Surf’s up to mark the next installment of Mission Beach’s centennial celebration

By DAVE SCHWAB

The next event in the yearlong celebration of Mission Beach’s centennial will be the OMSURF “Meet The Legends” Spring Classic on Saturday, May 17, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the heart of Old Mission Beach at San Fernando Court.

The occasion marks the 89th anniversary of the first surfing contest in Mission Beach. It is the third of nine events planned in the months-long celebration of Mission Beach’s centennial.

The centennial celebration kicked off in March with a plaque dedication and walk and will conclude on Saturday, Sept. 27 with a festival at Belmont Park.

The May 17 surf event will include open and classic divisions for men and women, as well as a special menhune division for ages 16 and under.

The advance entry fee of $25 or $35 on event day includes a contest T-shirt, custom trophies and prizes for winners. All proceeds go to support the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation.

Check-in for contestants with beach marshals is at 7:30 a.m., with the event beginning an hour later.

The next event in the centennial celebration will be a centennial cruise to Belmont Park on Father’s Day, June 15, to be followed by a dive-in at the Pflunge pool in Belmont Park from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, July 15; an OMSShoes horseshoes tournament Aug. 3; a sandcastle event on Sunday, Aug. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and a volleyball beachfest on Saturday, Sept. 6.

The inspiration for the MB centennial celebration.

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Final fate of De Anza residents rests with judge

By DAVE SCHWAB

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Photo by Don Balch

Bayside Battleground

How much and how often the city must pay residents of De Anza Cove mobile-home park to relocate following a decade-long court battle is in the hands of a Superior Court judge.

Judge Charles Hayes is expected to decide soon what the city should pay mobile-home park residents in relocation fees.

The process of trying to remove residents from the 75-acre park on prime real estate jutting into the water in Mission Bay Park west of Interstate 5 was initiated by the city in 2003.

Ultimately, the city reached a $3.6 million settlement agreement on one of three lawsuits involving current and former residents of the 500-unit De Anza Cove Resort mobile-home park.

The settled dispute stems from the treatment residents said they received by a management company (Decobike) that has no positive business history and doesn’t pay any rent or fees to the city.

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Bikeshare gears up for debut; 19 PB sites being eyed

By DAVE SCHWAB

The rollout of the new city-wide Bikeshare program — with 19 stations proposed in Pacific Beach — is drawing mixed reviews from local bike-rental owners.

“It’s a good thing getting people on bikes, moving and coming to PB and spending money locally,” said Heather Jones, co-owner of Pacific Beach Bikes at 852 Garnet Ave., about the new privately financed program wherein bicycles will be available for shared use to individuals on an automated, short-term basis.

“There will be enough business for everyone,” said Jones. Fellow bike shop owner Jake Russell of Surf Monkey, located at 853 Grand Ave., disagreed, however.

“The city has partnered with a company (Decobike) that has no positive business history and doesn’t pay any rent or fees to the city,” he said.

The Decobike company is eager to launch a new Bikeshare program citywide, including 19 proposed stations in Pacific Beach alone.

OCEANIC TRAILBLAZERS Surf legend Charles Wright stands with his wooden surfboard in 1926 at Mission Beach with female surf legend Faye Baird.

Courtesy photo

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SUMMER FLY NUISANCE IS ALL THE BUZZ

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Bring your appetites and feast on eclectic cuisine from a host of eateries during the Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk on Tuesday, May 20 from 4 to 9 p.m.

“Our Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk is one of our most popular events, and this year we have a record 30 restaurants participating, including brand-new restaurants and beer tastings at Amplified Aleworks,” said Sara Berns, executive director of Discover Pacific Beach.

BURNS said restaurant walks are “great ways to bring the community out, sample and promote our dining establishments and create a night of folks walking past businesses and discovering something they may have never seen before.”

BURNS said the self-guided event is not just for the benefit of local restaurants.

“We encourage our retailers to come out and take advantage of the foot traffic, as well,” she said.

