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Fourth-grader Rhianna Manley earns Young Hero Award

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In a ceremony on Jan. 30, 2017, officials, stakeholders and Mission Beach residents watched as Belmont Park’s historic landmark Plunge swimming pool came tumbling down. Its replacement, new from the ground up and now housing Fit Mission Beach at 3115 Ocean Front Walk, will finally reopen in early June.

“The building is all complete,” said Aldo Avila-Loaisa, account manager with Fit Athletic Club, which has three San Diego locations and a fourth coming to Little Italy.

“What’s left is installation of all the equipment.”

Avila-Loaisa said the pool will be on the ground level, with state-of-the-art functional fitness equipment and free weights above on the second floor and roof deck.

“It’s going to be a full fitness club,” said Avila-Loaisa, who had a table in front of the restored pool’s building front advertising club membership. He said plans are for Fit to begin giving tours of the brand-new facility starting in May with pre-enrolled members given priority.

“This is going to be private membership, though there are going to be drop-in days where we’re welcoming everyone,” said Avila-Loaisa. “For a small fee, people can use the pool, or just drop in for a day, or a couple of days.”

The Fit rep said the new club will have only month-to-month memberships and no long-term contracts. He added the

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core market for the new Fit club are the beaches and environs within a 20-mile radius.

The 2017 groundbreaking event for the Plunge’s restoration included a plaque unveiling dedicated to Mission Beach educator Maruta Gardner, who was tragically killed in 2016 by an intoxicated driver while painting out graffiti near the Mission Beach jetty.

Belmont Park and its iconic Plunge pool’s history date back to the 1920s and wealthy sugar magnate John D. Spreckels, who was pioneering San Diego’s early development.

To stimulate real estate sales and promote his electric railway, Spreckels built the Mission Beach Amusement Center, now Belmont Park, in 1925.

In 1940, the salt water of the Plunge began to damage its filtration system and fresh water was brought in. The Plunge then became “the largest indoor heated pool in Southern California,” at 12,000 square feet.

After acquiring the lease to Belmont Park in 2012, Pacifica Enterprises and the City of San Diego negotiated a new lease in 2015 and entered into a partnership.

Boasting a predominantly glass façade, the new Plunge has integrated exterior light with interior coastal textures.

The new building features a glass retractable-roof system promoting natural air circulation and preventing some of the deterioration issues that previously plagued the old building from moisture and saltwater.

“We are confident the revitalized swimming pool, coupled with the new athletic center as the reimagined and reconstructed Fit Plunge, will serve as a source of great pride for the Mission Beach community for generations to come,” noted Dario De Luca, president/COO of Pacifica Enterprises, at the 2017 groundbreaking for the Plunge’s restoration.

**THE NATATORIUM**

Originally known as The Natatorium, the Plunge swimming pool was constructed as a centerpiece of the park. The 60-foot by 175-foot pool was, at the time, the largest salt-water pool in the world holding 400,000 gallons of water. It was modeled after the Spanish Renaissance-style buildings erected in Balboa Park between 1915-16.

The pool will be on ground level, with state-of-the-art functional fitness equipment and free weights above on the second floor and roof deck.

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**Pacific Beach pipeline project to continue through May 22**

The Pacific Beach Pipeline South Replacement Project is replacing 7.6 miles of water main and 1.6 miles of sewer main in the Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor and Mission Bay areas.

This project is to improve service reliability, reduce maintenance needs, and lessen the risk of future water main breaks.

Through May 22, construction will continue on Ingraham Street, West Mission Bay Drive, and in the Glenn Rick Bridge area. Here are some project specifics, which are also illustrated on the map (below).

**Construction areas:** At West Mission Bay Drive and Ingraham Street, crews completed pipe installation. Now, the crews will flush and bacterial test the completed segments of the pipeline during night work.

They will also continue to install new ADA-compliant curb ramps and cross gutters along the alignment. Be advised that traffic control will be in place and may change as the project progresses—be aware and drive carefully.

