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Conceptual plans released for Mission Bay wetlands restoration

ReWild Mission Bay — a project of San Diego Audubon and its partners to enhance and restore wetlands in the north east corner of Mission Bay — recently released the final conceptual plans for how wetlands can be feasibly restored to protect wildlife and our communities. The three plans include expanded public access and habitat restoration options, as well as cost estimates and sea-level rise modeling. "What is so exciting about this effort is how involved the community has been from the beginning, helping our consultant team develop the restoration plans from the ground up,” said Rebecca Schwartz Lesberg, project manager for ReWild Mission Bay. "These aren’t just our suggestions – this is what the community has asked for. People have been vocal about their support for finding a way to restore and protect this piece of San Diego’s coastline, and ReWild Mission Bay provides that path forward,” she said.

The plans, and all of the analysis that went into them, will be presented to the public at a workshop on the evening of Dec. 6 at Mission Bay High School.

The full report describes the existing and historical land use and environmental conditions of Mission Bay, what the opportunities and constraints are to restoring wetlands, and analyzes how each of the final plans stacks up in achieving the goals of ReWild Mission Bay. The report, and the detailed restoration plans it includes, is the result of more than four years of public engagement, including four workshops attended by hundreds of community members.

The project’s Wetlands Working Group Steering Committee, including the California State Coastal Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the University of California’s Natural Reserve System led the process collaboratively with restoration professionals at Everett International Consultants and San Diego Audubon staff and volunteers. The effort also involved close coordination with an expert Science and Technical Advisory Committee, which included scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve, as well as staff from the City of San Diego’s Planning, Parks and Recreation, and Transportation and Stormwater Departments, among others.

"Rarely has a planning process in the City of San Diego involved such collaborative efforts between scientists, conservationists, and the community,” said Schwartz Lesberg.

Wetlands — including marshes, mud flats, creeks, and more — play an important role in San Diego’s quality of life, as they attract wildlife, foster a diverse ecosystem, improve water quality and protect communities from flooding by providing a cushion during high tides. Today, only 5 percent of the historic 4,000 acres of Mission Bay wetlands remain, making ReWild Mission Bay a critical and time-sensitive project for the area.

Chris Redfern, executive director of San Diego Audubon, highlighted the value of having City of San Diego support for the effort, which has been part of the Mission Bay Master Plan for decades.

Redfern said: "We are excited to work with the City and all of our partners to see this vision implemented. This is the only way to protect the millions of remnant wetlands, which provide crucial habitat for wildlife, from disappearing.’’

UC San Diego study: Global warming costing U.S. economy about $250 billion a year

For the first time, researchers have developed a data set quantifying what the social cost of carbon — the measure of the economic harm from carbon dioxide emissions — will be for the globe’s nearly 200 countries, and the results are surprising.

Although much previous research has focused on how rich countries benefit from the fossil fuel economy, while damages accrue primarily to the developing world, the top three countries with the most to lose from climate change are the United States, India and Saudi Arabia — three major world powers. The world’s largest CO2 emitter, China, also places in the top five countries with the highest losses.

The findings, which appear in Nature Climate Change, estimate country-level contributions to the social cost of carbon (SCC) using recent climate model projections, empirical climate-driven economic damage estimations and socioeconomic forecasts. In addition to revealing that some countries are expected to suffer more than others from carbon emissions, they also show the global social cost of carbon is significantly higher than the one standardly used by the U.S. government to inform policy decisions.

Among the most-trusted contemporary estimates of SCC are those calculated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The latest figures for global costs range from $12 to $62 per metric ton of CO2 emitted by 2020; however, the new data shows SCC to be approximately $180–800 per ton of carbon emissions.

What’s more, the country-level SCC for the U.S. is estimated to be about $50 per ton — higher than the global value used in most regulatory impact analyses. This means that the nearly five billion metric tons of CO2 the U.S. emits each year is costing the U.S. economy about $250 billion.

We all know carbon dioxide released from burning fossil fuels affects people and ecosystems around the world, today and in the future; however these impacts are not included in market prices, creating an environmental externality whereby consumers of fossil fuel energy do not pay for and are unaware of the true costs of their consumption,” said lead author, UC San Diego assistant professor Kate Ricke, who holds joint appointments with the campus’s School of Global Policy and Strategy and Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Ricke added, "evaluating the economic cost associated with climate is valuable on a number of fronts, as these estimates are used to inform U.S. environmental regulation and rulemakings.”

For example, claims that carbon dioxide causes relatively little harm to the economy can more easily justify rollbacks on environmental regulation.

In order to model the effects of CO2 emissions on country-level temperatures, the authors use an innovative approach by combining results from several climate and carbon dioxide models to capture the magnitude and geographic pattern of warming under different greenhouse gas emission trajectories, and the carbon-cycle and climate system response to carbon emissions.

Since carbon dioxide is a global pollutant, previous analysis has focused on the global social cost of carbon; however the country-by-country breakdown of the economic damage global warming will cause that this paper presents is important for various reasons.

