The Beach & Bay Press thanks its loyal readers and all the residents and businesses of Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Mission Bay for another great year. Turn to Page 6 to reflect on some of the newsworthy happenings that took place here in our communities as we look back at 2013 — and forward to 2014.

As we shift into the new year, please get involved by letting us know what is happening in your corner of the community. Send your comments, questions, concerns or letters to the editor to bbp@sdnews.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The sun sets on another year

As 2013 wound down, some beachgoers decided to make use of their old Christmas trees in the fire pits on Fiesta Island. After the trees burned down, the sunset lit up the sky with another kind of blaze. A note of caution: burning any kind of greenery is not permitted in the city’s fire pits, as is burning anything higher than 12 inches above the rim of the fire pit, so creating your own Christmas tree blaze is not recommended.

PHOTOS BY DON BALCH

New year’s laws: from teen texting to electronic license plates, 2014 ushers in change

By DAVE SCHWAB

With the new year comes a raft of new laws — more than 800 of them in California — that will impact motorists and bicyclists, employers and employees, retailers and consumers throughout San Diego.

The following are some of the highlights of new laws that took effect on Jan. 1, unless otherwise noted.

TRANSPORTATION
• Bicycle-passing distance (AB 1371) — Known as the Three Feet for Safety Act, a vehicle driver passing a bicycle that is traveling in the same direction must maintain a distance of no less than three feet between any part of the vehicle and any part of the bicycle or rider. When three feet is not possible, the motor vehicles are required to slow to a “reasonable and prudent speed” and pass only if there’s no danger to the bicyclist. Failing to do so can incur a fine, regardless of whether a collision results. This law will take effect Sept. 16.
• Clean-air vehicle decals/HOV stickers (AB 266, SB 286) — These laws extend sunset dates to Jan. 1, 2019 for single-occupant, low-emission and zero-emission vehicles to operate in high-occupancy vehicle lanes (HOV).
• DMV vehicle registration pilot program (SB 806) — This law authorizes the DMV to establish a pilot program to evaluate the use of alternatives to the current stickers, tabs, license plates and registration cards, but will be subject to certain requirements. It will also enable the DMV to experiment with electronic license plates, as well as facilitate the department’s ability to explore cost-effective alternatives to California’s traditional metal license plate, plastic-coated registration stickers and paper registration cards.
• Registration and vehicle transfers between family members (AB 443) — This law prohibits the transfer of vehicle ownership to a relative or a transferee pays all parking or toll-violation fines and penalties report-

For four locals, Mission Beach Elementary offered up lifelong friendships

By DAVE SCHWAB

Old Mission Beach Elementary School has been closed for 17 years, but alumni will tell you plenty of lifelong friendships over the years were forged there and in the surrounding community.

Four such graduates are John Crie, Bob Jahres, Bob Frazee and Floyd “Buster” Bennett. All four men remain close and continue to get together regularly for reunions 75 years after having attended the beach neighborhood elementary school.

Asked about the biggest difference between Mission Beach then and now, all four friends offered variations on a similar theme.

“There were a lot of vacant lots,” said Crie. “I can tell you for sure because I had a magazine route and I walked all over the place — and there was nobody there.”

An increase in population density was a common thread in their discussion of how things have changed.

San Diego is so crowded now, so much traffic, just so much different than it was back then,” said Jahres, now a Crown Point resident who noted “there were only about a half a dozen houses on Crown Point” then. He said much of Mission Beach and Clairemont once was “nothing but sagebrush.”

“There were vacant lots all over the place,” agreed Bennett, who today lives in rural Jamul. “It was a totally different life.”

Regardless of when you lived in Mission Beach, there is one thing around which life in the beach community has always revolved: the ocean.

“What we did was go fishing a lot,” said Crie. “The ocean was loaded with fish. Most of our recreation- al activities centered on the ocean or the bay. There wasn’t much else to do.”

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FRIENDS >>

LIFELONG BUDS
Four friends who met 75 years ago at Mission Beach Elementary School still get together in the community where they met. From left, Floyd “Buster” Bennett, Bob Frazee, John Crie and Bob Jahres.

