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Some residents dislike plan to add housing near transit stops

By DAVE SCHWAB

There is a groundswell of discontent building in beach communities over SB 10, which seeks to increase housing in transit-oriented areas that some fear is a veiled attempt to increase housing density and height.

A transit-oriented area is defined as being within one mile of an existing bus or trolley line, or within one mile of a proposed bus or trolley line.

"It essentially eliminates the R-1 single-family zoning in these areas," contends Pacific Beach Planning Group member Steve Pruett, speaking for himself, who issued this warning. "Since it is a state law, it cannot be overridden by local ordinances: It applies regardless of any local HOA rules, or any covenants, conditions, and restrictions."

Pointing out the City "must choose to enact it (SB 10)" and that Mayor Todd Gloria and the City Council "is in the process of approving it," Pruett said: "As drafted, a single-family home could be demolished and replaced by a four-plex condo, each with two-to-three bedrooms. Therefore, depending on the size and configuration of the lot, a home that now has three bedrooms and 4-6 occupants could be replaced with a structure with up to 12 bedrooms and 20-24 occupants."

What consequence could greater

housing density have?

"Over time it will destroy single-family neighborhoods, especially near the beach," said Pruett adding, "Our beach areas will be jammed packed with people and a poor quality of life. There is no accommodation within the plan to provide additional infrastructure: water, sewer, and roads, which will all be negatively impacted, with no plan to mitigate the issues."

At the June 21 in-person Pacific Beach Town Council meeting, when asked about SB 10's status, Emily Piatanesi, Mayor Todd Gloria's spokesperson, said the City is still working out how SB 10 might be tailored to fit San Diego.

"The mayor is supportive of SB 10," Piatanesi said. "He has said so multiple times. We need more housing. We have a housing crisis right now. We are currently working with our City Planning Department to reconfigure SB 10. The City Planning Commission recently asked to continue SB 10 until August. They've asked the City to look for ways that we can incorporate community perspective. Right now is the time to provide your (public) feedback."

Two beach residents weighed in on the conceivable impact SB 10 could have on planning and zoning throughout the City.

"SB 10 is a dastardly scheme to convert single-family home neighborhoods into overcrowded tenement districts," said former



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PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

Pacific Beach honorary mayor Louis Cumming. "The City Council recently voted to expand the area where more dense housing can be built from a half-mile to a full mile from mass transit routes, which includes all public bus routes in existence now 'and' projected to be established in future years. This law will permit the building of up to 10-unit apartment buildings right next door to a single-family home, with that new building allowed to encroach on the lot lines delineating property boundaries.

"What will that do to the property value of that single-family home?" asked Cumming, who issued a call to action, "There are no requirements for tenant parking (in SB 10) so vehicles will clutter

up street-side curb parking," he said. "Another 'big' issue will be how such large buildings will affect existing water and sewer lines, which currently are not sized to handle the increased demand for water and waste disposal such new construction will add. We need to take a stand now. I'm already seeing yard signs showing SB 10 in a circle with a red line drawn through. Let's get more of them in our yards."

"[The City's] aggressive approach to this (SB 10) is shocking in light of how other cities and communities are looking at it," said Janie Emerson, president of La Jolla Shores Association. "A few of the major concerns are the lack of off-street parking requirements; no requirement

to expand the sewer systems. The current sewer system in the Shores is barely adequate for the current density; There is no expansion of electricity and electrical hookups. We already have alerts and/or rolling blackouts, especially in the summer; and there is no provision for more water. No new hookups and not enough water to provide for 10 times the number of units?"

Concluded Emerson: "Just building more units without realistically addressing these, and many other issues, is irresponsible at best. The infrastructure is just not there. Each community has special needs and issues. A one-size-fits-all approach does not and will not work. Just building trolleys and adding bus routes will not 'fix things.'"

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ROUNDAABOUT IN NORTH PB

District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava joined residents, city staff members, and construction workers to mark the start of construction of a roundabout at Foothill/Loring in North Pacific Beach on Friday, June 30. The roundabout is part of a more than three-decade effort by residents for safety measures on one of Pacific Beach's busiest and most dangerous streets. Completion of the roundabout, which includes work to repair drainage issues at the intersection, is expected in early 2024.

INFRASTRUCTURE SURVEY

Community members wanting to submit infrastructure ideas for their neighborhoods now have until Aug. 15 to fill out the survey to be included in the fiscal year 2025 budget process. The City extended the deadline for the Infrastructure Priorities Survey to give San Diegans more time to provide staff with ideas for new or upgraded parks, libraries, streets and sidewalks. The survey is open throughout the year and informs the annual updates to the City's Five-Year

Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook (Five-Year Outlook), which assists in planning future infrastructure projects. Any survey information submitted after Aug. 15 will be considered in the following annual update to the Five-Year Outlook. For more information, the City of San Diego website or email PublicSpaces@sandiego.gov.

LOST PET RETRIEVAL

San Diego Humane Society is waiving reclaim fees for stray pets from July 5-16 in hopes of returning them home faster. The organization is also extending an adoption promotion to "Empty the Shelters," with adoption fees 50% off for all adult cats and dogs (7 months and older) through July 30. Statistics show one out of every three pets will become lost during their lifetime, and only one in 10 will be found. If your pet goes missing, access San Diego Humane Society's Lost2Found program by texting "lost" to 858-SAN-LOST (858-726-5678). You'll receive automated text messages with valuable tips and resources to help you in your search.

You can also find more information, including how to reclaim your lost pet at San Diego Humane Society, at sdhumane.org/lost. San Diego Humane Society is open for walk-in adoptions Tuesdays-Sundays, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at its campuses. Visit sdhumane.org/adopt to view animals available for adoption.

MB RV RESORT

Mission Bay RV Resort at 2727 De Anza Road has announced that reservations are open for 147 new available campsites. The project makes way for improved coastal access and affordable camping on in the northeast corner of De Anza Cove west of De Anza Cove Park. Newly renovated amenities include a pool and spa, a clubhouse with games and lounge area, and additional laundry facilities. All Mission Bay RV Resort guests have access to amenities and entertainment at nearby Campland on the Bay, accessible via the Mike Gotch Memorial Bridge path. For guests who are new to camping or do not own an RV, the resort also has a directory of local rental companies that will deliver RVs, hooked up and ready for use.

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Coastal leaders say Sidewalk Vending Ordinance not enforced

By DAVE SCHWAB

Some beach leaders in a Coastal Coalition are upset with the City's apparent lack of enforcement of the new Sidewalk Vending Ordinance.

"The City's Sidewalk Vending Ordinance has turned out to be nothing but a headline-grabbing ordinance with no teeth due to Mayor Gloria's and City Attorney Mara Elliott's not having the backbone to stand up to vendor groups who threaten litigation," said Larry Webb, president of Mission Beach Town Council and a coastal coalition member.

"Our coastal parks and pathways as well as many downtown sidewalks during the late-evening hours continue to be taken over by street vendors."

Two Coastal Coalition colleagues concurred with Webb's sentiment expressed recently in a letter drafted by him. "I support him on it," said Bob Evans, chair of La Jolla Parks and Beaches, Inc. "Even though LJPB's stance has been strongly against all the sidewalk vending in the parks, I don't have a meeting and vote from my organization that specifically approves that letter. So for the record, it's

only my individual support."

"There are a number of us from the beach areas (Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla) who have come together as the Coastal Coalition," noted Janie Emerson, president of La Jolla Shores Association. "We all jointly approved and signed that letter from the Coastal Coalition. It states the key to the vending, beach fires, and camping ordinances is consistent and robust enforcement citywide. That means tickets, fines, etc. now."

The loose-knit Coastal Coalition was formed recently to address common concerns including street vending, crime, homelessness, bonfires, and short-term rentals on the coast.

Besides Webb and MBTC, the coalition currently includes beach Neighborhood Watch groups, the La Jolla Shores Association, Ocean Beach MainStreet Association, and Ocean Beach Town Council.

In May 2022, the City Council approved Ordinance O-21459 establishing regulations and requirements for sidewalk vending throughout the City. This Ordinance became effective on June 22 of last year.

San Diego's sidewalk vending



A sidewalk vendor sells goods at Scripps Park in La Jolla.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

ordinance changed how, when, and where street vendors can operate. Not following the new rules could cost a vendor hundreds, or even thousands, of dollars in fines and the potential for impounded equipment if they continue to break the new regulations.