Event tickets are $20 presale and $25 event day.

Participating restaurants include: 710 Beach Club, Amplified Ale, Bare Back Grill, Big Kahuna’s Homemade Ice Cream, Bubs, Cabo Cantina, Coconut Thai, Pacific Beach Tuesday Farmers Market, Fat Sal’s, Filipino Pizza Grotto, Firehouse Eatery and Lounge, Miller’s Field, Moray’s On Mission Bay, Ocean’s Pizzeria, Ra Ka De Ka, Rubios, Shore Club, Spice Lounge, The Duck Dive, The Wood, Tony Romas, Mad Beat and The Truck Stop.

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co-chaired by Wendy Crain and Debbie Watkins, dates back to May 2013 and the influence of local historian Phil Prather, who co-wrote "Images of America: Mission Beach.”

The history of Mission Beach goes back to June 14, 1914, when a syndicate headed by John D. Spreckles and managed by George S. Barney submitted a subdivision map surveyed by D.A. Loebenstein to the Common Council (now known as the City Council) of San Diego for approval.

On Dec. 14, 1914, the first official map of Mission Beach was signed and adopted.

For more information, visit www.missionbeachcentennial.org.
Padre announcer (who almost was) reflects on stadium job hunt

By DAVE SCHWAB

Todd Leitz was one of two UC San Diego graduates, along with marine biologist Sam Chin — who also has ties to the Hubbs-Sea-World Research Institute on Mission Bay — who were runners-up to New Hampshire resident Alex Miniak in the job hunt for Petco Park’s next public-address announcer.

The trio was culled from a field of more than 800 who originally tried out to be the Padres’ next PA announcer. That voluminous field was narrowed down to 50, then 30, then 10 — with the help of a fan vote. It finally led to the last three standing.

Miniak bested Chin and Leitz after each had the opportunity to announce a full game at Petco Park.

A senior account executive with Gigunda Group, Miniak said he plans to move to San Diego, leaving his current role as the public-address announcer for the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, the Double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays.

“Alex has the iconic voice that we were looking for, and we’re excited to welcome him to the Padres family,” said Padres chief marketing officer Wayne Partello.

“I’ve always loved baseball, and I thought, ‘I could do that. How fun would that be?,’” said Leitz about the seasonal, part-time position.

Leitz came back to San Diego four or five times in three months for auditions.

“I’m proud they liked my voice and how I handled myself,” Leitz said, adding he felt the edge Miniak had in besting his final two opponents was his “eight seasons of experience as a minor-league announcer.”

Leitz said he’d do it all again, too. “I hope I have another chance to audition for some other major league team. I thank the Padres for the opportunity and for a fun ride,” he said.
In another show of community pride, 135 students and 12 teachers from St. Paul’s Lutheran School joined hands in a neighborhood cleanup recently. The cleanups are continually drawing more participants because of pride in their community, said organizers.

Students and teachers fanned out in groups to remove trash and recyclables littering local streets and sidewalks stretching as far west as Cass Street, east to Ingraham Street, south to Felspar Street, and north to Chalcedony Street, as well as the parking lot of Wells Fargo bank.

The neighborhood cleanups are a continuation of the Pacific Beach Town Council beach cleanups, which once took place on the first Saturday of every month, but have since shifted to another rebuild neighborhoods, thanks to first-year PBTC member Kristi Nelson.

“I took volunteers off the beach to spread the cleanups across PB, and it is working,” she said. “With no drinking on the beach now, the amount of trash is greatly reduced.”

Nelson’s approach was to send out a fler to various local businesses, schools, service clubs, churches and hotels, and then to follow up with a phone call. When one of the groups would express an interest, coordinators would name the month, date, time and location for the cleanup. The cleanup would then be scheduled on the PBTC’s calendar of events.

Following the cleanup, the organization now sends a blurb and photo to Nelson, which she sends to the PBTC and gets posted in the PBTC newsletter and on its website.

