

Hijacking on Ingraham Street:

Three Los Angeles men hijacked a BMW from a couple on Ingraham Street on Feb. 2. Read more on page 5.

Weekend Surf Report

SATURDAY

Hi: 6:47 a.m. Low: 12:31 a.m. Surf: 4-10 ft. Wind: 4-10 mph
8:29 p.m. 2:02 p.m.

SUNDAY

Hi: 7:36 a.m. Low: 1:23 a.m. Waves: 2-3 ft. Wind: 6-14 mph
9:01 p.m. 2:39 p.m.

Thursday, Feb 5-18, 2009



Restaurant walk gets a Blazin':

North PB's restaurant walk will swing by the latest eatery on the Turquoise block - the Blazin' Grill. See page 4.



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Chris Barlow, coach of the San Diego Canoe and Kayak Team, grits and grins as he thrusts his surfski through the water. Four hundred kayakers took to the water Saturday, Jan. 31 to race across Mission Bay and out on to the open ocean for the 13th annual Hanohano Challenge. Patrick Dolan, 20, paddled in first at 1:03 hours on the nine-mile, open ocean course. Visit www.hanohano.org to see more results.

Sailing along on strength and spirit

Graffiti busters prepare to spray

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Jim Menders now sees graffiti everywhere but he's not so sure he appreciates the enlightenment. Menders is one of a few hundred people who will take to the streets on Feb. 7 to clean graffiti off streets, sidewalks, utility poles and dumpsters.

The Pacific Beach Town Council's Safe and Beautiful Committee is calling on volunteers to help out at its second

annual graffiti day this Saturday.

Taggers tend to come out en masse in the summer, according to Menders, who said once he started looking for graffiti he saw it everywhere, from fences to street signs.

"It's kind of disturbing to be enlightened in this way," Menders said, who helps coordinate the graffiti cleanup. "I thought my neighborhood was relatively free of graffiti and then I found out it's everywhere."

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Federal funds squeezed from beach schools

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Schools in Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla are poised to receive less federal funding this year to support students whose families struggle financially.

The San Diego Unified School Board of Education voted 3-2 on Jan. 27 to give less federal funding to some beach area schools and shift it to other schools.

Pacific Beach Elementary stands to lose \$31,752 in federal funds if the board upholds its vote.

SDUSD board member Richard Barrera said it was an effort to give money to schools that have more students from poorer families. Barrera voted to shift the money, but said he rushed last week's decision.

"I made a mistake," Barrera said, "I think I jumped into a decision without...community input. My feeling is that we need to back up a little."

The board will address the issue at their next board meeting Tuesday, Feb. 10, according to Barrera.

Board members John de Beck and Katharine Nakamura voted against the motion to move the money, while board members Shelia Jackson, John Lee Evans and Barrera voted in favor.

Nakamura said the board also eliminated the district's "6 to 6" program. The program provides child-care for working families before and after school.

"These are families that are right on the edge and we're going to pull the carpet from under them?" Nakamura asked.

The decision to eliminate federal funding for schools with students and families qualifying for assistance only makes the budget for these schools worse, she said.

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George Podhorsky speaks to the media at Pacific Beach Christian Church, a day after his daughter was shot to death.

MB High student slain, suspect unknown

By RONAN GRAY | BEACH & BAY PRESS

George Podhorsky wore his daughter's jacket as he spoke to members of the media about his daughter who had been murdered the day before in National City. He mourned the death of his daughter as he sat in the quiet Pacific Beach Christian Church across the road from his apartment.

An unidentified attacker shot Hannah Podhorsky as she stood outside a friend's home at 2:40 a.m. on Feb. 1 on the 700 block of South 42nd Street in National City, according to police. She and a friend were returning from a party.

The 16-year old, Mission Bay High School student died at the scene despite the efforts of first-responders. Police are unsure why Pod-

horsky was murdered and are trying to determine if the shooting was gang-related.

According to police, Podhorsky was at a friend's house with a group of friends. They decided to go to a party several blocks away on West Street. A fight erupted at the party that may have involved up to 20 people, according to San Diego Police Lieutenant Terry McManus.

"Whether or not the victim and some of her friends were involved in the fight; we don't know that for sure," McManus said. "We do think the victim may have been involved in a fight."

Police said Podhorsky and a friend decided to leave the party and walk back to the home on 42nd street. Shortly after arriving at the home, approximately two Hispanic males

suspects approached on foot.

"The victim and her friend were out in front of the home on 42nd street and for whatever reason the suspects fired gunshots in their direction and she was struck," McManus said. "She was the only one struck."

Police don't know if the victim and the suspect knew each other, or if Podhorsky was even the intended target.

But as police investigate Podhorsky's death, her father grieves.

He recounted how his daughter's life changed after she left the private Christian school and joined Mission Bay High School.

"She started to go down the wrong path," he said.

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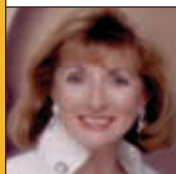
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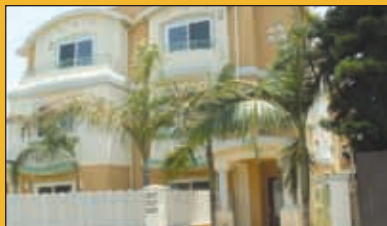
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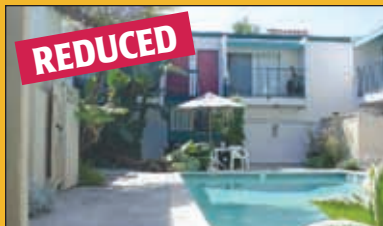


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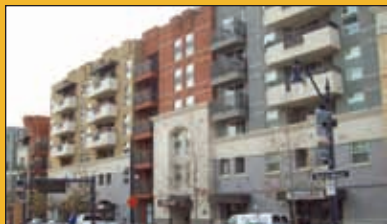
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CUTS

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The cut in federal money to beach area schools comes as the unified school district works to close an estimated \$30 million budget shortfall for this year.

Schools like Pacific Beach Elementary could lose teachers in subjects like math and Spanish if money isn't available to pay them, according to Dawna Deatrick, president of the Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary, the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

"Our teachers that are already spread thin will be spread even thinner," Deatrick said. "The students just won't get the same instruction they're getting now."

University City High School used this year's federal funds to hire extra instructors and tutors, said Principal Michael Price.

"This was our first year [to receive federal dollars]," Price said, "If [the board's decision] were to remain, we would lose the ability to use those dollars to pay for after school tutoring."

Solving the \$30 million shortfall

To address the \$30 million budget deficit, the board imposed a hiring freeze with a few positions approved on a "case by case basis," according to SDUSD spokesman Jack Brandais. Administrators must also approve all spending, he said.

"We really want to keep a real tight lid on spending," Brandais

said. "If there are things that can be postponed, [administrators] will take a look at them,"

The district's budget crisis stems, in part, from the inability of California state legislators to resolve the state's budget crisis, Brandais said.

