Hey, Slow Down

Foothill Boulevard resident Jeffrey Rosan points to the recently changed speed-limit signs bumping the speed from 25 mph to 30 miles an hour, despite the fact that neighbors successfully petitioned the city for the just the opposite about 20 years ago.

Photo by Dave Schwab

Minimum-wage hike will have to wait a bit longer

By DAVE SCHWAB

Though the City Council previously voted in favor of incrementally raising the city’s minimum wage, councilmembers Oct. 20 rescinded that action and unanimously sanctioned putting the controversial measure before voters on the next regularly scheduled election ballot in June 2016.

The council vote was forced by a successful new petition-gathering effort by opponents of the wage hike.

On July 14, the City Council voted 6-3 along party lines to increase the city’s minimum wage to $11.50 an hour by January 2017. Under the ordinance, San Diego’s minimum hourly wage would have risen to $9.75 in January 2015, to $10.50 in January 2016 and to $11.50 in January 2017.

Further increases tied to the local consumer price index would have begun in January 2019.

Council president Todd Gloria, a strident supporter of the wage hike, was absent from the council meeting.

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SeaWorld celebrates the birth of 79th dolphin behind the scenes

STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION

SeaWorld marine-mammal caregivers were swimming with joy Nov. 12 after the birth of a bottlenose dolphin calf. After a 12-month gestation period, the calf was born to a Pacific bottlenose dolphin named Kolohe (pronounced ka-lo-hay) in a behind-the-scenes pool at the marine park.

Trainers and veterinarians at SeaWorld report that the mother and baby are in good health and are swimming together and bonding.

Kolohe is a 30-year-old Pacific bottlenose dolphin and has given birth to one other calf.
Two Pacific Beach medical-marijuana dispensaries were among four operating in violation of San Diego zoning regulations that were recently shuttered by court orders sought by the City Attorney’s Office.

The City shutters four medical-pot dispensaries; half of them in PB

City Attorney's Office enforcement actions by the City Attorney’s Office began aggressively filing civil lawsuits against property owners and dispensary operators who violate city zoning regulations.

The Pacific Beach dispensaries closed were:

- PLANET GREENS, 936 Garnet Ave. According to the City Attorney’s Office, the defendants were Lemoine Corp., a California corporation; Matthew Bell, its CEO; John I. Nobel and Mahin Nobel as individuals and co-trustees of the property owner Nobel Family Trust.

- DANK ON TURQUOISE, 841 Turquoise St. According to the City Attorney’s Office, the defendants were D.O.T. Inc., a California corporation; Matthew Bell, its CEO; and John I. Nobel and Mahin Nobel as individuals and co-trustees of the property owner Nobel Family Trust.

- The “enforcement of city zoning regulations is necessary to protect neighborhood standards and safety,” said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "Marijuana dispensaries, like any other business, must obtain proper permits and conform to zoning regulations. There is now a process for legally zoned dispensaries, and that process should be followed.”

- The last four years, more than 200 unpermitted marijuana dispensaries have been shut down through enforcement action by the City Attorney’s Office.

- The majority of those closures have occurred since September 2011, when the City Attorney’s Office began aggressively filing civil lawsuits against property owners and dispensary operators who violate city zoning regulations.

- Typically, the city succeeds in obtaining a temporary restraining order against the defendants, who then have 24 hours to close the dispensary.

- In addition to protecting neighborhood standards, the City Attorney’s Office enforcement actions have resulted in court awards of more than $947,000 in civil penalties and more than $108,000 to reimburse the city for investigative costs.

- “We’ve had success at shutting down illegal dispensaries using the swiftest and most effective due process available through the courts,” Goldsmith said. “Our lawyers have achieved a nearly 100 percent success rate in cases referred to us for prosecution.”

- Planet Greens and Dank on Turquoise were ordered closed by Superior Court Judge Ronald S. Prager on Oct. 20.

