the mayor's deputy director of community engagement, told PB Town Council, "The Slow Streets Program is moving forward. This was a pilot program for shared space, the first of its kind in the City."

Of the City's proposed changes back then, Zaiser noted: "Instead of A-frame signs now at the end of every block, we may be installing diverters, which are bollards (short vertical posts), that will go in the middle of the street and essentially take the role that A-frames play. It is a natural reducer of speed that cars will have to go around to get



A diagram used in the City's slideshow presentation on making the temporary slow streets program on Diamond Street permanent was presented at PB Planning Group's April meeting.

access to the street. This is something that will allow safer use of the road for all ages and all vehicle

"We're (City's) proposing putting in a couple of diverter systems that would restrict vehicles requiring cars going east and west to make right-only turns, but still allow pedestrians and people on bikes, blades or other wheels to go through," noted Hauser, "Really what that's trying to do is the same as what the PB Pathways system is trying to do: keep these streets identified as your network, but also keep the traffic volumes lower, which helps keep speeds down and makes it a much more pleasant place for people walking and running."

After the City's slideshow presentation, PBPG board member Scott Chipman pointed out that slow streets have been controversial. "I just want to remind people that this was not universally supported," said Chipman. "There

was a (previous) presentation at PB Town Council with very mixed reviews. A lot of people came in and said, 'Why are you changing my street?' People who live, and have a history, on the street shouldn't be abused. Being abused verbally is what residents on that street have had to endure. And people on adjacent streets are saying, 'Why are you funneling more traffic onto our street which is causing speeding and congestion?"

PBPG member Gordon Froehlich said he spoke recently with a Diamond Street neighbor who told him, "She liked the concept of the slow street, but she thinks it's dangerous now."

Other board members pointed out those traveling on wheels typically "don't stop for signage."

One Diamond Street neighbor, a 45-year resident, commented that "the barricades were a nightmare for us" asking, "And now you want to make them so that cars can't go through – only people and bikes?"



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Avenue Trolley Station. "They're already operating in downtown San Diego," noted Ayala about the new electric shuttles." She added, "There is a lot of momentum around how these smaller electric vehicles can really integrate the existing mobility system. One of the key goals of this is providing a service that is responsible to the community's needs."

Ayala pointed out that wait times and cost are important factors being considered in designing a new shuttle service that is "really going to encourage people to perhaps leave the car at home – or try a shuttle to commute."

It is also hoped the new PB Shuttle Pilot will also facilitate PB's new metered parking district on Garnet when it goes into effect. A year-long pilot parking meter program was approved by the City on a portion of Garnet Avenue in 2022. An election was held last Oct. 11 for board members of the Pacific Beach Community Parking District to administer that parking meter pilot.

PBCPD will serve as the advisory board to the community's Parking Management District and will function as the place to discuss and implement parking programs. Discover Pacific Beach, the community's business improvement

district, will provide administrative support, financial management, logistics, office space, staff support, and other services as needed by PBCPD.

Approved unanimously by the City Council on July 20, 2021, the PB parking pilot proposes putting 321 high-tech metered, two-hour-or-less-time-limited parking spaces on Garnet Avenue. That City Council action capped a yearslong quest by some merchants, local residents, and community planners in PB, who contend paid parking is a management solution and tool that will help solve traffic problems. Supporters claim paid parking will provide a continuing revenue stream for Pacific Beach



City program manager Krystal Ayala updates Pacific Beach Planning Group in April on the new electric shuttle service from Balboa Avenue Transit Station expected to begin in June.

PHOTO BY DAVE SCHIMA

that stays in the community and can be used to fund community-improvement projects.

However, concerns remain among some community residents

who fear the paid-parking pilot could displace parking for residents, negatively impact their quality of life and be self-perpetuating and sustaining.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2023-00015537 -CU-PT-CTL SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; STREET ADDRESS: 330 W BROADWAY CITY AND ZIP CODE: SAN DIEGO, CA 92101; BRANCH NAME; SUPERIOR COURT . TO ALL IN-TERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner (name): WILLIAM THOMAS MILLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a WILLIAM THOMAS MILLER to Proposed name: WILLIAM THOMAS CARLSON court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that indicates the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filled, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 06/01/2023 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 61; b. The address of the court is SAME AS NOTED ABOVE: 3 a. A copy of this Order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS, AND PENINSULA BEACON. Date: April 17, 2023 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT MICHAEL T SMYTH ISSUE DATES: APRIL 21, 28, MAY 5 & 12 ATTACHMENT TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE – Name Change (NC-120) Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the Court not conducting in-person hearings, the following order is made: NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The Court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause. If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written objection has been received (require at least two court days before the date specified), the petition will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to you. If all of the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail you a written order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. IF YOL ARE A RESPONDENT OBJECTION TO THE NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holidays) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to the court on the specified Date, you will be notified by mail by the Court of a future hearing date. Any petition for the Name Change of a minor, that is signed by only one parent, must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause on the other, non-signing patent, and proof of service must be filed with the court. IT IS SO ORDED