However, implementing the new ordinance has run into a roadblock in the form of First Amendment rights, with some sidewalk vendors challenging the application of the

new ordinance, claiming it infringes on their Constitutional protections.

That contention is being disputed by the Coastal Coalition. "For two weeks in February 2023, the vending ordinance was fully enforced in the coastal zone and it was stated that vendors claiming First Amendment rights would only be allowed if they were dealing in clearly religious or political activities," said Webb. "After two weeks, the City ordered park rangers

to discontinue enforcing the ordinance against anyone claiming First Amendment protection. Today, most of our oceanfront parks and pathways have once again been overtaken by street vendors claiming First Amendment protection. Unlicensed food vendors continue to operate at will."

Concluded Webb: "Currently there are only two full-time park rangers assigned to patrol our shorelines. In the ordinance, funding was provided for the City to hire an additional eight rangers to patrol the coastal zone and additional code enforcement officers to enforce the ordinance in the remainder of the City. This has not been done."

"For at least the next year or so, when you visit a City beach or enjoy a coastal park or walk or bike on a coastal path, expect that scenic view of nature to be obstructed. Each vendor will also occupy at least one hard-to-get parking spot in our coastal communities. Tax-paying legitimate small businesses will continue to be threatened and many will be destroyed. All thanks to the lack of action by Mayor Gloria and City Attorney Mara Elliott."

Coastal restaurants may face fines for keeping outdoor dining

By DAVE SCHWAB

Outdoor dining in parking places created during the pandemic could be eliminated in beach areas under a new state mandate requiring restaurants to replace the displaced vehicular parking – or remove the outside seating.

In January 2022, the City instituted Spaces as Places, a new program to help COVID-challenged businesses by allowing them to put temporary outdoor dining spaces in the public right-of-way. The California Coastal Commission recently attached a condition that parking displaced by Spaces as Places must now be replaced, contending the public's shoreline

access was impeded by parking removal.

"Spaces as Places still needs to be certified by the Coastal Commission. Although a date has not been set yet, we expect it to be heard and certified at the Coastal Commission meeting in July," said Perette Godwin, City communications program coordinator who added, "Applicants will need to demonstrate that replacement parking will be provided."

What qualifies as replacement parking?

"Coastal Zone businesses will need to replace each on-street parking space removed for the construction of streetaries, active sidewalks and promenades with off-street parking either on their

premises or off-site," answered Godwin.

The City spokesperson defined Coastal Zone businesses affected as those being in a Transit Priority Area (within a half mile of an existing or planned major public transit stop) that propose outdoor dining on private property.

Godwin said those businesses will need to replace each required parking space removed for outdoor dining if they are within the Beach Impact Area. "All required off-site replacement parking must be secured through a shared parking agreement," she said. "Spaces must be replaced within 1,200 feet of the space that is being removed."

Penalties for non-compliance with the Coastal Commission's amendment to the Spaces As Places regulations will be issued in accordance with the San Diego Municipal Code by the Development Services Department's Building and Land Use Enforcement (BLUE) Division. For easily correctable violations, an Administrative Citation may be issued. These citations' penalties range from a warning to \$1,000.

For violations that have a significant impact, or may need permits to achieve compliance, a Civil Penalty Notice and Order would typically be issued. These orders' penalties are assessed on a daily basis and only collected in a hearing if the property remains in violation.

Reacting to the new Coastal Commission-directed state mandate on replacement parking,



Streetside dining spaces on Prospect Street in La Jolla.

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District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava said: "A silver lining of the pandemic was embracing outdoor dining on our sidewalks and parking areas. The City Council's acceptance of the Coastal Commission's preference to preserve on-street parking provides certainty to beach restaurants despite facing additional obstacles. City staff is committed to maximizing outdoor dining, parking for retailers, and coastal access."

"While Spaces as Places is expected to improve pedestrian-oriented amenities and promote alternate modes of transit, there are potential adverse impacts to public access associated with the program," wrote the Coastal Commission in its executive summary requiring beach parking replacement. "Private cars and street parking are still the primary means by which the general public accesses the shoreline. Allowing

the expansion of private structures and uses into areas currently reserved for public parking, could adversely impact the ability of the general public to access and enjoy the shoreline."

The Coastal Commission pointed out it can take over 1 ½ hours to reach the coast from eastern San Diego, which is also where many of the lower-income communities of the City are located. "The occupation of public parking along the coast will likely have a deterrent effect on visitors living much farther away in light of transit time," the Coastal Commission said. "Measures that limit coastal access for people who are not within walking distance disproportionately impact lower-income communities, which raises environmental justice concerns. Therefore, projects to remove parking in the Beach Impact Area 'only' must replace that parking elsewhere."

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Some landlords exploiting new Short-Term Rental Ordinance

There is a growing perception that the City's new Short-Term Rental Ordinance, which took effect May 1, contains an exploitable "loophole" that some landlords are taking advantage of.

It has come to light that some landlords owning numerous rental units in multi-family structures, have caught on to the fact that, under the present terms of the City's new Short-Term Rental Ordinance, they can convert those units into short-term rentals.

Perette Godwin, the City's communications program coordinator, discussed the present terms of the City's attempt to provide a workable framework for short-term rentals.

"The Short-Term Rental Ordinance allows one license per host, and the host may not operate more than one dwelling unit at a time within the City," said Godwin. But she added, "The ordinance does not mention the term 'owner.' The ordinance defines a host as 'a natural person who has the legal right to occupy the dwelling unit and the legal right to allow short-term residential occupancy.'"

Godwin pointed out a short-term rental host may be the owner or a lessee if the lease allows for subleasing for less than a month. "A corporation, entity, LLC, etc... cannot be the host of a Short-Term Rental Ordinance license," she pointed out.

The distinction between host, and owner, and the exact wording about and for both within the ordinance, appears to lie at the heart of the public perception that this constitutes a loophole that needs to be worked out as the ordinance progresses and gets fine-tuned over time.

Venus Molina, chief of staff for Councilmember Jennifer Campbell whose District 2 crafted the Short-Term Rental Ordinance, talked about this "glitch" that has emerged during the early stages of the ordinance's implementation.

"There are certain things you can anticipate, and certain things you cannot," Molina said. "And there will always be people who try to skirt, really try to find a way around the system. We did know this was possible. We just didn't know to what extent – or how much."

Regarding correcting this perceived ordinance loophole, Molina noted: "When this came up we said, 'Oh my, is this something that we can fix through administrative regulations?' So now we're asking ourselves, 'How do we prevent this from happening again?' I would hate for something like this to fly under the radar and us not to know about it, so we can fix it – or deal with it."

Godwin said the city treasurer is currently investigating situations citywide where there are numerous hosts for multiple units

under one landlord to demonstrate that those listed as hosts actually meet the legal definition and requirements.

"If their documentation is found to not be valid or true, regulatory action, up to and including license revocation, may occur," Godwin said, adding such inquiries to the City are begun through complaints, emails from the community and media inquiries.

Godwin pointed out the Building and Land Use Enforcement Division of the Development Services Department is the local government entity which investigates complaints and handles enforcement of the new STRO.

"BLUE will continue to monitor all short-term rentals in the City in partnership with the city treasurer's Short-Term Rental Ordinance team," she said.

Mayor Gloria, Councilmember LaCava issue joint statement on Diamond Street incident in PB

Flexible posts installed by the City earlier this week on Diamond Street at the intersections of Fanuel and Cass streets in Pacific Beach to protect road users were torn apart and stolen overnight in an act of theft and vandalism. Mayor Todd Gloria and City Councilmember Joe LaCava issued the following joint statement in reaction:

"We take the safety of our communities very seriously. The Diamond Street traffic-calming project was part of a years-long community process, and destruction of the traffic control installation is nothing less than undermining that open process and an affront to the community. We will not tolerate criminal acts of theft and vandalism anywhere in our city, and our police department has opened an investigation in

order to hold those who committed this crime accountable. We urge the offenders to respect the community's will, safety for all users of our public roads, and the law."

The City has already re-installed the flexible posts. In addition to investigating the incident, the San Diego Police Department will increase their presence at the location.

Diamond Street Traffic Calming measures were put in place to slow the speed of cars, improve safety for people of all ages and abilities and encourage San Diegans to use less-polluting modes of transportation along the corridor on Diamond Street between Ingraham Street and Mission Boulevard. Drivers can turn right at these intersections, or start a different route at Ingraham,

such as Garnet Avenue, or from neighborhood access at another residential street. The posts have pass-throughs for pedestrians, cyclists, people using wheelchairs and shared mobility device users.

