Recent spate of home and vehicle break-ins hits area

Small crimes raise larger concerns for PB residents

By DAVE SCHWAB

A crime spree of sorts in PB has residents wondering why and brainstorming as to what they can do about it.

Hardly a day has gone by recently when there hasn’t been, among the daily reports of lost dogs or stray cats on Nextdoor.com, a recounting of some criminal activity in the area.

Such was the case with David Daum from River Sail Bay.

“I’m new to the area and amazed at all the crime here,” said Daum. “In just one week, there has been reported numerous home invasions, car thefts, assaults and robberies.

“To top it off, my next-door neighbor got his car stolen and was notified that gangs of youths troll the neighborhood during late-night hours, breaking into cars and...”

PB street musician to celebrate his 1,001st performance in style with sidekick Gangsta

By DAVE SCHWAB

Street musician Sam Schildkraut and his sidekick, Yorkie-Chihuahua (YoWaWa) mix Gangsta, will celebrate their 1,001st performance outside Skechers shoes at 4475 Mission Blvd. from 9 to 11 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9.

“We’ll both be dressed in our tuxes,” said Schildkraut of the special occasion.

It’s been a year since the unlikely pair was first featured in the Beach & Bay Press. Both remain active, vital and increasingly familiar in their adopted beach community.

Sam has gained notoriety for playing his sax while accompanied by Gangsta. And Gangsta is making friends, like his new buddy “Taco,” whom he hangs out with now whenever Taco’s owner Doug DePrima drops by.

DePrima said Taco and Gangsta are “homies.”

“They go wild for each other,” DePrima said, adding the two pet owners and their charges met at McDonald’s and have been friends ever since.

DePrima gives kudos to Schildkraut for spending time with and promoting his “sidekick.”

“Sam takes Gangsta to L.A. to take pictures with movie stars; he’s very busy with him,” DePrima said.

DePrima hopes some of Gangsta’s “street cred” will rub off on Taco. In fact, some of it already has.

“Taco does a dance on his hind legs that makes people laugh. That would make me rich if I were able to get him to do it on command,” said...”

The day every person counts

By THOMAS MELVILLE

Cold, dark, and early. On Thomas Avenue, the lights are glowing at Pacific Beach United Methodist Church and nearly 40 people, bundled up in sweatshirts, hats and scarves, are huddled around Imelda McClendon in the community room.

McClendon, the senior project analyst with the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, gives out last minute instructions and maps to the volunteers. It’s 3:30 a.m. and everyone is a little bleary eyed, but eager to get moving.

“Make sure to mark on the map where you see a person, but do not approach them,” she says. “We’re looking for unsheltered homeless this morning.”

By DAVE SCHWAB

“IF people have ever appreciated my work, hopefully they’ll come by and say hi.”

SAM SCHILDKRAUT

STREET MUSICIAN IN PB
Nominees set for Discover Pacific Beach’s annual awards

Discover Pacific Beach recognizes businesses in the district that contribute to the community of Pacific Beach throughout the year.

The 2014 nominees may be voted on from Feb. 1 to March 26 at www.pacificbeach.org. Winners will be announced at the Discover Pacific Beach Annual Dinner and Awards Casino Night on March 26.

The nominees are:

Newbie Award (This business is a unique and welcome addition to the community): Iron Pig Alehouse, Mad Beet, PB Smiles Dentistry.

Design and Improvement Award (This business aesthetically improves the community with unique architecture, attractive storefront and curb appeal): The Point (Promiscuous Fork), Perky Beans, Spice Lounge.

Heart of PB Award (This business exhibits staying power, resilience and innovation and contributes to the community of Pacific Beach): Broken Yolk, Beans, Spice Lounge.

This business aesthetically improves the community with unique architecture, attractive storefront and curb appeal: The Point (Promiscuous Fork), Perky Beans, Spice Lounge.

COUNT >> CONT. FROM PG. 1

On Friday, Jan. 23, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless collaborated with local community groups throughout San Diego County to conduct the annual Point-in-Time Homeless Count, known as WeAllCount.