00015542 -CU-PT-CTL SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; STREET ADDRESS: 330 W BROADWAY CITY AND ZIP CODE SAN DIEGO, CA 92101; BRANCH NAME: SUPERIOR COURT . TO ALL IN-TERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner (name): KEVIN MICHAEL ROBERTS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a KEVIN MICHAEL ROBERTS to Proposed name: KEVIN MICHAEL CARLSON court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that indicates the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 06/01/2023 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 61; b. The address of the court is SAME AS NOTED ABOVE: 3 a. A conv of this Order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): LA JOLLA VILLAGE NEWS, AND PENINSULA BEACON. Date: April 17, 2023. JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT MICHAEL T SMYTH ISSUE DATES: APRIL 21, 28, MAY 5 & 12 ATTACHMENT TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - Name Change (NC-120) Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, and the Court not conducting in-person hearings, the following order is made: NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The Court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause. If all requirements for a objection has been received (require at least two court days before the date specified), the petition will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to you. If all of the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail you a written order with further directions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. IF YOU ARE A RESPONDENT OBJECTION TO THE NAME CHANGE, YOU MUST FILE
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9008169 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. ALLINA LA JOLLA a. 3417 LEBON DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 Is registered by the following: a. PACIFIC URBAN INVESTORS This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. PACIFIC URBAN INVESTORS TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor CHRISTO-PHER J KOBER, MANAGER The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: APRIL 12,2023 ISSUE DATES: APRIL 21, 28, MAY 5 & 12

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9008349 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SATURN FREIGHT SYSTEMS a. 7578 TRADE ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 Is registered by the following: a. WEST SIDE AIR, INC This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was:

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LIVE FROM SAN DIEGO - Music performances on the coast this week

By BART MENDOZA

SPOTLIGHT

On April 28, acclaimed guitarist Peter Sprague (right) will celebrate the music of The Beatles as part of the Fourth Friday Jazz series taking place at the La Jolla Community Center. As heard on his latest SDMA nominated album, "Plays The Beatles: Day Tripper," Sprague has recast the best of Lennon and McCartney's tunes to both highlight the melodies and showcase his own virtuoso playing. It all adds up to a wonderful listen, particularly in a live setting where Sprague's inspired playing can be seen as well as heard. Backed by multi-instrumentalist Tripp Sprague and bassist Mackenzie Leighton at this performance, even the most jaded Beatles fan will enjoy Sprague's updated versions of these timeless songs,

Peter Sprague Plays The Beatles: Friday, April 28 at the La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Blvd. 8 p.m. \$25-\$35. ljcommunitycenter.org.

RECOMMENDED

Los Angeles-based Motley Crue doppelgangers, Motley 2, stop in at the 710 Beach Club on April 29. Beyond playing solid versions of classic rock



tunes, the group goes the extra mile, dressing like the originals circa 1984, complete with wigs and replica instruments. Diehard Motley Crue fans will appreciate the occasional deep dive into their catalog, but more casual listeners can rest assured that Motley 2 delivers the hits, from "Looks That Kill" to "Home Sweet Home."

Motley 2: Saturday, April 29 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 710bc.com.

On April 30, vocalist Allison Adams Tucker presents her annual International Jazz Day concert at Tio Leo's. Tucker, who will perform with her Women in Jazz Quartet, which includes Melonie Grinnell (piano), Kya Karine (bass), and Joannah Sy (drums), is on a roll at the moment. Nominated for a 2023 San Diego Music Award in the category of "Best Jazz Artist," she is currently promoting her latest album, "Retro Trilogy," in advance of a U.K. tour that kicks off on Aug. 1. Tucker is a standout talent in San Diego's burgeoning music scene, this free show is a great way to see what all the fuss is

Women In Jazz Quartet: Sunday, April 30 at Tio Leo's, 6333 Mission Gorge Road. 5 p.m. No cover. tioleos.com.

