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Local canines and their owners gather to socialize each day near Sail Bay.

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Artist Tom Sellers captures the spirit of the Mission Beach boardwalk.

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A sextet of dolphins catches some air during a recent rehearsal for SeaWorld's new dolphin show, Blue Horizons. The show will open May 29. PHOTO COURTESY OF SEAWORLD

SeaWorld premieres Blue Horizons show later this month

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

For the first time since the late 1990s, SeaWorld is doing something different with its dolphins. The local amusement park's new multi-million dollar dolphin show, Blue Horizons, opens May 29.

"It's definitely unique," said Bill Hoffman, SeaWorld's assistant curator of animal training. "It's got a storyline and it moves you. It's a very spectacular and very emotional show."

Gone is Dolphin Discovery, the show that ran for 13 years and featured the iconic lighthouse and lighthouse keeper. Here, in a revamped stadium is Blue Horizons, the 22-minute show that has been a staple at SeaWorld Orlando for the last five years.

"What's great about that is we can take that show that we love and tweak it a little bit for our park here and make some changes wherever possible," said Rick Schuiteman, the

park's director of show production.

While trainers at SeaWorld's three parks still haven't returned to the water with killer whales since the death of a trainer in Orlando in February, 22 trainers will be in the water with dolphins and pilot whales during Blue Horizons. Hoffman said that while both killer whales and dolphins are of the same scientific order, procedure has not changed with the way trainers monitor and interact with the animals.

"We always evaluate our animals — their disposition, how they look," Hoffman said. "We read their precursors and that's just part of training the animals. Regardless of what's going on currently, we've always done it that way and will continue to do so."

Blue Horizons features two pilot whales and 16 dolphins. The show also incorporates 50 birds from five different species all housed in the aviary within the stadium.

"We have more dolphins than we've ever had

in any production before," Hoffman said. "It's very spectacular and we're very excited."

But the animals are not the only performers in the new dolphin show. Human performers include divers, acrobats and bungee acts.

"We have a number of high-energy sequences where we go out and perform and the animals leave the pool momentarily," Hoffman said, "and we have acrobatics and water effects and all sorts of neat things taking place."

The show's story centers around a young girl named Marina, who each morning looks out of her window into the sea and longs to be a part of the ocean world. One morning, a dolphin beckons to her to join and she quickly obliges.

"She goes out and joins the dolphins and they swim together, play together and she can be part of this amazing adventure," Schuiteman said.

For more information, visit www.seaworld.com/sandiego.



San Diego Mayor Jerry Sanders announces May 10 that funds have been found to maintain San Diego's fire pits. Photo by JIM GRANT

Fire pits spared for another year

By JENNA FRAZIER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced in a May 10 press conference that San Diego's fire pits will survive another fiscal year, thanks to last-minute donations from the San Diego Foundation, the La Jolla Community Foundation and the infrastructure funds of City Councilmembers Sherri Lightner and Kevin Faulconer.

The outlook was bleak as of 1 p.m. on May 7, the deadline for Sanders' 2011 budget submission to the City Council, when only \$2,800 of the required \$120,000 to keep 186 fire pits in place citywide had been raised.

"We will start making preparations for removal," said Rachel Laing, the mayor's press spokeswoman, on that day. "We are going to store the fire pits and hope that during better budget times we'll be able to restore the service."

In a triumphant address Monday, Sanders said he was pleased to announce the donors' commitment to the fire pits and to San Diego's families.

"Today, we see what happens when civic-minded folks step forward for the sake of the public good," he said.

Bob Kelly, president and CEO of The San Diego Foundation, said the cause aligns with the foundation's mission to make San Diego a better place in which to live, work and play.

"The preservation of the fire pits ensures that the celebration of families and friends around a campfire will continue. This is about our quality of life and why we live here," he said.