"Our analysis demonstrates that the argument that the primary beneficiaries of reductions in carbon dioxide emissions would be other countries is a total myth,” Ricke said. "We consistently find, through hundreds of uncertainty scenarios, that the U.S. always has one of the highest country-level SCCs. It makes a lot of sense because the larger your economy is, the more you have to lose.”

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Judge delays release of ‘Bolder than Most’ Pacific Beach rapist

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The judge who earlier ordered the conditional release of the 1980s “Bolder than Most” rapist put the release on hold Oct. 26 after officials discovered the residence’s self-described owner wasn’t authorized to rent it out.

The courtroom of San Diego Superior Court Judge David Gill was packed with people opposed to the release of Alvin Ray Quarles, now 56, who sexually assaulted 12 women in Pacific Beach, Mission Bay Park, Old Town, and elsewhere from 1985-1988. However, Gill took no testimony as the issue of the house in Jacumba Hot Springs caused Gill to halt the release. The site will not be re-considered. Quarles remains in a state psychiatric hospital in Coalinga, Calif.

David Forester, the regional coordinator of Liberty Healthcare Corporation, which operates the conditional release program, told Gill the property owner “was not permitted to sub-lease the property” to the agency.

The self-described owner owns the house, but the registered owner is the state Department of Veterans Affairs, according to an e-mail Forester sent the judge on Oct. 15, three days after Gill ordered Quarles’ release there. “The obvious next step is to find another suitable placement,” said Gill, after reading the e-mail into the record.

Forester asked for more time for the agency to find a new place where Quarles future may live, and Gill set another hearing for Jan. 4, 2019.

Cynthia Medina, who wore a shirt that described her as a “Bold Than Most Survivor,” expressed frustration afterwards, saying she wanted to testify and tell the judge Quarles should not be released.

“I almost slipped through the cracks,” said Medina.

Medina said she and her husband were attacked at knifepoint in 1988 in an Old Town hotel by Quarles. She said the building has since been torn down.

Quarles got the nickname because he was considered “bolder than most” rapists because he would attack women and their partners instead of women who lived alone.

Medina and others said they would return on Jan. 4 to speak against his release.

Deputy District Attorney Jessica Soto filed a motion for Gill to reconsider Quarles’ release on other grounds such as Quarles has not yet finished the four-phase sexually violent predator(SVP) treatment program at Coalinga State Hospital.

Gill did not rule on Soto’s motion, and she will be free to argue it again. She also argued the doctors at Coalinga did not recommend his release.

Quarles was sentenced to 50 years in prison in 1989, but under law at that time, he earned credits that allowed his release after serving half of his term. He has served 25 years, so his prison sentence is over.

He was declared a SVP and held in a state hospital for the last 4 ½ years. He petitioned for release. He has been diagnosed with sexual sadism disorder, voyeuristic disorder, and anti-social personality disorder.

County Supervisor Dianne Jacob also was in court and had hoped to testify. “He remains locked up. That’s good news,” said Jacob afterwards.

“This guy is the worst of the worst,” said Jacob. “Let’s hope they can’t find a place to put him. I would encourage people to write letters to the judge.”

Thirteen SVPs have been released in San Diego County. Five were remarried back to Coalinga for program violations, but without new criminal charges.

The “Pacific Beach Pipeline Replacement Project,” which is replacing and rehabilitating water and sewer infrastructure to avoid future water main breaks and sewer pipeline stoppages, has ramped up again and is causing traffic disruptions in the coastal communities.

The project is replacing about 7.6 miles of water main and approximately 1.6 miles of sewer main in Midway/Pacific Highway Corridor and Mission Bay.

The aim is to help the City better serve communities by improving service reliability, reducing maintenance needs and lessening the risk of future water main breaks.

In November, project construction continues in three areas:

Pipe installation under Glenn Rick Bridge. Crews are performing daylight work at the median and pipeline replacement. The Venture Bridge was renamed for the late Glenn A. Rick, known as the “Father of Mission Bay Park” in 1979. A longtime City planning director, Rick planned and executed the making of Mission Bay Park.

Crews are installing water services from Bayside Lane to Glenn Rick Bridge. Traffic control will be in place subject to change as work progresses.

Construction work on Ingraham Street. The contractor will be working near Ski Beach Park and start remaining service installation and connections during the next few weeks.

Pipeline south replacement is part of the City’s ongoing program mandating replacement of all aging/deteriorating cast iron water mains now in service.

The project includes: replacement of fire hydrants, curb ramps and traffic-control devices; management practices to control erosion; resurfacing of streets impacted by project construction; and installation of new accessibility curb ramps.

The pipeline replacement project also demolished the Pacific Beach Reservoir, built in 1908, and removed from service more than 20 years ago.

Notices are being mailed to residents and businesses in the project area prior to start of construction. The City’s contractor will also deliver door hangiers with the start date of construction for specific streets.

Started in July 2016, project construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2020. The project’s planning, design and construction budget is $4 million.