Although contemporary jazz pianist Burt Brion can most often be seen in solo mode around town, on April 30 at his Humphrey's Backstage Live performance, he will be backed by a full band. Brion has several albums to his credit, most recently 2016's "The Secret's Out," spotlighting original tunes as well as choice covers from his repertoire, which includes songs from the likes of Earth, Wind & Fire, Grover Washington, and Bruno Mars. At the heart of Brion's music is an R&B groove, making his shows such as this one, both a terrific listening experience as well as perfect for dancing.

Burt Brion: Sunday, April 30 at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 6 p.m. \$20. humphreysbackstagelive.com.

The Athenaeum's Acoustic Evenings concert series wraps up this season's performances on May 5 with music from guitarist Fred Benedetti, bluegrass-inspired group MohaviSoul, and Americana trio Trails and Rails. It's a great bill, start to finish, with Trails and Rails Western and cowboy songs being a nice contrast to Benedetti's wonderful jazz and Spanish guitar instrumentals. Meanwhile, MohaviSoul's spirited rhythms and harmonies will make attendees wish the Athenaeum had a dance floor. This show is an excellent cross-section of San Diego's music community, in one of San Diego's finest listening rooms.

Acoustic Evenings: Friday, May 5 at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, 1008 Wall St. 7:30 p.m. \$5-\$20 ljathenaeum.org.

Young music fans who are interested in volunteering at the Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center will want to attend a free special event taking place on May 9 at the Wu Tsai QRT. yrd. Entertainment is to be provided by the 11-piece funk-pop band, Supercool!, but the concert itself will also double as a social training/interest session for high schoolers and university students who might want to be a part of the performing arts center's upcoming projects. This is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of one of San Diego's premier music venues.

Supercool!: Tuesday, May 9 at The Wu Tsai QRT.yrd, The Conrad Prebys Performing Arts Center, 7600 Fay Ave. 5 p.m. Free. theconrad.org.

LJ MUSIC SOCIETY

La Jolla Music Society brings the 2022-23 Winter Season to a close with a series of eclectic and intriguing concerts and events in May and June at The Conrad, 7600 Fay Ave. Events in May: Piano Theatre began as a collaboration to create a concert tour integrating literature, art, music, and multimedia for children. This project, Pianimal, presents piano pieces, theatre, and artwork inspired by animals, with integrated live video projections and artwork to promote arts education. Recommended for ages 5 to 10, this fun event takes place Saturday, May 6 with two shows at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the JIA.

On Saturday, May 6, Mexicanborn songstress Magos Herrera and the GRAMMY-nominated string quartet Brooklyn Rider join forces for an unforgettable musical journey, reinterpreting classics from Mexico, Cuba, Peru, Chile, Brazil, Argentina, and Spain, and celebrating such luminaries as Octavio Paz, Federico García Lorca, and Rubén Darío. This concert takes place at 7:30 p.m. in The Baker-Baum Concert Hall.

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Year of the Rabbit at San Diego Humane Society

By Dr. GARY WEITZMAN

t San Diego Humane Society, animal sheltering is about more than just cats and dogs. The organization cares for a wide range of animals including neonate kittens, senior dogs with medical needs, horses and pigs, baby hummingbirds — even bobcats, bears and a resident pygmy hippo.

This year in particular, the spotlight is shining on small pets. According to the Lunar New Year, 2023 is the Year of the Rabbit. Last year alone, more than 550 rabbits were adopted from San Diego Humane Society. These fantastically floppy-eared friends make wonderful companions for adopters willing to meet their unique needs.

Although most folks think of rabbits as soft, quiet pets, they also come with plenty of intelligence and personality. Rabbits can be trained to use a litter box, come when called and even run agility courses! And there are few things quite as cute as a rabbit "binkying" — the term for a happy rabbit's tendency to jump and twist in the air.

What often surprises people most about rabbits is that they generally do not enjoy being held - so, despite their fantastically soft fur, they are ideal for adopters who aren't really looking for a lap pet. But just like dogs and cats, rabbits often welcome affection from their humans and communicate through body language. By understanding the care that helps rabbits thrive, adopters can enjoy a wonderful companion for years to come.

