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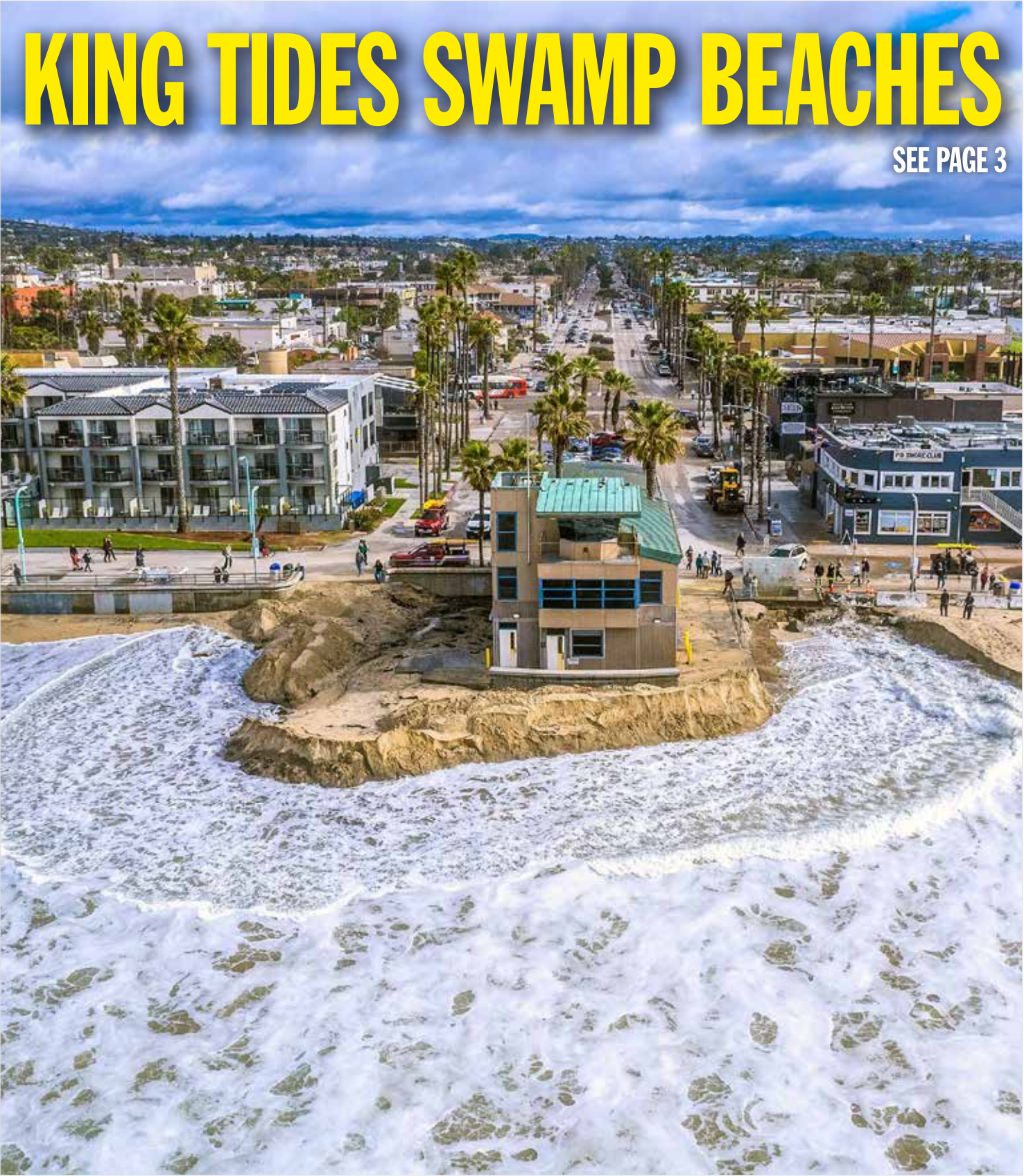


Sidnie Waller

By NEAL PUTNAM

A drunk driver who caused her passenger's death by drowning after crashing her parents' BMW off Sea World Drive was sentenced on Jan. 5 to 15 years to life in state prison for second-degree murder. Additionally, because Jennifer Rae Xavier, now 24, was also convicted of hit and run in the death of her friend Sidnie Waller, 21, the judge added four years consecutively to her prison term to equal 19 years to life. The parents and brother of Waller, who lived in Point Loma, traveled to San Diego to speak and told Xavier and San Diego Superior Court Judge Peter Deddeh how the death of their daughter and sister respectively affected them. Xavier turned around and faced them in court unlike she did in the May trial, and later spoke to them. The victim's brother, Jacob Waller, spoke first, saying "You took my sister away." "How could you leave Sidnie to die? How could you leave Sidnie underwater?" asked Waller. "You are selfish. When will you learn? You have no remorse. You have not changed and you never will."

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King tides this month almost encircled the Pacific Beach Lifeguard Station, and combined with high surf, splashed over the boardwalk's retaining wall to swamp areas of Mission Beach. On Jan. 12, an event at Kendall-Frost Marsh in PB discussed the effects of king tides and sea-level rise on the coastal areas and the need to preserve wetlands.

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More volunteers needed for Point in Time Count of unsheltered on Jan. 25

By DAVE SCHWAB

The Regional Task Force on Homelessness needs more volunteers for the 2024 Point in Time Count on Jan. 25 and The Compass Station in Pacific Beach is again preparing for the big day.

Upwards of 1,600 volunteers countywide will participate in the annual PIT Count interviewing unsheltered residents throughout the region from 4-8 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25. The count is led by the RTFH as part of a federal funding mandate. It also helps RTFH learn more about the people experiencing homelessness while raising awareness about the crisis.

Caryn Blanton, executive director of nonprofit Shoreline Community Services at 1004 Chalcedony St., which addresses the unmet needs of unsheltered individuals and families in the central beach area, explained why the PIT count is so important.

"It's a federally mandated requirement to be conducted every two years, but San Diego has decided to do the count every year," Blanton said adding, "This is the best way to get a pulse on the (homeless) population."

Volunteers performing the



Volunteers for last year's Point in Time Count in the coastal area.

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PIT count have a phone app they can use now with survey questions making it easier for them to query the unsheltered. "Those participating are rewarded with a gift card," Blanton said. "We want people to engage so we can see, overall, what's going on."

Data from the PIT count has been useful in reflecting current trends in homelessness in

San Diego revealing a growing – and aging – unsheltered population. "For every 10 people who found housing –16 people experienced homelessness for the first time in San Diego County," noted Blanton. "At The Compass Station, Shoreline Community Services' drop-in resource center, 35% of the 600 individuals who visited last year were over 55 years old."

"Whether you have a strong opinion about the homeless situation, simply don't know what to think about it, or don't know how best to help, I strongly urge you to challenge yourself by volunteering for this vital count," said Dawn Reilly Jessop, who participated in last year's count volunteering with The Compass Station.

"It will provide you the opportunity to speak directly with those affected and better understand the individual experiences of our unhoused neighbors. Yes, it is early. Yes, it will be cold. But it will be eye-opening. You will meet like-minded people, help secure more funds for San Diego, hand out socks and gift cards, be rewarded in smiles, and there will most likely be free donuts and coffee."

Reilly Jessop suggested checking with your employer, as many will be willing to pay employees to take the day off to volunteer for the PIT count.

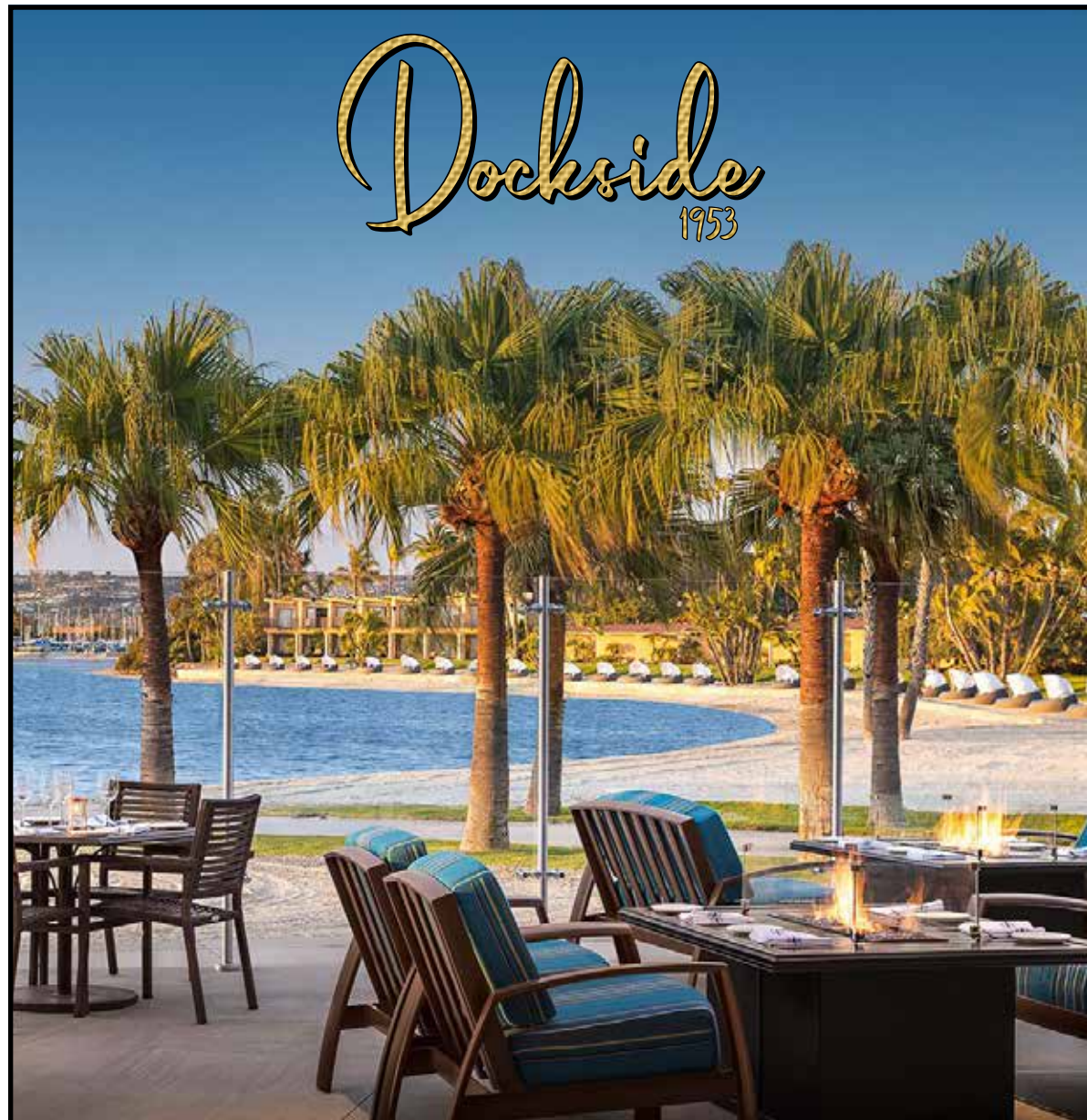
Another Shoreline PIT volunteer, Susan Harrison, agreed helping do the count is fulfilling. "This Jan. 25 will be my third experience working with the annual PIT in the San Diego beach area assisting in setting up and directing the (volunteer) teams," Harrison said.