- Typically, each dispensary case begins when a potential zoning violation is brought to the attention of the city’s Code Enforcement Division, which researches the zoning codes for the property and conducts a site inspection.

- Once the facts are determined, the defendants are issued a notice of violation and the case is referred to the City Attorney’s Office, which may petition the court to close the dispensary, according to city officials. A hearing is held and a court order is issued.

- Should the dispensary not cease operations within 24 hours, the order is enforced by the San Diego Police Department.

- The City Attorney’s Office has about 45 enforcement cases pending involving marijuana dispensaries. The dispensaries have already shut down in 30 of those cases, said city officials.

- “We believe there are other dispensaries operating illegally in San Diego beyond those that have been referred to us for prosecution,” Goldsmith said. “When cases on those other dispensaries are investigated and brought to us by the San Diego Police Department or Code Enforcement Division, we will close them down and obtain monetary sanctions.”

- Complaints regarding medical-marijuana dispensaries may be referred to the city’s Code Enforcement Division at (619) 236-5500.
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Home Owners Lose Thousands When Selling Their Home

SANDIEGO. A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most home owners make when selling their home. And a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

This industry report shows clearly how the traditional ways of selling homes has become increasingly less and less effective in today’s market. The fact of the matter is that fully three quarters of homesellers don’t get what they want for their homes and become disillusioned and worse – financially disadvantaged when they put their homes on the market.

As this report uncovers, most homesellers make 7 deadly mistakes that cost them literally thousands of dollars. The good news is that each and every one of these mistakes is entirely preventable. I answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared for a free special report entitled “The 9 step System to Get Your Home Sold Fast and For Top Dollar”.

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I would like to thank Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, the city’s leadership team, and the city’s 10,000 employees, who strive every day to make San Diego America’s Finest City; my City Council colleagues for their guidance and collaboration; and my staff, who worked weekends and long hours to address specific quality of life issues for our neighborhoods by quickly and thoroughly responding to constituent concerns and requests.

The community leaders and volunteers who sit on boards for planning groups, town councils, committees and associations are deserving of my thanks. Their work is often challenging and always time consuming. I respect and appreciate these individuals for their engagement, their willingness to serve and their dedication to improve our neighborhoods.

The “greatest” generation is independent and stubborn and do not need any assistance. Parents and children or caregivers do not agree on where the line is—between needing help and being part of the solution to solve problems small and large to make your neighborhood the best it can be.

As I gather around the Thanksgiving table with family and friends at the end of November, I’ll be reflecting on this experience and giving thanks for this chance-of-a-lifetime opportunity to serve. I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving.

Ed Harris represents Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Ocean Beach and Point Loma as the District 2 City Councilman.

By CITY COUNCILMAN ED HARRIS

Being the City Councilman for District 2 has been a unique and deeply rewarding experience for me, and one that I’ll never forget. As I wrap up my council term next month, there are a number of people I would like to thank who have made these last seven months remarkable for me.

This January, I’ll go back to the boating unit on Mission Bay to resume my responsibilities as a sergeant with the city of San Diego lifeguards, adding to my 25 years of lifeguarding. I look forward to returning to the shore to ensure that everyone who comes to the beach or bay for the day leaves safely at the end of each day. It will be strange not putting on a coat and tie to go to the office, but perhaps one day I’ll find use for those again.

City Councilwoman Lori Zapf will be sworn in as the new City Council member for District 2 on Dec. 10. I know that Lori and her experienced staff look forward to serving their new constituents. For any assistance with District 2-related matters, I encourage you to call or email her office at (619) 236-6622 and LoriZapf@sandiego.gov.

One thing I’ve learned in this job is that problem solving begins in our communities and happens when we work together. If you need to borrow a ladder, you ask your neighbor. There’s a potheole on your street, you call the council office to get it repaired. You have an idea to improve your community, you get involved in a planning group, town council or neighborhood association. I was able to accomplish a great deal in just a few months as a councilman, but you don’t have to be in office to bring positive change to your community.