Any work that requires water service shut-offs will only occur after advanced notice to residents and stakeholders has been given via door hangers.
FIREFIGHTERS GRADUATE FROM PARAMEDIC TRAINING INSTITUTE

On April 30, the second class of the Paramedic Training Institute created and delivered by the City of San Diego Fire-Rescue Department graduated on the top deck of the USS Midway. The class was made up of 15 SDFD firefighters who spent nearly eight months receiving instruction and performing in classroom, skills lab, clinical and field internship environments.

The SDFD Paramedic Training Institute is the only fire department-based paramedic training institute operating in California. Graduation from the SDFD Paramedic Training Institute required successful completion of 1,299 hours divided among classroom, skills lab, clinical and field internship learning. Once these firefighter graduates complete the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians Exam this spring, they will be fully licensed and ready to work in the field as paramedics by the end of June.

SAN DIEGO NAMED ‘AMERICA’S LAZIEST DATING CITY’

It’s official. San Diego is terrible at dating. “The Great Love Debate,” a nationally-borning series of fire town Hall-style theatrical events, recently dubbed San Diego “America’s Laziest Dating City” for 2019. The winner of this coveted title was determined using a formula that considered the opinions and demographic data from over 92,000 singles who have attended the tour’s shows over the last five years, and the millions who have listened to the top-rated “Great Love Debate with Brian Howie Podcast.”

According to those findings, San Diego singles “earned low marks across the board for their lack of communication, chronic inaction, and stubbornness in their search for love.” Ouch. Host Brian Howie explains that San Diego is just one of those cities where single people like to make things harder for themselves when it comes to love.

“The men and women in San Diego will drive 12 miles for a deal on a desk at IKEA, yet won’t go from Mission Valley to Carlsbad to meet someone new,” he said in a press release. “The abundance of sunshine has created a lack of urgency, a sense of malaise, and a dearth of dates throughout San Diego County.” For more information, visit greatlovedebate.com.

PB ANNUAL GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP

The Pacific Beach Town Council’s annual Graffiti Clean-Up will be held 9 a.m to noon Saturday, May 4 starting at PB Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Ave. Volunteers are needed. PBTC will provide all the training and supplies.

Each year, volunteers get rid of about 1,000 tags in just a few hours. This event builds community pride and gives everyone a sense of satisfaction as they “take-back” and beautify Pacific Beach. Participants can earn community service hours (under 18 must have waiver signed by parent.) For more information or to print a waiver, visit pbtowncouncil.org.

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New scooter regulations focus on lower speeds, rider education and safety

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The City Council voted unanimously in favor of new regulations for electric scooters and other shared-mobility devices instituting fees for operators, reducing allowed speeds and designating where they can park.

Regulations the City Council approved April 23 decrease the allowable speed of dockless scooters from 15 to 8 mph in high-traffic areas with the use of geofencing technology to limit speeds. Scooters are to be banned from parking near hospitals, schools, boardwalks and near Petco Park.

Greg Block, of the mayor’s office, testified scooters and similar devices are to be regulated in six ways: by being permitted, limiting their speeds, paying fees, parking in designated “corral,” indemnifying the City against liability and sharing data.

Key components of the regulations include:

Specific geofence limits: In specific geofenced areas, operators will slow scooters to 8 mph. Three of the geofenced areas are pedestrian-only and operators will slow scooters to 3 mph with a push message notifying riders to leave that area.

Geofencing will be in effect for beach-area boardwalks, Balboa Park, NTC Park, Mission Bay Park, Petco Park and the pedestrian-only locations, including North/South Embarcadero, MLK Jr. Promenade, and La Piazza della Famiglia.

Staging: Operators will no longer be able to stage scooters and e-bikes on sidewalks in downtown. The City has identified – and is currently installing – 330 on-street dockless parking corrals throughout downtown where staging is allowed.

In the beach areas, operators are only permitted to stage in groups of up to four, with 40 feet in between each group. The City will identify corral locations in the beach areas and, once installed, will require their use. The City also will conduct an evaluation of locations throughout San Diego where designated parking corrals would be beneficial and, working with the City Council and communities, install more.

Rider parking: Operators will prohibit riders from ending a ride in specific geofenced areas, including beach area boardwalks.

Education: Consistent messages about local and state laws in smartphone applications will be required. As well as device labeling about age requirements and how riding on the sidewalk is illegal.