Photos by Don Balch

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JAN. 14 & 15: PB LIBRARY EVENTS
WHERE: Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: The Hands-On Healthy Cooking class is scheduled for Jan. 14 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Part of the Get Fit @ Your Library series, the class will give you a chance to make two healthy dishes and enjoy eating them with new friends.
The PB Book Discussion Group is set for Jan. 15 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. The group normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month. During this session, participants will select titles to discuss in 2014, so guests are encouraged to bring a list of suggestions.
Next month’s selection will be “Mt. Penumbra’s 24-Hour Bookstore” by Robin Sloan. The library is located at 4275 Cass St. For more information, call (858) 581-9934.
— Marsha Kay Seff

JAN. 31: KEYNOTE ADDRESS ON HEALTHY LIVING BY MICHAEL MOSS
WHERE: Hilton San Diego Resort, 1775 E. Mission Bay Drive, 7:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: $35
WHAT: Consumers can gain a revealing glimpse into the world of processed foods at a keynote address by Michael Moss, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter with the New York Times and author of the 2013 best-seller “Salt Sugar Fat: How the Food Giants Hooked Us.” The keynote is part of an educational conference presented by Scripps Center for Integrative Medicine, the 11th annual Natural Supplements: An Evidence-Based Update.
For more information or to register to attend, call Scripps Conference Services at (858) 652-5400 or visit www.scripps.org/naturalsupplements.

JAN. 11: SENIORS HELPING SENIORS COMPUTER GROUP
WHERE: Wesley Palms Retirement Community, 2404 Loring St.
HOW MUCH: Free for visitors, $1 for members
WHAT: Seniors Computer Group of San Diego is entering its 30th year of Seniors Helping Seniors. The group meets every Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Computer users can get help with basic computer skills, learn new technology and have fun. Visitors are always welcome at no charge. Members can bring a problem or concern to the meeting and someone in the room generally has faced that issue and can offer solutions. Guests also view new product demonstrations. Members pay $1 a month, the same fee as when the group was started 29 years ago. Visit the website at www.scspsd.org or call Tom Sprague at (858) 459-9065 for more information.

JAN. 11: FRIENDS OF FAMOSA SLOUGH VOLUNTEER CLEAN-UP WORK PARTY
WHERE: Meet at the corner of West Point Loma and Famosa boulevards, 9 a.m.
HOW MUCH: Free
WHAT: Volunteers are needed to help at the Famosa Slough wetlands preserve. Workers will plant and take care of California native plants and wetland plants, work on trails, remove invasive species and clean up at the Famosa Slough and channel, treatment ponds and at other areas of the slough. Wear work clothes (preferably long pants, long-sleeved shirt, hat and sturdy shoes). If you have them, bring work gloves, gardening or weeding tools or clippers. Refreshments, gloves and tools will be provided.
PLEASE NOTE: As required by the City Park & Recreation Department, for volunteers 17 and under, a parent or guardian must sign a waiver for each child at the start of the event, and children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Contact FFS to get form prior to the event if necessary. For more information about the slough, call (619) 224-4591 or visit www.FamosaSlough.org or www.facebook.com/FamosaSlough.
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CONGRATULATIONS TO FORMER PACIFIC BEACH RESIDENT DOUGLAS CYR, who won the Beach & Bay Press’ Club Lemenio contest. Cyr, who currently lives in Upstate Aria, but still has ties to the area, won the contest simply by signing up to receive news alerts and local deals by text from Club Lemenio’s cash contest that ended Dec. 20.

Club Lemenio is a program that benefits both readers and local businesses by providing an easy-to-use platform for members to receive news alerts alerting them to up-to-date news, as well as special offers from local business members. The program includes an easy opt-out system if members wish to discontinue the news alerts.

“Our goal is to add value to our existing advertisers as another way to get their message out to locals, as well as providing important news alerts as they are happening,” said Julie Hinston, publisher of the Beach & Bay Press.

Club Lemenio is free to join by scanning the QR code at right or texting “bhp” to (858) 736-9922.

