Crystal Pier’s repairs ready for summer
By DAVE SCHWAB
San Diego City Council unanimously voted last month to reimburse $1.2 million for the already completed restoration of the city-owned portion of Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach.

Crystal Pier Hotel and cottages co-owner Bill Allen said the pier refurbishment project, completed a few weeks ago, was the product of four years of efforts to find the money — and the political will — to get the pier’s deteriorating pilings repaired.

“They (staff) had to submit the contract to the City Council to approve the funding for it,” said Allen. “In the meantime, we put up the front money to do the (repair) work, while the city went through the process of getting funding approved.”

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Graffiti clean-up in Pacific Beach needs tag teams
Volunteers are needed for Pacific Beach Town Council’s Graffiti Clean-Up, which will take place 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 2. Each year, more than 1,000 graffiti tags are removed from the community. Volunteers meet behind Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, at 1675 Garnet Ave., and should wear close-toed shoes and old clothes. Students can earn community service hours by participating.

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Mission Bay High opens its new sports complex
By DAVE SCHWAB
A new era was ushered in at Mission Bay High School on April 16 as more than 1,400 black-and-gold-clad students joined the principal, athletes, alumni, parents and community VIPs in dedicating the school’s new stadium, softball field, upgraded baseball field and athletic facilities.

The Navy Color Guard from Naval Medical Center kicked off the stadium dedication ceremony, during which school principal Ernie Remillard commented, “I’m honored to welcome everyone to celebrate the grand opening of the stadium, softball and baseball fields.”

As a student athlete himself, Remillard said he’d “never played in a venue as beautiful as what I’m standing in today.”

“I look forward to seeing the continued success of MBHS athletics and having student athletes of Mission Bay carry on this tradition that has been established by alumni,” Remillard added.

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Man pleads guilty in Mission Bay meth selling case
By NEAL PUTNAM

The alleged ringleader in a 2013 drug operation in Mission Bay pleaded guilty April 17 to three counts of possession of methamphetamine for sale and one count of selling methamphetamine.

Jason Morgan Boone, 42, of San Diego, was among nine arrested in June of 2013 following an undercover investigation with San Diego police and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

KATHY MILLER GRAY
PACIFIC BEACH RESIDENT WHOSE DAUGHTER ATTENDS MBHS

‘Field of dreams’

With a new regulation field, track and lights, the school may now host CIF-level games. Below, a student celebrates at the opening ceremonies.

PHOTOS BY ROMAN GRAY

‘The deserving students of Mission Bay High now proudly have athletic facilities that are safe and beautiful.’
KATHY MILLER GRAY

No result for vacation rental issue
Public testimony to continue on May 29
By DAVE SCHWAB

Those for and against short term vacation rentals (STVRs) testified April 22 before the city’s Smart Growth and Land Use Committee, which took no action and will continue the hearing on May 29.

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Allen said repair work has “improved the safety and structural integrity of the pier. Now everything is back up to snuff and sound for the next 30 years-plus.”

Constructed in the 1920s, Crystal Pier is owned by the City of San Diego and the Crystal Pier Hotel, which operates 25 beach cottages on the pier.

“Pacific Beach’s Crystal Pier is an iconic landmark and popular vacation destination,” said Councilmember Lorie Zapf, whose District 2 covers Pacific Beach. “The city is investing in structural improvements to not only enhance the safety of the pier but to allow the pier to be enjoyed by millions of visitors and locals for years to come.”

The final $750,000 authorized by the council paid for repair and replacement of damaged or deteriorating portions of the pier, including timber piles, pile caps, joists and bracing on the city-owned sections of the pier. The hotel funded repairs and construction for its portion of the pier. The restoration project used “in-kind” replacement materials to preserve the aesthetics of the pier.

Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach is known as one of the best piers in California to fish for barred surfperch, walleye surfperch, shovelnose guitarfish and California halibut.

San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club is celebrating its 75th anniversary on Sunday, April 26.

Billed as the “oldest boat club in San Diego,” the club, located at 1206 North Mission Bay Drive, is less than one mile from the Clairemont Drive exit down past Mission Bay Golf Course. There will be food, drink and entertainment along with awards, recognitions and appearances by past commodores and the group’s group historian.