For information about CIP projects, visit sandiego.gov/cip. Contact the Public Works Department at 619-533-4207 or email engineering@sandiego.gov.

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The special day honors Maruta Gardner, former principal at Mission Bay High School, who was killed in 1988 in an Old Town hotel by Quarles. She said the building has since been torn down.

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MB Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to Mission Bay Beach’s enhancement. “It’s in spirit with how she lived her life, and how she brought a lot of people to community service.”

Reilly noted Gardner had a mysterious about her when it came to community recruitment.

“You’ll show up at an event — and the next thing you knew you had a task to do,” Reilly said. “She was really inspiring in that way.”

After Gardner’s unexpected death, organizations and neighbors in Mission and Pacific Beaches came together to memorialize her. A mural honoring Gardner, designed by Israel (Ezra) Cervantes, was painted by him, along with the aid of the Mission Bay High Mural Club, last year at the school.

A second inspirational community mural is in the works.

“I’ve asked for a piece of wall on city property,” said Reilly noting the theme this time will be inspiring community service. “It will be geared toward people in service military and emergency responders, police, lifeguards and the fire department,” she said. “We’ll put out that theme and let artists give us several renditions.”

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City’s Public Safety Committee endorses mayor’s scooter regulations

By DAVE SCHWAB | Beach & Bay Press

The City Council’s Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee on Oct. 24 unanimously endorsed Mayor Kevin Faulconer’s proposed new regulations for electric scooters.

The PS&LN Committee directed staff to return early next year with more fleshed-out details on new regulations and fees. City staff testified fees charged for scooter use in other cities range between $30 and $365 per-device per-year.

The mayor’s regulatory framework covers five primary areas: limiting maximum speed in designated zones, rider education, data sharing, operating fees and legal indemnification for the City.

The committee vote followed more than an hour of public testimony. Residents testified the new travel mode was providing jobs, helping people get where they needed to go for short distances and was helping the City reach its ambitious climate-action goals.

In 2016, the City Council passed a Climate Action Plan calling for eliminating half of all greenhouse gas emissions and electricity used in the City to be from renewable sources by 2035. But the other side was equally vociferous in pointing out electric scooter use is presently lawless, dangerous and is crowding pedestrians, including the disabled, bicyclists and others off public thoroughfares and needs regulation.

Beach-area residents and transportation stakeholders testified about the thrills — and ills — of scooter ridership.

“The mayor’s framework addresses some, but not all, of the issues,” said Marcie Beckett of Pacific Beach. “We have underage riding, double riding, adults with kids double riding. They’re just littering and overwhelming our communities. We need cost-recovery fees to pay for police enforcement. Laws mean nothing without enforcement.”

Andy Hanshaw of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition said, “Scooters are increasing mobility options.” Discussing scooters being prohibited on sidewalks, Hanshaw noted, “People ride on sidewalks because that’s where they feel safest.”

Scooter companies are using our infrastructure and not paying for anything,” contended Beckett, who’s been documenting widespread law violations by local scooter riders. “Each scooter should have a license plate, and riders should be required to scan their driver’s license.”

Scooter riders are required to scan their driver’s license. Beckett issued a handout with a laundry list of suggestions for new scooter regulations that included: cost-recovery fees from companies to provide law enforcement; company fees for bike/scooter lane development and maintenance; citations and fines for adults unlocking scooters for underage riders; and citations/fines for scooter companies whose vehicles block ADA ramps, sidewalks, businesses or private property.

Group chair Henish Paulickal said other cities have employed high-tech to control scooters. “If you don’t park it in designated areas, it won’t turn off,” he said. “It keeps running.”

“We need to limit the number of scooters in any community.” Anderson added.

“Proper parking for these is a big sore point,” said board member RJ Kunysz.

“What we actually need is a per-mile use fee for each vehicle accessed,” said board member Jason Legros. “That is the only way we can keep up with the impact of scooters.”

“The mayor’s framework is a first step,” said board member Karl Rand.

“Tracking them needs to be refined,” added board member Jim Morrison.

Board colleague Ed Gallagher noted, “[Scooters] should be able to slow down. The technology is there. [Dockless] bikes also shouldn’t be left on the sidewalk at night to get knocked over.”

Audience member Chris Breslow gave a hotline number, 888-205-2442, people can call to get scooters fetched from in front of their properties. Board member Kristin Victor suggested scooter regulations ought to be part of a broader discussion of transportation safety to include bicycles and cars.

In other action

SDMTS transportation planner Peter Casellini updated the group on a feeder bus study underway for the Mid-Coast light rail extension from Old Town to University City serving nine new stations, including Pacific Beach/Clairmont. Casellini fielded numerous questions from board members and residents.

MTS is developing a plan for adjusting bus service to better serve the new Trolley extension. Mid-Coast Trolley construction began in fall 2016 and service is anticipated to begin in 2021.

Cassellini said SDMTS is hosting regional workshops on the future Mid-Coast interconnection between buses and trolley.