Mission Bay Rotary gives back to the community

The Mission Bay Rotary Club handed out a dictionary and thesaurus to every third-grade student in the four elementary schools in Pacific Beach and two schools in Clairemont recently. The Mission Bay Rotary Literacy Program, chaired by Susan Thorrning and Jim Willis, brings many local Rotary Club members to the schools to deliver the books and speak with the students about the importance of reading, writing, critical thinking and helping in their community. The program is one of many projects funded by the local Rotary Club that support the schools in the community.

In other Rotary Club news, Mission Bay Rotary Club member Kevin Beiser was recently elected president of the San Diego

San Diego School Board President Kevin Beiser and PB Middle School Principal Ernest Remillard discuss future plans during a Mission Bay Cruise hosted by the Rotary Club of Mission Bay.

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• AMBER Alert expansion (AB 535) — This law allows law enforcement to request activation of the AMBER Alerts after receiving a report that a child has been abducted by anyone, including a custodial parent or guardian, who may cause serious bodily injury or death to the child.

• Hit and run statute of limitations (AB 164) — This law extends the statute of limitations for hit-and-run collisions from which death or permanent, serious injury resulted. A criminal complaint may be filed within three years of the offense, or one year after the person was initially identified by law enforcement as a suspect in the commission of the offense, which ever comes later, but in no case more than six years after the offense.

• Search warrants: chemical tests (SB 717) — This amendment to current law authorizes the issuance of a search warrant to draw blood from a person in a reasonable, medically approved manner, to show that the person violated misdemeanor DUI laws when that person has refused an officer’s request to submit to, or has failed to complete, a blood test. This law has been in effect since Sept. 20.

• Immigrant licenses (AB 60, effective Jan. 1, 2015) — Requires the DMV to issue a driver’s license to an applicant who is unable to submit proof he or she is legally present in the U.S. The department will draft new regulations and prepare field offices to process these new applications. Applicants will be required to meet all other driver’s license qualifications.

• Domestic-work employees (AB 241) — The Domestic Worker Bill of Rights provides for specific overtime pay for certain in-home employees or a “domestic worker employee who is a personal attendant.” Those with in-home help will need to carefully determine whether the new law applies to them because AB 241 contains many specific definitions and exclusions.

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“My first job was cleaning the beach up, dragging it right next to the boat dock,” Crie said.

Jahres said Depression-era Mission Beach was a great place to grow up.

“I can’t think of a better place ... one block to the west was ocean, and one block to the east we had the bay — it was ideal,” Jahres said. “We swam. We bodysurfed. We sailed.”

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EVASION IN PASSPORT FRAUD

A San Diego man has been found guilty of passport fraud and tax evasion.

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SCHOOLYARD MEMORIES

The site of the former Mission Beach Elementary School was sold for $18.5 million in May. Developers plan to redevelop the property as a residential project.

have been other similar threads knitting Mission Beach residents together.

Crie remembers yesteryear Mission Beach as being self-contained. He said it had just about everything you needed at his dad’s service station, Harry’s Market or the meat market.

He recounted a memorable trip once to the meat market.

“I said, ‘I need some dog food,’” he recalled. “The clerk said, ‘You want to eat it here or take it with you?’”

Jahres remembers a tight-knit community with unique quirks all its own.

“It was more of a family community, though still funky,” he said. “It was small but we had everything, a drugstore and soda fountain. Piggy Wiggly and Safeway markets.

We even had a Mission Beach newspaper.”

Jahres said he remembers Mount Soledad being completely uninhabited during his youth. He said he and his buddies used to “drive up the dirt roads and shoot their .22-caliber rifles up on Soledad” for fun.

Frazee said Mission Bay wasn’t very deep, just a few feet, and added there was a path “you could run a sailboat through,” something he and others did daily with homemade boats. “It took them 20 years to dredge it out.”

According to “Images of America: Mission Beach” by Terry Curren and Phil Pratt, in the horse and buggy era before 1915, Ocean Beach was “San Diego’s” beach. But Mission Beach ultimately caught up.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE BOOK NOTE:

“... Not only was Ocean Beach more accessible, but it also had all of the attractions, namely Wonderland, the oceanfront amusement park with a dance hall, food establishments and rides for kids of all ages. But by the early 1920s, Old Mission Beach, north of Santa Clara Place, was a thriving community with new stores, many houses and a growing population.”