The City engaged extensively with the community over the last several years regarding PB Pathways and its phased implementation, gaining support from many businesses, residents, Pacific Beach Planning Group, Pacific Beach Town Council, and beautifulPB, a community group that advocates for projects and policies that promote sustainability, equity and safe mobility. Councilmember LaCava connected with all perspectives of the Pacific Beach community to listen, vet and plan and will continue to do so in a civil and open-minded manner.



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Music, dances, and art classes at La Jolla Community Center in summer

By DAVE SCHWAB

There is plenty going on this summer at La Jolla Community Center, everything from live concerts in its courtyard to art workshops, sushi-making classes, and even Western line dancing.

“Our community center is open to the public although we do have memberships which we encourage, which is what helps our bottom line, and there are benefits to membership, some free classes and discounted programs,” said Nancy Walters, executive director of the LJCC, a private nonprofit renting a City-owned building at 6811 La Jolla Blvd.

The community center serves all ages, though the majority using it are aged 50-plus. “Our mission is to provide programs and services for adults and seniors,” noted Walters adding the center promotes “lifelong learning, wellness, and friendship. Those are the three key values we base everything we do on and provide programming and services for.”

The institution honors the vision of the late Florence Riford, whose contributions paved the way for the evolution and expansion of LJCC as it is today. The 7,200-square-foot, newly remodeled and modernized facility now includes a range of meeting and multi-purpose rooms, a serene



Opera Wednesdays are once a month at La Jolla Community Center.

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courtyard, a fully equipped kitchen, and an inviting lobby.

Providing a range of specialized and life-enhancing classes focused on promoting an active mind, body, and spirit, LJCC’s goal is to present these classes and offer events that encourage social connections resulting in lifelong friendships. Members can learn a new language, appreciate music, freshen up their computer skills or take a cooking or painting class.

LJCC patrons can attend one of the seven different types of

yoga classes, fitness and flexibility classes, meditation, dance classes, and more. Members also can enjoy a range of social functions, day trips, and luncheons.

Discussing LJCC programming this summer, Walters spotlighted a few programs. “We have a popular concert series with our Fourth Friday Jazz (July 28), our Concerts in the Courtyard (July 7), and Opera Wednesdays (July 12) once a month, which we’ve had for nine

years.” Walters added, “It’s done in an intimate setting that really gives the guests a great feeling. We encourage people to check out our world-class music, everything from jazz to opera.”

Social programming this summer is being geared more toward re-instituting socializing, something that greatly suffered during the pandemic. “We’re focusing on more group events, bringing in some dances, some ice cream

socials, and doing barbecues,” Walters said. “We’re also adding new classes including home organization, retirement seminars and making life choices, fun super important classes, especially for this (senior) demographic. We just really want to make socialization our main priority.”

LJCC offers affordable memberships. It is open weekdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit ljcommunitycenter.org.



Members can learn a new language or take cooking and painting classes.

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Two recipients announced for Peter Chortek Leadership Award

Each year the Jewish Community Foundation of San Diego (JCF) facilitates the Peter Chortek Leadership Award (PCLA), an award created by the Chortek family to foster Jewish communal involvement by rewarding Jewish teens who are practicing Tikkun Olam, repairing the world.

This year’s recipients are Aiden Kleinman, a senior at La Jolla High School, and Remi Morris, a senior at Canyon Crest Academy.

Kleinman initiated, researched, drafted, and lobbied for a San Diego Unified School District resolution on fentanyl and Narcan awareness/distribution and education in all San Diego Unified Schools. He worked with advocacy groups and successfully lobbied SDUSD board members to pass this resolution that affects all schools in the district, reaching approximately 120,000 students.

Morris utilized resources and connections to enhance the mission of STEP (Support the Enlisted Project) in providing basic necessities to enlisted soldiers and their families. One of Morris’ most successful projects was starting a campaign to provide relief for the displaced sailors impacted by the explosion on board the USS Bonhomme Richard.

The award recipients receive a \$5,400 stipend, \$540 to establish a Donor Advised Fund at the



Aiden Kleinman



Remi Morris

Jewish Community Foundation, and a professional video made about their project.

The Peter Chortek Leadership Award was established in 2011 by the Chortek family to honor the late Peter Chortek. Peter was not religious but was fiercely proud of being Jewish and committed to making a difference. His passion and focus was Jewish education, believing quality Jewish education would help ensure a vibrant Jewish future. For Peter, this meant being supportive of venues that would aid Jewish continuity, such as day schools, Jewish camps, Hillel, Birthright, March of the Living, Jewish Community Centers, and synagogues.

A total of 30 awards have been presented to date. This award recognizes Jewish high school students in San Diego who are

making a difference in the community through their innovative leadership. Applicants must 1) Currently be in high school and have organized and led an extraordinary Tikkun Olam project that has benefited their neighborhood, community, environment, or world; 2) Demonstrate initiative, passion, and positive spirit, inspiring others to make a difference and creating awareness about their issue, cause, or project; and 3) Have a long-term vision for growth and sustainability for their work and have been involved with their project for at least one year before submitting an application.

This year the awards committee chose two recipients for the Peter Chortek Leadership Award.

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Help needed for Stand Down event at Veterans Village of San Diego

By KYLIE CAPUANO

Veterans Village of San Diego will hold its annual Stand Down event – a three-day encampment put together to help homeless veterans and those at risk of homelessness – from July 20-22 at Pechanga Arena.

Started in 1988, Veterans Village of San Diego was the first organization to hold a Stand Down to assist San Diego's struggling veterans. Since then, it has expanded outside the city and across the nation.

"We have too many homeless veterans – homeless and veteran should never be in the same sentence," said Kimberley Monday, Veterans Village of San Diego vice president of development and communications. "For us to create this awareness and bring this community together is so vital to ending veteran homelessness. It's a hand-up, not a handout."

The event is aimed at providing services that help veterans seek



Backed by sponsors and volunteers, the San Diego community comes together for the three day Stand Down event in support of homeless veterans. COURTESY PHOTO

medical, legal, mental health, and substance-abuse assistance. Veterans Village of San Diego partners with sponsors and nonprofits to gather daily meals, clothing, shoes, hygiene products, access to employment information, and

more to send homeless veterans back on their feet.

"We can do anything and everything for them, and it's going to happen very fast," said Monday. "For example, if someone needs an extraction, we are going to put

them in our transportation and escort them over to the Veterans Village of San Diego campus where we have a dental clinic on-site to do the extraction."

This year, Pacific Beach Town Council, Pacific Beach Woman's Club, and Pacific Beach American Legion Auxiliary Unit 552 are among the nonprofits working with Veterans Village of San Diego to provide the veterans with the services they need.

The PB Woman's Club, which has been donating to this cause for over 10 years, has been working alongside PBTC and the American Legion Auxiliary to gather clothing, socks, and underwear in the months leading up to the event.

"In 1992, I saw World War II veterans and Vietnam veterans needing our help. Now, I have seen the Desert Storm, post 9/11, Iraq war and the Afghanistan war [veterans] coming through the gates for Stand Down," said Ellen Citrano, president of PB Woman's

WANT TO HELP?

San Diegans are encouraged to partake in Stand Down in any way possible. To volunteer, sponsor, or register as a veteran seeking aid, go to vvsd.net to fill out an online form.

Club. "Knowing that we can make a difference with any of them makes my heart sing. It will never be enough, but hopefully, we can get them back some of their dignity, improve their mental health, and help make their lives whole again."

Veterans Village of San Diego relies heavily on donations and volunteers to hold Stand Down. More than 100 agencies and 3,000 volunteers have participated in the event over the years.

"This shows what our community is made of. It's an important event for homeless veterans – it changes lives. They go through this program to get them where they need to be to go back into society feeling complete," said Monday.

Brothers charged with illegal fishing operations

San Diego City Attorney Mara W. Elliott announced in June that her office filed a civil enforcement action against brothers Tanner and Trevor Whitmarsh for operating a commercial fishing business in violation of state laws designed to prevent overfishing and environmental exploitation.

The Whitmarshes operated a commercial fishing business under the cover of recreational sportfishing excursions. They would then sell the fish caught on those excursions to local seafood restaurants, sushi restaurants, and other fish-related businesses dozens of times, bringing in nearly \$30,000 in illicit profit. The fish were often caught in Mexican waters from the Whitmarshes' sportfishing boat "Deadeye." Neither of the brothers had the proper licenses to sell fish to consumers, fish commercially in Mexican waters, or sell fish from Mexico in the United States.

