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*The Buccaneers make preparations for a spirited Homecoming celebration.* **Page 14**

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Thursday, Oct. 22, 2009



**HALLOWEEN  
EVENTS:**  
*Local organizations  
throw Halloween  
celebrations for the  
family.* **Pages 6, 7**



# Costume crazy

Expert advice about selecting a perfect Halloween outfit.



Nikki Alvarez (left) wears a “Beer Girl” outfit while Karen Yoo sports a “Little Red Riding Hood” costume at The Buff, 1341 Garnet Ave.

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The ever-growing popularity of Halloween among adults has made Pacific Beach a Halloween Mecca. Each year Halloween celebrants flock to beach-area nightclubs in hilarious costumes for a ramped-up evening of revelry.

Halloween is the designated holiday to escape from reality, assume an extremely fun persona and dress as outrageously as possible.

The Buff resale store, 1341 Garnet Ave., offers Halloween costumes year-round. The staff dresses in character every day in October.

The Buff manager Karen Yoo offers this advice for the holiday:

Start early. Look for deals immediately after Halloween. Don't wait until

the store no longer carries your costume size.

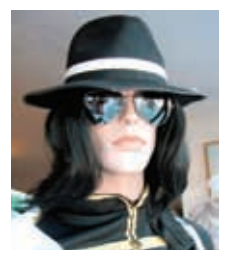
Dress comfortably for a night out. Don't buy shoes or pants that are too small. Even a few drinks won't alleviate the pain.

Research costume ideas online. Envision your costume before you walk into the store.

Accessorize, accessorize, accessorize! Stand out from the other Queens of Hearts with a unique pair of shoes or an outlandish hat. Don that pocket watch you've always wanted to wear. Don't forget to buy a purse to match your persona. For a devilish look, pick up a pair of cat-eye contacts.

Have fun! Shopping for the costume is half the fun.

Photos by DON BALCH



The spirit of Michael Jackson lives on this Halloween.

## MOST POPULAR COSTUMES

**Michael Jackson:** People are dressing in all the eras – from the Jackson Five to the '80s' “Thriller.”  
**Lady Gaga:** So many ladies are dressing like the madam that The Buff won't dress another person – unless it's a man.  
**Vampire:** Clubs and bars are hosting themed parties this year for the blood-thirsty.

## COSTUMES FOR MEN

- Dress as a woman. Go for the stripper cop look. Become a Roman gladiator.
- Dress as any character that Johnny Depp or Will Ferrell have played.

## PB's CRAZIEST

Karen Yoo, manager of The Buff, recalls seeing a fully naked guy carrying a box saunter up and down Garnet Avenue – a spoof of the Saturday Night Live skit featuring Justin Timberlake and Andy Samberg. None of the bars would let him in.

## CHEAP BUYS

Go for accessories – a hat, a wig, a mask, a glove – to create your character.

Advice from Karen Yoo, manager of The Buff



A ballerina rehearses her graceful movements at City Ballet's studio on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach.

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# Surf, sand and ballet

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Just blocks from the ocean, City Ballet of San Diego, an internationally known ballet studio, lies smack in the middle of Pacific Beach.

This year, as it nears its 2009-10 season early next month, the company looks forward to holding all its performances in one place, Spreckels Theatre.

“A lot of people say you either have to go to San Francisco or New York to see a company of this caliber,” said City Ballet artistic director Steven Wistrich.

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# Canes will close soon

Lease runs out on music venue and restaurant after 13 years of hosting live performances

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The spotlight will go out on Canes next month. The music venue that has been on the Mission Beach boardwalk for 13 years will close its doors Nov. 2. The club, the ground floor restaurant and the rooftop deck will close.

“Our lease is expiring. I tried to do everything in my power to stay there,” said Canes owner Eric Leitstein. “We don't have any options on our lease.”

In its time on Ocean Front Walk, Canes has hosted thousands of concerts of all different genres. Acts ranging from Linkin Park to the Black Eyed Peas to John Mayer have all performed there.

“We tried not to pigeonhole ourselves with a specific genre of music,” Leitstein said. “We've done so many things, from punk to reggae to hip-hop to classic rock.”

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# OCEAN *in* MOTION

*Program allows students to explore the ocean environment firsthand*

By RACHEL CURTIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The sun beamed down on a grassy patch of Mission Point where a handful of teenagers were struggling into thick, unwieldy wetsuits last month. Once they pulled, tugged and squirmed their way into the cumbersome gear, they waddled down to the calm waters of Mission Bay like giant penguins.

Cheryl Barnes, outreach director of the nonprofit San Diego Oceans Foundation (SDOF), explained the need for the wetsuits.

"They're really buoyant – it keeps them floating and keeps them warm," she said.

The warm and buoyant included high school participants in the organization's summer snorkeling program, and the SDOF staff, interns and volunteers who supervised them.

Summer snorkeling is part of SDOF's Ocean in Motion program, which seeks to bring San Diego's terrestrial inhabitants closer to its vibrant marine ecosystem, with an emphasis on youth. The organization partners with other local groups, such as the YMCA, Boy and Girl Scouts, and children of military, to get young San Diegans snorkeling. There is also a classroom component



**High school students wear wetsuits as they prepare for a snorkeling adventure to explore the underwater environment in Mission Bay.**

RACHEL CURTIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

to the program, which holds interactive presentations in schools.

The day's partner is Outdoor Outreach, a nonprofit that aims to provide ecological adventures to underprivileged youth who have little other opportunity to explore the environment. As nonprofit workers have discovered, living near the ocean is no guarantee that residents know much about it. At one low-income school Barnes visited to conduct a mammal class, she encountered kids who couldn't identify a sea lion.

"The craziest thing that has happened was a kid got in the water and said, 'Why does it taste salty?'" Barnes said. "And they're from San Diego."

The snorkeling trips offer a full day of hands-on learning. For groups that have transportation, it begins at the Birch Aquarium where they are introduced to various marine species and habitats found on the Pacific Coast, get their hands wet in large touch-tanks and receive a primer on climate change. Otherwise, the day begins at the Mission Point snorkeling site with program coordinator Zoe Dagan's briefing on local marine life.

"The idea is for them to be able to identify the things

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# Solar panels sprout up at PB McDonalds

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Patrons and passersby of the McDonalds on Garnet Avenue have the chance to see an environmentally sound project in its green stage. The parking lot at the restaurant has housed two solar energy panels since last month – the first franchise in the corporation to do so.

“I’m pretty excited about it and I think we’re going to find that there’s some great results with it,” said restaurant owner/operator Philip Palumbo.

Palumbo approached McDonalds with the idea to put the solar panels at the Pacific Beach location. His hope is that the panels will make the operations of the restaurant more environmentally friendly.

“It was my choice to pursue this avenue of looking at solar energy and I was able to talk to corporate and get their approval to move ahead and test it out at my store,” Palumbo said.

## OCEAN

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they’re going to see,” Barnes said.