The state budget problem has the school district preparing for an estimated \$20 million to \$40 million current year budget cut with impacts on next year's budget, he said.

In January, board member John de Beck had called for a savings plan that would close the district for nine days for the next two years, and cut salaries for board members for two months. De Beck represents schools in Pacific Beach, Mission Bay, Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Bird Rock and La Jolla. De Beck estimated his plan could save the district \$70 million over the next two years, and avoid layoffs. His proposal, however, fell on deaf ears, according to de Beck.

De Beck said the district should address the budget by Sunday, March 15, when the school district becomes obligated to pay teachers' salaries. By law, the district must notify teachers by March 15 if they will be laid off, he said. With about 80 percent of the school budget dedicated to teachers' salaries, any savings from layoffs would be minimal.

The SDUSD board next meets Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m. at the Eugene Brucker Education Center, 4100 Normal St.



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Ugh! Young volunteers point out a scribble of graffiti at last year's Pacific Beach graffiti cleanup day.

GRAFFITI

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Last year families, children, activists, politicians and locals sprayed the graffiti with a solvent that quickly dissolves it, or painted over it with paint.

This year, volunteers will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, located at 1675 Garnet Ave. The committee will train volunteers from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and provide

refreshments, and volunteers will then head out to clean until noon.

Menders said volunteers will know how to clean graffiti next time they see it.

"You look at it; you take a photo; you remove it," Menders said, adding people should report the graffiti to the San Diego Police Department's Graffiti Strike Force. "Don't call the city [to remove it]. They can't assist you."

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North PB ready for tasting

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Nibble your way from restaurant to restaurant in northern Pacific Beach and earn money for local schools? It's the fifth annual restaurant walk!

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, restaurants in northern Pacific Beach will open their doors for the restaurant walk from 5 to 8 p.m. The one-mile eating walk stretches from La Jolla Boulevard to Cass Street.

New restaurants have opened in the area since last year's walk, including The Fig Tree Café on Cass Street that replaced the popular Italian eatery where locals brought their own wine to the table. Still featuring a large outdoor patio, The Fig Tree Café serves largely organic, California/Mediterranean food like smoked salmon omelets or, on the hippy side, blue corn pancakes and whole grain granola.

Blazin' Grill is the new burger and pizza joint on the Turquoise block. The Blazin' Burger will surely live up to its name: topped with spicy sriracha ketchup and sriracha aioli (a spicy take on a traditional French mayonnaise), with sweet potato fries or coleslaw on the side.

Coffee shops and sweet spots will also remain open like Java Jones Coffeehouse on Cass Street, the Chocolate Haus and Chronic Smoothies on Turquoise Street. The Mission Bay High Dixieland Jazz Band will play.

But the event isn't all fun and food. Two active mothers with children in the Pacific Beach schools launched the restaurant walk five years ago to rally the community behind the area schools and to



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Blazin' Grill employees offer a spice to their beef.

raise money for extracurricular activities like music club and a marine science field trip.

Kathy Upp and Laura Daly wanted to rally the community behind the Pacific Beach schools at

I want it to be a business thing as well as a restaurant walk

Kathy Upp
Restaurant Walk Founder

a time when some residents were sending their children elsewhere for school.

"We put it together one year to help the schools and it has sort of taken on a life of its own," Upp said.

The restaurant walk generates

about \$7,500 for the elementary, middle and high school.

Eventually, Upp would like to see other businesses participate in the event as well.

"I want it to be a business thing as well as a restaurant walk," Upp said. "There are so many people walking by."

Other restaurants that will participate include Pernicano's Pizza House, Turquoise Coffee, The French Gourmet, Froggy's Bar and Grill and Café Bar Europa.

Tickets cost \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Tickets are available at: Mission Bay High School, Pacific Beach Middle, Pacific Beach Elementary, Java Jones Coffeehouse, Turquoise Coffee, Leilani's Café, Pernicano's Pizza House and San Diego National Bank. For more information call (619) 276 7533.

STUDENT

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Hannah wanted to be an oceanographer he said. He spoke of his sadness and his anger over how his daughter's life was cut short.

"There shouldn't be parties for 16-year olds at 2 a.m.," he said. "There had to be some parents there that knew what was going on."

Hannah, who turned 16 last November, was the middle of five children and had a 19-year old sister, a 17-year old brother and two younger siblings ages six and four.

"The youngest two don't understand what's happened yet," George Podhorsky said.

Anybody with information related to the shooting can call Crime Stoppers at (888)580-8477, or the San Diego Police department at

(619)531-2293.

A memorial for Hannah Podhorsky is scheduled for this coming Sunday at the Pacific Beach Christian Church where the family regularly attend services. George Podhorsky is seeking help to cover the cost of the funeral for his daughter. For more information call (858) 483-4504.

- Sebastian Ruiz contributed to this story.

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Pacific Beach Town Council sounds the call for enforcement

By SHANNON MULHALL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Enforcing alcohol laws and parking regulations is this year's top priority for the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) that hosted its second annual community forum on Jan. 21. Approximately 30 people turned out to discuss the top issues. The town council also plans to install video surveillance cameras, remove gum from the sidewalks, especially along Garnet Avenue; beautify medians with landscaping; boost attendance at town council meetings; and build a Pacific Beach Good Neighbor Policy.

"I think this is tremendous," said

Jerry Hall, who chairs the Safe and Beautiful Committee and acts as the PBTC director "This is a much more manageable list [than last year]."

Hall described himself as a subscriber to the "broken windows" theory, endorsed by Rudy Giuliani when he was mayor of New York City, who believed that addressing small problems, like broken windows and graffiti, can have a positive impact on crime and other big-picture challenges.

"If we focus on little things, it helps us address the big things overall," Hall said.

PBTC President Rick Oldham reminded the group that the city

has no money.

"We have to come up with solutions and think outside the box," he said.

To ensure that the city hears their concerns, attendees identified areas where the town council can act as an advocate for the community. Enforcement was again the big issue. The city needs to help enforce regulations on parking, traffic and the handbills that often litter the street. Parking was of special concern because illegally parked cars often prevent streets from being swept, attendees said.

Getting city council to pass a proposed oversized vehicle ordinance that would limit the amount

of time that recreational vehicles, boats and other large vehicles can park on city streets continues to be one of the town council's foremost goals.

"We're here to do what we can," said Thyme Curtis, who represents Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

Recruiting a variety of businesses to the area is another priority for the town council that plans to offer incentives to woo certain businesses. The council also wants to establish and maintain image standards for local businesses. The council plans to appoint a liaison between Discover Pacific Beach, the local business improvement district (BID), and the town council.

Curtis urged attendees with concerns about potholes and street lights to call (619) 527-7500, or to email her at: tcurtis@sandiego.gov.

The Safe and Beautiful Committee meets the last Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Knox Chapel behind Presbyterian Church at 1675 Garnet Avenue.

For more information on starting a Neighborhood Watch group, call the PBTC office at (858) 483-6666.

The PBTC will hold its next general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library at 4275 Cass St.