According to McClendon, the count enables the region to better understand the scope, impact and potential solutions to homelessness and empowers the community to qualify for funding that is essential to addressing the issue.

At 3:45 a.m., the volunteers pair up, take their maps, and head out to count the homeless. Marina Baroff, 60, who lives in La Jolla, and Courtney Hammett, 27, from Ocean Beach, receive the boardwalk route, which starts at Pacific Beach Drive, heads south to Belmont Park and then back north up the bay walk.

Baroff, who is a retired health care executive, and Hammett, who is a social worker, are concerned about the homelessness issue and volunteered to help try and make a difference.

“I was surprised to see so many homeless when I moved here from Chicago five years ago,” Hammett said. “It’s an issue I want to know more about and learn what can be done to help.”

In the first 15 minutes down the boardwalk, the duo identify two homeless people on the beach and one riding a skateboard. In Mission Beach, a makeshift shelter is spotted near the Green Flash sculpture.

But on the walk north, the pair does not see any homeless. “I’m surprised we didn’t see more, but maybe that’s a good thing,” Baroff said. “It’s pretty cold, so hopefully they have found some shelter.”

In the coastal communities there are no permanent homeless shelters, but during the winter churches and other non-profit organizations open temporary shelters.

“We don’t have the numbers of homeless that they have downtown,” said McClendon, who has run the WeAllCount in PB for four years. “The homeless know where to find places and makeshift shelter to be able to sleep through the night. But we do the best we can to count them.”

At about 5 a.m., volunteers started arriving back at the church to give McClendon their maps and count totals. Over the weekend, the 'It makes me appreciate how things have gone for me and how thankful I am of everything I have in my life.'

COURTNEY HAMMETT
HOMELESS COUNT VOLUNTEER

Regional Task Force on the Homeless also conducted interviews with unsheltered homeless to find out more information on their various situations.

Those data will be compiled into a report and used to help secure federal funding for more services and programs to assist the homeless.

According to the Regional Task Force on the Homeless’ 2014 San Diego Regional Homeless Profile Summary: at a single point in time in January 2014, about 8,500 men, women, and children were homeless in the County of San Diego. A little less than half of them (47 percent) slept in a place not meant for human habitation on that night.

The report estimated that 85 percent (1,698 out of 2,007) of persons in homeless families were in a SD Regional Homeless Shelter program during last year’s count, while only 37 percent (2,796 out of 6,472) of homeless adult individuals were sheltered on that night.

The 2014 report concluded that veterans made up 17 percent of all homeless adults (sheltered and unsheltered); and that approximate-ly 26 percent of San Diego’s home- less adults suffer from some form of severe mental illness, while 19 percent are considered chronic substance abusers.

After volunteering for her first homeless count, Hammett said she could empathize with people who have fallen on hard times and have found themselves out in the cold.

“It also makes me appreciate how things have gone for me and how thankful I am of everything I have in my life,” she said.
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Man receives 38 years for robberies in PB, La Jolla

A robber whose ex-girlfriend turned him in for hold-ups and burglaries in La Jolla and Pacific Beach was sentenced Jan. 14 to 38 years in state prison.

Attorney Raymond Aragon, who represents David Allen Grub, 45, urged San Diego Superior Court Judge Melissa Laster for a lesser sentence because Grub has been in state prison for 24 years, saying, “He’s never been in state prison before.”

Deputy District Attorney Dennis Panish said Grub will have to serve 85 percent of his sentence, or 32 years, before he can be paroled.

Laster ordered Grub to pay $445,000 to the victims, mostly for missing jewelry taken in during daytime robberies in people’s homes in La Jolla and Rancho Santa Fe. She gave him credit for 787 days in jail and fined him $10,000.

Laster ordered a 20-year sentence for a 2012 robbery in which he discharged a rifle into a apartment, causing it to splinter and strike the throat of La Jolla homeowner Jay Hawley. Hawley said an ambulance took him to a hospital in which doctors “took out a piece of street from my neck” and used eight or nine stitches to close a wound near an eye.

