City approves PB pot shop on DeSoto St.

By DAVE SCHWAB

Despite overriding opposition from Pacific Beach Planning Group, the city Planning Commission last week voted 4-0 to approve a medical marijuana dispensary in a hard-to-access location at 4645 DeSoto St.

PBPG had previously voted 12-5-2 to deny a conditional use permit (CUP) for the proposed dispensary in a 2,470-square-foot building.

The owner of a storage lot near the now-approved dispensary had implored the advisory group to deny approving it because an easement through her property would be necessary to access it. An argument was made that the area surrounding the proposed DeSoto dispensary was never intended for higher traffic volumes and would cause severe disruption to traffic and circulation.

Reacting to the marijuana dispensary's approval, PBPG member Scott Chipman, an outspoken opponent of medical-marijuana dispensaries and spokesman for a citizens group known as San Diegans for Safe Neighborhoods, characterized the opening (and closing) of pot shops in San Diego as “the irresponsible permitting of retail drug dealers by the city of San Diego. “The only difference between the operation of the newly permitted pot shops and those that have been operating without permits for the last three years is where they are located in industrial zones only,” he said.

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Stricter rules coming for vacation rentals

City committee also calls for tighter enforcement of current regulations

By DAVE SCHWAB

The City Council’s Smart Growth and Land Use (SGLU) Committee directed staff to return with a new draft ordinance on short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) better defining and more strictly controlling them, while also seeking funding in current city budget deliberations for better enforcement of existing rules governing their operation.

That was the end result of deliberations May 29 among SGLU’s four committee members — Lorie Zapf, David Alvarez, Scott Sherman and Todd Gloria — following hours of public testimony for and against the polarizing STVR issue.

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She’s Pacific Beach’s first toast of the town

Graham has served breakfast at the Broken Yolk for more than 20 years

By DAVE SCHWAB

When Karen Graham started out at the Pacific Beach Broken Yolk restaurant more than two decades ago, it was the only one, and she worked in its only room. Fast-forward 21 years, and there are now 17 Broken Yolks, the PB restaurant has added another whole room and an upstairs patio, and Karen Graham is still there and still “loves her breakfast job.”

“I can’t imagine my life without being here,” admitted Graham, who’s been around restaurants since age 15, and was a bartender for 12 years, but just can’t resist serv-

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Federal agents seize pot yacht near Mission Bay

Federal agents near Mission Bay seized a 35-foot yacht returning from Mexico studded with nearly 1,200 pounds of marijuana, from Mexico stuffed with nearly seized a 35-foot yacht returning from Mexico.

A spokesman for the federal agency. Wasiluk said the pot was worth an estimated $715,800.

Multiple hit-and-run driver in Pacific Beach pleads guilty

A hit-and-run driver who damaged five cars during a collision-filled rampage in Pacific Beach pleaded guilty June 1 to driving under the influence of drugs.

Jon Michael Richards, 27, was arrested on Feb. 11, 2014, after a hit-and-run spree witnessed by scores of people in busy lunch-hour traffic. Over the course of 17 minutes, Richards:

- Ran a red light on Grand Avenue and hit his first victim’s car in the intersection. That car spun out and hit another car, and Richards fled the scene, leaving behind one of his car bumpers bearing his license plate.
- Rear-ended a second vehicle at a red light at 1800 Garnet Avenue while police were investigating the first collision. Witnesses said Richards was speeding and did not slow down. The driver of the car he rear-ended told Richards to follow him to a nearby parking lot so they could exchange insurance information, but Richards instead drove around the accident scene and fled.
- Hit a parked car in the 2700 block of Garnet Avenue from behind, reversed, drove against traffic, sideswiped another car and fled the scene.

Pursued by witnesses, Richards drove to his residence in the De Anza Cove Mobile Home Park. When police found him outside his mobile home, Richards initially claimed he had no involvement in the accidents. Only after being identified by several witnesses did he admit he was the driver.

As they interviewed Richards, officers noted that he was slurring his speech and mumbling, swaying and staggering and that, while he was agitated and had an elevated pulse rate, he nodded off when placed in a patrol car. He admitted to having taken Klonopin and “some blue pills” earlier.