"The irony of this small time to count is the extended amount of preparation by the County to make this small window of time come together. Maps are created for each team to search a specific area and are numbered by priority. A highly valued pair of socks is provided for each person located. Stacks of gift cards are provided for those who answer the surveys, which have been downloaded on the volunteers' cell phones."

Added Harrison: "So impressive is the recruitment and online training the County provides the volunteers. Enthusiastic people show up at 3 a.m. with high expectations for contributing. Some come as teams of friends or work teams. The work teams of Councilmember Joe La Cava and Supervisor Tara Lawson stood out as the most prepared and aware of the significance of the event. Others show up and our team helps to put them into safe groups to work together."

Concluded Harrison: "One of the values of this count is to help our community understand the scope of the situation, and to provide them opportunities to be part of the solution."

For more information, visit shorelinecs.org.



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UNIVERSITY CITY FAMILY NEEDS SUPPORT TO REBUILD HOUSE AFTER FIRE

A family lost their house due to an unknown cause of fire in University City, and they are receiving support to rebuild the family home. The fire occurred in the afternoon on Dec. 18, and five of family members were displaced with nothing left, according to the breaking news.

The house had been maintained for many generations until it went up in flames. "I have lived in that house my entire life and childhood. My grandpa built the house in the 1970s and lived in it ever since. My mom, uncle, and I all grew up in that house," said Leila Namvar, the GoFundMe organizer.

Namvar remembers precious memories with her grandparents, such as watching classic movies and playing card games with her grandfather or helping her grandmother with cooking on Thanksgiving. "It is very sad to see your grandparent's house gone when that house was their pride and joy," said Namvar.

Mary Shiloff and Edward Shiloff, the grandparents of Namvar, are currently living in a hotel and are looking for a house to rent in the meantime. Donations will be used for rebuilding the Shiloff's home. If you would like to support them, visit GoFundMe.

HOLLINGSWORTH FAMILY NEEDS HELP AFTER LOSS OF FATHER, PB VOLUNTEER

The Hollingsworth family needs support after the beloved father and volunteer, Russ Hollingsworth died on Dec. 13. He suffered a traumatic brain injury from a car accident, leaving behind his daughter and wife.

Hollingsworth is remembered as a great family member – father, husband, brother, son, and the best dog dad. "He loved surfing, golfing, and being with his family. He coached his daughter in soccer for many years," reads the fundraiser written by Sara Weiss, the GoFundMe organizer.

He was also a volunteer as a member of OMBAC (Old Mission Beach Athletic Club) and worked actively throughout the Pacific Beach community for charitable causes.

His daughter, Kylee Hollingsworth, and wife, Tracee Hollingsworth, have been confronted with both emotional and financial challenges all of a sudden, and are having a difficult time. They are looking for financial aid from the community while they navigate through the period of grief. "Your generous contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference. It will not only help alleviate the financial strain but also serve as a reminder that they are not alone during this painful journey," reads the fundraiser.

Event at Kendall-Frost Marsh highlights effects of king tides on coastline

By DAVE SCHWAB

San Diego Audubon Society held a well-attended community science event at Kendall-Frost Marsh on Jan. 12 discussing king tides, sea-level rise, and protecting endangered birds, while extolling the virtues of wetlands and the need to preserve them.

Andrew Meyer, director of conservation for San Diego Audubon Society, led the discussion joined by District 1 Councilmember Joe LaCava along with Lesly Gallegos-Stearns of San Diego Coastkeeper.

“Kendall-Frost Marsh is the northeast portion of Mission Bay and this corner of it is the last remaining 40 acres of (previously 4,000 acres) of tidal wetlands habitat managed by the City and UC San Diego,” said Meyer adding, “The entire 3,960 other acres are open to the public. These 40 acres are closed most of the year because this is the last habitat that all these other non-human species have in Mission Bay.”

Meyer pointed out San Diego Audubon Society has been collaborating with the City and UC San Diego to help endangered bird species, like the Ridgway’s rail, which depend on tideland habitats like Kendall-Frost.

“All kinds of birds, fish, and invertebrates use this habitat and it’s a critical spot for endangered species in particular,” said Meyer

adding, “Today, at king tide, the highest tide of the year, we can see what the future holds, and how hard it will be if you are a (creature) that needs to survive in this habitat, because this habitat is disappearing before our very eyes.”

Of king tides, Meyer noted: “We get our highest tides of the year when we are closest to the moon and sun and when they both are pulling on our oceans in alignment. We get high tides in June/ July then usually in December/ January. In a place like Kendall-Frost Marsh, in the protected Mission Bay, you can see the highest tides creep through the marsh without much wave or wind or storm action.

Added Meyer: “But if we were to get a storm on a king tide day, then we’d get even more flooding and salt-water inundation than we did a few weeks ago when a storm brought the ocean up and over the beach and seawall in Mission and Pacific beaches. If that had been a king tide day, we would have added several more inches of flooding on top of that damage to our beaches, protected coastal habitats and infrastructure.”

Concluded Meyer: “The real big problem is that our king tides will become more and more common. As sea levels rise, our normal high tide will get higher and our king tides will be even higher. That’s a big problem for our beach

infrastructure and also a big problem for our protected marsh habitats that need to be expanded to keep pace with that sea-level rise. We’ve got to restore those places now, and fight climate change if we want that natural resilient infrastructure to survive.”

Meyer also promoted Rewild Mission Bay, an advocacy project by wildlife conservationists, who are lobbying the City to restore and expand the Kendall-Frost PB marshland habitat.

Pointing at a nearby housing development adjacent to Kendall-Frost, LaCava pointed out, “That water is lapping at their doors, and that is the future that we’re talking about.” He added, “It’s not just about protecting the natural habitat. It’s also about protecting our public and private investments and public infrastructure that will be threatened by sea level rise. We can’t just sit back and say, ‘Maybe it will happen, maybe it won’t.’ What we have to do is be proactive in figuring out what the solutions are, especially focusing on logical solutions to make sure that we protect the quality of life we have and protect our natural habitats.”

Gallegos-Stearns of Coastkeeper said: “I am in charge of a Mission Bay water quality-control program, and Kendall-Frost is one of 10 sites we sample around Mission Bay every month. For the past few months, without stormwater being



Officials and residents gathered at Kendall-Frost Marsh on Jan. 12 to discuss king tides and sea-level rise. PHOTO BY DAVE SCHWAB

involved, the water quality hasn’t been the best. It has failed state water-quality standards in bacteria, copper, and phosphorus. And Kendall-Frost has been one of the sites that has failed every month.”

King tides along the beachfront are damaging in other ways. Just ask Cathy Ives of the nonprofit Don’t Trash Mission Beach. She noted the recent king tides “washed up thousands of pieces of Styrofoam (cups, coolers, and boogie boards), which are illegal at the beaches.” Additionally, Ives said, “All the charred wood from illegal fires is also washed up and uncovered, which has turned the beaches from a light brown to

gray. If you walk the tideline, you will see specks of white, clear bottlecaps, colored particles (broken beach toys) flecks of white (styrofoam and chunks of black (charred wood).”

Added Ives about king tides: “It is not unusual to pick up over 100 straws and parts of straws (which kill wildlife) in one mile of beach. All the kelp washed ashore is filled with plastic. High winds also bring in balloons and fishing gear, crab pots, fishing lines, lures, and more. Birds eat all the balloons and plastic thinking they are food. Because their stomach says they are full, they essentially starve to death as plastic has no nutritional value.”

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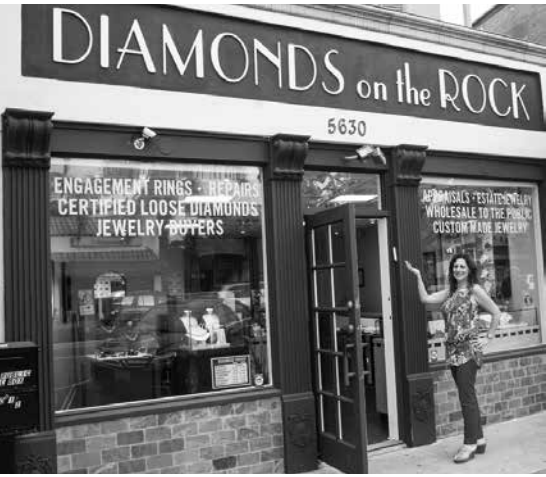


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In 1990 she moved to San Diego where she became a partner in a diamond wholesale company. Missing the personal connection with her clients she opened a small jewelry store near UTC and then moved to Mission Valley in 1998. She chose to open a store in Bird Rock with her son David because it has the intimate feeling of a small community, and is reminiscent of her hometown. Stop by and say hello! For that personal touch in selecting the perfect engagement ring, designing custom jewelry, or expert repairs, they will take care of you!



