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Mom was right: it’s beautiful, get outside and play

By THOMAS MELVILLE

Snow. There are still mountains of dirty, dark snow melting in abandoned lots outside of Boston. Still melting. Snow. In July.

In February as the Northeast and Midwest were going through an epic snow-covered winter, San Diego was having a hot spell. “Hey, it’s wicked cold here, what’s the weather there?” asked your friend living in the Northeast.

“It’s 75 and sunny,” you replied. “It’s always 75 and sunny.” It makes a perfect mantra as you meditate after your morning yoga session overlooking Crystal Pier from Palisades Park: “75 and sunny, om, 75 and sunny, om, 75 and sunny, om.”

However you got here – born into it, emigrated or immigrated – it’s a powerful place on the senses.

Adriana Gonzalez, who used to live in PB, likes to come back on weekend mornings to do yoga outside at Palisades Park.

After 38 years, Great News closing its doors

Pacific Beach business’ last day is July 31
By KEITH ANTIO Giovanni

There is bad news for generations of Pacific Beach residents and longtime customers as Great News (1788 Garnet Ave.) will be closing its doors for good at the end of July – 38 years after it opened for business at Pacific Plaza. The cooking school officially closed on June 30.

“There were rumors that I lost my lease here but none of that is true. My landlords at Pacific Plaza have been great all of these years. I’ve decided to retire. It’s time,” Great News owner Ron Eisenberg said. Eisenberg also confirmed that he will not be moving the store to a new location nor does he know what business will be replacing Great News at its current location.

She’s the ‘graffiti eradicator’

Her mission is to erase tags from PB & MB
By DAVE SCHWAB

Cleansing communities of graffiti is a dirty job, but somebody’s got to do it.

In Mission and Pacific beaches for the last 24 years, that “somebody” has been retired school principal Maruta Gardner.

Working in conjunction with the Mission Beach Town Council and the San Diego Police Department, Gardner, on her tricycle with all her tools in tow, has been a one-woman graffiti “eradicator.”

“It has become my community service project,” said Gardner, who was principal at Mission Bay High School from 1990-95.

Gardner added the best thing you can do with graffiti is “to cover it up right away because, if you don’t — it grows.”

Gardner regularly patrols the beachfront, especially the boardwalk, looking to paint out any graffiti “tags” she comes across. She takes pictures and documents every tag she finds, sending them to the police who track
Inaugural Cabrillo Sunset 5K on July 25

Cabrillo National Monument Foundation will hold its first-ever Cabrillo Sunset 5K run-walk from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at the national park at 1800 Cabrillo Memorial Drive.

The Cabrillo race route is challenging, descending on a paved road downhill about 200 feet to the tide pools offering a pristine ocean view for runners/walkers. The race then continues back up a steep incline. There will also be an alternative fun run/walk up to the lighthouse. Both events qualify for event T-shirts and medals.

“It’s a day completely dedicated to health and getting out in the outdoors and experiencing our parks,” said Eileen Martinez, Cabrillo spokesperson.

The Cabrillo Sunset 5K is part of the National Park Service’s (NPS’s) centennial “Find Your Park Move to Improve Challenge.”

With its centennial approaching in 2016, the “Challenge” is part of NPS’s recently launched campaign to raise support and introduce a new, more-diverse generation of millennials and children to “America’s best idea,” the national parks.

Runners in the Cabrillo Sunset 5K will compete for first-place awards in both the men’s and women’s division, which guarantees them free admission into the America’s Finest City Half Marathon in August.

All participants will receive a numbered bib, an event T-shirt and an inaugural commemorative medal. After the race, participants can chill, relax and enjoy a DJ and music and dance. This will truly be a “park after dark” experience as the event is being held on the night of a full moon.

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Info: (858) 539-9774.

California Dreaming
When: 6 to 9 p.m. Thursdays through Sept. 3.
Where: Bahia Resort, 998 W. Mission Bay Drive.
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PB AleHouse reopens five months after kitchen fire

By DAVE SCHMIDT

aPacific Beach AleHouse, closed since mid-February when a kitchen grease fire caused an estimated $1 million in damage, had a soft re-opening July 10.

“Right now we’re up and running with the same, limited lunch/dinner menu all day,” said Johnny Leal, general manager of PB AleHouse at 721 Grand Ave.

