Local group highlights homeless issues in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach is mobilizing to get word out to authorities that it has serious issues with homelessness and other problems in the community that need to be immediately addressed.

So much so that a new Facebook site, facebook.com/cleanuppbb/, has been established. “Pacific Beach has been overrun by homeless, angry transients and filth,” said entrepreneur Mike Spangler, who organizes the annual North PB Sip ‘N Stroll summer block party. “This (Facebook) page is a place to collect and post pictures.

“The community of PB, which is paying lots of money, are sick and tired of the city ignoring our homelesse, transients, lack of police and overall trash issues,” he said. “We encourage pictures and specific accounts of what is happening in hopes that this page will go viral for the homeless. Page 5

Residents protest Mission Beach redevelopment site

By DAVE SCHWAB

Mission Beach residents wearing white T-shirts with the message “Save the tree, make a park” and carrying protest signs turned out April 4 to march against the current plans to redevelop the former Mission Beach Elementary School site at 818 Santa Barbara Place. The project, previously approved by the city Planning Commission, goes before San Diego City Council for review at 2 p.m. Monday, April 11.

“The Mission Beach residences/Santa Barbara residences is now considered a ‘quasi-judicial’ matter under state law. Under the law, members of the City Council are

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Bikes stolen ramp it up at beaches

By DAVE SCHWAB

Bike theft has become rampant – almost epidemic – in Pacific Beach, and residents and police are ramping up efforts to nab thieves.

Almost daily, bikes get stolen somewhere along the beachfront. Mention bike theft on NextDoor.com, and you’ll get numerous responses. Here are a few Beach & Bay Press got recently:

- "I’ve given up on bikes because so many were stolen over many years – locked up around PB and also from my yard and garage. Only safe way is to keep them in your house.”
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- "...found a bike stolen in the alley and later found a bunch of money on the ground, clothes, a mask, duct tape, black gloves in a nearby trash can plus a black sweatshirt in the courtyard where bike was stolen from ..."

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PB students moved by a Holocaust survivor’s story

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

“The last time me and my sisters saw our father in the concentration camp, he said to us, ‘You have to stay alive so that you can tell the rest of the world what are they doing to us,’” said Rosa Schindler, 86, Holocaust survivor.

More than 300 students at Pacific Beach Middle School went to see Schindler tell her survivor story. Eighth graders Carson Wells and Sebastian Poli invited Schindler to their school as their community project. Wells and Poli were happy about how well the event went.

“I thought kids are just going to play around and not listen, but to hear that silence with middle schoolers during the presentation was weird and amazing. They clearly got something out of it because normally they are just whispering and moving around,” Wells notes.

The students said they wanted to raise awareness about the Holocaust and they don’t want the past to be the future. They hope that when the younger generation knows about the past, it could make a big difference.

“I guess all the teachers wanted to let their kids find out the truth about what happened and learn more about it. I’m really glad that lot of people showed up so that we can get our message across,” Poli said.

Schindler told the students about how her mother and some of her siblings were killed in gas chambers in Auschwitz and how her brother and father were killed in a labor camp. Schindler and two of her sisters managed to get to a labor camp and stayed there until the end of World War II, when they were freed from the camps.

Before going to concentration camps, Jewish children were bullied harshly in German schools.

“Don’t let anyone bully you. If you are being bullied, tell your teacher or principal. Kids can be really cruel to each other,” she said.

Carson Wells (left), Rosa Schindler and Sebastian Poli at Pacific Beach Middle School.

PHOTO BY HANNA LAUKKANEN

“Not as many Americans know about the Holocaust as they should. It’s nothing to advertise. It was already 75 years ago, and we are losing Holocaust survivors every day; most of them are over 90 now,” she notes.

Schindler has been talking for 50 years about surviving the Holocaust. Poli says her story was really touching and he’s happy that he now knows a lot more about it.

“I learned so much more through having a first person tell about it. She was there; she witnessed all this,” Wells said.
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Beach & Bay Press goes in-depth with mayoral candidate Ed Harris

By DAVE SCHWAB

Some would say Ed Harris is crazy to run for mayor against popular incumbent Kevin Faulconer given the crowded candidate field.

But that’s just what the lifeguard turned legislator, now lifeguard again, wants to hear.