The Whitmarshes' conduct violated laws designed to help the California Department of Fish and Wildlife monitor commercial fish sales and assess the health and viability of local fish populations. Chronic overfishing can damage vital ocean ecosystems and natural resources.

Additionally, the brothers' scheme gave them an unfair business advantage over competitors by avoiding laws licensed fishermen follow. They were therefore able to sell their fish at lower prices than their competitors.

"Illegal fishing operations endanger our marine ecosystems and threaten our fish populations," Elliott said. "The illegal acts also undercut licensed sellers who play by the rules. This action sends a strong message that we're committed to protecting our oceans and businesses that follow the law."

Among the accusations against Tanner Whitmarsh are:

- Catching grouper, bass, and parrotfish in Mexico without the

required licenses. He returned to San Diego without filing the proper paperwork and illegally sold the grouper to a La Mesa sushi restaurant.

- Selling approximately 330 pounds of tuna obtained from a sportfisherman who did not hold a commercial fishing license at the time of sale. Whitmarsh falsely reported on the landing receipts that he had caught the tuna.

- Selling a 200-pound Mako shark for a sportfisherman without landing receipts or other accounting records.

Trevor Whitmarsh regularly conducted business in 2021 and 2022 as a commercial fisherman without holding a City of San Diego Business Tax Certificate. Among the accusation against him are:

- Repeatedly taking sport fishermen on fishing trips aboard his commercial fishing boat, even though he did not possess a Commercial Passenger Fishing Vessel license or a commercial ocean fishing enhancement.

- Illegally selling fish to San Diego seafood restaurants and fish-related businesses.

- Failing to create or submit any landing receipts regarding those sales.

They are also accused of illegal fishing and selling fish on at least five other occasions.

The civil complaint asks the court to permanently enjoin the Whitmarshes from continuing their illegal conduct and also seeks civil penalties, investigative costs, and other equitable relief for the defendants' violation of the law.

This case is prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Jordan DuBois of the City Attorney's Nuisance Abatement Unit on behalf of the People of the State of California under the supervision of Chief Deputy City Attorney Gabriela S. Brannan and Assistant City Attorney Paige E. Folkman.

The Nuisance Abatement Unit

was established to aggressively enforces public nuisance, land use, and environmental laws in the City of San Diego. The unit works with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to protect the marine environment from fishing in protected areas and to protect endangered species from wildlife trafficking, such as the illegal sale of ivory.

The unit also works with numerous city, county, and state agencies to address nuisance properties and blight throughout San Diego; illegal transportation, storage, and disposal of hazardous waste; leaking underground storage tanks; oil spills; lead paint violations; the destruction of historical and archeological resources; illegal grading and dumping; and the destruction of environmentally sensitive land.

MISSION BAY SHOOTING HEARING MOVED TO AUGUST

A preliminary hearing has been set for Aug. 29 for a man suspected of killing a man at the Campland on the Bay RV Resort in Pacific Beach on May 16.

Police said there was a verbal confrontation between the victim, Ryan Abbott, 49, and Michael Lawrence Callahan, 38, who left and then returned to the pool area and allegedly shot Abbott in the chest at 10:08 p.m.

Paramedics rushed Abbott to a hospital where he died about 31 minutes later, said police. A handgun was recovered by police. Callahan had a motorhome at Campland, which is located in the 2200 block of Pacific Beach Drive.

Callahan was to have had his preliminary hearing this week, but his attorney asked for a delay in San Diego Superior Court and it was granted. Callahan has pleaded not guilty to a murder charge.

He remains in the George Bailey Detention Facility without bail.



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Krista Schumacher Art Gallery celebrates two years in La Jolla

By DAVE SCHWAB

After moving to San Diego six years ago, Krista Schumacher chose to expand her painting, taking it from full-time teacher to professional artist.

The end result is her celebration of the second anniversary of Krista Schumacher Art Gallery on Sept. 1 from 4-7 p.m. at 1113 Wall St. in La Jolla.

In 2017, Schumacher started laser-focusing on painting, releasing her debut palette-knife collection. She has since received numerous awards and collaborated with multiple corporations including Ferrari, Paramount Studios, and Hilton.

"A lot of my work is inspired by local landscapes and scenes," said the artist/gallery owner, noting she negotiated the leap from instructor to crafts person by "pursuing studio work full-time, doing commissions, and giving it a go. And it was very well received."

Initially starting out as a six-month "pop-up gallery," Schumacher's homegrown business has since morphed into her career calling. "It was a really big step for me as a young artist," admitted Schumacher crediting her mom, Kathy, as her lifelong muse.

A military brat, Schumacher moved often until her family settled in Niceville, Fla. At 16, her interest in art began when

her mom took a painting class. Eager to be just like her mother, Schumacher started her art journey. To this day, Schumacher and Kathy continue to collaborate in their careers, as mother-daughter palette knife artists.

"My Florida-based mom and I do different collaborations, collections, together working on the same canvas at the same time," noted Schumacher. "She comes out to California often."

"This is so unique and so special," said Schumacher of her collaborations with her mom. "There are very few (other) people who can relate to my work as she is also a studio artist. It is great to have her encouraging and guiding me along the way."

Schumacher noted her mom's subject range "varies a lot" adding "She does a lot of floral work."

Schumacher said she and her mom are planning to release yet another mother-daughter collection. "The theme is going to be iconic San Diego," Schumacher said adding, "I absolutely love this city: It feels like home. So this will really be a tribute to the iconic landscapes and landmarks that make San Diego San Diego. This collection will have 19 paintings."

Schumacher is looking forward to September. "It's (anniversary's) going to be really fun," she said. "We'll be serving drinks and having live music and people can come and see our paintings from



Krista Schumacher in her La Jolla studio.

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this (new) collection."

At kristaschumacherart.com, it is noted that Schumacher's "hyper-positivity and vivacious energy shine through in each of her paintings. Connecting her lifelong love for the ocean and her unique palette knife style, the results are truly dynamic contemporary coastal landscapes. With a large collector base across the United States and internationally, Schumacher revels in seeing her art bring joy to others."

Of her painting, Schumacher said: "I specialize in landscapes and abstract work. My style is very unique, heavy-textured

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oil painting completed only with palette knives. So there is a lot of energy, a lot of movement."

Her paintings themselves are also unique, noted Schumacher adding "They take a few months to dry on drying racks they're so thick before I can really install them or shop them."

Krista Schumacher Art Gallery is open Friday evenings and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. "I do private showings during the week," said Schumacher who thanked La Jollans for opening themselves to her gallery and her work.

"Since moving here, La Jollans have taken me under their wing," she concluded. "The locals, they have truly supported me every step of the way."

One-two punch: Novel drug pairing could beat pancreatic cancer

UC SAN DIEGO RESEARCHERS FIND A COMBINATION OF DRUGS OUTPERFORMED OTHER TREATMENTS IN HUMAN AND MOUSE MODELS OF PANCREATIC CANCER; NOW URGE CLINICAL TRIAL

By NICOLE MLYNARYK

Mutations in the KRAS gene are the major driver of pancreatic cancer. The resulting protein controls multiple signaling pathways involved in cell growth and survival. In cancer, the gene is mutated to be permanently "on," driving cells to excessively multiply and form tumors.

New drugs have recently been developed to inhibit KRAS and appear to be therapeutically promising. However, pancreatic cancer is especially prone to drug resistance. Most drugs only work for a short period of time before the cancer finds its way around them.

Previous experiments revealed a potential reason why: a group of genes upstream of KRAS, called ERBB, appears to become up-regulated in response to KRAS inhibition. In other words, when KRAS goes down, ERBB goes up and drives KRAS and other related genes back up again.

To try to beat this potential source of drug resistance, researchers at University of California San Diego School of Medicine tested a novel combination of KRAS and ERBB drug inhibitors. The findings, published on June 28 in Cancer Research, a journal of the American Association for Cancer Research, reveal the combination of drugs to be dramatically more effective and less prone to resistance than treatment with the KRAS inhibitor alone. The authors now recommend the drug combination be

tested in clinical trials for human cancer patients.

"KRAS inhibitors have the potential to completely change the landscape of treating pancreatic cancer," said co-senior author Herve Tiriach, PhD, assistant research scientist in the Department of Surgery at UC San Diego School of Medicine and Moores Cancer Center at UC San Diego Health. "However, we need to do a lot of upfront testing to optimize KRAS therapy, or clinical trials might get a lot of negative data."