San Diego pioneers John D. Spreckels and a group of investors began the construction of the Mission Beach Amusement Center with its landmark wooden roller coaster, Pflueger swimming pool and Mission Beach Ballroom. The ballroom hosted concerts by all the major big bands and entertainers of the 1930s and ’40s, including Stan Kenton, Glen Miller, Artie Shaw, Lionel Hampton and Nat King Cole.

Signs of changing times are clearly evident today in Mission Beach real estate.

The 2.5-mile cement boardwalk from south Mission Beach through Pacific Beach was aptly named: it was wooden originally. And the modest summer vacation cottages in the early 1900s have morphed a century later into million-dollar-plus condos.

Crie recalls Mission Boulevard, always the main drag of town, being paved with two lanes on each side of a streetcar track going down the middle.

Though it’s not the same, the quartet of lifelong friends who met and shared good times at Mission Beach Elementary School continue to embrace their hometown school and community.

“I still think it’s a great place,” said Crie.

There’s one bad thing though about having grown up during the 1930s and ’40s in Mission Beach, as Frazee pointed out.

“People didn’t know about sunscreen back then,” he said.

One to look forward, not back, Bennett said it’s still a kick to revisit Mission Beach and reminisce about old times while having new experiences.

“We go down there just for fun, just for a trip,” he said.

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NEWSBRIEFS >>

PB MAN INDICTED FOR TAX EVASION IN PASSPORT FRAUD

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**JANUARY**

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Happy New Year to all my readers.

With the recent return of some type of rideable surf, the crowds in the water have been ALL TIME bad. If the sheer mass of humanity out in the ocean doesn’t get to you, the general cluelessness of many of the people surfing will.

Surfing means different things to different people, but ultimately, it should all be about fun in my humble opinion. That being said, let’s take a look at the current state of affairs out in the water.

In the days of old, surfers lived and surfed by a set of rules that have all but disappeared now. The two largest problems facing surfing are lack of respect and sheer ignorance.

In the past, if you wanted to surf at most breaks, you needed to go through an initiation of sorts. Wearing the proper attire to the beach and riding the right board for the area and your skill level were just the start.

All surf breaks are special, but they are not all equal. One needed to master the board and develop some sort of style before venturing out to other breaks outside of the local beach.

When the time came to try your skills at a reef or a more serious local break, you would have to work to have your way in very slowly. Your ability level would grow, along with your efforts to gain respect from the local surfers.

Ability alone could not guarantee you a spot in the lineup, either. A combination of style and respect would let you into the inner circle of local surfers, and waiting your turn for a wave could end up meaning a one- or two-wave session, but you usually walked away with a feeling of accomplishment. Not only were you honing your surfing skills, but inch-by-inch you were earning respect from your fellow surfers.

You needed to start from the bottom and work your way forward carefully or you would be chased back to the beach breaks and have to start the process all over again.

This approach to surfing was self-regulating, with no handbook or coaching available to help you skate through to the peak. You paid your dues and kept your mouth shut while trying to climb up the ladder one rung at a time. Getting barked at or worse by a local surfer was something that you needed to endure to carve out a little niche for yourself.

Fast-forward to now and you’ll see chaos out in the water when waves are over waist high. Vast amounts of people are now plug- ging up most of the top breaks, while being completely unpre pared to handle the situation in a safe and fair manner. Carloads of people now descend upon these areas with neither the skill nor respect needed to ride these breaks. Tension in the water builds until it boils over and things go very wrong.

Here are a few things for everybody to consider before you paddle out:

Is your ability at the level needed to surf a certain break? Are you prepared to sit out in the water watching the better surfers catch more waves? Can you control yourself well enough to not drop in on the surfer closest to the peak because you think he won’t complete his ride? Do you have enough wave knowledge and experience needed to not only keep yourself safe, but to stay out of the way of others?

