San Diego Community Newspaper Group acquires five newspapers

By KENDRA SITTON | Beach & Bay Press

In a deal made official on April 1, San Diego Community Newspaper Group purchased five of San Diego Community News Network’s six publications.

Julie Main, owner and publisher of San Diego Community Newspaper Group, adds San Diego Uptown News, San Diego Downtown News, Mission Times Courier, and La Mesa Courier to the company’s stable of La Jolla Village News, Peninsula Beacon, and Beach & Bay Press.

Also included in the purchase was Mission Valley News, which will be discontinued. San Diego Community News Network retained Gay San Diego as its only publication.

As a result of the purchase, the bi-weekly Beach & Bay Press will move from publishing on Thursdays to coming out on Fridays, starting with this week’s edition.

With the addition of San Diego Community News Network’s papers, Main runs the largest independent newspaper group in the region. As a woman in the male-dominated media industry, this marks a significant achievement for Main.

“It’s a rewarding industry. One of the more rewarding things about the community newspaper industry is everyone has a story to tell. It’s very gratifying to feel

‘Not all news has to be bad news. Isn’t it refreshing to come home and read about positive things happening in your community for a change.’

— JULIE MAIN, OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF SAN DIEGO COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER GROUP

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The “Puppy Stork” may be the name Pacific Beach resident Alexis Noelle gave herself “just for fun,” but it effectively sums up her mission: to safely bring stray dogs across the Mexico border into the loving arms of San Diego families. For the past year, Noelle has been volunteering at Los Adoptables, a no-kill rescue shelter for stray, sick and traumatized scarred dogs in Ensenada, Mexico. Twice a month, Noelle makes the three-hour trip across the border in her small Volkswagen to pick up foster dogs from the shelter and help them find homes. “I’ll pack in as many dogs as I can to where the whole back seat is just kennels,” said Noelle. “I don’t get to go down there as much as I’d like to, unfortunately, but it’s important to get these dogs out of Mexico and healthy. So, when I do visit, I take as many as my car can hold.”

According to Noelle, dogs are much more prone to diseases in places like Tijuana and Ensenada because of the high population of dogs and the fact that none of them are vaccinated. One of the most common diseases stray animals are prone to in Mexico is Distemper, a virus that affects dogs’ respiratory, gastrointestinal, respiratory and central nervous systems. “It’s such a horrible, painful disease for them to get and it’s almost guaranteed that these puppies on the streets will get it at some point because most people just can’t afford to vaccinate their animals or even neuter them,” said Noelle, who lived in Rosarito for a year and would drive around the city with dog food and water in her trunk, offering help to the area’s many stray dogs. “Distemper is everywhere down there and it’s so easily spread. It’s like children getting the common cold in school, and there’s really nothing we can do about it.”

But Los Adoptables is dedicated to saving as many dogs as they can. Founded in 2016, the shelter began with four volunteers trying to find homes for 177 dogs that a local woman in Ensenada had been sheltering. Through the efforts of the community and local veterinarians, most of the dogs were able to find forever homes. The rest became fosters, and one of the four volunteers, Pris Austin, became the new owner of Los Adoptables. “I’ve always loved dogs, but never thought I was going to be in charge of a shelter,” said Austin, who houses between 30-50 animals at a time, including both dogs and cats. “Now that I do, I don’t see myself doing anything else.”

Austin says that, according to the municipal dog pound, there are six dogs per every one person in Ensenada and neutering is still a low priority for locals. There have been many efforts to change this way of thinking from other animal protection organizations in the area. But while the treatment towards the animals is still taking a toll, the outskirts of the city have still have a long way to go. "Our main goal is to get steady income so we can offer low-cost spay and neuter events for the community," said Austin. "Also, going to the schools and talking to the kids about the importance of having a healthy pet is key to changing our society and the way the animals get treated. We can’t do it with some of the adults, so we have to do it with the kids.”

