Momentum continues to build against scooters, as District 1 Councilmember Barbara Bry has called for a moratorium on them, while a Pacific Beach resident has initiated an online petition drive to ban them, which netted more than 300 signatures in 48 hours.

“San Diegans deserve a safe, unobstructed and accessible public right-of-way,” said Bry. “Electric scooters have posed challenge after challenge on our City sidewalks, boardwalks and pedestrian walking areas. “In May, the City Council approved a permitting and regulatory program that went into effect July 1. We believed these rules could help reestablish order on our sidewalks,” Bry said. “Instead, we are left with companies willfully ignoring staging restrictions and geofencing requirements.”

Meanwhile, PB resident Bill Zent has launched scooterban.com, with its petition drive to “neuter” scooters. States Zent’s website: “Restore sanity to our streets and sidewalks. Support Barbara Bry’s proposed ordinance to ban scooters. Scooters are injuring the riders, pedestrians and pose a real hazard to everyone trying to have a casual walk at the beach or downtown or anywhere.”

As of Aug. 5, Zent was more than halfway toward his goal of 1,000 signatures in favor of banning scooters to the City Council.

The Northern team cheers on its last swimmer to victory during the Ron Trenton Memorial Relay at South Mission Beach. (Left) Members of the BSU team sprint up the beach.

Northern team wins Ron Trenton Memorial Relay

The BSU (Mission Bay), Central (Pacific Beach-Mission Beach), Northern (La Jolla) and Southern (Ocean Beach) lifeguard teams displayed their athleticism, tenacity and dedication to the profession of surf lifesaving by putting on a great show for the large crowd at the 66th annual Ron Trenton Memorial Relay on Aug. 1 at South Mission Beach.

The Southern and Northern teams went head-to-head for the first four events with Southern landline swimmer Gabby Thomas plus the landline team inching out Northern to the beach and with round trip swimmers Tore Blichtfelt and Greg Nielsen holding off the Northern swimmers during their allotted swim legs.

The momentum swing occurred during the first distance paddle when Northern’s Tristan Sullaway (the evening’s MVP), put 15 seconds between himself and the paddler from Southern. Northern took it from there.

The Northern team captain, Kyle Gantz, accepted the relay trophy, which they will host until next summer, and presented the coveted “relay mugs” to his team.
City Council approves more housing at new trolley stops, rejects Rose Creek park plan

By DAVE SCHWAB | Beach & Bay Press

On Aug. 1, San Diego City Council unanimously passed a specific plan calling for greater housing density and multi-modal connectivity for the new Balboa Avenue Trolley Station serving Pacific Beach and Clairemont.

The City Council however stopped short of dedicating Rose Creek as public parkland, as some were advocating as a condition of project approval.

The Balboa Avenue Trolley Stop is one of nine planned for the Mid-Coast Trolley under development to extend trolley service from Santa Fe Depot downtown to UTC and serving Old Town and UC San Diego. Trolley construction began in full 2016 and service is expected to begin in 2021.

The new Balboa Avenue station is in a transit-oriented zone promoting higher housing densities and mass transit including bicyclists and other multi-modal uses, as well as relaxing parking requirements for development.

When asked why Rose Creek could not be dedicated immediately as public parkland, City staff answered that the proposal had not been properly noticed for the Aug. 1 meeting.

“Could we postpone the vote?” asked Council President Georgette Gomez. “Why can’t Rose Creek be dedicated as parkland?”

“Rose Creek is not in the Balboa Avenue Specific Plan Area,” answered Andy Field of City Park and Recreation. “It is part of the City’s Stormwater Department, which manages flooding within the watershed.

“A process for dedication of parkland has not been performed, which includes removal of encroachments, non-native plants and other upgrades to make it suitable for park lands,” Field said.

Field suggested instead that steps be taken, in a 10-year plan accessing $40 million in funding set aside by the City for Mission Bay Park improvements, to prepare Rose Creek for future parkland transition.

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Field responded that a plan to lay the groundwork for Rose Creek’s conversion into dedicated parkland could possibly be done in as little as two or three years.

City planner Michael Prinz told the City Council the Balboa Avenue project’s build-out will substantially increase housing density.

“The specific plan allows for a significant increase in housing capacity going from 76 to 1,221 dwelling units now, all in PB, along with the 1,221 allowed in the PB community plan, and adding 4,729 more units,” Prinz said. He noted improvements will also be made to enhance pedestrian, bike and transit access across Interstate 5.