Fred and Gray are two bunnies with very different backgrounds who are now spending the Year of the Rabbit in loving homes. Fred, a mature Florida White rabbit, was found as a stray by San Diego Humane Officers and spent more than 365 days in care. Although Fred's background is unclear, he was extremely fearful of humans and had never learned to use a litter box. Fred needed time and patience, and San Diego Humane



Society was committed to giving him the second chance he deserved.

Fred was placed in a foster home where, after a week of oneon-one attention, he no longer felt threatened around human hands. Once he slowly grew comfortable, this sweet boy enjoyed having his head scratched. Given time, he also learned to use the litter box! With patience and love, Fred gradually grew into a calm and collected bunny and — after more than a year – he was finally adopted.

Gray is a sweet, 1-year-old American rabbit who was surrendered after being the class pet at a preschool where she delighted children every day. When the preschool permanently closed, San Diego Humane Society was able to give Gray a second chance. She spent time in the on-site nursery, where caregivers fell in love with her sweet spirit and mellow temperament. Luckily, she was adopted within two months. Her new family is experienced with bunnies, and she even has a new fur sibling (and a human one, too)!

This year, hundreds of rabbits like Fred and Gray will have a brighter future. In addition to finding loving homes for rabbits, San Diego Humane Society offers services to keep owned rabbits in the community healthy and safe, including vaccines, microchips and vouchers for spay or neuter services. To learn more tips about caring for pet rabbits, visit sdhumane.org.

FACTS ABOUT RABBITS

Weight: 2 to 20 pounds, depending on breed

Lifespan: 7 to 10 years

Fun facts: Rabbits can be trained to use a litter box, come when called and even run agility courses!

- · Rabbits make wonderful companions for savvy adopters.
- · Most rabbits don't enjoy being held, so pay attention to their preferences. If they don't enjoy being handled, only pick up your rabbit when it is necessary. Support their hind legs so they don't kick out and injure themselves.
- · "Bunny proof" your home and provide supervised exercise time to prevent rabbits from chewing on furniture and electrical cords.
- · Rabbits need space to make at least three hops. An indoor 4 feet by 4 feet exercise space is the minimum recommended size.
- · Just like dogs and cats, rabbits show how they are feeling with their body language. Don't approach a rabbit who is lunging, thumping or grunting.
- · Pet rabbits should be spayed or neutered and vaccinated against Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Type 2 (RHDV2) once each year.
- · The Continental Giant, a descendant of the Flemish Giant, is the world's largest rabbit, weighing in at 16-20 pounds.

Dr. Gary Weitzman, DVM, MPH, CAWA, is an author, veterinarian and passionate animal welfare advocate. He has served as president and CEO of San Diego Humane Society since

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Kiera Bocchino returns with San Diego Strikers

By HECTOR TRUJILLO

his year's version of the San Diego Strikers will have the services of several returning players including star forward Kiera Bocchino, who was named 2022 WPSL Plymouth Division offensive player of the year and led the team in scoring with seven goals last season including one in the playoffs along with tallying three assists.

"I'm really excited to come back, I just feel we left off from a place where we could have kept going," said Bocchino. "It was a fun season and I'm really looking forward to getting back into it. My favorite part of our team is our chemistry, it's good to see everyone kicking grass."

The San Diego Strikers will play eight regular season matches in 2023, with the opener on May 20 at Madison High School versus Parceiro Ladies. The first home game at Mission Bay High School will be on May 28 against San Diego Surf.

Before playing for the SD Strikers, Bocchino, an UC San Diego graduate, had an impressive career scoring goals for the Tritons and San Diego SeaLions where she got the chance to play alongside San Diego Wave FC defender Sierra Enge in 2018.

Enge made her first start for the NWSL club on April 19 in a 1-0 victory over the Portland Thorns at Snapdragon Stadium. Bocchino attended the match with the Kearny Komets girls soccer team, which she coaches with Strikers teammate Cassie Callahan.

"Our team went to that game for our banquet and Sierra was playing," she added. "A



Kiera Bocchino led the San Diego Strikers in scoring last year.

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lot of us (Strikers) also went to the home opener and got to see Alex Morgan against Mallory Swanson, Kornieck was out there too with Sofia Jakobsson, they were all playing so that was really fun."

Among other returning SD Strikers players are midfielder Maddy Samilo, and Rachel Sadowski, who did not get to play last year due to injury. Head coach Ray Taila, who earned WPSL Plymouth Division coach of the year honors after leading the team to an undefeated regular season (7-0-1) and also a 6-0-0 record in 2021, is back at the helm.