While education is a primary goal, SDOF places equal importance on safety. The location at Mission Point was chosen not just for the presence of three distinct habitats (rocks, sea grass and sand) but also for its easy beach access and calm conditions. Because groups typically include some first-time snorkelers — and often a few who have never been in the ocean — they spend as much time as necessary in shallow water before moving away from the shore. Finally, SDOF requires a maximum adult-to-student ratio of 3 to 1 and Dagan, who leads the trips, is a certified rescue diver.

The snorkelers float and kick along the rocks for an hour, meeting creatures like the neon-flecked Navanax sea slug, long-legged brittle stars and Garibaldi, the California marine fish.

When they return, some boast of more exotic finds: a flatfish, even an octopus. Before shedding their heavy wetsuits, the students learn to take core samples of sand and witness the ghost shrimp, olive snails and polychaete worms that live under the floor of the bay. The day concludes with a chat about ocean stewardship and sustainable seafood choices.

Amadeus Avakian, 17, saw his first glow-in-the-dark lantern fish at the aquarium and learned that sharks kill only one to 10 people a year worldwide.

“It made me a lot less scared of sharks,” he said.

Dagan knows that attitudes can soften as a day advances.

“They’re a little distant earlier in the day, and then by the end of the day they’re your best friend,” she said. “They’re asking questions, they’re involved, they want to know more.”

Another testament to the program’s impact is the steadily growing number of participants, up 250 percent from its debut in 2002 to 360 (so far) in 2009.

Reducing energy emissions, a potential reduction in expenses and doing something good for the local community were among the reasons Palumbo was drawn to the idea of solar panels. Over the next six months, Palumbo will monitor the exact amount of energy absorption by the panels and conduct a cost-benefit analysis.

“I really do think that it’s going to be a great benefit for the environment and the community,” Palumbo said.

In addition to an overall environmental benefit, the panels will also help PB residents trying to drive green. The panels are a ChargePoint Network, stations where electric car

drivers can recharge their rides.

Palumbo owns eight McDonalds restaurants in San Diego County and said the solar panels are an experiment that, if successful, could result in panels being installed in more and more McDonalds.

“While we do this test, we’re going to evaluate the impact that these have on our restaurant or business,” Palumbo said, “and we’re going to determine if there’s going to be any kind of a future role across the rest of the country.”

If McDonalds likes what it sees on Garnet Avenue, premium salads might not be the only green it has to offer.



These solar panels at the McDonalds restaurant at 1121 Garnet Ave. in Pacific Beach help provide power for daily operations. ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS



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Now for Cierra, she’s the little girl in the photo. Growing up, she was (and still is) very active. She slipped and hit her head on the sidewalk once before, she’s fallen out of bed numerous times and on top of that, she suffered from ear infections. Cierra’s been getting adjusted regularly now for over a year and she is as healthy as can be. She knows that her adjustments help her immune system to fight off the “bad stuff” when she’s starting to feel a little sick. She loves getting adjusted and it seems like a huge difference to her.

It’s strange how life is, because now people come to see me with their health problems. Also they come to me with their headaches, migraines, chronic pain, neck pain,

shoulder/arm pain, whiplash from car accidents, backaches, ear infections, asthma, allergies, numbness in limbs, athletic injuries, just to name a few.



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Signed,  
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Signed,  
Larry D, San Diego, CA

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SATURDAY, OCT. 24

• Old Fashioned Ho-Down featuring The Opera Singing Chef, 7 p.m.

at the Pacific Beach Women's Club, 1721 Hornblend. Tickets \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance. Call (858) 547-8620 for reservation.

• The ZLAC Rowing Club invites the public to its Very Merry Bazaar, Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jewelry, crafts, art, wearable art, clothing. Opportunity drawings and the chance to win original crafts from vendors and baskets from ZLAC

members. ZLAC Rowing Club, 111 Pacific Beach Drive.

• Booby Camp, a one-day charity and fitness boot camp training event for men only to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation, Saturday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m., 2130 East Mission Bay Drive. Minimum donation \$25. Expect a challenging workout by fitness trainer Dave DePew. (619) 990-9263, info@boobycamp.com.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

Mangrove Monster March volunteer habitat restoration event at Kendall Frost & Northern Wildlife Preserve, Mission Bay, Oct. 31, noon-3 p.m. Water, snacks (including halloween candy), gloves and tools will be provided. RSVP (858) 273-7800.

Halloween events

• Join the **Pacific Beach Recreation Center** for its annual night of fright Halloween Carnival, Friday, Oct. 30, 4-7 p.m. rain or shine. Train rides, games, arts and crafts, giant slide, food, cake walk and costume contest. Costume contest times: ages 2 and under, 5 p.m.; ages 3-5, 5:20 p.m.; ages 6-8, 5:40 p.m.; ages 9-12, 6 p.m.; ages 13 and over, 6:20 p.m. Tickets are four for \$1. PB Rec Center, 1401 Diamond St. (858) 581-9927.

• **St. Paul's Halloween Carnival** is set for Saturday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The entire family and community are invited to enjoy the fun. Game booths, giant slide, dunk booth, popcorn, great food, and the pie baking contest returns! Mission



Even Darth Vader had a good time during last year's Halloween Carnival at St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School.

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NEWSbriefs

Man convicted of murder and hit and run

A jury on Tuesday convicted Alan Lester Mabrey, 45, of second-degree murder and hit and run involving the Feb. 7 death of Emily Dowdy, 24, of Pacific Beach, who was struck in a crosswalk by a truck Mabrey was driving while intoxicated around 7:30 p.m. as she was walking home from her job at Starbucks, also in Pacific Beach.

Mabrey faces a sentence of 19 years to life in prison and possibly more time if San Diego Superior Court Judge Charles Rogers adds more years for Mabrey's prior felony convictions of driving under the influence of alcohol for which he received a prison term in another state, said Deputy District Attorney Patty Herian. Sentencing was set for Dec. 15, and Mabrey remains in the South Bay Detention Facility without bail. Mabrey was also convicted of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated.

Dowdy was struck as she crossed Mission Boulevard at Reed Avenue and was pronounced dead at a hospital. She worked at the Starbucks store on Mission Boulevard.

Work begins on Misson Bay jetty

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District is overseeing repairs to the outer 250 feet of the middle jetty at Mission Bay. A \$2.289 million stimulus contract was awarded to Connolly-Pacific Co. of Long Beach to undertake the project, which should take about 90 days.

The company will transport 800 stones weighing up to 24 tons each to fix damage caused by storms.

Correction

The day that Mission Beach Town Council meets each month was stated incorrectly in an article in the Oct. 8 issue of Beach & Bay Press.

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QUESTION & ANSWER

# PBTC president explains goals, purpose of Town Council

By **SHANNON MULHALL** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Rick Oldham is the president of the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC), a 58-year-old volunteer-based nonprofit organization whose mission is enhancing, improving and protecting the community of Pacific Beach.

**Q:** What are your goals moving forward?  
**Oldham:** “My drive continues to be getting PB cleaned up – street sweeping and ridding the area of litter issues we have.”