Grub was also convicted of robbing a real estate agent, Peggy Chodorow, who had just finished showing Hawley’s $7 million home to prospective buyers. Grub took furs, jewelry and other items just as Hawley and his wife returned home and Grub fired warning shots into the pavement.

“My client’s very remorseful,” said Aragon. “He got involved with the wrong people.” Aragon added that Grub is not a career criminal and that Grub’s ex-girlfriend only wrote an incriminating letter because “he took up with another woman.” Grub did not testify.

“I just want to say I’m sorry,” Grub told Laster.

“I do understand how meth (use) can... cause very bad things,” said the judge. “I do think his remorse is sincere.”

The crimes were unsolved until Grub’s ex-girlfriend left an anonymous note in the Alpine sheriff’s station on Feb. 21, 2013 that listed the crimes, Grub’s name, his address and his car tag number.

— Neal Putnam

**News Briefs**

**Flooding next to MBHS**

Even though rain is a welcome sight for a parched Southern California, residents in the Pacific Beach neighborhood near Mission Bay High School are not thrilled about any precipitation. Because of clogged storm water drainage ditch near the high school, the area floods with even a slight rainfall.

When there is any significant rainfall, the school’s parking lots are flooded. The water also threatens to flood the school’s new athletic field, which is under construction.

Residents say they have asked city officials to clear the drainage ditch, but nothing has happened, and the problem persists. The drainage ditch was built to handle runoff from Mount Soledad.

**Box cutter found at Bonita Park**

A box cutter was found at Bonita Park on Sunday after more razor blades have been found in the grass at the same park in Mission Bay the previous Sunday.

No injuries were reported on Jan 25 or on Jan 18 when San Diego police found seven razor blades at the park on West Mission Bay Boulevard adjacent to Belmont Park in Mission Beach.

In the past 18 months police have found razor blades at the park four separate times, accounting for minor injuries to at least three people.

A reward of up to $2,000 is being offered for information about who planted the blades. Anyone with information about the incidents can call police at (619) 552-1700 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477.

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addressed — and perhaps answered — by longtime PB resident Paula Ferraco. She believes the most recent crime element in PB may have been displaced from elsewhere.

“Other neighborhoods are ‘tightening down’ on undesirables, etc. and moving them out of other areas, forcing them into PB, where there are lots of places to hide/camp out: untrimmed bushes in the Rose Creek area; parking for campers.”

Ferraco noted access and egress into and out of PB is “completely unrestricted.”

“Cronado has a bridge,” Ferraco said. “In PB, criminals can commit their crimes and easily exit.”

Ferraco suggested that tough economic times produce more desperate people who, as always, are seeking easy “marks” while pursuing crimes of opportunity. Such crimes involve things like breaking into vehicles with valuable items exposed, or breaking into homes, which are left unattended or unlocked.

“Alleys are routinely ‘prowled’ and blue recycling bins raided for cans and bottles (recycling),” Ferraco noted adding, “There is no enforcement for these petty crimes, no punishment.”

Ferraco said she subscribes to the “broken window” theory of crime.

“If you leave a broken window unrepaired, then the next crime is vandalism, arson, you fill in the blank,” she said. “Take care of the little crimes and the bigger ones will be avoided.”

Det. John Smith of the San Diego Police Robbery Unit offered this tip on how residents can protect themselves from door-to-door solicitors, some of whom may be criminals casing the neighborhood.

“In San Diego, these solicitors are required to have a business tax certificate and a solicitor’s identification card,” Smith said, pointing out soliciting is not allowed between 8 p.m. and 9 a.m. It is also not permitted where “No Soliciting” signs are present, noted Smith adding, “If a company is legitimate, they will gladly show you their paperwork. If you get the candy, magazine, solar, or alarm sales folks coming around, the worry is they may be casing a property with mal-intent.”

Anyone suspecting someone of soliciting illegally, or casing a property or acting suspiciously, is urged to call the non-emergency police line, (619) 531-2000.