The abuse and abandonment of animals is also a common occurrence in Mexico, and even the practice of dog fighting is still often being left unchecked. Noelle says Los Adoptables has helped save many animals that have been left on street corners, kept chained in yards or used as “bait dogs” in fighting circles. People will often even throw rocks at Austin’s fence and leave them there. “Pris doesn’t turn any animals down,” said Noelle. “The hardest part of living down there was seeing these things happen and alone every day. But now we get to help them get lucky and live happy lives.”

Since volunteering at Los Adoptables, Noelle has helped transport and save 35 dogs. Her goal is 100.
PB ANNUAL GRAFFITI CLEAN-UP

The Pacific Beach Town Council’s annual Graffiti Clean-Up will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 4 starting at PB Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Ave. Volunteers are needed. PBTC will provide all the training and supplies.

Each year, volunteers get rid of about 1,000 tags in just a few hours. This event builds community pride and gives everyone a sense of satisfaction as they “take-back” and beautifully Pacific Beach. Participants can earn community service hours (under 18 must have waiver signed by parent.) For more information or to print a waiver, visit pbtowncouncil.org.

MAYOR FAULCONER EXPANDS SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

As a way to provide more opportunities for homeless individuals living out of their vehicles, Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer on April 16 announced the expansion of the City’s Safe Parking Program with a third lot where people can park overnight and that – for the first time – allows recreational vehicles.

Joined at a Mission Valley parking lot near SDCCU Stadium by City Councilmember Scott Sherman and representatives from Jewish Family Service (JFS), Faulconer said the City plans to open the parking lot where people can park overnight and that – for the first time – allows recreational vehicles.

The lot, located near the corner of Friars Road and Mission Village Drive, will operate between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. and will include holistic services focused on basic needs assistance, employment, family wellness, school success, financial education, credit repair and housing. This lot can accommodate up to 80 RVs or 200 standard vehicles.

The other two City-run Safe Parking lots combine to accommodate 120 cars and up to 200 people per night. There are also two safe parking lots operated in the City by a private non-profit organization.

BIKES, BOARDS AND BREWS FESTIVAL AT CROWN POINT

Bikes, Boards and Brews take place 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20 at Crown Point Park. This event features PB restaurants paired with local breweries to celebrate Pacific Beach surf, bike and skate culture and take in the views on Mission Bay.

Participating restaurants: PB Fish Shop, Board and Brew, Bareback Grill, PB Local, SD Taproom, Tavern at the Beach, Maverick’s Beach Club, Sandbar, Ceviche Jack’s and Moonshine Beach.

Participating breweries: Amplified Ale Works, Thorn Brewing Co., Firestone Walker Brewing Co., Coronado Brewing Co., Mike Hess Brewing, Owl Drug Co., 10 Barrel Brewing, Little Miss Brewing, Green Flash, St. Archer Brewing, White Claw Hard Seltzer.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit pacificbeach.org/event/bikes-boards-and-brews.
The curious case of Noodle, a dognapping, and social media

Goldendoodle now safe at home in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB | Beach & Bay Press

What is known is that a 2-year-old Goldendoodle named Noodle was allegedly “dognapped” from a Pacific Beach home in mid-day before being returned four days later. The mysterious incident occurred Wednesday, April 10 shortly after noon. The incident was captured on the homeowner’s Ring security camera. Video showed a long-haired, somewhat heavy-set bearded man going through the unlocked front door, taking Noodle, then walking out with him while the homeowner was temporarily away. What’s missing—and perplexing—is the backstory to exactly how it all happened, and why. Also, subsequent social-media postings about Noodle’s alleged kidnapping netted dozens of responses on Instagram, Noodle’s and Social Pacific posts on Nextdoor and online social media for help, posting on Nextdoor and on Noodles’ and Social Pacific Facebook pages. Even several “Free Noodle” memes were trending on local social media.

On Monday, April 15, Noodle’s “dad,” Kevin Cho, told Beach & Bay Press, “I got him back yesterday evening.” In a CBS News 8 interview, “I got him back yesterday evening,” Kevin Cho, told Beach & Bay Press, “I got him back yesterday evening.” In a CBS News 8 interview, Cho said his initial thought on finding Noodle gone was that “it was an April Fool’s joke by one of my friends.”