“They told me in 2009 I would never be able to unite the life-guards into their own union,” said Harris, who now represents his colleagues as a union rep with the city. “I’ve been told my whole life that you can’t do union rep with the city. “I’ve been their own union,” said Harris, who wants to draw attention to an issue particular. But rather, he said, he not to “point fingers” at anyone in the city. “I’s a kid coming out of the Marine Corps jogging on the beach when I saw a flyer for lifeguards, and that led to a 27-year career that I’m extraordinarily grateful for to the city of San Diego,” he said. “The least I can do is give back to the city.”

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“I tried to stay out of (the race),” admitted the lifeguard veteran, who served a nine-month stint as City Councilman for District 2, representing the beaches. “I saw where the money goes — and the reasons why we don’t have enough for police officers and firefighters and library staff, etc. cetera.”

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A major priority for Harris is addressing the current severe short-age of first responders. Pointing out that the current shortage of police and firemen is well documented, Harris said the situation with life-guards is even worse.

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Mission Bay High's Destiny Curiel (left) and Cassidy Kepner compete against Clairemont at Mission Bay Park on April 4. Curiel and Kepner won their match.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

Mission Bay spikers set course for success

By DAVE THOMAS

Whether playing indoors or outside, a pair of Mission Bay High volleyball teams have their sights set on的意义 winning seasons.

The girls sand volleyball team under head coach Brittany Johnson sported a 12-10 record heading into action this week.

The Bucs are led by five seniors, leaders that Johnson said are all extremely talented.

"I have been coaching the five seniors on the team since they were freshmen, and they are all extremely talented—Cassidy Kepner, Alina Snyder, Destiny Curiel, Lilli Christensen, and Pearl Moore. The team consists of two amazing juniors, Maddie Tandy and Alex Bikri. Finally, our freshmen are similarly talented, with Bethany Keplar always competing in one of the top positions," Johnson said.

As Johnson noted, sand volleyball is a game of doubles, so there are no specific "positions." It's about who is the best, most consistent athlete.

"Our goals for the season include finishing with a winning record, fostering a great love for the sport, and having fun in the sun. All of the girls get along famously; so it is easy to pair them up for each competition," Johnson said.

Given the talent on this team, consistency should not be a problem.

Boys volleyball

In volleyball action indoors, the Bucs restarted their boys varsity program this year with first-year head coach Nikk Cauthfield and assistant coach Jeffery Cauthfield.

"With only one senior on the roster, the team looks to have a solid base to build on for the future program," Cauthfield added.

Bucs tennis hopes to make season a smash

By DAVE THOMAS

For the Mission Bay High boys tennis team, head coach Trong Tong hopes this spring will be a smash hit. As the Bucs returned from spring break this week, they sport a record of 2-7.

"Despite our current record, we're still striving to improve match by match," Tong commented. "Even after a few frustrating losses, our team morale remains very positive after a few frustrating losses, our team morale remains very positive and we'll always continue to enjoy ourselves on the courts.

Since many players on this year's team will graduate this summer, our main priority for the remainder of the season is to greatly challenge our newer players so they'll be ready of the season is to greatly challenge our newer players so they'll be ready for the rest of their lives. The idea isn't to be too competitive but for kids to feel good about themselves.

The group is looking for more volunteers, some of whom get a stipend for coaching. If you are interested being a volunteer, visit 2ndrecess.org.

Marco Anzures hopes that children will develop the love of exercising for the rest of their lives. The idea isn't to be too competitive but for kids to feel good about themselves.

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Get a ‘full body experience’ at Addie's

By DAVE SCHWAB

While most fitness places specialize in one workout mode or another, Addie's Personal Training Studio in Pacific Beach is making a name for itself going against the tide.

“We're old school in our approach to fitness,” said Junior Leoso, owner-operator of Addie's, at 4440 Ingraham St. “It's better to have old-school techniques with new-school gear.”

The gym owner-trainer noted that “It's hard to sustain a business when you're only serving one item.”

He likened single-mode fitness studios to “a restaurant that just has shrimp. You could go once a month. But you're not going to eat there twice a day, every day.”

Leoso has been the proprietor of Addie's in its present location, formerly a credit union, since 2005. He noted that, though they don't specialize in anything in particular, Addie's carries all the tools – kettle bells and medicine balls, Pilates machines, treadmills, speed bikes, etcetera – that anyone would need to accomplish their fitness goals.

An Addie's workout was described by Leoso as a “full body experience.”