**Melton to run for State Assembly seat**

Community advocate and local politician Kevin Melton announced his candidacy in the upcoming election for California’s 78th District State Assembly seat in 2016. Melton was a member of the “Kevin Faulconer for Mayor” campaign finance committee.
Activists raise awareness of climate change with 'high tide line' event in Mission Beach

Thick chalk lines drawn along the Mission Boulevard sidewalk in Mission Beach on Jan. 19 represented the high tide flood line projected to occur within the next 15 years by scientists at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD and SDSU.

Members of the climate change activist group SanDiego350 drew the chalk lines, which were titled “High Tide Flood Line – 2050” along the route and hand-dug flood maps indicating the areas of Mission Beach that will be flooded with progressive increases in sea level rise as well as fact sheets about local effects of sea level rise.

According to scientific projections, by 2050 roughly half of Mission Beach will likely be flooded at high tide. By 2050, the rest could flood about once every five years, when higher sea levels, high tides and waves from big storms combine.

And Mission Beach is not the only San Diego community at risk. Other at-risk areas identified by Scripps Institution of Oceanography scientists include South Bay, Coronado and La Jolla Shores, which are also low-lying regions.

The 35-year timeframe for the predicted 12 to 18 inches of sea level rise in San Diego is about the length of a typical mortgage and within the lifetimes of most people under 50 years of age. “We have a $1.5 billion per year tourism industry that could get sucked out to sea,” said Jeffrey Meyer, a SanDiego350 volunteer. “Floodings will cause a economic rip tide. All the politicians should be standing on this chalk line and answering what they’re going to do to mitigate climate change and flooding.”

The chalk-art project by SanDiego350 was designed to raise awareness among residents and business owners in the coastal community about the very real impacts sea level rise will have on Mission Beach and what they can do to mitigate climate change.

The project coordinator, Jeannine Peterson, said she organized this event for personal reasons. “I have two kids, aged 11 and 1.5. If I didn’t do everything I could to stop this climate catastrophe, I couldn’t live with myself. It’s not far to leave them this mess,” she added.

Sea level rise could cause property damage, beach loss, shrinkage of coastal wetlands and threats to infrastructure. But aside from raising awareness of the impacts of sea level rise, the volunteers also provided information on practical steps individuals can take in their daily lives to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that are driving climate change and sea level rise.

“We don’t want people to be discouraged, thinking there’s nothing they can do about this,” said partici- pant Ashley Mazzucci. “Aside from supporting green energy initiatives and driving less, eating less meat and dairy can also have a profound impact, because the livestock indus- try contributes one-fifth of greenhouse gases worldwide.”

“If people minimize water use, that helps too, as transporting, purifying and heating water all require energy,” she said.

The activists also collected signatures on a petition for a strong, enforceable City of San Diego Cli- mate Action Plan, with plans to send those signatures to the San Diego City Council.

City Council OKs permit fee among medical pot regs

San Diego City Council voted 8-1 Jan. 20 in favor of a package of amendments to medical marijuana regulations that, among other things, establishes a minimum fee of nearly $1,100 for annual operat- ing permits.

The amendments pertain to an ordinance that sets the terms under which dispensaries will conduct their business. The operating regula- tions differ from land-use restric- tions, which determine the allow- able locations for pot shops.

Council wants the annual permit fee to equal the cost of inspections and other expenses needed to regulate the dispensaries. The city’s projected costs include the use of police officers to make background checks, fire person- nel, zoning investigators, planners and City Treasury employees.

Dan Normandin, of the city’s Development Services Department, said the permit fee presented to the council was the smallest for a dispensary. Larger shops, with more employees and greater floor space, will face higher permit costs, he said.

Prospective owners of the medical marijuana facilities are currently going through a process to acquire another type of permit — a condi- tional use permit — that will allow them to open.

No legal dispensaries have opened within city limits. The application for the closest facility was submis- sed by a San Diego State University professor who wants to set up an establishment in Otay Mesa, near the Brown Field airport. Approval of his permit has been appealed. The city’s Planning Commission is scheduled to hold a hearing on the appeal Jan. 29. One legal dispensary operates on unincorporated coun- ty land near El Cajon. Numerous shops operating illegally have been shut down over the past year.

