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Stage 1 kicked off the 11th annual eight-day stage race, which features some of the most Sagan wins sprint finish in Mission Bay

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Mission Beach flies in the face of residents

By DAVE SCHWAB

Ideally, Mission Beach would like to become a no-fly zone. Unfortunately, given its ideal breeding conditions, the beach community is presently a free-fly zone.

Each summer, MB experiences a severe, filthy fly problem, with an overwhelming infestation of pesky flies negatively impacting residents, visitors, vacation rental agencies and businesses. Additionally, MB restaurants have chalked up more than 250 negative Yelp restaurant reviews and a multitude of health department citations, largely attributable to the insect infestation.

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DAWN REILLY OF BEAUTIFUL MB

“The fly and filth problem, especially in the alleys, is horrible,” said Dawn Reilly, project administrator for Beautiful MB Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to Mission Beach’s improvement and enhancement. “It looks like some ghetto in some war-torn destination,” Reilly said.

Reilly is working with others in the community to create a special district to help eradicate MB’s fly problem.

“It is clear the City of San Diego will not provide the level of services and amenities our unique community needs and deserves,” said Reilly. “We have refocused our time and energy to accomplish those goals ourselves, hundreds of volunteers across the county helped San Diego host Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of California this past weekend, and, according to volunteer coordinator Julie Hamilton, their efforts made the event a complete success.

Local volunteers, teamwork kept Stage 1 rolling along

By LAINIE FRASER

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Satisfy your appetite at Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk, set for May 24

Discover the best eats in Pacific Beach at the upcoming, self-guided Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk 4 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, May 24.

Whet your appetite at this increasingly popular annual event, which continues to grow, offering a large variety of food choices from more than 20 local eateries along Mission Boulevard from Pacific Beach Drive to Emerald Street and along Garnet Avenue up through Dawes Street (maps provided).

Also, special deals from local retailers will be offered as participants stroll past the shops, all for only $25 presale.

Participating restaurants include PB Shore Club, The Duck Dive, Miller’s Field, Big Kahunas Homemade Ice Cream, Crushed, Filippi’s Pizza Grotto, The Local PB, Oceana Coastal Kitchen, The Mad Beet, Bub’s at the Beach, Jinya Ramen Bar, The Wood, Backyard Kitchen and Tap, Society, PB Tuesday Farmer’s Market, Baja Beach Café, Cabo Cantina, Bare Back Grill, Tony Roma’s, Coconut Thai, Dolce Italian Ice Cream, and Board and Brew.

Watch the sun setting overhead while sampling the best of Pacific Beach’s eclectic coastal cuisine.

Even better, event proceeds will help keep the coastal neighborhood clean.

This year, five new restaurants – Jinya Ramen Bar, The Mad Beet, Society, Cream and Dolce Italian Ice – will be on the walk, plus all the old favorites, of course.

Cost is $25 presale and $30 the day of the event. Tickets are available at Pacificbeach.org or at Filippi’s Pizza Grotto, at 962 Garnet Ave., and The Mad Beet, at 933 Garnet Ave.

The event is hosted by nonprofit Discover Pacific Beach, the community’s Business Improvement District. For more information, call Ann Condon at (858) 273-3303.

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Gregory B. Anderson
March 21, 1931–March 17, 2016

as the Coordinator of Gems, Minerals and Jewelry for the San Diego County Fair. Thousands of people benefited from his enthusiasm and knowledge over his 37 years as Coordinator, retiring in 2014. Today, his department presents museum-quality, competitive exhibits. He loved giving docent tours, sharing the beauty of the natural world. Especially fluorescent minerals. He waited for the oohs and aahs, as the plain gray rocks glowed brilliantly when hit with ultraviolet lighting.

Additionally, he was the owner of Anderson's Fluorescent Minerals, dealing with collectors throughout the country.

In 1983, he met Eve Small, his soul-mate, at the Fair. He leaves his wife, Eve, sons Paul (Lisa) and Jay (Claudine) Anderson, step-children Steve Smull (Brenda) and Sally Smull (Jorge Parada); and three grand-children. He was buried at Miramar National Cemetery with military honors and a Celebration of Life was held at PB Chapel.

Kids gymnastics studio coming to Pacific Beach
The Franco Realty Group represented the landlord in successfully leasing approximately 8,300 square feet of commercial space at 929 Garnet Ave. to G3 Kids Inc., a gymnastics-based program for children. According to its website, “G3Kids is a learning facility for all children combining gymnastics with traditional educational programs to build a foundation for a successful life. G3Kids is the marriage between a gymnastics-based athletic program and an interactive learning academy. G3 offers traditional and untraditional gymnastics classes while ensuring safety and exploration." G3 is expecting its doors to open for business in mid-June.