During the CBS News 8 interview, Cho said after witnessing his security-camera footage, that he knew who stole his dog. “I called him repeatedly,” said Cho, adding, “I have no idea why he did it. This is baffling to me.”

Cho filed a police report. A friend of his then reached out to social media for help, posting on Next Door: “My friend’s dog was stolen yesterday and we need help finding the man who stole him. Pleaassee help us if you can!”

CBS News 8 reported that social media posts about Noodle had been viewed “hundreds of thousands of times.”

Noodle has been described as a Pacific Beach “fixturer.” The dog has his own Instagram account (@lion-doodlenoodle) with more than 11,600 followers.

The Goldendoodle is a cross-bred dog obtained by breeding a Golden Retriever with a Poodle. The name, which alters “poodle” to “doodle,” was coined in 1992. Golden retrievers are considered a great family dog, which is why they have been used to cross breed with poodles.

The Goldendoodle is referred to as a designer dog, a term tracing its origin to the late 20th century when breeders began to cross purebred Poodles with other purebred breeds in hopes of obtaining a dog with the Poodle’s non-shedding coat, though there is no guarantee they will inherit the coat of the poodle, along with various desirable characteristics from other breeds.

Cho told CBS News 8 he had no immediate plans for filing charges against the man who allegedly took his dog.
PB leaders weigh in on loosening of parking requirements for housing developments

Dr. DAVID SCHWARTZ | Beach & Bay Press

Pacific Beach residents surveyed are largely skeptical that the City’s recent trade-off in reducing parking requirements may make it cheaper to build new affordable housing. Recently, the City Council voted 8-1, with District 2 Councilmember Dr. Jen Campbell dissenting, to reduce parking requirements to a zero minimum at new multifamily residential developments within transit priority areas (TPAs). A TPA is defined as any area sitting within a half-mile of one or more planned or existing transit stops.

PB resident Marcie Beckett characterized the City Council action as legislative slight of hand. “The City is using the ‘housing crisis’ to give developers a huge underserved gift: maxi-mum density with no parking required,” she said. “If the City were in the middle of the night. “The City is using the ‘housing crisis’ to give developers a huge underserved gift: maxi-mum density with no parking required,” she said. “If the City were really serious about providing housing, they would put deed restrictions on all these new developments requiring rentals to be at least 30 days and requiring buyers and renters to swear they will not own a car.”

PB Planning Group chair Henish Pulickal saw scaling-back parking for new developments differently. “I support the no-parking policy,” Pulickal said. “It doesn’t mean current developments lose their parking, or all new development has no-parking.”

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Longtime Pacific Beach resident and community planner Scott Chipman concurred. “For years we have fought for appropriate off-street parking in new construction projects,” noted Chipman. “Units with three bedrooms are allowed with only two off-street parking spaces. Three people nearly always have three cars. We have seen tandem garage parking allowed with one or more of those cars ending up on the street.

Added Chipman: “Apartments are rented without garages included as part of the rent. Now no parking requirements! That only works if the person living in that development gives up their right to own a car. Will people moving into these developments agree not to store a car on any city street? If not it burdens the community.”

PB community planner Chris Olson, on vacation in Vietnam, noted the city he was in, How An, “Has no parking and they close off many streets for what they call a ‘walking and cycling city’. The town is wonderful and a major tourist attraction.”

Added Olson: “Local government has an important role for transportation and housing to promote the well being of all, and it should provide a vision and leadership. We are slowly coming around to the realities of how to deal with population growth, the future of transportation and protecting the environment. I foresee a time in the future when we look back and marvel at the era when we prioritized land use for private motor vehicles.”

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“The joy ride is over for Mr. Martinez,” said U.S. Attorney Robert Brewer in a statement.

Martinez was convicted of one of the Hooligans’ theft crews, which would target a specific Jeep days before the actual theft would take place. Martinez and others obtained the vehicle identification number in advance and managed to get secret key codes, which allowed them to create a duplicate key for that particular Jeep.

During the theft, the gang members would disable the alarm system and program a duplicate key using a handheld electronic device. They would quietly drive away without notice.