District 1 Councilwoman Lightner said that she

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Rubio's Restaurants, famous for fish tacos, sells for \$91 million

Local company started in Pacific Beach and now has 180 locations across the western United States

By HILLARY SCHULER-JONES | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Officials at Rubio's Restaurants, Inc. (NASDAQ: RUBO), a company that started as a simple walk-up taco stand on East Mission Bay Drive in 1983, announced May 10 that the company has entered into a merger agreement with private investment firm Mill Road Capital for \$91 million.

Founder and San Diego native Ralph Rubio, who started the company with his father, grew the business from a one-stop taco shop to a thriving restaurant chain with more than 180 locations in the

western half of the United States.

Under the agreement, Mill Road will buy all the outstanding shares of common stock of Rubio's Restaurants for \$8.70 a share, a 14 percent premium over the closing share price of Rubio's common stock on May 7, according to company officials.

Ralph Rubio, Rosewood Capital and Rubio's president and CEO Daniel Pittard collectively own 24 percent of those outstanding shares. Mill Road currently owns 4.9 percent of the company.

"Rubio's is a long-established institution in its

core western markets with a consistent track record of providing delicious Baja-inspired food to its large base of loyal customers. As a long-term shareholder, Mill Road Capital is delighted to have the opportunity to increase its investment in the great institution that Ralph Rubio created 27 years ago and to work with Dan Pittard and his talented team in executing their strategic plan and building an even greater Rubio's," said Scott Scharfman, Mill Road's managing director, in a prepared statement.

The merger is still subject to approval by regulators and Rubio's stockholders, as well as other cus-

tomary closing conditions, but it is expected to close in the third quarter of 2010, officials said.

According to Mill Road's website, the company specializes in investments in publicly-traded companies valued at less than \$250 million. Mill Road's portfolio already includes businesses in retail, manufacturing, business services and consumer products.

Representatives from Rubio's were not immediately available for comment regarding what impact the buyout may have on the Carlsbad-based operations or the individual restaurant locations.



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FACE TIME: Although this sea lion looks grizzled and sinister, it was rather friendly and playful as it recently followed a small boat to the dock at the Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina.
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Mission Beach begins spring cleaning work

By JENNA FRAZIER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Mission Beach Town Council (MBTC) will host its annual free cleanup event on Saturday, May 22 in conjunction with the city of San Diego to help residents conveniently dispose of acceptable waste. Beginning at 8 a.m., workers will remove approved trash and recycling materials as they complete routine collection. MBTC President Willie Gardner said the event coincides with the end of the school year so that college students moving out for the summer can properly dispose of unwanted goods. "Just leave anything you want

to get rid of except lightbulbs, construction materials, demolition materials, hazardous waste, batteries, propane tanks and tires," Gardner said. Approved items include appliances, electronics, lawnmowers emptied of gas or oil, carpeting, mattress, and bundled yard trimmings that do not exceed 50 pounds. Participants should have all unwanted items outside for pickup before 8 a.m. or regular collection time. The event lasts one day only and is open to Mission Beach residents exclusively. For more information, visit missionbeachtc.org.

For neighbors, it's time to walk the walk

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

City crews are wrapping up construction of a much-needed sidewalk and bicycle lane at Pacific Beach Drive and Crown Point Drive this week. For more than a year, nearby residents have been working with the city to improve the corner that lacked a safe path for cyclists and walkers navigating the area. Crown Point resident Don Gross sat on a committee of four set up by the Pacific Beach Planning Group to work with city staff and residents during the planning and construction of about 600 feet of improvements on that corner. It's an exciting time for residents, he said. "[People] were on their bikes trying to figure out how to maneuver the area ... women pushing their kids [in strollers] were forced onto the street. At least now people will have a choice," Gross said. The pathway represents a small but crucial piece of the Pacific Beach puzzle as the community works to improve safety and amenities for neighbors and Mission Bay visitors alike. "This is a very important link to allow people to safely negotiate all the way around Mission Bay," Pacific Beach Planning Group Chair John Shannon said. Shannon said the construction of a bridge over Rose Creek in the area, which he said should start later this year, would be another huge step in providing a path around Mission Bay. The lack of a bridge over Rose Creek and undeveloped sections along Pacific Beach Drive force cyclists and walkers to take a different way through the area. Community planners also have their eye on a section of land at Pacific Beach Drive and Olney Street which could further benefit the community if improved or redeveloped, Shannon said. Many pedestrians detour up and around