The Town Council’s Safe and Beautiful Committee holds cleanup events the first Saturday of every month. During the October cleanup, 26 volunteers removed several hundred pounds of trash, Oldham said. He credits the work of the Safe and Beautiful Committee with helping the Town Council become a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. In addition to continuing to clean up the community, Oldham said he is also looking forward to future Town Council events such as Concerts on the Green, the annual wine tasting fundraiser and maintaining the Rose Creek Cottage.

**Q:** What would you tell someone who is considering joining the Town Council?  
**Oldham:** “We’re working on community issues and working with City Council to make our community a

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• The PBTC’s general membership meeting is held at 6:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Earl and Birdie Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St. The public is invited to attend. The Town Council also holds monthly cleanup and networking events.

• This month’s Pacific Beach Dineout, a chance to try the culinary offerings at one of PB’s restaurants, will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27 at Gringo’s Cantina, 4474 Mission Blvd.

• The Safe and Beautiful Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29 at Knox Chapel, behind the Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church, 1675 Garnet Ave.

better place. I invite them to join us in that quest. We’re looking for people to join us in our mission of making our community as nice a place as we can.”

**Q:** What’s your favorite part of being on the Town Council?  
**Oldham:** “Working with various groups to try to make it a better place for all of us to live. A lot of people misconstrue what the PB Town Council does. People approach us with street issues and other concerns and ask us to do something about it. We’re not a governing entity; we have to work through City Council.”

Oldham said one of the town council’s primary jobs is “getting issues pushed up the ladder to the City Council. It’s hard work but it’s worth it.”

**Q:** What’s your favorite thing about living in Pacific Beach?  
**Oldham:** “I’ve lived here a long time ... the beach, the ocean, the scenery and being close to the water.”

In addition to serving on the board of directors as past president, Oldham plans to continue his involvement with the Safe and Beautiful Committee and other Town Council programs and events. He also wants to see more residents become active participants in their community.

“I want more people to get involved,” Oldham said.

Citing events such as BeachFest and the holiday parade, Oldham said, “The community benefits from the Town Council.”

## Junior Lifeguard Foundation holds first Halloween Pancake Breakfast

Event features costume and pre-carved pumpkin contest

The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation will hold its first Halloween Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 31, 7-11 a.m. at the Santa Clara Recreation Center, 1008 Santa Clara Place in Mission Beach. Tickets are \$5.

The event includes bobbing for apples, a DJ, a pre-carved pumpkin contest and a Halloween costume contest. Judging takes place at 10 a.m. Local merchants have provided prizes for the contests as well as a drawing.

Each summer, 1,000 young-

sters participate in the City of San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program, which teaches a variety of skills including first aid, CPR and water rescue skills. Due to budget constraints, the San Diego Junior Lifeguard Foundation was formed to raise critically needed funds to sustain this program.

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Now & Then

John Fry

“YOUR HUBCA-A-A-A-A-P!” was a refrain I heard this month, as two of them decided to take leave of my ’95 Mustang. I think it was the result of a recent brake job.

Since I was already in Mission Valley I went ahead to Charlie’s Hub Caps on Magnolia in El Cajon. No luck there – but he put me on the waiting list.

Back home, I went online. Every Website assured me they had what I wanted – until it turned out they didn’t have what I needed. I stopped by PB Certified and Steve gave me the number for Andy’s Hub Caps. “Don’t have them,” said Andy, “Did you try Charlie’s?”

Hmmmm. I called Nan’s Hubcaps on University and learned they haven’t carried hubcaps for several years.

Roger’s Auto Body suggested Mossy Ford. “No problem,” said Mossy. “We have five different kinds.”

Drove down there and waited while they checked the computer. “Nope. We don’t have any, but if we did they’d be \$150 each.”

“I thought you had five different kinds!” I said, trying not to shout.

“Five different kinds of ’95 Mustangs,” he reminded me.

I got to thinking someone could make money producing after-market hubcaps and called Kra-gen. “We got ’em,” I was told. I went to the Kra-gen on Midway since I was already at the main post office. They had a great selection and they were less than \$50. I showed them off the next day at Starbucks and Scrooge McWilding said, “I hope you got them at Wal-Mart. They’re \$14.95 for a full set.”

Oh, by the way, they’re now known as wheel covers.

**THE VERY SUCCESSFUL PACIFIC BEACH-FEST** always takes me back to the very first PB Block Party, which was also held on the beachfront, south of Crystal Pier, back when it was Ocean Boulevard, and in the 700 block of Garnet Avenue.

Two memories stand out. My job was to get the permission of the business owners on Garnet and Ocean Boulevard. In order to get the signature of the owner of the Stage Door bar at Crystal Pier I ended up going in there at 8 a.m. The morning sun was at my back as I opened the door. I figured the place would be empty. Shows what I know. I felt like I’d stumbled on a cave full of whisky-drinking bats.

“Shut the damn door,” someone said.

The other memory? Well, it was more like a lesson learned. Don’t put the cakewalk downstream from the pony rides. “Downstream” is the key phrase.

**LOOKS LIKE THE NEW TACO BELL**, on the site of the old Jack-in-the-Box on Mission and Grand, is ready to open. He didn’t give his name, or I don’t remember it, but a fellow took the trouble to bicycle up to my office at Starbucks and let me know he had the answer to the question posed in my last column: What business gave way to the Jack-in-the-Box in 1976?

The Gulf Oil gas station.

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COUNCIL CORNER

By KEVIN FAULCONER

Doing what’s right for Mission Bay Park

For many of us, Mission Bay Park holds special memories. Numerous San Diegans have exchanged wedding vows at the park. Many more have held holiday barbecues there every summer and just about every weekend you can find parents teaching their children how to fly kites near the shore.

It’s an important place to all San Diegans, which is why I’m excited that the new Mission Bay Park Committee is scheduled to be up and running next month.

The City Council is confirming appointees to the new committee, which is expected to hold its first meeting in November.

The 11-member committee was created by Proposition C, which voters overwhelmingly approved last November. The committee will oversee funding of priority projects that are now possible because of Prop C.

Prop C ensures that lease money generated in Mission Bay Park stays in Mission Bay Park, and the committee members will be the ones who will carry out the voters’ will and ensure the future success of Mission Bay Park.

The group’s monthly meetings are open to the public and I encourage you to attend.

Mission Bay is the largest man-made aquatic park in the world and a San Diego treasure, but improvements have been few

and far between. Thanks to Prop C, Mission Bay Park now has a permanent revenue source dedicated to addressing a backlog of capital improvement projects.

The Mission Bay Park Master Plan identified more than \$300 million in such improvements 15 years ago – most of which are outstanding and include:

- restoration of passable waterways;
- wetlands expansions;
- restoration of beach sand and the stabilization of erosion; and
- completion of bicycle and pedestrian paths.

I grew up outside of San Diego, but I spent numerous summers on Mission Bay. Back then, I never pictured myself as one of the bay’s strongest supporters and I also never knew that one day I’d compete in Mission Bay Super Sprint triathlons.

I competed in two this year, including one on Oct. 4 with 1,000 others. We swam in the bay, biked around Fiesta Island and ran in Mission Bay Park. I’m a novice. There’s no denying that. But I had



Kevin Faulconer

a lot of fun and it was great to see so many people enjoying Mission Bay.