The St. Paul’s Lutheran School cleanup is the actually the third cleanup recently.

The other two groups to launch into the community spruce-up campaign were Fire Station 21 and Baldwin Academy.

Pacific Beach Middle School participated in a neighborhood cleanup on April 11, and there are two other neighborhood cleanups scheduled on April 28, with participants Crown Point Junior Music Academy and Duke Dive.

Churches, service clubs, schools or businesses interested in participating in a neighborhood cleanup are urged to contact the Pacific Beach Town Council at (858) 483-6666, or visit the PBTC office at 1706 Garnet Ave.

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taxes — sales, income or property — to the city, and I pay all three," said Russell. "It's going to turn people off to riding bikes."

The city is working with national- and local-level partners to expand the Bikeshare program to neighborhoods beginning this summer. Bikeshare is intended to provide affordable access to bicycles for short-distance trips in urban areas as an alternative to public transit or private automobiles.

Under the Bikeshare concept, customers may access program bicycles via a network of bike-sharing stations, checking them out from any station and returning them to any other station. Stations are solar-powered and automated and will operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Each station will have a map indicating other station locations.

The new bikeshare program is being conducted in phases with the goal of ultimately providing 180 stations with 1,800 bikes citywide.

Pacific Beach is among the first neighborhoods in the Bikeshare program's initial phase.

The 19 proposed bike stations in Pacific Beach are: Turquoise Street and La Jolla Mesa Drive; Turquoise Street and Cass Street; La Jolla Boulevard and Tourmaline Street; Loring Street and Garnet Avenue; Cass Street and Chalcedony Street; Missouri Street and Mission Boulevard; Cass Street and Felspar Street; Garnet Avenue and Ocean Boulevard; Bayard Street and Garnet Avenue; Cass Street and Garnet Avenue; Fahan Street and Garnet Avenue; Ingraham Street and Garnet Avenue; Garnet Avenue and Kendall Street; Morell Street and Garnet Avenue; Grand Avenue and Bayard Street; Grand Avenue and Mission Boulevard; Reed Avenue and Oliver Court; Pacific Beach Drive and Mission Boulevard; and Pacific Beach Drive and Ocean Boulevard.

Andy Hanshaw, executive director of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, said the Bikeshare community is excited about the Bikeshare program to neighborhoods beginning this summer. Bikeshare is intended to provide affordable access to bicycles for short-distance trips in urban areas as an alternative to public transit or private automobiles.

Bikeshare is being financed primarily through a $1.1 million grant which is fronting start-up costs for the station-to-station network, while the city as a partner is invested in promoting the new cycling-sharing program.

Many proposed Bikeshare stations are near transit stops, which Hanshaw said "is smart," because he said it will allow people to complete the first or last mile of their communter trip.

Jones said she believes Bikeshare may be positive in that it could introduce people to bicycling as a transportation option that could later become a lifestyle. The bike-shop owner expects some competition from Bikeshare but said, "It's not going to impact us too much." She said her clients typically rent longer-term — for holidays rather than minutes — so they can ride the Mission Bay loop, which includes Sea World and the coast up to La Jolla.

Jones said there a dozen or more existing bike shops in Pacific Beach, with new ones continually "popping up all over the place."

But she added it's mostly "friendly competition," and that business has been good and steady.

Russell, on the other hand, is convinced Bikeshare isn't being done right and is doomed to failure because of its poor business model. (Bikeshare) is prohibitively expensive, like a gym membership," he said. "It's not going to work. It's going to be a waste of money."

Russell said a customer can rent a bike for $18 a day at Surf Monkey, whereas it would cost $50 or $60 to rent from Bikeshare for a comparable period of time.

He pointed out one of the big problems with Bikeshare, as proposed, is that "it's not integrated with the bus or trolley transportation systems."

"They need to bring the two together," he said. "Just putting a bike stand next to bus stop is not incorporating the two."