If you even have to think about these points, then you’d best play it safe and stay at a beach break a bit longer while you hone the necessary skills needed to surf the more difficult areas.

I can almost hear what many of my readers are thinking after reading this. “The ocean is free and no one can tell me where how or when to surf! I can’t get better if I don’t surf the heavier waves in my area! I’m a pro ball player or muscle head who will beat on anyone who suggests that I need to go to another break or be more careful.”

The truth is that the ocean is very large with a diverse amount of wave knowledge to consider before you paddle out.

Not an experienced surfer? Perhaps it’s best to stay off the very large with a diverse amount of areas with neither the skill nor necessary skills needed to surf the home. Local surfers will thank you.

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Discover Pacific Beach announced its nominees for its annual Business Awards recognizing businesses in the district that contribute to the community of Pacific Beach throughout the year. The following businesses stood out in 2013:

**Newbie — Best New Business in 2013:**
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- The Closet Signature

**Design & Improvement — Business that Aesthetically Improves the Community:**
- The Patio on Lamont
- Turquoise Laundry
- Tavern

**Heart of Pacific Beach — Business that Reflects the True Spirit of Pacific Beach:**
- San Diego Surf School
- Vavi
- Crest Liquor

Winners will be decided by a public vote. To cast your vote for your favorite in each category, visit www.surveymonkey.com/s/H98GYHL. Winners will be announced at Discover PB’s annual dinner and awards casino night on March 27 from 6 to 10 p.m. The awards event will feature a riverboat-style gambling reception hosted Casino Concepts, a plated dinner prepared by the chefs at the Catamaran Resort Hotel and an auction to benefit the many programs of Discover Pacific Beach. To view the casino night invitation, visit pacificbeach.org/$ENG$/pdf/invitation.pdf.

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LIVE MUSIC >>

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Call it blues, R&B, swing, rock with roots or just plain great music, there is no one out there like Candye Kane. A commanding stage presence and bawdy, brassy vocalist, Kane is an all-around entertainer and one of the biggest talents to ever call San Diego home. Permanently on the road, she is currently touring to promote her new disc, “Coming Out Swingin’,” with a band that includes incendiary guitarist Laura Swift, a band that promote her new disc, “Coming Out Swingin’,” with a band that.

While there are many cover bands out there playing classic rock, there is only one Rockola. Whether rocking a Beatles tune or playing early David Bowie, their exacting versions of the hits are a marvel. While the instrumentation is top notch, the secret is in the vocals. Rockola being one of the few local bands, original or coverwise, that can pull off four-part harmonies. Mixed in with the irreverent wit of frontman Bob Tedde and the impressive fretwork of Mark DeCerbo, the band never fails to put on a show that’s both musically entertaining and a lot of fun.

ROCKOLA: Friday, Jan. 17 at HUMPHREY’S BACKSTAGE LIVE, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 9 p.m. $12. www.humphreysbackstagelive.com

Although she’s kept a relatively low profile since a mid-1990s heyday, Johnette Napolitano has by no means slowed down the pace. Appearing as a solo artist at The Griffin on Jan. 17, 9 p.m., Napolitano is best known as leader of Concrete Blonde. While the band is still an ongoing concern, these days she devotes much of her time to art and working with rescued horses, as well as writing (her first book, “Rough Mix,” was released last year). Napolitano has no new release to push this tour, so you can expect a crowd-pleasing mix of hits, including “Joey” and “Happy Birthday.”

JOHNETTE NAPOLITANO: Friday, Jan. 17 at THE GRIFFIN, 1310 Morena Blvd. 9 p.m. 21 and up. $20. www.thegriffinsd.com

Anyone who enjoys their music on the rhythmic side will want to check out salsa, mambo and Latin jazz group AfroTurko. Appearing at Dizzy’s on Jan. 19, 8 p.m., the 11-piece band, led by percussionist Charlie Chavez, is a whirlwind of sound and motion. Featuring lead singers Maguito Chavez and Robert Lopez, the group comes complete with a horn section, the orchestra playing a mix of originals and genre classics by the likes of Tito Puente. Dizzy’s is by no means a dance club, but it will be hard to keep people in their seats for this one.