I would ask that you continue to be engaged and participate in being part of the solution to solve problems small and large to make your neighborhood the best it can be.

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Councilman Harris reflects on progress, work to be done as term comes to a close

Efforts stepped up to encourage nonmotorized transit

By DAVE SCHIBA

Pacific Beach is moving to create marked pathways directing bicyclist and other nonmotorized transportation throughout the beach community. PB Pathways is an interlocking network of bike/skate/pedestrian routes throughout the community to encourage nonmotorized travel. Street murals mark the starting point of each pathway at each Pacific Beach school.

The project’s first phase would be to mark directional signage and road markers on selected routes in PB’s core area.

Architect and Pacific Beach resident Ambrose Wong, a board member of beautifulPB, a group of friends and businesses interested in continuing the momentum we’re seeing from the PB Pathways Group (PBPG), Traffic and Parking Subcommittee’s Oct. 16 meeting.

In the past four months, we’ve been circulating proposed bicycle-pedestrian pathways through PB,” said Wong. “We have an opportunity to get some monies from [City Council] District 2 to spend on this effort.”

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PB planners address homelessness, overbuilding, vision for eco-district

By DAVE SCHWAB

Homelessness, so-called “down zoning,” bike paths and condominium conversions were topics of discussion at the Pacific Beach Planning Group’s (PBPG) October meeting.

It was also announced the city advisory group’s November and December meetings will be combined into one on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St. District 2 City Councillman Ed Harris will make an appearance to talk about his expired interim City Council term in December, passing the political baton to sitting City Councilwoman Lortie Zapf, also a Peninsula resident.

At the previous month’s meeting, several neighbors turned out to protest the trend of single-family homes in Pacific Beach being converted to condominiums, which some believe is derigereing the beach community’s character.

Noting “down zoning” in Pacific Beach isn’t going to happen immediately, PBPG chairman Brian Curry suggested the group form a subcommittee to discuss zoning changes in the community. However, no one stepped forward when asked to chair that committee.

Nonetheless, PBPG member Larry Enlau said the debate over downzoning plans to make the area less dense in population isn’t over.

“This is not dead,” Enlau said. “There are other ways to do this. We have to take the temperature of the community.”

Pointing out it will be a “tough fight,” Enlau encouraged residents to continue to address the issue of “houses being destroyed and condos taking over.”

Colleague Paul Falcone agreed. “It’s a big responsibility to be a chairman of a subcommittee,” Falcone said, suggesting “a grassroots committee could be formed and we could all join, as we are all volunteers and we all live here.”

Curry said the planning group has not taken a position one way or another on visions for downzoning.

Planner Imelda McClendon, who works with the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, gave a presentation on the 25 Cities Program now under way in downtown San Diego. A federal partnership of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Veterans Administration (VA) and the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, 25 Cities was created in 25 different cities nationwide to end chronic and military veteran homelessness in America. The model project seeks to increase collaboration between homeless provider agencies using the Coordinated Assessment & Housing Placement (CAHP), a data-based model for assessing homeless people and guiding them toward appropriate housing and other provider services.

But McClendon said there are complications dealing with homelessness in Pacific Beach and other beach communities.

“Different communities feed people at different times, but there aren’t any resources besides just food,” McClendon said. “We need other resource programs and housing.”

The planning group also endorsed Phase 1 of PB Pathways, a plan crafted by the PBPG’s Traffic and Parking Subcommittee, which has designated bike path routes and signage attempting to make PB more user-friendly for bicyclists.

conditions, backing out of your driveway when you can’t see those cars until they are right on top of you because of upward slopes in the roadway and cars parked on the street which create blind spots?”

City traffic engineer Gary Pence said the city is required by state law to conduct an engineering study and a speed survey every seven years for all streets classified as a collector or above.

