PB couple catching flies and attention with innovative trap

By DAVE SCHWAB

You’ve heard of the better mousetrap? A Pacific Beach couple have recently come up with their own innovation: a better flytrap.

Dennis and Joylyn Darrell were sitting in the kitchen of their North PB home about a year ago when Dennis, an engineering graduate from UC San Diego, had the proverbial “light bulb” go up over his head.

“Dennis really hates flies,” said wife Joylyn, pointing out Dennis had “tinkered” with developing flytraps previously and that they both had become irritated noticing flies walking around the rim of their indoor garbage cans trying to get in.

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Citizens group fights city’s new rentals proposal

If STVR allowed in residential zones, it may violate the city’s general plan

The City of San Diego has been put on notice by citizens group Save San Diego Neighborhoods that if the mayor and City Council intend to change the city’s municipal code to allow short-term vacation rentals in residential neighborhoods, it must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, Save San Diego Neighborhoods’ attorneys delivered a letter with the notice and request for a formal reply from Robert Vacchi, director of the San Diego Development Services Department.

The letter advises city officials that changing the city’s municipal code to allow short-term vacation rentals (STVR) to operate in San Diego’s residential zones represents a “fundamental change” to the municipal code. Save San Diego neighborhoods also

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 Cheers for Mission Bay’s home opener

The new Mission Bay High School cheerleaders perform at the first Friday night game in their new stadium. (Below) Derrick Clark returns a kickoff against West Hills. Clark scored the team’s last touchdown in the 36-13 win with a 44-yard run.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS MELVILLE

After a few fumbles, Friday night lights shine bright at MBHS

About five minutes before the kickoff of the Mission Bay Buccaneers game against the West Hills Wolf Pack on Aug. 28, players wandered about on the sideline, cheerleaders were still figuring where to stand, and the bleachers were only about half full. Everything felt tentative.

But there’s bound to be a little confusion when a school plays its first Friday night game under the lights at its brand new stadium. Unfortunately, that apprehension filtered onto the field as the Bucs first half was marred by fumbles, penalties and miscommunication and a 13-3 deficit at the half.

But then after the sun had set and the team had burst through the cheerleaders’ banner to start the second half, everything came together. The Buccaneers scored 33 unanswered points, the cheerleaders jumped and screamed, and the fans found out that stomping on the shiny new bleachers could create a cacophony of sound.

In the end, the team earned a season-opening win, and the school’s new sports complex shined in the night – a beacon for Buccaneers to follow.

— THOMAS MELVILLE

BRAZILIAN DAY

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Saúde! Brazilian Day festa on Sunday in Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

The eighth annual Brazilian Day San Diego, on Sunday, Sept. 13, will dazzle with a parade, live music and a street fair featuring Brazilian products and cuisine on the streets of Pacific Beach.

A carnival-style parade with vibrant floats, extravagant costumes and energetic music starting at 3 p.m. is the highlight of the festival. There will also be nonstop entertainment on two stages, including musical bands and dance ensembles. A food court with a vendors exhibition and a kids zone will round out festivities.

The festival is being conducted between Bayard and Everts streets, just one block from the beach, and will cover five blocks along lively Garnet Avenue. The event provides a day for the entire community to come together to embrace the cultural flavors, sounds and arts of Brazil.

Two stages full of attractions will bring some of the best Brazilian artists and performers throughout California as well as several artists direct from Brazil.

Billed as the biggest Brazilian Day on the West Coast, event director Paulo Batuta promised San Diego’s version will bring the “spirit of Brazil” to the beachfront. He added the culturally inspired affair will be better than ever this year.

“We’re going to have better costumes and more floats,” Batuta said, noting there will be a new type of cuisine, acaraje, deep-fried black-eyed peas from West Africa and Brazil, served this year in the event’s food court.

Batuta noted the 13th is expected to be hot, which he said reminds him of the South American country and is sure to help bring a “Brazilian vibe” to PB.

“Brazilians refer to San Diego as the Rio de Janeiro of the United States,” said Batuta, noting Mission Bay’s geography with its beaches and bays is similar to Rio, which is known for its carnivals, samba dance music, Sugarloaf mountain and Christ the Redeemer statue landmarks.

“San Diego is one of the best places for Brazilians to come, many of whom live here,” added Batuta.

The theme for the 2015 Brazilian Day parade is “The Olympic Spirit,” referring to Rio de Janeiro, which will play host the 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

Festivities will also include a kids zone with face painting, inflatables and activities led by “Nos de Chita,” a performing arts group that involves children in storytelling, body percussion and games.

This year, the Brazilian Day event will be broadcast live by Terra.com, one of the leaders in online Latino media, with a presence in 19 countries, including Brazil, the U.S., Mexico and Spain.

The eighth annual Brazilian Day San Diego, street fair, and parade is the second largest Brazilian festival in the U.S. attracting nearly 50,000 attendees annually. It is free and open to the public.

Brazilian Day is produced by Brazilian Institute for Arts and Culture, a local non-profit organization. For information, visit braziliandaysandiego.com.