NEWSbriefs

BMW hijacked on Ingraham

Three Los Angeles men forced a 35-year-old man and 29-year-old woman back into their car at gunpoint as the couple walked to a restaurant on Ingraham Street on Monday, Feb. 2, according to police.

The couple had parked and were walking to Rocky's Crown Pub on Ingraham Street when three Hispanic males carjacked them.

A canine officer spotted and pursued the southbound vehicle along Ingraham Street before they jumped on the eastbound Interstate 8. The officer notified other officers and the SDPD helicopter.

As the vehicle sped along the freeway, the suspects tossed two handguns out of the car, which were later recovered by police.

The suspects pulled over along the center shoulder median near Hotel Circle Drive where the men jumped out of the car, ran across the westbound lanes, and tried to hide in the brush near the Motel 6.

Gustavo Martinez, 20, Rafael Ortiz, 22, and Raymundo Queza-

da, 23, were arrested after taking the couple, and the 2007 BMW, on a wild ride.

"[The victims] are ok physically, just a little bit shaken up," said Mónica Muñoz, a San Diego Police Department spokeswoman.

The suspects' court date was set for Wednesday, Feb. 4, according to a public information database.

Motorist hits tree

A 21-year old motorcyclist skidded into a front yard on Cass Street and hit a tree after he went through a stop sign at Pacific Beach Drive, according to police reports. The driver suffered a broken femur and lacerated wrist.



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Marianne Kendall is a Pacific Beach native, and is very familiar and involved with the history and current activities of the beach area.

She has been with Coldwell Banker Pacific Beach office since 1998 and her specialty is listing and selling houses, condos, and residential income units. She has been investing in San Diego coastal properties since 1972.

Marianne has consistently been one of the top agents in her office and has been recognized for her many exceptional achievements. As the 2007 president of Mission Bay Real Estate Association, she has exhibited excellent leadership qualities and a desire to improve the real estate community in Pacific Beach and surrounding areas. Her objective for listing clients is doing the very best job of marketing their home or finding the perfect residence or investment for her clients looking to buy property.

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George Chamberlin Hosts Broker Event at Balboa Ridge

San Diego residential real estate agents and brokers show that they are determined to start the new year off right. Over 75 industry professionals attended the Balboa Ridge community "Cheers" event on Wednesday night to hear speakers, Jeffrey Olson and George Chamberlin discuss the San Diego real estate market's current condition and why it is a great time to purchase now. Guests also enjoyed gourmet food and wine and an opportunity to network as they toured the newly landscaped garden community and freshly designed models.

Jeffrey Olson, the Division Chief of Assessment Services, focused his talk on San Diego property assessment, current market value indicators and strategies to save money on property taxes. Mr. Olson stated: "We are quickly approaching the bottom. I'm seeing positive signs in the market, but it will be a gradual recovery." He also reiterated the fact that now is a great time to reassess home purchases if your home was bought during the boom period. Olson suggested that even though the market value of your house may have gone down, a re-assessment could lead to lower property taxes in the future.

George Chamberlin, Financial Advisor for NBC and the Executive Editor of The Daily Transcript, uncovered the true realities of our current economic situation in his presentation. Chamberlin explained that the housing market is better than people may think, enhancing this statement with statistics: "Only 2% of people with home loans in San Diego have trouble paying them, with only half of those being sub-prime loans that are seen as the cause of the low market. Certain areas will have problems recovering from the low market such as East County, but coastal communities and downtown areas will be able to recover quickly from this downfall."

The speakers concluded their speeches and guests were treated to catered delights from San Diego catering company, 220 Catering. Guests thoroughly enjoyed the event and learned a significant amount of information from the guest speakers. One of the attendees, Ron Smiley, commented: "I have attended every one of these events and always leave with GREAT information. In addition, this is a great way to make several network connections with other agents."

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School district voted to shift funds from PB schools

Last week, the San Diego Unified School District Board of Education voted on how it divvies up federal funding earmarked for economically disadvantaged students. Against the recommendations of the superintendent and deputy superintendent of San Diego Unified, as well as the parent committee charged with overseeing the funds, the board, headed by board member Shelia Jackson, voted to cut off such funding to 32 schools with somewhat lower percentages of poverty.

The cut-off coincides with an expected windfall in the funds for San Diego Unified under the federal economic stimulus plan. The district estimates that it will receive an additional \$5 million above the \$19 million in such feder-

al money received this school year. The new plan means that the larger sum will be spread among a smaller group of schools. Pacific Beach Elementary School (PBE) is directly affected by this decision, which means a reduction in funds of approximately \$50,000. Presently, PBE has approximately 51 percent of students who qualify for free or reduced price lunches; that's more than half of our student population.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dawna S. Deatrick
President, Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary

These federal funds have been used to hire additional teachers, which benefit all students at the school regardless of economic background. In an already dire fiscal situation, this decision will seriously impact our school. As a parent of two students at PBE, I was shocked and severely disappointed in the school boards' decision. Loss of these funds will cripple our educational process and affect all students. I am somewhat perplexed that although the board of education unanimously voted to hire Dr. Terry Grier as the superintendent, presumably based on his experience, education and record; they failed to follow his recommendations, or that of the parent advisory committee.



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PB resident travels to Capitol Hill for inauguration

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When Stacie Somers learned she had won a ticket to attend the presidential inauguration of Barack Obama in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 20, she knew she would witness history.

"I wanted to be there in person, and be a part of the energy," Somers said.

While considerable energy and patience was required to navigate the crowds, Somers, a Harvard Law School graduate who works as a research attorney for an appellate court justice, said the experience was incredible.

Somers had entered her name in a free drawing for 198 tickets that U.S. Rep. Susan Davis, D-Calif., was giving to her constituents. She had read about the drawing on the Congresswoman's website, and, in December, received an email saying she had won a ticket to watch the ceremony from the National Mall.

When Somers arrived in Washington on January 16, the crowds hadn't assembled yet but preparations for the event were already visible. Obama's name and image was everywhere, from multi-colored murals to aprons to handmade earrings and jewelry. Even the Metro, D.C.'s subway system, issued tickets with photos of Obama on them.

"Every store had something Obama," Somers said.

Crowds had grown challenging on the Monday prior to inauguration day, when Somers went to the House of Representatives to pick up her tickets. A condition for winning the tickets was she had to retrieve them in person from Congresswoman Davis' office. Apparently all congress members had made the same stipulation, as throngs of people waited to retrieve their tickets.

"The lines were nuts," Somers said. "We stood outside trying to get in for an hour-and-a half, and it was about 20 degrees. I wasn't prepared to run into that."