Prior to becoming District 2’s council representative, I chaired the Mission Bay Park Committee. Last year, I helped draft and campaigned hard for Proposition C.

I’ve said this before and it’s something you’ll hear me say again: From now on, we’re going to do what’s right when it comes to Mission Bay Park and I will continue to lead that effort while ensuring taxpayers get value for their investment.

Mission Bay isn’t the only bay in District 2 and it is not the only one that’s going to see improvements.

Over in Point Loma, the La Playa storm drain project will improve water quality in San Diego Bay because of the replacement of two outfalls that have been badly damaged for years. Work on this \$500,000 project began in August and is expected to be completed in October.

As you can see, protecting San Diego’s bays for residents, tourists and future generations is important to me and something so many of you have said is important to you.

Kevin Faulconer sits on the San Diego City Council as the representative for District 2, which includes Ocean Beach, Point Loma, Mission Bay, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach.

A community divided against itself cannot improve

Pacific Beach has wonderful assets, huge unrealized potential and some significant but not insurmountable problems. We have the beaches, Mission Bay, Kate Sessions Park, 1,200 businesses and 40,000 diverse residents sharing great neighborhoods. Pacific Beach also has one alcohol license for every 200 residents, even though state law recommends one license per 2,000 people. Not surprisingly, we have high crime, much of which is alcohol-related.

For Pacific Beach to improve and properly serve the local residents and attract quality visitors, the business mix, quality of businesses and business operations need to improve. That’s why the Pacific Beach Planning Group and Pacific Beach Town Council agreed that the Planning Group should form an alcohol advisory subcommittee with the goal of reducing the negative impacts of alcohol licenses in Pacific Beach while supporting alcohol licenses with appropriate conditions for desirable businesses that enhance the community.

The Alcohol Advisory Subcommittee

GUEST COMMENTARY

By SCOTT CHIPMAN

will advise the police, the city and the state Alcoholic Beverage Control department on all applications for new alcohol licenses, license transfers and license modifications. This subcommittee will have five representatives from the Planning Group and two each from Discover PB and the Town Council, and will bring its recommendations to the full Planning Group for vote. The PB Planning Group is made up of 15 residential members (elected from and representing all census tracts) and five elected commercial members.

The Planning Group already advises the city on alcohol licenses for stores and gas stations. The Planning Group is fully regulated and overseen by the city and is required to follow the Brown Act to ensure fair, open and publicly-noticed meetings. With its transparency, broad community representation and oversight already built-in, the Planning Group is the logical entity to review all alcohol license requests.

Shortly after the Planning Group

began planning the new subcommittee, Discover PB and its Hospitality Task Force (made up of alcohol licensees) suggested that the PB Special Events Committee serve as the alcohol advisory group and they issued letters saying they “will be encouraging our peers not to present to this (Planning Group) subcommittee due to its unbalanced and potentially biased representation.”

Defensive and retaliatory actions of Discover PB and the Hospitality Task Force only add to the division between residents and alcohol-related businesses. The formation of the Planning Group Alcohol Advisory Subcommittee is an opportunity for our community to work together to reduce the negative effects of alcohol while encouraging new desirable businesses and it will help put Pacific Beach on a path to reaching its full potential.

Scott Chipman is a 33-year resident of Pacific Beach and member of the Pacific Beach Planning Group. The first meeting of the Alcohol Advisory Subcommittee will be Nov. 2, 6 p.m. at the Pacific Beach-Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St.

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# G&S celebrates 50 years

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With roots in Pacific Beach, Gordon and Smith Surfboards Inc. celebrated half a century of creating crafted surfboards and skateboards earlier this month.

The 50-year celebration at the Wave House Athletic Club, 3115 Ocean Front Walk in Mission Beach, brought together generations of surfers and skaters to reminisce about endless summers, show off wild displays of classic surfboards and, of course, take to the water and surf.

Co-founded in the Pacific Beach garage of Lloyd Smith in 1959, G&S surfboards and skateboards have left their historical marks on a local and national level. Smith, with friend Larry Gordon and a handful of talented locals, helped shape the course of coastal and suburban cultural phenomena since the 1960s.

"Both Lloyd and I were 19," Gordon said. "I didn't dream of being as big as we were. A friend, Bobby Thomas ... kept telling me this is a retiring business. A business where you could retire. I didn't believe him until about 10 years later."

With Smith's knowledge of chemistry and help from the Gordon family's plastics business, the two went on to design and mold foam surfboards and eventually created flexible skateboards made from Fibreflex composite material.

In 1965, Smith left for Australia to start making surfboards, according to an online biography.

Smith returned to the U.S. In 1969 and sold his

portion of the business two years later.

Gordon went on to spearhead the business, launching it into the history books over the next 30 years.

With their first official store along Turquoise Street in North Pacific Beach, Gordon and Smith went on to open stores along Mission Boulevard, eventually running four retail outlets "pretty much covering" San Diego, Gordon said.

While surfers and skaters, past and present, honored co-founders Larry Gordon and Lloyd Smith along with company representatives during the Oct. 3 celebration, much of the day belonged to the stream of local legendary G&S teamriders. One by one they took to the top of the Wave House broadcast tower to give their thanks and share their memories.

The detailed display collection of classic G&S surfboards belonging to Bay Park resident and surfboard repair shop owner Joe Roper showed how board shapes and functions have changed over 50 years. Roper owns Roper's Surfboard Repair shop, 1460 Morena Blvd.

His classic longboards and special edition G&S surfboards stood stoic in the sand of the Wave House as an entire community of surfers and skaters remembered the times.

Roper said that a lot more people surf now than in the past, including many more women surfers and



An exhibit of classic G&S surfboards was admired at the recent anniversary celebration.

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Mission Bay's Dillon Baxter gives Point Loma's Sean Stepina a stiff-arm as Stepina tries to bring him down during the Bucs' 49-27 victory.

Photo by SCOTT HOPKINS

## Mission Bay displays high-octane offense

By SCOTT HOPKINS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The portable generators lining the sidelines of Bennie Edens Field at Point Loma High School (PLHS) Oct. 16 gave off 640,000 watts of light, allowing Point Loma to once again play its annual Homecoming game at night — this time against Mission Bay High (MBHS).

But two players from eighth-ranked MBHS shone even brighter, leading the Buccaneers to a dominating 49-27 victory, aided by no less than six turnovers by the hosts. The Pointers knew they had to contain Dillon Baxter, the Bucs' dangerous USC-bound quarterback. Yet it was wide receiver/defensive back Ray Herring who also inflicted major damage on the Pointers' plans. Baxter accounted for more than 300 yards of offense. His rushing total of 141 yards included touchdowns of 20, 14, 2 and 27 yards. He added 161 yards on an 8-for-17 passing performance, and that's where Herring comes in.

One Mission Bay play called for Baxter to take the snap from center and immediately turn to his left and throw a strike to Herring in the flat. Twice in the second quarter the play worked to perfection, as Herring danced around potential Pointer tacklers who failed to wrap him up, speeding to the end zone for scores of 59 and 51 yards.