“We provide the gear and all that is necessary to do that,” he said. “The goal is to provide all the tools necessary to do that.”

Addie's has done, or is about to do, a number of progressive things in the industry. The studio offers small group classes and one-on-one instruction with a trainer as well as a “mobile” gym.

“We call it the power lunch program,” Leoso said. “Myself and two of my trainers show up to their place of business: We bring our gym to them. About 40 percent of our training is mobile, going everywhere from UTC to Chula Vista and everywhere in between.”

Another interesting aspect of Addie's is that most of its clients, men and women, are age 50 and beyond.

“Older clients aren’t trying to squat 1,000 pounds or get their beach bodies; they just don’t want to run out of breath when they run up the stairs,” he said, adding his studio works with them to customize a fitness program just right for their needs.

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“I’ve probably had 15 to 20 bikes stolen in the last 25 years here in PB. Sawed through locks, taken out of my garage or any other number of ways. A handful of them could probably be considered my fault for not exercising enough caution, I suppose, but at this point I just consider it a beach tax. Sad but true.” – Stephen Hamming, Riviera Sail Bay

“We had our two eBikes stolen out of our office garage, located at 4666 Cass St., on March 19… We ordered these bikes ($3,000-plus value), and it took us eight weeks to have them delivered… We only got to ride them once before they were stolen… Thieves cut the large padlock off the garage door, then cut two of the Club UTL utility locks off each of the bikes.” – Maureen Martin, PB North Shore Highlands North

That’s a sampling of PB bike-theft incidents, with new ones continually being reported.

Dan Niefer, of San Diego Police Department’s Northern Division Bike Squad, is among a team of officers whose job it is to try and catch bike thieves. Typically, “bait bikes” outfitted with GPS tracking are left in designated areas attempting to lure prospective thieves.

Noting bike thefts are “crimes of opportunity,” Niefer said all types of crooks out there, from transients to professional thieves, steal bicycles, which are then often delivered to neighborhood “chop shops” to be repurposed and resold.

“We’ve seen people walking around with backpacks full of lock cutters, pics and all manner of devices to defeat locks,” Niefer said, adding he’s uncertain whether the actual number of thefts is rising dramatically.

“I think that (bike theft) awareness is higher now because of social media like NextDoor,” he said. Niefer said NextDoor has proven a useful tool to get leads and help track down thieves. This is good, he said, noting no bike lock is impregnable.

“I’ve seen these guys defeat pretty much every kind of lock, even heavy-duty chains or cables,” Niefer said, pointing out the best thing to do with a bike is “not to leave it out at all. If you’re not using it, keep it inside a locked garage or another good spot.”

The police bike detail has now gone citywide and is getting results, said Niefer. He added police are also getting better at tracing bikes once they’re stolen.

“We had an arrest last week where the bike was taken to a chop shop,” he said. “There were about 50 broken locks laying around and an assortment of bike tires and other pieces – an unreasonable amount of stuff. We shut the place down.”

Niefer welcomes any and all information at dniefer@pd.sandiego.gov so he can process and hopefully turn into leads to find stolen bicycles.
PB Cubists
Rubik’s Cube teams from PB Elementary and PB Middle competed at Super STEM at Cal State San Marcos on March 12. Each team of eight solved 25 cubes in 4:16 and 3:36 respectively, finishing with strong showings of fourth and fifth in their divisions. Led by PBE teacher Dave Sanders, the students enjoyed competing after months of practicing.

Mission Bay High
MBHS IB School Tour. Thursday, April 14, 8 to 10 a.m., library. Meet with Principal Remillard to learn about the International Baccalaureate Program, athletic teams and extracurricular opportunities.

Pacific Beach Middle
PBMS Tour, Thursday, April 7, 8 a.m. Meet Principal Meng, learn about the International Baccalaureate Program and take a tour of the school. Sign in at the front office and meet in the library/media center.

PB Elementary
Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary (FOPBE) meeting, Wed., April 13, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., library. Meet Principal Meng, learn about the International Baccalaureate Program and take a tour of the school. Sign in at the front office and meet in the library/media center.