Per device fee: A per-device fee of $1.50 annually will be assessed. A reduction of $15 per device will be offered for operators offering a qualified equity program.

Operator will be required to pay a “Safety Deposit” – $65 for each device in fleet – to be held in the event the company leaves the market without its devices.

The ordinance will charge dockless companies an annual $150 per-device fee. The City noted that should act as a de facto cap on scooter numbers.

“The sheer number of children on scooters is alarming, is this child endangerment?,” Mission Beach restaurateur Sara Mattinson asked city councilmembers.

“We have been taken over by scooters,” she said. “We need Eve Anderson of Pacific Beach."

Read more online at sdnews.com

What the latest homelessness point-in-time count shows – and what it doesn’t

By LIARA MAKINGSTON | Voice of San Diego

At first glance, San Diego’s latest annual point-in-time count appears to show a modest drop in homelessness this year, the group counted 8,102 homeless San Diegans countywide compared with last year’s 8,576 estimate.

But officials caution the data isn’t comparable because of changes to the way the count is carried out and to the methodology the group uses to arrive at a final tally.

The Regional Task Force on the Homeless, which coordinates the homeless census, changed its strategy this year at the urging of federal officials and consultants who scrutinized San Diego’s homelessness response amid a deadly 2017 hepatitis A outbreak. The task force’s controversial decision to exclude RVs from last year’s tally added further urgency.

Local leaders said the count represents only a snapshot of a homeless population that’s likely much larger.

In fact, an analysis of data from the homeless management information system the task force oversees revealed 27,850 people used homeless services countywide last year – more than triple the number counted in the annual homeless census.

Yet federal officials have long required the regions across the nation to conduct point-in-time counts. This year, those officials pushed San Diego to change its count. Homeless service providers also share information about the number of people staying in shelters and other programs to inform the count.

This year, more than 1,500 volunteers, outreach workers and task force staffers surveyed about 46 percent of those they counted over a few days in late January, and ditched the multipliers previously used to calculate the number of people living in vehicles or tents. Essentially, they interviewed people as they encountered them rather than conduct surveys after the fact.

The new strategy brought with it a surprising result in the wake of a boom in reports of homeless San Diegans living in vehicles following the city’s repeal of its longstanding vehicle habitability code.

The task force reports it counted just 573 people living in vehicles countywide, including 74 people in RVs – a significant drop from last year’s 2,608.

The task force last year used a multiplier to estimate there were 1,262 homeless San Diegans living in vehicles, a figure that did not include people living in RVs.

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Prelim hearing for man accused of stabbing in Mission Beach

By NEAL PUTNAM | Voice of San Diego

June 20 preliminary hearing was set on April 25 for a man accused of spilling gasoline on another man and stabbing him in Mission Beach.

The incident took place at an apartment complex on Isthmus Court near Mission Boulevard on April 11 at 8:15 p.m., and Charles Clardy, 54, was arrested by San Diego Police.

Clardy appeared before San Diego Superior Court Judge Laura Halgren and she also scheduled a readiness hearing for June 6.

Clardy has pleaded not guilty to attempted murder, attempted arson, burglary, and assault with a caustic chemical.

Clardy is being held in the central jail without bail.

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For years, the task force largely relied on what it saw. Volunteers counted people sleeping outside and tents and vehicles that appeared to house people. Then they separately surveyed the equivalent of about 20 percent of the unsheltered population to draw conclusions about the broader population. They used that information to come up with an average number of people staying in a tent or car – then applied that as a multiplier to cars and tents encountered during the point-in-time count. Homeless service providers also share information about the number of people staying in shelters and other programs to inform the count.

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**Vans, Round Table Pizza, and City Tacos among new businesses in PB**

**Urban Couture**
Nestled amid Pacific Beach’s eateries, bars and yoga studios at 1041 Garnet Ave. between Cass and Dawes streets, Prospect clothing boasts no signage or lighting.

Founder Justin Valley, a former Marine from Trinidad and Tobago, held a grand opening for his beach storefront headwear boutique in March. Besides its own clothing and an array of footwear, Prospect’s PB location carries products from local brands such as MondayStuck and Rottweiler.