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Häagen-Dazs La Jolla, a beloved local ice cream and coffee destination, is thrilled to announce a milestone - the celebration of a decade since acquiring ownership of the franchise in 2013. Over the years, Häagen Dazs has become an integral part of the community, offering delightful ice cream and warm hospitality to both locals and tourists alike.

The journey began ten years ago when the current owners took over the franchise. Since then, they have been dedicated to creating a welcoming environment for all, especially

tourists who visit La Jolla. Their passion for connecting with visitors and witnessing their enjoyment while savoring delicious ice cream has been a driving force in making Häagen Dazs a cherished spot in the community.

"We feel incredibly lucky to have been a part of this wonderful journey and to have witnessed the joy on the faces of our customers," says Houda. "Our local patrons have been incredibly generous and friendly, and we've felt their support every step of the way. It's allowed us to keep our doors open until 10 pm, providing a safe and cozy place for everyone to enjoy."

As Häagen-Dazs La Jolla enters 2023-2024, the store is excited to introduce a delightful addition to its menu - coffee! Customers can now enjoy a variety of coffee options, including espresso, cappuccino, latte, and the popular Iced Brewed coffee. However, the standout addition is the Turkish coffee, which has quickly become a favorite among patrons.

To complement their ice cream and coffee offerings, Häagen-Dazs La Jolla is now baking

fresh waffle cones every day. They take pride in offering samples, allowing customers to indulge in the delicious aroma and taste of freshly baked cones before choosing their ice cream flavors.

"Our commitment to delivering exceptional ice cream and coffee experiences remains steadfast," says Houda. "This business is not just a venture for us; it's our retirement hobby, and we pour our hearts into it every day to ensure our customers leave with smiles on their faces."

As Häagen-Dazs La Jolla celebrates a decade of serving the community and visitors alike, they invite everyone to join in the celebration of this special milestone. Whether you're a local looking for a sweet treat or a tourist exploring the beauty of La Jolla, Häagen-Dazs La Jolla promises an unforgettable experience.

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She brings a professional background in marketing, advertising and leadership positions to her 20+ years in real estate in La Jolla and the surrounding San Diego coastal communities.

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Rosa is passionate about helping people accumulate wealth through real estate and achieve financial stability for retirement. As an investor in real estate herself, she has put the model to the test and succeeded. As a Founder of the La Jolla Compass Real Estate office and a four-year recipient of the Five Star Real Estate Agent Award, she is a sought-after real estate expert. She is an outspoken advocate for her clients which has earned her a reputation for prioritizing client relationships, strategic negotiation skills and an impeccable attention to details. She is a trust and probate specialist, and a certified negotiator.

The same integrity, professionalism and commitment that has propelled her professional and business successes, she devotes to her volunteerism, philanthropy and community service. She currently serves as the chairman of the board of trustees of New Americans Museum and Immigration Learning Center leading efforts to uplift the stories of the contributions of immigrants to America's success. She is a founding member of Latinas Foundation and has served on the executive committee of the board of the National Latina Business Women's Association, San Diego Chapter. Throughout her career, she has received many industry accolades and has been recognized for her volunteer work and civic service.

Rosa calls Pacific Beach home where she remains grounded in family life and savoring time spent with her son Teddy. She enjoys traveling, hiking and sports, wine and great food, and especially spending quality time with family and friends.



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Yum Zab! offers Thai street food in Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

Klin Sritong has taken over the space previously inhabited by Rhythm's Chicken & Waffles at 1136 Garnet Ave. turning it into Yum Zab! Thai street food.

"Yum Zab! is two Thai words combined," said restaurateur Sritong, a Thai native whose family moved to San Diego in 2002. "Yum in Thailand is a word play on a mixture of ingredients. And Zab is a northeastern dialect in Thailand meaning delicious. We combined the two words to mean a combination of deliciousness."

Characterizing Thai cuisine as "a little mixture of everything," Sritong added, "It has more herbs and spices. It's a combination of things, like curries derived from India. Thai cuisine is served hot. Street food is what we're known for."

Pointing out that Thailand is a "melting pot" of cultures and cuisines hailing from China, Indochina, Japan, and India, Sritong noted the noodles in Thai dishes come from China. "We adapt with what we have and Pad Thai is one of our noodle dishes," he said, noting Thailand is right on the equator "so you can grow just about everything there. With Thai cuisine, it's more – or less – about the sauces rather than the



The Yuzu Shio Fried Chicken Ramen bowl at Yum Zab! CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

ingredients that go with it."

Yum Zab!'s cuisine is a hybrid. "We wanted to highlight our really good fried chicken, which is quick and easy (to prepare)," noted Sritong. "The sauces are what makes it (cuisine) different and brings it all together in a bowl, which you can grab and go and carry around. That's the concept that we started with, to be able to carry it (dish) with one hand and go wherever you want to with it."

Noting his mother and older brother are both in the San Diego restaurant business, having opened an eatery in Rancho Bernardo, Sritong said he ended up in PB after finding out last April that Rhythm's had not renewed their lease and had moved their operations out of the beach community. "We signed (a lease)

YUM ZAB!

Where: 1136 Garnet Ave.
Contact: eatyumzab.com, 619-384-0109.

in May," he said. Chicken & Waffles has reopened as Mom's Chicken and Waffles in North Park.

Yum Zab! is a fast-casual restaurant focused on a unique and eclectic menu of Asian street food favorites, as well as other delicious cuisine. Menu choices at Yum Zab! involve a wide range of cuisines including:

- A rice bowl with spicy Korean fried chicken;
- Honey Aioli Crispy Shrimp;
- Thai Basil Fried Chicken Bowl;
- Vegan Poke Bowl;
- Korean Corn Dogs;
- Malaysian-inspired Pandan Kaya Toast;
- Japanese Wagyu Sando;
- Thai Tom Yum Goong Soup.

Sritong said most menu items are fried chicken rice bowls with different sauces and toppings. The casual restaurant, which has limited outdoor seating features a counter-service format. Customers can order their food via computer screen daily from 11:30 a.m. usually until 1 or 2 a.m.

Yum Zab! does both catering and delivery in the local area using delivery platforms like DoorDash, Uber Eats, and Grubhub.

Copper Top Coffee & Donuts served fresh to order in Pacific Beach



By KYUNGMIN MIN

There is a coffee and donut shop where customers can see the ocean by just turning around the corner from the store. Copper Top Coffee & Donuts has recently opened on Mission Boulevard, having originally been located in Hillcrest.

Donuts are served fresh to order, and customers can watch the entire process over the counter, from frying to decorating with toppings. This is what differentiates the café from other donut shops; warm and fresh donuts will make any day more special.

When Josh McCorkle, the proprietor, acquired a location in Hillcrest in 2017, he initially planned to open a drive-through coffee shop. However, he wanted to

offer something more and decided to experiment with donuts.

"When I wanted to come up with a recipe for my donuts, I wanted it to be something that would remind you of your grandma's recipe – very nostalgic and made you feel like you were at home," said McCorkle. Therefore, he makes toppings like marshmallow and salted caramel from scratch.

A lot of tourists stepped into the Hillcrest café during the summer and wanted to see the donuts being made, prompting McCorkle to decide to create a new location with an open kitchen layout. Also, he chose a touristy area.

"Our donuts are kind of unique and novel, so when you're on vacation, it's fun to go get something different and fun," he said.

McCorkle decided to join a new

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community in Pacific Beach. With the motto "community is our commitment," he wanted to be a part of the community that he enjoys and lives in. "Our family, we all live here, and my son goes to school here," noted McCorkle. He regards coffee as a community-based experience and is open to getting to know customers little by little, even if it's just for 30 seconds a day.


The café offers 15 different kinds of donuts, including the signature The Copper Top – with salted caramel espresso glaze, maple frosting, and espresso grinds, and Dirt Pile – with homemade vanilla frosting and Oreo crumbles, which is the most popular one for kids. The café also serves its own coffee, roasted in Seattle – ensuring top quality.

As the community is important to the café, ongoing promotions are consistently offered for neighbors. There were promotions for local schools and medical centers in Hillcrest, and McCorkle plans to continue this tradition in the new community.

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Increased orca activity off SD coast may be because of The Blob

By DAVE SCHWAB

More orcas than usual this time of year are being spied increasingly in San Diego's coastal waters. And it's the job of Alisa Schulman-Janiger, lead research biologist for the California Killer Whale Project (californiakiller-whaleproject.org), and her team, to figure out why this is happening, and what it all means.

"Over the last 40 years, we've never had anything like this, where you've had orcas sticking around together (hunting) for a month or longer," said Schulman-Janiger, who's spent years tracking orcas and studying their behavior.

She added their most recent high-profile presence in San Diego's water is due in part to this particular species of killer whales being of the more "boat-curious" type. She added this particular orca pod they've been studying has been seen approaching boats and "turning on their sides to look at people," noting this has "added a special glow to the encounters making them super special."