Martinez faces a maximum sentence of five years in federal prison and a $250,000 fine plus restitution. Sentencing was set for June 24. As part of his plea, Martinez agreed to pay $246,396 in restitution to four insurance companies.

Martinez was ordered detained without bail by a U.S. magistrate who wrote he had fled to Mexico to avoid prosecution and lacked any U.S. residence or employment, according to court records.

“This case is a reminder that our proximity to the international border provides increased opportunity for transnational organized crime,” said Suzanne Turner, the FBI acting special agent in charge.

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Chris Vanos faces many challenges as he takes over for retiring Ed Harris

**By DAVID SCHWAN | Back & Bay Press**

**T**here’s been a change at the top in San Diego Lifeguard Union Teamsters 911 with Chris Vanos replacing Ed Harris as head steward.

“After 10 years I have passed the torch in preparation for my retirement in 14 months,” said Harris. “Chris Vanos is a talented Lifeguard II who will serve the lifeguards well.”

Last year, the lifeguard’s union voted 76-1 in favor of, to leave the San Diego Fire Rescue Department. A turf battle has ensued over how duties are being apportioned among lifeguards and firefighters, with some lifeguards claiming that rerouting communication calls through fire has slowed emergency response.

Vanos noted there’s subsequently been fallout from the proposed separation of the two departments. “It was seen that if you supported the lifeguard union you were on a ‘black list’ for promotional opportunities,” he said.

Vanos said personnel shortages are among guard’s most pressing needs, which he said includes filling positions for boaters on Mission Bay, “Vanos said. “The city is in a wave of retirement. The institutional knowledge is being lost as some of our senior guards are walking out the door. The front-line lifeguards and firefighter’s who work hand-in-hand on calls have no issues. The issues arise in upper management because the lifeguard chief answers to the fire chief, which creates road blocks.”

**What are the issues in improving the lifeguard department?**

Concerning health coverage, Vanos said lifeguards are seeking “to have the same coverage as both SD Fire and SDPD do for heart and cancer. We all perform duties that fall under law enforcement and fire suppression, yet lifeguards do not receive coverage for cancer- and heart-related health issues.”

Vanos termed the issues in improving the lifeguard department:

*One of the largest issues is that our lifeguard chief answers to both the fire chief and his assistant,” said Vanos. “He/shes not in a role to advocate for lifeguard needs directly to City Council or the mayor. If the LGC was able to advocate for lifeguard needs, we would be able to fix a lot of issues that have come up. We have made the case, both to lifeguard and fire chiefs, for why lifeguards should be dispatching river- and water-rescue calls.”

“Though we understand the SDFD has its roles and responsibilities the question is, when you have one of the best swift water rescue teams in the nation, why send a firefighter instead of a water specialist?”

*What are the challenges confronting today’s lifeguards?*

“The current challenges we have are similar to the issues of SDPD and SDIFD,” replied Vanos. “The city is in a wave of retirement. The institutional knowledge is being lost as some of our most senior guards are walking out the door. The front-line lifeguards and firefighter’s who work hand-in-hand on calls have no issues. The issues arise in upper management because the lifeguard chief answers to the fire chief, which creates road blocks.”

*Any new developments with equipment/infrastructure?*

This summer South Mission Beach will have a new main lifeguard station in the works after having been held up in the courts,” said Vanos. “It is set to open prior to Memorial Day. The lifeguard service is also working on plans for North Pacific Beach and Ocean Beach to receive new main stations. We hope to have these completed very soon to provide the utmost safety for beach goers in those areas.”
Christian missionary promotes positive dialogue with Muslims in Pacific Beach

Salaam employee a six-step process to help residents expand their world views of Muslims.

Slocum’s process involves:

- Leading international trips to Muslim countries to get a first-hand experience on their turf.
- Hosting free workshops that debunk misconceptions about Islam.
- Building cross-cultural friendships by inviting Muslims and non-Muslims to enjoy meals together.
- Educating communities with activists, along with shared meals and discussions.
- Organizing mosque visits to help locals connect with Islamic culture in their own communities.
- Creating an interfaith organization, Salaam, meaning non-religious and non-partisan.