ABOVE: Construction of a long-awaited sidewalk and bicycle lane at Pacific Beach Drive and Crown Point Drive is nearing completion. RIGHT: The same corner before construction.
PAUL HANSEN | Beach & Bay Press



Mission Bay High School onto Grand Avenue, or forge other potentially dangerous paths. Simple pedestrian connections would improve safety and luxury for community members, Shannon said. The current section under the city's scalpel cost approximately \$70,000 for construction and should be done within a week, said project manager Mark Giandani. The entire process took about a year, which included the planning, land acquisition and construction. Giandani said it's amazing how much time and work go into a relatively small but important project like this, adding that other parts of Pacific Beach Drive could use improvements as well.

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Locals bark, pant and snack at yappy hour

By TOM McFADDEN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Its 6 p.m. and Marcus is on his way to “yappy hour.” He bounds along Bayside Walk, enjoying the light afternoon breeze off Mission Bay. The daily gathering of canines and their human companions is only a few blocks away along Sail Bay, but Marcus is restless with anticipation and decides to stop to wet his whistle on the way in a fountain.

“He does this all the time,” said Yvonne Wiley, Marcus’ owner.

Marcus is a small, mixed-breed boasting what appears to be a healthy dose of poodle DNA. Marcus deftly navigates the climb up to the water fountain. Wiley turns the handle and he laps away.

Soon after, they arrive at the party where almost 10 more canine revelers await. There’s Gypsy — a Staffordshire terrier with specks of gray dotting her snout. There’s Schatze, the charcoal schnauzer and Maggie, a silky terrier and eldest of the group — though she looks maybe half her 15 years.

Sebastian, a glassy-eyed, diminutive Pomeranian, and Samantha, a massive yet benign Belgian shepherd who serenely gazes on as Mango arrives fashionably in a doggie trailer behind her owner’s bike.

Denali is part wolf, part golden retriever and parts unknown. She looks mostly retriever, until she gnashes her teeth — one of her favorite tricks — and earns a treat. MeToo the cockapoo mulls about. Soon, two westies — Dugan and Maegan — and a cocker spaniel named



A friend bearing treats has the full attention of canines at yappy hour. TOM McFADDEN | Beach & Bay Press

Reggie stop by to see what the fuss is all about.

The dogs get in line in surprisingly orderly fashion and await their treats. Though the dogs are of varying ages, sizes and origins, yappy hour is a peaceful affair.

The 6 p.m. gathering is a daily highlight for the dogs, as it is for their human owners. The group has gathered in front of the ZLAC Rowing Club for more than

four years.

Those who interact with the dogs and each other sport smiles etched on their faces. The joy is contagious, evidenced by the fact that every dog walker cruising past stops to say hello.

Yappy hour is an open society, always accepting new members.

“There are no dues and no membership,” said Michele Morton, one of the participants. “Just bring treats.”

Pernicano’s churns out spaghetti for Kiwanis Club

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

For nearly 50 years, Pernicano’s Family Restaurant in Pacific Beach has been serving up spaghetti to benefit the Kiwanis Club. The iconic local Italian eatery held its 48th annual fundraiser at the end of last month.

“Everybody was into the party mood. It was just a big, social, community party,” said restaurant owner John Pernicano. “It’s really a nice event that we do every year.”

Pernicano said nearly \$6,000 was netted during the spaghetti dinner on April 28. The restaurant gave the Kiwanis Club 50 percent of the haul for the evening.

“It’s a good thing, and it’s something that we like to do to give back to the community,” Pernicano said.

The Kiwanis fundraiser is the biggest among a handful of annual fundraisers at Pernicano’s. In the past year, Pernicano’s has also hosted spaghetti dinners for groups including Meals on Wheels, PB Presbyterian Church and Pacific Beach Elementary School.