One clue as to why these orcas are here now in greater numbers may have come in the form of an endangered fin whale found washed up near Pacific Beach on Dec. 10. Originally, biologists thought wounds found on that fin whale were from sharks, as they could find no signs of ship strikes or propeller wounds. However, it was later determined that the non-fatal wounds found on the fin whale's body were more likely caused by killer whales,

according to Michael Milstein of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

"It's hard for us to know (for sure)," said Schulman-Janiger about the reason for the whales increased presence in San Diego waters, while pointing out the answer might be found following the food chain. "This group of killer whales came from Mexico," she said noting the marine mammals feed "wherever food is abundant. But we can't possibly know why they decided to go on a 'road trip.' Perhaps these are (just) more adventurous whales that are more curious," she said.

Noting orca pods can be comprised of one or more families, Schulman-Janiger said they know this particular pod has two nursing mothers with young calves, which translates into their needing to eat more to survive. She added the orca pod being studied was found in the area where the fin whale "with fresh-bleeding tooth bites" was beached just 24 hours later. "This group of killer whales could likely have been the ones that wounded that fin whale causing it to beach and later die," Schulman-Janiger



A pod of orcas recently hit and attacked dolphins off the coast of San Diego. PHOTO BY PATRICIA VANOVER INDICTOR

concluded.

The wildlife biologist pointed out killer whales, and their prey, are sensitive to changes in water temperature, which may also account for the orcas being present in the now warmer-than-usual waters. "El Ninos (warmer-than-average sea surface temperature events) used to happen every 5-8 years, but are happening closer together now, with shorter intervals in between," Schulman-Janiger said. She added that another weather phenomenon known as "The Blob," could explain why killer whales and their prey are ending up in San Diego waters more now this time of year.

The Blob is a large mass of relatively warm water in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of North

America that was first detected in late 2013 and continued to spread throughout 2014 and 2015. An example of a marine heatwave is ocean water temperatures with The Blob can be between 4 and 10 degrees above average.

"During The Blob in 2014, we had waters several degrees above normal up and down the Pacific Coast from Mexico into California and we saw an uptick in birds, fish, and killer whales coming from Mexico into California waters," said Schulman-Janiger.

KILLER WHALES

The orca (*Orcinus orca*), or killer whale, sometimes referred to as the "wolves of the sea," are toothed whales and the largest members of the oceanic dolphin family. Recognizable by their black-and-white patterned body, orcas are found in diverse marine environments, from Arctic to Antarctic regions to tropical seas.

Orcas are apex predators with a diverse diet often specializing in particular types of prey including a variety of fish, sharks, rays, and marine mammals such as seals, other species of dolphins, and whales. Killer whales are highly social. Some populations are composed of highly stable matrilineal family groups (pods). Their sophisticated hunting techniques and vocal behaviors are passed along from generation to generation. Orcas are not usually a threat to humans, and no fatal attack has ever been documented in their natural habitat. There have been cases of captive orcas killing or injuring their handlers at marine theme parks.

"That leads us to believe this change may be tied to the warming of the waters. That isn't necessarily global warming. But it's definitely climate change."

Schulman-Janiger noted the dolphins may be coming here more now because of climate change as "they know San Diego is a good place (to feed)." Consequently, she surmised, killer whales may be following them to their new feeding grounds.

Paradise Point pays fine, Margaritaville redevelopment plan awaits approval

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

The transition for Paradise Point Resort in Mission Bay into becoming a Margaritaville resort took another step forward in January when the owner of Paradise Point, Pebblebrook Hotel Trust based in Maryland, paid the \$1 million fine levied on it by the California Coastal Commission in September.

Changes to the property to become a Margaritaville await approval by the Coastal Commission.

The Coastal Commission fined the resort after years of violations by the previous owner restricting public access to the property, located at 1404 Vacation Road on Vacation Isle, just southwest of the Ingraham Bridge. The fines are from decades of violations when the previous owner of Paradise Point Resort when the resort was known as Vacation Village, restricted public access to the beach and did not post any free parking or public access signs on the 44-acre property. Until recently

the public was not aware of the access and some of the changes will include a way to alert the public through the installation of signs.

When the City of San Diego established the plan to develop Mission Bay into a public recreation area in 1958 part of the original plan included complete and unfettered public access to Vacation Isle's coastlines. The privately owned Vacation Village was established on the isle in 1962.

Some of the changes made to the property include funding an educational outreach program to bring lower-income students and families to the resort for free overnight stays, new signs indicating public access and free parking on the property and on the Ingraham Bridge Southbound, marine debris reduction plan, the removal of any barriers on the coastline to obstruct movement along the entire island and the construction of a public restroom. Pebblebrook will also replace a wooden pier with a newly constructed pier that is expected to cost around \$1 million.

The proceeds for the fine will go toward a statewide reserve for initiatives that include improving public coastline access, acquiring open space, and completing regional trails.

Pebblebrook's plan in 2018 after it acquired the property was to build a Margaritaville resort on Vacation Isle however they ran into a series of delays when the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 prevented any progress in that direction. Pebblebrook presented a redevelopment plan to the Coastal Commission in 2022 and was on the Commission's agenda in June 2022 but the company was forced to pull its application due to pressure from local government officials.

Then another attempt was made in 2023 to present a redevelopment plan was presented and it was decided by the Coastal Commission for the company to get approval it would make a series of changes to the property and pay a \$1 million fine.

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Bronze plaque dedicated at Maruta Gardner Playground

By DAVE SCHWAB

A ceremony was held on Jan. 10 to unveil and dedicate a bronze plaque at Maruta Gardner Playground in Bonita Cove Playground in Mission Bay.

The playground at 1100 W. Mission Bay Drive was named in honor of the late Maruta Gardner, a community leader and educator who was killed in 2016 by an impaired driver while she was removing graffiti from the Mission Beach jetty wall. Gardner died from a severe head injury in what police called a road rage-fueled hit-and-run crash by a drunken driver.

The large plaque has a three-dimensional image and bio of Gardner. It was purchased by the Mission Beach Women's Club, a group Gardner was once president of, that raised funds for the upgrade of the park playground.

The MBWC had already raised \$35,000 toward the park. But the

City instead paid the \$3.4 million cost, and the MBWC money has been earmarked and is already being used through the City to purchase playground equipment at Maruta Gardner Playground.

"Maruta and the MBWC were determined to upgrade the playground at Bonita Cove," said Nancie Geller, board member and past president of MBWC. "The impetus for rebuilding the playground was drug paraphernalia and razor blades intentionally placed in the sand and causing harm to children who stepped on them. The park was simply a dangerous place. Unfortunately, Maruta didn't live to see the fruits of her efforts."

Added Geller: "A plaque is warranted so that generations to come will know who Maruta was what she did for the community and why this \$3.4 million playground was developed in her name. The MBWC will always honor her life by providing play equipment and financial support

for her playground. She left our community a better place."

Gardner's friend Dawn Reilly, referring to the late educator as her "mentor," said Gardner had an unparalleled knack for getting people motivated and involved. "She was just a spark," Reilly said. "She put people to work, gave them directives, and handed them jobs to do. She was great at 'wrangling' people. All of a sudden, you'd have a seat on a board and you'd go, 'How did I get here?' People would say, 'Maruta just volunteered me.'"

Reilly spoke about Gardner's community activism. "I always think of her like how a pebble creates lots of ripples that spread," she said. "Maruta was like a giant stone that made big ripples and changes that had a positive effect on the community. Our honoring Maruta is keeping that conversation going, about how important community service is, to take action and make change, and to inspire other people to do the same. She was just one of a kind. That's why we keep

wanting her name out there – to show people how important it is to be a part of your community."

The \$3.4 million improvements at Maruta Gardner Playground included renovation of the half-acre playground, replacement of the comfort station, a new shade structure, enhanced security lighting, and sidewalk and pedestrian curb ramps to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

Other upgrades include a tot lot, baby, regular, group, tandem, and ADA swings as well as an assortment of slides, a seesaw, rubber ground, spinners, and a climbing structure. There is also a large grassy area on the playground with space for volleyball courts and to ride a bike.

Gardner chaired the Mission Beach Town Council's Graffiti Patrol. Before painting over graffiti in the beach area, she would take photos and then send them to the San Diego Police Department's gang unit so officers could identify the gangs to which the graffiti was tied.



The bronze plaque at the Maruta Gardner Playground in Mission Beach. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The police department deputized Gardner and gave her an honorary badge. For more than 20 years, Gardner, riding a three-wheeled bicycle, hauled supplies and paint as she pedaled to different spots in the beach area to paint over graffiti.

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Jacob Waller spoke about how Sidnie texted him messages while in her car, saying that Xavier had been drinking and was driving recklessly. Those messages were shown to the jury, and Jacob texted her to get out of the car before she was killed.

He said unfortunately his sister stopped sending text messages and he did not know where she was, but he knew something happened to her.

The California Highway Patrol later found the BMW overturned and partly submerged in Tecolote Creek on March 4, 2021. Xavier managed to get out of the car and climbed up a ravine and a motorist called the police. She was intoxicated and officers drove her home, but she did not say she had been in an accident.

Sidnie's mother, Danijela Mosunic, told Deddeh "Writing

this (victim's impact) statement is the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

Mosunic said she recalled "Spending hours in dark closets...not wanting anyone to hear me cry...I don't know if I will ever laugh as deeply."

"I'm living a life without parole. My daughter was the sunrise and the sunset," said Mosunic. "We will never get to walk her down the aisle."

Her mother said she occasionally asks herself questions, such as, "Was she trying to break out of the car?"

"You must be less than human not to summon help. You had contact with police," said Mosunic, noting that Xavier did not tell them she had been in a crash.

She tearfully said her daughter was brain dead because of "a lack of oxygen from being underwater" and that a specialist told her "there's nothing we can do."

Mosunic said the only thing she could do for her daughter was plan

her funeral and adopt her cat.

Donald Waller said his daughter's death hit him hard and he quit his job. He drank heavily for a while. "Sidnie's dead because of you," he told Xavier.

Donald Waller told Xavier that her actions not only affected his family but also her own family.