Sprouts expanding next door
Sprouts Farmers Market at 1260 Garnet Ave. is expanding into the former American Apparel clothing store at 1280 Garnet Ave. “American Apparel filed for bankruptcy and closed down," said Pacific Beach commercial Realtor Tony Franco, president of the Franco Realty Group. “Sprouts is currently demolishing the space and converting it into a grocery store." Carl's Jr. is out. Vallaert Express is in at 1375 Garnet Ave. Franco said Vallaert Express outbid Carl's Jr., which had a restaurant onsite. “Vallaert Express is open for business," he said. “Carls Jr. is now scrambling trying to find a new location in 92109. It's a sign that local and regional tenants are willing to pay more than national name-brand tenants." 

Pueblo to open next month
Chef Sean McCart of Pueblo Baja coastal cuisine, formerly The China Inn at 877 Hornblende St., has been working on the menu of the new upscale restaurant that is still slated for a mid-June opening, said one of the new restaurant's managers, Lindsay Blanchard. McCart has been working to perfect our Baja menus and spend almost all of his weekend time in Baja with local fisherman and developing new recipes," Blanchard said. “Our chef has a home in Baja and divides into the culture, cuisine and of course the surfing as much as possible."

New tenants at The Rose Center
Two offices spaces in The Rose Center on the corner of Garnet Avenue and Fanned Street have been leased. One business, Lotus and Luna, specializes in selling authentic handcrafted accessories from Thailand while empowering women. According to Lotusandluna.com, "each Lotus and Luna accessory is handcrafted by female artisans living in various small villages in Northern Thailand, providing them with their neighbors with consistent, fair employment."

The other business, NatX-ray, at natz-ray.com, notes that it's "dedicated to helping speed up and improve X-ray and neutron-based sample analysis, and to provide researchers and industries with the latest highly automated techniques with equipment that implement them." 

Villa Grande Triplexes at 1634, 1644 and 1652 Grand Ave.
Project architect Tim Golsa described Villa Grande as "an odd mixed-use site," noting the location is three original lots, with the far western lot being zoned commercial, and the two eastern lots as multifamily.

"We elected to do a project that we thought was one of the first projects to reflect the whole eco-district for Pacific Beach," said Golsa. "This site was tailor-made for that type of infill, and we designed a very sustainable model to reflect many of the goals from that charrette process."

Golsa said smaller-scale triplex structures were chosen versus the typical Grand Avenue big-box. He pointed out the project's designed to be "very energy efficient and incorporate many sustainable features into the final product."

From an architecture standpoint, Golsa said, “We wanted to do something more ‘urban’ given the very commercial context around this site.”

Other openings/closings

- Crunch Gym has a new gym under construction at the former Trader Joe's site at 1211 Garnet Ave.
- Papa Lunas at 1404 Garnet Ave. was sold and has closed and is to be replaced by a new poke restaurant, according to Franco.
- Gelson’s on Turquoise (formerly Albertsons) is under construction. “Gelson is very bullish and opening several locations throughout Southern California,” Franco said.

Senior Lifestyle >>

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Around the Block: From Pacific Beach Drive south down Mission Boulevard

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Cannonball
3305 Ocean Front Walk
(858) 228-9304
cannonballsdx.com

Draft
Tapping into the surf and sand, views to the west, brews in your hand. Located directly on the Mission Beach boardwalk, Draft is serving up 69 beers on tap and 30-plus bottles pairing the surf and sand with a wide variety of craft beers. But the appeal doesn't stop at the #brewsandviews; come hungry and experience a fresh take on beachside dining, featuring casual, hand-crafted fare from executive chef Brad Wise.
Draft
3305 Ocean Front Walk
(858) 228-9305
belmontpark.com/restaurants/draft

Belmont Park
Sure to please the entire family, Belmont Park is located on the surf and sand of Mission Beach and offers free parking and free park admission. Visitors can enjoy traditional and contemporary amusement park rides, ride the wave machines at Wave House Beach Club, play laser tag, visit the arcade and midway-style games and shop and enjoy a wide array of cuisine throughout the park, which includes beachfront restaurants like the newly opened rooftop restaurant and bar Cannonball as well as food court-style dining like Belmont's Burgers and The Plunge Pizzeria.
Belmont Park
3346 Mission Blvd.
(858) 228-9283
belmontpark.com