Salaam's process started in the early '90s when Slocum took his wife and two kids to be missionaries in Kazakhstan. "It was a hardcore, hyperkinetic evangelical Christian back in the early '90s when I took my wife and three kids to be missionaries in Kazakhstan," Slocum said. "It turned out to be a life-changing experience. A lot of my attitudes changed."

"The first step is awareness," Slocum said. "Step two is a mosque visit. Step three are friendship dinners. It goes on from there, with the final step being traveling together to a Muslim country to get a first-hand experience on their turf."

For more information visit salaam-musa.org. "Why Do They Hate Us?" is scheduled for publication in July.

Jury convicts robber of pregnant woman in Pacific Beach

Steve Slocum, founder of Salaam, with a rector from St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral and Muslim rep Yusef Miller at a recent inter-faith get-together.

Graham, 41, appeared disappointed with the verdict. San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert O'Neil set sentencing for April 26, and Graham remains in jail without bail.

Yturralde said Graham faces a maximum sentence of 55 years to life in prison as a "three strike" defendant, having been convicted of 10 robberies in 2008. O'Neil looked at court documents after the verdict and determined the 2008 convictions were valid.

Yturralde said Graham faces 25 years to life for the robbery plus 25 years for the residential burglary. She said he could also receive a consecutive 5-year term for having a prior felony conviction.

After deliberating for 1 hour and 45 minutes, a jury on March 22 convicted James Lee Graham of robbing a pregnant woman and burglarizing her Pacific Beach home in December 2017.

The seven-man, five-woman jury of 2150 Pacific Beach Drive.

"I decided to write a soon-to-be published book about it, Why do they hate us?"

"In it, I tell stories of the voice of the mainstream Muslim, about their faith, what they believe in."

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- Leading international trips to help residents expand their world view of Muslims.
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Cass Street celebrated its second
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ership and management March 23. 
Rudolph took over for Mike Cam-
pagna and his wife, who'd owned
Cass Street since 1996. Rudolph is the
third owner of the pub that
opened in 1984 and holds one of
PB's oldest liquor licenses.
What makes the restaurant-bar
good now, is what's always made it
attractive. "A big part of our reputa-
tion revolves around our food," said
Palmer.
Cuisine at Cass Street serving
breakfast, lunch and dinner daily is
definitely not traditional bar fare. For
example, very little, other than French
fries, is fried. "It's American with a Mexican
twist," said Palmer, noting head
chef Alfredo has been there for years
around," Palmer said of the menu.
"We're also known for our baguette
dressings."

**The popular fishburger at Cass Street Bar & Grill.**

Authentic Mexican breakfasts are
served with homemade chilaquiles and
tomatillo sauce. Alfredo's
recipe is to die for," said Palmer,
adding the "oriental salad is proba-
ably the most popular dish with the
teriyaki-marinated steak baguette
with onions a close second."

"These bars are kind of the last of a
dying breed." said Ben Palmer, longtime
bar owner and operator of
Cass Street Bar & Grill.

"Everyone knows each other's
names here. It's like Cheers."

"No place is turn and burn;
you'll find most anywhere else. "A
lot of places are turn and burn;
you'll hardly get a 'thank you' or a
lot of regulars who still come in."
Palmer praised Rudolph for pol-
ishing Cass Street's image rather than
trying to alter it.

"John could have torn the whole
ting photos adorning the entire back
wall. Palmer noted. "It's definitely a
piece of PB history, this place has
always been a fishing hang with lots
of people, and

"We're trying to preserve and pay
homage to a piece of PB history ,
while updating, adapting it to right
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Egg hunts, brunches and Easter sunrise service in PB and Mission Bay

Whether your Easter features brunch and mimosas or egg hunts and bunny ears, we've got you covered. Check out these egg hunts, Easter brunches and sunrise services happening all in your backyard.