Mayor announces upgrades for Mission Bay

MAYOR ANNOUNCES UPGRADES FOR MISSION BAY

With the goal of enhancing and preserving San Diego’s regional parks for generations, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer announced on Oct. 31, while at Sunset Point Park with local officials and park advocates, that more than $40 million in infrastructure investments will be made over the next few years in Mission Bay Park.

The new investments in Mission Bay Park include upgrades to playgrounds, restrooms, trails and other amenities as well as environmental projects to preserve the park for future generations.

PACIFIC BEACH BANNER PROGRAM

Discover PB is offering merchants an opportunity to advertise their businesses and beautify the community at the same time via banners. Banners will be placed in high-traffic corridors on Garnet Avenue, Mission Boulevard and other prime locations throughout the beach community.

“The PB Banner program is a community beautification program with the intent of promoting local businesses, events and community gatherings of general public interest on the streets and public rights-of-way,” said Sara Berns, Discover PB’s executive director. “It is also a way to promote neighborhood pride and identity.”

Banners costing $350 include a business logo on the merchant’s choice of a Shop, Play, Eat or Farmers’ Market banner to promote shopping while encouraging tourists and locals alike to shop, eat and stay local.

Banner sponsorships are open to all PB small businesses and local organizations. Proceeds from banner sales will go directly back to neighborhoods, helping to fund ongoing community improvements.

“We also have a renewal discount for anyone renewing their banner from last year,” said Berns.
DOGS FROM FLORIDA NOW AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

Some of the dogs transferred to San Diego from shelters in Florida are ready to find loving homes. On Oct. 18, 93 dogs were flown to San Diego to create space at shelters in the Florida Panhandle for animals who have been displaced by Hurricane Michael. The Florida dogs are available for adoption at San Diego Humane Society’s San Diego Campus (5500 Gaines St.).

These pets are not direct victims of Hurricane Michael. They are dogs who were transported to San Diego to create room for pets who have been lost, strayed or abandoned due to the hurricane. These pets do not have owners who will be searching for them when the conditions improve. All of the dogs will be spayed/neutered, current on vaccinations and microchipped. The available dogs can be found at sdhumane.org/pet and can be identified by the tag “FLM.” Adoptions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS OPEN FOR MAIL BALLOT VOTERS

Mail-ballot voters have options when it comes to turning in their ballots for the Nov. 6 Gubernatorial General Election. They can send in their ballot by mail, drop it off at the Registrar of Voters Office in Kearny Mesa or drop it off at any one of 59 additional sites (including the Pacific Beach Library on Cass Street) throughout the county before Election Day. The drop-off sites will be open during each location’s regular business hours from Monday, Oct. 29 through Election Day. The available dogs can be found at sdhumane.org/pet and can be identified by the tag “FLM.” Adoptions are on a first-come, first-served basis.

FALL FEST AT BELMONT PARK

Belmont Park’s Fall Fest continues during November, Fridays through Sundays, 5 p.m. to close. In the spirit of giving, Belmont Park has partnered with the San Diego Food Bank by hosting a free-ride food drive with a donation of five canned food items Fridays through Sundays, 5 p.m. to close. On Saturday nights in November, guests (18 and older) may sign up to compete in free pie eating contests to win a family four-pack of combo wristbands. Free entertainment will also be offered on select dates. The park will hold a military and veterans’ weekend 5 p.m. to close November 9-12, including all day on Nov. 12. Wristbands will be half off for veterans, military and dependents with valid I.D. On Monday, Nov. 12 at Beach House, veterans can enjoy a free burger and beer with I.D.

100 WAVE CHALLENGE RAISES $325,000

Team Surf Dogs – comprised of Turbo, a wave-dancing Golden Retriever, Koa, a gårgeous, goofy-footed Chocolate Lab, and Tristán, a tenacious surfing Westie – were among the surfers who recently caught 100 waves in one day in Mission Beach. The trio of surfing canines raised $4,164, while capturing the hearts of their fellow surfers and spectators gathered on the beach to watch the 100 Wave Challenge unfold.

Surfers representing the United States Coast Guard Sector, San Diego raised $5,864, narrowly edging out the San Diego Fire Department Surf Club as the winner of the inaugural First Responders Cup. Degree 33 Surfboards topped the leaderboard at $36,406, earning them a weekend surfing adventure in Las Gaviotas, Mexico.

Surfing world champion and Boys to Men Mentoring Network surf legend Shaun Tomson earned the title as Top Individual Surfer, bringing in $32,000. It costs $25,000 to bring a Boys to Men mentorship program to a new school campus. Thanks to the passion and commitment of 100 Wave Challenge Surfers and Surf Angels, and the organization’s sponsors.
Mission Beach entrepreneur wraps solar system around wrists of San Diegans

By VICTORIA DAVIS | Beach & Bay Press

What started out as high school graduation gifts, eventually became the business that won Mission Beach resident Bea Doheny the “Entrepreneur of the Year 2018” award. She may have moved to San Diego only five months ago, but the reputation of Doheny’s Astronobeads bracelets preceded her, having distributed more than 9,500 jewelry products across the globe in the past two years.