Baxter's first two scores and Herring's receptions helped the Bucs race to a 28-7 halftime lead. On defense, Herring intercepted two Pointer passes and ran back a recovered fumble 91 yards for a score. The fumble return and Baxter's final score helped put the game away with a 49-7 fourth-quarter lead.

The first quarter of the game, however, was evenly matched. The Pointers, behind quarterback Keegan Fitzgerald and running back Leslie Rogers, both returning from injuries, took the opening kickoff and marched down the field to score.

Zach Gemmill covered the final three yards and Reuben Diaz's point after gave the hosts a quick 7-0 lead. When Mission Bay was unable to move, the Pointers again took the ball downfield quickly. As Fitzgerald broke loose on a long run to the left sideline, it appeared the Dogs were about to put a 14-0 bite on the Bucs.

But, as Fitzgerald was hit at the 3-yard line, the pigskin popped loose, and rather than rolling out of bounds, bounced awkwardly inside the line, a Buc defender covering it at the 2.

The play was to prove a turning point. Bucs head coach Willie Mattson, clearly disappointed with his team to that point, found the perfect elixir as his charges proceeded to shock the Pointers with 49 unanswered points.

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competitors across the spectrum of professions over the last few decades. He said he recalls growing up alongside local legends like Harry “Skip” Frye and Hank Warner during a time when Pacific Beach had fewer crowds and more families.

“The family of surfers old and

young has been pretty tight-knit in the local San Diego community for basically all my life,” Roper said. “When you grow up in an area and you surf in the same spots, you have the same group of surfers from decades before you and after ... you get that respect level between us. And that’s just part of surfing the breaks and enjoying every swell that comes in.”

Though many of the older surfers

and skaters have grown out of the profession, it’s folks like Roper and others who’ve helped lay the foundations for much of the current local surfing and skating culture.

Skaters like self-proclaimed seven-time world champion slalom skater Henry Hester of La Jolla came to the event to share stories and nostalgia. He said he skated for G&S through the 1970s in downhill skating events like the Signal Hill Speed Run in La

Costa.

“It (Signal Hill) was the only real recognized speed event back in the ’70s,” Hester said.

Hester said he reached speeds of 59 mph on the downhill race but that he “upped” that number to 80 mph for the crowds.

Dennis Schufeldt, a former skater who also raced Signal Hill in the late 1960s, remembers how he learned about slalom skateboarding.

“Unbeknownst to my mom and dad I would hitchhike down to the beach on my skateboard. I ended up seeing Skip Frye and Willie Phillips skateboarding one day and they were racing through beer cans, and that was my first introduction to slalom racing,” he said. “We all wanted to act like we were surfing, but now this was another element ... we were excited because we were racing.”

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**BEACHFEST** – Clear skies greeted attendees of the Oct. 10 BeachFest. (Above) Stars of the Water play on the Main Stage. (Right) Rick Knecht of Sweet Country Kettlecorn separates popped corn from unpopped husks. PAUL HANSEN | BEACH & BAY PRESS



**FESTIVE DANCERS** – (Top left and above) Members of the "Krakusy" Polish Folk Dancers from Los Angeles perform traditional dances at the 14th annual Polish Festival at the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Roman Catholic Polish Mission in Pacific Beach on Oct. 11. DON BALCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS



**RISING STARS** – (Above) Jiminy Cricket is played by Pauline Haines-Brown and Pinocchio is played by Finnegan Sneed in the the Oct. 17 performance of "Pinocchio" at PB Elementary. PAUL HANSEN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

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**FIRST PLACE** Eric Bischoff took this eerie photo of pilings underneath Crystal Pier.



**SECOND PLACE** Alicia Stauffer shot this sharp photo of a flock of birds as they were taking flight near the shore.



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# Mission Bay High School

Home of the Buccaneers

Spirit Page

# Mission Bay High all pumped up for Homecoming

Game, Dixie Jazz Band, dance, neon colors and televised morning pep rally highlight annual event

**By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS**

Mission Bay High School will show its spirit in neon colors during this year's Homecoming.

The senior class will wave its last hooray for the Buccaneers from its black float, unfurling a 2010 banner and flashing neon purple. Each class will craft its own float for the annual parade around the MBHS football field.

The Bucs host Hoover High in the traditional Homecoming football game at Mission Bay on Friday, Oct. 23 at 3 p.m.

"It's one of most important games that we play," said senior class President Marco Mendez. "The significance of Homecoming is to bring everyone together and show our school spirit."

Mendez, a Pacific Beach resident, will study at the University of San Diego next year, and plans to become a doctor. She joined the Associated Student Body three years ago because she wanted to "help out and to be involved in the student government and represent the stu-

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dent body."

Mendez and her team of four senior officers and 25 members work during during third period to pull the event together.

The big day kicks off Friday morning as Mike Castellucci from KUSI-TV Channel 9 will be on hand to televise the Sonic Pep Rally at 7:45 a.m.

At the football game, members from the Dixie Jazz Band will switch from their Cannonball Adderley tunes to play the "Hey" song and some funk to jazz up the crowd. Homecoming is "good fun" and a "chance to play again," said senior Mike Hom, who has played the tenor sax for the Dixie Jazz Band for three years. Hom will head to Miramar College next year and plans to become an EMT.

Senior cheerleader Jasmine Johnson will dance, kick, cheer and tumble from the sidelines to cheer on the Buccaneers.

"The band is the best part for me, and the dancing," Johnson said.

Johnson will head to Long Beach State next year where she plans to continue cheerleading.

On Saturday, Oct. 24, students will head to the Homecoming dance, themed "Black Out." They will don neon colors to create living, moving color under the strobe lights. The dance will begin at 8 p.m. in the school gym.



Mission Bay High School students celebrate Homecoming as they participate in the procession around the football field during last year's Homecoming festivities.