“The purpose of the study is to determine the appropriate speed limit for the street,” said Pence, noting low-volume streets classified as residential are all posted at 25 miles an hour. “The speed survey for higher-speed streets is the key element of the study because it measures the prevailing speeds on the street and determines the 85th percentile speed.”

The 85th percentile is the speed motorists are driving at or below that thoroughfare.

“State law requires that the speed limit be set at or near the 85th percentile in order to be enforceable by radar,” said Pence. “Speed limits posted too low (not near the 85th percentile) are called speed traps and cannot be enforced.”

Once the engineering study and speed survey are completed, that speed is compared to the existing speed limit.

“Sometimes the speed limit can be lowered, sometimes it needs to be raised, and sometimes it stays the same,” said Pence. “In the case of Foothill Boulevard, the speed survey resulted in an enforceable speed limit of 30 miles an hour. We informed the community planning group and they did not indicate that they wanted to vote on the item, so we proceeded with raising it from 25 miles an hour to 30 miles an hour.

“After we posted the street to 30 miles an hour, the community planning group indicated that they will be voting on the issue at their next scheduled meeting,” Pence said. “If the community group decides to vote against raising the speed limit, we will change the speed back to 25 mph, but it will not be an enforceable speed limit again and the police will not enforce this roadway.”

Neighbor Tom Coat, who lives at 5031 Foothill Blvd., agreed with Rosan’s assessment.

“The speed limit on Foothill Boulevard was raised a couple of weeks ago from 25 to 30 miles an hour,” Coat said. “Since that time, at least two accidents have occurred, including a multi-car injury accident on Oct. 13,” Coat said.

He added he’s been trying for years to get the speed limit enforced with no success.

“Because of the lack of enforcement, speeds have increased significantly on the street, which is curvy, dangerous and cuts through a neighborhood with young families, elderly people, bike riders, dog walkers and has many driveway entrances/exits,” he said.

Coat said he wants the speed limit on Foothill Boulevard again reduced to 25 miles an hour and “regularly enforced.”

He offered three reasons to support the change.

“Enforcement is happening only when I see officers actually out on the street on a regular basis,” he said. “Increasing the speed limit is only going to encourage speeds to be even faster. And the windy nature of Foothill Boulevard makes even 30 miles an hour much too fast for public safety.”

Coat said he has another neighbor — a young mother — who he said will not turn left on Foothill to go to PB, but rather goes all the way up to Kate Sessions before turning left to head to PB because she’s “terrified of pulling out of my driveway.”

Rosan said city traffic engineers, when assessing the safety of posted speed limits on streets like Foothill Boulevard, ought to be considering people’s penchant for pushing the envelope with speed.

“The reality is people tend to drive 10 to 15 miles an hour above whatever the posted speed limit is,” Rosan said. “So, if it’s 25 miles an hour, you have people going 35 to 40 miles an hour, and so on. Where does it all end?”

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REPERCUSSIONS This shot taken by Rosan shows a car that ended up sideways in his driveway several years ago along Foothill Boulevard as a result of excessive speed. Courtesy photo
LaMoine McMath, 97, enjoyed a long, happy life in South Mission Beach

LaMoine Ellen “Mo” McMath was born April 21, 1917 in Olivia, Minn. She passed away on Oct. 16 at the age of 97. Mo graduated from Morton High School in Morton, Minn. in 1935. She married Donald J. McMath in March 1941 and moved to San Diego shortly after the wedding. The new couple settled in South Mission Beach and enjoyed the beach lifestyle. Mo loved water skiing, walking along the beach and swimming in the bay into her 90s. Ultimately she lived in South Mission Beach for more than 72 years.

LaMoine was the second child of seven. She is survived by two children, Michael and Monaca; and granddaughter, Michael Rose. She was predeceased in death by her husband, Donald James McMath and her first son, Don J. McMath Jr. of the San Diego Fire Department.

No services are planned but the family asks you remember her with a great meal — especially shrimp followed by a piece of blackberry or strawberry rhubarb pie.