Finally, Davis' staff came to find their ticket recipients, and Davis herself walked them through security

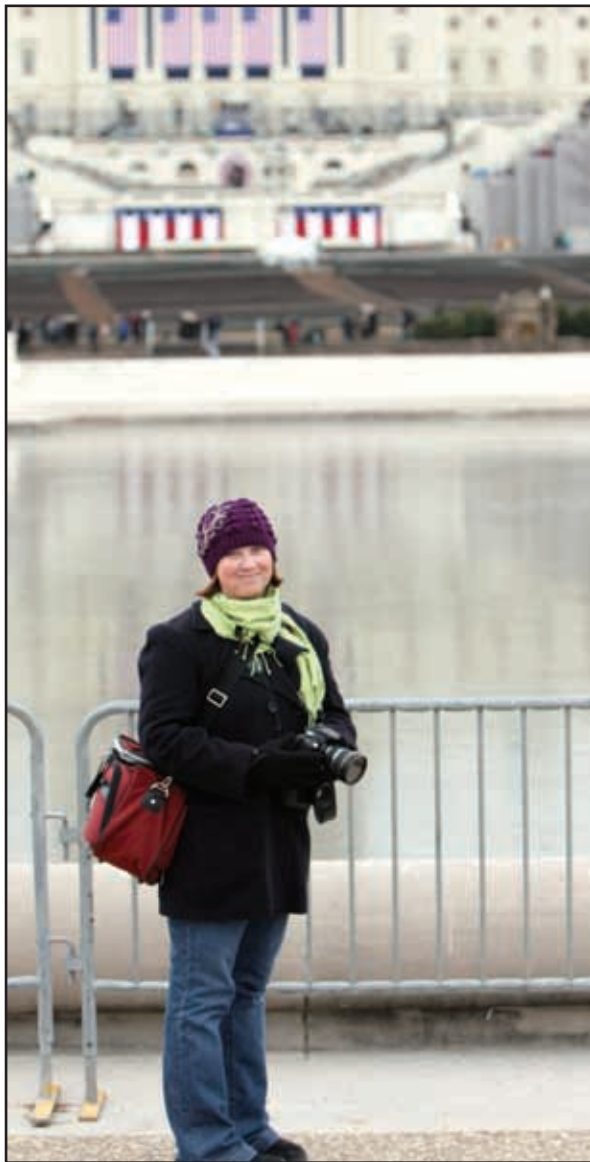


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Stacie Somers stands outside Capitol Hill, draped in American flags, for the presidential inauguration. She's ready to record history herself with a long camera lens.

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Preservation of assets — This may mean repairing the roof to your or your parent's home or selling assets in your retirement plan to provide you with sufficient cash for your first year's withdrawal. You can take an inventory of your assets by simply making a list of them. Call an expert for advice or google the information.

Communicate — Write a letter or send a note to your family, friends or your congress person. Phone a friend you have not spoken to in a long time. They probably miss you, too.

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Public bond sale means savings, improvements

Two weeks ago, the city of San Diego achieved a significant milestone that will result in savings for taxpayers and more tax dollars to use for neighborhood improvements.

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Until recently, past-due annual financial audits had cast a long shadow of doubt over the city’s fiscal fitness and left the city with a credit rating that was next to the lowest possible. Since public lenders were not willing to take a chance on San Diego, only the private market — with its much higher interest rates — was available to lend San Diego the funds to make infrastructural improvements, which include replacing and fixing aging pipes to help prevent breaks and spills, and to help keep our neighborhoods safe and functioning.

I also worked with you, the voters and

[GUEST EDITORIAL] By KEVIN FAULCONER

taxpayers of San Diego, to pass Prop C, which established an independent auditor’s office to be the taxpayers’ watchdog, and added volunteer citizen experts to the Audit Committee. These safeguards will help ensure that city government and politicians are more transparent and accountable, and tax dollars are used properly.

In response to these reforms, the rating agencies have upgraded San Diego’s credit rating and opened the door for the city to re-enter the public bond market.

It means more can be invested in water and sewer infrastructure to help reduce breaks and spills, more can be invested in our roads and streets to help reduce traffic and more can be invested in our public safety infrastructure so that San Diego is better prepared for the next firestorm.

Refunding the 1998 bonds saves the city more than \$8.7 million over the next 12 years, which represents 5.9 percent in net present value savings —well above the sav-

ings target of 3 percent — and makes even more funds available for investment in our infrastructure.

Now we are entering the annual budget formation process. The city’s budget deficit was caused by decades of mismanagement and has added to the impact of the nation’s overall economic recession.

As we begin to review options on how to balance the budget, I look forward to your creative ideas and input. Our neighborhoods are built on the strength of each of you, and I believe we can find the best solutions for our city.

I encourage you to contact my office to share your ideas or tell me about anything I can do to help improve your neighborhood. Together, I know that we can continue moving San Diego forward.

— *District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer represents a small area of La Jolla, downtown San Diego, and beach areas including the Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach communities. He can be reached at (619) 236-6622 or by e-mail at kevin-faulconer@sandiego.gov.*



Small World
Eve Anderson

Community Organizer-In-Chief...The city’s in debt; the county’s running low; and the state is billions in the hole. How can we possibly help?

Barack Obama has broken many barriers as President, including his stint as a community organizer. He - and we— know the value of bottom-up projects. Even with limited budgets, here are ways you can still help PB:

Stop signs on Riviera Drive at Fortuna and La Playa were posted last week. Why? For three years, Diane Faulds and her neighbors persistently documented accidents. “It’s not a speedway anymore,” said Diane. “All of a sudden, people are paying attention.”

To report speeding or potholes, etc., call Councilman Kevin Faulconer’s office at (619) 236-6622; or email Thyme Curtis at tcurtis@sandiego.gov.

Crown Point Elementary School is threatened with possible closure. S.D. Unified School District reinvented the site as a music magnet in September; attendance has almost doubled, so closure seems premature. To support Crown Point, call school board president Shelia Jackson at (619) 725-5555 or email sjackson@sandi.net.

PB Community Court, assisted by Discover PB, needs impact panelists to work with folks who’ve received misdemeanor citations. Instead of going to the county court, offenders attend an evening session in PB, hear from local residents and police officers; plus work four hours of community service.

The recidivism rate? “Of 580 cases in 2008, there was one who re-offended,” said project manager Sara Burns. “Since 2006, we’ve seen over 1,400 people who gave approximately 8,000 service hours in PB.” And, added Discover PB President Mike McNeil, “this saved the county \$50,000 to not go through the county court system.” Call (858) 273-3303 to volunteer.

PB Graffiti Clean-Up is Saturday, Feb. 7 (See page one). “We also sponsor monthly clean ups,” said PB Town Council’s Safe & Beautiful Committee chair, Jerry Hall. “If your service club, church or youth group would like to join us, e-mail me at cleanPB@gmail.com.

PB Neighborhood Watch boasts over 40 groups in PB, thanks to organizer Marcela Teran.

Last week, my neighbor Bill rang the bell. “Madam Neighborhood Watch chair, I’m reporting that my car was stolen from my driveway last night.” A police car arrived and he left with them. Soon he reappeared— driving his undamaged car! “It had LoJack (a locating device) on it!” he reported. “They found it up on Edgeworth near Soledad Mountain Road.”

Later I called to remind my neighbors: Please lock your cars and check your security lights. To start your group, call Marcella at (858) 337-2837.