Accordian in hand, Pernicano’s owner John Pernicano treats, from left, Roy Thomasson, Lindy Martinet and Harry Bogue to some music at the 48th annual Kiwanis fundraiser dinner on April 28. The spaghetti dinner is the local restaurant’s biggest fundraiser of the year. Courtesy of Charlie Blaine

“I’m committed to my people and my community,” Pernicano said.

Pernicano said any local community group interested in a spaghetti dinner can call him at the restaurant at (858) 488-

2900 for more information.

“Anybody that needs a fundraiser, all they have to do is see me or call me and we work it out for them because everybody needs money,” Pernicano said.



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Residents celebrate infrastructure improvements

By HILLARY SCHULER-JONES | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Residents of Pacific Beach and Mission Beach are benefiting from a street repaving project and looking forward to a water main replacement plan, both of which represent significant improvements within the coastal communities.

Mission Beach residents gathered with Councilman Kevin Faulconer on April 26 to celebrate the completion of a repavement project along Mission Boulevard, which included the replacement of approximately 310,000 square feet of asphalt along the street, as well as the installation of new ADA-compliant curb ramps. The ramps will make it easier for people with disabilities and parents pushing strollers to navigate the popular thoroughfare, said Tony Manolatos, communications director for Faulconer's office. That project cost \$650,000 and was paid through the city's general fund, Manolatos said.

In Pacific Beach, nearly eight miles of cast iron water main pipes will be replaced with new PVC pipes as part of a citywide project that will kick off in October.

The project was prompted by an increased frequency of water main breaks over the last few years. Twelve breaks have occurred during that period, and the average age of the pipes involved was 77 years, Manolatos said.

Customers who will be affected by the replacement will receive a notice in the mail 30 days before construction begins, and the contractor will hand-deliver notices to residents five days before work begins, said Racquel Vasquez, senior public information officer for the city's engineering and capital projects department. She said that project-related work will take about four weeks to complete per block.

"The bottom line is, there is some disruption, but [customers] will be notified when their street is going to be carved up and they'll



Mission Beach residents gathered with District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer (middle of back row) on April 26 to celebrate the cast iron replacement project and Mission Boulevard repaving project.

COURTESY PHOTO



This map details the areas that will be affected during the cast iron water main replacement project, which is slated to begin in October and last approximately two years. Nearly eight miles of pipes in Pacific Beach will be replaced.

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SATURDAY, MAY 15

2010 Walk for Recovery, 8 a.m. to noon, starts at Felspar and Ocean streets, 5-mile walk to raise money to fund rehab for an addicted youth, (858) 210-1025

The Alt Games, College Action Sports Championships, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wavehouse San Diego, 3125 Ocean Front Walk, (858) 228-9317, www.wavehousesandiego.com

Cindy Santini concert, 7-11 p.m., Pacific Beach Surf Shop, 4150 Mission Blvd. #161, (858) 373-1138, www.pacificbeachsurfshop.com, \$5

TUESDAY, MAY 18

“Under the Covers,” book discussion group, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., (858) 581-9934

Pacific Beach Community Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., Discover PB office, 1503 Garnet Ave., (858) 273-3303

Mission Beach Precise Planning Board meeting, 7 p.m., Belmont Park Meet-

ing Room, Fitness Advantage at the Plunge, 3146 Mission Blvd., www.missionbeachtc.org/id23.html

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

PB Hospitality Task Force, 1 p.m., Discover PB offices, 1503 Garnet Ave., (858) 273-3303

PB Town Council general membership meeting, 6:30 p.m., PB Women’s Club, 1721 Hornblend St., (858) 483-6666.

THURSDAY, MAY 20

“Better Vision in Just Minutes A Day,” lecture for adults, 1-3 p.m., Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., (858) 581-9934, registration required, free

TUESDAY, MAY 25

PB Town Council Monthly Dineout, 6 p.m., Lamont Street Grill, 4445 Lamont St., meet fellow residents and community leaders to discuss local happenings and issues, (858) 483-6666.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

PB Planning Group meeting, 6:30 p.m., Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., info@pbplanning.org.