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By BOB HURST

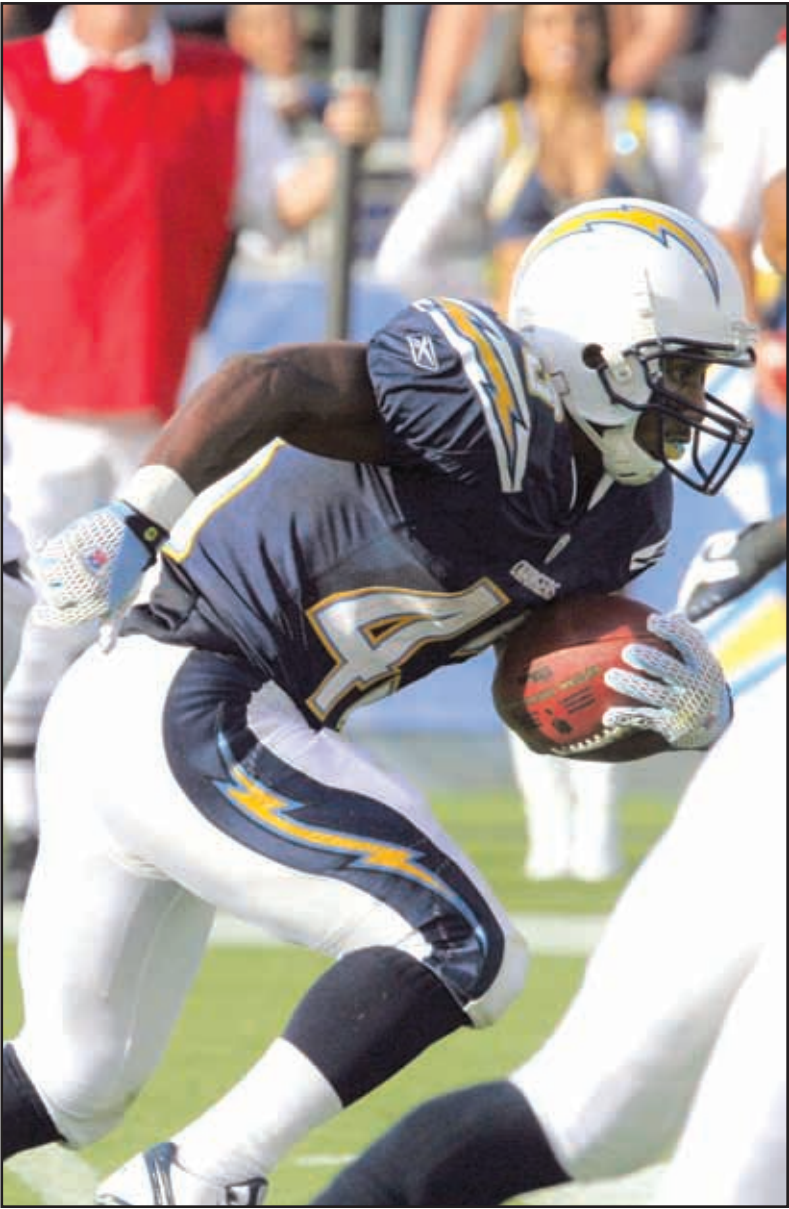
Premature celebration – Dre Bly of the San Francisco 49ers. After intercepting Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan at the 49ers' 9-yard-line midway through the third quarter in a game on Oct. 11, Bly started to celebrate before reaching midfield. He was caught from behind and fumbled the ball over to the Falcons at San Francisco's 44. That led to an Atlanta field goal and a 38-10 Falcon lead. "Dre's going to be Dre," Bly said. "When I make plays, and I've made a lot, I express myself."

Record-setter – Miles Austin, who

caught 10 passes for a Dallas franchise-record 250 yards in a 26-20 win over Kansas City in Week 5. Austin, who made his first career start, broke the record of 246 yards set by Hall of Famer Bob Hayes in 1966.

Did you know? Linebacker Junior Seau, 40, has come out of retirement three times, recently signing with New England for a 20th NFL season.

Quotable: "I'd be lying if I said I thought I'd still be playing at 40 and not miss a game at this point." – Vikings QB Brett Favre.



Chargers running back Darren Sproles can really provide a spark when San Diego needs one. He may be the smallest player in the league at 5-6, but he really packs a punch as a runner and kick returner. A recent Sports Illustrated poll of NFL players rated Sproles as one of the most underrated players in the NFL.

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# The Bolts look to make a comeback against Kansas City on Sunday

**CHARGERS GAME PREVIEW**  
**Week 7**  
**Sunday, Oct. 25**  
**San Diego at Kansas City,**  
**Arrowhead Stadium, 10 a.m.**  
**TV: CBS**  
**All-time Series: Chiefs lead 50-46-1.**  
**Last season: Chargers won 20-19 at home and 22-21 at Kansas City.**  
**Key Stats: Going into Week 6, the Bolts ranked 10th in the NFL on offense and 26th defensively. Kansas City ranked 30th offensively and 32nd on defense.**

**By BOB HURST**  

San Diego survived two close shaves last season as the Chargers overcame deficits against the Chiefs to win both meetings. Philip Rivers threw two touchdown passes in the second half of the first matchup after the Bolts trailed 13-6. The Chiefs scored late, but a two-point conversion pass was broken up.

In the contest at Kansas City, San Diego fell behind 21-3 in the third quarter, but rallied as Rivers passed for two TDs in the fourth quarter, with the game-winner coming on a 10-yarder to Vincent Jackson with 36 seconds left.

The Chargers don't have to defend

tight end Tony Gonzalez (three TD catches in 2008 vs. Bolts and now with Atlanta) in this game, but they do have to avoid turning the ball over like they did against the Chiefs last season, when they committed five turnovers in the two contests.

Both teams had sub-par running games in the opening weeks of this season, but Rivers, who averaged 331 passing yards per game against Kansas City last season, shouldn't have any problem finding his receivers.

Noteworthy: The Chargers have won three straight and four of the last five games against Kansas City.

Prediction: Chargers 24, Chiefs 20



San Diego's offense needs a big game against the Chiefs in order to spring back and save their season. Philip Rivers and LaDainian Tomlinson must provide both the leadership and big-time performances.

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ROOKIE WATCH

# First-year players make their marks

By BOB HURST

New York Jet Mark Sanchez made a big splash as a starting rookie NFL quarterback this season, until he began to falter in losses to the Saints, Dolphins and a disastrous showing last Sunday against the Bills. But he's not the only first-year player making headlines.

Matthew Stafford, Percy Harvin, Johnny Knox, Knowshon Moreno, Kenny Britt, Mike Wallace, Jeremy Maclin and Austin Collie are a few of the other rookies making news.

Sanchez, the Jets' top draft pick

and fifth overall out of USC, burst onto the scene in the season opener, passing for 272 yards, the third-most for a rookie, along with a touchdown in a win over Houston. He is also the first quarterback to start and win his first three games.

The No. 1 overall selection in the draft was Stafford, out of Georgia, who led the Detroit Lions in snapping their 19-game losing streak in Week 3 against Washington. He threw for 241 yards and a touchdown in that game.

Harvin and Knox have become receiving and return threats for their teams. Harvin, Minnesota's top pick out of Florida, caught 18 passes for 233 yards and two TDs through Week 5. He also had 14 kickoff returns for 437 yards, including a 100-yard return for a touchdown in the Vikings' win over San Francisco.

Knox, out of Abilene Christian, has turned out to be a steal after he was selected 140th overall by Chicago in the draft. He had six catches for 70 yards and a touchdown in a win over Pittsburgh, and a 102-yard kickoff return for a TD in the Bears' victory over Detroit. Through the first five weeks, Knox led the league with an average of 35.8 yards per return.

Denver's No. 1 pick, running back Knowshon Moreno, ranked 11th on the league's rushing list going into

There is an abundance of rookie wide receivers gaining attention.

Week 6 with 337 yards and a touchdown. He caught a TD pass in the Broncos' Week 4 win over Dallas.

There is an abundance of rookie wide receivers gaining attention. Tennessee's first-round choice Kenny Britt topped all rookie receivers with 289 yards through Week 5. Pittsburgh's Mike Wallace followed him with 246 yards.