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When it comes to serving the local aquatic community, Liquid Foundation is squarely on solid ground.

“It’s always been a board shop, all about surfing,” said the Mission Beach company’s president, Matthew Gardner, who also owns Cheap Rentals nearby, which now offers monthly memberships. “It’s not just a big corporate place,” said Gardner of his updated boutique. “It’s just a great local surf shop that you really feel good going into. I loved that vibe about it.”

Liquid Foundation is a surf boutique carrying custom-made boards from four renowned shapers. It offers full lines of men’s and women’s surfwear and carries accessories for dogs, including a line of “Barking Dog” socks, from which a portion of proceeds goes to support the San Diego Humane Society.

“We really stand behind brands with important causes,” noted Gardner.

Gardner finally took over the business in February of 2014 after having been approached repeatedly to do so by the previous owner.

“He really sweetened the deal with a better price, a different layout,” Gardner said, adding, “I would have hated to see it (Liquid Foundation) go. So I jumped at the chance to jump in and keep it alive and revamp and revitalize a lot of the aspects that make LF unique.”

The company features numerous high-profile, top-flight brands like Reef, Electric, Sector 9 and GoPro. One section offers Reef sandals of every size for every age. Another section is devoted to GoPro action, sport-oriented waterproof still and video cameras that can be mounted on surfboards or on surfers themselves. Items are in the $250 to $500 range.

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One thing Gardner changed was the shop’s Cadillac surfboard is a super-long ‘shark’ board shaped by Marty Allen, with the image of a shark on its nose, selling for $1,200.

“The cameras” come with all sorts of different accessories, depending on what else you want to do,” Gardner said, adding the cameras and their mounts “float in the water.” Near GoPro is a rack of floating, polarized sunglasses made from recycled materials. In the back are the custom-made surfboards, a cornerstone of the shop’s business.

Shapers include Marty Allen, of Australia, and Jim Ellington, of San Diego, who’s been designing and shaping boards since 1976.

“Jim got his start on the North Shore of Oahu,” Gardner said, “and he’s always been right here in Mission Beach. Everybody knows him. He’s a classic guy and makes a very nice, clean, sharp surfboard.”

Also on hand is a surfboard line from North County, called Kailani. Surfboards are typically in the $450 to $550 price range.

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Liquid Foundation also has a rack of trendy Sector Nine skateboards. Gardner noted that skateboarding is an important crossover business for him.

Also carried are complete lines of board shorts; thin, stretchable, quick-drying T-shirts; and full-length wetsuits, all of which, Gardner noted, are “comfortable and easy to wear when you’re out surfing.”

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By DAVE SCHWAB
Blue Largo to hold album release party at Tio Leo’s

By BART MENDOZA

On Friday, Sept. 18, blues and jazz combo Blue Largo hosts a release party for their latest album. Led by guitarist Eric Lieberman, the band has been at Second St. in Coronado since their formation in 1999, their bright, brush take on swing music in particular being popular with local dancers. The latter point is important, as this is not a band for just background music. If you will get the most enjoyment of when you can get up close and feel the energy. The new disc will be a welcome addition to any jazz fan’s collection, but the real magic is in their live performances.

Blue Largo: Friday Sept. 18 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.tioleos.com.

Anyone looking for midweek jazz will want to check out the Jade Visions Jazz Trio performing at Café Bar Europa each Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. Named after a song by piano icon Bill Evans, the band features Doug Hartley on drums, John Ross on bass and Don Robinson on piano. It’s a low-key setting for emerging new talent, with Hartley’s work particularly noteworthy. The Jade Visions Trio’s sets are the perfect way to unwind after a hard Tuesday at work, but really, no excuse is needed to take in great music in the warm, friendly atmosphere of Café Bar Europa.

Jade Visions Jazz Trio: 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. www.thequetrouse.com/wordpress.

Melodic punk favorites, The Darlings perform at Brick by Brick on Sept. 11, on a particularly strong bill that also includes the Hard Fall Hearts, Dice For Lights and The Triggers. While the Redondo Beach based Darlings have never scored a hit, they have attracted a dedicated audience with hook-lined rock tunes and manage somehow to be managing to make a sound somewhere between the Buzzcoocks and Social Distortion. If you haven’t caught them yet, this tenth anniversary tour is the perfect excuse – but make sure to get there early, the openers are well worth hearing as well.

The Darlings: Friday, Sept. 11 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. www.brickbybrick.com.

Legendary jazz guitarist Robben Ford stops in at Humphrey’s Backstage Live for two shows on Sept. 12. His own solo work is well known, as are his collaborations with both blues and jazz icons as Charlie Musselwhite, Miles Davis and The Yellowjackets.

However, pop fans owe Ford a listen as well, with his sterling fret-work on releases by everyone from Barbra Streisand to KISS, Bonnie Raitt to George Harrison – including the distinctive acoustic guitar on the late Beatles 1974 hit, “Dark Horse.” The chance to catch a legendary performer such as Ford, touring behind new album “Into The Sun” in such an intimate setting as Humphrey’s, makes this the jazz show of the month.