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“This is our third attempt,” she told the City Council. “We’re asking that all city-owned parcels of land in Rose Creek be dedicated for a new community park for this high-density village.”

Zirk read off a long list of community supporters for Rose Creek being dedicated as parkland.

“When the population going from 1,000 to 7,000, the four tons of trash we pick up annually in Rose Creek is going to multiply to 28 tons,” she argued. “I am tired of picking up trash. For 15 years we’ve wanted to partner with the city (on trash pickup).”

Kristin Victor said no to the City’s plan.

“I’m in opposition as a community member and business owner,” she said. “I oppose this plan because the community deserves a well-planned, mobility connective corridor to urban amenities and wetlands restoration. Make it a park. We need a design that improves the quality of human life and the environment, not a plan that simply moves traffic from place to place.”

“We’re not far apart on this,” Prinz said.

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Mission Beach man identifies alleged attacker

By Neal Putnam | Bea&Bay Press

“Voices in my head told me to kill you.”
That’s what Charles Deans Clardy said to a man he allegedly stabbed in the victim’s apartment in Mission Beach on April 11, according to the victim’s testimony on Tuesday, July 23.

Clardy, 55, was identified by witnesses in the preliminary hearing of stabbing Ty Fickau in his Mission Beach apartment and dousing him with gasoline.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Laura Marie Kendall testified that he admitted stabbing Clardy to an acquaintance, got into his apartment somehow in the 700 block of Isthmus Court near Mission Boulevard and poured gasoline on him after stabbing him in the chest, back, and neck around 8 p.m.

Two neighbors heard Fickau’s screams and overpowered Clardy. Fickau then told Clardy why he did attack him, and he testified he told him “voices in my head told me to kill you.”

Gasoline was poured “all over me,” said Fickau, adding that his clothing was cut off him in a hospital emergency room.

Fickau said he was in the hospital five days because I thought I was going to die,” said Fickau.

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**Pacific Beach**

**JRDN** — A place where surf, sky, and spirit all mix and mingle. This elegant eatery overlooking Crystal Pier is located in the Tower23 hotel in Pacific Beach. Watch the dramatic sunset and its reflection on the 70-foot-long “wave wall” while sharing the steamed mussels with chorizo in tomato-fennel broth appetizer, before indulging in the El Chicano Specialty Roll with fried asparagus, tuna, bonito aioli, jalapeño, charred lime, and ponzu. “Lime is a quintessential summer flavor, so I knew we wanted to incorporate that into a roll,” said chef Dave Warner. “The bonito aioli is torched to create a nice smoky flavor.” Wash it down with Rococo Chenin Blanc from Santa Barbara, which is aromatic and subtly sweet, according to sommelier Chris Delaney. “It is crisp and refreshing; a wonderful complement to a sunset dinner.”

**PB SHORE CLUB** — Open for the majority of the day, the Shore Club is known for its tacos and pub grub. Not to mention its convenient location right on the beach, which is perfect to see the setting sun.

**PB ALEHOUSE** — This two-story sports bar’s award-winning beers, pub food, and view of the beach and horizon from its second floor deck create an unforgettable Pacific Beach summer experience.

**WATERBAR** — Pacific Beach’s Waterbar is located alongside the boardwalk. Dubbed a “Social Seafood Experience,” the Waterbar offers a large space for beachgoers to gather, watch the sunset, and enjoy quality seafood and cocktails.

**BAJA BEACH CAFE** — Located on the boardwalk steps from the ocean, this cafe is open from 8 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. daily so customers can people watch while sipping their margaritas. In addition to its proximity to the beach, this cafe serves up a selection of fish tacos, burgers, sandwiches, and burritos.

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“We ended up having a lot of adults asking if they could pay us $20 to take it for an hour and ride it around the mall,” Dahlen said. “We laughed it off for a first few weeks, but the requests and the interests kept coming.”

After some experimenting and realizing there was a market for Rydables outside of shopping malls, Dahlen and his business partner started designing the cars for adults and for longer use both outdoors and indoors. The current models are multi-terrain capable, hold 400 pounds, and can reach up to 7 mph, both forward and in reverse.

Rydables are classified as an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant mobility scooter and come with an anti-roll, hill lock feature to prevent unwanted rolling when stopped on an incline or hill.