The members-only club, operated and maintained mostly by volunteers, has a staff that includes three bartenders, an accountant, a galley chef and a lawn mower.

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Will Fuller named sales director at SD Community Newspaper Group

Will Fuller, a 20-year advertising and business development veteran, has been named director of sales at San Diego Community Newspaper Group. Will and his sales team are responsible for the strategic planning and execution of local print and digital advertising programs for La Jolla Village News, Beach & Bay Press and the Peninsula Beacon.

Will has an eye for detail, an approachable, winning personality and a fierce determination to help his clients get the results they desire. “My goal,” he said, “is to help build connections between readers and advertisers in key retail establishments – real estate, recruitment and automotive categories. I am working with my team to organize our clients’ return on investment.”

Fuller noted that earlier this year, La Jolla Village News was selected as the official media partner of the La Jolla Merchants Association.

“I look forward to working closely with Sheila Fortune, executive director of the La Jolla Village Merchants Association,” Fuller said. “My goal is to help communicate to our advertising clients the benefits of the LJMA. We’re all in this together. Servicing clients is my highest priority. I understand time and the constraints. Managing a business is no easy task. I do not rush the decision-making process. It is important to me to make it a stress-free experience, with the goal of discovering the most efficient and cost-effective way to increase return on investment and business exposure.”

Before joining San Diego Community Newspaper Group, Fuller served as co-founder and business development director at Hubba Hut Holdings, Inc., an affiliation of synergetic and related companies designed to improve the quality of life and increase awareness of vital services for seniors.

Will, his wife Susie and his son Lex make their home in La Jolla. Will enjoys ocean activities, swimming and playing the harmonica. Will is also involved in several charities around San Diego.

Noah's Natural Pet Market expands, to celebrate grand reopening May 2

Noah’s Natural Pet Market manager Maegan Turnquist and co-owners Mary Knight and Liz Oshant (left to right) are stocking shelves and preparing for the grand reopening of the natural pet food specialty store.

PHOTO BY NICOLE SOURS LARSON

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON

Gift basket raffles, vendor give-aways, special merchandise discounts, healing therapy demonstrations and a barbecue by Homegrown Meats of La Jolla are just some of the activities offered Saturday, May 2 at Noah’s Natural Pet Market as the shop marks its official reopening following a major expansion.

Pacific Beach-based Frosted Faces Foundation, the beneficiary of raffle proceeds, will also offer senior dog adoptions. The celebration will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The community-oriented pet market, located at 4431 Cass St. in Pacific Beach since 1997, sells a wide variety of high-quality pet food, treats, supplements and accessories, rarely available in big box stores. They also offer two tubs for do-it-yourself washes for dogs and cats.

“We only carry what we know are trustworthy products for dogs and cats,” Knight and co-owner Liz Oshant, who purchased the business in 2001, monitor the ingredients in the foods they sell as well as changes in the products’ or manufacturers’ reputations.

“We grill the sales reps and ask all the hard questions before we bring a product into the store. If they can’t answer our questions to our satisfaction, we won’t carry it,” Knight said.

Ashant added, if a pet food company is sold to a large-scale commercial manufacturer or conglomerate or if the quality falls below their standards, they quickly pull products from the shelves.

Knight, Oshant and store manager Maegan Turnquist are excited about the expansion, which more than doubled their retail space and enabled them to create a special section just for cats. When the adjoining shop became available earlier this year, Knight and Oshant jumped at the opportunity for expansion. Noah’s had long suffered from cramped quarters and needed additional space for more products.

“We’ve always wished for a space where we can offer educational programs, rescue group adoptions, puppy training and holistic healing therapy sessions,” Oshant said.

The shop started life as a dog wash and, after Oshant and Knight took over, rapidly expanded into carefully screened premium pet foods, treats and supplements. Noah’s staff regularly provide advice to pet parents concerned over the quality of their pets’ nutrition. The business took off following the pet food recalls of 2007, when consumers began scrutinizing what pet food manufacturers were incorporating into their food.

As small companies entered the pet food market, Noah’s expanded their lines of new, more healthful frozen, freeze-dried and dehydrated raw food as well as grain-free canned and dry foods. With the added space, they plan to expand their product lines with more food and pet accessories.