"I'm really looking forward to playing this season and getting back together," Bocchino concluded. "We lost a few players that we're really sad about, however, we're getting some new players, so I'm excepting some exciting new things."



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PB RESTAURANT WALK

Discover the best eats in Pacific Beach at the Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk on Wednesday, May 17 from 4-7 p.m. All food is included at this popular annual event offering a variety of food choices at local restaurants west of Dawes. It is a self-guided restaurant stroll set along the coast of PB. This event will be vegetarian-friendly and restaurants that offer a vegetarian option will be noted on the ticket map. This year, drink samples have been added at selected locations 4-9 p.m. Tickets are \$45 presale/\$50 day of. Regular food only tickets are \$35 pre-sale/\$40 day of. You can purchase tickets in person at the information booth of the Tuesday Farmers Market from 2-7 p.m. and receive a limited edition Insulated Tote with your purchase. You can also purchase tickets the day of the event at Will Call (PB Shore Club), 4343 Ocean Blvd.

PB GRAFFITI CLEANUP

Volunteers are needed for the Pacific Beach Town Council's annual Graffiti Clean Up on Saturday, May 13 from 9 a.m. to noon gathering at Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Ave. Volunteers will receive training and supplies to clean up graffiti in areas throughout Pacific Beach. Every year, volunteers at this event remove hundreds of graffiti tags and make a positive difference in the community. Community Service hours are available (under 18 must have waiver signed by parent). For more information or to print a waiver, visit pbtowncouncil.org.

GIGI'S CHALLENGE

San Diego resident and financial advisor Kelci Wilner has been selected as one of Northwestern Mutual's 2023 Community Service Award winners. As part of her award, Wilner will present a \$15,000 grant to GiGi's Playhouse on April 29 at 9 a.m. at Crown Point Shores North during the organization's annual GiGi's Fit Acceptance Challenge. The challenge that day opens with registration at 8 a.m. followed by a Kids Dash for Down Syndrome at 9:15 a.m. and a walk/run at 9:30 a.m. Each registrant receives a shirt, medal, and, of course, a donut. T-shirts must be picked up at the event or before/after the event at the Playhouse in Pacific Beach. Start a team with your friends, family, or coworkers.

STUDENT CLAIMS RESOLVED

Several former students have resolved their claims regarding the conduct of a now retired La Jolla High School teacher, according to San Diego Unified School District. "Due in part to the efforts of Loxie Gant, one of the claimants in this matter, the district convened a task force in 2018 to review its policies and procedures for handling allegations of sexual assault, which has resulted in changes and improvements that have since been implemented," said SDUSD communications director Maureen Magee. "The district will continue to review and update these policies annually to remain current and consistent with the latest improvements in best practices and laws. The district respects the courage of the claimants in this matter for speaking out and remains committed to making the safety of its students a top priority."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fiesta Island Dog Owners is asking for volunteers to help out at its booth at the Humane Society annual Walk for Animals on Saturday, May 6 at Liberty Station. Attendees are dog lovers, and a surprising number haven't heard of FIDO but will want to support it. Signing up new FIDO members regularly is critical – it's how to maintain a large member database that gives the group clout with city agencies in protecting the

park. This huge adoption-focused event is at NTC Park in Liberty Station beginning at 9 a.m.

BUB'S BIDS ADIEU

Bub's at the Beach at 1030 Garnet Ave. has reportedly been sold and is closing its doors permanently after Sunday, April 30, according to NBC 7. Bub's also gave this shout out on social media: "Thank you for 25 amazing years of celebrations, support and friendship. Twenty-five years in Pacific Beach is coming to an end. Come celebrate with us as we say thank you to PB and everyone who has supported us over the years. We will be closing our doors at the end of the month, so there's a short window to hit your favorites on Bub's menu and give some love to our amazing staff. A hell of a lot of memories in Pacific Beach, and the friends and family we've made here will never be forgotten."