Once the legal dispensaries open, they’ll be limited to four per City Council district for a total of 36 within San Diego city limits.

Women testify in 'revenge porn' trial

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Deputy Attorney General Tawnya Austin said Bollaert post- ed the women’s names, ages, work and home phone numbers, and demanded money in exchange for the photos to be taken down.

“The victims clearly suffered,” Austin said. “He tried to ridicule these people.”

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Schoolyard Dash highlights All-Schools Fair

The Mission Bay Cluster held its All-Schools Fair and Schoolyard Dash 5K on Sunday, Jan. 25, at De Anza Cove at Mission Bay.

The Schoolyard Dash 5K Run kicked off the morning full of fun activities with information booths, student bands and presentations from the schools.

The second annual event drew more than 450 participants and raised funds for Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools, which supports programs at Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School.

“We began this event so that the entire community could join in, interact and have fun together,” said Kim Schoettle. “We had been holding auctions for many years prior to this event and decided that we needed to begin something new and different to energize our volunteers and bring the community together.

“This year we added the Mission Bay Cluster schools to the event so it involved thousands of students and their families.”

Schoolyard Dash 5K place-winners in all age groups include:

Elementary School boys: Harold Gildehaus, Jacob Adler, Henry Gildehaus.

Elementary School girls: Alexa Gibson, Lauren Pelot, Sydney Piquiloud.

Middle School boys: Nicholas David Arch, Miguel Ayala Ochoa, Ian Briski.

Middle School girls: Cecilia Almazon, Mariana Merlos, Songa Cayetano.

High School men’s: Jason Watts, Chris Varela, Tosh Knight.

High School women’s: Arianna Linley, Priscilla Tamborini, Katie Baker.

Adult men: Andrew Bruck, Brian Wigley, Ernie Remillard.

Adult Women: Margaret Ditchburn, Michelle Mead, Alice Kim.

All results are available online at www.schoolyarddash.org.

The All-Schools Fair presented all of the public schools in the Mission Bay Cluster.

All six public schools in Pacific Beach presented the play “Aladdin” in association with the Missoula Children’s Theatre on Jan. 17 with two showings. Students from Crown Point Junior Music Academy, Pacific Beach Elementary School, Sessions Elementary School, Barnard Asian Language Academy, Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School auditioned for their parts with 65 students selected for the production.

The musical was a huge hit with the community, with a large turnout of support. Thank you to Laura Daly for spearheading the event, the host families Cadena and Burcham, and Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools for sponsoring the wonderful performing arts experience. Congratulations to the entire cast and their supportive families.

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Pacific Beach Middle

The PBMS surf team “PB Locals” competed in their first surf contest of the year on Saturday, Jan. 10, at La Jolla Shores. Coach Mark Feighan said, “The team performed well overall, with many competitors advancing to semifinal and final heats.” Jesse Grigolite placed second and Bella Phillips placed fifth in the girls longboard division. Andrew Feighan placed third in the boys longboard division.

Mission Bay High

MBHS IB Tour: Join in on a tour of MBHS 8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 29. Meet in the front office and then attend a show in the library with classroom visits to follow. Find out the great things that are going on at Mission Bay High School and International Baccalaureate Program.

PB Elementary

Wednesday, Feb. 11, is Woodstock’s Wednesday. From 12-7 p.m., eat at Woodstock’s Pizza on Garnet Avenue and they will donate a portion of their proceeds to PBE.
Iron Pig Alehouse brings authentic smoked barbecue to Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

Iron Pig Alehouse in Pacific Beach is named for its “smoker,” the machine responsible for the authentic, slow-cooked smoked barbecue, which is its sustenance.

“The smoker is the backbone and the center of our universe,” said Kenny Casciato, one of Iron Pig’s business partners.

“It’s a big, humungous thing with four legs,” concurred Casciato colleague Brigitte O’Donovan. “It literally looks like a big iron pig sitting in the back (kitchen).”