Prospect plans to continue expanding its products, and may possibly collaborate with a major sneaker or apparel company. It’s an increasingly popular trend, with streetwear brands and boutiques including undefeatedinc., Union Los Angeles and KITH releasing products in partnership with Nike.

NBA all-star and SDSU grad Kawhi Leonard recently agreed to a long-term sneaker deal with New Balance, which sells lifestyle footwear through Prospect.

The storefront is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. six days a week.

For more information visit advise.info/prospect-brings-urban-couture-to-pacific-beach/.

**Round Table Pizza**
A grand opening was held April 25 for Mission Beach’s latest addition to the local pizza market.

In 1959, Bill Larson opened the first Round Table Pizza in Menlo Park, Calif. He envisioned a gathering place where you could “share a little pizza with someone you love.” Larson believed in using gold-standard ingredients and time-honored recipes to bake handmade pizza worth sharing.

Today, Round Table continues to pay homage to Larson’s vision by continuing to use only superior ingredients in its pizzas, along with many of his original recipes.

Whether you’ve been a client for generations, or are new to the family, guests are encouraged to take a seat at the table and experience Round Table’s hand-crafted pizza worth sharing.

For more information, visit roundtableres.com.

**Yoga Box**
Recently opened at 909 Grand Ave., Yoga Box offers a solid new option for sculpt and cardio yoga enthusiasts in Pacific Beach.

The new studio offers heated and unheated classes for a range of skill levels. The classes include Power Flow, Yoga Sculpt, Tone-Ga and Restorative Recovery.

Yoga Box believes in practice over perfection by increasing body movement and detoxing, sweating and building health in the studio’s heated, lighted room environment.

Yoga Box has been described as “a radically inclusive environment that challenges and transforms any level of yoga practice.” Blend the power of Vinyasa, Yoga Sculpting, and Restorative Yoga or explore Amanda Burns’ “Tone-Ga” Method.

Yoga Box is open from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday through Friday and Sunday, and 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 619-344-0300 or visit theyogabox.com.

**Vans**
An international apparel and footwear retailer, Vans is opening a new retail store in the Gaslamp Quarter, as well as in Pacific Beach in a new building at 4462 Mission Blvd., in late summer 2019.

Noting PB and the Gaslamp Quarter as “logical markets” for Vans’ retail operations, David Maxwell at Colliers international said, “The bustling beach area and vibrant downtown scene present ideal opportunities for Vans to reach their target demographic in both residents and the steady stream of tourists who visit San Diego.”

Maxwell added Vans’ new PB location represents “a rare opportunity to establish a retail presence in one of San Diego’s most popular beach communities at a brand new development. The site is directly between the highly trafficked Grand and Garnet avenue corridors, and right across the street from popular neighborhood eatery Breakfast Republic.”

Vans has 14 other stores and outlets in San Diego County. For more information visit vans.com.

**City Tacos**
This fast-casual Mexican eatery chain will soon bring designer tacos to Pacific Beach, taking over the space previously occupied by Izakaya at 4516 Mission Blvd.

Gerry Torres and chef/partner Eduardo Baena opened the flagship City Tacos in North Park in 2014.

Moving into the prime unit left dormant by last year’s departure of Izakaya, the new City Tacos hopes to open by this summer to take advantage of the beach season.

The PB branch will serve an expanded menu of seafood, meat, vegetarian and vegan tacos, as well as desserts, Micheladas, and Mexican and craft beers.

City Tacos is dedicated to combining traditional recipes with SoCal flavor. Meat, fish, vegetarian, even Paleo offerings present something for every palate. Dishes can also be topped with a variety of creative salsas to customize each bite. For more information, visit citytacossd.com.

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Dino Coin Laundromat offers drop-off service

Dino Coin Laundromat in Pacific Beach has a new drop-off, fluff-and-fold system, as well as being committed to offering customers quality service.

The corner laundromat at 4977 Cass St. is owned by Ana Elena Chacon. Their 7-year-old daughter, Alana, named the coin-operated laundry after dinosaurs. Alana also designed the laundromat’s dino logo.

Dino Coin Laundromat boasts new small and large front-loader Wascomat and Maytag washers charging $2.50 to $5.50 to operate. Dryers cost a quarter for seven minutes. A huge six-load washing machine is expected to be installed in a few weeks.