CINCO DE MAYO CRUISE

A Cinco de Mayo cruise on Mission Bay will be held on the William D. Evans stern-wheeler on Friday, May 5 (8:50 p.m.-12:30 a.m.), departing from the Bahia Resort. Festivities include a cash bar, margarita specials, two DJs spinning music, and dancing. Cost: \$60 per person. 21-plus. Reservations required,

SEA LION MOURNED

"Freeway," the male sea lion known for wandering San Diego, has been euthanized by SeaWorld after contracting a progressive disease in 2022, according to the marine mammal park's Facebook page. Freeway made headlines in January 2022 when he wandered onto Highway 94. He had also been found by SeaWorld rescue crews at Harbor Island Drive near the airport, the boardwalk in Mission Beach, near a deli in ${\bf Mission\ Bay,\ and\ on\ Navy\ Base\ Point\ Loma.}$ He was given the name, Freeway, after the infamous freeway rescue in January of 2022 when he was found miles away from the ocean wandering. In April of 2022, the sea lion was found in a storm drain. Rescuers took him to SeaWorld's Rescue Center and decided to watch over him until his recent death. "His adventurous spirit won the hearts of San Diegans, and he will be remembered for that and so much more," SeaWorld said.

SDUSD GOES ELECTRIC

On April 25, Climate Action Campaign and a diverse coalition of students, parents, faculty, and climate and justice advocates gathered to support SDUSD's resolution to phase out fossil fuels from all district infrastructure including all buildings and bus fleets, prioritizing investments in communities of concern. The resolution will phase out all fossil fuels from the district by: requiring all new buildings to be constructed all-electric; retrofit existing buildings to be all-electric by replacing gas appliances and systems at the end of their useful life with all-electric alternatives; procure 100% clean energy by the end of 2024 through San Diego Community Power's Power100 program.

As the second largest school district in the state, SDUSD's commitment to all-electric infrastructure debunks the myths that it cannot be done for other school districts, jurisdictions, and the whole region. SDUSD has demonstrated its commitment to being at the forefront of the climate and justice movement, and to protecting the well-being of its students and faculty over gas industry profits. This resolution comes at a critical time when the dangers of methane gas in buildings are of national concern. Burning gas for appliances, indoor air pollution can be up to five times more polluted than outdoor air, exposing students, teachers, and staff to a range of serious health risks, including asthma and cancer.

Fashion Week San Diego Spring Showcase at Hotel Republic



Fashion Files

ashion Week San Diego presented their Spring Showcase on April 22 at the Hotel Republic. Guests were greeted to tunes from Saxophone Music SD while entering the Hotel. Once inside, the happening began with a social mixer and entertainment by DJ Billy the Kid. The guests sipped on Cutwater and Topo Chico beverages courtesy of the sponsors. Master of ceremonies were Jodi Kodesh and Jonathan Harris who made the opening remarks and got the evening rolling.

First up was the Community Night where they presented a garment and headdress made by the Maasai women in Kenya. Next, they featured wedding gowns by Angel Tan and beautiful jewelry by Kendra Scott. Special guest Mario Bryant brought the audience to a standing ovation with his rendition of "O Sole Mio."

The designers showed a preview of their collections that they will introduce at the Fall Fashion Show in October. The first designer to come down the runway was Dorothea showing off an example of her brand which is made from deadstock fabric and recycled textiles. Next up was My Generation introducing their custom



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Nina Cicolo Radiant Robes



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Marissa Rees showed her style with It's Not Taken. SAULHO presented their premium men's underwear designs that received a huge reaction from the audience... hot, hot, kyle Anderson introduced her creation Radiant Robes, which specializes in embellished kimonos. VaughnBerry showed off his menswear line on the catwalk.

Jumpball Apparel promotes the urban trend in basketball. The edgy gown by Francis Taylor came down the runway looking very sexy. Next came Pynk Pyneapple. The 'y' in Pynk stands for you, which means that you are more important than the cloth. Sierra Mitchell, who is not new to SD Fashion Week, showed off her fashion-forward brand.

Brittany Arriola introduced an aesthetic look for Odd Bird. Caroline Willard from CW Couture presented an amazing bridal gown. The final preview look was by last year's top designer Nina Cicolo showing off her brand in vivid colors. The models looked incredible coming down the runway with hair created by Gila Rut Salon. All these designers will be back on Oct. 7 to show their full collections at the Andaz Hotel. For more information, visit fashionweeksd.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, May 5 - Vista Hill Foundation will present a luncheon and fashion



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show at the Town and Country Resort to support mothers practicing sobriety. For information, call Rachel Peniche at 858-514-5151.

Tuesday, May 9 – Mother's Day special at Be Boutique with Trivia related to mothers throughout history and Hollywood. Great prizes, bubbly, and giveaways. RSVP at 858-352-6398.