Swell Cafe
Swell Cafe, in Mission Beach, is known for its fun latte expressos. The craft coffee is locally roasted and goes perfectly with your gourmet breakfast and lunch. Panini sandwiches, pastries and smoothies are popular here as well. If you're an acai-granola sort, this is the place for you.
Swell Cafe
3833 Mission Blvd.
(858) 539-0039
theswellcafe.com

The Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa
Located inside the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa on Mission Bay, this award-winning Catamaran Spa is San Diego’s only beachfront spa. Services inspired by South Pacific traditions use marine- and botanical-based products and include relaxing massages, skin care therapies, body exfoliating treatments and more. Guest amenities include a relaxation lounge, outdoor pool and whirlpool, beach cabanas, open-air fitness center and seasonal outdoor yoga classes.
The Catamaran Spa
3999 Mission Blvd.
(858) 539-8820
catamaranresort.com

Oceana Coastal Kitchen
Oceana Coastal Kitchen is the vibrant signature restaurant inside the Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa on the shores of Mission Bay and mere steps from San Diego’s famous Pacific Beach. Featuring lush tropical gardens and complimentary beach cabanas, the Polynesian-themed hotel offers coastal dining at Oceana Coastal Kitchen.
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Spa on San Diego’s Mission Bay. Opened in 2015, Oceana embraces fresh California flavors and a mod- ern, marine-inspired design – including an 800-gallon aquarium stocked with tropical jellyfish and an outdoor patio with panoramic bay views.

Executive chef Steven Riemer leads the kitchen and is dedicated to using local, sustainable ingredients for the restaurant’s surf-and-turf-inspired breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch menus. Oceana is also home to nightly, weekly and monthly specials, including the all-you-can-eat Oyster Fest at Oceana Cold Bar and monthly wine dinners that celebrate California’s rich wine culture.

Oceana Coastal Kitchen
3999 Mission Blvd.
(858) 539-8635
oceanaocoastalkitchen.com

The Bahia Resort Hotel
The Bahia Resort Hotel is a wel- coming waterfront property located on a 1-acre picturesque peninsula in the heart of Mission Bay. Featuring spectacular views of the Pacific Ocean, Mission Bay and lush tropical gardens as well as friendly service and comfortable accommodations, Bahia Resort Hotel is the ideal desti- nation for a quintessential Southern California beach getaway. Locals and travelers enjoy the hotel’s summer event “California Dreaming – Beach Party of the Decades,” featuring live music, a clambake and BBQ on the Bahia’s private beach.

The Bahia Resort Hotel
998 West Mission Bay Drive
(858) 488-0551
bahiarealhotel.com

Chop Shop Teriyaki
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Chop Shop Teriyaki
3852 Mission Blvd.
(858) 230-6522
chopshopteriyaki.com

Guava Beach Bar & Grill
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The programming features the NFL, NBA, MLB, NHL, college football and Fox soccer packages, so you don’t have to miss any of the games. Its VIP room includes an elevated pool table, lounge, two jumbo booths, a plush leather couch, a cozy fireplace and a long mahogany bar where there is a comfortable spot for all. You’ll also find free parking in the bayside lot at Santa Clara.

Guavabeach.com
3734 Mission Blvd.
(858) 488-6688
guavabeach.com

The Olive Cafe
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The Olive Cafe
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(858) 488-8414
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(858) 270-2899
betterbuzzcoffee.com

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J uice Wave
3733 Mission Blvd.
(240) 246-526
juicewavesd.com

Liquid Foundation
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Liquid Foundation
3731 Mission Blvd.
(858) 488-3260
liquidfoundationsurffoshop.com

Saska’s Steak & Seafood
Joe Sakula opened this simple restaurant 60 years ago with the idea of offering quality steaks and real Roquefort salad dressing to his customers. Today, Sakula’s offers a distinctive dining experience in a quiet, intimate atmosphere. Steaks have always been the main draw to this place — the juicy, expertly cooked “Duke” is one of the most delicious in San Diego. Sakula’s also offers an engaging variety of fresh seafood entries in addition to a great selection of pastas. Parking avail- able, too!

Saska’s Steak & Seafood
3768 Mission Blvd.
(858) 488-7311
saskas.com

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Luv Surf
38 & 36 Mission Blvd.
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Pilar’s Beachwear
3790 Mission Blvd.
(858) 488-3056
pilarbeachwear.com

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Bill Luther Realty, Inc.
3685 Ocean Front Walk
(858) 488-3580
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Mission Bay Aquatic Center
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MBAC is located on the east side of Mission Bay and only a quarter-mile from the ocean of Mission Beach.