COME ON OUT to say ‘hi’

So, we all heard Mr. Obama’s inauguration speech, right?

Something like, ask not what the country can do for you...

Not surprising, everyone is hoping to ride on the Obama wave of “just get out and do something.” Hopefully, the message will stick.

Well, the new year has brought a new administration, a new ambition and, now, a new editor to the Beach & Bay Press! I have assumed the reins from veteran editor Larry Harmon who headed the paper for four years. He has moved on to pursue a degree in chemical engineering.

My journalism career began as an intern here at the San Diego Community Newspaper Group five years ago. A year later, I returned to report on La Jolla and University City for nearly two years.

New York allured me and I left to report on small townships for a community newspaper in Westchester County. After a few years of the hustle, I took a break to farm the land and spent half-a-year working on small farms in New York and England.

Alas, I have returned to the beach and bay world. I am already impressed by the enthusiasm and care of the activists and residents that I have met. On the side, I am tearing up my parents’ yard to grow vegetables.

The Beach & Bay Press will continue to report on news that affects our community, like schools, libraries and recreation centers that may close because of rampant budget deficits, everywhere. But don’t get

[EDITOR’S NOTE] By ADRIANE TILLMAN

bogged down completely by the mess: Friday night will still arrive each week. Check the paper for previews on upcoming concerts, local bands, great eateries and innovative businesses.

But back to the president’s call to the nation. If you’re reading this column, you’re probably already interested in the community. Wonderful! Keep it up. To everyone else: try something new and crazy.

Crazy, like:

Help pull invasive plants and trash out of the salt marsh to benefit endangered birds at the Kendall Frost Wildlife Preserve in Mission Bay. Or, help restore the nesting site for California’s Least Tern by pulling invasive plants at Mariner’s Point. The work parties take place on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 10 a.m. and 9 a.m., respectively. Call (619) 682-7210 or email Dougherty@sandiegoaudubon.org for more info.

Crazier, like: Meet your match — not online — but at the fourth annual Singles Mingle Beach Cleanup at Mariner’s Point, east of the rollercoaster, on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome. Call Surfrider Foundation at (619) 818-9558 for more information.

Visit the quaint Rose Creek Cottage at 2525 Garnet Avenue to do some gardening on Saturday, Feb. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Karin for more info: (858) 405-7503.

Get your canine out: Fiesta Island Dog Owners are hosting an island cleanup day on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

If you’re not an early bird, start thinking about your backyard community. Patronize the latest business to open. Plant a citrus tree. If you fall in the older, home-owning group, get to know that young, barhopping neighbor. Say more than “hi.”

After all your hard work, don’t forget to pick up your local newspaper at the end of the week. You might just find yourself interested. At the very least, don’t let it turn soggy on your doorstep.

Feel free to contact me with concerns, story ideas and comments at: (858) 270-3103 x. 132 or bbp@sdnews.com

Look forward to getting to know you!

Larry bids farewell

After more than four years as editor of the Beach & Bay Press, it’s time for me to move on. But I’m not completely disappearing — my name should occasionally show up in the paper as a reporter.

It has been my pleasure covering the important stories that affect the community and getting to know all of the people that make Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Mission Bay such a great place to live and work.

So in the words of Buck Owens, adios, farewell, goodbye, good luck, so long.

Larry Harmon
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to her office.

Somers learned she would stand in the “silver area” of the National Mall for the inauguration.

“I think it was the worst section, the farthest away, behind the reflecting pool,” she laughed.

Inauguration day began with a 5 a.m. wake-up call for Somers.

“I didn’t eat or drink because I knew I would be in lines for hours,” she said.

Somers and her friends arrived at the Metro an hour later to realize every car was packed. It was near impossible to get on.

Forty-five minutes later, Somers walked along Independence Avenue looking for the end of the line for the silver ticket holders. At eight

a.m., the gates opened and people rushed toward their standing room spots on the mall.

“People were everywhere, and they were in incredible moods,” Somers said. She added that everyone was patient, considering the number of people, the cold temperature and the length of time they had to stand and wait.

Somers soon left her friends to find a better angle to shoot photos but soon realized she would not be able to rejoin them until after the inauguration. The crowd was too dense.

“We were shoulder to shoulder but everyone was so friendly, and we all just started talking,” Somers said.

Somers said the crowd cheered for anything that involved the Obamas. As the swearing-in-ceremony approached at noon, a hush fell

over the crowd.

“During [Obama’s] speech, there was silence, which is crazy to think about in a crowd like that,” Somers said. “It was amazing. You could feel the weight of it. There was such a renewed sense of pride and patriotism from people throughout the crowd.”

After the event, Somers and her friends decided to skip the Metro and walk the 30 blocks home.

“I was surprised at how quickly it all seemed to go by,” she said.

Back at home, Somers posted her photos online and unpacked her souvenir T-shirt: an image of President Obama on a postage stamp.

“It really was an incredible event,” she said. “Thinking about it brings tears to my eyes. Someday I can tell my grandchildren that I was there.”

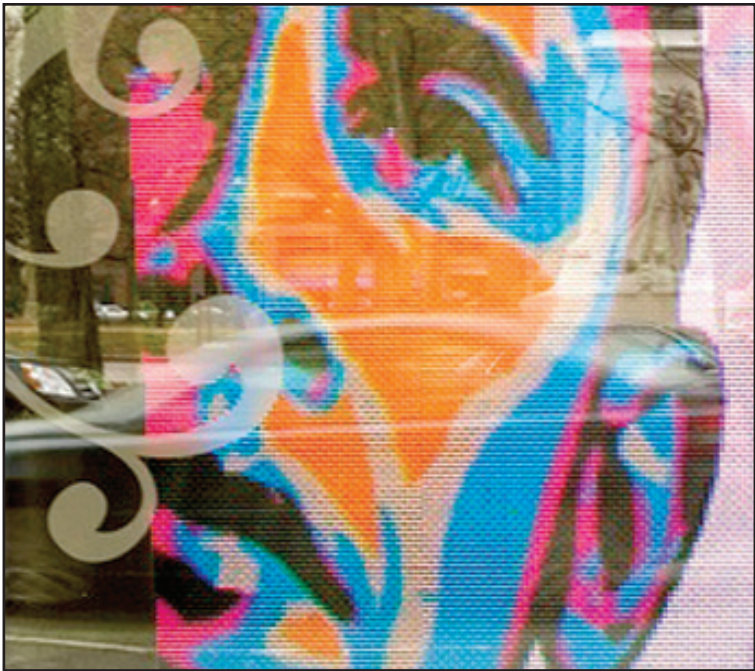


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Mission Beach gathers to say goodbye to longtime friend

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A bench looks out toward Mission Bay at the corner of Riviera Drive and La Mancha Drive. People will rest on the bench from day-to-day but not all will realize whose life the bench honors.

Friends and family members will gather at that spot on Saturday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m. to dedicate the bench to Gary Glover, 61, who passed away quickly from lung cancer on Oct. 5th. Everyone is welcomed to share memories about Glover at the dedication.