Others of note include Austin Collie of Indianapolis, a fourth-round, 127th overall selection. His biggest game in the opening five contests came in the Colts' win at Tennessee in Week 5, with eight receptions for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Also, Philadelphia receiver Jeremy Maclin, the Eagles' first-round pick, ranked 16th in the NFL before Week 6 with a 15.6 average per catch. He had six catches for 142 yards and two TDs (51, 40) in a Week 5 victory over Tampa Bay. And Hakeem Nicks is becoming a key player in the Giants' offense. He had a 54-yard TD catch in a win over the Chiefs in Week 4 and another TD reception the following week against the Raiders.



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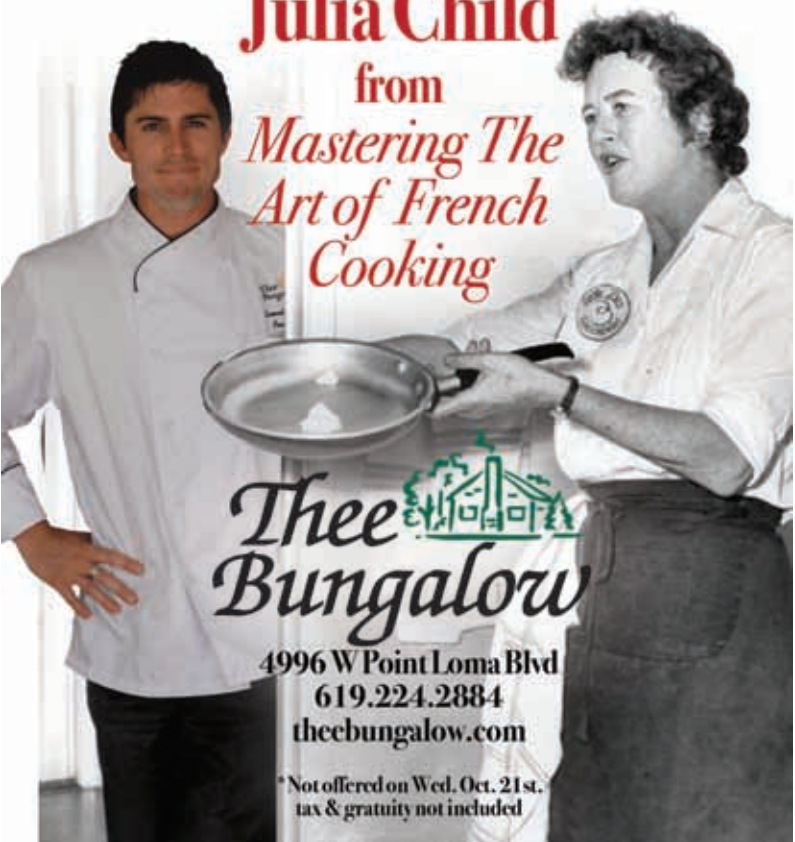
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Jazz, Red Not Chili Peppers and a last fling at Canes

On Saturday, Tango Del Rey will be the site of the first San Diego Jazz Musicians Guild Fundraiser, dubbed "What Is Jazz To You?" A combination art auction and jazz performance, the event features artwork commissioned especially for this benefit by Claudio Monnini, represented by Wannabee Gallery, of Milan, Italy. The evening will kick off with a reception for the artists, including Richard Sager, Morgan Derrick Mia, Sophie Pardo, Anthony Santos, Brittni Cute, Michael Klayman, Ethan Sprague, Juan Balandran and Jacob Susko, fol-

lowed by music from The Karin Carson Quartet, featuring Joshua White on piano. Admission to the event is free, with 25 percent of the funds raised from the 7 p.m. art auction donated to San Diego Jazz Musicians Guild. **San Diego Jazz Musicians Guild Fundraiser: Saturday, Oct. 24, at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. Free. 5 p.m. All ages.**

The closing of Canes Nov. 2 will strike a major blow to the local music scene, particularly younger bands. Canes' showcase gigs were a solid stepping stone into the area's club circuit for many groups. On Oct. 28, there will be one last local music blowout, promoted by KCR DJ Rockin' Johnny White. On hand will be headliner Fuzz Huzzi, as well as Vonzeles, Even Break and Mad Martigan. Fuzz Huzzi's members have been part of numerous

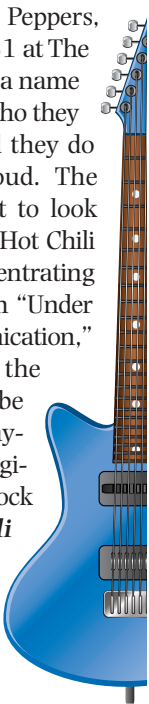
respected groups including singer Wendy Bailey's, quirky popsters Static Halo and eighties hit-makers Tommy Tutone. However, the only thing this quartet share with those pop-oriented combos is the use of electricity. With amps set on stun and vocals that shout as much as they sing, Fuzz Huzzi turn's out aggressive anthems that are loud, rhythmic and in your face. **Fuzz Huzzi: Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Canes Bar & Grill, 3105 Ocean Front Walk. \$8. 8 p.m. 21 and up \$8, 8 p.m.**

One of the most exciting bands playing regularly in San Diego, the Tighten-Ups are nothing less than a sound explosion. Appearing at The Tiki House on Oct. 30, the band excels at playing r&b and classic rock standards as well as originals in the same vein. A Tighten-Ups show is an instant party, but as good as the band is, the

clear star here is frontwoman Laura Janes, who can belt out raucous tunes, from the Ides of March evergreen "Vehicle" to Sam & Dave's "Hold On, I'm Coming," with the best of them. **The Tighten Ups: Friday, Oct. 30 at The Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Ave. Cover TBD. 9 p.m. 21 and up.**

Thanks to promoter Brooklyn MacIntosh, Hennessey's Pacific Beach location is fast becoming one of the key venues in San Diego to catch some of the area's best singer-songwriters. On Oct. 29, the venue's spotlight performer will be Laura Kuebel, currently promoting her new album, "Along For The Ride." Key to Kuebel's sound is her powerful voice, much more forceful than is commonly heard among the coffeehouse set. **Laura Kuebel: Thursday, Oct. 29, at Hennessey's, 4605 Mission Blvd. 9 p.m. 21 and up. No cover.**

The Red Not Chili Peppers, who perform on Oct. 31 at The 710 Beach Club, have a name that leaves no doubt who they pay tribute to — and they do their namesakes proud. The band doesn't attempt to look anything like the Red Hot Chili Peppers, instead concentrating on a hit-filled set, from "Under the Bridge" to "Californication," but that devotion to the RHCP sound will be enough to impress anyone who loves the original Los Angeles funk rock quartet. **Red Not Chili Peppers: Saturday, Oct. 31, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD.**



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# Shoppers beware: The Purse Addict is open

**By RACHEL CURTIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS**

Avid Pacific Beach shoppers wandering east of Ingraham Street along Garnet Avenue will be pleased to discover a new store whose name simultaneously beckons and forewarns: The Purse Addict.

The new boutique at 1815 Garnet Ave., between Kendall and Lamont, offers an impressive array of flashy, sassy clutches, hobos, totes, satchels and evening bags.