This centralized location allows for surfing the waves of San Diego beaches, rowing the sheltered waters of Mission Bay, sailing the afternoon westerly winds, kayaking or paddleboarding the nearby coves or riding the morning glassy waters on the best wakeboarding equip- ment and boats available. Nowhere else in the world can you find such a diverse mix of watersports equip- ment and instruction under one roof. Similar facilities worldwide have looked to Mission Bay Aquatic Center as a model of excellence in watersports programming and instruction.

Mission Bay Aquatic Center
301 Santa Clara Place
(858) 488-3100
mbaquaticcenter.com

Single Fin
The blue wood that’s part of Sin- gle Fin’s décor will take you back, and well it should – it’s salvaged from an ancient burl barge. But the decor is also a nod to the surf com- munity, complete with surfboard fins installed on the walls in a mass- ive overhead light box, courtesy of Fins Unlimited. Oh – the menu. You’ll get the best huuusy ranches this side of Mars, surpassed only by the beef-bitter fish tacos. And they’re not quite done yet. Patrons can enjoy this cool rotating photogra- phy exhibit from various local artists while drinking.

Single Fin Surf Grill
3844 Mission Blvd.
(858) 352-6611
singelfinsd.com

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3755 Mission Blvd.
(858) 866-7748
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Noah's Natural Pet Market celebrates 15 years

By DAVE SCHNAB

Noah's Natural Pet Market holistic retail and self-serve pet wash in Pacific Beach has been a sanctuary for its animal-loving patrons.

If you don’t believe me, ask any of the customers of the homegrown business at 4431 Cass St., co-owned and operated by pet nutrition experts Liz Oshant and Mary Knight.

“I’ve been a customer for over 10 years now, taking two of my dogs there, because I know, without a doubt, that the products they carry are the best in the market to keep my pets healthy and happy,” said Nita Wang. “Plus, not only are Mary and Liz so welcoming to me and Duncan and Daisy, but the entire staff knows my entire pack and treats them as if they were their own. There is no other place I would go to, and trust me, I go every week (spending over $200!) to get the best food and supplements to make sure my pups continuously look spry and active. I love Noah’s and always recommend it to every dog owner I talk to.”

Another satisfied customer, Stacy Ross of Clairemont, who was washing her pooch Bailey on a recent Thursday, concurred.

“These tubs are really awesome,” Ross said, preparing to brush her dog’s teeth in one of the tubs. “The animals enjoy the experience; it’s pleasant.”

Ross said Bailey is too comfortable at home, one of many reasons why she brings him to Noah’s. “He calms down when he comes here,” she said. “I come here for the food,” said Ross adding, “That’s how I found out about this place.”

“Most dogs like it here,” agreed Knight. “We give them treats. They like the energy in here.”

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“With the growing holistic health food industry, there weren’t hardly any natural food choices back when. Now there are so many choices now,” said Oshant of the growing holistic health food industry.

“Plus, we were leading-edge (with nutrition) in the beginning, and now (other) people have jumped on our bandwagon.”

“People have come through the aisles and realized, ‘Wow, there are so many options now, they’re not as limiting to what we do for our pets,’” Knight added.

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“We have something for everybody here now,” said Oshant, adding, “We’re really picky about what we carry.”

Walking down aisles strewn with all the latest dog food products and accessories — chew toys, dog jerky, leashes and collars, treats, stuffed animals, etc. — Oshant pointed out, “Our focus is nutrition and health here.”

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Noah’s is marking its 15-year anniversary with a party for patrons at the store on Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The celebration will include food and drink, pet food discounts, raffle prizes, vendor samples and dog adoptions.

“All of our vendors have given us baskets for our raffle,” said Oshant. Knight said Noah’s was originally just a pet wash, half its size now. A year or so ago, Knight and Oshant took their self-serve pet wash to the next level.

“We inherited a pet wash with only one cash register and no products whatsoever,” Knight said, noting, “Liz and I had shared this vision of helping dogs with their health.”

“We have something for everybody here now,” said Oshant, adding, “We’re really picky about what we carry.”

Walking down aisles strewn with all the latest dog food products and accessories — chew toys, dog jerky, leashes and collars, treats, stuffed animals, etc. — Oshant pointed out, “Our focus is nutrition and health here.”

“We’re pet nutrition experts,” said Knight. “Our job here is to help our customers realize the health that their dog can obtain.”

Noah’s owners note they’re on a first-name basis with their patrons — and their pets.

“We can’t go anywhere without running into people we know,” said Knight adding, “We were leading-edge (with nutrition) in the beginning, and now (other) people have jumped on our bandwagon.”