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A half-century of Italian classics at The Venetian in Point Loma

By FRANK SABATIN Jr.

Few family-owned restaurants in San Diego can claim they’ve been around since before man walked on the moon. The Venetian Restaurant in Point Loma is among them, opening four years prior, in 1961, when the kitchen-served plates of spaghetti for 85 cents and baked up whole pizzas for $1.25.

Fifty years later, founder Vince Giacalone still drops in regularly to dine with his wife Carmella, usually after 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Since retiring, he’s passed the torch to his sons Joey and Frank, who have rapidly expanded into the 21st century with new dishes, a full redesign and brisk delivery service.

The longstanding recipes for pizza dough and red sauces, however, haven’t changed.

“They are my father’s, the untouchables,” says Joey, adding that dishes such as chicken cacciatore and veal Parmigiana also remained firmly planted on the menu for the past five decades.

The Venetian was originally located at 2910 Canon St. before moving in 1973 to its current location at 3663 Voltaire St., where it continued blossoming as a destination Italian restaurant. Through the years, both dining rooms have seen the likes of singers Frankie Laine and Barry White as well as famed author Joseph Wambaugh and players from the San Diego Chargers.

“More so,” says Joey, “we’ve witnessed so many families come in with their kids over the past decades, and now those children are calling us up saying they’d like to have their wedding rehearsal dinners at the restaurant.”

Vince, a first-generation American of Sicilian parents, served as an Army cook in the Korean War and first tried his hands at opening a bakery in San Diego.

“But he was miserable,” says Joey. “It wasn’t for him.”
Play It Again Sports has it all to keep you in the game for less

By DAVE SCHWAB

The management at Play It Again Sports in Pacific Beach has changed.
Everything else is the same. Which means everything you need — or could want — in used or new sports, surf gear and bikes is available.

The sports shop at 1401 Garnet Ave. actually has some 20,000 items in stock.

Owned by Fred Princen and Brigitte Nicolas since February, Play It Again Sports buys, sells and trades new and used sports, fitness gear and bicycles.

“The store remains the same, the same employees, manager — the way we’ve always been,” said Princen, noting his wife, along with longtime general manager Jay Yount, runs the shop overseeing daily operations.

“We carry a lot of new and used surfboards, bikes and skateboards: a huge selection at reasonable prices,” said Princen, noting Play It Again Sports is a national franchise buying group thus offering the purchasing power of more than 300 stores.

If you don’t believe it, check out the store sometime. A guest walking through the front door is exposed to a forest of goods, everything from skateboards and surfboards to bikes, beach accessories and everything — and anything — that goes along with it.

Play It Again specializes in action sports like surf, snowboard, skateboard, boogie board, SUP (stand up paddle), inline skates and dive. Also featured are rare bicycles, disc golf, paddleboards to bikes, beach accessories and everything — and anything — that goes along with it.

Play It Again again and its business model continues to be a winning combination. Princen pointed out his sports retail shop offers thrift locals, or tourists here for just a short time, an unparalleled opportunity to save money.

He pointed out, for example, that a tourist here for a month can come in and buy a used bike, then “recycle” it when they’re ready to leave by reselling it via the store’s buy-back program.

“We always say recyle, reuse, replay,” said Princen.

Right now, Play It Again is gearing up for summer, stocking plenty of beach gear: sunscreen, chairs, games.

Play It Again is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Visit the store’s website at playitagainsportsd.com for more information.

Local eateries on Zagat’s Top 50 list

Zagat’s released the results this week of its survey on San Diego’s 50 best restaurants, which features a mix of tried-and-true classics, affordable eats and trendy hot spots. Five local eateries made the list, with three in the top 20.

Sushi Ota, at 4529 Mission Bay Drive, is No. 3 on the list, with reviewers saying, “Hands down the best in San Diego.” Listed at No. 15 is the no-frills burger joint Rocky’s Crown Pub at 3786 Ingraham St. Rubicon Deli, at 3819 Mission Blvd., came in at No. 20, and the Spanish restaurant Costa Brava, at 1653 Garnet Ave., is on the list at No. 23. The French Gourmet, at 960 Turquoise St., rounds out the local listings at No. 28.