Leal noted there will continue to be one all-purpose menu while the eatery is “working all the kinks out” with its newly remodeled space after being closed for nearly five months.

Hours for the newly reopened restaurant are 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week. Once things are back to normal, Leal said the restaurant will be open two hours earlier, at 9 a.m., to facilitate peak-season summertime beach crowds.

PB AleHouse is also working through some problems with its electrical to get all of its TV sets running.

“It’s good to be open and back home again,” Johnny Leal, GM of PB ALEHOUSE

The really good news however, said Leal, is that the majority of its staff are returning.

“We’ve brought back at least 80 percent of the staff,” he said noting many of them found temporary employment elsewhere during the layoff for remodeling at other restaurants in the OMG Hospitality Group chain, which owns PB AleHouse as well as Backyard Kitchen and Tap in PB, and Union Kitchen and Tap with locations in Encinitas and the Gaslamp Quarter.

The February fire was restricted mostly to the kitchen, but Leal said there was “considerable smoke damage through a lot of the downstairs.” But that wasn’t entirely a bad thing, he added.

“The hardest part was dealing with all the insurance companies,” Leal said, noting the remodel forced them to “consider some alternatives, make some changes and get a little more current.”

Leal added that repairing smoke damage is a “meticalious” process.

“You pretty much have to replace all your materials, like wood, if you can’t get them clean,” he said.

Heavy smoke was billowing from PB AleHouse’s second story about 3:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, firefighters coming from the fire station directly across the street from the Alehouse extinguished most of the blaze in about 25 minutes.

San Diego Fire-Rescue (SDFR) said about 120 people were inside when the fire broke out, and management evacuated the packed building.

The fire started in the kitchen and traveled up a stove vent into the attic, SDFR spokesman Lee Swanson said.

“It’s good to be open and back home again,” concluded Leal.

For more information, visit www.pbalehouse.com or call (858) 581-2337.

PB student wins statewide Business Plan Pitch Competition

In an unanimous decision, San Diego Mesa College students Tyler Aloe, of Pacific Beach, and Celine Ahearn, of North Park, earned first place in the statewide “Get a Taste of Success” Business Plan Pitch Competition.

Aloe and Ahearn presented their winning pitch for Take ‘N Charge – mobile kiosks that rent chargers for mobile devices – live in front of a panel of business experts at the Small Business Summit in Sacramento, which took place in June.

The team of Aloe and Ahearn were one of three community college teams to advance to the statewide finals after besting other teams in 10 regional competitions across the state. The other two college teams were “Inspired Aquaponics” from Cañada College, and “SkyScout” from Irvine Valley College.

Aloe and Ahearn were awarded $2,000 in addition to business marketing and service packages to promote and launch their business. Their pitch also attracted potential investors from the audience.

Aloe, along with Class of 2015 valedictorian Celine Ahearn, pitched their idea for Take ‘N Charge, which helps smartphone and tablet users keep their devices charged.

Take ‘N Charge features strategically placed kiosks where mobile device users can rent a pre-charged power bank for smartphones and tablets. Used chargers can then be returned to any location.

Take ‘N Charge has already been rolled out in select locations throughout San Diego. In fact, some of the mobile kiosks are being placed at select restaurants in Pacific Beach.

“Mesa has been a great place to learn the fundamentals of business,” said Aloe, who cited Mesa College assistant business professor Howard Eskew as an integral part of Take ‘N Charge development. “Celine and I learned the importance of financial accounting and preparing for the future in professor Eskew’s financial accounting class.”

Eskew encouraged his students to enter the competition. Among those that did, the “Take ‘N Charge” proposal rose to the top and made the final cut.

“Ty and Celine’s efforts are a great testimony to the potential, talent and power that our students have to create, develop and impact our community,” remarked Eskew, who accompanied Aloe and Ahearn to the final round.

“Their hard work and the dedication and diligence shown by the faculty, administration and staff at Mesa allows our students to continue to make positive contributions to Mesa and the San Diego community at large,” he said.
All the freedom of owning a boat, but without the hassle

By DAVE SCHWAB

An entrepreneur has started a boat club for locals that’s being billed as “all the joys of boating with none of the hassles.”

Florida transplant Dan Hasbrouck opened Freedom Boat Club at 2630 Ingraham St. in Dana Landing in August 2014.

“An alternative to boat ownership is our slogan,” said Hasbrouck, a former helicopter pilot who grew up around boats.