A Costa Rica native, Ana came to New York City 23 years ago “just to practice her English,” and never left. She and her husband, who grew up in Pacific Beach, live in the neighborhood.

“My husband is in the vending machine business and he bought this laundry when I was undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer two years ago,” said Ana, who has a psychology research and human resources background, which has helped her manage her business.

“People are very particular about how they do laundry,” Ana said. “Some people are very meticulous. We follow their instructions, try to explain how each of the machines are different, and how we can take care of all of their laundry needs.”

Dino’s large washing machines are perfect for comforters, pillows, drapes, quilts, covers, rugs, etc. The laundry’s early bird special from 6 to 8 a.m. daily offers 25 cents off Maytag.

Ana is proud of Dino’s new laundry drop-off system employing lockers, which she noted is similar to other systems being used in other U.S. laundries for customer convenience.

“They can come anytime during the day when we’re open and leave their clothes in a locker,” she said. “They text me, and I come and take care of it.”

“It’s a great location, people know where it is and there’s lots of parking,” pointed out Ana of their retail space, that’s been a laundromat for 40 years or more. “When we took over we kept a lot of the good things that had been going on with the previous owners, and started buying new machines and are getting in a big one now, a 60-pounder, for people who don’t want to complicate their lives and just throw everything in there.

“Right now we have a special on Groupon,” said Ana. “New customers, we’re giving them a discount so they can come and try us out. After that, we have a reward program. Every person who does 100 pounds of laundry, we give them $20 free service after that.”

Ana Chacon said Dino gives back to the local community.

“We’ve donated gift cards to local schools, PB Elementary and Bird Rock Elementary,” she said. “We’re trying to help the neighborhood.

Ana praised her clientele. “We have excellent customers, mostly locals,” added Chacon.

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Broken Yolk celebrates 40 years of eggcellent food and service

Broken Yolk restaurant is 25 celebrating its anniversary this year with specials throughout May.

Broken Yolk founder/owner John Gelastopolous replied “Our guest-centric focus. We make [guests] feel the same way you would make your friends feel when they come to your house.”

A Greek immigrant who came to the U.S. at age 17, Gelastopolous worked his way up from being a dishwasher. He started Broken Yolk in 1975 in the Mission District, before moving his original restaurant to its present location at 1851 Garnet Ave.

There are now 14 Broken Yolks – 15 in San Diego – scattered through California and other states including Arizona, Florida, Illinois and Nevada.

Broken Yolk’s marketing director, Lisa Erickson, talked about the restaurant’s month-long 40th-anniversary observance.

“Through May 31, we’re having 40 days of giveaways, one every day, with everything themed around 40,” she said. “We’re picking people to win breakfasts for two and $40 gift cards.”

The celebration is carrying over to the menu.

“On May 21-22, we’re adding four breakfast and one lunch item – American breakfast, a short stack of buttermilk pancakes, classic eggs Benedict, a hash skillet and our ‘famous’ club sandwich – to the menu, all of which will cost $4.44. We’re also doing coffee at 40 cents and $4 mimosas on those days.”

There’s even a third component to the month-long celebratory discounts.

“We’re having a golden pancake promotion for everyone who is a part of our reward card program, which they can sign up for until May 20 online or in-person,” Erickson said. “We’re going to select a winner at all of our 34 locations, and the winners will get free pancakes for a year, 52 short stacks, one every week.”

Gelastopolous characterized his menu as “traditional with some trendy stuff.”

“Our omelets are all with four eggs and we now have seven Benedicts. We’re always innovating. You’ve got to keep up with the times because things change,” he said. “That’s the key to longevity: You’ve got to be ahead of the curve.”

The restaurateur also credits his staff for the eatery’s longevity and success. “We’re in the people business,” Gelastopolous said. “It’s not just me. It’s everybody. I have employees who supported me. You’ve got to embrace those people. They’ve got to feel good for them to do well, and for the guests to be happy. Now we are in the circle where everybody’s happy.”

Asked what distinguishes him from other breakfast places, Gelastopolous replied: “Most cater to special niches. We cater to everybody, toons to 80s. That helps us with our longevity.”

Will Broken Yolk continue to expand? Gelastopolous thinks so, noting, “Everybody eats eggs for breakfast.”