Robben Ford: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Humphrey’s Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Dr, Shelter Island. 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. www.humphreysbackstagelive.com.

One of the biggest internationally selling Spanish language albums of the ’60s was easily the 1964 disc Amor, by Edie Gorme y El Trio Los Panchos. Featuring her classic take on the song “Sabor A Mi,” the album became an instant standard and remains the best selling album in the legendary stars catalog. On Sept. 12, Dizzy’s will host a special tribute concert dedicated to the music of Edie Gorme y El Trio Los Panchos, featuring singer Gabriela Borjaquez, pianist Roberto Salomón and Gabo Núñez on bass as well as local percussion virtuoso Churri Chávez.

A perfect date-night event, the evening will focus on romantic Latin classics, but this is no mere nostalgic trip. These are songs that have stood the test of time and can still bring a tear to the eye or a smile to the lips, depending on the set list.

Saturday, Sept. 12, at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. www.dizzysjazz.com.

The biggest band to emerge from San Diego in the past two decades/It’s easily Blink 182. With a slew of hit tunes, it’s no surprise that tribute bands have sprung up around the world in their honor, including San Diego’s own, Blink 180True, who perform at the 710 Beach Club on Sept. 19.

No surprises are likely to be included in the night’s repertoire, just the hits, from “What’s My Name Again” to “I Miss You.” Blink 182 is apparently about to embark on the next chapter in their story with new guitarist Matt Skiba, so this show will be a fun summation of the band’s successful first act.

Blink 180True: Friday, Sept. 18 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com.

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San Diego’s Demand for Solar Energy Skyrockets Before SDG&E Changes Take Place

Experts Say Monumental Changes will Occur in Less than Six Months

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San Diego, Calif. (August 24, 2015) – As a result of Assembly Bill 327, passed in 2014, the rules of solar will be changing for future investors of renewable energy in California. There is a maximum capacity of solar that can be installed by property owners under current favorable conditions in each of the state’s investor-owned utility territories, and San Diego Gas and Electric will be the first to hit that cap.

An educational workshop surrounding the changes will take place for the beach and bay communities on Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Marina Village Conference Center.

The billing arrangement that provides solar owners full retail credit for the energy they put on the grid, called net energy metering, is ending. Property owners who install a solar energy system prior to the cap being hit will receive 20-years of grandfathering protections under the current attractive full-retail credit program.

“We have never seen such a great demand for solar in the eleven years we have been operating in San Diego,” said Daniel Sullivan, founder and president of Sullivan Solar Power, whose company far exceeded 2015 projections even in early winter months.

Industry experts suggest that the cap for net-energy metering will be hit sometime between December of this year and early 2016. In order for property owners to get grandfathered in to current rules, their projects must be installed and energized.

“Given changes that will be coming next year and favorable conditions right now, there has never been a better time to go solar,” said Bernard Del Chiaro, executive director of the California Solar Energy Industries Association (CALSEIA).

Next year, solar incentives will become less attractive on a national level as well. The Federal tax credit for solar currently covers 30 percent of a project’s cost but is ending in 2016 for residential properties, and will be reduced to 10 percent for commercial property owners.

“Those who want to go solar will not receive the same sweet solar deal that has always been available in our region,” said Sullivan, “The opportunity to be grandfathered into net metering is creating unprecedented demand, a solar gold rush.”

Property owners can learn more about the changes at the free educational luncheon on Saturday, September 12 at 11 a.m. in the Marina Village Conference Center.

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The San Diego Housing Federation says the report released this summer, Linking Innovation with Inclusion: Demography, Equity, and the Future of San Diego, shows “linking people and place” through affordable housing policies moves San Diego forward equitably and sustainably.

Conducted by University of Southern California Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, the report highlights how a lack of diverse, equitable communities impacts the region’s long-term economic, environmental and social well-being, and it identifies challenges lower-income San Diegans face—particularly the communities of color, immigrants and youth.

“These data show that, without a college degree, San Diegans are making less than the regional housing wage and, even with a college degree, black and Latino workers still make less than the regional housing wage,” says Bruce Reznik, executive director of the San Diego Housing Federation, the region’s leading voice for affordable housing.

The regional housing wage is the average income that a person needs to make to spend no more than 30 percent of his/her take-home pay on rent or mortgage, nearly $27 an hour in San Diego. “San Diego’s economy relies on these hardworking individuals, so we need more affordable and transit-friendly housing to lift all of San Diego,” Reznik said.

In addition to identifying these types of issues that affect the region as a whole, the report provides solutions to the long-term threats, many of which directly relate to affordable housing. This isn’t surprising, says the Housing Federation, as the non-profit knows that affordable housing is underutilized in San Diego in solving many of the current and projected problems that this report highlights.