Egg hunts
Belmont Park — This all-day event will be jam-packed with Easter fun from park to boardwalk including egg hunts (sold out), free activities for children, an Easter Bunny photo op, live music and more. The egg hunts on the beach will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The egg hunts in the park will nest 20,000-plus fun-filled eggs and a limited supply of “Golden Eggs” with exclusive prizes ranging from free rides to restaurant gift cards. Feast on Easter brunch at Draft or sip on some Mimosa Bubbles Bar. Held on Sunday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit belmontpark.com.

Planta Pacifica Park — This free community egg hunt at 10 a.m. will be a fun activity for all. Two rounds (for different groups) of 1,000 eggs will be hidden around the park. Bring a basket or bag to collect the eggs. Enjoy light refreshments, and hang out with your community.

Firefly Eatery & Bar at the Dana Hotel — Annual Easter brunch complete with brioche French toast, buttermilk pancakes, roast beef and ham carving stations, assorted pastries, omelet station, pasta station, bloody marys, mimosas and more. In addition to this bountiful brunch being served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., two egg hunts will take place at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 for adults and $20 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are encouraged. Call at 619-225-2125, thedanaw.com.

Sunrise service
Crown Point Park — Join Pacific Beach UMC and the Water’s Edge Faith Community for an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21 at 6 a.m. Gather at Crown Point Park on Mission Bay with hot cups of coffee, pastries and choix d’œufs, served from 9 a.m. to noon and brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., including AleHouse favorites such as Pecan Crusted French Toast and Loaded Skillet Hash, plus plenty of brunch libations to go around, pbalehouse.com.

Waterbar — Perched along the shoreline in Pacific Beach, this coastal hotspot will offer endless rose, along with Loaded Cinnamon Buns (a plate of three homemade cinnamon buns smothered in white icing and topped with sliced bananas), Cinnamon Toast Crunch and blueberry compote. Eggs Benedict, stacked with an English muffin, Canadian bacon, poached eggs and Hollandaise, served with your choice of side. And finally, their Spring Fling Scramble, featuring English peas, asparagus, baby heirloom tomato, chives, crumbled goat cheese, sliced avocado and choice of toast. The special brunch menu will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. waterbarsd.com.

Breakfast Republic — Have your most important meal of the day at the Breakfast Republic this Easter, and indulge in April food and drink specials, including their Peep Show Mocha prepared with toasted marshmallow, espresso, mocha, milk, whipped cream and a Peep garnish for good measure. If a boozy brunch is in order, try your hand at their Sunrise Service Mimosa, crafted from raspberry, orange juice, prosecco and an orange garnish. Specials are available throughout April. Breakfastrepublic.com.

Celebrating the Resurrection!

Easter Brunch at the Waterbar — Sip on brunch cocktails featuring a basket or bag to collect the eggs. Enjoy light refreshments, and hang out with your community.

Firefly Eatery & Bar at the Dana Hotel — Annual Easter brunch complete with brioche French toast, buttermilk pancakes, roast beef and ham carving stations, assorted pastries, omelet station, pasta station, bloody marys, mimosas and more. In addition to this bountiful brunch being served from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., two egg hunts will take place at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Cost is $50 for adults and $20 for children ages 10 and under. Reservations are encouraged. Call at 619-225-2125, thedanaw.com.

Sunrise service
Crown Point Park — Join Pacific Beach UMC and the Water’s Edge Faith Community for an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 21 at 6 a.m. Gather at Crown Point Park on Mission Bay with hot cups of coffee, pastries and choix d’œufs, served from 9 a.m. to noon and brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., including AleHouse favorites such as Pecan Crusted French Toast and Loaded Skillet Hash, plus plenty of brunch libations to go around, pbalehouse.com.

Waterbar — Perched along the shoreline in Pacific Beach, this coastal hotspot will offer endless rose, along with Loaded Cinnamon Buns (a plate of three homemade cinnamon buns smothered in white icing and topped with sliced bananas), Cinnamon Toast Crunch and blueberry compote. Eggs Benedict, stacked with an English muffin, Canadian bacon, poached eggs and Hollandaise, served with your choice of side. And finally, their Spring Fling Scramble, featuring English peas, asparagus, baby heirloom tomato, chives, crumbled goat cheese, sliced avocado and choice of toast. The special brunch menu will be available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. waterbarsd.com.