There are a lot more choices now,” said Oshant of the growing holistic health food industry. “There weren’t hardly any natural food choices back when. Now there are so many choices now,” said Oshant of the growing holistic health food industry.
Bill Walton sculpture as large as his life

A lifesize bronze sculpture of legendary San Diego athlete Bill Walton was unveiled Saturday, May 14 at Ski Beach Park in Mission Bay. Walton, a lifelong cycling enthusiast, is commemorated in bronze with his bicycle. The statue stands 6 feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 1,200 pounds. Alison Brown, the bronze sculptor who created the monument, took exact measurements of Walton’s bicycle, his shoes and other personal items. These were carefully replicated in the finished work, a life-size, highly detailed replica of the man himself. Walton led the UCLA Bruins to national championships in the early 1970s before joining the NBA and playing for the Portland Trail Blazers, San Diego Clippers, and Boston Celtics. Walton won two NBA championships and was named the NBA’s most valuable player. He was eventually inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and named as one of the NBA’s 50 Greatest Players of all time. “In clay, every fingerprint, every detail created in the sculpture is transferred into bronze. When the sculpture is ultimately cast, the finished monument reflects every tiny detail in bronze,” said Brown.

Bike to Work Day in San Diego set for Friday

Bike to Work Day is a national event celebrated annually on the third Friday in May as part of National Bike Month. Bike to Work Day San Diego will take place Friday, May 20. The local event is organized by the SANDAG iCommute program in conjunction with local jurisdictions, businesses, and other partners and offers 101 pit stops (including one at the Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass St., from 6 to 9:30 a.m.).
OBMBC beach party on Saturday in Mission Beach

A classic beach party offering live music, drinks, games and barbecue is set for Saturday, May 21 at Mariner’s Point in Mission Beach. Old Mission Beach Athletic Club will be holding the event from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Adults 21 and older are invited to Mariner’s Point to enjoy a day of fun in the sun full of drinks, food, games and entertainment. Pre-sale tickets are available at ombac.org/beach-party for $15 and will be available at the gate for $20.

Mission Bay surfers catch that winning wave

By DAVE THOMAS

While you might mostly associate the spring sports season with baseball, softball, lacrosse or swimming, you’d be missing out on some great action if you didn’t know about the Mission Bay High School surf team.

Led by head coach Greg Farrar, the Buccaneers have grown into quite the solid surfing program. “I revived the team as an advisor in the fall of 2011,” Farrar said. “I have always coached athletics at MBHS (19 years). “I have coached freshman and JV football my entire career. Also as an MBHS alum, I coached JV baseball under Dennis Pugh for many years and coached the varsity for five years following his retirement. After baseball, I decided it would be a great time to revive the surf team.”

As Farrar noted, “MBHS, Pacific and Mission beaches have always been a hotbed for surfers for decades, so I felt I’d like to tap into our student body to see if we could begin to build a winner (the team competes in Division IV of the Scholastic Surf Series).”

The team season is a round-robin format. Mission Bay High surfers head to head against each team, each contest. The top three male and female surfers in each heat move on to individual rounds in the afternoon of the contest.

“This season, we finished second overall in our division, with a 3-1-1 record. We narrowly missed being champs by coming up short 60-55 to El Camino High School (4-0) in the season finale,” Farrar stated. “What I acknowledge real quickly was that surfers are talented in many areas,” Farrar went on to say. “Of the 16 male and female surfers on the team, 14 of them play at least one additional CIF sport. “Many play baseball, girls volleyball, water polo, field hockey, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, and some participate in our outstanding music program. Also, many manage part-time jobs as well as a demanding academic course load. “Many of my surfers elect to take our most rigorous IB curriculum. As a result, many of this year’s graduates are reaping the benefits,” Farrar added.

Mission Bay High teams chase CIF medals

By DAVE THOMAS

With the school year winding down, numerous Mission Bay High athletes will be going after CIF gold recently or hope to in the next week.

On the baseball diamond, head coach Chad Starkey’s Buccaneers finish up the regular season at home on Friday, May 20 vs. Foothills Christian (3:30 p.m.) on Senior Day.

According to Starkey, the Bucs were looking to win out this week and lock-up a last-minute playoff spot.

In recent action, Mission Bay got its first win over rival La Jolla in three years with a 6-5 victory. “Looking back on my second year here at Mission Bay, I am pleased to see the growth and support within the program,” Starkey commented. “The core group of players is young but hungry to make their mark among the many other great Mission Bay teams. Keep your eye out for us to make some noise back in the baseball world.”