Blood tests subsequently showed high levels of methamphetamine and Clonazepam, a nervous system depressant marketed as Klonopin and prescribed for people suffering from panic attacks and epilepsy.

The case was prosecuted by Deputy City Attorney Taylor Garrot, who specializes in drugged driving cases, under a $263,000 grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Sentencing was set for Aug. 21 by U.S. District Court Judge Barry Moskowitz. Mora faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison. He remains free on $75,000 bond and must abide by a 9 p.m. curfew, according to court documents.

It was believed that Mora was trying to extract tetrahydrocannabinol, known popularly as THC, from marijuana in a process known as blasting. The U.S. Attorney’s office said this was a dangerous risk to human life, though no one was believed injured in this explosion.

Mora’s previous convictions include burglary and marijuana sale. Mora, who owns an unnamed business in PB, has agreed to forfeit $1,178 in cash, the rifle, ammunition, a gun case and drug paraphernalia.

PB man pleads guilty in chemical explosion

Steve Elar Mora, of Pacific Beach, has pleaded guilty to manufacturing a chemical that resulted in an explosion at a marijuana dispensary he operated.

Mora, 34, also pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of an AR-15 assault rifle in the incident, which happened on July 21, 2014 in Clairemont. The rifle was found in his residence near Mission Bay High School.

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Students create their own fish story with seabass care and release in Crown Point

By DAVE SCHWAB

Four UCSD Preuss School students participating in Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute’s (HSWRI) Seabass In The Classroom (SITC) program completed a months-long animal husbandry project by releasing 40 tagged fish they nurtured since February into Mission Bay from Crown Point Park in Pacific Beach on May 28.

The SITC program incorporates a hands-on learning experience into school science curriculum, coupling it with field activities releasing cultured marine fish. The program teaches students about aquaculture and stock enhancement by growing, feeding, tagging and finally releasing fish into local waters. Once released, the students’ cultured seabass are tracked by tags embedded in their cheeks.

“This is our stellar Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) program we started three years ago teaching students about wildlife conservation,” said Eileen Sigler, development director of Hubbs-SeaWorld. Sigler said seabass were especially chosen for the SITC program.

“From the 1950s to the 1980s, the white seabass catch in California dropped from more than 55,000 to less than 3,500,” she said noting the SITC program is not only an educational tool for students, but an important first step in repopulating the species.

Preuss teacher Ann Artz led her four students in the May 28 seabass release. It was the culmination of a classroom project that began in February, when juvenile white seabass obtained from HSWRI’s Carlsbad fish hatchery were transferred to the Preuss science class. Students there maintained them in a large tank while they grew to about 7 inches in length, a size affording them a greater opportunity to survive in the wild.

“Preuss students at UCSD are from underprivileged families whose children have never gone on to college or higher education. The La Jolla school’s program seeks to change that,” Artz said. “I realized there was a lot more to taking care of the fish than just making sure they were alive.”

EDUARDO ARCE
PREUSS STUDENT

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New restaurants on the way, and office buildings changing hands in Pacific Beach

There have been many recent changes in businesses and their locations in Pacific and Mission beaches. Here are a few:

• The Carl’s Jr. at 1375 Garnet Ave., which closed a couple of months ago and is now fenced off, is being remodeled and converted into a Mexican restaurant.
• Word has it that the now-closed Good Time Charlie’s restaurant/bar at 910 Grand Ave., could be converted into a new restaurant format by the Kam family, who previously owned China Inn at 877 Hornblend St. The cuisine of the restaurant-to-be is not yet known. However, the name China Inn is now copyrighted and cannot be reused.
• The old China Inn site is being redeveloped by Mark Oliver, formerly part of the executive team at George’s La Jolla, into a new more upscale eatery; though few details have been disclosed. Oliver said he expects his new restaurant to open sometime this fall. The 5,900-square-foot corner property is being redeveloped by Mark Oliver, formerly engaged, respectively, to handle exterior and interior design.