AFROTURKO: Sunday, Jan. 19 at DIZZY’S, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $15. www.dizzyjsjazz.com

Mixing flamenco, jazz and classical stylings, guitarist David Maldonado, who performs at the Kona Kai on Jan. 11, paints aural pictures. Although he’s kept a relatively low profile since a mid-1990s heyday, Johnette Napolitano has by no means slowed down the pace. Appearing as a solo artist at The Griffin on Jan. 17, 9 p.m., Napolitano is best known as leader of Concrete Blonde. While the band is still an ongoing concern, these days she devotes much of her time to art and working with rescued horses, as well as writing (her first book, “Rough Mix,” was released last year). Napolitano has no new release to push this tour, so you can expect a crowd-pleasing mix of hits, including “Joey” and “Happy Birthday.”

DAVID MALDONADO: Sunday, Jan. 19 at the KONA KAI RESORT, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 11 a.m. Free. www.resortkonakai.com

MUST HEAR >>

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BELMONT LIGHTS: Saturday, Jan. 11 at the 710 BEACH CLUB, 710 Garnet Ave, 8 p.m. $5. 21 and up. www.710bc.com

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MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL

- Congratulations to scholar athletes, who were honored by the U-T San Diego.
- Girls' field hockey: Carly Dunn, Jeremy Goldenberg, Leticia Gonzalez-Leyva, Raquel Hernandez, Laura Kanphoon, Kimberly Montenegro-Andrade, Mayeli Nova, Sara San-
- Khamh Tandy.
- Girls' volleyball: Cassidy Clough, Heidi Emmemberger, Amy Nguyen, Claudia Norton, Rachel Odermatt, Olivia Olson, Jaia Piland, Priscilla Tamborini.
- SCHOOL tours: Jan. 7 and 23, 8 a.m. in the library. Sign in at the front office.
- MBHS girls are invited to learn how to row during a weekend introduction to the sport from Mon-
- day, Jan. 13 to Friday, Jan. 17 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, email zacfoundation@gmail.
- com.
- Open Enrollment: Applications to attend MBHS for the 2014-15 school year are being accepted online or at the district office through Feb. 15. Visit the web page at sandi.net/enrollmentopt-
- s for the online application and other materials.

MISSION BAY BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL
- Parent Coffee: Thursday, Jan. 9, 7:30 a.m. in the library.
- PBMS Tours: Jan. 9 and 23, 8 a.m. Check in at the front office and meet in the library.
- PBMS eighth-graders will be visiting Mission Bay High on Friday, Jan. 17 from 8 to 10 a.m. Parents are welcome.
- Toy Drive: More than 264 toys were collected by the PBMS Toy Drive, meaning 264 children have a toy who may not have otherwise been able to receive one.
- Donate used surf, skate and snowboards to Rip. To donate items, bring them to the front office of PBMS.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER NEWS
- Mission Bay Cluster meeting, Thursday, Jan. 9, 6 p.m., Crown Point Junior Music Academy. Join us on the conversation about Pacific Beach's neighborhood schools.
- MissionBay<br>Chamber Theatre will be in San Diego the week of Jan. 13-18 and students from the entire PB Cluster will be participating in "Robinson Crusoe." The produc-
- tion will take place in the PB Middle School auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 18, at 3 and 7 p.m.

Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools
- Monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 6 p.m. in the PB Middle School library. Get involved and learn about how you can make a difference in your child's education.

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In the end, I guess what I’m trying to say is this: know your limits and surf within your ability level. If you are not used to surfing a larger beach break or reef type of wave, then don’t. Surf the beach breaks or softer reef breaks as you work up knowledge of the more challenging areas.

Yield the way to the better surfers at these areas. They were once in the same position that you are now and they have worked hard to learn the breaks and pick off the better wave more often than you are able to at this point. Stay out of these peoples’ way and, at the same time, get a good waves, remember what you how.