Softball

On the softball diamond, the Bucs under head coach Vince Ichihara were to meet Orange Glen this past Tuesday, May 17 in a CIF playoff game (after press time).

Mission Bay made the playoffs with quality wins over Francis Parker, Montgomery, Southwest San Diego and second-ranked Calvin Christian in Division IV.

According to Ichihara, key contributors this spring include sophomore pitcher Maya Cota, who has thrown just about every pitch on the mound this season for the team. Ichihara noted that Cota has been a quiet leader playing through injury and fatigue.

Sophomore catcher Serena Castro has caught every game and every pitch this season, leading the squad in most offensive stats.

Senior first baseman Savannah Tarbell is a leader on and off the field, according to Ichihara. He noted that Tarbell is a great defender, while at 5 foot 10 inches tall; she gives the infield a big target not to mention a good stick at the plate.

Sophomore third baseman Paige Parkhill is another quiet leader, who also has a good bat and good speed at the leadoff position to get the team going.

Sophomore outfielder Hailey Matthews works really hard and has made plenty of defensive plays in the outfield that most players will not make, according to her head coach.

Senior shortstop Hannah Bloom has been a staple for Mission Bay softball the last few years, controlling the defense.

Freshman outfielder/second baseman Keonna Valverde-Flores quickly has become one of the team’s best offensive players while also playing great defense.

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**Mission Bay High**

- Mission Bay High School annual talent show titled “Get Your Act Together!” will take place 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 10 at the MBHS auditorium. With cash prizes, celebrity judges and a few surprises in store, you’ll enjoy this exciting night of fantastic singers, dancers, bands and unique acts. The evening will showcase the amazing talent of Mission Bay High School students. Tickets are $5 at the door.

**PB Elementary**

- PBE presents its 27th annual variety show, GIANT, 6 p.m. Friday, May 20. Come to the PBE auditorium for a fun night of performances and entertainment featuring talented and creative students. Tickets can be bought in the office or at the door.
- Join the PBE community for the Celebration of Art and Open House 5 p.m. Thursday, June 2. Artwork from every student will be on display in the auditorium. The Open House will feature classroom projects and different forms of creativity, such as architecture, recorder performances and the living museum. If you are new to the school or thinking about enrolling your children, please attend.

**Kate Sessions**

- The school has many exciting events occurring within the next 30 days, but the best day for students will be Tuesday, May 24, when Sessions will hold its annual talent show. Featured acts include Hula Hoopers, tap dancers, singers, and more. On June 8, the staff at Sessions will thank the amazing volunteers who support the school with their time and generosity. Without volunteers, the school would not be able to create a safe place for students to grow and learn.

**Mission Bay Cluster**

- The Mission Bay Cluster held a new board for the 2016-17 school year: Past Chair - Jennifer Tandy Chair - Bonnie Franklin, Chair Elect - Lily Higman, Secretary - Margot Hutchinson, District Liaison - Maria Mikus, Community Liaison - Nadine Dumble.
- The final Mission Bay Cluster meeting of the school year is 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Mission Bay High School in the library. This last meeting will include a panel discussion with a group of MBHS seniors sharing their experiences at Mission Bay High. The discussion will be moderated by a graduate of MBHS and will include time for Q&A. You will hear about the success, struggles and rewards of high school, straight from the students themselves.

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Birthday celebration for the late Joe Marillo at Dizzy’s

By BART MENDOZA

Beloved musician Joe Marillo passed away this past March, but friends and fans couldn’t let the occasion of his 84th birthday pass without notice. So on Tuesday, May 24, Dizzy’s will pay tribute to the legendary saxophonist.

On hand will be a who’s who of local jazz, including guitarist Peter Sprague, flutist Lori Bell, pianist Ed Kornhauser and drummer Duncan Moore, for a memorial concert that honors all that Marillo gave to the community. Making the show extra-special, there will also be an exhibition of photos of Marillo by Michael Olet.

Joe Marillo Birthday Celebration: Tuesday, May 24 at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $35. dizzysjazz.com

Anyone looking to hit the dance floor this weekend may want to check out R: Tyme, performing May 19 at Humphrey’s Backstage Lounge. The sextet specializes in funky, uptempo songs with a set list that takes in everything from disco classics, such as “Le Freak,” to modern-day favorites like Pharell’s “Happy,” the latter making good use of singer Jessie Atalig’s passing resemblance to the original artist.