The top-rated San Diego restaurant is the French steakhouse Mille Fleurs in Rancho Santa Fe.

“Our goal is simple: to help you quickly decide where to eat, drink, shop and stay,” Tam and Nina Zagat said. “Zagat helps you cut through the clutter to find the world’s best bacon cheeseburger or the trendiest new boutique hotel.”

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It is essential to understand the legal ins and outs that will properly protect you when you buy or sell a home. There are several issues that will certainly cost you if you are not properly informed. In a recent situation right here in the area, misinformation cost one local homeseller over three thousand dollars in the sale of their home. Don’t let this happen to you.

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Isabella Patterson

“Kiwanis Student of the Month”

Isabella Patterson, from Kate Sessions Elem. is the Kiwanis Students of the Month. She represents outstanding leadership in her classroom. Isabella is a passionate student and has empathy for those less fortunate than her. She was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach and Brian McMullen of Allstate PB. with breakfast at the Broken Yolk.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Hey, brah, it’s Bikes, Boards and Brews in PB on Saturday

Discover Pacific Beach and Pacific Magazine will present the sixth annual celebration of Pacific Beach culture and all the good things it has to offer with Bikes, Boards and Brews.

The event, which is sold out, will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Catamaran Hotel, bringing together tastings of local craft breweries and pairing them with restaurant samplings. This fest will bring you back to the endless summer days at Tourmaline Beach with surfboards, beach cruisers, beach inspired art and live music on Mission Bay.

The Pacific Coast Bicycle Bike Show, presented by Pacific Coast Bicycle, features two categories, best custom, and best old school/BMX. Meet before the event for a quick community bike parade on the bay starting and ending at the Catamaran 11:30 a.m.

The ticket includes 10 tasters from San Diego’s best craft brewers, food pairings from Pacific Beach restaurants, live entertainment and more.

Participating restaurants include Woodstock’s Pizza, Duck Dive, The Fish Shop, Bare Back Grill, Tavern, Tap Room, The Local, Backyard Kitchen and Tap, Bub’s, Sandbar, and Typhoon Saloon.

Brewers include Amplified Ale Works, Green Flash Brewing, Lagunitas Brewing Co., Firestone, Golden Road, Iron Fire, Thorn Street Brewery, Twisted Manzanita, Coronado Brewing, Fat Cat, and Hess.

Several residents in Pacific Beach, one of the areas most impacted by the recent proliferation of STVRs, turned out to speak.

Brian Curry, chair of Pacific Beach Planning Group, said he thinks the issue comes down to zoning and semantics.

“If it’s not in the code, then it’s permitted,” said Curry, noting STVRs should be classified as “visitor accommodations,” a category that includes hotels and motels.

Curry said he felt what needs to be done is to “change the wording” in the city’s municipal code to reflect that STVRs are actually “visitor accommodations,” defined as properties rented out for less than a month.

“The irony is, STVRs are included with visitor accommodations when it comes to taxes, but they are not included with visitor accommodations when it comes to zoning,” Curry said. “How can that be?”

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Nonprofit groups Friends of Rose Creek and I Love A Clean San Diego are looking for creek lovers and community volunteers to assist in the annual clean-up of Rose Creek in Pacific Beach on Saturday, April 25.

Participants should link up at Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave., at 9 a.m., wearing closed-toe shoes, long pants and sleeves and hats and be ready to search Rose Creek and environs for trash to take to the dump.

“I’m just back from the creek, and we have plenty of trash that needs to be hauled out of our creek and salt marsh,” said Karin Zirk, a member of Friends of Rose Creek. She noted, “I saw a love seat, a full-size mattress plus plenty of smaller trash items.”

Zirk said this is “no wimpy beach clean-up: this is a job for teamwork, little red wagons and sturdy shoes.”

The Friends of Rose Creek has participated in I Love A Clean San Diego’s Creek to Bay Clean-up for 10 years, which has made a difference.

“The amount of trash has significantly diminished thanks to the hard work of 1,000 or more volunteers over the years,” said Zirk.