Her smile and sharp wit are greatly missed.

LaMoine McMath

IN ID’ING DEAD MAN IN PB
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The San Diego Police Department’s Homicide Missing Persons Unit is asking for the public’s help in identifying an unknown male found dead in the sand at 4800 Ocean Blvd. in Pacific Beach, on July 31.

The body was discovered at 4:45 a.m. lying face down in the sand. The man did not have any identification on his person, according to police investigators.

Readers who have information on the possible identity of the man (police sketch and distinguishing tattoos at left) are asked to call the San Diego Police Department’s Missing Persons Unit at (619) 531-2277 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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WAGE

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measure, asked if the wage hike, which could not go into effect until after June 2016, could be made retroactive, if passed. “This [situation] is really unique. We have to take a clean look at that,” replied City Attorney Jan Goldsmith.

District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris, who represents the Peninsular, thanked Gloria and others for moving the measure forward. “There are a lot of hard workers out there fighting to move up and do better in life and a workforce that’s decided to take advantage of the fact that there are more employees than there are jobs,” Harris said. “I support this being on the ballot and I would have liked to have seen it sooner.

But it is the right decision.” Following the council meeting, Harris’ office commented: “It’s important that voters in 2016 have a voice in the decision to raise the minimum wage. San Diego is currently the fourth most expensive city in the United States, and California leads the nation in poverty with more than 23 percent of residents struggling to pay for their basic needs. As a Marine veteran, I’m troubled that we have over 10,000 veterans in San Diego earning the minimum wage. It is my hope San Diego voters will understand that minimum wage workers need an increase.”

Councilwoman Lori Zapf, who will replace Harris in District 2 in December, said “putting this out to the vote of the people should have been done in the first place.” Zapf said that with 90,000-plus small businesses in San Diego, it would have been “disastrous not to take part in the democratic process and put this on the June 2016 ballot.”

District 1 City Councilwoman Sherri Lightner, who is the City Council president pro tem, supported raising the minimum wage, which she said will “benefit our local workforce and boost our economy while helping to offset the high cost of living in San Diego County, which is 30 percent more than the national average.”

Lightner also called upon state and federal governments to “raise the minimum wage to a livable amount.”

Denny Knox, executive director of OB MainStreet Association, the beach community’s business improvement district, said many local small-businesses are confused by the implications of raising the minimum wage. “It is another layer of bureaucracy for the small businesses,” Knox said. “It’s very complicated.”

Knox noted many small business owners “don’t know what the options are at this point. People need to be assured of what’s going to happen in a timely manner so it will be easier for them to adjust.”
Dining

Mr. Frostie still a cool tradition in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

Soft-serve ice cream has been a soft sell for John and Debbie Conca, who own and operate the Mr. Frostie Tastee Freeze in Pacific Beach.

Location is everything in real estate. That goes double for ice cream parlors like the Conca’s, which have benefits from ample foot traffic at the crossroads location at 1470 Garnet Ave. Mr. Frostie is ice cream central, situated in the middle of town, three-quarters of a mile from Crystal Pier.

The Concas also have the benefit of longevity — 65 years, to be exact.

“I don’t know for certain if it is the oldest business in PB, but it definitely is the oldest food-related business,” said John during a recent busy October afternoon.

Mr. Frostie has been in business at the same location since 1949. It was built, recalls John, by a developer who operated it originally for only 10 months before selling it. “I’ve been involved with it for 43 years.” said John, noting he essentially inherited the business.

“I worked here as a teenager when my parents owned it from 1964 to 1971,” he said. “Then I was in the Army, went to college and was up in Los Angeles. My mother asked if I would like to be back in the business when my dad passed away, and I said, ‘Yeah, sure.’ I got in with my mom as a partner until she retired from the business in the early 1980s.”

Mr. Frostie remains a family affair, as John and Debbie, who is a Pacific Beach Planning Group member, have run the establishment ever since with their two sons.