Small and cozy, the shop has one up on a typical boutique. Its proprietor, Les Ciapponi, has been a handbag wholesaler for the last 15 years.

"Boutiques become very selective in what they buy," he said.

With a warehouse in San Marcos and 800 square feet in the rear of The Purse Addict, Ciapponi can shuffle merchandise to keep his showroom fresh.

Moreover, being both wholesaler and retailer lowers the bottom line, allowing Ciapponi to price competitively, he said.

"We've seen comparable bags for almost double (our prices)," he said.

If Ciapponi has the eye for style, it's his wife and partner, Janet, who crosses the Ts and dots the Is on the daily operations.

"I'm the do-er," she said.

Ciapponi concurs.

"I know where everything is in the warehouse, but I don't know how to run the cash register," he said.

The couple agrees that their natures are usually complementary, but sometimes it's unclear who's in charge. The Purse Addict is his baby, but he has little chance to forget that

**FUN STORE FACTS**

- The Purse Addict also sells shoes, sunglasses, wallets, luggage and jewelry.
- Les and Janet Ciapponi attended high school together, but didn't date until they were reunited at their 25th reunion.
- The Purse Addict has more than 150 handbag styles on display.
- The Purse Addict was originally conceived as an outlet store.



Les and Janet Ciapponi opened The Purse Addict, 1815 Garnet Ave., featuring a wide selection of purses and accessories.

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his wife is a retired elementary school principal.

"She was the boss at school for all those years, so she doesn't like taking orders from me," Les said.

Janet believes the move to retail is a natural

progression for her creative husband.

"He is an artist," she said. "Having this type of environment allows him to showcase himself."

Most bags at the shop are moderately priced at less than \$50, but the couple will soon add a rack of \$200 to \$300 leather purses.

## CANES

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Leitstein listed a Snoop Dogg concert as one of his finest memories at the venue.

"The night we had Snoop perform onstage, it was a bit surreal to me because we used to listen to Snoop at after parties, and the next thing you know, five years later, I had him onstage at my venue," Leitstein said.

Canes is holding an industry farewell party on Oct. 27 and Leitstein said everyone is invited. There will be a buffet, deejay and a sur-

prise guest band.

"It's going to be an opportunity for anyone that's ever worked at the venue or that's been there and had a positive experience and wants to come back before we close," Leitstein said.

Employees will say one last goodbye to Canes on Nov. 1.

"That Sunday will be the last sunset," Leitstein said. "We're keeping that as invitation to anybody that's worked there to come up and have a cocktail on the deck to watch the last sunset at Canes."

Leitstein does not have any immediate plans for reopening at a different location. He also owns PB Ale

House and is a partner in the Sandbar.

"There's some opportunities out there, but I'm going to wait for the dust to settle a little bit and figure out what our best location will be," Leitstein said. "It's going to be hard to trump a location like we've had for the past 13 years."

As for the current location, Wave House founder Tom Lochtefeld owns the property and reportedly intends to use the building to expand the Wave House.

For more information about Canes or to see a list of its shows for the rest of the month, visit [www.canesbarandgrill.com](http://www.canesbarandgrill.com).



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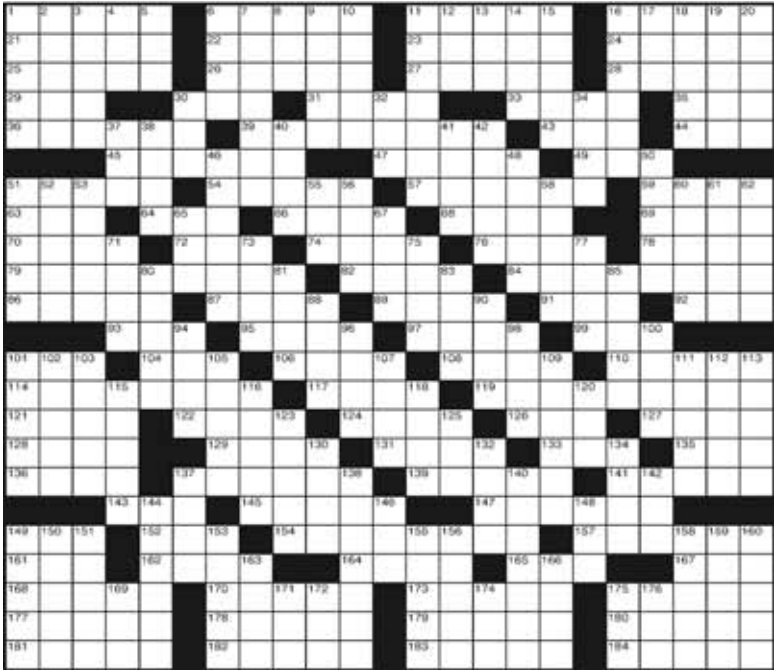
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Sat 2pm-5pm	1919 Spindrift	3BR/2.5BA	\$3,995,000
Sat 1pm-4pm	5380 Calumet Ave.	4BR/2BA	\$5,450,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	2337 Via Munera	3BR/2BA	\$839,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	7453 Girard Ave.	1BR/2BA	\$895,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	1497 Calle Vaquero	4BR/2.5BA	\$1,250,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	1356 Virginia Way	Vacant Lot	\$1,250,000-\$1,450,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	303 Coast #2	2BR/2BA	\$1,495,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	7124 Olivetas Ave.	2BR/2BA	\$1,549,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	961 La Jolla Rancho Rd.	3BR/2.5BA	\$1,695,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	2521 Via Viesta	4BR/3.5BA	\$1,895,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	1948 El Camino Del Teatro	3BR/2.5BA	\$2,150,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	5756 La Jolla Mesa Dr.	3BR/2.5BA	\$2,250,000
Sun 2pm-4pm	1663 Bahia Vista Way	4BR/4BA	\$2,450,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	7118 Olivetas Ave.		\$2,495,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	2810 Hidden Valley Rd.	4BR/3BA	\$2,795,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	7624 Calle de la Plata	5BR/4BA	\$2,895,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	1005 Solymar	5BR/4BA	\$3,495,000
Sun 9am-12pm	1919 Spindrift	3BR/2.5BA	\$3,995,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	1540 Bluebird Ln.	4BR/4BA	\$3,995,000-\$4,250,000
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Tu, W, F 12pm-4pm	924 Hornblend	2BR Units	\$519,000-\$556,000
Sat 1pm-4pm	3947 Sequoia	3BR/4BA	\$929,000
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Sat 1pm-4pm	4862 Santa Cruz Ave.	3BR/3BA	\$550,000-\$645,000
Sat 11am-4pm	3851 Ligget Dr.	3BR/3BA	\$799,000
Sat 11am-4pm	425 San Geronio	10000 Sq Ft. Lot	\$1,375,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	4775 Santa Cruz Ave.	3BR/2BA	\$769,000
Sun 11am-4pm	3851 Ligget Dr.	3BR/3BA	\$799,000
Sun 1pm-4pm	2099 Truxton Rd.	4BR/2.5BA	\$950,000
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