“We’ve got a modern barbecue,” agreed Louise Kelly, one of Iron Pig’s partners who handles the PR. She let chef Rick Daniels, a Texas native, explain what makes Iron Pig’s smoked meat a cut above.

“We’re trying to bring a different kind of BBQ here, one people don’t usually find,” said Daniels, adding Iron Pig can – and will – smoke everything from quail, pork chops and appetizers to vegetarian items like portobello mushrooms.

“Iron Pig, at 1520 Garnet Ave., is indeed a Texas-style brisket cooked “low and slow” for 14 hours plus,” said Daniels, which he described as a Texas-style brisket he described as a Texas-style brisket that’s been smoking for about 14 hours plus.

“What’s the specialty of the house?” asked Casciato.

“Brisket,” answered Daniels.

“Why?”

“Because it’s good,” he answered.

Iron Pig, at 1520 Garnet Ave., is in the retail space formerly inhabited by Haiku Japanese restaurant and, before that, Ingrid’s Delicatessen.

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“My favorite part of the job is the people,” said Daniels, of the end product, which he described as a Texas-style brisket cooked “low and slow” for 14 hours plus.

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Beers from Iceland, Belgium and Germany are frequently on tap as well as brews from Tijuana and South America.

“We have dinner pairings, like a stout that goes well with a short rib or whatever,” she said, adding it’s “not just (about) what’s on the menu at Iron Pig” that’s so impressive.

“It’s also the mad scientists working together to make that happen,” O’Donovan said.

Daniels said everything at Iron Pig, right down to the ice creams, salad dressings and sauces, is made daily from scratch.

“You won’t find anything bottled or prepackaged,” he said. “It’s all coming in fresh. We’re making it with our own hands and giving it to the people.

Open for lunch and dinner, items on both menus are similar. Lunch is more geared toward sandwiches whereas dinners are bigger plates for heartier appetites.

While noting the food and how it is prepared are special, the restaurant-bar’s owners point out “it’s the customers that make this place great and fun to come into.”
Located in the heart of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Fiesta de Reyes is great Mexican food and more, right inside the birthplace of San Diego - the original Mexican pueblo was established here in 1821. Fiesta de Reyes and Old Town San Diego State Historic Park celebrate the early growth of the pueblo into a thriving city.

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After years of planning and construction Mossy Toyota has completed their state of the art car wash operations at 4555 Mission Bay Drive. In addition to servicing over 5,000 vehicles a month and offering a complimentary car wash to their service customers Mossy Toyota now offers this great service to the public.

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PB retirement communities are finding that visually stimulating murals are an aid to patients with limited cognitive abilities.

Enter San Diego muralist Rik Erickson, who has just completed five murals for Active Care, a newly completed memory care facility building at 2440 Grand Ave. in the Mission Bay area.

“I’m a full-time muralist,” said Erickson. “My dad was an artist in Stalag 17 during World War II.”

Erickson’s five murals took one month to complete, and he worked second shift to avoid conflicts with construction crews who were on the job site during the day shift.

Erickson’s PB murals were commissioned to help trigger pleasant memories for the residents, to distinguish and beautify the walls and to provide local visual landmarks on walls that would help direct the residents to their areas.

The idea is that murals speak instantly and without words to patients with limited perceptual abilities, providing comfort and easily remembered areas within an otherwise confusing environment.

Erickson was more than happy to lend his expertise to a project that will help seniors get along day to day. He met with retirement center staff to ensure they were on the same page with his recent mural project.

“I met with the head guy in charge of each particular residential area of the building for each different mural, which are all beach-themed,” he said. “A lot of these old-timers grew up in and around the beaches, and these murals serve as mementos to help them find their way within the building.”

“More baby boomers are reaching that (retirement) age,” added Erickson.

Discussing his artistry, Erickson begins by researching the agreed-upon subject before gathering real-life photos of it. From there, he projects a photographic image of the subject to be painted onto a wall. Then he gets to work using acrylic paint, the modern medium for rendering murals.