Easter Brunches
Pacific Beach AleHouse — Head to Pacific Beach AleHouse on Easter Sunday for $4 AleHouse drafts all day, plus $10 champagne bottles available from 9 a.m. to noon and brunch from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., including AleHouse favorites such as Pecan Crusted French Toast and Loaded Skillet Hash, plus plenty of brunch libations to go around, pbalehouse.com.

Backyard Kitchen & Tap — Since no Easter is complete without an Easter bunny photo-op, the restaurant will host its Easter Egg-Excavation, complete with a brunch buffet and pancake station from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., priced at $17.95 for adults and $9.95 for kids, and special Easter cocktails for the adults. Enjoy live acoustic entertainment from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and bring the youngsters to meet the Easter bunny — furballies included! backyardltd.com.

Breakfast Republic — Have your most important meal of the day at the Breakfast Republic this Easter, and indulge in April food and drink specials, including their Peep Show Mocha prepared with toasted marshmallow, espresso, mocha, milk, whipped cream and a Peep garnish for good measure. If a boozy brunch is in order, try your hand at their Sunrise Service Mimosa, crafted from raspberry, orange juice, prosecco and an orange garnish. Specials are available throughout April. Breakfastrepublic.com.

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Boys volleyball

The Bucs swept league rivals Morse High and Lincoln High with 3-0 wins and included a win by the junior varsity team versus Morse last week. The Bucs are 7-0 in league and in first place, ranked in the top six in Division III.

Junior outside hitter Ian Briski leads the team in kills and hitting percentage. Against Lincoln High, Briski had 22 kills and hit almost .800. Senior outside hitter Zander Caudle is second on the team in kills, digs and passing percentage. Senior middle blocker Josh Leon is second in hitting percentage and third in kills and leads the team in blocks.

Junior libero Ryan Derry leads the team in passing percentage and digs. “We are excited about being in first place in league and just need to finish out with wins against San Diego, Crawford and Kearney to secure the league title,” head coach Nikki Caufield stated. “We have a fresh group of seniors and Briski is still learning as we go but improving every week.”

“If we play consistent the boys are a lot of fun to watch. We have a good group of players like junior Jackson Priebe and some freshmen and sophomores that are also playing really well and could be amazing in the future. With only two seniors on the roster, our team is young and still learning but we are excited about the level of play we are seeing,” Caufield said.

Boys tennis

Mission Bay High headed into action this week with a record of 10-2 overall (8-1 league play) for head coach Trong Tong.

“While Jacob Price (No. 3 singles) is coming into his own, our top two singles players Jake Stone and Nicolás Guevara are truly the anchors of our team,” Tong stated. “Jake is one of most dominant players in our league as he has only had a handful of losses out of almost three dozen matches.”

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Help support Adrian Scavone to raise money to buy a Flowater Refill Station at PBMS. His eighth-grade community service project will reduce single-use plastic pollution on campus and provide filtered drinking water. “Flowater Stations have been installed in several San Diego schools and we are looking for community sponsors to make it happen at PBMS,” Scavone said. His campaign can be found on gofundme.com under “Flowater Refill Station Community Service Project.”

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

Pacific Beach Elementary is holding a Family Math Night with Greg Tang Jr. on Thursday, April 18, from 6 to 7 p.m. in the school auditorium. Sponsored by PBE teacher Jennifer Cromar and her fourth graders, this is a fun hour of math and games for kids of all ages. It's free and members of the community are welcome.

“A Night at the Speakeasy,” PBE’s annual auction, will be held 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday, April 26 at Mari- rio Village. Enjoy a night of fun, food, and entertainment while raising funds to support science, music, and art programs at PBE. Tickets can be purchased at fopbe.org. The school thanks parent volunteers: Kristen Everett, Elizabeth Agia, Jessica Cohen, Tricia Spangler, Elyse Locatelli, Jenny Panettiere, and many others for their work in putting together PBE’s biggest fundraiser.