A local activist, Glover rallied for beach issues. He helped install volleyball courts at Mission Beach. He worked to preserve free parking at the beach that he felt should remain open to families of all incomes. He pushed to ban alcohol on the beach that he believed had come to degrade the quality of life and bring crime to the community.

"He could see right and wrong in an issue but he was most concerned about what was best for the community," said Glover's wife, Pam.

Glover served on the Mission Beach Planning Board for the past nine years, which he also chaired for four years. He was a fixture at the election polls at the Mission Beach Women's Club. Despite all the serious meetings and hard work, Glover is remembered for his gentle, kind temperament. He knew how to have a good time. Glover could often be found at the recreation center, where he dressed as the bunny for Easter and Santa Claus for Christmas. At pancake breakfasts, he was the "the bacon chief." Glover earned a nickname as "Bubble Man" for waving huge bubbles from a wand on the beach.

"He always loved the bay and the beach," Pam said. "He never grew up."

Glover was born on Christmas day in 1946 in the backseat of his parents' car in the middle of San Diego bay as they traveled on the Coronado Ferry. He was raised in Lemon Grove and graduated from Mount Miguel High School. He lived in Mission

Beach since 1985, and worked as a builder for the past 25 years.

Pam described her husband as her best friend, soul mate and her strength.

"I've learned over the last three months that one's strengths often come from one's weakest points and Gary's death forced me to dig for those strengths," she wrote in memory of her husband.

Glover is survived by his wife, three sons, Gary, Mark and Brad; his daughter Marci; and seven grandchildren.



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Pam Glover, left, described her husband Gary, right, as her soul mate and best friend. Gary died from lung cancer this past October. Mission Beach will dedicate a bench in his honor.

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A Valentine twist: Chapel runs marathon wedding

By **JOSEPH GREENBERG** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A marathon of weddings and vow renewals, church bells and high flying bridal bouquets will change the unlucky vibe of Friday the 13th, at least for a day.

For the second year running, the North Chapel at Liberty Station and KyXy radio station are teaming up to give away 30 free weddings or vow renewals during a ten-hour marathon of "I dos" from 9 am to 7 pm on Friday, Feb. 13th. The radio station will also webcast the event live from www.kyxy.com.

One of those winners was a Point Loma resident named Lennie Austria, who was quite beside herself on her selection.

"When we got married it wasn't a big production: no flower girls or any of the other whole nine yards. I wore my mom's Sunday dress as my wedding gown."

That was nearly sixteen years ago for Lennie, and this wedding marathon will

allow her and her husband, Jay, to make good on a promise they made to each other to renew their vows someday under better circumstances. That day has finally come.

Each of the 30 winning couples were selected by KyXy radio staff based upon essays they had submitted to the radio station. Roughly 200 applicants participated this year, more than double from the year before.

The jam-packed day calls for a leader of special talent and endurance, and Reverend Gregory "Egg" Pratt is elated to preside over the day's ceremonies.

"It's going to be a long day, I know that...and maybe afterwards I'll be changing my mind, but right now I am excited," Rev. Pratt said.

The reverends' energy was palpable, but just in case he



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SeaWorld switches off tap to free beer

By **SEBASTIAN RUIZ** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Busch Entertainment Corporation announced "last call" on free beer samples at all 10 Anheuser-Busch theme parks, including SeaWorld. The free beer stopped flowing last Sunday, Feb. 1.

The corporation will also shutter the Anheuser-Busch Brewmaster's

Club, located next to the hospitality center at SeaWorld. It will be replaced with something with a "broader appeal," according to SeaWorld spokesman David Koontz.

"This has been something discussed for some time now," Koontz said. "The sampling was really something only enjoyed by a small

percentage of our visitors. People can come to SeaWorld and still do that. You just have to buy it. And, of course, customers must be of legal drinking age."

Signs around the center have been posted to notifying patrons of the discontinuation of the free beer samples.

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MUSICcalendar

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Henkel, Chateau Orleans, Feb. 13 and 27

San Diego is fortunate to have a lot of fine blues musicians, but few can touch the artistry of Robin Henkel. Performing at Chateau Orleans on Feb. 13 and 27, Henkel is a virtuoso at all styles of blues, with an endearing manic performing style that has kept him a solid draw at venues throughout Southern California for decades. Particularly stunning is his slide guitar work, with a seemingly endless well of classic tunes and authentic sounding originals in his repertoire.

The Blokes, Hennessey's Tavern, Feb. 18,

Considering it's surf and sand, California might seem to be the least likely place for Celtic music to achieve a foothold. However over the past decade, there has been a veritable explosion of groups, with The Blokes, who perform at Hennessey's Tavern on Feb. 18, amongst the areas best known. The quartet's take on traditional Irish folk tunes is never less than rousing, with fiddle and accordion as lead instruments. The Blokes occasionally throw a classic rock ballad, such as the Rolling Stones "As Tears Go By" into the mix, but traditionalists need not fear. In the Blokes hands, even the Jagger-Richards evergreen sounds like a centuries old folk tune.

Stepping Feet, RT's Longboard Grill, Feb. 21, 10 p.m.

One of the more popular tribute acts in San Diego, Stepping Feet is a Dave Matthews inspired set that has moved to headliner status at major venues up and down the coast. However, the group can still be found at the local spots where they first built up their popularity, such as RT's Longboard Grill on Feb. 21. The chance of seeing Matthews in a setting this small has been impossible for many years now, but it's also ironic that a tribute band to his music is now also on the verge of out growing smaller venues.

Adam Gimbel and Cover Me Badd, Cane's, Feb. 27, 8:45 p.m.

Tribute groups are a dime a dozen these days, but Adam Gimbel and his crew "Cover Me Badd" continue to be true standouts. Always looking for a gimmick in order to stand out, Gimbel can be counted on for humorous takes on his projects and his latest is no exception. On Feb. 27, the band will take to the stage at Cane's as Geezer, an elderly tribute band dedicated to pop-rockers, Weezer. That this pop band is on a seemingly mismatched bill with tribute acts to metal band Pantera and industrial rockers Rage Against The Machine promises to make the show even more surreal.

Benefit for Lorna, Brick-by-Brick, Feb. 21, 8:30 p.m.

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Joey Harris will play for the Lorna Benefit at Brick-by-Brick on Feb. 21.

lost one of its biggest local music supporters, Lorna Hamilton. For many years she was an integral part of the music community, befriending just about every musician during the eighties and nineties. On Feb. 21, Brick by Brick will host a benefit for Lorna to raise money for her family's expenses. The show will feature a number of Hamilton's favorite performers including Mojo Nixon, John Juke Logan, the Farmers, Joey Harris & the Mentals, the Farages and Candy Kane. Highlight of the event will likely be the rare appearance from the Farages, formerly known as eighties indie rockers DFX2, though now performing in roots-rock mode.