“How long does it take to paint a mural?” Erickson answered while adding, “I’m pretty quick.”

The mural images were first designed in Photoshop, and then Erickson printed them on transparencies. An opaque projector was then used to project the images onto the walls at night.

“I do some sketches from the photos and work with Photoshop,” he said of his technique, which also involves arranging the composition of the mural to match the shape of the walls. Then Erickson adds his own personal touches.

“With the Belmont Park roller coaster mural, I added some classic cars that people will recognize and get a big kick out of,” he said.

Most muralists are paid by the square foot for their work, varying from about $35 to $75 a square foot depending on the quality of the work and the difficulty of the job.

“I included the (work) materials in with the cost of the bid,” Erickson said.

The muralist said he has — and will — paint murals on most any kind of building.

For more information, call (619) 296-9898 or visit www.muralsfantastic.com.
Niara Eustace is the dance instructor and choreographer for the high heel workout classes at Fitness West in Pacific Beach.

Cosco Sisters Bring Studio Barre to Bird Rock!

New dance class brings high heel workout to PB

By KAI OLIVER-KURTIN

Burning off those extra holiday calories doesn’t have to be dreaded. At Fitness West in Pacific Beach, a new Heels dance class is attracting women who can dance the night away in their high heels while burning calories and building confidence.

An urban fusion class for all levels, Heels has roots in street jazz, burlesque and hip-hop club dance styles, at times resembling a Beyonce music video. Dancers are responsible for bringing their own high heels to class and can select whatever height or style is most comfortable for them.

“It’s a great emotional release that you won’t get with solo exercise,” said Niara Eustace, dance instructor and choreographer. “Aside from a great workout for toning your thighs, calves and waist; it’s a huge confidence builder.”

Eustace, a Pacific Beach resident and mother of three, has been teaching dance for nearly 15 years. Originally from Brussels, Belgium, Eustace moved to San Diego two years ago from Boulder, Colo., where she owned and operated her own dance studio.

While in Boulder, Eustace was also a member of the Denver Nuggets hip-hop team and had the opportunity to work with the founder of the jabbawockeez dance crew. Gary Kendall, while touring throughout the country and abroad.

Having spent most of their lives doing everything together, going into business seemed like the next best idea for the Cosco sisters. Before Studio Barre, Lindsay found her fitness in the water surfing and practicing yoga. Jennifer, an endurance athlete, competes in Ironman triathlons and ultra-marathons annually. However, when Studio Barre became a shared passion of theirs they decided to bring Studio Barre to Bird Rock! Studio Barre offers a specialized barre class that focuses on building core strength, improving posture, and creating a dancer-like body. “Coming from opposite sides of the fitness spectrum, we felt if we could both fall in love with this type of fitness routine, we could relate to a lot of people,” located at 5705 La Jolla Blvd in Bird Rock, class schedule is online at studiobarre.com/birdrock/. Come check out the grand opening promos and fabulous boutique! First class is free! See you at the barre!

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BUSINESS

Local judge honored

The Southern California Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers recently awarded longtime fellow Ned Huntington, of South Mission Beach, with its first Lifetime Achievement Award at a dinner ceremony in Carlsbad.

Huntington lives at the beach with his wife Terri, a real estate accountant. He has two children, Jessica, a UCLA and USD graduate, and Adam, a USC graduate and seasonal lifeguard in San Diego. Huntington helped form the South Mission Beach Judges Association and is a member and legal advisor to OMBAC. He was appointed to the bench in 1995 by his friend, former Gov. Pete Wilson.

Lawyers earn honors

Five partners from Kirby Noonan Lance & Hoge, LLP have been honored by San Diego “Super Lawyers”: Michael L. Kirby, David J. Noonan, James E. Lance, Charles T. Hoge and Micaela P. Banach.

Noonan, a Point Loma resident, was also selected to the 2015 “Top 50: San Diego Super Lawyers.”
Woods, Mickelson at the fore in annual Farmers Open next week

Whether or not you’re a golf fan, there are many reasons to go to the annual Farmers Insurance Open, running Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 5 through 8, at iconic Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla.