Hasbrouck explained his business model. “It’s like a gym membership with a one-time entry fee and flat monthly dues,” he said. “We take care of the insurance, maintenance, dock fees, cleaning, training — everything. All you have to do is show up, go boating, have a good time, come back and drop the keys off.”

Freedom’s monthly boat charge is $325 for a craft valued at about $55,000 to $60,000.

After a year in business, Freedom has nearly 50 members signed up for its current inventory of five boats, some for fishing, some for pleasure and a pontoon boat for kids with a water slide. Hasbrouck intends to expand and grow the business. But he will not deviate from having a 10-to-1, customer-to-boat ratio.

Hasbrouck said Freedom’s business model is especially appealing to two types of potential clients: young professionals seeking to try out boating before they go all in on purchasing one, and long-time boaters who want to continue, but without all the hassles — and costs — involved in maintaining their own vessel.

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Freedom Boat Club also has an online reservation system.

“It’s a real easy, no-hassle way to reserve a boat,” said Hasbrouck noting every member is entitled to four “rolling” reservations.

“Every membership can reserve four days up to six months in advance, a maximum of four at a time,” he said. “Once they make a reservation and use that reservation, they get it back, so it’s rolling. You have unlimited reservations, but you can only have four at a time. What that does is it keeps the boat hog away from taking every Saturday morning.”

There is also same-day boat usage available.

Freedom is also very liberal concerning where members are allowed to take their boats. Hasbrouck said anywhere in Mission and San Diego bays is fair game.

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Hasbrouck said boat sharing in a club essentially gives members the freedom of boat usage without all the attendant responsibilities that go along with owning one.

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GREAT >> CONT. FROM PG. 1

Great News officially opened on July 15, 1977. At that time Pete Wilson was serving his second term as San Diego’s mayor, the city’s population was still less than one million and Elvis Presley was still alive.

This writer recalls buying an “Offionion and Elvis Presley was still alive.

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North PB Sip 'N Stroll back and bigger than ever

By DAVE SCHWAB

North PB Sip 'N Stroll, being held for the third time 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 26, gets bigger and better—and more representative—of the neighborhood each year.

The aim of this third installment of the hyper-local Pacific Beach street fair continues to be to promote and uncover local businesses in North Pacific Beach.

“We’re getting more and more of the local businesses involved, rather than outside-type vendors,” said event originator Mike Spangler, of Spangler Event Productions.

“We’ve got probably close to 40 businesses and nonprofits lined up, all based in PB. To me, that is amazing.” Spangler added the event this year is becoming even more community-focused.

“To start, we are raising awareness and money for the Bike Friendly Business District of Discover Pacific Beach, which promotes bike traffic in the area,” Spangler said adding “North PB residents and businesses want more bike racks and this is what we are raising money for.”

Spangler said guests are also being encouraged to ride their bike to the event this year and team up with Discover PB, Beautiful PB, Deco Bikes and SD Bike Coalition to install a temporary bike corral adjacent to the event where they can safely lock up their bikes and receive lots of bike info from bicycling organizations.

New this year, Spangler said, is that the event has teamed up with Pacific Beach Town Council to program the community and kids corner located in the parking lot of Tula Ru.

“We are giving free space to local nonprofits such as Beautiful PB, SavePB, PB Planning Group, PB Library, The Gateway Project and a few others so they can interact with the community,” said Spangler.

“There is a huge disconnect between these organizations and the younger families in the neighborhood, and what a better way to engage than through the kids. I am personally collecting reclaimed wood from the neighborhood and cutting out fish so the kids can paint them and take them home,” he said.

The new Creative Kids Early Learning Studio on Turquoise Street will also be providing some unique learning activities.

One goal of the Sip 'N Stroll is to distinguish North PB from the rest of the community by establishing its unique identity.

North PB is loosely defined as the section of the beach community north of the Grand and Garnet avenues commercial district, bounded by Felspar Street on the south, Turquoise Street on the north, Mission Boulevard on the west and Ingraham Street on the east.

Most importantly, Spangler noted the annual street fair’s objective is to “celebrate the residents and all the small-businesses in the neighborhood that people don’t really know about. The point is to uncover them so people know they don’t have to leave PB, they can shop here, get their taxes done, et cetera.”
One of Pacific beach’s finest traditions, Concerts on the Green, returns to Kate Sessions Park, for the 13th year. Running on consecutive Sundays through Aug. 9, the event will feature Liz Grace & The Swing Thing (July 26), The Stoney B Blues Band (Aug. 2) and The Siers Brothers (Aug. 9).