The study was the first to confirm that human pancreatic cells treated with the KRAS inhibitor MRTX1133 (Mirati Therapeutics) do indeed develop drug resistance and increase their expression of ERBB. But this resistance could be overcome by combining the drug with the FDA-approved pan-ERBB inhibitor Afatinib.

The combination of MRTX1133 and Afatinib also reduced the number of surviving cancer cells more than MRTX1133 alone. This pairing was more effective than combining MRTX1133 with EGFR inhibitors or drugs targeting different molecules downstream of KRAS.

Pancreatic cancer cells were so "exquisitely vulnerable" to MRTX1133 and Afatinib that the drugs showed a synergistic interaction, meaning the benefits of using the two drugs together were even larger than the sum of each one's individual effect.

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BY THE NUMBERS: San Diego County Fair's lost and found

MORE THAN 200 CELLPHONES WERE AMONG THE 700-PLUS ITEMS TURNED IN TO GUEST SERVICES AT THE DEL MAR FAIRGROUNDS THIS YEAR

The San Diego County Fair's Guest Services office has had more than 700 lost and found items turned in this year. On average, more than 30 items each day have been found throughout the Del Mar Fairgrounds during the San Diego County Fair and are dropped off at Guest Services. There, the goods await a reunion with their rightful owners.

Guest Services has amassed quite a diverse and interesting array of lost items. If you lost

your drum set seat, it is available at Guest Services now. Guest Services also has a medical walker apparatus that could be an important piece of equipment for someone who misplaced it at the Fair. Large fold-up chairs, a wagon, a pair of UGG boots, and much more are all just sitting there.

"We do not want this stuff," said Tristan Hallman, chief communications officer for the 22nd District Agricultural Association, which produces the annual San

Diego County Fair. "Please, claim your things. Having them does not bring us joy — but reuniting you with them will."

LOST AND FOUND BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 Drum Set Seat
- 3 Cameras
- 17 Water bottles; Hydro flask and other brands
- 29 Kids clothing items
- 30 Pieces of jewelry
- 41 Identification Cards or Driver's Licenses

- 42 Pairs of eyeglasses
- 48 Sets of Keys
- 58 Wallets
- 67 Backpacks and lunch boxes
- 159 Credit cards
- 227 Cell phones (210 had been returned to their owners as of Monday).

How to claim your item(s)

Reporting a lost item: To report if you have lost an item and want to have Guest Services check its inventory, simply call 858-794-1124 and leave a message with the following information:

- Did you already report the loss? Tell us the date and number on your record.
- Describe the lost item, using details, including the date you attended the Fair.
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF Raquel Y. Wilkins, deceased CASE NO. 37-2022-00035299-PR-LA-CTL. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Raquel Y. Wilkins deceased A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Darleen H. Clough in the Superior Court of California, County of SAN DIEGO. THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Darleen H. Clough be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act with full authority. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on August 23, 2023 at 1:30pm in Dept. 502 Room C-502 located at 330

W. Broadway. SAN DIEGO CA 92101 PROBATE DIVISION. IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (DE154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. Petitioner: Darleen H. Clough,7609 Willow Brook Ct. Hudson FL. 34667 , (727)271-3972 ISSUE DATES: June 30, July 7 & July 14, 2023

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013150 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.BROWS ART, 833 S. MAIN AVE, FALLBROOK, CA 92028 Is registered by the following: a. MOJDEH SHAFIEI This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 6/21/23 Registrant Name: a. a. MOJDEH SHAFIEI TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, ,Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 21, 2023 ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9012308 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.SILVERADO ESCONDIDO, 1500 BORDEN ROAD, ESCONDIDO, CA 92026 is registered by the following: a. SILVERADO ESCONDIDO, LLC This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 7/1/2019 Registrant Name: a. a. SILVERADO ESCONDIDO, LLC TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor CARMIN TOMASSI, CFO/ AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, ,Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 07, 2023 ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9012309 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.SILVERADO ENCINITAS, 355 SAXONY ROAD, ENCINITAS, CA 92024 is registered by the following: a. SILVERADO ENCINITAS, LLC This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 7/1/2019 Registrant Name: a. a. SILVERADO ENCINITAS, LLC TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor CARMIN TOMASSI, CFO/AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, ,Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 07, 2023 ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9011777 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. CALMING CO, 555 W BEECH ST, SUITE 420, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 is registered by the following: a.U CALMING CO This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was:N/A Registrant Name: a.a.U CALMING CO TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor ADAM DAVIES, CEO The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, ,Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: MAY 31, 2023 ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9012727 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SPA BY NIKKI, 3023 BUNKER HILL ST, SUITE 104, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is registered by the following: a.BROWSBYNIKKI LLC This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was:N/A Registrant Name: a.BROWSBYNIKKI LLC TITLE of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor NICOLE SAITO, MANAGING MEMBER The statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, ,Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: MAY 31, 2023 ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013062 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SOAP & STEAM CARPET CLEANING , 6930 HYDE PARK DRIVE, UNIT 107, SAN DIEGO, CA 92119 is registered by the following: a. FABIO HENRIQUE DOS SANTOS PEREIRA This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 1/10/2022 Registrant Name: a. FABIO HENRIQUE DOS SANTOS PEREIRA Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor. The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 20, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9012935 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.SPICY DELIVERY, 3795

GEORGIA AT ST 201, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103 is registered by the following: a.ADAM BENJAMIN SILVERSTEIN This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.ADAM BENJAMIN SILVERSTEIN Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor. The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 16, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9010858 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.PLAN IT SAN DIEGO, 2850 BAYSIDE WALK, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 is registered by the following: a.RACHEL ANNE PENICHE This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 1/1/2001 Registrant Name: a.RACHEL ANNE PENICHE Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor. The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: MAY 18, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013370 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.FAIRLY LIVING, 4445 SANTA MONICA AVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92107 is registered by the following: a.GIA GLOBAL, LLC This business is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 6/22/2023 Registrant Name: a.GIA GLOBAL, LLC Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor. SYLVIA G. BUTCHER, CEO The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 23, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9012392 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.ELLEY BEAN, 6757 FRIARS ROAD UNIT 43, SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 is registered by the following: a.NOELLE DIANA EDEJER This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.NOELLE DIANA EDEJER Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of SignorThe statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 08, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9012032 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.MEDISOMA, 2321 MORENA BLVD, SUITE M, SAN DIEGO, CA 92110 is registered by the following: a.FAEGANN HARLOW This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.FAEGANN HARLOW Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of SignorThe statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 02, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JUNE 30 , JULY 7, 14 & 21

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013171 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.LOCKBUSTERS, 4734 TALMADGE CANYON ROW, SAN DIEGO, CA 92115 is registered by the following: a.ADAM SHABLI This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.ADAM SHABLI Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of SignorThe statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 21, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JULY 7,14,21 & 28

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013171 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.LOTUS BLOSSOM BOOKS, 1220 ROSECRANS ST #325, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 is registered by the following: a.MARYA BRUNSON This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: MARCH 22, 2007 Registrant Name: a.MARYA BRUNSON Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of SignorThe statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 26, 2023. ISSUE DATES: JULY 7,14,21 & 28

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013609 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.VAYNE & SPARKLE b. VAYNE HAIR AND SPARKLE, 1550 FRONT ST #21, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 is registered by the following: a.SHIETA BLACK This business is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.SHIETA BLACK Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of SignorThe statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 27 2023. ISSUE DATES: JULY 7,14,21 & 28

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9013391 Fictitious Business Name(s) a.FUSCO ORSINI & ASSOCIATES INSURANCE SERVICES, 5095 MURPHY CANYON ROAD STE 200, SAN DIEGO, CA 92123 is registered by the following: a.FUSCO & ORSINI INSURANCE SERVICES, INC This business is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a.FUSCO & ORSINI INSURANCE SERVICES, INC Title of Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor MICHAEL FUSCO, PRESIDENT The statement was filed with Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JUNE 23 2023. ISSUE DATES: JULY 7,14,21 & 28

Foundation San Diego’s annual post-Fourth of July “Morning After” beach cleanup series. In only three hours, volunteers had recovered more than 2,832 pounds of trash — majorly consisting of single-use plastics — which otherwise would have been washed into the sea. Cleanups sites were at Imperial Beach, Ocean Beach Pier, Oceanside, OB Dog Beach, Mission Beach, Fiesta Island, Crystal Pier, and Moonlight Beach. Total weights by local sites: Fiesta Island (381 pounds), Mission Beach Park (47 pounds), Crystal Pier (96 pounds), Ocean Beach Pier (129 pounds), Ocean Beach Dog Beach (hosted 1,925 pounds).