Sonic Drive-In to roll into PB this fall
This national, name-brand tenant famous for its style of serving food on roller-skates, is coming to Pacific Beach and is scheduled to open in November of 2016, announced Tony Franco, a Pacific Beach commercial Realtor.
Franco said the fast-food chain, along with a 134,600-square-foot A-1 Self Storage Facility, is expected to start construction soon at 2740 Garnet Ave., near Mission Bay Drive. This is A-1 Self Storage Facility’s 18th location and Sonic’s seventh store opening up in the San Diego market.
“This is the first time in many years that a national name-brand tenant is opening for business in Pacific Beach,” Franco said, noting that, recently, national tenants such as Carl’s Jr and Panda Express “are being out-negotiated by local fast-food Mexican restaurants in Pacific America.”

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prohibited from expressing support for or opposition to land use matters under consideration,” said Donna Cleary, spokesperson for District 2 Councilwoman Lorie Zapf.

Closed in 1996 because of declining attendance, the former school and its 2.23 acres of prime coastal real estate were sold at auction by San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) for $18.5 million in May 2013 to the highest bidder, developers McKellar-Ashbrook LLC of La Jolla. The former school site, among others, was sold by SDUSD to help offset a school district operating budget shortfall.

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Financial planner Torrey Merriel, a 10-year Mission Beach resident, agreed. “I now have to park three nights a week in Pacific Beach because there is no parking at all,” he said.

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University of Queensland Big Band to swing at Dizzy’s

By BART MENDOZA

Although for many the thought of big band music conjures up images of swing dancers and the 1940s, Australia’s 26-member University of Queensland Big Band is more akin to classic soundtracks with jazz as a key element, more Nelson Riddle than Glen Miller.

Appearing at Dizzy’s on April 8, under the direction of Clint Allen, the group is an impressive gathering of young student talent, with seamless interplay and a real passion for their instruments. Founded in 2007, this show is part of the band’s first international tour and will thrill any fan of instrumental music or virtuoso musicianship.

University of Queensland Big Band: Friday, April 8 at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive, 8 p.m. $15. www.dizzysjazz.com.

San Diego music legend Jesse Davis performs at the Kona Kai Resort on April 10 as part of their brunch music series. These days, Davis is a terrific jazz and standards singer in the classic Lou Rawls mode, but he’s been performing since the mid-1960s, given the nod of approval by Frank Sinatra and releasing non-classic soul singles such as 1967’s “Gonna Hang On In There Girl,” later going on to perform in two of the classic “Benji” films of the 1970s. If you haven’t caught a set by Davis, this show, set next to the marina, besides the resort’s private beach is just about the ideal, San Diego-centric, way to do so.

Jesse Davis: Sunday, April 10 at the Kona Kai Resort, 1531 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No cover. www.resortkonakai.com.

Jazz fans will want to check out, April in Paris, a themed performance at the Pacific Beach Library, showcasing “jazz-infused songs of springtime.”

The library’s quiet setting is the perfect spot to catch any jazz performance, but this show promises to be special, featuring vocalist Allison Adams Tucker’s wonderfully evocative voice, beautifully matched against pianist Danny Green’s lyrical piano playing and drummer Julien Cantelmé’s inspired beats. Adams sings in both English and French, with a signature version of “La Vie en Rose,” that’s sure to make this closing concert of the library’s 2015-2016 season one of the year’s highlights.

Allison Adams Tucker: Wednesday, April 13 at Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass St. 7 p.m. All Ages. No cover. www.pblibraryfriends.org.

Music is back at San Diego’s most unique music venue. The Bahia Belle paddlewheeler, as it cruises around Mission Bay. You can find live music on Friday evenings, with classic rock cover band Steal Dawn performing on April 15. The band is excellent at a range of hits from Bruno Mars to The Eagles, performing short sets between the hourly docking on either side of the bay. Music starts at 7:30 p.m. with all ages permitted before 9:30, making this a terrific event for all ages.

Steal Dawn: Friday, April 15 at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 7:30 p.m. 21 and up. $10. www.catamaranresort.com.

Hip-hop returns to Pacific Beach with a fast-paced, five-artist show at the 710 Beach Club on April 15. While the local hip-hop community is largely under the media’s radar, the scene is thriving, with a growing number of San Diegans matching rhymes and beats.

For this show, the venue has put together a solid bill featuring local rising stars Pakman, Watusi, Noize

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HOME & GARDEN

Eating your yard - one of the many benefits of planting an edible landscape

Spring is the perfect time to plant a garden, so why not consider planting an edible landscape that incorporates both vegetables and flowers into your garden? Edible landscapes are a growing trend, since you can make the most of what you grow and make better use of the water it takes to create and grow a garden.