The series kicks off on July 19 with a performance from Latin jazz combo The Quineteto Caballero. Led by trumpeter Bill Caballero, the band performs original tunes as well as covers of traditional salsa, and Brazilian music.

Perfect for dancing or just enjoying the rhythms in the breeze, it all adds up to a great soundtrack for an afternoon at one of the most scenic locations in San Diego.

Quinteto Caballero: Sunday July 19, at Concerts on the Green, Kate Sessions Park. 4 p.m. All Ages. Free. www.pbconcerts.org.

The most unique spot to take in sounds this summer? It’s easily the nightly concerts taking place aboard the Bahia Belle, cruising the waters of Mission Bay. It’s family friendly fun until 9:30 pm, when it becomes a 21-and-up floating nightclub. There are multiple entertainment choices depending on the night, from DJs to acoustic duos to classic rock bands. With docking stops every half hour, food and drink and a cover price of only $10, it’s a great date night. Upcoming dates include Slower (July 22), Private Domain (July 28) and DJ Royale (July 30), but no matter what night you choose, nothing compares to the views of the San Diego skyline from the water.

Bahia Belle: Daily, at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 9:30 p.m. 21 and up. www.catamaranresort.com.

If you like the blues, be sure to check out guitarist Nathan James, performing at 9 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. An incendiary player who has performed with the likes of James Harman, Kim Wilson and Billy Boy Arnold, James is an adept on the harmonica as he is on the six string making him a double threat for fans of Americana or roots rock.

He released two albums on the same date last year, both quite good. But bands like James need to be heard live, where the interplay of the musicians and the response of the audience combine to make a unique experience.

Nathan James: Thursday, July 23 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St.. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

San Diego is getting its own major music festival this summer, with Kaboo, set for Sept. 18-20, at the San Diego County Fairgrounds. While the main attraction will be the national acts, there will be a number of local performers included in the mix as well.

On July 19, Brick by Brick will host a special concert, featuring artists hoping to earn a spot at the event. It will be a tough call, with sets from area notables Raelee Nikole, Tolan Shaw, Hocus, Brad Perry & the Acoustic Fingerprints. All are worthy performers so we won’t pick our favorites here, but if you want to help your favorite make it to the big stage, come on down to this concert and show your support.

Kaboo Contest: Sunday, July 19 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. www.brickbybrick.com.

Humphrey’s Backstage Lounge hosts a rare indie rock concert on July 25, with a performance from rock en Espanol favorites Los Hollywood. It’s an early show, with a 5 p.m. start time, ending by 8 p.m., but anyone who enjoys new wave, powerpop, mod or indie rock love every second of their set. The band sings in both Spanish and English, but no translation is really needed. Their latest single, “Hasta Manana” is a jangle pop gem that hits all the right notes in any language.

Los Hollywood: Saturday, July 25, at Humphrey’s Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, 5 p.m. humphreysbackstagelive.com

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A board story

Here at Bird’s Surf Shed I am surrounded by a little over 1,000 surfboards. All of them have their stories to tell and I’m positive that after I close up every night they all get together and share them. Although I have not ridden them all (and probably never will) every once in awhile a certain board will call out to me.

Such was the case last Thursday afternoon. In case you haven’t noticed, the surf so far this summer has been poor. When it picked up a bit last week, the crowds were out in force and my paddle strength was poor from weeks of not surfing.

I surfed a La Jolla reef break that was picking this new swell up nicely. It was slim pickings and at the end of a three-hour go out, my wave count was at a measly three. Knowing that the next day was going to be larger and likely more crowded, my thoughts turned to getting off of my six-footer and riding a longer board.

Feeling a bit nostalgic after having watched Richard Kenvin ripping it up on a ‘70s era Caster single fin that day, I decided to dig deeper into the board stash for something that would possibly give me that same feel. I didn’t have to look too far before I found just what I thought I was looking for. Out came the 7-foot-2 swallow tail Brewer Chapman model.