The report’s recommendations for a more equitable, sustainable San Diego include:
- Establishing stable funding sources for affordable housing: Policies such as linkage fees that create resources for affordable housing units to help keep the cost of living balanced throughout the city ensuring the region’s growth and the future middle class.
- Protecting current residents from displacement: More affluent populations are moving to the urban core, driving lower-income communities to our suburbs that often lack transit and other infrastructure to serve these communities. Forcing these lower-income communities away from job centers and into cars results in more congestion, pollution and lost productivity. Policies that are responsive to the need of existing residents and that protect these residents from displacement pressures are vital in combating this trend.
- Focusing on more mixed-income communities: By utilizing policies such as inclusionary housing, where housing developers dedicate a certain amount of housing units for low-income residents, ensures more balanced communities.
- Increasing civic engagement among emerging populations: By providing programs at affordable housing communities and involving these residents in the policy decisions that impact their communities, we can help develop leadership and break cycles of poverty.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility for free, reduced-price or full-price meal benefits. Currently, there is no charge for reduced-price meals at San Diego Unified schools, and full-price meal rates are $1 for breakfast, $2 for elementary lunch and $2.50 for secondary lunch.

Children from households whose gross income is at or below the appropriate levels are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Households who receive CalFresh (also known as SNAP or Food Stamps), California Work Opportunity and Respon- sibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FPDR) benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside.

Application forms will be distributed to households with a letter informing them of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available in the school office. To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, households must complete an application and return it to the school office. The San Diego Unified School District recently announced its policy for providing free and reduced-price lunches at SD Unified Schools.

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Two pedestrians struck by vehicles in PB last week

A 28-year-old male driving a Chevy pickup truck northbound on Dawes Street violated signs, made an illegal left turn and struck a 72-year-old male pedestrian about 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 31.

He was crossing Grand Avenue in a southbound direction on the west side of the intersection. The pedestrian died at the hospital due to head injuries suffered in the accident. Traffic Division is investigating.

A suspected drunken driver whose car hit a woman in Pacific Beach on Sunday, Aug. 30, was arrested as she attempted to run away, according to a San Diego police officer’s report.

The driver ditched her car and ran but was arrested nearby on suspicion of felony DUI and hit and run, Delimitros said. Her name was not immediately released.

Delimitros said the victim suffered head trauma and abdominal injuries. The driver ditched her car and ran but was arrested nearby on suspicion of felony DUI and hit and run, Delimitros said. Her name was not immediately released.
Six months after his father’s death, Shane Hardin continues the family tradition at iconic Hodad’s

By TERRY RATNER

In early August, I spot a young man in a wheelchair outside Hodad’s in Ocean Beach, a California license plate on the front tray reads “Ricky.” He’s wearing a black button-down shirt with “Hodad’s” embroidered over the left pocket, a Padres hat and a Bluetooth headset. A yellow burger wrapper sits on his tray table next to a soft drink and a Guymi. I ask him if he comes here a lot, and with a wide smile, he says, “I volunteer at Hodad’s.”

I’d never entered Hodad’s before my interview with restaurant owner Shane Hardin, the late Mike (Bossman) Hardin’s 24-year-old son, who is now Hodad’s third-generation restaurateur. This is not a situation Hardin anticipated – it’s just the way things happened.

Hardin meets me at the entrance and introduces himself with a smile. He’s low-key: respectful, self-assured, with a hint of shyness. A bicycle wheels, lifeguard rescue cans and the front-end of a Volkswagen (booth for three) keeps patrons entertained – reminders of a life missed.

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“I’m not out on the beach selling shark repellent to tourists, like my grandfather, and I’m not the greengarous unofficial mayor of OB, like my dad.”

He looks down and says, “My feet are way too small to fit the Bossman’s shoes. I’m just me.”

Humphreys Restaurant appoints Nicolas Bour as new executive chef

Humphreys on Shelter Island announced on Aug. 19 the appointment of Nicolas Bour to the position of executive chef of Humphreys Restaurant, Humphreys Backstage Live and Humphreys Half Moon Inn & Suites. Bour comes to the celebrated property from Mistral at Loews Coronado Resort and previously led the opening team of AVANT at Rancho Bernardo Inn as executive chef, subsequently operating the kitchen for several years. Amid his impressive list of accomplishments, Bour was selected to chef for Prince Abdullah of Saudi Arabia and King Hussein of Jordan and at the inauguration of President Obama.

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The wacky, whimsical ways of Modern Times Beer

By FRANK SABATINI Jr.

With its production facility named the Lomaland Fermentorium and an onsite tasting room boasting a sensational mosaic of Michael Jackson created from thousands of Post-it notes, consumers soon learn that Modern Times Beer isn’t your everyday craft brewery.

Since launching two years ago in the Midway District by comic book enthusiast Jacob McKean, the warehouse has become home to a prolific line of aroma-driven beers famous for their hybrid styles. It has also spawned a coffee roastery on the same grounds and a second tasting room in North Park called The Flavordome.

At Lomaland, visitors enter a 2,000-square-foot space complete with ample seating options, including a spacious bar propped up by hundreds of hard-cover books. But the academia vibe quickly turns zany under the looming gaze of Jackson holding a monkey, positioned opposite another lofty wall plastered with comic-book pages from McKean’s collection.