While there are more than 60 animal “skins” to choose from, Dahlen said they’re currently developing 12 new aquatic-themed Rydables — like sharks, whales and sea turtles — specifically for their new San Diego market. Rydables are currently available for rent at Bicycle Discovery in Pacific Beach for hourly, daylong and even weekend rentals. We Love Tourists also offers Rydables out of its downtown location for a 90-minute tour of the Gaslamp District for $49 per person.

“It’s fun for all ages,” said James Russel, owner of We Love Tourists. “The Segway tours are 14-and-older to ride, and you have to be able to stand for a long period of time. Whereas the Rydables, small children can ride on their parents’ laps.

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What do you get when you mix breakfast with dinner? For restaurateur Brian Foxworth Jr., the answer was chicken and waffles. Which, not coincidentally, is in the name of his new eatery, Rhythm’s Chicken and Waffles.

Rhythm’s Chicken and Waffles began as a food truck at Big O Tires on Garnet. The brick-and-mortar spot, with a walk-up window, opened Memorial Day weekend. It’s now a thriving franchise.

“We actually started out with a food truck in June 2018 serving churros and ice cream,” said Foxworth. “It was doing well, but you have to sell a lot of ice cream to make a profit.”

It’s a family business with his mom (her recipes) and dad, a well-known DJ, and others as partners. It was Foxworth Sr. who gets credit for coming up with the idea of blending chicken with waffles.

“He went to Vegas and Los Angeles where they had something similar and saw they were getting a big response with chicken and waffles separate,” said Foxworth Jr. “We decided to put it in a sandwich with bacon and cheese. So we turned a waffle into a chicken waffle sandwich with a fried egg on top.”

A winning combination?

“It’s the contrast, said Foxworth. “Most everything that’s good is sweet and salty,” he said. “The waffle is just a sweeter bread with squares in it, and we put the chicken in between with the bacon and cheese and it turns into a big deal.”

Rhythm’s sells chicken and waffle plates separately as well in his retail space, which was formerly a walk-up restaurant serving Argentine cuisine.

Rhythm’s menu also includes burgers, chicken sandwiches, loaded chicken fries, fries with fried chicken on top and whatever sauce you prefer, and chicken tenders.

Foxworth intends to expand in the future, expecting to open a second location somewhere in PB.

Explaining how rhythm got in the name, Foxworth said, “It’s a music theme. My family was big into music. My dad was a DJ, I’m a music producer.

“We want to create good vibes while you’re enjoying your meal. At the new location, we get that going.”

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

NEW REAL ESTATE APP

A new, unique and innovative real estate app, San Diego Finest Homes, has been developed to help shop properties specifically in San Diego County and to compete with Redfin and Zillow.

Through the app’s search and filter system, users can choose areas of interest. A direct connection to the Multiple Listing Service provides up-to-date and accurate information on properties selected.

Each property’s page has a mortgage calculator tool that allows you to calculate your monthly loan payments, using various loan terms, interest rates and loan amounts. This app also allows users to write notes on properties, as well as share homes of interest. San Diego Finest Homes is committed to protecting people’s privacy. Personal information will not be sold or shared. The app may be accessed at the Apple store or Google Play. Contact sdfhmobileapp@gmail.com for more information.

GARNET AVENUE BUILDING SOLD

In July, the property located at 1735 Garnet Ave. was sold for $1.3 million, according to Tony Franco of The Franco Realty Group.

According to the title company, the property was previously sold for $1.6 million in July 2004. Between July 2004 and July 2019, the property was leased to various businesses, including a marijuana dispensary, which was ultimately removed.

The buyer was Marigold Investors, LLC represented by The Franco Realty Group and led by Dillon Myers, Leanne O’Berry and Cody Wippel. The seller was self-represented.

The 7,000-square-foot retail and office building is now being offered for lease by The Franco Realty Group. A new tenant may lease as little as 1,500 square feet and up to 7,000 square feet.
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By COURTNEY DALY-PAVONE | Beach & Bay Press

When you think of Vincent Van Gogh, you probably think of paintings like “Sunflowers” and “Starry Night,” but there's more to the story. San Diego artist Joe Nyiri tackled this subject in his new exhibit “Joe Nyiri: Considering Van Gogh The Man,” which will be on view until Aug. 16 at Pacific Beach Library.