Dick Brewer is a legendary shaper credited with many surfboard design improvements over the past 50 years and Owl Chapman has been one of many younger shapers who have worked with Brewer over these years. I’d had this board for a few years and from the first day that I touched it a bond had been formed. I knew that this one would find its way under my feet some day; it was just a matter of time.

I gave the board a solid inspection and cleaning before waxing it up. It definitely showed some wear and tear, so some of Joe Roper’s amazing ding tape was carefully applied to some open wounds.

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Old World Charm in Heart of Point Loma

3111 Felson Street $899,900
Spacious Mediterranean vintage home is ready for someone to love it. Approximately 2,500 sq ft. with ample storage on two levels, makes this home just full of possibilities. It’s perfect location in heart of the village of Point Loma gives easy access to Shelter Island, San Diego Yacht Club, Sports Fishing, Liberty Station, airport, stores, restaurants, and downtown. 1st floor consists of beautiful original hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, formal living room and dining room that opens to a very large kitchen. Lower level has an extremely spacious family/entertainment room, with an oversized extra kitchen, and full bathroom. Original wine cellar room accessed from double car garage is perfect for a sewing room, hobby/craft room, or more storage. Laundry hook up on both levels. Backyard boasts mature orange and cherimoya tree, has ample room for entertaining and water bottles cover the grass as people from all walks of life and all levels of yoga stretch and reach to the skies.

“Life here was not meant to be indoors. The scenery, the weather, the people – San Diego is all about being out and about with bikes, boats and bikinis. “When I got here I could not believe places like this existed,” said Helen Gerasimchuk, “where you could live outside all the time.”

Gerasimchuk, a recent transplant from the Northeast who moved here three months ago, visited San Diego in March and then promptly picked up and moved. “I went back to Boston and packed my things,” she said. “I was living the office life – in a cubicle – and I could not handle it.”

Gerasimchuk, who is certified as a group fitness instructor, now lives in Pacific Beach and runs a bootcamp 9:30 a.m. every Saturday at Crown Point Park.

“I think being outdoors is invaluable,” she said. “You can’t put a price on it. When you’re running outside and you breathe fresh air next to the water and then the bright sun naturally makes you happy – that’s the reason I’m here.”

That’s the reason San Diego exists. That’s the reason we’re all here.

“There’s definitely an element of wow every day. It’s amazing,” said Sarah Dymond, yoga instructor and co-owner of San Diego Paddle Yoga in Mission Bay.

“We love being outside on the water getting sandy and salty every day. We have the natural resources so why not use them,” said Dymond, who moved here from Baltimore eight years ago. "When I’m teaching a class, there’s always a moment when I take a minute and sit back and say ‘Oh my gosh, this is amazing, I can’t believe this is my job. It’s so beautiful.’”

From the bay side to on the bay to overlooking the beach, the opportunities for the weekend warriors – or just weekend warrior poses – are endless, especially on the coast.

Saturday and Sunday mornings hundreds of people join Steve Hubbard for a 90-minute yoga session in Palisades Park above the Lane Street beach to clear their minds and feel the energy of the ocean. Yoga mats and water bottles cover the grass as people from all walks of life and all levels of yoga stretch and reach to the skies.

“The whole intention of it was to make this practice, which is so healthy and promotes so much good stuff, accessible to everybody and have a community class for anybody to join,” Hubbard said. “It gets people out and in touch with nature a little more.”

And people from east, south and north county come to one of the most beautiful spots in Pacific Beach to find peace and relaxation after a stressful work week.

“One of the things I think people kind of forget is that by big bodies of water like this, the negative ions in the air are increased, and the negative ions enhance your mood, stimulate your senses – they do a lot of healthy stuff,” Hubbard said. “To practice yoga next to this body of water, and be a part of the beauty of nature all around you, it’s really something pretty special.”
Mission Bay High
A group of Mission Bay High School students recently returned from a two-week trip through Europe. The students started their tour in Rome and visited Piazza Navona, the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Spanish steps followed by a tour of the Vatican. After Rome, they headed north and visited the town of Assisi. The world-traveling high school students continued their Italian tour and visited the famous Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge, considered the oldest in the city of Florence. The famous Duomo, Florence’s magnificent church, was one of the final stops in Italy.

From Florence and Pisa, the MBHS students traveled to the principality of Monaco followed by the French cities of Nice, Avignon, Pont du Gard (2,000-year-old Roman aqueduct) and the medieval town of Carcassonne.