THURSDAY, MAY 27

Safe & Beautiful Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., PB Presbyterian Church, Knox Chapel, 1675 Garnet Ave., (858) 483-6666.



Rachel McDonald celebrated her 100th birthday with a tiara, cake, family and friends at the Pacific Beach Women’s Club on May 10.
HILLARY SCHULER-JONES | Beach & Bay Press

PB woman celebrates 100 years

Rachel McDonald, a longtime Pacific Beach resident, celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends at the Pacific Beach Women’s Club, 1721 Hornblend St., on May 10, one day before she officially hit the centenarian mark.

Wearing a sparkly tiara, McDonald shared her wisdom with the crowd, saying, “Age is just a passing of time, its what you do with it that counts.”

McDonald’s granddaughters Cyndi Silverman and Ellen Cajka, who attended the celebration, said that their grandmother has been sharing that advice with them since they were little, in addition to one of her other favorite pearls of wisdom: “Always keep a man in your life.”

— Hillary Schuler-Jones

FIRE PITS

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hopes all San Diego residents and visitors will take advantage of the fire pits, and she urged them to donate now so that the pits do not face the same threat next year.

“It costs \$650 to maintain one fire pit per year,” she said. “I hope everyone will step up and sponsor a pit today so we can continue to offer this resource.”

Faulconer echoed Lightner’s words on the importance of accru-

ing donations for next year, and said he was proud of the team effort San Diego displayed in saving the fire pits for another year.

“We’re not talking about a lot of money, but it’s the small things that make San Diego special,” he said. “Our fire pits are a part of that fabric.”

In an effort to trim the city’s budget, Sanders eliminated the funding to maintain the La Jolla Shores, Mission Bay and Ocean Beach fire pits in 2008. A private, anonymous donor funded the project for 18 months following that decision, and those funds expire

June 30 of this year. The money collected for this year’s maintenance will pay for the fire pits from July 1 this year to June 30, 2011.

Funding for the \$120,500 needed per year to fund the city’s fire pits comes in the form of \$90,000 from The San Diego Foundation’s Mission Bay Park Endowment Fund, \$4,700 from The La Jolla Community Foundation, \$16,452 from Faulconer’s District 2, and \$6,452 from Lightner’s District 1. An additional \$2,896 will be used from individual donors who gave to the Save The Fire Pit Fund.



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be notified about how long it’s expected to take. They won’t see any change in their water service because we always make sure people are going to have safe and secure water supplies,” said Bill Harris, senior public information officer for the storm water department.

The total cost of the water main

replacement project is slightly more than \$16 million, with just more than \$10 million awarded to El Cajon Grading and Engineering for design and construction costs and \$6 million allotted to the city for preliminary engineering and planning, construction engineering, contingencies and city forces work like the shutdown and reconnection of portions of the water system. The project is funded by rate increases for San Diego Water Department customers that took

effect in February 2007, Harris said.

Vasquez said that the project is an important infrastructure improvement for residents.

“This project is one part of the city’s overall improvements program implemented to provide a safe and reliable water delivery system for San Diego. The new pipes will reduce maintenance needs, improve service reliability and minimize future water main breaks,” she said.



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Summer jobs a mixed bag for tourist attractions

By **JOHNNY McDONALD** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

San Diego's three major attractions — Sea World, San Diego Zoo and the city's expansive beaches — are gearing their workforces for a summer full of challenges.

The lines will grow for those seeking part-time jobs and, in some cases, available positions will be slim.

SeaWorld may offer the most opportunities as it plans to expand its number of employees from 2,500 to 4,000 for the three peak summer months, starting on Memorial Day weekend. Lifeguards will take on 160 employees to patrol the sands from Ocean Beach to Black's Beach.

Meanwhile, the zoo will lower the number of general hires from 600 to 300, while putting a greater emphasis on its college educational program. Interns will assist in key

areas, said zoo officials.

Peak days will be Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day — as well as additional demands in the late-evening periods.