“The cool thing about astronomy and space is there’s so many things to be inspired by,” said Doheny, who continues to receive orders from Australia, Israel, Romania, and Budapest, along with local requests across the U.S. “We’re discovering new stuff every day and it’s fun creating jewelry that embodies that.”

Doheny grew up in Columbia, Mo., and harbored a fascination for astronomy since she was 7 years old. Since she worked in an art studio during high school, Doheny decided to make bracelets as celebratory grad gifts for her friends. Each bracelet was made up of nine beads, representing each planet in the solar system, and included a note from Doheny that read, “Every time you look at your solar system bracelet, remember I think you’re out of this world.”

“It was cheesy, but I loved it,” said Doheny with a laugh. “And funny enough, that’s the bracelet that really started it all.”

During her sophomore year of college, Doheny was studying business marketing at the University of Missouri and saw the uniqueness of her product and its potential. Using the resources available to her – experienced business professors, graphic design students, and website mentors – Doheny started building her budding brand. But it was her younger brother who came up with the name, “Astronobeads,” not only combining “astronomy” and “beads,” but also pointing out Doheny’s first name, “Bea” fits in with the title.

“I guess it was just fate,” said Doheny, who received the national title “22 Under 22 Most Inspiring College Women” her junior year. “What I love about entrepreneurship is that you learn the most by getting out there and trying it yourself. Even though it was a huge balancing act between classes, online orders and my social life, the reward was so much greater, and I learned so much more than I could have in a classroom.”

After graduation, Doheny knew she wanted to move to San Diego to tap into its plentiful, coastal art scene. While she’s busy with online holiday gift orders this season, Doheny has also been navigating her way through the Ocean Beach and Pacific Beach farmers markets, selling her Moon, Jupiter and Mars bracelets along with Pluto chokers and cosmos hoop earrings. Her original solar system bracelet continues to be the best seller.

“I just love being in an environment that inspires me and there’s so much creativity in San Diego,” said Doheny. “It’s just a dream everywhere you go. I decided I just was going to get out there and make it happen and make it work. My products just fit so well with the vibes here on the West Coast.”

“Astronobeads’ appeal has extended to the East Coast and is even a sale item for Connecticut’s “StarTalk Radio,” hosted by Neil deGrasse Tyson. Doheny connected with the radio station’s social media manager, Stacey Severn, and after sending samples of her bracelets, Severn fell in love.

“Our whole thrust is to make science interesting and approachable to people, and Bea’s jewelry seemed symbolic of bringing the solar system a little closer and making it accessible and fun,” said Severn, who herself wears a solar system bracelet on her left wrist. “The beads were like the first thing I wanted to get into the store.”

The beads have also become a regular gift given to celebrity guests on the show, including Bill Nye and Whoopi Goldberg, who wore her solar system bracelet for two weeks on “The View.”

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It was go bigger, or go home.

That’s how Blaine Tiongson, owner/designer of Momma Pots in Pacific Beach, described her entry into concrete pot production and sale.

Tiongson cut her entrepreneurial teeth for about 15 years in the restaurant business, doing operations and start-ups working, by her own account, “like a mad woman.”

A serious car accident and two subsequent back surgeries, however, took her out of that industry. But it only strengthened her resolve to find her true niche.

“I didn’t want to feel defeated,” said the mother of two young daughters.

While recuperating, Tiongson started cultivating the huge lot where she lived. “I transformed it into a full garden,” she said. “I created a park. It was huge.”

She found it a transformational experience.

“It was so inspiring, I felt so alive,” Tiongson said, adding she became motivated to find a way to share that with others.

Enter Momma Pots, which started out in Tiongson’s garage in April 2017.

“I’m a perfectionist. I did a lot of research and development. I worked very hard,” Tiongson said of kick-starting her new business.

Momma Pots is genuinely home-grown. “We hand pour all the concrete. And we hand paint everything,” said Tiongson of her creative process, which she learned on her own.

“It was received better than I expected, and we’ve been working at an accelerated rate,” she added. Momma Pots has a small retail section out front with lots of potted plants, and a large warehouse space in back where pots are manufactured, painted and stored.

Tiongson’s clients include boutique owners, plant suppliers, nurseries and gift suppliers. Concrete pot prices range from $12 to $500.

Momma Pots ships nationwide. “Everybody has found me on Instagram,” noted Tiongson. “I developed a brand and a name on Instagram. We spread pretty quick.”

The company’s logo is “inspired by things that grow.”

Tiongson would encourage others to follow her path in becoming an entrepreneur.

“But they have to be willing to work, and be consistent,” she said. “It’s a wonderful challenge for anybody that has the drive. You have to put your best product out, and ignore the fear (of failure).”

Looking back, Tiongson reflected on how far she’s come.