From there they visited Barcelona and watched the Magic Fountains located in Plaza de España, visited the Sagrada Familia cathedral, and went to La Barceloneta beach. The students ended their trip in Madrid, Spain where they visited the famous Prado Museum, the Royal Palace, and the Plaza Mayor.

“My experience in Europe was better than I could have ever imagined,” said MBHS student Priscilla Tamborini. “I definitely believe I came back a more well-rounded and cultured person. “One of my favorite memories would have to be cliff jumping into the Gardon River under an old Roman aqueduct in France. If I could, I would do it all over again because there was never a dull moment,” she said.

St. Paul’s Lutheran
St. Paul’s Lutheran School congratulates fourth-graders Miranda Kaack and Emily Delcamp for receiving scholarships from the American Guild of Organists for their organ study and performances. Miranda also received an additional scholarship in the novice division of competition.

St. Paul’s also congratulates seventh-grader Sam Rudenberg and alumni Margaret Campbell for receiving their Bach Regional award ribbons at the Southern California Junior Bach Festival at UCLA. Margaret was also awarded a bronze medal in the Complete Works Audition Program.

On June 29, Miranda Kaack performed at an American Guild of Organists concert at Spreckels Organ Pavilion at Balboa Park.

Sam Rudenberg, Skylar Berry and Morgan Blum received the Music Leadership Award for consistently demonstrating outstanding leadership in choir and/or handbells. The recipients of the “I’ve Got the Joy” Award (in memory of Ashley Hefington) are John Hartford and Petra Schulz for their outstanding work in choir throughout the year.

A five-block area of Garnet Avenue got a little sparkle in June when the third- and fourth-grade classes took to the street for a clean-up. The students chose to walk to the Broken Yolk Café and clean up Garnet Avenue on the way back to school.

University of San Diego
The following Pacific Beach students recently graduated from USD:

• Vianey Coronado Angeles. Coronado Angeles earned bachelor’s degrees in French and accountancy, graduating summa cum laude. She was the valedictorian for the university’s School of Business Administration and earned a 4.0 grade point average.

• Katherine Crider. Crider earned a bachelor’s degree in behavioral neuroscience.

• Mathias Dahl. Dahl earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration, graduating cum laude.

• Faye Garber. Garber earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

• Abigail Hollinger. Hollinger earned a bachelor’s degree in international relations, graduating summa cum laude.

• Benjamin Jacobs. Jacobs earned a bachelor’s degree in behavioral neuroscience, graduating summa cum laude.

• Jonathan Mesic. Mesic earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing, completing the requirements for graduation in January.

• Anthony Palladino. Palladino earned a bachelor’s degree in finance, completing the requirements for graduation in January.

• Christopher Pettinatini. Pettinatini earned a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering.

• Kathryn Raybould. Raybould earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and music.

• Gwyneth Shoecraft. Shoecraft earned a bachelor’s degree in communication studies, graduating summa cum laude and having completed the requirements for graduation in January.

• Arielle Sobeim. Sobeim earned a bachelor’s degree in marketing.

• Samantha Stobo. Stobo earned a bachelor’s degree in communication studies.

• Michael Sussman. Sussman earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting, graduating cum laude.
SD City Council votes to support zero waste plan

By DAVE SCHWAB

The San Diego City Council’s nine members voted unanimously July 13 to support a proposed zero waste plan with the goal of diverting 75 percent of the waste generated in the city away from landfill disposal by 2020. The city’s goal is to reach zero waste by 2040.

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and outreach.

were told each residence is entitled to have up to three blue recycling bins, and that they are provided by the city free of charge, though there is a $25 delivery fee.

“We have a lot of work to do in our backyards,” noted Zapf, of making the plan a reality.

GARDENIA’S GRIT

Gardner gave a case in point about graffiti. One is that mostly gang-related.

“Police have arrested about 95 people on my picture list,” she said. “Ninety-eight percent of the guys they (police) arrest are 20-somethings, not gangbangers or teenagers.

Gardner gave a case in point about a tagger whose mark was DAC, which was being sprayed throughout Out Mission Beach.

“Finally, when the police caught DAC, it was a 23-year-old white guy living in a multi-million dollar house in Encinitas with his parents,” she said, adding, “DAC stood for Da Crew.”

Gardner is not shy about telling you what she thinks of taggers, whom she refers to as morons.