Jazilla, Turquoise Café, Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

With a band name like Jazzilla, there is little doubt to what a group's musical inclinations might be. In this case, Jazzilla, who appear at the Turquoise Café on Feb. 27, really is a monster, taking in numerous influences including Latin, Swing and even funk. The end result is a sound that's heavy on the rhythm but still keeps its jazz roots. Their set list is a mix of originals and chestnuts such as "Take The A Train," with their debut album set for release later this year. The group has a rotating membership, but whichever lineup takes part in their show, the end result is always well worth hearing.

[fun, funky & often useful facts]

Where's the Gorilla?

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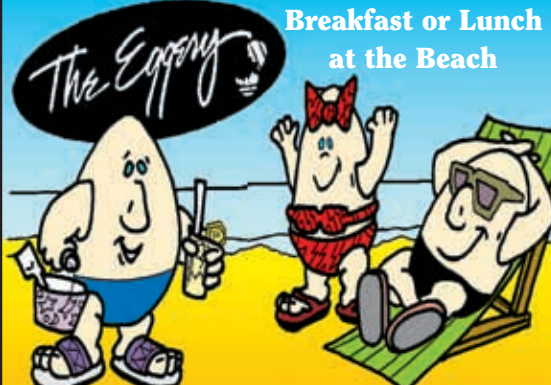
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Buick Invitational swings into action

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The attention of the golfing world turns to San Diego next week for The Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines Golf Course, slated for Feb. 5 through 8.

The event kicks off with practice rounds on Monday, Feb. 2, and Tuesday, Feb. 3, followed by first-day play on Thursday. Play continues through Sunday, with the final round slated to kick off Feb. 8 at 8:30 a.m.

Golfing fans are mostly asking if Tiger Woods, who captured the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines last summer, will play in the event.

Woods, who has won five of the last six Buick Invitational tournaments in San Diego, has not played since the U.S. Open last summer due to knee surgery. While Woods could defend his title, he has until tomorrow, Jan. 30, to let tournament officials know. Woods has not played in any events since his surgery, but he is back to a regular practice schedule.

The PGA stop in La Jolla follows action last weekend at the Bob Hope Classic in LaQuinta, where Pat Perez captured his first PGA Tour victory, winning by three shots.



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Buick Open defending champion Tiger Woods, seen here at the 2007 event, is not likely to play this year due to knee surgery after the U.S. Open.

As eyes turn to Torrey Pines this next week, tourney officials note that with months to get both the North and South courses ready for the event, both courses will be in good shape for the likes of local resident Phil Mickelson, player of the year Padraig Harrington and

many of the world's other top male golfers.

For ticket information, visit www.torrey.pines.com/buick-invitational.asp

BIRDIES: The purse for the four-day event is set at \$5,300,000. CBS will have live coverage of the final two rounds on Saturday and Sunday. The Buick Open, although under several different names over the decades, has a rich history in San Diego. From 1952 to '53, the tournament was held at San Diego Country Club in Chula Vista, prior to spending 1954 at Rancho Santa Fe Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe. One year later, the event moved to Mission Valley Country Club in San Diego, and after the 1956 event was played at Singing Hills Country Club in El Cajon, it returned to Mission Valley until 1961. In 1962, Mission Valley Country Club changed its name to Stardust Country Club (now known as Riverwalk Golf Club) and the event stayed there from 1962 to '63; after spending 1964 at Rancho Bernardo Country Club (now Rancho Bernardo Inn) in San Diego, it returned to Stardust Country Club until 1967. The event moved to Torrey Pines in 1968, where it has been played since.

MARATHON

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needs to take a break during the wedding marathon, he has associates there to rotate with him.

The reverend foresees the day going by quickly.

"Everybody brings a different story to the table, and no two are exactly the same," he said. "It will make for a lovely day."

The winners will receive a one-of-a-kind ceremony that will include a chaplain, decorative flowers placed throughout the restored chapel and

the traditional wedding march played on the chapel's pipe organ by professional organists. A wedding reception will follow for the couples at the donation of nearby restaurants like Panera Bread & Bakery, Sammy's Woodfire Pizza and Solare Restaurant & Lounge.

The North Chapel can seat up to 300 friends and family members coming to support and take part in the joyous ceremonies.

The chapel's architecture is in the Spanish Colonial Revival-style, and was ambitiously restored at a cost of \$1.35 million and reopened in 2007 by C.W. Clark, Inc., a La Jolla Based

real estate development company. The 14 stained glass windows inside the chapel are all nautically themed.

The two-story, non-denominational chapel was originally built in 1942 and used primarily by the San Diego Naval Training Center. The Chapel was closed by the Navy in 1997 along with numerous other military buildings, and sat vacant until the restoration.

To take part in these "lucky in love" ceremonies, come to the North Chapel at Liberty Station starting at 9 a.m.

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BEER

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Ray Young, from Ontario, Ca., was visiting the park with his family when he heard about the end of the free-beer era for the Anheuser-Busch parks.

"I think it's sad," Young said. "It must be the new owners."

While Young refers to the merger of Anheuser-Busch and Belgium brewing company, InBev, that was announced last year, SeaWorld representatives deny the merger has anything to do with the end of free beer.

Others chose to take advantage of the remaining days of free beer at the amusement park.

A few weeks before the change, San Diego resident Cindy Gray, 54, and friend Bruce Walker, 55, from Washington state, toasted to the last days of free beer at the park. They hoped to make good memories last.

After learning of the decision, Walker said he planned to take

advantage of every chance.

"We'll be here for the next 15 days then," Walker said.

Parks where the free beer flows no more include SeaWorlds in Florida, Texas and California. The corporation also runs Busch Gar-

dens Europe, Water Country USA and Adventure Island in Tampa, Florida. Anheuser-Busch InBev distributes about 200 different brands of beer, including the flagship Budweiser, Stella Artois and Beck's.



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SeaWorld San Diego, along with several other Anheuser-Busch theme parks across the country, will halt the practice of giving out free beer samples to customers beginning Feb. 1. The Brewmaster's Club next to the hospitality center will be closed and replaced with something that has a "broader appeal," according to SeaWorld officials.