BARNARD ELEMENTARY

The students of Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School showcased their singing and acting talents on March 22, in Missoula Children’s Theatre’s production of “The Secret Garden.” More than 50 first through fifth-grade students performed in this light-hearted adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett’s classic novel. Auditions took place on Monday; rehearsals were held throughout the week, and the show was performed on Friday night. “Being in this play helped me realize that I am capable of doing amazing things, like learning a lot of lines in a short time, acting in front of people, and showing the emotions of my character,” said fifth grade student Angelia C, who played Mary in the production. “I love the Missoula program because it brings more art activities to my school and also because I get to do it with my friends.”

KATE SESSIONS

The Sessions community is thankful for the many opportunities presented to them and one such opportunity involves fifth-grader, Christopher Adamson. He has been attending KSE since preschool and is visually impaired. He is an example of patience, perseverance, and determination and taught his classmates that they don’t need to “sweat the small stuff.” A heartfelt “thank you” goes out to the Adamson family for sharing their inspirational son with the Kate Sessions’ community.
Charming beach house with detached studio and 2 1-car garages sits on ideal corner lot zoned multi-family in Crown Point, Pacific Beach! Main home is 2 beds/1 bath + laundry room with fenced, grassy front and backyard. Home boasts such charm with original flooring throughout and lots of natural light! Detached studio has private access, vaulted ceilings, plenty of closet storage, kitchenette, bathroom, and laundry hookups. Studio has separate address, gas & electric meter, and water heater.

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Blaise Guld to play crowd pleasers at Cannonball in Mission Beach

Singer-songwriter Blaise Guld stops in at Cannonball on April 30. Performing on acoustic guitar, Guld turns in excellent covers of artists ranging from the omnipresent Bruno Mars to the Doors, for a well rounded set list full of crowd-pleasers.

Even better, however, is his original music, with songs such as “Miracle” full of classic pop melody, and tunes such as “Song on the Water” custom made for radio play. Guld’s music is deserving of much wider recognition than it’s received to date. With a distinct picking and strumming style, heartfelt acoustic guitar, Guld turns in excellent original music, with songs such as “Mr. Oates” reflected in Band Overboard’s terrific set list, which includes both obvious favorites by the likes of Hall & Oates as well as less covered classics by the likes of Wings and E.L.O.

The Now Time Quartet returns to The Turquoise on April 20. Featuring two lead instruments in Adam Wolff’s keyboards and Alicia Previn’s violin, with a rock-solid bottom end provided by bassist Michael Oletta and drummer Jeff Dalrymple, this is instrumental music at it’s best. While the Now Time Quartet’s songs are by definition jazz, the four-some take standards on improvisational journeys that will appeal to a wide range of music fans, from those who admire the likes of rock groups such as Yes, to those who count composer Mancini as a favorite.

The “yacht rock” phenomenon continues at Tio Leo’s on April 26 with an appearance from Band Overboard. The Point Loma-based, eight-piece group, performs Top 40 pop songs that were popular on AM radio from the mid-1970s through the early 1980s. While this might seem limiting, that era was the hey-day of the 45 rpm single and that’s reflected in Band Overboard’s terrific set list, which includes both obvious favorites by the likes of Hall & Oates as well as less covered classics by the likes of Wings and E.L.O.

Blaise Guld: Tuesday, April 30 at Cannonball, 3105 Ocean Front Walk, 5 p.m. 21 and up, cannonbalisd.com.

The “yacht rock” phenomenon continues at Tio Leo’s on April 26 with a performance from the Martin Luther King Community Choir of San Diego. Due to the size of the group, which can number up to 80 members, this will be an outdoor concert on the library’s Cass Street Plaza. Notably, the choir performs both classic spirituals and inspirational music as well as new original material, including songs penned by director Kenneth Anderson as heard on their latest album, “Make A Joyful Noise.” The choirs uplifting songs are the perfect way to prepare for the coming week.

Martin Luther King Community Choir: Sunday, April 28 at the Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass St. 2 p.m. All ages. No cover. pbli-

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