“Going from my home garage to a 5,000-square-foot warehouse was a little scary,” she admitted while adding, “It’s taught me strengths, and taught me a lot about how strong I am, and how inspiring I can be.”

Momma Pots started in a home garage and has grown to a 5,000-square-foot warehouse with retail space.

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Info: mommapots.net, 714-348-3239.
Almost eight years ago, Maria Salazar came to America from Neiva, Colombia, to trail-blaze. And today, the 24-year-old Pacific Beach resident is doing just that. Inciting women to “shop with a purpose,” she recently launched Arawayuu, a “Bo-Ho chic” brand that showcases – for sale – the ever-so-popular Mochila artisan bags.

Exquisite, one-of-a-kind, hand-woven, multi-colored bags, clutches and shoes – made for men and women – have become must-haves for every fashionista. Featured in Vogue and J Crew, the innumerable items at Arawayuu.

Salazar donates 10 percent of each sale back to the tribe. “It’s my way of honoring the Wayuu,” she said. “I want the world to know the world to know what these women do with their own governments. Women, who reigned as tribal leaders, also directed households while men worked the animals and crops. Once self-sustained by farming, the Wayuu tribe is located in the La Guajira desert along the Colombian and Venezuelan border. The indigenous “people of the sun, sand, and wind,” also occupy a small peninsula on the Caribbean Sea. The former nomads escaped the Amazon rainforest in 150 A.D. Battling conquistadors and harsh living conditions, the tribes welcomed tourism to sell their colorful textiles and ceramics, including their popular Mochila bags, shoes, hammocks, and blankets, crafted by their expert weavers.

Salazar’s pineapple logo satiates her obsession with the “exotic” fruit that serves as a “tropical, colorful, and warm hospitality welcome sign.” “What better way to showcase the Arawayuu brand than to do so by using a pineapple as the logo,” she said. “Pineapples are fun.”

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Mission Bay High's RoBucs, is a robotics team that competes in nationwide competitions through the FIRST program.

Students at Crown Point Junior Music Academy enjoy reading books together in their new Think Big Reading Room.

MISSION BAY HIGH
Mission Bay High’s RoBucs, is a robotics team that competes in nationwide competitions through the FIRST program. The team teaches students many valuable skills, from engineering to programming to public relations, that can be applied to real-world situations. The team provide hands-on learning experiences using different machinery and technology to build a robot, which prepares students for future engineering and science careers.

Every year, RoBucs compete against other schools at a variety of locations. Last year, they competed in San Diego and Fresno, where they showcased work across all divisions of the team. To help the team cover the costs of admission and equipment, they are looking for sponsors to support the team and help them impact as many student lives as possible. Contact therobucs@gmail.com for information.

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE
The PBMS tour will take place 8 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 1. Check in at the front office and head to the library to meet with Principal Kimberly Meng and International Baccalaureate advisor Jenny Sims to learn about current programs and exciting changes coming to PBMS. Take a school tour after the meeting.

CROWN POINT JR. MUSIC ACADEMY
Through the generosity of Eleni and Wolfgang Gagon Trust, and in association with the San Diego Unified School District and the Canon Scholars Fund (CSF), a Think Big Reading Room opened at the school. The Think Big Reading Room Project helps to create a literacy-enriched environment that sparks a child’s interest in reading and is dedicated to promote reading as a key to unlocking a child’s potential.

The Think Big Reading Room Project brings students, their families, faculty and the community together to raise awareness of the benefits of developing a lifelong habit of reading and the importance of everyday, leisure reading. Striving to educate children to be critical thinkers and problem solvers, CPJMA provides an environment where academic growth is strengthened by the integration and study of music. CPJMA’s ocean-themed reading room will be an additional resource for the school and serve as a launch pad to instill a love of reading and learning in students at an early age.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY
Congratulations to kindergarten teacher Jeff Corley, who was recognized in October through SDCCU Classroom Heroes. SDCCU, ABC 10News and Heart-Media are recognizing “Classroom Heroes” throughout 2018. Winning teachers will be featured on a segment on ABC 10News, receive a $500 SDCCU Visa gift card and one winner will win a new Toyota Prius.

Sessions welcomes Jessica Cohen as the new literary research teacher, who brings life to the library, the “hub” of the classroom. Jessica is a leader in the National Baccalaureate school.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY
PB E has an amazing group of teachers, but the school wanted to give a special thanks to Mr. Sandler for coordinating safety patrol and the Rubik’s Cube team and to Ms. de Goede for coordinating the new Leadership Club and being our school’s technology expert.

The school tour will take place 8 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, starting in the office.

BARNARD ELEMENTARY
Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School is committed to helping children grow into good people, as well as good students. Barnard students opened their hearts, medicine cabinets, closets, and pantries to help children and families in need, demonstrating a spirit of giving that permeates the entire school. In September, Barnard kindergartner James W., who is undergoing treatment for cancer, challenged the school community to donate boxes of fun and colorful adhesive bandages to Rady Children’s Hospital for Childhood Cancer Awareness month. More than 300 boxes (8,890 bandages) were collected, which James personally delivered to the hospital.