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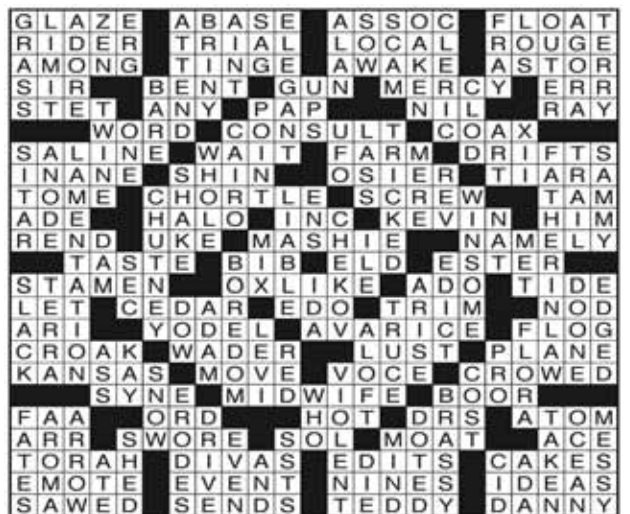


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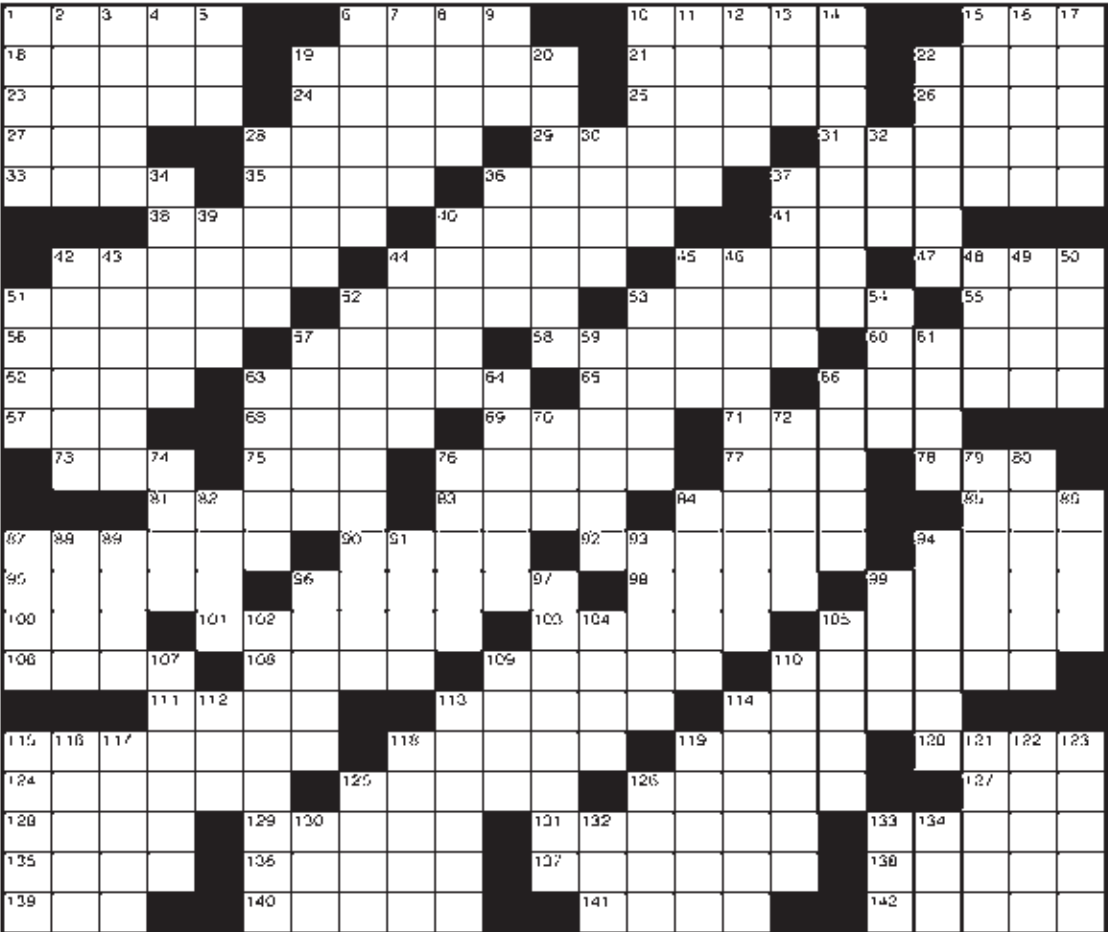
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■ Custom bay front condos with plasmas, closed circuit TV/security, built-in BBQ cook stations, custom Jacuzzi tubs and custom décor! Sand-side 3BR/2BA with exclusive bayside walk entertaining patio. 4BR/3BA second floor unit with enormous great room + water view balcony. 4BR penthouse has bay views which are 2nd to none on Mission Bay, and exclusive roof top deck.

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3528 BAYSIDE WALK UNIT 1–3 • \$1.5M–\$2.1M

■ Custom designed bay front condo triplex with pano water views! Sand-side 3BR/2BA with exclusive bayside walk entertaining patio. 4BR/3BA second floor unit with enormous great room + water view balcony. 4BR penthouse has bay views which are 2nd to none on Mission Bay, and exclusive roof top deck.



OCEAN FRONT WALK • \$1.5M–\$4.85M

■ Exquisitely designed high end beach units with panoramic water views. Ground floor 1BR unit boasts a private enclosed patio that opens to your own sandy beach with exterior Spanish marble gas fire pit and solid Burmese teak floors. 3BR/4BA penthouse has 3 decks, bi-folding Pullman doors opening to a grand terrace, Columbian travertine gold floors, 50" pop up plasma, 400 gallon reef tank and gargage with up to 4-car capacity.



CORONADO COURT • \$875,000

■ Luxury 2BR/2.5BA townhomes steps to beach, bay and boardwalk. Top-of-the-line amenities: KitchenAid applcs, travertine, granite counters, energy efficient windows, tankless water heaters and installed solar panels. One boasts exclusive sunny courtyard & the other gives way to a spacious roof deck with water views.



OCEAN FRONT WALK • \$1.9M–\$2.2M

■ Gorgeous new construction in South Mission! Endless possibilities from these two immaculately designed & appointed properties. Show like models! 2BR/3BA, 1,200 esf ground floor unit with spacious sand-side entertaining patio. 2BR+/3BA, 1,434 esf penthouse unit with panoramic water views for miles! Use as 2 condos, Duplex or large Single Family!



BRIGHTON COURT • \$975,000

■ One unit is sold, but available ground floor town home best value in South Mission! Solar Ready Townhome! Cool ocean waters and white sand beaches at the end of the most coveted S. Mission Cts. 2BR/2.5BA, 1320 esf + exclusive landscaped courtyard plumbed for a cook station.



TOULON COURT • \$2,395,000

■ Breathtaking 4BR/3.5BA home in North Mission. This new construction home has water views from every room in the house, and one of the most spectacular roof top decks in Mission Beach. This property has been maximized to the fullest with 2 master bedrooms, light bright interiors, custom multi-media wiring, elevator on every floor and side-by-side 2-car garage.



LA PALMA • \$1,249,000

■ Wow! One of the best prices on the bay! Exclusive bay front townhome in PB with gorgeous unobstructed views of Sail Bay, Seaworld fireworks & city lights! 3BR/2BA, two-level home perfect for a primary residence or 2nd home. Complex offers tennis/pool & spa + onsite property mgr. 100% owner occupied. Extremely quiet and private.



OCEAN FRONT WALK • \$6,495,000

■ Brand new contemporary home on the sands of Mission Beach! 4BR/5BA, 3,000 esf of custom living with sand-side patio, roof top deck, wine cellar, chef's kitchen, elevator access/2-car garage and panoramic white water views up and down the coastline. The new gem of Mission Beach! Coming this Summer!

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