Speaking for the first time, Xavier said, "I made a reckless choice. My reckless choice took the life of one of my closest friends."

"I'm sorry I didn't get her home safely. I take full responsibility. I wish every day I could re-do that night," said Xavier. "I am so angry at myself."

"I drank and I drove. I'm sorry for taking Sidnie away," said Xavier. "I'm going to spend the rest of my life speaking on the dangers of drinking and driving."

"I will never drink and drive again. I am so sorry. I am so sorry."

Her attorney, G. Cole Casey, asked Deddeh for a lesser sentence without specifying an exact amount. He said, "She was never held accountable" before for any DUI conviction as she had none, so she is being punished "as if she had been" convicted of DUI in the past.

Casey mentioned fire camp as an alternative sentence, but prison officials don't allow fire camp for inmates sentenced to more than 8 years.

Deputy District Attorney Philippa Cunningham urged the maximum sentence, saying "she knew it could end this way."

The judge gave her credits for the 877 days she has spent in jail since her arrest. The trial began on May 11 and the jury convicted her on May 26 after two days of deliberations.

Xavier's parents, brother, and other family members attended the sentencing but did not speak.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023218 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. NATIONAL MOTORS, 5784 MIRAMAR ROAD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 Is registered by the following: a. NATIONAL MOTORS GROUP, INC. is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 08/15/2013 Registrant Name: a. NATIONAL MOTORS GROUP, INC. is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor SHOKOOH ATIGHI, SECRETARY statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 16, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024276 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. POINT PR COMMUNICATIONS, 1662 PUTERBAUGH STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92103 Is registered by the following: a. JOHN B.B. FREEMAN is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 12/4/2023 Registrant Name: a. JOHN B.B. FREEMAN is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 04, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023420 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. COAST HOME REMODELING, 424 15TH ST #2503, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 Is registered by the following: a. COAST EXTERIORS, INC. is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 08/08/2023 Registrant Name: a. COAST EXTERIORS, INC. is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor LIZA GOIS, CEO statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 20, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023554 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. METLA HOUSE CLEANING, 330 13TH STREET, APT 2004, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 Is registered by the following: a. METLA, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 04/01/2022 Registrant Name: a. METLA, LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor ARTSIOM MACHEKIN, MANAGER statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 21, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024824 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. MR BENJAMIN'S 3344 FENELON ST, SAN DIEGO, CA 92106 Is registered by the following: a. MR BENJAMIN'S COTILLION, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 10/15/1983 Registrant Name: a. MR BENJAMIN'S COTILLION, LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor PETER G. BENJAMIN, MANAGING MEMBER, statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 12, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9023881 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PACIFIC BROKERAGE, 5638 TAFT AVE, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 Is registered by the following: a. KIRK PATRICK ZURBRIGGEN MR conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 02/07/2019 Registrant Name: a. KIRK PATRICK ZURBRIGGEN MR is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: NOVEMBER 29, 2023 ISSUE DATES: December 15 , January 5, 12 & 19

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2023-00055043-CU-PT-CTL SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; STREET ADDRESS: Superior Court of California, County of San Diego: 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 BRANCH NAME: HALL OF JUSTICE COURTHOUSE . TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner (name) RAMOND ERNEST APODOCA III filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. RAMOND ERNEST APODOCA III . To proposed name: RAYMOND ERNEST APODOCA THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before the 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: 02/05/2024 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 61; 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: 12/08/2023 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Michael T. Smyth ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2024 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 you 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 ORDERED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025755 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PAKMAIL US 119, 7586 LA JOLLA BLVD, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. MELHI GUNAY is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 03/01/2012 Registrant Name: a. MELHI GUNAY is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 27, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025865 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. FAMAS FASHION MAFIA STYLIST, 510 ESCONDIDO BLVD, ESCONDIDO, CA 92025 is registered by the following: a. LORENIA SALDIVAR is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 09/16/2012 Registrant Name: a. LORENIA SALDIVAR is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 28, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000189 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC, 5248 MOUNT ALIFAN DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 is registered by the following: a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 03/01/2012 Registrant Name: a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor DAVOR POTUONJAK, PRESIDENT statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 4, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025081 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. THREE SIXTEEN STUDIO AND EVENTS, 2375 MARRON RD, CARLSBAD, CA 92008 is registered by the following: a. EVELYN FRANCISCA SELL b. JOHN LANDON NELSON is conducted by: e. JOINT VENTURE The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. e. EVELYN FRANCISCA SELL b. JOHN LANDON NELSON Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 15, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000080 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. POSTAL ANNEX + #20 AKA POATSL ANNEX + SERVICE CENTER #20, 7514 GIRARD AVE, STE 1, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. J.L. KANG, INC is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 09/015/2007 Registrant Name: a. J.L. KANG, INC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor JEAMI LEE KANG, SECRETARY statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 3, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025958 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. BLUE SKY SERVICES,

ness was: N/A Registrant Name: a. KALLIN FRANCHISEGROUP, INC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor MICHAEL COLE, PRESIDENT statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 08, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024802 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. FLIGHT PATH CONSULTING, 9110 JUDICIAL DR #8525, SAN DIEGO, CA 92122 is registered by the following: a. ALEKSEY ROZHOKOV is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 02/01/2023 Registrant Name: a. ALEKSEY ROZHOKOV is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 12, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025942 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. LEAH KING REIKI, 4901 MORENA BLVD, STE 209A, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117 is registered by the following: a. LEAH KING is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 01/03/2019 Registrant Name: a. LEAH KING is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 29, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000082 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SD LEAK SPECIALISTS, 2249 CITRUS AVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92154 is registered by the following: a. ALBERT JAMES FEDERICO is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 01/02/2024 Registrant Name: a. ALBERT JAMES FEDERICO is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 3, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 5, 12, 19 & 26

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2024-00000543-CU-PT-CTL SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; STREET ADDRESS: Superior Court of California, County of San Diego: 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 BRANCH NAME: HALL OF JUSTICE COURTHOUSE . TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner (name) BRENTON ANTHONY REASIN filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. BRENTON ANTHONY REASIN To proposed name: BRENTON ROSE O'DONOVAN THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before the 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: 02/20/2024 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 61; 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: JAN 08, 2024 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Maureen F. Halahan ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2, 2024 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 you 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 ORDERED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025755 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. PAKMAIL US 119, 7586 LA JOLLA BLVD, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. MELHI GUNAY is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 03/01/2012 Registrant Name: a. MELHI GUNAY is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 27, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025865 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. FAMAS FASHION MAFIA STYLIST, 510 ESCONDIDO BLVD, ESCONDIDO, CA 92025 is registered by the following: a. LORENIA SALDIVAR is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 09/16/2012 Registrant Name: a. LORENIA SALDIVAR is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 28, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000189 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC, 5248 MOUNT ALIFAN DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92111 is registered by the following: a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 03/01/2012 Registrant Name: a. SAN DIEGO SCUBA GUIDE LLC is Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor DAVOR POTUONJAK, PRESIDENT statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 4, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025081 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. THREE SIXTEEN STUDIO AND EVENTS, 2375 MARRON RD, CARLSBAD, CA 92008 is registered by the following: a. EVELYN FRANCISCA SELL b. JOHN LANDON NELSON is conducted by: e. JOINT VENTURE The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. e. EVELYN FRANCISCA SELL b. JOHN LANDON NELSON Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 15, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000080 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. POSTAL ANNEX + #20 AKA POATSL ANNEX + SERVICE CENTER #20, 7514 GIRARD AVE, STE 1, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. J.L. KANG, INC is conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 09/015/2007 Registrant Name: a. J.L. KANG, INC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor JEAMI LEE KANG, SECRETARY statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 3, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025958 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. BLUE SKY SERVICES,

6041 VILLAGE WAY #406, SAN DIEGO, CA 92130 Is registered by the following: a. GALINA SCHOETTER is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. GALINA SCHOETTER , if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 29, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000410 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. WINGS OF CHANGE UNLIMITED, 4389 CAMINITO DE LA ESCENA, SAN DIEGO, CA 92108 is registered by the following: a. RACHELLE RENE is conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 10/3/2005 Registrant Name: a. RACHELLE RENE Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 8, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000467 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SECOND NATURE, 5026 CASS STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92109 Is registered by the following: a. TURQUOISE CELLARS, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 12/28/2017 Registrant Name: a. TURQUOISE CELLARS, LLC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor EDWARD D. OKINO, MANAGING MEMBER statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 8, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO: 37-2023-052048-CU-PT-CTL SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; STREET ADDRESS: Superior Court of California, County of San Diego: 330 W. BROADWAY, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 BRANCH NAME: HALL OF JUSTICE COURTHOUSE . TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner (name) Joseph Parker and Felicia Parker on behalf of a minor filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name: a. Quinn Nicholas Parker To proposed name: Quinn Michael Parker THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before the 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: 02/26/2024 TIME: 8:30 AM DEPT: 61; 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: JAN 12, 2024 . JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Maureen F. Halahan ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9, 2024 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 you 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 ORDERED