“We’ve got the fourth generation coming into this business; my two grandkids, the twins,” said John.

“They (twins) like to come in here and stand on the cooler and wait on customers,” said Debbie.

The Concas had a ready answer when asked what they liked most about the soft-serve ice cream business. “I enjoy the contact with the people and I see multi-generations of families that have been coming here. It’s kind of nice.”

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DIA de LOS MUERTOS AT FIESTA DE REYES

Old Town San Diego’s Día de los Muertos is held each year on November 1 and 2 and is a celebration of the history, culture, and heritage of the region that honors one of its most important holidays. It is at this time that the spirits of loved ones who have died return to earth to celebrate with friends and family, during this happy, festive, very artistic, and visually stimulating time, which is not in any way to be confused with Halloween.

The event consists of three major themes: Remembrance, Community and Celebration

Visit over 40 altars of remembrance presented in both traditional and contemporary ways, including a public altar where you are encouraged to participate by adding your own mementos and photos. You will find shops, galleries, museums, and restaurants where many will be offering traditional entertainment, art shows, crafts, sugar skull face painting, and/or special menus and drinks. The candlelight procession is only on November 2. Participants can pick up their candles at several locations, seen on the map. The procession symbolizes community unity and will proceed from the state park to El Campo Santo cemetery. We encourage visitors to come in Day of Dead costume or sugar skull face paint and add to the celebration!

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said John. “We enjoy catering to families and the public in general,” said Debbie. “We’ve made a lot of friends with our customers over the years.”

John had an equally prompt response when asked what was most difficult about his ice cream business.

“It’s like being a farmer — you do it every day,” he said. “One stretch I went 14 years without a vacation.”

John said the prime-time period for his soft-serve business is April through October. Winter months, typically, are slow. But that can change unexpectedly.

“I was here one time by myself in the wintertime and I had two tour buses drive up with about 70 people waiting to be served,” said John. “Then, another time, a guy walked up at 5:30 p.m. and wanted 13 banana splits for his baseball team.”

John said people ordering ice cream typically fall into three categories: cones, shake and sundae lovers.

What’s his top and most cost-effective seller?

“Probably the cones,” John said. “But everything is set up so it’s pretty equal.”

His lowest-profit item is the food — sandwiches, chili, hot dogs and the like.

“That’s my greatest expense,” said John.

John said the tourist trade splits for his baseball team.

When asked what she’d like to see more of, Debbie responded, “Maybe a little more green. Maybe a little more bike traffic.

PB is always going to be a beach town, which is nice. I’ve always enjoyed it.”

Though John said he is “not getting rich,” he acknowledged he’s in a safe place, unless summertime business stops coming or people suddenly lose their taste for ice cream.

“We’ve stayed in business and it’s been worthwhile,” said Debbie. “We don’t plan on retiring anytime soon. We’re going to keep going for a while.”

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**LIVE MUSIC >>**

By BART MENDOZA

One of the best bands on the local club scene at the moment, Lyrical Groove’s hip-hop is a tasty mix of soul, rap and funk, the latter capturing 1970s Stevie Wonder. Appearing at Humphreys Backstage Lounge, Lyrical Groove makes great dance music, contrasting Kendrick's dark spoken word turns with Brisas Lauren’s sweet soulful singing. It plays the occasional cover like “Killing Me Softly,” but its own music, often message songs, is more than strong enough to merit wider, national attention. The band seems to be well on its way. In 2013, it took home a San Diego Music Award for best hip-hop group, while in 2014 it won honors for its recent album “Spoken Soul.”

• **LYRICAL GROOVE:** Thursday, Oct. 30 at HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, 7 p.m. $5. www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.