Near the entrance hangs a series of curious, velvet portraits depicting the names and faces of the company’s key investors. They’re referred to as “the league of partygoers and elegant people.”

The bar is rigged with 16 taps, five of them devoted to core beers such as the Lomaland bright-rustic saison, the Fortunate Islands hoppy-tropical wheat ale, and the acclaimed Black House coffee stout, which maintains a 90-point “outstanding” rating by BeerAdvocate magazine.

The other handles rotate weekly and focus on seasonal releases, pilot batches and other mysterious experiments, many of which can be found only inside the company’s tasting rooms in the form of flights, pints and growlers.

The philosophy behind those beers: “Combine features from established categories to create new island-of-Doctor-Moreau-style mash-ups,” referring to the fictional sci-fi doc from the namesake novel who transformed animal parts into hybrid humans.

Among the latest newfangled rollouts is Mega Blazing World, an imperialized, amber version of the hoppy core favorite, Blazing World.

“It’s a double-dry hop beer that will stick around for at least a few weeks, depending on sales,” says Modern Times chief operations officer Chris Sarette.

Also fresh from the tanks is an IPA named Floating World, made with rare South African hops.

“We were on a mission for a couple of years to acquire those hops, and we finally got them,” Sarette adds.

In its short history, Modern Times has produced 24,000 barrels of beer in the last year alone while offering regular monthly releases in cans, bottles and on draft. Sarette cites the hoppy “sessionable” pale ale, Oneida, as among the most popular since it was introduced on tap in late May.

“It developed a huge following very quickly, and we’ll continue rebrewing it for about three more months,” he says.

Currently in the making is Auro-ra, a red rye IPA that promises a unique flavor profile combining spiced malts and fruity hops. Sarette says it will be released in early September, noting that any of the seasonal brews can potentially repeat next year.

McKean founded Modern Times after working several years at Stone Brewing Company, choosing an inconspicuous warehouse where trade-show booths used to be manufactured.

Its location on Greenwood Street, however, may seem dubious to some as visitors loop behind the Body Shop to get there, passing what is an adult entertainment business rather than an auto-mechanics garage. The atmosphere is decidedly G-rated, a welcoming gathering spot frequented by urban hipsters and scented with the fragrances of beer and coffee beans.

Food isn’t served, but it can be toted in from numerous nearby restaurants and taco shops. And like its satellite tasting room in North Park, which happens to feature a mosaic of Yoda from Star Wars made of floppy disks, children are permitted if closely supervised by their parents.

Modern Times’ core beers are distributed in retail outlets along the West Coast and as far away as Berlin. In addition, their coffee beans have entered the market locally in places like Snooze in Hillcrest and in most locations of Whole Foods.
Staples and Trader Joe's to open this month in rebuilt Pacific Beach plaza

By DAVE SCHWAB

After months of construction, the Staples-anchored strip mall at 1650 Garnet Ave. between Jewell and Ingraham streets is finally open.

Sort of.

The center officially reopened Aug. 31, when San Diego County Credit Union (SDCCU), which had been operating out of a trailer outside the mall construction site, moved in and began operating out of its new retail space in the rebuilt mall.

“Staples and Trader Joe's should be open later in the month (September),” said Vicki Piazza, with the project’s architect Carrier Johnson.

“PetSmart should be open in October.”

Piazza noted there are two other prospective tenants in the reconstituted mall who said they are “working their way (toward) signing leases, so they probably won't be up and operational until early 2016.”

The architect said she didn’t know if a formal grand opening is planned for the mall, given the staggered tenant openings.

Alison Mochizuki, director of public relations for Trader Joe's, confirmed that they are moving soon from their present location at 1211 Garnet Ave. to their new mall site a few blocks up the road at 1640 Garnet Ave.

Trader Joe's current site in PB will close at 9 p.m. on Sept. 23. The new store will open at 8 a.m. on Sept. 24.

ALISON MOCHIZUKI
TRADER JOE'S SPOKESPERSON

“It has been our pleasure to serve the customers in the present location for nearly 29 years,” said Mochizuki. “We appreciate the welcome we received, and are hopeful that our loyal customers will continue to visit us in our new location.”

Mochizuki said the plan is for a “seamless transition” between stores. She said business will close for good at 9 p.m. at Trader Joe's current site on Wednesday, Sept. 23. She said the new store, at its new location, will open at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 24.

Mochizuki noted parking is much better at the new site.

“The current center has 58 parking spaces,” she said, adding, “The new center has more than 300 spaces.”

Trader Joe's has expanded to more than 400 stores in 40 states. The company, which began in 1958 as a chain of convenience stores in Southern California know as Pronto Markets, changed its name to Trader Joe's in 1967.

Trader Joe's started as a small chain of specialty cheese and wine shops. Over the past 40 years, it has evolved and grown into a national chain of neighborhood grocery stores.

Trader Joe’s philosophy is to bring its customers the best food and beverage values and the information to make informed buying decisions. The chain now offers more than 3,000 unique grocery items under its label, grouped according to categories, like kosher or organic.