“When James and I brought the bandages to the hospital, he insisted on carrying one of the 13-gallon bags himself,” said his mother, Jody. “These stickly helpers really bring smiles to kids – including James. He was especially happy to pick out a ninja one to wear after his treatment that day.” In October, Barnard’s community supported the Little Haiti Refugee Shelter in Tijuana, Mexico, by collecting clothes, blankets, shoes, hygiene products, diapers, and food.

Barnard parent volunteer Alejandra Reyes-Tostado was overwhelmed by the amount the school’s families were able to
Psychoilly band, The Meteors, to blast Brick by Brick on Nov. 1

Dr. BART MENDEZCA | Beach & Bay Press

Legendary U.K. psychobilly band, The Meteors, stop in at Brick by Brick on Nov. 1. Formed in 1980, the trio’s manic punk-tinged version of rock-a-billy is high-energy fun, mixing originals with obscure covers such as Sam The Sham’s “Little Red Riding Hood.”

Prolific to a fault, the band has released more than four dozen albums to date, becoming a mainstay of world stages over the past three decades in the process. The key to the band’s success is likely down to their ability to maintain a blistering performance level, with their most recent album, “Psycho,” showing the same energy and inspirations as their debut, “In Heaven,” released circa 1981.

The Meteors: Thursday, Nov. 1, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.brickbybrick.com

The 710 Beach Club hosts a two tribute band bill on Nov. 1, featuring Rage Again (Rage Against The Machine) and Oceans (Pearl Jam). Both perform excellent versions of their namesake’s artists best-known songs, but the nod here may go to Oceans, who not only have more radio hits, but also include two former San Diego residents in drummer Matt Cameron and singer Eddie Vedder. Anyone who enjoys Pearl Jam’s music will find this show to be the next best thing until the next tour. Rage Again: Thursday, Nov. 1, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. and up. 710bc.com.

Blues, Soul and Funk band Detroit Underground bring the party to Tio Leo’s on Nov. 24. Featuring powerhouse vocalist Stella on vocals, the band excels at dance music from Stevie Wonder to Bruno Mars, with a few rock classics in the mix.

However, with a full horn section, where they truly excel is on funk tunes by the likes of Rick James or Tower of Power. The brass giving the band extra punch and rhythm. If you are looking for a great soundtrack for a night out of dancing, Detroit Underground will have you out on the dance floor in minutes.

Detroit Underground: Saturday, Nov. 3 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. tioloes.com.

Guitarist Dave Gleason has a two-night stand at Beaumont’s on Nov. 1-2. On the first, Gleason will be in solo acoustic mode, digging deep into a catalog of country classics, while on the second he will be backed by his trio. Gleason is a fantastic guitarist, playing old school country with plenty of twang and revved up early rock ‘n’ roll energy. In addition to the old favorites, Gleason has plenty of originals cut from the same cloth, perfect for two stepping, line dancing or enjoying with a drink at the bar. Dave Gleason: Nov. 1-2 at Beaumont’s, 5662 La Jolla Blvd. 21 and up. beaumontseacity.com.

Celebrating Joni Mitchell’s 75th birthday, on Nov. 11, singer Robin Adler, guitarist Dave Blackburn and pianist Barnaby Finch, will host a special afternoon performance of her 1971 album, “Blue.” Making this concert extra notable, the evening will close with Mitchell material from earlier works alongside songs she has never released. Mitchell remains one of the finest singer-songwriters to emerge from the 1960s. Although best known for her pop hits such as “Help Me” and “Both Sides Now,” it’s her explorations into jazz and beyond that have likely had the biggest influence, making Dizzy’s the perfect place for this concert.

Celebrating Joni Mitchell: Sunday, Nov. 11, at Dizzy’s at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 4 p.m. dizzysjazz.com.

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Mission Bay Bucs fall sports
teams wrap up seasons

Girls volleyball
The Bucs, under head coach Steve Upp, ended the regular season with a 20-11 record. Mission Bay secured the 16th seed in the CIF Division II playoffs. In its first-round match, Mission Bay lost in three sets to top-seeded Sage Creek.

The loss ended the career of Bethany Kepner, who had been the anchor of this year’s team and a huge contributor to some of the best teams ever at Mission Bay during her four seasons starting on them, according to Upp.

“Looking forward to seeing who steps up next year as the team has many talented players returning along with a promising group of freshmen and sophomores from this year’s junior varsity,” Upp commented.

Despite the loss of Kepner, the Bucs have much to look forward to in the coming years.

Boys beach volleyball
Under head coach Nikki Caulfield, the Bucs finished tied for second place in league with a 3-2 record and made the Division I playoffs. The Bucs faced off against Canyon Crest Academy in the first round of playoffs and narrowly lost 3-2 with the pairs of Ian Biski/Dusty Schroeder and Cody Armstrong/Ryan Deery winning their matches.

In just the fourth year of the program, the Bucs had their most successful league season.