• Jinya Ramen Bar, with other locations in Los Angeles and Hillcrest, is reportedly also coming to Pacific Beach. Capital Real Estate Ventures’ Justin Earley confirmed the noodle shop will be taking over Ogg’s Pizza at 825 Garnet Ave. New construction is hoped to be completed by mid-August or September.

• Pacific Beach Shore Club at 4343 Ocean Blvd. is opening a new deck and an additional bar this weekend above the boardwalk, offering an extra 1,800 square feet of outdoor space to the beachfront eatery. PB Shore Club owner Billy Ramirez, who also runs PB Fish Shop, said the deck project has been six years in the making.

• Sugar & Scribe’s former location on Garnet Avenue has been filled with PB Bakery and Cafe. The Italian-influenced bakery specializes in pastries, cookies, tarts and custom cakes and will be expanding into a savory menu of breakfast and sandwiches.

• Board & Brew, which first opened in Del Mar in 1979 and has locations spanning from Scripps Ranch and Carlsbad to Orange County, has expanded its popular sandwich shop to 4516 Mission Blvd. Craft brews are expected soon.

• A mixed-use development, retail on the ground floors with condos above, is being developed next door to U.S. Bank at 1606 Grand Ave. The site was previously used for jet ski rentals.

• The mixed-use 3,194-square-foot commercial building located at 4746-4748 Garnet Ave. has been sold for $694,000 cash to Canadian investor Elena Savella. The property includes two detached leased retail buildings and one detached 2,200-square-foot three-bed, three-bathroom apartment.

• Tony Franco, president of The Franco Realty Group, and Dan Moore represented the seller of the 12,000-square-foot mixed-use retail and office building on the signalized corner of Garnet Avenue and Fanuel Street. The 25-tenant, mixed-use shopping center at 1277 Garnet Ave. has been sold for $2.57 million. The buyer was the Abeles Family Trust, and the seller was the Rose Revocable Trust.

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Mission Bay High
- Congratulations to Mission Bay High School's surf team. This was another great year, with five students landing in the top 10 for the year: Men's shortboard: third, Lucas Monari (11th grade) and sixth, Kieran Wilis (10th grade); women's longboard, third, Pearl Moore (11th grade) and eighth, Ciara Gray (ninth grade); bodyboard Div. 4: champion, first place, Nicolas Campagna (ninth grade).

Pacific Beach Middle
- Piatt Pund, PB Middle I.B. World School seventh-grader, with two years Mandarin experience, won second place in his category in the 2015 Chinese Bridge Proficiency Competition Preliminary Contest.
- Sponsored by Los Angeles Chinese General Consulate Office and hosted by Confucius Institute at San Diego State University on May 15, the competition was open to all students in first through 12th grades under the judiciary region of California, Oregon and Arizona.
- PB Middle IB offers Mandarin for non-native speakers and will become one of the only Mandarin Immersion Middle Schools in California starting in the fall.

Welcome Cecille Udsen to PB Middle. Udsen is a teacher in Denmark and will be volunteering in classrooms at PB Middle through June. She has come to learn more about our system of public education at the I.B. Middle Years Programme.

Mission Bay Cluster
- Mission Bay High School seniors are excited for their next steps after graduation. This great class got accepted to some of the finest schools in the nation, including Vanderbilt University, Boston College, UC Berkeley, UCLA, USC and so many more.

- The final Mission Bay Cluster meeting of the school year is 6 p.m. Thursday, June 4 at Mission Bay High School in the library. We will reflect on a successful year of collaboration, advocacy and growth.
- This last meeting will include a panel discussion, with a group of MBHS seniors sharing their experiences. The discussion will be moderated by a graduate of MBHS and will include time for Q&A.
- You will not want to miss this opportunity to hear about the successes, struggles and rewards of high school, straight from the students themselves.

- If you are part of the Facebook community, consider joining the Facebook page, Mission Bay Cluster of Pacific Beach Schools, to hear the latest and greatest about the community schools.