Russell said there's a real wait-and-see attitude now toward whether Bikeshare will succeed in San Diego. "We don't really know what to expect from this," he said.

For more information, visit www.decobikesandiego.com.

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Del Mar resident Mariko Kelly recently rowed her way to three first-place finishes at the Long Beach Invitational during the weekend of April 12-13.

Kelly was joined by San Diego Rowing Club (SDRC) teammates Sarah Hoskin, Marissa Gibson and Jillian Renly to win the women’s quadruple sculls. Though in third place at the start, the four powered together to pull through for the win. They beat last year’s national champions, Long Beach Junior Crew, for the gold.

SDRC rows on Mission Bay. The Long Beach Invitational featured more than 20 of the state’s top rowing teams and was held at Marine Stadium in Long Beach, the site of the 1932 Olympic rowing venue. The race was 1,100 meters, with seven lanes of racing.

Kelly is a junior at La Jolla Country Day School and has been rowing for SDRC for three years.

Hoskin is a senior at the Academy of Our Lady Peace in San Diego and is headed to Fordham University on a rowing scholarship next year.

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Hoskin was joined by Evelyn Hall, a senior at the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, to win silver in the lightweight women’s double.

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PROBE CONTINUES INTO RAZOR BLADES MALICIOUSLY PLACED IN BONITA COVE PARK

An investigation is continuing into an incident involving two boys who cut their feet on two of 19 razor blades ultimately found embedded in the grass area of Bonita Cove Park at Mission Bay on May 1.

The malicious acts occurred near playground equipment in the 1100 block of West Mission Bay Drive.

San Diego police officer Dino Delimitros said it appeared that the razor blades had “purposely been lodged in the grass to cut whoever stepped on them.”

He said a subsequent search with a metal detector turned up a total of 19 planted blades, two of which sliced the feet of the two boys — one relatively severely.

It was not the first time razor blades have been found in Mission Beach in a public park, according to authorities.

In August 2013, lifeguards and city workers discovered eight single-edge razor blades planted in the ground with the sharp edge up. They had been placed in the grass surrounding one of two playgrounds at Bonita Cove, a shallow inlet just east of Mission Boulevard and south of Mission Bay Drive near Mission Beach.

At that time, lifeguards were called to assist in the afternoon after a 41-year-old woman sought medical attention after stepping on one of the blades.

Authorities then discovered several other blades.

The area where the woman was cut was cordoned off by city crews, which combed the area with rakes and metal detectors.

There are unconfirmed reports that even more of these types of incidents involving razor blades have previously been reported at Bonita Cove Park.

— Dave Schnab

**EX-SPORTSCENTER EMPLOYEE TO STAND TRIAL IN ALLEGED DRUG-TAFFICKING CASE**

A former employee of the Mission Bay Sportcenter waived his right to a preliminary hearing May 8 and was ordered to stand trial on 15 counts of transportation, possession and sale of methamphetamine that had allegedly been stored in some lockers of the business.

Jason Morgan Boone, 41, of San Diego, will get a trial date June 3 in San Diego Superior Court. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges and remains free on $500,000 bond.

Instead of having the prosecution call witnesses, Boone and his lawyer agreed to waive the proceedings and to stand trial on 15 charges that follow the arrests of Boone and nine others a year ago.

Deputy District Attorney Jorge Del Portillo said new charges have been filed that allege Boone possessed seven guns in his residence, along with methamphetamine.

The penalties are greater for some one-to-one to be charged with possession of methamphetamine and guns.

Boone was the only employee of the Sportcenter at 1010 Santa Clara Place to be charged, and all the other defendants have since been sentenced to either jail terms, community service or credit for time served.

San Diego police, the sheriff’s department, the Maritime Task Force and the Office of Homeland Security were part of the investigation that was started in 2012.

— Neal Putnam

**PB MAN SCORES VACATION IN RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE ‘DREAM HOUSE RAFFLE’**

Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Diego has named one last early-bird winner in the 10th annual “Dream House Raffle” by awarding Guillermo Perez of Pacific Beach with a six-day, five-night Costa Rican vacation.