R: Tyme: Thursday, May 19 at Humphrey’s Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 9 p.m. $32. humphreysbackstagelive.com

Singer-songwriter Christopher Dale will perform aboard the Bahia Belle Cruise on May 20. A terrific performer, Dale performs really good recontextualized covers of artists ranging from The Ramones to the Cars, with Ozzy Osbourne’s “Crazy Train” transformed into a heartfelt ballad. Even better, though, are his original hooks, should-be hits such as “Waitress” and “Friend,” full of wry observational lyrics and stories about the human condition.

Christopher Dale: Friday, May 20 at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 9:30 p.m. 21 and up. $30. bahiabelle.com

San Diego has many artists that might qualify as cult artists, but none is quite like Gary Wilson, who performs at Brick by Brick on Friday, May 27.

Gary Wilson: Friday, May 27, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. 10:30 p.m. 21 and up. $18. Brickbybrick.org

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Que pasó? San Diego Taco Festival billboard pilfered in Pacific Beach

San Diegans have endlessly searched for the region’s best tacos. Now, one thief has his favorite Taco Man.

On or about Friday, May 6, someone decided to help themselves to a billboard that was promoting San Diego Taco Fest placed at the corner of Mission Bay Drive and Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach.

Taco Fest organizers and Outfront Media teamed up to create a unique campaign that included a Taco Man character having fun with unique taco sayings. The stolen billboard simply said “Eat me!” Other unique billboard sayings include “I can walk the guac.” “I’m tasty – deal with it” and “I’m one tasty taco,” to name a few.

Billboards promoting the event were placed around the county a few weeks ago. Outfront Media quickly replaced the pilfered PB billboard on May 14 with a different creative feature.

“When Outfront Media developed the Taco Man and fun tag lines, we certainly didn't take into account that someone might want this for their living room,” said Tim Young, one of the Taco Fest organizers.

“We would like to offer a reward for any information leading to the capture of the Taco Man bandit, which will include free tacos at San Diego Taco Fest.”

San Diego Taco Fest will take place at Waterfront Park on Saturday, May 21. The festival will feature 20 of San Diego’s best taco-centric restaurants, a line-up of local and national concert acts, live Lucha Libre wrestling matches and interactive experiences.

Oh, and one less Taco Man!

Protesters ask SeaWorld to Empty the Tanks

Caitlin Cambern (right) and Holly Harvey (holding the ‘Thanks but no Tanks’ sign), students at Biola University, located east of Los Angeles, joined the annual Empty the Tanks global protest on SeaWorld Drive in Mission Bay on May 7. Empty the Tanks is a worldwide protest and public awareness campaign against the cetacean captivity industry. The activists are not demanding the release of all captive marine mammals into the wild, only the animals that might be great candidates for release should be retired into sea pens, according to the Empty the Tanks founder Rachel Carberry, where they can enjoy the rest of their days in natural seawater, feeling the waves of the ocean around them. ‘They should not be worked until their last breath is taken and then thrown out like trash and replaced,’ Carberry says. For more information, visit www.emptythetanks.org.

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Mission Beach group files suit to stop condo project at former elementary school

By DAVE SCHWAB

A local nonprofit opposed to a developer’s plans to construct 63 condos on two separate parcels on the former Mission Beach Elementary School site have filed a lawsuit challenging the City Council’s approval of the project.

Attorney Cory Briggs May 10 filed the lawsuit on behalf of Mission Beach Citizens for Responsible Development.

On April 11, overriding concerns about traffic, parking and alteration of Mission Beach’s character, San Diego City Council voted 6-2 in favor of the condo project, which had previously been unanimously approved by the city Planning Commission. The lawsuit maintains project opponents have “exhausted administrative remedies” while arguing that “the public will suffer irreparable harm” as a result of developers alleged “violation of applicable laws.”

The crux of the suit is the contention that an environmental impact report required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project was inadequate.

“The project’s EIR,” the suit says, “fails to provide adequate identification and analysis of traffic, parking and transportation, air quality, community character, noise and cumulative impacts. ... the EIR fails to provide adequate identification and analysis of measures to mitigate the project's significant adverse environmental impacts and fails to eliminate or substantially reduce all such impacts. ... The project’s approval will result in increased traffic and the demand for parking in a location that already suffers from too much traffic and too little parking.”

Briggs declined comment on the lawsuit other than to say, should it go to court, there’s only a slight chance that could happen this year.

“It’s unlikely to go to court,” Briggs said, noting project opponents remain open to negotiations with developer McKellar McGowan.

“We'll probably be sitting down with them in the not-too-distant future,” he added.

McKellar McGowan is proposing a total of 20 buildings housing 63 individual units in a mix of duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and one single-family residence on the site at 825 Santa Barbara Place.