Zirk said volunteers at creek clean-ups used to be able to fill a 40-yard roll-off dumpster in an hour with 20 volunteers.

“Now, it takes us three hours and 75 volunteers to utilize 50 to 70 percent of the roll-off capacity,” she said. “When people see a clean creek, they are less likely to dump their trash. When neighbors see neighbors picking up trash along the creek, they are more likely to join in and keep our creek clean.”

This year, Zirk said, I Love A Clean San Diego is asking volunteers to donate a buck for the environment to offset the cost of this passive clean-up. The Friends of Rose Creek will have an official “buck box” on site.

Bring a buck, four quarters or an Abe Lincoln note and drop it in the box,” Zirk said. “Together, our bucks will help provide the supplies required to send 6,000 to 8,000 volunteers across San Diego County to pick up trash.”

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Mission Bay High
- The Mission Bay High Jazz Ensembles and San Diego’s Euphoria Brass Band will be at the fifth annual Jazz on the Green, set for noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 25. Bring a blanket and lawn chair for an afternoon of music, food and fun under the shady trees in the MBHS courtyard.

Pacific Beach Middle
- The PBMS eighth-grade girls basketball team worked hard to pull off a victory in the last few minutes of the season championship game, 29-27. The girls finished with an undefeated record. Coach Brad helped lead the girls to victory and volunteered his time.

PB Elementary
- The online portion of the school auction brought in $16,000 and will help fund art, music, physical education and many other programs at PBE.
- Wednesday, May 6 features a Cinco de Mayo celebration on the blacktop, beginning at noon. Music, dancing and fun are sponsored by PBE’s ELAC community.

CPJMA
- Crown Point Junior Music Academy has been awarded the SupportMusic Merit Award from The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. The award is given to schools that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.
- The foundation presents this award as part of the Best Communities for Music Education program through the Support-Music Coalition, an advocacy effort for the promotion of music education as a core academic subject in schools. The academy is one of 120 schools nationwide and 18 schools in California being recognized by the foundation for their school-based music education programs.
- On Saturday, April 25 at 12:30 p.m., Crown Point Music Club will perform at the Pacific Beach Library.
- On Friday, May 1, academy students will perform on stage in the Classics for Kids program in “Once Upon a Tiempo Mariachi Spectacular.”

Mission Bay Cluster
- The next Mission Bay Cluster meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at Sessions Elementary, in the auditorium. There will be a calendar proposal update, nominations and a vote for MB Cluster board positions, an update on the YMCA and a recap of the MBHS stadium track and field grand opening.

Mission Bay High School Alumni Association
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- The association is a nonprofit, and all donations are tax deductible. Submit any checks to: MBHS Alumni Association, 1380 Garnet Ave., Suite E442, San Diego, CA 92109-3013. For questions or concerns, contact Pamela Delitz at (858) 692-5930 or see brickorder.com.

St. Paul’s Lutheran
- St. Paul’s Lutheran School is now enrolling for preschool through eighth grade for the 2015-16 school year. St. Paul’s is an accredited school that provides a Christian experience within the Pacific Beach Community. Military, multi-student and referral tuition discounts are offered. For kindergarten through eighth grade, visit stpaulspb.com or contact Rebecca at (619) 793-9552 to schedule a tour.
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Jazz on the Green at Mission Bay High School this Saturday

By BART MENDOZA

Thankfully, there are quite a few good music programs in city schools, but nothing quite compares with good music programs in city schools. Under the direction of JP Balmat, the school’s program has seen its students touring and recording on a national level, with a trip to New Orleans and expansion of their choir and orchestra programs set for 2016.

Of course, such programs need help with funding – so on Saturday, April 25, the school will host its annual fundraising event, Jazz on the Green. Starting at noon, listeners will be treated to performances from the Euphoria Brass Band, the MBHS Preservationists and Abstrack (a MBHS alumni jazz ensemble), with a closing set from the MBHS Jazz Ensemble.

If you’re a music fan, this concert is a wonderful opportunity to take in great sounds while also helping make music education possible in our community.

Peter Sprague

• Themed concert nights seem to be all the rage of late. Rarely less than interesting, when it’s the right mix of subject and performer, the evening can be magic.