Nyiri was inspired to paint this series after reading “Van Gogh: The Life” by Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith. Nyiri has shown his work at The Oceanside Museum of Art. He has taught art at San Diego public schools, libraries, and the zoo for decades. Despite Nyiri's curriculum vitae, he admits that painting Van Gogh's personal life was a huge undertaking. After all, Van Gogh's paintings sell for more than $50 million at auction. His art is housed in permanent collections in the world's top museums. Books and films have told his story. Images of his paintings have even been plastered on such items as Van shoes and board games.

"It was intimidating," admitted Nyiri, but he was determined to unfold Van Gogh's life on canvas. Walking through the exhibit it's evident Nyiri was on a mission. "Reading about him, he was depressed, bi-polar, he was an epileptic, with syphilis. I was interested in his ailments," said Nyiri. Those ailments make their way to the canvas in Nyiri's paintings, along with Van Gogh friend and rival artist Paul Gauguin.

Nyiri researched Van Gogh by visiting his former home in Belgium, near a coal mine. According to Nyiri, "He was a very interesting guy. He was depressed, he would go out in the fields and read Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol.' He also spoke several languages."

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LORD OF THE WINGS CONTEST ON AUG. 17

The third annual Lord of the Wings contest raising funds for Discover Pacific Beach, the community's business improvement district, will be Saturday, Aug. 17 from 1 to 5 p.m. in Maverick's Beach Club's special event parking lot. Nine local eateries will be competing in this year's event at 860 Garnet Ave. Guests will vote for the contest winner.

Participating restaurants include SD TapRoom, Pacific Beach Shore Club, Bub's at the Beach, Tavern at the Beach, Maverick's Beach Club, Moonshine Beach, SandBox Pizza & Pints, The Local Pacific Beach and Duck Dive.

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San Diego has long had a love affair with Cheap Trick. The band themselves appear locally at SDSU on Aug. 28, but in the meantime, die-hard fans can hear their favorite tunes on Aug. 10 at Camp Pendleton on the via tribute band Cheap Trick. The four-piece band does a great job honoring the band and surely one with one significant difference. They feature a female lead guitarist, Jennifer Paro, in the role held by Rick Nielsen. She does a terrific job, taking the band through a string of favorites, including “Surrender” and “I Want You To Want Me.”

Cheap Trick: Saturday, Aug. 10, at Camp Pendleton on the Bay. 8 p.m. All ages. camp Pendleton.com.

The Pacific Beach Concerts on the Green summer series concludes on Aug. 11 with an appearance from Mojo Jet Pack. The quartet will close out the season with a solid mix of classic, high-energy songs ranging from Aerosmith’s rock to Joe Jackson’s new wave, all chosen to inspire this audience to dance. With a set list of crowd-pleasing evergreens, Mojo Jet Pack will offer a great soundtrack to a sunny afternoon in Pacific Beach.

Mojo Jet Pack: Sunday, Aug. 11, at Concerts on the Green, Kate Sessions Park. 4 p.m. All ages. Free. pbconcerts.com.

On Aug. 17, Humphrey’s Concerts By The Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 7 p.m. all ages. $85. humphreysbackstage.com.

Fans of legendary guitarist Frank Zappa won’t want to miss a very special Zappa at Dizzy’s show on Aug. 22. Zappa was a member of The Mothers. As a solo artist, Zappa had much in common with some of these songs. Novices to Zappa’s sound will also enjoy the virtuoso playing by the band, with Kenney in particular an inspired perfomer. Zappa at Dizzy’s: Sunday, Aug. 18 at Dizzy’s at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. All ages. $25. dizzyjazz.com.

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As Caufield noted, the plan is to construct the courts over the first weekend of September. Several families that have access to heavy equipment have volunteered to help with the construction.

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Mission Bay High has been one of the schools without on-campus courts. As such, it has had to play its matches away and held prac-

tices off-campus. This has resulted in the Buccs struggling to find open courts for practice.

Despite this disadvantage, the boys won a Division I champi-

onship and have been a Division I finalist. The girls won the league several times during the last four years.

As Caufield pointed out, the master plan for MBHS is for courts on campus, but there has been no funding from the district to build such facilities at the school. The master plan has the courts located in the dirt patch between the blacktop basketball courts and the football field. Not wanting to see the Bucca-

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