Two businesses previously in the mall, Empire Beauty Supply and Salon and Daisy Cleaners, moved months ago across the street to the property that once housed Pacific Coast Bicycles at 1637 Garnet Ave.

Piazza said the initial idea to keep half of the building space at the Staples mall and rebuild the other half had to be abandoned.

“The building, built in 1962, just wasn’t equipped to handle modern big-box retail,” Piazza said, adding the entire new mall building is “rebuilt to almost the exact specifications of the older building but slightly smaller.”

Staples has said that its new rebuilt prototype store is as much as 2,000 feet smaller than its previous space.

Nelson Photo Supplies moving to Point Loma Plaza

By DAVE SCHWAB

San Diego’s oldest surviving camera shop is relocating from Little Italy to Point Loma.

After 60 years at 1909 India St., Nelson Photo Supplies is moving to 3625 Midway Drive in Point Loma Plaza.

Nelson’s owner, Larry Kuntz, anticipates opening soon in his new revamped retail space next door to the Malt Shop and Petco-Unleashed.

“We are moving in late October and should be ready to open our doors to the new store location on Nov. 1,” said Kuntz.

Kuntz said there were two main goals in finding a new space for his 65-year-old company: to be within five miles of his previous location and to have improved parking.

Kuntz, a Point Loma resident, noted his new, 5,000-square-foot space is about the same size as his existing facility. But he added the parking situation is far better.

“We had to put parking on the roof because there was no parking down there,” said Kuntz of his current location. “It was always an issue. We now will have free, unlimited parking. Our customers have told us they’re just delighted with our new spot, though it’s an empty shell that we’re making tenant improvements to. That will take about four to six weeks.”

Locally owned and operated Nelson Photo has been the most recognized photo retailer in San Diego providing photographic products to several generations of photographers. Nelson has catered to everyone from amateurs to professionals as well as serving San Diego’s biggest businesses, municipalities and schools.

Starting in 1950, Al Nelson opened his Nelson Photo Supplies on Fifth Avenue in downtown San Diego, then moved to India Street in the mid-1950s. His son Gary Nelson grew the shop into a larger industrial and retail business. He retired and sold the retail portion of the business to Nancy and Larry Kuntz in September of 2001.

Nelson Photo’s extensive product lines include the top-name brands in the photo business. Their products include film and digital cameras, digital video, lenses, filters, tripods, bags, printers, binoculars, books, frames, wedding albums, photo albums, photographic chemistry and paper, darkroom equipment and studio lighting.

Nelson sells used cameras and lenses, including all the latest action cameras and camera phone accessories. It also rents cameras and lenses. It develops film and carries the largest stock of pro films in San Diego.

Nelson Photo is committed to serving the customer, which is reflected in the company slogan, “Where cameras, supplies and good service come together.”

“This store has always been about taking care of our customers,” said Kuntz. “It’s something that’s been kind of ingrained in our employees. We sell products—but we’re here to service you. We want to make sure that the camera people buy is the one they want.”

Nelson will celebrate its 65th year in business at its Little Italy shop Oct. 3. “Then we start the process of setting up and moving into the new store by the end of the month,”

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Del Mar Thoroughbred Club finished its 76th summer season on Labor Day, completing a 40-day stand that saw total handle figures rise by nearly 10 percent, field size hold firm despite more racing and its new dirt track receive positive feedback from local horsermen.

The track had two exceptional racing highlights during its season. The first saw the track’s premier race – the $1 million TVG Pacific Classic – won in smashing fashion by the champion mare Beholder, the first time a female had beaten males in the 25-year history of the mile and one quarter.

In addition, Del Mar basked in the return of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah, who set up shop for training at the seaside course for the summer following his run to glory this past spring. The handsome colt, winner of the Del Mar Futurity in 2014, highlighted his summer activities with a special parade for the racing fans on Sunday, Sept. 6, when nearly 33,000 fans turned out to see racing’s newest hero.

Beholder and American Pharoah could give Del Mar fans one extra thrill this fall: It now appears quite possible that the two could meet at Keeneland, Ky., in the $5 million Breeders’ Cup Classic, a possible showdown that would have the racing world beside itself in sweet anticipation of a battle royal.

Del Mar stretched its summer season out to eight weeks for the first time – running between July 16 and Sept. 7 – and added four more racing days to its agenda beyond the 2014 schedule. In the process, the track increased its cumulative handle from $443 million in 2014 to $486 million this year, a jump of 9.8 percent.

Field size stayed at a California high of 8.8 horses per race for the third year in a row, even in light of the track running 354 races in 2015 as opposed to 326 the summer before.

The new dirt main track, installed over the winter at a cost of approximately $5 million, performed well throughout the session, even overcoming freakish rain storms in the first weekend of the meet by utilizing its freshly installed drainage system to good advantage.

“Both tracks performed very well,” said Del Mar Thoroughbred Club president and CEO Joe Harper. “We had a strong racing product and generated momentum going into the fall season. There is a new normal, not just at Del Mar, but with California racing in general.