Asking why taggers do it, Gardner said, “psychologists will tell you it’s insignificant people’s way of making their mark, because they have nothing else in their life. Smart kids don’t do this. It’s the insignificant morons that do this. It’s not even marking territory anymore, the way it used to be. Down here (beach), this is everybody’s territory.”

Gardner points out graffiti is a threat to any real or personal property not his or her own … is guilty of vandalism … if it defaces, damages or destroys property.”

The graffiti “eradicator” also notes that any substance, including chalk, no matter how well intentioned, is graffiti and illegal if its scraped any-

where within the public realm.

“When do you say, your (graffiti) is OK, but mine is not?” Gardner asked.

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She travels around on her donated beach tricycle.

Her other tools include a box-cutter-like razor and scrubbing and cleaning materials as well as a two-step ladder to get to the higher and harder-to-reach places, which are becoming increasingly common.

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PB Town Council’s Wine and Beer Tasting Fundraiser Saturday

The next Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) Wine and Beer Tasting & Silent Auction Fundraiser will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at PB Woman’s Club’s Historic Hornblend Hall at 1721 Hornblend St.

The event is PBTC’s single most important fundraiser to benefit the Pacific Beach community and local schools. Residents are urged to come out and taste a variety of wines and beers, munch appetizers and support the PB Town Council.

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Porte noted there will be non-alcoholic drinks available to those not wishing to imbibe at the July 18 fundraiser.

The centerpiece of PBTC’s fundraiser is the silent auction. The town council is looking to local and regional businesses for tax-deductible contributions of items that are their specialty, such as gift certificates or more handmade.

Those donating items for the fundraiser can arrange to have them picked up. PBTC also supports the Pacific Beach Recreation Center and Pacific Beach Library, as well as helping sponsor Concerts on the Green in Kates Sessions Park. The organization is also the primary organization within Pacific Beach that provides a monthly forum for local residents and business owners to discuss community issues with local elected officials/representatives and emergency services personnel.

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The Force Awakens in San Diego

Thousands of Comic-Con attendees, including Han Solo (Harrison Ford, above), left the convention center after the ‘Star Wars: The Force Awakens’ panel and headed to Embarcadero Marina Park South on July 10 to hear the San Diego Symphony perform a free concert of ‘Star Wars’ music. PHOTO COURTESY OF SAN DIEGO SYMPHONY

ReWild Mission Bay chosen as primary regional wetlands project

San Diego Audubon’s ReWild Mission Bay recently became one of three projects chosen to spearhead wetlands restoration in the San Diego region. As it adopted a resolution to prioritize the protection and restoration of San Diego’s wetlands, the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board selected the group for the project’s goal to restore and expand more than 150 acres of wetlands in the northeast corner of Mission Bay.

The action solidified the water board’s stated commitment to prioritizing region-wide restoration of one of Southern California’s most threatened and important habitats, designed to ensure completion of the ReWild project and survival of Mission Bay’s wetlands.

With ReWild Mission Bay, San Diego Audubon is facilitating a three-year planning process that includes collecting community input and conceptualizing plans to restore the wetlands along Pacific Beach Drive and on both sides of Rose Creek.

By May of 2017, this process should yield at least three versions of a community-informed, scientifically defensible wetlands restoration plan for the northeast corner of Mission Bay. Once the City of San Diego approves a plan, permitting and ultimately restoration of the area’s wetlands are expected to ensue.

“Healthy wetlands keep our communities beautiful, preserve habitat for local wildlife and provide clean water for all of us. Healthy wetlands preserve the San Diego way of life,” said Rebecca Schwartz, project manager for ReWild Mission Bay.

“Over the next two years, ReWild will work with partners, stakeholders and the community to develop a series of plans that will keep Mission Bay Healthy and thriving for years.”

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“It never goes away,” she said adding, “There’s always a new moron.”

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This beautiful Studio located only 3 blocks to the Ocean in North Pacific Beach is perfect for luxury beach living. Includes custom built-in Murphy Bed, stainless steel appliances, granite counter tops, electric fireplace. New carpet/fresh paint. The modern Pacific Shores complex offers 2 gorgeous pools, spa, fitness room, sauna and BBQ area. Ideal Location just steps to restaurants and grocery store. Short walk to beach, schools and Bird Rock, La Jolla.
Offered at $245,000

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