Broken Yolk founder and owner John Gelastopolous.

Broken Yolk's marketing director Lisa Erickson.

The JRDN team is pairing up with Groth winemakers for a four-course dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. on May 14 at Tower23 Hotel, 723 Felspar St. Chef David Warren will collaborate with Napa winemakers to bring wine enthusiasts a dinner thoughtfully paired with Groth favorites. Start off sipping on a crisp 2018 Sauvignon Blanc paired with Grilled Spot Prawns. As the night goes on, winemakers will introduce their special, a 2014 Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon paired with a Lamb Porchetta. Pricing is $100 per person and includes tax and gratuity. Seating is limited. Guests can purchase tickets by calling 858-270-2323 or by visiting 123hotel.com.

The popular Baja breakfast tacos at Broken Yolk.

The JRDN team joins Groth winemakers

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Broken Yolk founder and owner John Gelastopolous.

Broken Yolk's marketing director Lisa Erickson.
Pacific Beach Middle student raising funds to install water station at school

By DAVE SCHWAB | Beach & Bay Press

Adrian surfer Adrian Scavone of Pacific Beach Middle School selected a familiar subject for his eighth-grade project: water.

Scavone, who’s on a surf team traveling throughout Southern California, has chosen to raise funds via GoFundMe.com and other sources to generate the $4,000 needed to have a state-of-the-art FloWater refill station installed on the middle-school campus at 4674 Ingraham St.

FloWater Refill Stations hold seven gallons of purified water, at all times available on-demand, which fills a 24-oz. bottle in 9 seconds (45 seconds faster than the average water dispenser). The large fill area and recessed dispense nozzle means anything from a coffee mug to a gallon jug can be filled under the dispenser.

Of his motivation, Scavone said: “I really have a passion for the ocean and it really makes me sad to see all the litter going into it, and most of that is plastic water bottles. So I was thinking, ‘How can I contribute to getting rid of it?’”

Scavone’s mom, Leslie, suggested the refill station. “I thought that was a really good idea,” he said noting it was also doable.

Thus far, Scavone said his water-purification project, which takes regular water and filters and cleanses it, has been an easy sell. “A lot of the kids here really don’t like the water fountains, would prefer clean, cold water,” he said.

Jennifer Sims, PBMS international Baccalaureate coordinator, noted there was a $500 grant available to use as seed money for Scavone’s required eighth-grade project for promotion to the next grade level.

“Every eighth grader has to come up with their own project, in teams of three or less, which they will present,” Sims said, adding there will be 80 to 100 student projects presented to community members in April, and then again in May to a panel judging them and awarding medals to winners.

“They’re really [PB Middle’s] test to have the kids be able to do something like this on a big scale,” said Sims, adding, “Last year, our students donated more than 16,000 hours of service to the community.”

Fundraising for Scavone’s water purification project is going well. “We raised $1,150 in one week toward the total $4,000 cost (after the 50 percent school discount) for the Flowater system,” Scavone said. Flowater has already been installed successfully elsewhere in the San Diego Unified School District, and has been successful in lowering single-use plastic waste.
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Schraeder proving quite a hit with Mission Bay baseball

Dusty Schraeder

When you are one of the older kids on a varsity baseball team laden with youngsters, it is important that you use your experience to help the young kids along. Mission Bay junior infielder Dusty Schraeder is doing that and more.

Schraeder is a key component for the Bucs, making head coach Dennis Pugh happy he has such leadership from one of his upperclassmen.

“Dusty is a three-year starter for us and helps lead a young team that starts one freshman, six sophomores, and two juniors,” Pugh noted. “I’ve been impressed with his dedication to the sport and his anticipation to play in college.”

For Schraeder, it was his father that turned him on to the game of baseball and the former has not looked back since. Beach & Bay Press caught up with Schraeder for an interview.

BBP: How did you get started with playing baseball?

DS: I started playing baseball from a young age and it was my dad who got me into the sport by constantly playing catch with me, and pitching me whiffle balls in the house, which my mom was not a big fan of.

BBP: What do you like most about the role of being an infielder?

DS: I like being an infielder, especially shortstop where I play, because you’re in the middle of every play and from there I’m able to control the game and lead my team.