Eighth-graders at Pacific Beach Middle IB World School completed their I.B portfolio and community service presentations to panel members, including local business and community leaders. Thank you to Councilmember Lorie Zapf and Bruce Williams from the City Council office for volunteering their time. In the photo: Benito H., Delianira V., Zapf and Sam S.

And they’re off ... to college!
Congratulations to graduating MBHS seniors, who are off to their colleges of choice. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Community service presentations

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Local Company Employs Seniors Wanting to Give Back

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Seniors returning to work are very focused on work/life issues, pursuing employment that is personally satisfying and allows them time to pursue travel, enrichment and family activities.

A local company, Seniors Helping Seniors, offers a unique opportunity for retirees to remain active in the workforce, supplement retirement income and help other seniors. The company matches active seniors with seniors who need some assistance to remain independent.

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New Outdoor Learning Center dedicated at St. Paul's Lutheran School

St. Paul’s Lutheran School of Pacific Beach dedicated its newly built Outdoor Learning Center on May 6. Students in preschool through eighth grade planted vegetable seeds, fruit trees and pollinator plants. They also took home vegetable and flower seeds to plant in their own gardens.

Throughout the day of planting, students learned through hands-on, inquiry-based learning. Second-graders found aphids while pruning an apricot tree, thus learning about the intricate web of life and the interconnectedness of nature. Fifth-graders used their math skills to lay out corn seeds in a raised planter bed. Eighth-graders used group problem-solving skills as they designed a pollinator bed. Kindergartners used their sense of smell and touch as they learned about basil and cilantro.

The center utilizes education as an essential resource in teaching the Common Core State Standards.

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The San Diego County Fair will run for 25 days at the Del Mar Fairgrounds from 4 p.m. Friday, June 5 through Sunday, July 5, and will be closed on Mondays and the first two Tuesdays. The Fair is the largest annual event in San Diego County. Admission is $15 for adults; $8 for ages 6-12, and 62 and older; free for ages 5 and younger. For information, visit www.sdfair.com.

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Coastal residents have increasingly come forward complaining that noise, partying, traffic, trash and other problems caused by some troublesome STVRs have become an intolerable disruption that is eroding neighborhood character. Many residents are calling for stricter rules, tighter enforcement and greater accountability over rentals. Some are advocating entirely barring STVRs from single-family neighborhoods.

STVR reps and proponents have countered that a few bad operators are giving the entire rental industry a bad name. They insist the answer is to better enforce existing regulations, not make wholesale changes with them.

SGUL chair and District 2 Councilwoman Lorie Zapf, who represents Ocean, Mission and Pacific Beaches, called the committee’s action an “important first step,” adding “this is going to be a long process.”

Alvarez, on behalf of the city, took blame for the escalating STVR situation.

“We need to apologize to everybody because the city has not been doing our job, we have been failing by not enforcing some of our laws that exist today,” Alvarez said.

Two members of Pacific Beach Planning Group, chair Brian Curry and Chris Olson, speaking on their own behalf and not the group’s, reacted to the May 29 Council committee hearing.

Curry contended changes need to be made in both policy and procedures governing STVRs.

“The city’s position on the municipal code is flawed,” Curry said. “Development Services suggests STVRs are not visitor accommodations, a commercial use prohibited in residential zones. Hence, STVRs are allowed in all residential zones.”

But Curry pointed out that the city treasurer includes STVRs with other visitor accommodations and insists STVRs are subject to a transient-occupancy tax (TOT).

“Hence, the city acknowledges STVRs as transient-occupancy use when it comes to taxes but ignores them when it comes to zoning,” he said. “San Diegans should be concerned that every residentially zoned neighborhood is a commercial-use hospitality zone. Neighborhoods are no longer for neighbors but (for) more taxation and social disruption.”

Olson gave kudos to Zapf for confronting the STVR issue.

“We have to give a big hurrah to Councilmember Zapf for being the first person in our city government to have the leadership to bring this issue forward,” Olson said. “She also shows courage to stand up for our residential neighborhoods rather than joining the ‘it’s all about the money’ parade.”
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But one downside, according to Graham, is that waitresses often “get blamed for everything.”