“More racing here means more opportunities, but also less immediacy for our fans. We will continue to adapt as Del Mar plays a larger role in the industry,” he said.

Del Mar’s second fall session, which will consist of five weeks instead of four this year, will run between Oct. 29 and Nov. 29. It will feature the two-day Breeders’ Cup meet on Oct. 30 and 31 being held at Keeneland.

The track’s new dirt course drew mainly positive reviews. Hall of Fame trainer Richard Mandella was one of its fans. “I think it’s a very good track,” he said. “One of the best dirt tracks we’ve seen.”

On-track attendance for 2015 was off by 12 percent, averaging 14,558 for the 40 days as opposed to 16,535 for last year’s 36.
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San Diego Bayfair powerboat racing next weekend in Mission Bay

Described as a “dramatic 200 mph duel in the sun” during three full days of diversified, high-powered thunderboat racing, San Diego Bayfair’s World Series of Powerboat Racing will be held Friday to Sunday, Sept. 18 to 20.

Guests on East Vacation Island, Crown Point and Fiesta Island will see the H1 Unlimited hydroplane series, Grand Prix West, in addition to numerous smaller boat-racing classes.

Ticket are required for adults to see the races. Children under age 12 are admitted free.

Tickets for San Diego Bayfair are now available for purchase online. In addition to online ticket purchasing, guests can buy tickets at the race site. Ticket booths are available on Fiesta Island, Crown Point and across the street from East Vacation Island.

Recent invites to more than 23 individual racing classes and more than 150 high-competition teams highlight this year’s exciting speed classic on the waters of Mission Bay Park.

The boats, some racing at speeds topping 225 mph, come every year to San Diego because of the outstanding race course conditions and summer weather.

But it’s the family festival, live entertainment, vendors, great food and beer gardens, fireworks, kids fun zone and other family activities that set the event apart from others in San Diego’s jewel, Mission Bay Park.

Bayfair, San Diego’s largest annual family festival and sports competition, attracts race fans from all over the world, with more than 150,000 spectators attending during the event’s three days.

Bayfair is renowned for its family festival atmosphere (1,000-plus motorhomers), interactive exhibits, vendors and specialty foods, nightly live entertainment and Saturday night’s fireworks extravaganza.

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SD Gulls new head coach focused on developing winners

New San Diego Gulls head coach Dallas Eakins is a man with a plan.

The Gulls, who will play as the Anaheim Mighty Ducks’ top affiliate in the American Hockey League, the final stepping stone for players to the National Hockey League, recently introduced Eakins to the local media.

Eakins, with an intense and focused look, outlined his goals of winning games while helping each player develop his potential in a team environment, which he said begins with discipline.

“Discipline means doing the right thing the right way the first time and all the time,” he said.

He stressed a sense of urgency he will instill in his players.

“We don’t want any wasted days in development, and we don’t want to waste days by not winning,” he added. “Discipline and commitment are critical.”

And, when their time on the ice ends, Eakins emphasized the Ducks and Gulls organization places a priority on their players being active members of the community.

“We want to be embedded in the community 365 days a year,” Eakins said, and getting out in the community will be mandatory, “whether it is partnerships with the military, schools or hospitals. People have given to us on our way up, and now it’s our time to give back.”

Eakins has been head coach of the NHL’s Edmonton Oilers and also spent eight years in the Toronto Maple Leafs system, where he was head coach of the Leafs’ AHL entry. He led the team to the AHL’s Calder Cup finals and was named a head coach for the NHL All-Star game.

As a player, Eakins, a left-handed defenseman, was a member of championship teams that won the Calder Cup and International Hockey League’s Turner Cup.

The Gulls camp started Wednesday, Sept. 9 in Anaheim. Drafted players, entry-level prospects and free agents will attempt to impress Ducks and Gulls coaches.

The best of this bunch will join the Ducks NHL training camp on Thursday, Sept. 17, beginning a process in which those who don’t earn a spot on the Ducks team will be assigned to San Diego. They will join five players already signed to play here.

The Gulls will play 34 home dates at the Valley View Casino Center, including 13 Fridays, 12 Saturdays, seven Wednesdays and single games on Tuesdays and Sundays. See the full schedule at sandiegogulls.com.
**From yogi to librarian, sharing the love of reading with Lee’s Little Lending Library**

By DAVE SCHWAB

Lee Fowler Schwimmer of Pacific Beach used to be a yoga instructor. Now she’s a librarian, of sorts.

Having set up Lee’s Little Lending Library in front of her home on Diamond and Dawes streets, Fowler Schwimmer said of her motivation, “We’re being nice to the neighborhood. It brings a nice energy into the community and makes it more of a neighborhood where people know each other, wave and say hello.”

Best of all, Fowler Schwimmer noted her little lending library, entirely free and located four blocks from the beach, is open “24/7.”

The yoga instructor-turned-librarian loves her community, as attested to by the “I love PB” mosaic she created on her house. Now, she has a people’s library to complement it.