BBP: As a junior, do you feel any pressure being one of the team leaders?

DS: There is a little bit of pressure since it’s my junior year and expectations have risen, but I don’t let that get to me. No matter the circumstances, I’m going to continue to keep playing and lead the team the way I should.

BBP: Do you have goals you want to accomplish this season?

DS: Goals for this season would be to win a CIF championship because we’ve worked hard this year and it’s been a goal of mine ever since I started here at Mission Bay.

BBP: Are you thinking about playing baseball down the road in college?

DS: Playing baseball in college would be a huge dream for me and is something I used to do in the future, but for now I’m focused on winning each game we can this year and making it to playoffs.

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Freshman pitcher helps keep Mission Bay softball successful

It is not always the case where a freshman has a big role early on with a varsity sports team. But Mission Bay softball is getting major contributions from pitcher Keira Bucher.

According to head coach Vince Ichihara, he has known Bucher since she was 8.

“I was looking at her that stood out on the field and it was apparent she was going to be something special,” Ichihara commented. “K-Bar brings toughness, skill, composure and confidence to our team. She’s a freshman, but is looked up to by a lot of girls on the team. She leads by example and is a big part of what we do to be successful.”

Beach & Bay Press caught up with Bucher for an interview.

BBP: How did you get started with playing softball?
KB: It started when I was little. We moved to California when I was 5 and we moved into a set of condos. Right next door was a girls’ fast pitch league. I wanted friends and wanted to have fun so I started playing.

BBP: What do you like most about being a pitcher?
KB: I like the automatic self-accountability. I know when someone gets a hard hit that lands somewhere, it’s not me having to decide “oh yeah it’s so and so’s fault, not mine.” But when you’re the one in control of the game you know it has to start at your mistake. It’s also a challenging position to play and allows me to isolate myself and focus.

BBP: As a freshman, do you feel any pressure out there, or is being so young helpful?
KB: I feel a lot of pressure, no doubt about it. I know I have a lot of expectations and I know I have to help because Cassidy (West) is hurt too. I don’t see how much being young could help me.

BBP: What are the keys to being a successful pitcher?
KB: The keys are to remain focused. You’re always going to have more family and friends on the sidelines; it’s easier for you to get distracted than in travel ball. Because of your constant playing and practicing for seven innings, you don’t get as much of a chance to fix an issue that started in a game.

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ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE CLASS

Mission Bay High AP environmental science students Carson Wells and Kai Kaiauna teach students from Barnard Elementary about the Rose Creek ecosystem. Working with more than 600 students from 20 Schools, Officer Cooksey spoke of her courage and quick-thinking abilities that ultimately saved her mom's life to be a heros.

MISSION BAY HIGH

- Save the Date for the MBHS Yacht Party at Mission Bay Yacht Club is 6-11 p.m. on May 18. Enjoy food, great views, and music from Jepack Mojo. Tickets are $75 per person and go on sale soon. All money raised from tickets and a live auction support PBMS and MBHS. Corporate and personal sponsorships are available, contact Stacey O'Neill, stacey_oneill@yahoo.com.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

- The third annual Horseshoe Tournament is May 11. Twenty-four teams will compete for the right to boast about their horseshoe skills until next year’s competition. All proceeds will benefit FOPBSS. A huge thanks to the team of dads who’ve taken this event on for the third year in a row.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

- Mrs. Hendricks’ fifth grade class had the pleasure of welcoming newly-inducted NHL, Hall-of-Famer Willie O’Ree, to their classroom. O’Ree was the first African American player in the NHL and has been referred to as the Jackie Robinson of hockey. O’Ree spoke to the students about his childhood and hockey career and stressed the importance of hard work and getting an education and encouraged students to set goals for themselves. O’Ree currently travels around North America for the NHL, encouraging young boys and girls to play hockey.

CROWN POINT

- On Saturday, May 11, CPUMA Adult Photo Challenge performs at Gator by the Bay in Spanish Landing Park at 10:30 a.m. Come out and enjoy a fun morning of music, Louisiana-themed food, and crawfish festivity.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER

- Walk and Roll to School is on May 8, when students in the Mission Bay Cluster will walk, bike, and scoot to school.