Best band name in town at the moment? Unicorn Death. The band is pretty good, too. With a name like that, you’d expect something over the top, and this sextet does not disappoint. Billed as the area’s “Original, Symphonic Legend Metal Band,” it is an impressive mix of metal and progressive, with both male and female vocals and song titles like “Eaten by Trolls.” What could be taken as kitsch works because its songs hit all the key elements of its rock sound. It is heavy, hard, fast and loud. The band hasn’t released new music since 2012 and doesn’t play a lot of shows, so rock fans will want to check them out.

• **UNICORN DEATH:** Thursday, Oct. 30 at BRICK BY BRICK, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. $21 and up. $10. www.brickbybrick.com.

The description on the Dizzy’s website calls Road Work Ahead, a “super group,” a true all-star combo. Dizzy’s isn’t wrong about the description. Featuring pianist Bill Mays, bassist Bob Magnussen, drummer Jim Plank and guitarist Peter Sprague, the band makes a rare appearance at Dizzy’s on Nov. 1. It’s being reported that due to illness, some may want to check out Wild Nights. The pair are multi-instrumentalists, can harmonize beautifully and have an arsenal of great material to choose from, specializing in rock hits of the 1960s and 70s. Between the tunes and the Kona Kai’s wonderful view, this performance is a great way to start a Sunday.

• **ROAD WORK AHEAD:** Saturday, Nov. 1 at DIZZY’S, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $15. www.dizzysjazz.com.

Anyone looking to dance to live versions of hits past and present may want to check out Wild Nights, performing at Tio Leo’s on Nov. 8. Formerly known as Left4Dead, the new name is much more indicative of what the eight-piece band can deliver musically, playing tunes from the 60s to today. It’s a broad mix, taking everything from the Rolling Stones to the Pretenders to the Black Keys. With a huge repertoire of crowd pleasers — highlighted by Michele Whitelow’s vocals — it’s like having a live jukebox for your personal entertainment.

• **WILD NIGHTS:** Saturday, Nov. 8 at TIO LEO’S, 5302 Napa St., 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com.

The Booth Boys’ name may not sound familiar, but if you’re a San Diego music fan, rest assured you’re quite familiar with their talents. Appearing at the Kona Kai Resort on Nov. 9, the duo is the father-and-son team of Doug and Cody Booth, both formerly with acclaimed cover band Rockola. The pair are multi-instrumentalists, can harmonize beautifully and have an arsenal of great material to choose from, specializing in rock hits of the 1960s and 70s. Between the tunes and the Kona Kai’s wonderful view, this performance is great way to start a Sunday.

• **THE BOOTH BOYS:** Sunday, Nov. 9 at the KONA KAI RESORT, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. 11 a.m. No cover. www.resortkona-kai.com.

**BIRTH >>**

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The recent event marks the 79th successful dolphin birth at SeaWorld San Diego. As with any birth at SeaWorld, animal-care specialists monitor the mother and baby around the clock, documenting respirations and nursing frequency. The calf was estimated to weigh about 40 pounds at birth. The gender will be determined in the coming weeks. SeaWorld is world renowned for its breeding program, with successful births of several species of dolphins, in addition to killer whales, sea lions, walruses and other marine animals. While this latest birth was the result of natural breeding, SeaWorld officials brand themselves as a world leader in research and application of artificial insemination. In 2001, the world’s first marine mammal conceived as a result of artificial insemination was welcomed into SeaWorld’s family. In 2005, SeaWorld took that expertise a step further with the birth of the world’s first sex-selected zoological species, an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin.

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there were dirt streets in Pacific Beach? Here are two views of the 1900 block of Thomas Street taken in 1952 by Carl Skinner.

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**MUST HEAR >>**

Celebrating Joni Mitchell’s 71st birthday on Nov. 8, Robin Adler and Mutts Of The Planet will once again celebrate her work. This time, the pair of Adler and guitarist Dave Blackburn will present “Mingus,” the 1979 collaboration between Mitchell and Charles Mingus. Making the concert a “must” for local music fans is the backing core of musicians that will take part in the show, including bassist Rob Thorsen, drummer Duncan Moore, saxophonist Tripp Sprague and stellar pianist Joshua White. Fans of Mitchell’s or Mingus music will find this concert an essential listen, a fascinating re-creation of Mitchell’s transition from pop artist to jazz performer.