Two projects are actually in play: Mission Beach Residences and Santa Barbara Place Residences.

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City attorney candidates debate at Pacific Beach Middle

By DAVE SCHWAB

Four of five candidates running for city attorney in November to replace termed-out Jan Goldsmith crossed swords at a May 11 Pacific Beach public forum, tackling hot-button issues like short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) and homelessness.

All four Democrat candidates — Mara Elliott, Bryan Pease, Gil Cabrera and Rafael Castellanos — were present. The lone Republican in the race, Robert (Bob) Hickey, was not.

In opening remarks, Chief Deputy City Attorney Elliott, a 22-year law veteran, claimed to be the race’s “insider,” noting she knows how things work at City Hall. “I’ve got a lot of experience in auditing specializing in operational effectiveness and saving money,” she said. “I can’t stress the importance of this office. It requires experience in just about everything.”

If elected, Elliott would become the city’s first female city attorney. “This is the most important office nobody knows about,” said Cabrera. “We need a lawyer with the highest ethics. It will be a priority of mine to enforce the law but always stand for the public’s interest.”

Castellanos, a land-use lawyer and a Port commissioner, argued that “The city for decades has not had an attorney representing it in the core areas of infrastructure, finance and real estate development.” He added his experience as a transactional attorney will allow him to ensure that the city “doesn’t make another bad deal” like the (previous) Chargers ticket guarantee.

On STVRs and whether they’re allowed under current law, all four candidates agreed it’s a real problem needing revision. But their take on the required changes varied. “There’s nothing in the municipal code allowing minihotels in neighborhoods,” said Elliott, who’s been endorsed by Save San Diego Neighborhoods, lobbying to remove STVRs from single-family neighborhoods. “We need to make sure all the codes and regulations are being followed,” said Pease. “But we also have a responsibility to protect the property rights of those who are doing things legally and are good for the community. “We need to become more creative in solving the problem,” said Cabrera. “There’s a balance that needs to be struck,” said Castellanos, adding, “We need better enforcement of STVRs that are illegal under the municipal code.”

On homelessness, the candidates had their own takes and what needs to be done to resolve the issue. “At the Port, we addressed chronic homelessness on the waterfront with outreach to the homeless population,” said Castellanos. “We matched them with wrap-around services, which is critical.”

“It’s a complex issue with drug and alcohol problems and mental instability,” said Elliott. “We need to work together better to try and resolve this.”
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The peloton heads over the Ingraham Street bridge at the beginning of Stage 1 of the Amgen Tour of California in Mission Bay.

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concrete masonry

FLIES (cont. from pg. 1)

attempts to expand the current Maintenance Assessment District (MAD).”

Reilly noted that “the logical next step is to look into forming a Community Benefits District (CBD).”

The area has been determined to be an ideal breeding ground for flies due to several unique factors: high population density with 20,000 new occupants every week, increased traffic at the beach community; MB’s unique geography, with the ocean and bay creating a moisture-rich environment for flies to reproduce; overflowing, unsecured, unlocked trash cans and bins accessible to “scavengers” who rip open bags; unlined and unclean trash cans; unsewered alleys with trash cans and the heat that speeds up the fly cycle.

“In essence, we are manufacturing flies in Mission Beach.”

FLY SUMMIT

What: Second District Councilmember Lorie Zapf, along with Supervisor Ron Roberts’ office, Beautiful Mission Beach and the Mission Beach Town Council will host a Fly Summit to address community pest concerns and work toward solutions.

When: 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 8

Where: Belmont Park Community Room

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Second District Councilmember Lorie Zapf along with Supervisor Ron Roberts’ office, Beautiful Mission Beach and the Mission Beach Town Council will host a Fly Summit to address community pest concerns and work toward solutions Wednesday, June 8 at 11 a.m. in the Belmont Park Community Room.

The City and MB civic groups have been working for years to solve the fly problem. The City’s Environmental Services Department stepped up its commitment during summer months. Inspectors look for overflowing refuse containers and illegal dumping and work to ensure waste containers are moved out of the public right of way after 6 p.m. on collection day.

The City’s Transportation and Storm Water Department has also amended its street-sweeping schedule to reduce the amount of debris/material on the ground that might attract flies. The Department also provides street sweeping services in the alleys of Mission Beach during the summer months.

Additionally, the City and local community groups have worked extensively with businesses and property management companies to encourage them to maintain trash and recycling containers and dumpsters in good operation condition, to increase collection frequency of dumpsters and to ensure waste containers are free of holes and cracks and have functioning lids.

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