YOUNG HERO

San Diego Police officer Jon Cooksey and Pacific Beach Elementary principal Denise Goulart presented the ‘Young Hero Award’ to fourth-grader Rhianna Manley. Rhianna saved her mom’s life by performing lifesaving CPR and contacting 911. Officer Cooksey spoke of her courage and quick-thinking abilities that ultimately saved her mom’s life to be a hero.

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powerhouse singer Cassie B and the Stingers performs at the 710 Beach Club on May 10. Perhaps best known for her stints in musical theatre and assorted cover bands, this new band focuses squarely on B’s original music. She has a terrific voice, but an even better sense of melody, with an arsenal of radio-friendly songs in her repertoire. What’s particularly refreshing is the range she shows in her writing. Songs such as “Tell Me” are melancholy and soulful, while tunes such as “Park and Rec” have an infectious dance rhythm. B is definitely a talent worth hearing, especially live, where her stage presence takes the music to the next level.

Cassie B and the Stingers: Friday, May 10 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. and up. 710bc.com.

On May 16 the Mission Bay High School Music Program will hold their ninth annual Jazz on the Green event. The event will feature all of MBHS’s musical ensembles alongside music director JP Balmat, including MBHS Swing Choir (6 p.m.), The Preservationists (6:30 p.m.) and The Mambo Orchestra (7:15 p.m.) with The Gypsy Jazz Quartet performing between sets. The roots of San Diego’s currently booming jazz scene can be traced to events such as these, music fans wanting to hear emerging talent will find much to enjoy at this showcase.

Jazz on the Green: Thursday, May 16 at Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave. 6 p.m. All ages. missionbaymusic.com.

Tongue-in-cheek indie rockers, The Red Elvises, return to Tio Leo’s on May 3. Formed in 1995 by guitarist Igor Yuzov, the band has released 13 albums to date, each full of manic, humor laden rock ‘n’ roll. But make no mistake, this is a top-notch band with virtuoso musicians. As good as their recordings are, The Red Elvises are best taken in live, where their costumes, skits and Yuzov’s stage banter all add to the experience.

The Red Elvises: Friday, May 3 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. and up. tioleos.com.

Ska fans won’t want to miss The Amalgamated, appearing at Humphrey’s Backstage Live on May 5. Founded in 2007, inspired by the likes of The Skatalites and The Specials, over the past decade, the band has become a popular staple of the local club scene, with their most recent album, “Premium Quality,” taking home the 2019 San Diego Music Award for “Best World Music Album.” Acclaimed by rock and reggae fans alike, The Amalgamated’s horn-driven sets are dance floor fillers, especially when they include fun covers such as Sam Cooke’s “Twistin’ The Night Away.”

The Amalgamated: Sunday, May 5 at Humphrey’s Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 7 p.m. humphreysbackstage-live.com.

Bassist’s don’t get the same love from audiences that guitarists or lead vocalists do, but there is no doubt of their importance to a band’s sound. On May 5, Dizzy’s will host Bass Summit 2019, featuring an all-star cast of great bassists, backed by pianist Hugo Suarez and drummer Richard Sellers. On hand will be Mark Dresser, Mack Leighton, John Murray, Andre Martin, Rob Thorsen, Susan Wulff and Marshall Hawkins.

All are incredible players, but the nod here goes to Hawkins who has performed with everyone from The Manhattan Transfer to Miles Davis. If you have any interest in the bass as an instrument or jazz in general, this special event will captivate from the first notes.

Bass Summit 2019: Sunday, May 5, at Dizzy’s at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 7 p.m. dizzyjazz.com.

Guitarist Phil X and his band, The Drills, stop in at Brick by Brick on May 10. Though not quite a household name just yet, X is well on his way to being one of the most acclaimed guitarists in recent memory. A member of Bon Jovi, X is known as a hard rock, but as a session player he can be found on recordings by everyone from Kelly Clarkson to Alice Cooper. He hasn’t released a new album with the Drills since 2012, but the band’s mix of originals and choice covers still offers a great night of rock ‘n’ roll.

Phil X and the Drills: Friday, May 10 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8:30 p.m. 21 and up. $20. brickbybrick.com.
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