“People don’t realize what we do a lot of times,” she said while pointing out the wait staff “doesn’t cook.” Graham cited one occasion when the kitchen had messed up her order, but one patron overheard and was sympathetic.

“She said to me, ‘If I wasn’t sitting up here (counter) — I would have blamed you.’ But because I saw what happened, it wasn’t you.”

“Thank you for saying that,” Graham responded, adding, “I can only do so much.”

One of the hardest parts of being a server, besides juggling several plates of food at one time and dealing with the occasional problem patron, is of course being on your feet for long periods.

“Sometimes it’s physical,” she said, pointing out it can be mentally taxing too.

“We deal with so many different personalities, sometimes it’s exhausting mentally for sure.” Graham said.

“My boss has always been good to me,” she said. “His daughter is one of my best friends. I’m considered part of the family almost.”

It also doesn’t hurt that being a server is one of those few occupations where you go home with money in your pocket from tips after every shift. Graham likes that. She even likes being more busy than not, which is why she likes working downstairs at Broken Yolk where the customer action, she said, is more “burn and turn.”

“I work at the counter where people eat and then go,” Graham said. “I love the fast pace. I really do.”
Beatles tribute at Dizzy’s on Saturday

By BART MENDOZA

Just ahead of Paul McCartney’s 73rd birthday on June 18, The Fred Benedetti Trio will celebrate the music legend’s songs with a special concert at Dizzy’s on June 6.

Benedetti is one of the area’s best acoustic guitarists and, along with fellow strummer Peter Puppinger, has recorded several Beatles-themed albums well worth hearing.

For this concert, Benedetti and company will perform a mix of McCartney’s Beatles and solo material, with one of the world’s greatest repertoire at their disposal.

Anyone who enjoys music circa the 1990s will enjoy a two-band bill taking place on June 5. Opening up will be the Foon Fighters, playing the hits of Dave Grohl’s hitmakers. Closing out the night will be one of the area’s most versatile combos, The Big Lewinsky. Rather than tribute a particular band, this quintet celebrates the whole decade, across genres, resulting in a set list that can mix Weezer, Notorious B.I.G., Lenny Kravitz and Naught by Nature. Anyone who is tired of the basic classic rock set list of many bar bands will enjoy the Big Lewinsky’s sets of more recent favorites.

Legendary Orange County band Agent Orange performs at Brick by Brick on Saturday, June 6. Mixing surf and Who power-chord elements with punk, the trio blazed a trail from the first note of their 1980 “Bloodstains” EP. The key to their popularity and longevity is down to the song writing of frontman Mike Palm, who has penned or co-penned a slew of great tunes, such as “I Kill Spies,” “Everything Turns to Grey” and “It’s in Your Head,” all singles in the classic sense of a three-minute rocker with great hooks.

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Thursday, June 4

- Beachwear with Lulu Fama at Gone Bananas Beachwear, 3785 Mission Blvd. 4 to 7 p.m. Custom fitting by the designer of Lulu Fama Swimwear. Food, drinks, hair styling, DJ, and gifts.

- Night Flight at the Wave House, 3125 Ocean Front Walk. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Pro flow-boarders perform on the Flow Wave. Drink specials at the bar.

Friday, June 5

- Louis Valenzuela and Friends at the Turquoise Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. 9 p.m.

- National Learn to Row Day at the San Diego Rowing Club, 1220 El Carmel Place. 7 to 11:30 a.m. Learn to row on a rowing machine and in the water.

- Family Fun Day at Café de Life Chiropractic, 4535 Fanuel St. 10 a.m. to noon. Something for the whole family.

- Junior OTL tournament at Fiesta Island. Sign-ups at 8 a.m. games start at 9 a.m. $20 team entry fee. Fee includes lunch.

- Crucial Blend performing at Winstons Beach Club, 1921 Bacon St. 5 p.m.

- Pacific Beach farmers market, Bayard St. between Grand and Garnet. 7 to 2 p.m. Produce, live music, art, and dinner.

- Tuesday Night Trivia at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 7 to 9 p.m. Food and drink specials and gift certificates for winners.

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