On May 17, more than 1,300 prizes will be awarded, including the grand prize, through the San Diego Dream House Raffle.

Additional prizes that have yet to be awarded include a Mercedes-Benz SLK 350 Roadster, which will be given away in a special drawing for raffle participants who purchased multiple tickets.

For a full list of prizes and general information, visit SDraffle.com.

**PB WOMAN’S CLUB CONTINUES SUPPORT OF MULTIPLE LOCAL CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS**

During the last two years, the Pacific Beach Woman’s Club (PBWC) has continued to support the local community and donated to numerous charities.

Benefactors of the woman’s club have included: the PB Locals Surf Team, the PB Middle School counselor’s office, the Mission Bay High School music program, the Kate Sessions Summer Concert Series, the Kids’ Fishing Derby at Crystal Pier, the Pacific Beach Branch Library, Becky’s House, Stand Up for Kids, the Polinsky Children’s Center, the CSAA, Heifer International, Penny Pines reforestation program, the USO and the Surf riders Foundation.

Besides monetary donations, PBWC continues to make dinner once a month for Stand Up for Kids, donates clothing and personal hygiene items, stuffed animals and blankets to Polinsky Children’s Center and donates women’s professional clothing to Becky’s House.

For more information, visit www.pbwomansclub.org.
By BART MENDOZA

The 710 Beach Club has started a new acoustic happy hour each Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. On hand will be Mark Aliana (May 16), Dan the Blue Grass Hole (May 23) and Britt Doehring (May 30). With warm summer days just around the corner, these intimate acoustic happenings just feet from the roar of the ocean are the perfect way to get the weekend started early or just unwind after a hard day of work. All are seasoned performers, but of note is Aliana. A terrific guitarist in both acoustic and electric mode, he can also be heard performing with The Red Not Chili Peppers, among other groups. Though the shredding is toned down when he plays acoustic, the music is no less passionate, with Aliana’s ability to mimic a cover song down to the tones particularly impressive.

Stefanie Schmitz performs at Café-Bar Europa on May 20. Adept at saxophone, clarinet and percussion, Schmitz can be seen around town as a multi-instrumentalist. Stefanie performs with various combos, including Brazilian folk group Choro Sataque, though here she’ll be accompanied by a few musical friends. Performing mostly instrumental jazz with improvisational touches, Schmitz and company provide an excellent soundtrack to a nice afternoon out at this intimate location. Because of the setting, the material tends toward the low-key side, but it’s still engaging, with Schmitz’ emotive playing sure to please jazz fans and diners alike.

San Diego’s music community has a lot of respected jazz players, but few are as beloved as saxophonist Joe Marillo, who performs at Dizzy’s on Saturday, May 24. The band will lovingly re-create Harrison’s hits from throughout his career, including the Beatles’ “My Sweet Lord,” for a concert that’s sure to be a lot of fun. Rockola is particularly feted for its vocal prowess, something that makes its performances a standout. But Rockola also has terrific instrumentalists, particularly frontman Bob Tedde, who shines on guitar, keyboard and sitar. There are few bands that play these classic tunes better.

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Mission Bay High School’s award-winning music program, led by musical director JP Balmat, continues to draw nationwide acclaim with its various ensembles. This month, the school hosts two events that will showcase the program’s finest talents while raising much-needed funding for the program.

On May 17, starting at noon, is the fourth annual Jazz on the Green (JOG) concert. The outdoor event will include sets from the MBHS Preservationists and Jazz Ensemble, with special guests the Euphoria Brass Band (including Balmat). Food and refreshments will be available.

Then, on May 29, the school’s auditorium will be the location of “The May Show,” which will feature the entire music program, including the Preservationists, jazz ensemble, choir and concert band. In total, 120 students will take part.

Balmat said each concert experience will be unique.