Whether you have a large space or just a small area for growing, the first thing to think about are the bones and foundation for your garden, which includes pathways, walls, fences, hedges and arbors as well as your garden beds, which can be wooden/bordered raised beds. If you don’t have growing space or a yard, containers filled with veggies, flowers and herbs on a sunny patio area or balcony will do just fine.

A friend of mine grew a beautiful crop of tomatoes, Japanese eggplant and an assortment of peppers in wooden barrel planters.

Healthy soil is the garden’s foundation. Each season, I amend my soil with earthworm castings and a variety of organic supplements that I mix up and work into my soil. You can even purchase earthworms to add to your soil, and they will aerate the soil as well as fertilize it.

Once your soil is ready for planting, decide on what you want to grow. Choose what you like to eat and use both the vegetables and flowers to create a color scheme you admire that includes a variety of textures.

Flowers and herbs that attract beneficial insects are perfect partners to grow along with vegetables. Plants with small flowers, such as sweet alexandria, lobelia, marigolds, violas, dusty miller, Santa Barbara daisies and yarrow, attract ladybugs, parasitic wasps, lacewings and hoverflies—the “good” bugs that feed on unwanted pests.

Allow a few of your vegetables and herbs to flower—good bugs really love them. Let some of my arugula produce flowers, and every morning, the hoverflies swarmed around them. Hoverflies, lacewings and parasitic wasps eat the lava of caterpillars that survive a few of my arugula plants. Flowers, such as alstroemeria, California fuchsia, daisies, milkweed, nasturtium, penstemon, petunias and phlox will bring hummingbirds and butterflies. Water features can attract dragonflies: each summer, vivid orange dragonflies visit my garden. To me, a garden needs the presence of nature’s creatures to complete it.

Frame your garden with a border of plants that are lower to the ground. Add medium-size plants in the center and taller ones in the background. Containers can also be placed here and there throughout the garden to add interest and height. For borders, plant herbs such as thyme, oregano, marjoram, sage and chives mixed in with flowers that attract beneficial insects. Spring is also a good time for strawberries, which work well in borders or can be grown in containers. If you want to grow mint, grow it in containers, or it will take over your garden.

For the next layer, consider different colors of cabbage, kale, Swiss chard, lettuces, chili peppers, bell peppers, rosemary and different varieties of basil. Blue basil can grow quite tall and has lovely lavender sprays of flowers. If you have a large area, zucchini and summer squash will work well. Swiss chard and kale have beautiful leaves, and rainbow chard grows on colorful stems. Kale comes in many different textures and hues, and some have wonderful ruffled edges.

Blueberries are another edible plant to consider, and many new hybrids do well in our coastal environment. Plants that grow on vines, such as tomatoes, grapevines, berries and beans, can be grown in the background on walls, fences, trellises or arbors.

Feed your garden a balanced organic fertilizer at least once a month. Flowers, herbs and vegetables also like a little Epson salts from time to time. Dissolve a tablespoon of Epson salts per gallon of water and pour it into your garden beds from time to time.

Finally, when creating your garden, remember to set aside a place where you can sit back, take a break and enjoy nature and the fruits of your labor. Happy gardening!

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Real estate: It’s a seller’s market

By HANNA LAUKKANEN

Real estate agents that sell houses in La Jolla, Pacific Beach, Point Loma and Ocean Beach say that now it is a seller’s market. It is a great time to sell because many buyers are looking for a house and there aren’t that many houses listed.

“If a house is market-ready, clean and neat and has a good location, it sells fast. Many families don’t want to renovate a lot before they move in, so they buy a house that is ready to move in,” says real estate agent Michelle Serafini.

Agents Tony Franco and Lionel Silva note that the hot buying season has been early. It started already in December, although it usually is in March to June.

In 2015, the prices were at the same high level as in 2007, and now the prices have steadied. Buyers are active, but they don’t buy anything. Some sellers check what other sellers in the same area have gotten and try to get their prices higher. Agents note that buyers are smart and that they notice when a house is overpriced.

Interest rates are also quite low, so people are willing to take a loan on a house. Some people also buy houses now with cash.

“One out of 10 deals I sold, a buyer received a loan. That also saves buyers money. For many years, people invested in the stock market, and after that, they are now willing to put the money for a house or an apartment,” says Franco.

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