This year, the PGA Farmers tournament will include two of the sport’s biggest luminaries: San Diegan Phil Mickelson, a three-time tournament winner; and Tiger Woods, who has won the tournament six times, including four years in a row (2005-08).

The cost to access the tournament ranges from $30 to $200.

“Our most powerful impact on San Diego is 20 1/2 hours of live coverage and 31 million U.S. viewers,” said Peter Rips, CEO of The Century Club, the 501(c)3 nonprofit that stages the annual event and associated festivities.

The Open is one of the events circled on the calendar of the La Jolla Village Merchants Association, the Business Improvement District responsible for promoting all things La Jolla.

“We have hung the banners for the Farmers Insurance Open up around the Village as our support to the tournament,” said association executive director Sheila Fortune. “We promote the tournament through our social media pages and website calendar.

“We will promote our... businesses and their ‘specials’ during the tournament and encourage people attending the tournament to come in to the Village and shop and dine for the evening after play,” continued Fortune. “The local hotels and restaurants are usually booked during this week, and they reach out to those that visit them annually.”

Some attractions not to miss for those who go to the Farmers Tournament:

• The popular Fringe, an open-air, high-energy sports bar setting located on the 15th green. Perfect to entertain clients, meet up with friends and family and enjoy some conversation, a beverage and up-close views.

• The Fan Village, behind the 15th green, adjacent to the 17th fairway and a few hundred feet from the 18th tee, the epicenter of action at the Farmers Insurance Open.

• Fan Village Expo, a fan-friendly exposition where guests can try the latest golf equipment, learn more about vacation packages and more.

• The Grove, a popular outdoor space where fans can relax and enjoy upgraded and expanded concessions, like the Grey Goose Lounge, Beringer Wine Bar and the Michelob Ultra Build-A-Bar, or catch some golf action in the bleachers on the par-3 8th hole.

The tournament originally was noted for having singer-actor Andy Williams as a celebrity host from 1968 to 1988. It started as the San Diego Open in 1952 and went by that name through 1985. Title sponsors were added in 1981, with Farmers Insurance coming aboard in 2010. The event is organized by the The Century Club of San Diego.

For more information, visit FarmersInsuranceOpen.com.
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Daniel Jackson
Tribute at Dizzy’s

The community recently lost legendary saxophonist and pianist Daniel Jackson, but his music will live on thanks to friends and fans. On Saturday, Jan. 31, at 8 p.m. at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive, will be the site of a special concert in honor of Daniel Jackson Week, with an all-star tribute that will make getting a seat at this show the envy of jazz fans the world over.

On hand will be bassist Marshall Hawkins as well as Chuck McPherson, Charles Owens, Evan Christopher, Mikan Zlatkovich, Toby Boss and Dorothy Annette, with even more special guests likely.

- Bart Mendez

DANCE >>
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in the process of building a dance division at the Circus Center, she works with circus performers to choreograph their acts.

Eustace’s classes at Fitness West are held on Thursday nights and do not require a gym membership. For those who plan to attend classes regularly, punch cards can be purchased for $10 per class, or drop-ins can pay $12 per class. Hip Hop Fusion is from 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. and Heels is held from 7:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Hip Hop Fusion is set to a high-energy mix of heavy bass music with choreography influenced by different styles, including dancehall, street jazz, breaking, popping and locking. Routines capture the raw feel of hip hop movement and can be personalized to dancers’ individual styles.

“I’m gearing classes here for all levels,” said Eustace. “You’re going to get a great workout and you don’t have to have any dance experience. I like to give people the framework and let them build it how they want.”

Eustace is open to the idea of running her own dance studio again one day and has firsthand knowledge of what is needed to be successful. For now, she’s considering adding a beginner-level contemporary jazz class in Pacific Beach.

“I love introducing new movement to people,” said Eustace.

Fitness West is located in the Pacific Plaza II shopping center at 1880 Garnet Ave. For more information, visit www.niaradance.com

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