“I am always tailoring sets to excite our audience,” Balmat said. “Jazz on the Green, which takes place outside in the school’s quad area, will feature many genres of jazz, from swing to brass band. ‘The May Show,’ which takes place inside the auditorium, will be a mixture of jazz, classical and vocal pieces.”

Given a preference, he gives Jazz on the Green the slight edge.

“Love playing outdoors,” he said. “It’s a more relaxed environment, and I think it allows the audience to connect more with the performers. JOG is the perfect event for this. ‘The May Show’ is a more formal concert, so inside is more suitable.”

According to Balmat, not only are shows like this fun, they are also crucial to the program’s existence.

“These events allow our students to showcase their talents and allows us to show the community all the hard work that goes on inside the classroom,” he said. “It is also very important when it comes to fundraising. We are in constant need of funds for new instruments, coaches, music, you name it.”

This has included student field trip to New Orleans — the birthplace of jazz — where they have participated in workshops and played acclaimed concerts.

Speaking from personal experience, he said music a vital part of a student’s curriculum.

“Music is the reason I came to Mission Bay High School,” Barrera said. “I enjoyed the music we perform, it’s like becoming fluent in a language,” he said. “You no longer think, you react. I can’t help but be here every day to see those moments. It makes all the hours worth it,” he said.

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**EDUCATION NOTEBOOK**

**MISSION BAY HIGH**

- Ninth- and tenth-grade history classes are participating in a student art and research showcase honoring World War II veterans from May 24-26 at the Balboa Veterans Museum. The main event will be on Saturday, May 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. in partnership with 91X and Loues.
- The Jazz on the Green concert takes place Saturday, May 17 from noon to 3 p.m. Jazz on the Green brings the community together to enjoy fine food and music under the trees of Mission Bay High’s quad area. This annual event will feature the sounds of the Preservationists, jazz ensemble and swing choir of Mission Bay High. Jazz on the Green is family friendly and will feature activities for children. $10.
- The “May Show” Spring Concert takes place Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. This year’s spring concert will showcase all the bands in the MBHS music program playing music from the classics to popular tunes. $5. For more information on the music program of Mission Bay High School, visit www.missionsbaymusic.com.

**PB MIDDLE SCHOOL**

- The Pacific Beach Middle School concert band and orchestra participated in the CMEA Band and Orchestra Festival on May 2, and both received unanimously “excellent” ratings. A big thank you goes out to the hard-working students and their director and Eb educator, John O’Donnell.
- The Pacific Beach Middle’s award-winning Garden to Cafe program is featured on Channel 4’s “Salute to Education.” The original show aired May 4, but you can catch the show at www.4sd.com. Thank you to Mrs. Kaufman, PB Middle Garden Club advisor and school garden coordinator. If you have gardening experience and extra time and want to sign up to be a regular PB Middle garden volunteer, contact skaufman@sandi.net.
- Congratulations to Guadalupe, Sophie and Myka, who all received an award for the “Writing for Literacy” Essay Contest. Guadalupe was a semi-finalist and was invited to attend the grand awards program at the new downtown Central Library.
- PB Middle IB School World won a trophy for best scene at the Shakespeare Festival in Balboa Park on May 3. Eight PBMS students (Sophie Adames, Vance Allan, Nicholas Archer, Kyleigh Maple, Whitney Marshall, Nina Morch, Sophie Reich and Emma Rodriguez) — with the assistance of their history and art teacher Mrs. Liebke and music teacher Mr. O’Donnell — performed a scene at the festival in Balboa Park. For more, visit www.sandiegoshakespearesociety.org/festival.

**PB SECONDARY SCHOOLS**

- Friends of PB Secondary Schools’ School Yard Dash 5K was a runaway hit with nearly 350 runners and walkers. Held on April 26 at De Anza Cove, the event featured running and walking events, a vendor fair, student bands, YMCA activities and a delicious brunch. Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors and volunteers who made our first run a smashing success. Congratulations to the top male/female finishers in the School Yard Dash: Aaron Batiste and Lori Baechli (adult category); Jacob Cayetano and Alex Briski (high school); Blake Edmunds and Rory Knight (middle school); Harold Vida, Inc., to a group of three individual artists.