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000817 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SIDE PIECE, 3010 CLAIREMONT DRIVE, STE A, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117 is registered by the following: a. 3010 HOSPITALITY, LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 01/01/2023 Registrant Name: a. 3010 HOSPITALITY, LLC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor EDWARD D. OKINO, MANAGING MEMBER statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 11, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9025732 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. MARIA & JAVIER'S CLEVER, 9361 LAMAR STREET, SPRING VALLEY, CA 91977 is registered by the following: a. MARIA DONACIANA DIAZ DE ORTIZ b. JAVIER ORTIZ MARTINEZ is conducted by: A MARRIED COUPLE The first day of business was: 3-02-12 Registrant Name: a. MARIA DONACIANA DIAZ DE ORTIZ b. JAVIER ORTIZ MARTINEZ Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 27, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000828 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. YAKITORI TAIISHO, 5185 CLAIREMONT MESA BLVD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117 Is registered by the following: a. USA YAKUUDORI, INC conducted by: A CORPORATION The first day of business was: 03/12/2014 Registrant Name: a. USA YAKUUDORI, INC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor MASASHI NABETA, PRESIDENT statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 11, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2023-9024932 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. EXPAND REAL ESTATE GROUP, 10620 TREENA ST, STE 230, SAN DIEGO, CA 92131 is registered by the following: a. OMAR ALFARO conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: N/A Registrant Name: a. OMAR ALFARO Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: DECEMBER 13, 2023 ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000458 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. AVB SOFTWARE, 3258 CAMINITO EASTBLUFF, UNIT 90, LA JOLLA, CA 92037 is registered by the following: a. ANDREW BURDA conducted by: AN INDIVIDUAL The first day of business was: 01/07/2024 Registrant Name: a. ANDREW BURDA Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 8, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-9000640 Fictitious Business Name(s) a. SHAKES & BELLS, 1007 30TH STREET, SAN DIEGO, CA 92102 Is registered by the following: a. ECO FRESH TOILE LLC is conducted by: A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY The first day of business was: 01/09/2024 Registrant Name: a. ECO FRESH TOILE LLC Officer, if Limited Liability Company/Corporation Title of Signor GREGORY WISNIEWSKI, MANAGING MEMBER statement was filed with Jordan Z. Marks, , Jr. Recorder/County Clerk of San Diego County on: JANUARY 09, 2024 ISSUE DATES: January 19, 26, February 2 & 9

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There's a lot more going on in La Jolla than beautiful beaches, historic homes, and hotels.

Of course, there's a big military connection and a Bronze Star from Vietnam for one former resident, Allen R. Glick, a businessman who got tangled up with mobsters.

Glick died at the age of 79, in August 2021, after a long fight with cancer, at his La Jolla home close to Kate Sessions Park. His death was the end of a journey that some say included the underworld of Las Vegas in the 1970s.

When he died, a celebration of his life was held at the La Jolla at Congregation Beth Israel, followed by a graveside service at El Camino Memorial Park in Sorrento Valley.

Who was Glick? Keep reading to find out more.

MOB TIES

Besides his military achievements and special operations, Glick did have a key role in the Mafia's takeover of Las Vegas, according to many reports.

For example, his life story was showcased in the film "Casino," where Glick, portrayed Phillip Green, a man caught in the mob world.

According to the Mob Museum's curator in Las Vegas Geoff Schumacher, vice president of exhibits and programs:

"I did not know Allen Glick, and he did not have any association with The Mob Museum. After his involvement with the Stardust Hotel in the 1970s and the resulting indictments and trials, he returned to California. He seemed to stay as far away from the lime-light as possible. He reportedly kept security around him all the time," he said.

"I don't think 'fond memories' are relevant in this case. Glick was known as a frontman for the Chicago Mob. His Argent Corp. acquired four casinos in Las Vegas – the Stardust, Fremont, Hacienda, and Marina resorts. He obtained a \$63 million loan from the Teamsters Union's Mob-controlled Central States Pension Fund in order to buy the properties. Glick was forced to hire mobster Frank 'Lefty' Rosenthal to run the casinos," added.

What happened with Rosenthal and his mob associate, Tony Spilotro, inspired the movie "Casino," starring Robert De Niro, Joe Pesci, and Sharon Stone. The Allen Glick character was played by Kevin Pollak, Schumacher added.

"Glick's legacy in Las Vegas is that he was embroiled in the biggest casino scandal in the city's history. It's not clear whether he fully realized what he was getting involved with at the beginning, but it wasn't long before he realized that he had lost control of his own company.

"When the indictments came

down in the early 1980s, Glick was granted immunity from prosecution in return for his testimony. He testified for four days, laying out in detail how he had gotten the Teamsters loan, and how he was forced to do things and physically threatened if he did not comply. He was a very good witness and helped the prosecution greatly."

But walking away from the mob wasn't an option and had life-threatening consequences.

Nicholas Pileggi, known for his work – be it writing books or screenplays, etc. – of many gangster flicks including "Goodfellas," "Wise Guys" and other classics, offered insights into Glick's life after his death stating Glick as a "fascinating figure – a legitimate businessman forced to operate under the mob's shadow ..."

In one obit, Pileggi said at the time of Glick's passing: "Not many people I came across had the nerve to take the chance. It was only later that I realized he had been a helicopter pilot in Vietnam. He didn't need nerve. He just had it."

Glick did collaborate with federal agents at personal risk, leading to the imprisonment of top Mafia bosses. Yet, his own life was quite mysterious, including the murder of his partner Tamara Rand.

EARLY DAYS, MILITARY SERVICE

Born on April 11, 1942, in Pittsburgh, Allen Robert Glick was the son of Jack and Pearl Glick and attended The Kiski School. He earned his BA at Ohio State University and his JD from Case-Western Reserve School of Law. Allen was later admitted into both The California and Pennsylvania bars.

Allen entered the military in 1967 as a first lieutenant in the

Military Police Branch. He was transferred to Special Operations where he served as a captain in Vietnam.

He learned to speak Vietnamese to help the Army in military search and rescue operations. While there, he was awarded The Bronze Star, three Combat Air Medals, and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor. He was honorably discharged in 1969.

BUSINESSMAN

As for business, he had projects other than Las Vegas including in the Southwest and around the globe. Glick is also credited with introducing the Siegfried and Roy show and lottery operations in Caracas.

Locally, Glick joined the American Housing Guild of San Diego, and the Saratoga Land Development Co. He went on to form his own company, which bought the Hacienda Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas. The hotel was developed into a first-class location with one of the biggest recreational vehicle parks in Southern Nevada.

By 1974, Allen acquired Recrion Corp., later renamed Argent Corp., and served as its chairman and president. He also owned and operated the Stardust Hotel and Casino, Fremont Hotel and Casino, and Marina Casino.

Argent was known as one of the largest owners of casino and hotel properties in Nevada in the mid-1970s, adding the first race and sports book operation to the "Strip."

By 1980, Allen sold his Las Vegas holdings and was second only to Howard Hughes in the ownership of hotels and casinos.

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- CLUES ACROSS

1. Microgram

4. Where golfers begin

7. Each

8. Warm weather metropolis

10. Coat with sticky substance

12. Girl's given name

13. Myth (Spanish)

14. Ultrahigh frequency

16. Former NBAer Jeremy

17. Where rockers work

19. Your consciousness of your own identity

20. Soft-finned fishes
21. Localities

25. Paddle

26. Union

27. Member of religious community

29. Small shrill flute

30. Small constellation in the Milky Way

31. They ____

32. College kid on vacation

39. de Armas and Gasteyer are two

41. Part of the human body

42. A progressive grading
43. Sound unit

44. Noise some birds make

45. Abba __, Israeli politician

46. Portuguese city

48. Be extremely, uncritically fond of

49. Resembling old Norse poems

50. Ask for out of extreme need

51. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

52. Midway between south and southeast

- CLUES DOWN

1. An insane person

2. ___ Boothe Luce, American author

3. Buttock muscles

4. Men's fashion accessory

5. "Hotel California" rockers

6. Electronic communication

8. Magnetomotive force (abbr.)

9. Hostelrys

11. A way to resound

14. Exclamation: yuck!

15. A resident of Indiana
18. Exclamation of surprise

19. Make a mistake

20. Boundary

22. Antilles island

23. It's used to make furniture

24. Clod

27. They indicate where places are

28. Bobby __, NHL champ

29. Prints money

31. Honorable title (Turkish)

32. Appetizers

33. Midway between north and northwest
34. Spanish be

35. Breezed through

36. Grilled dishes

37. In a way, excites

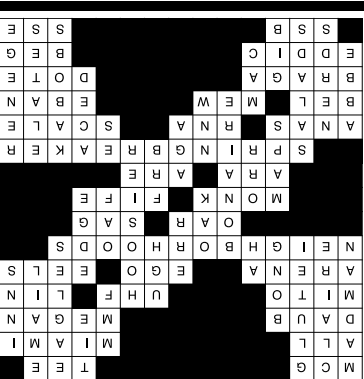
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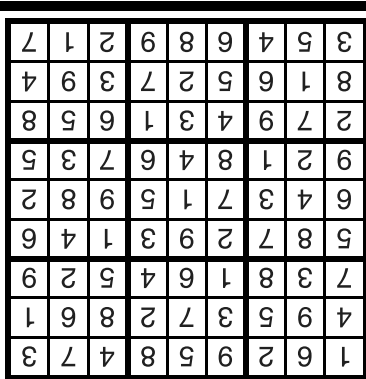
39. A French abbot

40. Popular candy

44. Partner to cheese

47. Wood or metal bolt







Mission Bay High School's award-winning Preservationists Jazz Band on a previous trip to New Orleans. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mission Bay High School's Preservationists Jazz Band to hold fundraiser concert

By DAVE SCHWAB

Mission Bay High School's award-winning Preservationists Jazz Band will hold a fundraising concert at the historic Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Road, from 7-9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28.

Tickets cost \$30 per person. Event proceeds will support the band on its trip to the birthplace of jazz, New Orleans, where the band has been selected to perform and represent San Diego in April.

To help MBHS students meet their \$20,000 fundraising goal for the trip, the Mission Bay Band Boosters and young musicians have planned an exciting evening of jazz, food, a silent auction, and more at the Soledad Club. Tickets will be available at the door and for purchase from band members. Sponsorship opportunities and cash donations are also welcome.