• Such will be the case on April 23 at Dizzy’s. When guitarist Peter Sprague performs a special tribute concert dedicated to the music of Stevie Wonder, Sprague will be joined by keyboardist Geoffrey Keezer, vocalists Gillian Margot and Leonard Patton, drummer Duncan Moore and bassist Justin Grinnell, ensuring sterling musicianship, but with a possible set list that includes such standards as “My Cherie Amour,” “You Are The Sunshine of My Life” and “Sir Duke.” There is no way this show will be anything less than spectacular.

Sunny Rude

• Reggae continues to be a major draw in PB and there is no doubt that Sunny Rude is one of the reasons. Appearing at the 710 Beach Club on April 24, the band’s mix of reggae and rock has won them a legion of fans, packing venues anywhere within a few miles of the ocean’s waves. The band hasn’t released an album since 2011’s “Rudimentary,” but no matter: it’s live where the excitement takes place – if you are into reggae, this four-piece combo is well worth spending a Friday night with.

Children of the Grave

• Classic rock aficionados won’t want to miss an appearance from Black Sabbath tribute band Children of the Grave, appearing at Brick by Brick on April 25. The band specializes in Sabbath’s mid-1970s era, with all their best known songs, from “Iron Man” to “Paranoid,” in the set.

The bands “Ozzy” sounds great, though he doesn’t look like Mr. Osborne, but the other three band mates could pass as the real thing. Also on the bill is Rush tribute band, Y.Y. Zed, as well as a band making its debut, Time Machine.

City Lights

• R&B or smooth jazz fans will want to check out City Lights, featuring guitarist Gilbert Ardilla, performing at Humphrey’s Backstage Live on April 30. The five-piece band’s music is perfect for a romantic evening out, with both male and female vocals on hits from the likes of Sade, Whitney Houston and Stevie Wonder as part of their set.

With the gorgeous waterfront scenery, City Lights’ performance should please anyone on a date.

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HUNGER WALK >>
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erve this need in our community,” said McAlindin, who added, “Help us to take the pain of hunger away.”

Event registration begins at 7 a.m., with the walk commencing at 8 a.m. The first 200 walkers will receive a free white T-shirt with “CSJA” in blue lettering. They may opt to receive one of 100 coupons for free clothes at Chili’s or 100 coupons for free chips and salsa at Chili’s. Each walker will also receive a free ticket for the raffle prize.

There is no set registration fee, but walkers are encouraged to solicit donations to the service agency from family members, friends and neighbors. During the walk, participants will learn how the service agency helps meet the needs of the hungry in San Diego County.

The agency operates Pacific Beach Center, whose nurses perform first aid for the needy and give referrals for other medical services. The center has an urgent need for clothes for children 5 and older and an immediate need for men’s pants (waist 30–34) and reading glasses (1.50+). The center is also low on hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, razors, small-size shaving cream dispensers and toothpaste. Also needed are men’s socks, men’s pants (32–34 medium), small fruit cups and individual peanut butter, snack bars, juice and water.

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Contact the town council for more information at (858) 483-6666 or general@ptbowncouncil.org.

“We have all the clean-up supplies; all we need is the people,” according to Adam Meyer, town council vice-president and a member of the committee organizing the event.

“Each team of volunteers gets a bucket full of graffiti removers, paper towels, gloves and even some paint for covering up graffiti that can’t be removed.”

“Each team also receives training and a map that pinpoints graffiti that needs to be eliminated,” said committee member Jim Menders.

Throughout April, we’ve been surveying the community, taking note of graffiti.”

During the event last year, San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman said, “The clean-up not only makes the community look nice but safer too. If you think about it, we’re the ambassadors to the tourists.”

VENETIAN

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The Venetian proved a much better dinner choices from his family background while continuing to cook them until Joey and Frank were old enough to work the kitchen and bring some of their own recipes into the mix.

Among the most recent additions to the menu are Mediterranean scallops bathed in butter, olive oil, basil, tomatoes and lemon. Topped with bread crumbs and Parmesan cheese, the scallops are sourced fresh from Pacific shellfish and appear in several other dishes. Another top seller is the brothers’ version of shrimp putanesca tossed with garlic, and chili and chili flakes and served over linguini. Equally memorable is the chicken piccata constructed with a perfect glazed lemon, butter and white wine that comes together in the pan upon order.