**REALTYROUNDUP**

**HAIKU SUSHI CLOSES, SALTY BUTCHER’S TO MOVE IN**

After 12 years in the restaurant business, Haiku Sushi, located at 1520 Garnet Ave., has closed its doors.

Restaurant owner Chungwon Yun has sold his corporation, Rio Vida, Inc., to a group of three individuals led by Louise Kelly, Kenny Cusciato and Brigitte O’Donovan. According to Kelly, a new restaurant called Salty Butcher’s American Ale House will be opening at the start of summer and will feature BBQ-style cuisine and local craft beers on tap.

In January 2002, Yun purchased the property from Ingrid Gales, who operated Ingrid’s Deli-caterers & Market, a German market, deli and restaurant.

Along with selling his business, Yun also sold his real estate interests for nearly $1.4 million. The Franco Realty Group represented Yun for the sale of the real estate, the Haiku Sushi business and assisted the new real-estate buyer with finding the new tenant.

This is The Franco Realty Group’s fourth Garnet Avenue commercial transaction in less than 18 months, totaling $8.3 million.

**FREEDOM CYCLES ROLLS TO PRIME LOCATION IN PB**

One of the prime commercial real-estate corners in Pacific Beach is sporting a new tenant called Free-dom Cycles. The 2,700-square-foot commercial space is located at the signalized corner of Garnet Avenue and Fauvel Street.

According to Freedom Cycle’s website, it is a wholesaler and retail dealer of bicycles sporting 17 stores across four states nationwide, reaching as far as New Jersey. The tenant signed a new five-year lease and was expected to open May 1.

— Tony Franco is a local commercial real-estate expert. He can be reached at (858) 717-1697.
Longtime Pacific Beach business Empire Beauty Supply and Salon is in the process of relocating from the venue it has called home for the last 26 years at 1660 Garnet Ave., east of the CVS store.

The salon is in the process of moving to its new location across the street to the property that once housed Pacific Coast Bicycles at 1637 Garnet Ave.

Empire Beauty Supply’s move is in response to the remodeling and property swaps at the shopping center on the north side of the 1600 block of Garnet Avenue.

The remodel will mean Staples will move into the store, while CVS will consolidate that same site with its other store just east at Pacific Plaza.

“We were told last October or November that the shopping center would be remodeled and that our lease would expire after June 30,” said Empire Beauty Supply owner Bryce Goldman.

“Other than that, we weren’t given any other information concerning the condition or features of property provided by seller or obtained from public records or other sources, and the buyer is advised to independently verify the accuracy of that information through personal inspection and with appropriate professionals.

Golden said he feels the new location will have more of a superstore and enhanced-salon feel because it will grow to 4,500 square feet.

He said Empire Beauty will also have adequate parking for its customers (4 spaces in the front, five in the back), with a plan to create a second entrance/exit at the back of the store.

Empire Beauty Supply was originally located in Pacific Beach prior to 1988.

There is also a plan in the works for Joy Max Cleaners, located at 1609 Garnet Ave., to move to 1637 Garnet.

Goldman’s grandfather, Irv, started Empire Beauty Supply and Salon in 1945 and ran the business into the early 1970s until Irv’s son, Rick Goldman, took over until 1995. Goldman then handed over the reins to his son, Bryce.

“We want our customers to know that we’ll be open for business the entire time and hope to be finished moving in by early June, with a grand opening on July 1, so both stores might co-exist for a couple of weeks,” Goldman said.

Empire Beauty Supply owner Bryce Goldman.

GROOMING GROWTH Empire Beauty Supply and Salon has relocated across the street from its former location after a reported business-location swap and/or expansion involving Trader Joe’s, Staples and CVS. The move allows Empire Beauty to expand and still have adequate parking.

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