When and if you do catch a few good waves, remember what you did to get them and put yourself on the rank of being patient. If a break is maxed out with people, don’t add yourself into that mix when there are other quality waves to be had within a reasonable distance. If you get in somebody’s way, be prepared to suffer the consequences of your actions and take some verbal abuse. If we all adhere to these suggestions, we’ll all be happier and healthier in the new year.

SURF >> CONT. FROM PG. 7
NEW YEAR
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I hope we get a mayor who will review city departments and make sure they are working effectively and in the interest of communities. Next, we have dozens of pot shop dealers in our communities that are selling marijuana, hash oil products and drug paraphernalia. So far the process for closing them has been inadequate and even encouraging more to open. We need sober citizens for a safe and productive society.

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The Pacific Beach Planning Group continues to strongly support the Pacific Beach Parks project located on the coast between Thomas and Grant. The project is in need of a feasibility study and we will continue to pursue various avenues of potential funding. We also continue to support the Beautiful PB Community Benefit District concept in the PB business district.

The PBPC Traffic & Parking sub-committee was very active and instrumental in accomplishing several critical projects in Pacific Beach, including but not limited to, installation of stop signs, pedestrian crosswalks and parking spaces.

We continue to participate and fully engage on comprehensive planning visions for our community. We are very excited about these and other projects in Pacific Beach and are working diligently to promote the vision of the Pacific Beach Community Plan.

Brian J. Curry, chair of PBPC

2013 was a great year. We learned about the proposed YMCA, Mission Bay Gateway and Beautiful PB projects and the Community Town Hall. Councilman Faulconer helped secure a grant to paint the interior and exterior of the historic Rose Creek Cottage, which had not been painted in 20 years.

In the summer, our wine and beer tasting fundraiser auction at Table 926 allowed us to contribute $3,500 to Pacific Beach schools and community events. Our major fundraising event for the year helps to fund our meetings, newsletters, community grants and community projects along with our member dues.

This was our second year when we sponsored one of the emergency services to fill an unfunded need (during the annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night in September). The PB Town Council with many community partners, including a matching donation from the Caterman Hotel, raised $4,000 toward the renovation of the kitchen at Fire Station 21.

[Looking ahead to 2014, we want] the community to interact with our local, state and federal representatives to help us hope to engage new members who want to help improve Pacific Beach.

Our major community project this year will be improving the utility box murals, repainting our beautiful community service signs, our graffiti cleanup day and monthly beach cleanups.

— Alan Harris, Pacific Beach Town Council president

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BRIEFS

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alleged that he earned significant income through securities trading and investments, and the last time he paid taxes was in 2003. IRS officials said in a press release that he used the identities of deceased children to open bank accounts, and that he also opened accounts for non-existent churches.

The identities of six children who died in the San Francisco Bay Area in the early 1990s are alleged to have been used in the scheme as they did not have Social Security numbers before their deaths. He apparently used public records to research them.

The charges allege that Taylor showed up at three U.S. Embassies in Budapest, Vienna and Berlin and obtained new passports by claiming his passport had been lost while visiting those cities. If convicted, Taylor faces 30 years in federal prison.

— Neal Putnam

TRIAL DATE SET FOR PB RESIDENT FOR MURDER OF HOMELESS MAN — Shane Brian Grattan, 57, of Pacific Beach, will be sentenced Jan. 17 for first-degree murder in the 2012 death of a homeless man whose body was found in Point Loma.

Grattan was convicted Nov. 6 by a jury in the Jan. 19, 2012 death of Darrin Joseph, 45, whose body was found in some bushes at 4960 North Harbor Drive. Joseph’s abandoned wheelchair was found not far away. Grattan’s sentencing was delayed on Dec. 9 by San Diego Superior Court Judge Amalia Meza to give Grattan’s attorney could file more court documents. Grattan is expected to get 25 years to life in prison.

Joseph’s blood and DNA was found throughout Grattan’s van, despite attempts by Grattan to clean it. Grattan’s attorney argued that Joseph had stayed temporarily with Grattan and pointed to this as the reason why Grattan’s DNA was found at the scene. Grattan did not testify and his attorney argued the slaying was committed by someone else. Grattan was living in his van at the time. He remained in custody without bail.

— Neal Putnam
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