BELMONT BIRTHDAYS

During July, Belmont Park in Mission Beach will be offering special birthday-themed treats like the Giant Birthday Monster Cones at Sweet Shoppe and birthday-themed pastries, Birthday Cake Dole Soft

Serve and Confetti Funnel Cake at Belmonty’s Burgers. The boardwalk restaurants – Beach House, Cannonball and Draft – are celebrating Belmont’s birthday by serving up signature cocktails and beers in limited edition Belmont Park take-home cups. Order a Birthday Margarita at Beach House for \$17 or the Belmont Park Birthday Beer (any selection of draft beer) at Cannonball and Draft for \$14. A discounted annual pass will also be available for \$98, originally \$120, only valid on Belmont Park’s birthday weekend.

PB TRASH CLEANUP

Pacific Beach Town Council announced it will host its second Saturday Weed & Trash Cleanup on July 8 from 8 to 10 a.m., which will take place along the Boardwalk (Ocean Front Walk), starting at Ocean Park Inn, where volunteers will remove weeds and trash from the adjacent berms.

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San Diego's Major League Soccer club getting the ball rolling

By HECTOR TRUJILLO

It was just over a month ago when the announcement of San Diego getting the 30th expansion club in Major League Soccer came down like a lightning bolt from the soccer gods. Two days later the community came out in droves to the "Let's Kick It Party" at Snapdragon Stadium where soccer fans from all around the county came to interact and get a feel for what the vibe on game day will be like.

Since then, San Diego FC (the temporary working name that San Diego MLS goes by), has organized several events throughout the county gathering input as to what the final product will look like before the team hits the pitch in 2025. I recently got a chance to sit down with San Diego FC President Tom Penn to discuss topics including what else fans should expect, how he became involved in the project, and the arrival of the league of Lionel Messi to MLS.

Q: How far back does your vision of MLS in San Diego go and does it go back as far as San Diego's original bid for MLS expansion?

A: No, it's very recent. I was very focused on LAFC and getting that started and successful, but then COVID hit. After transitioning out of LAFC, a friend of mine named Brent Lawrence, who is from San Diego, and is an investment banker with his company Accelerate

Sports reached out to me. Lawrence said he was involved with some people with the San Diego Loyal and some people in San Diego and asked if I had some interest to collaborate. At that time, I thought it was interesting because I believe San Diego is a perfect market for Major League Soccer and in that window of time Sacramento had been declared as the 30th team. The next time I was meeting with Lawrence was the night before the Sacramento deal cratered very publicly. All of a sudden a 30th team was open and then it was just a natural thing to think San Diego is the perfect market for MLS, there's a stadium being built that's designed for MLS, and all we really need now is the right investors so that just sharpened our focus on San Diego and this opportunity.

Q: Since the public event at Snapdragon on May 20, what has been the game plan in terms of interacting more with the fans?

A: Well it's interesting, we did six events in four days and immediately after that we sort of took a breath and that was right on the heels of closing the deal. Now we're regrouping and we're building the organization, so we're in the process of making some key hires, we're in the process of determining where our corporate headquarters will be, where our football headquarters will be and we're organizing our plans for what our engagement with the community will be in the run-up.

We have stayed active in our supporter relations, we've had a couple of really encouraging supporter meetings with the leaders and we're scheduling our next supporter engagement that's going to be more broadly opened up to more members of the public. We are already seeing such great early momentum and buy-in, passion, and shared values. We really want to hear what our supporter leaders truly want this club to be and let them co-create what our supporter engagement is going to be giving us a chance to form the foundation of what we're all about.

We're also working on our brand and finishing off the ideas for our crest and our colors with a lot of good feedback that's informed a lot of our decisions. We are working that through the channels at MLS and Adidas and then we'll be ready to announce something to the public.

Q: Will you be relying on youth or more of a mix with established players when it comes time to hit the pitch in 2025?

A: It's both. The other foundational work that we're doing is building and planning for our academy. As you know, with Right To Dream in the mix, we're going to have the incredible opportunity to do this state-of-the-art and best-in-class academy in the Americas.

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San Diego FC President Tom Penn.

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 - 15. Two
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 - 1. Make up for
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 - 12. Nonsense (slang)
 - 13. Town in Galilee
 - 17. Value
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 - 26. Publicity
 - 27. Near
 - 28. Tools of a trade
 - 30. Offer in good faith
 - 31. "American Idol" network
 - 34. Garments
 - 36. Soviet Socialist Republic
 - 37. Retired NFL DC Dean
 - 39. Hot meal
 - 40. A type of gin
 - 41. Percussion instrument
 - 42. A \$10 bill
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 19. Another name
 - 20. Sheep in second year before shearing
 - 21. Town in Surrey, England
 - 25. Appropriate during a time of year
 - 29. Creative output
 - 31. Recesses
 - 32. District in N. Germany
 - 33. Rider of Rohan
 - 35. The official emblem of the German Third Reich
 - 38. One who puts down roots
- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 48. About ground
 - 50. Medicine man
 - 51. Seedless raisin
 - 52. National capital of Albania
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By KYLIE CAPUANO

What started with a Zoom message during an on-line class over the pandemic, turned into a friendship between two women with an equal passion for surfing and science.

"I recognized Michaela's face as someone I had seen surfing. I was like 'Oh my god, I have a friend in this class,' when I thought I was going to know nobody," said Natalie Grayson.

After reaching out via Zoom, Grayson and Michaela Alksne bonded over their time spent surfing together during the COVID-19 lockdown. However, what initially started as time spent in the water together, transformed into a similar love for the science within it.

Both growing up surfing, the duo developed a deep appreciation for the ocean at an early age. Grayson spent her childhood playing around in tidepools and surfing Pacific Beach breaks, while Alksne honed the craft alongside her dad and friends in the colder Santa Cruz waters. As current Ph.D. students at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, they realized they could transfer their hobby into a profession later on.

"I didn't discover my passion for science until college," said Alksne. "I always thought science was so hard and only smart people do science. I was like, 'I'm a surfer, I don't do that,' until I went to community college and realized that I was capable of it. Once I realized I loved my general science classes, that's when I realized that I could connect my love for surfing and the ocean with at least majoring in marine biology."

Now long past their gen-ed days, the scientists conduct their Ph.D. studies in the same waters they surf. Alksne researches marine mammal bioacoustics, focusing on cetaceans. Cetaceans – classified as whales, dolphins, and porpoises – make sounds to communicate, navigate and forage. Alksne's lab deploys underwater recording devices off the coast of San Diego to keep a continuous record of the mammals' sounds.

"What I do is I do my best to interpret those sounds and

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Surfing scientists develop deeper appreciation of ocean's importance



Scripps Institute of Oceanography Ph.D. students Natalie Grayson and Michaela Alksne spend every week surfing together. COURTESY PHOTO

understand what animals are making them and why; and how we can improve our understanding of the animals and their communication, distribution, and ecology, using the continuous record of the sounds they are making," said Alksne.

Grayson focuses her research on the coral that resides on the ocean floor below her surfboard. Basing her thesis on the presence of plant chemistry in pharmaceutical practices, Grayson looks to local soft corals for potential new drugs.

"Think of a plant that can't run away and all it has is leaves that are really tasty for a caterpillar – plants make really interesting chemistry to make things not want to eat it. A majority of things we use as drugs to treat cancer, as antibiotics, or for almost any disease, come from plants," said Grayson.

"It's us using the chemistry that plants use to defend themselves to help us defend ourselves. If you think about these soft corals, they also can't run away and they don't have a hard external skeleton that the reef corals do."

Grayson sequences the DNA of the local soft corals to study their chemistry and explore potential defenses that can be replicated in pharmaceutical drugs, similar to the approach toward plants.

While Grayson and Alksne's time spent in the lab is much different than their time on the board, science and surfing have bridged together to provide a deeper

appreciation for both pursuits.

"It's one thing for me to look for drugs and ways that these organisms can help us, but the questions that are really exciting to me are why these organisms are making these things for themselves. When I'm surfing I'm really able to get in touch with that," said Grayson. "We both have been so privileged to grow up and understand how important the ocean is. Now as scientists, we are able to understand all the ways that it is helping us. The feedback between the two – knowing the ocean through so many different angles – just feeds off each other."