Friday, May 12 – 42nd Annual Golden Scissors Fashion Show from 5-7 p.m. at the new outdoor quad at San Diego Mesa College. For tickets: https://bit.ly/3Lpfrj9.

Friday, May 12 – "Hats Off to Children" is a luncheon fashion show at the Dolce restaurant in Del Rayo Plaza. This



event benefits the Rady Children's Hospital. Call Susan Darnall for tickets at 858-361-2725.

Friday, May 19 - Fashion 4 Passion & Purpose at Morgan Run Country Club featuring nine eco designers. Hosted by the Miraclecatcher Foundation, benefiting schools in developing nations. The event will be from 7:30-11:00 p.m. Ticket link: betterunite.com/ fashion4passionpurpose.

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SCOTT'S PB SPOTLIGHT

Bob McEvoy Fields



This month, I'm pivoting a little and highlighting a place/institution instead of an individual, the Bob McEvoy youth fields and what is planned for them. That plan involves getting rid of the fields in part or altogether, even at the protest of many within the community. If you grew up playing sports in PB and/or you have kids playing sports in PB, chances are you've been on one of the fields and have benefitted from their existence. This article is important.

In the mid 50's, Bob McEvoy dedicated the land for the sole purpose of creating a space for youth sports and supporting those sports. McEvov was a City of San Diego building inspector who had an office on Garnet and started Mission Bay Youth Baseball. At the time, there was no place "west of the 101" for the community to pursue "active recreation." He worked with the City for a 99-year lease and worked with the Navy Seabees to build the athletic fields. The land wasn't a gift from a wealthy donor or a developer looking for a favor, it was the brainchild of a local simply looking for a place for kids and their families to play sports and an old school grassroots effort to make it come to fruition. Over 67 years later and tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, of kids later, the fields are still a focal point of growing up in PB and youth sports. Today, the fields are host to PYSL-Blast soccer, Coastal Bay Softball and Mission Bay Youth Baseball. Combined, due to the hard work of the members of MBYFA (Mission Bay Youth Fields Assoc), these programs have roughly 2,000 kids that will play on one of the fields

The issue at hand is one with lots of differing stories, different opinions and all of the drama that comes with those types of things. One perspective/opinion that has been widely accepted as fact is that the City is going to potentially go glong with converting the fields back to wetlands/marshland due to a 2016 sewer leak in Tecolote Canyon that flowed into Mission Bay. The City was fined \$2.5 million, but that fine would be cut in half if the City completes a Supplemental Environmental Project. According to people familiar with the situation, it is the SD Audubon Society and the ReWild Mission Bay project that is a main driver of the converting of not only the fields but the whole area back



to wetlands. Ideas have been proposed to move the programs to other fields such as joint use fields (schools), but with the sports programs run on tight budgets and by volunteers, that idea is cost prohibitive in many cases.

I'm a firm believer in the benefits of kids playing a sport growing up and/or being involved with some other type of activity that promotes teamwork, hard work and builds self-confidence. For many kids, sports is an outlet to help them cope with issues at school, at home or life in general. I think for all of us that played sports as kids, one thing we learned is that at some point you will fail on the field. But through coaches, peers, etc, we learned how to learn from those failures and pick ourselves back up, work through adversity and keep going. All of which are healthy and imperative skills to becoming successful adults, not to mention humans. If we lose the McEvoy fields, it would be $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ shame for not just PB to lose such a valued part of the community, but even more so, a catastrophic loss to the kids of their place to get outside and have some fun. As an avid outdoorsman, I'm all for as much natural space as possible, but if the cost of re-creating said space is at the detriment to our future, our kids, I think we all need to take a hard look at whether or not the juice is worth the squeeze.

This Spotlight is not intended to be a political piece whatsoever. I'm α firm believer in everyone having their own opinion, as well as the right to express that opinion, as long as it is done in a mature and respectful manner. The point of this article is to highlight the importance of $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ fixture of PB that has brought joy, excitement and character building to the youth of PB and the surrounding areas for close to 70 years. If you know me, you know I bleed PB through and through, and the thought of losing the McEvoy fields is sad. I encourage everyone who read this to look into the matter, do your homework and don't be afraid to speak up and voice your opinion on that matter, no matter what that opinion is. A special thank you to Billy Bonelli and Alea Kerch for your continued hard work with these programs and for fighting the good fight for the kids in the community.

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