• **ROBIN ADLER AND MUTTS OF THE PLANET:** Saturday, Nov. 8 at DIZZY’S, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $20. www.dizzysjazz.com.

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**PG. 1**
MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL
• Mission Bay High School has reached a milestone. Since its inception last year, more than 7,000 students have worked at MBHS ACES (the After-School Center for Excellence and Support), whose mission is to provide academic support across the curriculum and resources to develop the whole child. ACES is located in the Mission Bay High School library and is open from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, staffed by teachers across the contact areas. ACES offers helpful reference materials, access to computers and printers and supplies, free and healthy snacks, college tutoring from SDSU and UCSD students, specialized help like CAHSEE/PSAT/SAT preparation, college-application counseling and mentorship for life, college and career. Currently, about 100 students each day are working at ACES, and with a new partnership with the ARC program, those numbers and opportunities will only increase. The center is coordinated by Ron Lancia at (858) 273-1313 (ext. 342) and principal Ernie Remillard (ext. 199).

MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL
• Congratulations to MBHS senior Owen Nelson for being named as a commended student in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. Owen is recognized for the exceptional academic promise demonstrated by his outstanding performance on the preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship qualifying test.

SCHOOL SPIRIT Mission Bay High School Buccaneers welcome fellow students to school before the Homecoming game pep rally Oct. 24. The MBHS pirate ship is chock full of cheering Bucs, who woke up the neighborhood, rallied the passers-by and got the Homecoming excitement started early Friday morning. Spirits were not dampened, despite the 51-14 loss to La Jolla High later that night. Courtesy photo

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

GOING IN FOR THE KILL The Pacific Beach Middle School girls' volleyball program has more than 50 students practicing/playing from September through November. Five PBMS teams play games at Mission Bay High School on Friday evenings. The 2014 teams are coached by parents Tonya Kepner, Tyler Jessie and PBMS IB physical education teacher Dennis Gildehaus. Courtesy photo

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CROWN POINT JMA
Join family and friends at “Trunk or Treat” on Friday, Oct. 31 from 5 to 7 p.m. Enjoy the community carnival with games, inflatables, face painting and delicious food. The cost is $5 per person.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY
• Kate Sessions will hold its annual Halloween Carnival on Thursday Oct. 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. All Pacific Beach elementary schools are invited to join in the fun.
• Friends of Kate Sessions would like to thank Gallery at Launde End (at the corner of Cass and Loring streets) for being our “Handmade in San Diego” Craft Fair sponsors. Join us Saturday, Dec. 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be about 100 artists and crafters, as well as entertainment, a bake sale and barbeque and a gift-wrapping and crafters, as well as entry to buy more books for our children and adults.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY
• The Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary will meet on Wednesday, Nov. 9 in Room 9 at 6 p.m. Woodstock’s Pizza will donate a portion of receipts back to PBE for all who eat there on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS
The next Mission Bay Cluster meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. at Kate Sessions Elementary School. Hear updates on the YMCA/SDUSD project at PB Middle and the MBHS stadium/track and field project. We will also review the La Jolla partnership agreement and determine if the MB cluster could benefit from a similar process and document. We will have updates from SDUSD administration, staff and cluster principals. Thank you for continued support of the Mission Bay Cluster of Schools.

SCHOOLS» CONT. FROM PG. 11
• Join the MBHS boys’ water polo team on Oct. 24 at Woodstock’s Pizza on Friday, Nov. 7 at 5:30 p.m. to help raise funds for the team. One-quarter of all food and beverage sales will benefit the junior varsity and varsity teams. Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win fabulous gift certificates from local PB restaurants and businesses.

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