What the two surfing scientists also share with one another is a desire to preserve the ocean and inspire future generations to pursue stem. Grayson hopes to continue to explore the pharmaceutical potential of local marine organisms, inspiring others through the angle of surfing.

Alksne aspires to take on the role of a stem educator, passing on her knowledge as her way of giving back.

"All of my life spent in and around the ocean is really what made me want to protect the ocean so much," said Alksne. "I want future generations to experience the ocean the way I have experienced it. And I think through education and research, I am making a difference or at least trying to protect our oceans and educate people on protecting them."

Point Loma Nazarene surf team wins national championship, UC San Diego finishes fourth

By KYLIE CAPUANO

The Point Loma Nazarene University surf team took home the championship at the NSSA College Nationals Competition held on June 16-18. Their La Jolla competitor, UC San Diego, trailed behind with a fourth-place finish.

UC San Diego surfer and team

captain Makena Burke joined the national leaderboard, taking home a second-place finish in the women's division. As a frequent top competitor and double state champion, Burke will be returning next season with the hopes of a championship title.

"I definitely went in with the goal of getting first, but of course, everything is always up to the

ocean's discretion," said Burke. "At the end of the day, sometimes the waves just don't come your way. I'm super happy to get second and get some good points for the team."

UC San Diego's fourth-place finish remains consistent with their previous 2022 third-place ranking.

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City Ballet of San Diego dance artist Shannon Romeo.

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City Ballet will be 'On the Move Without Bounds' outdoors at UC San Diego

By KYLIE CAPUANO

The 31st season of the Pacific Beach-based City Ballet of San Diego will kick off with an outdoor summer ballet show in La Jolla titled *On the Move 2023: Without Bounds*.

The performance will consist of three all-new works, choreographed by Elizabeth Wistrich, Geoffrey Gonzalez, and Brian Heil.

Aubade I & II, choreographed by Wistrich, will engage audience members through a dance piece that will invoke an interpretation of an awakening – whether it be through the promise that each new day holds or an awakening within oneself.

“The music is very, very powerful and emotional,” said *On the Move 2023: Without Bounds* director Ariana Gonzalez. “I feel like people are really going to be moved by not only the power of the dancing but the power of the movement.”

Forever Sunset, choreographed by Geoffrey Gonzalez, derives inspiration from Geoffrey’s own personal life. Dancers will slide around the stage wearing socks to execute a much more grounded movement to a modern contemporary style choreography.

“Geoff has been going through some personal sorrows, so that is reflected in the choreography. It is basically about celebrating the small moments in life and treasuring those around you,” said Ariana Gonzalez.

Heil’s choreographed classical piece titled

Moonlit will close the *On the Move 2023: Without Bounds* performances. An all-female cast will highlight the musical complexity of the score and dance to the waxing and waning of a moon cycle.

Showcasing on July 14-15 at 8 p.m., the performances will take place at the new open-air Epstein Family Amphitheater on the UC San Diego campus.

“This is our first time performing at the Epstein Family Amphitheater, and I think seeing that type of movement outdoors in this beautiful amphitheater is going to be so effective,” said Ariana Gonzalez. “We are in San Diego, ballet should be done outdoors here. I think it’s a great thing for people to do over the summer – see live performing art outside.”

The July 14 show will commence the City Ballet’s 31st season, which will run through next May. Ariana Gonzalez, daughter of the nonprofit’s co-founders, will have the honor of directing the first performance of the upcoming season.

“I was 9 years old when they first started the company, so I’ve seen it progress from where it started – having four dancers – to this very established ballet company,” said Ariana Gonzalez. “I feel very honored to get the opportunity to shape the company’s future vision with this show. It’s another opportunity to get on stage and to show the community of San Diego that we have amazing local choreographers here.”

Tickets are available on the City Ballet website and sell from \$39-59.

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Fashion Files
Diana Cavagnaro

Viva Alfaro is a multitallented designer and a transgender model in the fashion industry. Although she enjoys fashion designing, modeling is her first love. She will always give that 1,000% in prioritizing her goals and aspirations. Originally from Playas de Rosarito, Mexico, Viva always had plans to move to California. She came to San Diego and enrolled in the fashion design program at Mesa College. Half of her education was during the pandemic and it was a bit disheartening to have to be on Zoom for a major that requires hands-on work.

Graduating this summer, I asked her about the experience

and she said: “I am happy and proud of myself and every single person who went through that very difficult time and managed to stay afloat. All in all, my academic experience had its highs and lows, wins, and lots of losses but even with that, I would do it all over again.”

During this time she participated in the Golden Scissors 2021 Fashion Show as a designer and her collection was awarded first place. “I was honored to receive the recognition from faculty and peers,” she said.

In addition, she participated in the Fashion Redux with the team of “Uniforms” and was chosen as the Top 4 Designer and the “Most Transformative Design” award.

In 2023, she was chosen again as a Top 4 Designer and given the “Most Transformative Design” award for Fashion Redux. “I am very humbled to have received such recognition and awards

because it is the tangible proof that I can overcome the challenges and tasks given to me,” Viva said.

She began modeling in 2021 and said, “I love every aspect of it! The photoshoots, being backstage getting hair and makeup ready before the runway, the nerves and shaky legs right before your turn to walk – I’m in love with the thrill of it all.”

I asked her about Pride Month and she said this is her first time to celebrate it as a proud and open transgender woman. Viva said that there’s always controversy when Pride Month comes, but she said: “I believe that we should focus on love and understanding that our differences shouldn’t divide us, because they are the foundation for a strong and healthy society. We should learn to appreciate and respect each other more.” For more information, check out her Instagram @viva.alfaro.



Viva modeling. PHOTO BY WENDY SMITH

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, July 20 – Her Universe Fashion Show at Comic-Con at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel.

It is presented by Hot Topic and Disney. Begins at 6 p.m. and is free for San Diego Comic-Con attendees.

San Diego Swim Week, July 27-29 – Check the schedule for locations at SanDiegoSwimWeek.com.

Diana Cavagnaro is an internationally renowned Couture Milliner based in Alpine. Learn more about our hat designer, teacher, and blogger at DianaCavagnaro.com.



Viva model winning design for Fashion Redux. PHOTO BY NATASHA SACHI



Viva models for Vista Hill's Fashion Show. PHOTO BY DIANA CAVAGNARO



Viva models Kiara Jones at the Golden Scissors Fashion Show. PHOTO BY DIANA CAVAGNARO



Viva models for Vista Hill's Fashion Show. PHOTO BY DIANA CAVAGNARO



Viva model's bridal designer, Jenneva Borboa. PHOTO BY HELENA LIMON

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

By BART MENDOZA

SPOTLIGHT

Fans of 1960s pop-rock won't want to miss the "Happy Together Tour" stopping in at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay on July 11. The show will feature stars of the era including The Turtles, Little Anthony, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap (above), The Vogues, The Classics IV, The Cowsills, and Ron Dante of The Archies, who combined are responsible for an impressive 61 Billboard Top 40 hits. All still give great performances, but the clear favorite this evening will be former San Diegan Gary Puckett. Best known for a string of Top 10 hits between 1967-1969, including "Young Girl" and "Lady Willpower," he helped put San Diego on the musical map. Six decades on Puckett remains in fine voice, with a greatest hits set that will thrill fans at this rare homecoming show.

Gary Puckett & The Union Gap: Tuesday, July 11 at Humphrey's Concerts by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 6:30 p.m. \$66.50. humphreysconcerts.com.

RECOMMENDED

One of the hottest young blues talents hitting national stages right now is guitarist Anthony Cullins. Performing on July 7 at Beaumont's, Cullins is barely out of his teens but is already highly rated by his peers, winning the coveted "Best Blues Artist" trophy at this year's San Diego Music Awards. He is currently working on a new studio album in advance of more touring, but the concert stage is where Cullins truly shines. This show is a great opportunity to catch a rising music star in an intimate setting. Cullins won't be playing venues this small for much longer.

The Anthony Cullins Band: Friday, July 7 at Beaumont's Eatery, 5662 La Jolla Blvd. 9 p.m. \$10. beaumontseatory.com.