In New Orleans, the Mission Bay Preservationists will partner with the Preservation Hall Foundation and the Trombone Shorty Foundation to attend workshops with local professionals. Additionally, the Mission Bay Preservationists will perform at the New Orleans Jazz Museum, and New Orleans Jazz National Historical Park, as well as at street performances around town. The upcoming trip will be the MBHS jazz band's sixth adventure to "The Big Easy," referring to New Orleans' laid-back lifestyle.

"The renowned MBHS music program is proud to have another amazing opportunity to represent our city in the birthplace of jazz," said MBHS music director Jean-Paul Balmat. "Our talented young musicians will experience so much professional growth and personal development from the New Orleans trip. We appreciate the community's generous support. Your attendance at our event and donations and sponsorship

will resonate far, helping us reach New Orleans and beyond."

Balmat is a self-described "hometown boy" who went through the Mission Bay Cluster of San Diego Unified School District including graduating from MBHS and its music program. He talked about how the high school's jazz program has evolved and grown over time.

"It started from the creation of the high school's jazz program in the late '60s by Rey Vinole, Jr. who retired in 2000," Balmat said. "It was the crown jewel in the music program, even as far back as the '80s. Then Prop. 13 (tax-cutting measure) was passed and funding for the arts was cut."

Added Balmat: "After that, we were losing students in the music program, and they couldn't support their large jazz ensemble anymore, which, when I was in the program, was called the Dixie Jazz Band. I resurrected it because it was such a special thing for our community and city."

Reactivating, revamping, and revitalizing the high school's jazz band and its format became "one of my main goals," noted Balmat, who added the new name for the school jazz band was derived from Preservation Hall, a historic music venue in the French Quarter working to protect, preserve and perpetuate the spirit of traditional New Orleans jazz.

The Preservationists continue a tradition of more than 30 years of music at MBHS, a Pacific Beach magnet high school. The Preservationists are known as one of the nation's finest traditional youth jazz bands.

The music program is a major draw to MBHS, which uses International Baccalaureate academic standards. The high school draws many of its students from communities outside of the beach areas. The Mission Bay Band Boosters, a nonprofit, supports MBHS music programs.

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

By BART MENDOZA

SPOTLIGHT

One of the biggest talents in San Diego, Rebecca Jade (above), performs at the Athenaeum on Jan. 29 as part of the venue's free lunchtime concert series held each Monday. Jade is a terrific vocalist, well on her way to establishing herself with jazz and R&B fans worldwide. She's had an incredibly varied career, working on numerous projects with a national reach. A multiple San Diego Music Awards winner, she has performed with the likes of Dave Koz, Shiela E, and Elton John, also recording the official theme song for the San Diego Gulls, while releasing a series of acclaimed solo albums. If you have yet to catch a set from Jade, this free concert shouldn't be passed up.

Rebecca Jade: Monday, Jan. 29 at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, 1008 Wall St. Noon. Free. ljathenaeum.org.



RECOMMENDED

It's no secret that Gilbert Castellanos Young Lions Jazz Conservatory has been a major success, shining a spotlight on San Diego's young jazz talent. Less known is that the music school also offers adult classes. On Jan. 21, students from those classes, aka The Not So Young Lions, will take part in a free, all ages, showcase concert at Tio Leo's. The conservatory is one of the reasons San Diego's music community is so vibrant, helping local artists achieve their potential. This show is a great opportunity to check out the latest crop of talented players just hitting local stages.

The Not So Young Lions: Sunday, Jan. 21 at Tio Leo's, 6333 Mission Gorge Road. 5

p.m. No cover. tioleos.com.

Fans of five-time Grammy-winning jazz fusion group, Snarky Puppy, won't want to miss an appearance from three of the band's alumni at Dizzy's on Jan. 24. Formed in Texas circa 2004, Snarky Puppy is considered a musical collective, with a rotating cast of performers which in its history has featured over 40 musicians as part of its lineup. This show will include three of the band's mainstays, as heard on Snarky Puppy's most recent album, "Empire Central"; Zach Brock (violins), Bob Lanzetti (guitars), and Keita Ogawa (percussion). All three are instrumental virtuosos, jazz aficionados will enjoy every second of this intimate concert.

Snarky Puppy Alums: Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. \$25. dizzysjazz.com.

Side Street is the name of the new combo, featuring Joshua Taylor, Sandi King, and Tony Econom, all also members of soul favorites, The King Taylor Project. Appearing at Humphrey's Backstage Live on Jan. 24 as part of a monthly residency, Side Street offers the KTP musicians a chance to work with other artists, making each outing a unique experience. This month's edition will include appearances from keyboardist Josh Weinstein, promoting his new album, "Mind The Gap," country singer Stacy Antonel, and bassist Ken Dow, who has performed with the likes of Pete Townshend and in touring productions such as Jersey Boys.

Side Street: Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 6 p.m. \$5. humphreysbackstagelive.com.

Country singer Cody Johnson performs at Pechanga Arena on Jan. 26. A true indie success story, Johnson self-released six albums, building up a fan base and scoring two top 10 albums in a row before landing a major label deal. Inspired by the likes of George Strait and Waylon Jennings, Johnson's songs, such as sentimental rocker "Till You Can't," manage to be both anthemic and heartfelt, having a universal appeal. It's a testament to Johnson's popularity, that although his most recent single, "Long Live Cowgirls," with Ian Munsick, didn't chart, it still quickly went Gold.

Cody Johnson: Friday, Jan. 26 at Pechanga Arena, 3350 Sports Arena Blvd. 7:30 p.m. \$45-\$150. pechangaarenasd.com.

guitarist," would be quite an understatement. An expert in the various types of acoustic blues, Henkel is a fountain of information on both the artists and the techniques they used to make their music. Long considered a local treasure, Henkel has mentored generations of performers, easily winning over new fans with a manic performing style that's endearing and a lot of fun. Appearing at the La Jolla Community Center on Jan. 26, Henkel will perform a set touching on early rock 'n' roll, rockabilly, and jump blues, for a night that's equal part history lesson and dance party.

Robin Henkel: Friday, Jan. 26 at the La Jolla Community Center, 6811 La Jolla Blvd. 5:30 p.m. \$20. ljcommunitycenter.org.

PUPPIES & GOLF

On Monday, Jan. 22, Mavericks Beach Club at 860 Garnet Ave. will be holding its annual Puppies & Golf Farmers Insurance Open Kick-Off Block Party from 5-9 p.m. In support of Puppies & Golf Charity, the beach bar will be transforming into a 6-hole putting course for guests to "take a swing," as well as enjoy a raffles and silent auctions, including Farmers Insurance Open tickets. Mavericks will also have adoptable dogs from Labs and More Rescue, dog bars, a Java Earth Coffee Bar, specialty cocktails, permanent jewelry, and much more. Puppies & Golf, founded in 2020, was created to protect and advocate for dogs in need while helping people understand and take advantage of the healing and health benefits of having a dog in their life. Puppies & Golf also provides grants to families, shelters, rescues, and assists military veterans.

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Mission Bay basketball wins three straight, tough schedule ahead

By CLARK E. FAHRENTHOLD

There is only one acceptable standard at the Mission Bay basketball program. Win.

Coming into the season, the Buccaneers were viewed as one of the top teams in San Diego County. With most of their starters returning to the floor this season and a fleet of talents such as Pablo Balderas, Kevon Fitzpatrick, and Atreju De La Cruz also supplying high-quality minutes, it's a team that goes 10-plus deep.

So far, the young Bucs have lived up to their billing and showed again this past week why they are still in the top tier of San Diego basketball as they ripped off three straight wins against Madison (55-45), San Diego (61-45), and Bonita Vista (56-38).

"It took us a bit of time to get rolling with players coming back from playing football since they had not played basketball in over a year, but they're starting to get in a rhythm, shots are starting to fall, they're getting their legs back, touch and timing," said Mission Bay head coach Marshawn Cherry. "The team is starting to get on a good roll, and the continuity is starting to come together."

In last week's trio of Bucs victories, what perhaps stood out most was the edge and intensity

the team brought on both ends of the floor. The fuel to that fire can be directly traced to the senior duo of Marcos Korch and Isaah Whitehurst.

The duo played physical defense, effectively drove to the paint, and set the tone physically for the Bucs.

"Marcos was great all week for us, and he's one of our 'pit bulls' as I call him. He's tough, gets after people, likes to get physical, makes contact, and talks to you a little. He ran the point, extremely well for us, and hit his shots," Cherry said. "His best friend Isaiah is our other 'pit bull' he was excellent against San Diego and Madison.

Also stepping up for the Bucs was senior Gavin Girouard. The smooth-shooting senior would be in the double digits versus both San Diego and Bonita Vista. He used his speed and ball handling to create space and create high-quality shots from the mid-range and beyond the arc.

"Gavin is our silent leader, and he hit big shots for us again this week, just as he has done since he's been with us," Cherry said. "He just keeps getting better and better. He's a capable defender and shot-wise, he is our most reliable shooter. Plus, he always brings quiet confidence to the floor, and when he talks, the guys listen."

Another Buc who posted an

efficient week was senior Charlie Hutchison. The 6 feet 6 inches tall power forward shined in the win over San Diego, going into double digits as he was too much for the Cavers to handle in the low post.

"Going into that San Diego game, we knew they were softer in the middle, so we wanted to take it inside. Charlie responded with a great game," said Cherry. "Charlie was an All CIF second team player and all-league player last season, and he is a mismatch with his combination of size and ability to put the ball on the floor, get the rim, and facilitate. He had it working around the rim, and when he's playing like he did against San Diego, he is hard to guard."

With the 3-0 week, Mission Bay has now won four of their last five and boasts an overall record of 13-7. The streak indicates that the Bucs are starting to get hot at just the right time, as five of their final eight regular season games are with Western League foes.