“We are very lucky that my father built a foundation that is un-crackable.”

JOEY GIACOLONE

THE VENETIAN RESTAURANT

“Our red sauces are the only things we keep in steam tables,” says Joey, adding that the kitchen goes through up to 10 gallons on Friday nights.

The menu extends to numerous pasta dishes such as baked cannelloni and lasagna using housemade pasta, plus fettuccine Alfredo, farfalle with prosciutto and peas and traditional spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce. Basically, there’s not a classic Italian dish that goes missing.

Two years ago, the brothers gutted the restaurant to give it a full interior makeover, which resulted in what Joey calls “a clean, Tuscan-style look,” with modern high-back booths and a redesigned patio. The intent was to maintain the look and feel of a heritage, neighborhood restaurant rather than turning it into something shrowy and overly modern.

The Venetian’s 50th birthday occurs officially in June.

“We have things up our sleeves for celebrating it,” adds Joey; hinting that commemorative T-shirts featuring his father’s profile might be made.

“We are very lucky,” Joey concluded, “that my father built a foundation that is un-crackable. It’s not an easy business, but at the end of a working shift, when you see people who have been enjoying our restaurant for years, it’s all worth it.”

The Venetian is open for lunch Mondays through Fridays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and dinner every day from 4 to 9 p.m. For more, please visit venedian1965.com or call (619) 223-8197.
We have to thank Lee Dulgeroff and his team at SUSD for constructing the amazing facility, he said. The deserving students of Mission Bay High School now proudly have athletic facilities that are safe and beautiful. "Dr. Dowd and I, along with Mike McQuary, acknowledged the support of local voters who said, "decided we need physical education facilities and new athletic improvements when they/" passed a $2 billion bond at 68 percent approval. That's incredible during a time in which we were financially challenged. This community trusted this board and provided the funds to make the difference," Dulgeroff added. Dulgeroff, chief facilities planning and construction officer of SUSD, thanked MBHS parents for stepping forward and for continuing the years of work in bringing to the school district's attention that the old stadium, which opened in 1953, was "old and antiquated" and that the track was "in poor shape" while noting its patchy field had been "taken over by gophers." Dulgeroff pointed out the new-and-improved stadium facility now has bleacher seating for 2,400 spectators — 1,600 on the home side and 800 on the visitors — as well as a new press box, a concession stand and new stadium lights.

"It took a lot to make this dream a reality," Dulgeroff concluded.

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MOVING

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smooth-surface playing field for a variety of sports for all-year play.
With a new regulation field and track, the school may now host CIF track meets, and the new lights allow for night home games.

Pam Deitz, president of the MBHS Alumni Association, noted community volunteers have been working with San Diego Unified School District for more than a decade to acquire new athletic facilities for MBHS.

“We started focusing on the MBHS field when my son was starting sixth grade at PBMS,” said Deitz. “He will be graduating from college this June.”

Major stadium upgrades were needed.

“When our facilities were inadequate, the city was not able to sell concessions out of a metal storage container,” noted Kim Schoettle, president of Friends of Pacific Beach Schools.

“Finally, after nearly a decade of SUSD board of education meetings, phone calls, district visits, emails, letters, countless presentations and a year of construction, the Mission Bay High School athletic field renovations are now complete,” said Kathy Miller Gray, whose daughter attends the school. “It is gratifying to know that the work and support of the school community helped bring our ‘field of dreams’ into reality.”

“If we could see things as they really are, we’d never be upset at other people or things.”
— Siddhartha

“Camaraderie is not only a matter of friendship.”
— Allister MacKenzie

It’s very social, like an extended family,” noted Byrnes. The club also participates in charity fundraisers, like its Blind Ski Program, started in 1963 by its founder,” shredded Byrnes said. The club has boat storage as well as access to a small dock. He acknowledged most club members are "boat enthusiasts," but he iterated that boat ownership is not a requirement, adding some of the club’s current roster of about 250 members come for the camaraderie and socialization.

“It’s very social, like an extended family,” noted Byrnes.
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