On July 8, The Soto Six will present a Tribute to The Jazz Crusaders at Dizzy's. Led by Dylan Soto (saxophone), the group will perform musical selections that span the three-decade history of the Crusaders, ranging from their hard bop roots, continuing through their experimentations with form and meter, before ultimately ending up at their funk/fusion era. Joining Soto in The Soto Six for this ambitious program will be Ryan Kupsh (trombone), Rudy Marquez (guitar), Bob Weller (piano), Max McKellar (bass), and Joannah Sy (drums).

A Tribute to The Jazz Crusaders: Saturday, July 8 at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. \$20. dizzys-jazz.com.

Classic rock trio 3 Way Street perform at Humphrey's Backstage Live on July 11. Featuring James Gossett (vocals, guitar), Andy Tirpak (vocals, guitar), and Laurie Beebe Lewis (vocals, keyboards), the combo excels at close harmony singing, giving their versions of tunes by the likes of Crosby, Stills and Nash, or Fleetwood Mac a particular edge. Notably, Lewis was a latter-day member of the iconic singing group, the Mamas and Papas, making 3 Way Street's renditions of songs such as "California Dreamin'" and "Dream A Little Dream of Me," as close to the real thing as you can get.

3 Way Street: Tuesday, July 11 at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 8:30 p.m. \$5. humphreys-backstagelive.com.

This year's free Concerts by the Sea series at La Jolla's Scripps Park kicks off on July 16. Upcoming performances will include Atomic Groove (July 23), The Springsteen Experience (July 30), and Full Strength (Aug. 6), but first up on July 16 will be long-running dance band, The Heroes. The key to the band's longevity is their versatility. The Heroes offer up something for just about everyone, from 1940s swing standards to the latest funk hits, making them the perfect family-friendly listening experience for a Sunday afternoon in one of the city's most beautiful locations.

The Heroes: Sunday, July 16 at Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Blvd. 3:30 p.m. Free. kiwanisclublajolla.org/event/concerts-by-the-sea.

Surf rockers The Tourmaliners celebrate their fifth anniversary with an outdoor dance party at Tio Leo's on July 18. Making this event extra special, the night will double as a release party for a vinyl issue of their 2022 album, Surfidia, as well as a celebration for that album's "Rock Album of The Year" win at the SDMA's earlier this year. The key ingredient at a Tourmaliners show is "fun," with an excellent mix of vintage tunes such as "New Orleans" and the "Hawaii 5-0" theme, played alongside top-notch originals that are every bit as melodic and danceable as the classics.

The Tourmaliners: Tuesday, July 18 at Tio Leo's, 6333 Mission Gorge Road. 7 p.m. \$5. tioleos.com.

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The Social Diary – Sassan's Wild West party in La Jolla; time to get 'racy'

By MARGO SCHWAB

A lot of horsepower ponied up to the Alavi Ranch in La Jolla dropping guests to a night of cowboy and cowgirl revelry. After all, it was Sassan Alavi's birthday so kin and friends flocked for a night of country to contemporary dancing and culinary magic by chef Drew.

Among the chic were Sydney Holland, Mama Puentes the matriarch, Rocio and Mike Flynn,

and Anna Boesky. Cover photo is me with Pam Marks whose shirt back had custom sparkles, 'not my first rodeo.'

And speaking of ponies, it's almost time for the Del Mar opening. I've included a flashback photo when I was invited to an enviable who's who of real horse people in the director's room. Famous horse trainer Neil Drysdale caught me betting on horse names. Laughs all around!



Sandra Maas with Sophia Alsadek and Adah – Alavi birthday.



EJ and Natasha Reiss Johnson – Alavi birthday.



Lane's End Farm gentlemen with Bob Brunson, Margo Schwab, and famous horse trainer Neil Drysdale.



Rosa Hanson – Alavi birthday.



Marc Chase of Symbolic International with Dr. Sassan Alavi, and Scott Johnston – Alavi birthday.



Birthday's Sassan Alavi and his pretty gal, wife Sandra Alavi – Alavi birthday.



Selma Daniels and MJ Wittman – Alavi birthday.

Claire Rochelle: B-Westerns actress, autograph biz, and a La Jolla connection

By DEBBIE L. SKLAR

Giddy up! In the early days of Hollywood, Westerns and B-Westerns were popular and attracted actors of all sorts men and women to start in them.

One such actress, Claire Rochelle, had a successful Hollywood career in such films as "Boot Hill Brigade" (1937), "Guns in the Dark" (1937), and "Riding the Lone Trail" (1937).

She also appeared in "Code of the Fearless" (1939) and "El Diablo Rides" (1939). She continued to work steadily in film throughout the 1930s and the 1940s, appearing in "Riders of the Sage" (1939), "The Pal From Texas" (1939), "Buzzy Rides the Range" (1940), and "Lightning Strikes West" (1940).

Her movie career ran from about 1933 to 1946 and consisted of about 60 films (14 westerns and zero serials).

In her early Hollywood days, she called herself Mildred Claire, and even appeared in two episodes of The Three Stooges in 1938 and 1939.

Note: Rochelle's film appearances may have started earlier as the Internet Movie Database lists her as a dancer in the 1929 RKO film "Tanned Legs."

WESTERNS WAYS

Her first Western film was a supporting role in Buck Jones' "Empty Saddles" (Universal, 1936). She would go on to leading lady roles with Bob Steele, Johnny



Claire Rochelle as a switchboard operator in 'Another Thin Man,' a Three Stooges short in 1939.

Mack Brown, Fred Scott, and Ken Maynard.

Rochelle also portrayed B-Western "bad girls" in these films: "Kid From Santa Fe" (Jack Randall, Monogram, 1940) and "Texas Justice" (George Houston, Lone Rider series, PRC, 1942).

During the World War II years, Rochelle's screen work dwindled to supporting roles, and during that period, she was often employed at Producers Releasing Corp. (PRC).

However, making films was still her goal and she played roles in "Men on Her Mind" (1944), "Swing Hostess" (1944), and "Waterfront" (1944). She also appeared in "Blonde For a Day" (1946).

EARLY DAYS

Rochelle was born on Aug. 22,

1908, in Nevada, Mo., however, various Internet sources report she was born in 1907 or 1908, or 1914.

Rochelle and her mother moved to California where she learned to dance, and her early film work was as a chorus girl jobs in Busby Berkeley musicals at Warner Bros. circa. 1933-1934.

AFTER FILM

When she finally decided to leave films, Rochelle and her husband had a new venture that still kept her in films – to a degree.

In an article in the Valley Times, on Feb. 15, 1955, author Bob Thomas wrote: "Miss Rochelle and her husband Leo Hirsch run the United Fan Club and Fan Mail Service from an office on the Sunset Strip."

It surmises that she grew tired



Claire Rochelle in the film 'Double Exposure' in 1944.

of waiting for casting calls as well as the infrequent paychecks from acting jobs and ...

"The business expanded, and their clientele included scores of Hollywood stars. Actor Howard Duff was their first customer, and another customer was comedian George Gobel ..."

The article also stated the fan mail service received 120,000 letters monthly; most were requests for photos, and they are sent to the writer. "The cost to the star runs from 7 to 25 cents, depending on how large a photo they want. The average bill is around \$300-\$500, but it can cost some of the hotter stars as much as \$1,500 to keep the writing fans happy."

EXTRA STUFF

According to Michael Grauer, McCasland Chair of Cowboy

Culture and curator of Cowboy Collections and Western Art, he has indeed heard of Claire Rochelle, "Yes, but only vaguely in the credits from time to time."

And while she may not be a household name, there is a rare photo of her being offered via the Antiquarian Booksellers' Association of America for \$69 found online. It is listed as: ("Claire Rochelle") in black fountain pen ink on a 1/2 length portrait wearing a white blouse with a large scarf as a tie looking into the camera. Photograph in on heavy stock; 7 1/4" x 9 1/2"; very good; ca. 1935 ... Signed and inscribed by the author: 'For Hal, A very special fan. Claire Rochelle.'

"Rochelle (1908-1981), birth date and location are not known; died May 23, 1981, La Jolla, CA; American screen actress; appeared in over 60 films; film career from 1935-1946. F. Softcover. (Inventory #: 502962)..."

DEATH

Rochelle was married to Hirsch and she died on May 23, 1981, in La Jolla, at the age of 72 from cancer, records state.

According to the California Death Index, there is a record for Claire R. Hirsch, born Aug. 22, 1914, in Missouri, mother's maiden name of Harrington, and father's name of Frizell. It also lists her death in La Jolla, on May 23, 1981, however, the Social Security Death Index has her birth date as Aug. 22, 1907.

It is unknown as to where the actress or her husband are buried.