According to Caulfield, notable season highlights include the pair of Zander Caufield/Andy Knight winning the Coronado Open Tournament and Biski/Schroeder placing second in the CBVA tournament. Both teams also qualified for the silver bracket division for the high school varsity championships.

With Zander Caulfield the only senior among the top five varsity teams at the end of the season, the Bucs look to return nearly all of their top players for next year. Additionally, with a number of very strong junior varsity players that made it into the top seven-eights teams this year, the Bucs have the potential to have a very strong team for next year.

Coach Caulfield said of this year’s team: “We had our largest squad ever and with us hoping to build sand courts on campus by next year, we are really excited about the future of the program. We are hoping to get enough fundraising to get the courts built.”

Given the success and growth of the program the last few years, the Bucs continue to serve up progress.

Boys water polo
The Bucs came into the week with a record of 12-10. Unfortunately, they were unable to qualify for CIFs.

Placing 13th in Division II, head coach Lyndsay Sutterley noted it was a close race for qualifications to CIFs.

According to Sutterley, some key members of the team over the last two weeks included goalsie Whitney Snead (more than 120 blocks this season) and attacker Kyle Baker.

“It has been a competitive season for us,” Sutterley said. “Over half of our games this season were one- or two-goal games. Sometimes this was in our favor, sometimes not. However, close games continue to help develop our athletes’ characters and perseverance. We’ve shown vast improvement from the beginning of our season and are looking forward to next year.”

Girls tennis
Mission Bay came into the week with an overall mark of 3-12 (2-10 in league action). The Bucs did not qualify for team CIFs.

According to head coach Trong Tong, some of the key players have included Amanda Edmunds, Resina Valia and Ryan Stone.

“Given that three quarters of our team are newcomers this season, a majority of which were beginners, we competed admirably throughout the season with teams that are quite frankly ‘out of our league’,” Tong commented. “However, it’s been tough to build on any momentum as we had to constantly shuffle our lineups due to the numerous illnesses and injuries.

“Amanda and Resina managed to grab a seed in doubles for our league finals tournament this week, while Ryan also got seeded in the singles. With tremendous focus and a little luck in the coming days, hopefully we can get a couple of our players into Individual CIF next week.”

Field hockey
The Bucs, under head coach Kris Auer, entered the week with a record of 6-9. Unfortunately, Mission Bay will miss CIFs this season.

Auer noted the play of juniors Danya Padilla (for her defensive work) and Amanda Wistikowski (for her evolution as an attacking player).

“When we endured a five-game losing streak, the girls never quit on each other or their season,” Auer stated. “As a result, the senior night on Oct. 24 resulted in a 1-0 home victory against Point Loma.

“The underclassmen showed tremendous love for their seniors on their last home game and senior captain Clara Sandoval slotted the game’s only goal to make for a magical moment in this trying season.”

Svajda serving up name for himself on tennis circuit

San Diego is one of the best locations in the world to play tennis. But in the conditions of the local weather, it should not come as a big surprise that many up-and-coming tennis players call San Diego home.

That said 15-year-old Pacific Beach resident Zach Svajda (will turn 16 in late November) has had a good year so far. Zach Svajda has his sights set on even bigger things.

With 2018 winding down and the New Year around the corner, “I’ve tried not to change too much in my game since my last tournament,” Svajda commented. “I’ve been talking to my coach and we’ve been tinkering with just some small technical stuff on the serve, but nothing major. The serve is the big thing for me right now.”

With 2018 winding down and the New Year around the corner, Svajda has his sights set on even bigger things.

“I want to get my ranking inside the top 500 in the world.” Svajda said.

The ANOC World Beach Games
The ANOC World Beach Games Local Organizing Committee recently began the one-year countdown to 2019 by announcing a media rights agreement with NBC Olympics, coupling its Olympic pedigree and established digital platforms with the first global festival of beach, water and action sports.

The competitions begin in Mission Beach on Oct. 9, 2019, with the local organizing committee expecting approximately 1,300 athletes from every Olympic continent, and more than 400,000 fans for the event. With 15 sports during six days, qualification procedures geared towards attracting the world’s top athletes, and live musical performances every night, the event will be compact, competitive and compelling.

NBC Olympics will present coverage across NBC, NBCSN, NBCSports.com, the NBC Sports app, and Olympic Channel: Home of Team USA.

The full schedule will be announced in the near future, including a one-hour recap special on NBC following the conclusion of the Games. More than 50 hours of world-class coverage will be available for broadcasters around the world, featuring six days of live and recorded sport. Opening and Closing ceremonies, medal ceremonies and the concert series.

“San Diego has a rich history as a pioneer of beach sports and a hub for creativity, so this is a great opportunity to further that legacy,” said Local Organizing Committee Chairman Vincent Mudl. “With NBC Sports as our domestic broadcasting partner, the ANOC World Beach Games San Diego 2019 will provide an incredible opportunity to bring new athletes and new sports to a new generation of fans in America.”

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