"Coming up, we've got a tough one versus the Saints, and we feel like that is a make-or-break game for us," said Cherry. "We feel like we have to get this win and that win can catapult us and give us the momentum we need to get us to playoffs and hopefully a spot in Open playoffs as a top-four team in the county."



Sophomore point guard Caleb Newton attempts a shot in the Bucs win against Sage Creek.
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Farmers Insurance Open showcases La Jolla lifestyle, along with championship golf

By DAVE SCHWAB

La Jolla is gearing up for the Farmers Insurance Open, PGA Tour's annual West Coast swing making its annual stop at Torrey Pines Golf Course on Jan. 24-27.

The Century Club of San Diego, a charitable organization established in 1961, organizes the annual Farmers Insurance Open, with event proceeds often going to the Monarch School for homeless students or those at risk of being homeless.

Marty Gorsich, Century Club's CEO, discussed the event's significance, noting it has become much more than just a pro golf tournament.

Promoting the Farmers Insurance Open has evolved, noted Gorsich. "An event of this scale with an international broadcast now needs to be organized on a year-round basis," he said pointing out its regional economic impact has also grown. "Tourism is the second-largest industry in San Diego,

and this international event drives the economy for our city," said Gorsich adding the event, with 20 hours of live commercials and international TV coverage "really puts San Diego out to the world. This event supports charities as well as promoting our city.

"For many years the Farmers Open was very golf-centric," said Gorsich. "But since then it's become so much more, a social lifestyle event for San Diego where golf is the backdrop."

Added Gorsich: "Before I was born, this tournament started at the Stardust in Mission Valley. It has since relocated to a true championship golf course at Torrey Pines, where the best players come to compete on one of the PGA Tour's hardest courses and test themselves."

What makes Torrey Pines tough to play? "A variety of factors, the length of the course, its topography, the way it lays out above the ocean," Gorsich said. "If you don't hit the ball straight and end up in the rough – it can make for a very challenging round."



Farmers Insurance Open has become a social lifestyle event for San Diego where golf is the backdrop.

PHOTO: FARMERS INSURANCE OPEN

The tournament's Championship Days (Rounds 3-4) on Friday, Jan. 26, and Saturday, Jan. 27 will feature late-afternoon finishes, with golf being played nearly until sunset and aired on prime-time television on the East Coast.

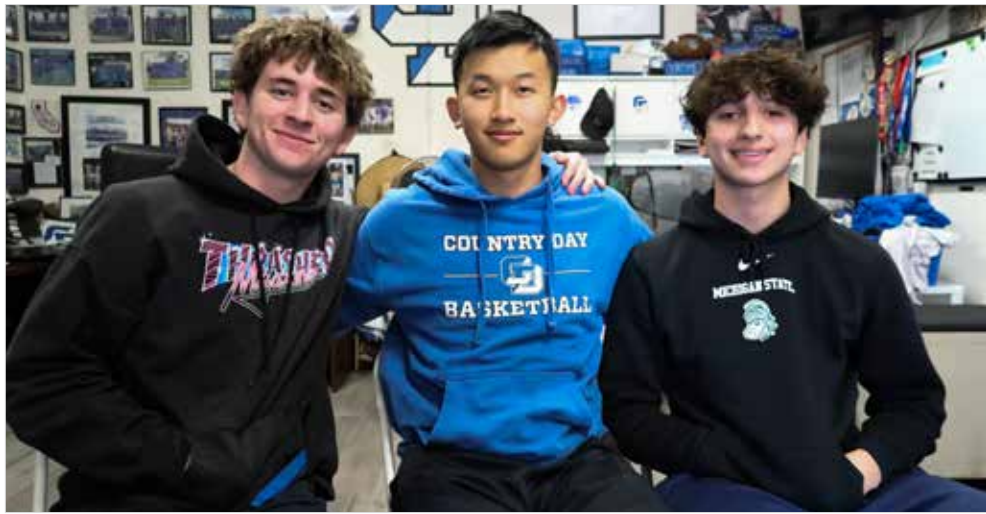
Grounds tickets and passes to shared hospitality venues, such as the Canyon Club overlooking the 17th and eighth greens, and the upgraded Ultra Pass presented by Michelob Ultra at the ninth tee, can be purchased at FarmersInsuranceOpen.com. Tickets sell quickly for the world-class tournament at 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road.

Individual grounds tickets (day-specific) start at \$80 per day for Rounds 1-2, \$90 for Friday's third round, and \$100 for Saturday's final round.

Prices on all ticket types will increase on Jan. 21. Children 15 and under receive free grounds admission with a paid adult (one free children's admission per adult), and special discounts are available on Wednesday and Thursday tickets for seniors and military.

This is the 72nd year that a PGA Tour event has been held in San Diego, beginning with the San Diego Open in 1952. The 2024 tournament also marks the 57th time the event is being held at Torrey Pines Golf Course and the 15th year of Farmers Insurance sponsorship of the tournament.

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From left, La Jolla Country Torrey basketball players Isaac Herman, a junior guard; James Wei, a senior forward; and Chris Carrillo, a junior guard.

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LJCD basketball: Torreys play for purpose

By ED PIPER

When James Wei was in the fourth grade, he followed his older brother Jonathan into basketball. Playing a year up, with older kids, he entered the vast gym at Alliant University. Awed? Maybe. But "I was an early bloomer. I was always one of the younger players" on his team, Wei, a senior 6 feet 2 inches tall forward on the Country Day Torreys, remembers.

Also gaining his height early, he was one of the taller kids in the league at Alliant. "The coach knew I wouldn't grow 6 feet 6 inches tall." He played alongside future LJCD teammate Chris Carrillo, a 5 feet 11 inches tall point guard, a junior who is a two-year starter.

Besides the two cogs of first-year coach Patrick Casey's squad having been long-time teammates, "We've been playing together since last summer," reports Carrillo, a savvy situational player who helped the Torreys to win the third-place game in the Torrey Pines Holiday Classic Governor's Division over Punahou of Honolulu, 61-58, Dec. 30. This year's squad is 14-5 overall, 3-1 in the Coastal Conference at this writing.

In addition to that gutsy win, Country Day faced Mission Bay in the Bucs' tourney on Nov. 22. "They went up by 12 in the third quarter," recalls Casey. Carrillo: "We stuck together. We weren't fazed." They came back as a unit to win by 10, 46-36. Wei and Carrillo are the captains.

Isaac Herman, a 5 feet 10 inches tall junior, comes off the bench as the sparkplug

sixth man to inject energy and "keep it positive". "When Wyatt (Tilson, 6 feet 4 inches tall sophomore front court player) gets discouraged having a hard time," says Herman, a Knick/Kristaps Porzingis nut through his dad, "I make him feel better."

"I don't get too beat down. We always hype each other" in the tight-knit group, which also includes Ely Elegado, a 6 feet 2 inches tall wing/guard, Henry Kiamilev, a 5 feet 9 inches tall shooting guard, and Ekin Matanza, a 6 feet 2 inches tall wing/forward, as Casey's crew plays small ball in a scrappy way. Wyatt Harris, a senior returning from a torn ACL, also gets in the mix.

"We talk about the four core values embodied in the acronym F-A-T-E, family, accountability, trust, and excellence," teaches Casey, a freshman history instructor on campus. "Once a week we hold a leadership meeting among the players, where they also hold the coaching staff accountable," unthinkable in old-school, top-down coaching of yesteryear (this writer's experience). "When we break down a huddle, we go 'F-A-T-E' on three."

Herman, the New York phile, describes in detail eating the delicacy "uni" ("ooney"), a black, spiny sea urchin, with his dad. It sounds pretty gross. But: "I love New York. The food is great. I love Chinese and Japanese food. Uni is good. It's costly, so we get it on special occasions."

Casey: "I'm pretty fortunate to coach such a connected group."

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SCOTT'S PB SPOTLIGHT

I often get met with surprise when people learn that I grew up here in PB since there aren't too many "locals" anymore. It got me thinking, there's a lot of interesting people and businesses in our community that people may not know about if they are new to the area. So, each month I will be spotlighting someone within our community that I think has an interesting story to share.

The Under Appreciated PB Small Business Owner



I wrote about this a few years ago during Covid and feel it's relevant once again. In my 45 years of life, I've seen a lot of local businesses in PB come and go. Some by choice, some by poor planning and some by lack of local support. I'm not featuring a particular business or person this month, but instead making a call to action for all residents of 92109 to go and support our local businesses. If, as a community, we want nice businesses here at the beach, we need to do our part to support those small businesses so they succeed, and with that success, attract other businesses to open up in PB. Go grab breakfast, lunch or dinner at a local restaurant. Go shop at a local boutique, buy flowers from a local flower shop instead of a big box store, go to the local hardware store instead of Home Depot, etc., etc. As with most things in life, we get out of something what we put into it.

There are so many amazing local businesses I love in PB that I can't name them all, but I do want to give a shout out to some of my longtime favorites, some of whom have been here for decades! Mr Frostie's and the Conca family, Matt (and before him Sam) at Taco Surf, Southcoast Surf Shop, Green Gardens, Lori at Blossoms, Cass St Automotive, Jen and Pablo at Soulgrind, the Arstenstein family at Java Earth, Felipe at Lefty's Barbershop, Enoteca Adriano, Filippi's, Hammer and Nails, Konos, Westwood Orthodontics and a special thanks to Dave at Paradise Cove (thanks for giving me my first job in high school scooping ice cream at the old ice cream shop at Crystal Pier).

I named only a few of the many outstanding local businesses in our community, and there are many many more. In 2024, this Spotlight will have a huge push to "Keep PB Local" by featuring standout local businesses, so send me the local business you absolutely love, and I'll do my best to feature them this year. Now go out and spend some money and support local small business owners!

If you know of someone you think has an interesting story, send me an email scott@isellbeach.com with their info and why you think they would be a good person/business to spotlight and will consider them for a monthly spotlight.

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