Fowler Schwimmer felt it was important to present a handy, wholesome, free recreational alternative for people of all ages.

Fowler Schwimmer noted there are enough “bars, tattoo parlors and wild, crazy running around” to go around in the beach community. So, in her own small way, she’s making her personal contribution toward making the beach community a little calmer and more laid back.

Lee’s Little Lending Library is a global trend Fowler Schwimmer has adopted and made her own. “There is an international movement afoot, and that movement is called the Little Free Library, which is a trademarked brand,” she said. “You can go on that website and register your own Little Free Library. It costs $40.”

Adding, however, that she “didn’t go that route,” Fowler Schwimmer nonetheless said she was exposed to the personal library concept on the Internet.

“I thought, ‘What a delightful thing to just give free books introducing them into the neighborhood,’” she said. She added there is no contract — and few terms — associated with her little lending library.

“If you want to borrow a book and return it, I trust you,” Fowler Schwimmer said. “Or take one of mine, and give me one of yours.”

Noting “reading is an option,” the independent librarian is hopeful “parents will come by with their kids” and take full advantage of her book repository.

“The library’s design, though, was admittedly a bit of a challenge. ‘I’m not a mechanic; I’m not a carpenter,’” Fowler Schwimmer admitted. “My husband and a friend designed it. We all kind of pitched in.”

Lee Fowler Schwimmer’s Little Lending Library at Diamond and Dawes streets. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

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Mission Bay High

The MBHS varsity football team won their home opener 36–13 against West Hills High School in front of a full house under the new lights on the new field. Students, parents, and future students showed their “Buck Pride” cheering on the MBHS Buccaneers. Mark your calendars for the next home game, Sept. 25, against Kearny High.

Get a Head Start on College Admissions. La Jolla LearningWorks is offering free SAT practice tests for incoming high school juniors and seniors on Saturday, Sept. 19, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at La Jolla Riford Library, 7535 Draper Ave. Registration deadline is Sept. 16. Contact La Jolla LearningWorks at (858) 456-4569 for more information.

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Joylyn said Dennis then suggested, “Why don’t we just drill a hole in there (can lid), and then put in a little tube where they (flies) walk through.”

Joylyn, a San Diego State University marketing graduate, responded, “I don’t care. Go for it.”

“So he did it,” she said.

Dennis said he went to a chain appliance store that very night to buy parts to construct his better flytrap.

As far as how long does it take to fill a flytrap? “I’ve filled one up in a day,” answered Dennis, noting it varies with the season and location of the can.

The Darnells have also launched into acquiring a patent for their new fly-catching device, a long process that could take to two years. The Darnells are in the process of submitting an application, some 41 pages long.

You have to describe it all product, then make claims about what it can do,” said Joylyn.

“Maybe the next step for the entrepreneurial couple? “We’re working on making one flytrap now for a dumpster,” said Dennis, adding, “It might be a much better market (than household). They (restaurants) have huge needs.”

A video of the couple’s innovative household flytrap can be viewed at www.garbagecanflytrap.com. The centerpiece of their website pitch is a video created by the Darnells, which includes their young son, who is seen using a flyswatter to beat down a mock can. The video goes on to explain their new product in detail.

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“A year later, the couple have a patent pending for their “Garbage Can Fly Trap” and have launched a fundraising campaign on kickstarter.com to get prospective buyers to help launch their early development of the household flytrap.

People have given $5,500 in pledges for the $10,000 we requested (on Kickstarter),” said Dennis, noting investors in his prospective household flytrap can be viewed at www.garbagecanflytrap.com. The centerpiece of their website pitch is a video created by the Darnells, which includes their young son, who is seen using a flyswatter to beat down a mock can. The video goes on to explain their new product in detail.

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“Joel’s Little Library is a great thing to encourage. When you have shelves with a good cross-section of literary choices.

“I don’t want it to be all romance novels,” she said. “I want some recent books, some fiction, good-quality stuff.”

Since families are headed to the beach, Fowler Schwimmer also wants to see her kids purchase books as well as classics like Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys.

There’s also a doggie bowl in front of the Lee’s Little Lending Library for four-legged leggers.

“It’s hard to have too much reading,” concluded Fowler Schwimmer. “It’s a great thing.”

When you make something convenient and easy to use, what goes around comes around.

Of her reward for starting her own private library, a mini-library, Fowler Schwimmer said, “I get paid for doing this in smiles.”
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earlier this year, the Pacific Beach
Planning Group unanimously passed
sent to the City Council a resolu-
tion asking the City Council to en-
force the municipal code and reit-
tate that STVR mini-hotels are
unlawful in single-family zones.
The problem of STVR in residential
zones continues unabated. Airbnb,
one of dozens of online vacation

rental companies, has more than
3,500 vacation rentals in the city. Of
those, 65 percent – 2,283 rentals –
are whole-house, absentee-owner mini-hotels located throughout San
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Hundreds of San Diego residents
packed two City Council meetings
this spring to complain about the pro-
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Hundreds of citizens have joined the
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borhoods is now conducting an
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