"Economically, it's still slow and we're not under any illusion that visitations will be anything like it was a number of years ago, but we're pleased so far in what we've seen (during the spring)," said SeaWorld media relations representative Dave Koontz. "The new Dolphin show, which debuts on Memorial Day, could make a big difference."

"We hire for enthusiasm and attitude," he said. "These people will have to interface with our visitors in the park. Of course, we have a number of seasonal rehires who might assist with the animals."

SeaWorld job opportunities will be available in ride operations, merchan-

dising, food service, entertainment, ticket selling and guest relations.

The San Diego Lifeguard Services provides public safety to users of San Diego's coastline and ocean waterways from Point Loma to La Jolla. Beach areas include Ocean Beach, Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, Windansea, the Children's Pool, La Jolla Cove, La Jolla Shores, Black's Beach, and Mission Bay.

Lt. Nick Lerma of the Mission Bay lifeguard base said all the towers are in place and added lifeguards will spring into action on Memorial Day.

"El Niño has battered the coastline and rip tides have been prevalent," Lerma said. "Between 40 and 50 new hires have compensated for vacancies to establish 200 seasonal lifeguards."

"Roughly 160 additional positions will be filled for the summer, including our junior lifeguard program,"

he said. "We're in spring mode and preparing for summer."

The temporaries will receive a three-day refresher course and be retested for physical skills.

Lerma said El Niño has beat up the ocean so rip tides will be a challenge for swimmers

"That represents 80 to 90 percent of our rescues," he said. "Of course, the ancillary things like the board walks, lacerations, stingrays and jellyfish, surf boarders and some law enforcement issues are all part of the package."

San Diego Zoo community relations representative Tim Mulligan said there are three reasons for the cutback in hiring there: the economy, an effort to give the regular workers more hours and a college training program.

"We haven't had as much turnover and we'll have some rehires," Mulligan said. "We'll have people on board by Memorial Day and remaining through Labor Day. Those who do a good job in the summer might be rehired for the Christmas holiday. Usually, we get several hundred applications and I think there will be more than in the past."

The zoo's Institute for Conservation Research will offer 130 summer college student fellowships, affording 12-week internships.

Mulligan remained optimistic.

"If summer is anything like spring break, then we are looking for good numbers." On an extremely good day, 20,000 people will roam the 107 acres, he said.

Supporters ready to sing the blues to benefit Pacific Beach schools

By **ANTHONY GENTILE** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

One of the biggest supporters of local schools will sing the blues later this month to bring money back to Pacific Beach Middle and Mission Bay High schools. Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools will hold its major fundraiser — Blues by the Bay — on Sunday, May 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Mission Beach Woman's Club.

"We are excellent custodians of the money that we fundraise and it goes right back to the students at both schools," said Friends of PB Secondary Schools member Pat Hom.

All of the proceeds from Blues at the Bay will benefit each of the two local public schools. Hom said the fundraiser has been held regularly since 2005 and generally brings in between \$8,000 to \$10,000.

"It goes in our general fund and then we, as a board, determine what we'd like to fund for the year with the help of the principals at each school,"

Hom said. "We get a lot of input from the principals of what their needs are."

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, blues music and 51 different silent auctions. Silent auctions range from certificates for area restaurants and attractions to an on-air marketing package with radio station KPRI and from family portraits to a signed Masters ticket from 2010 champion Phil Mickelson. The items total more than \$14,500.

Each year, Friends of PB Secondary Schools supports various programs at Mission Bay High and PB Middle. The school supporters' major annual efforts at the high school are awarding two \$750 scholarships to graduating students and putting forth \$4,000 to fund the school's marine lab.

"It's a physical laboratory out on the bay for marine biology," Hom said.

In recent years, Friends of PB Secondary Schools has underwritten International Baccalaureate and music programs at both schools. And each year it lends teachers a hand with discretionary money — \$5,000 for MBHS teachers and \$3,500 for teachers at PB Middle.



"Teachers can use the grants for what they need," Hom said. "We call it the 'make-a-wish foundations for teachers.'"

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However, in 2011, the federal estate tax exemption amount changes to One Million Dollars. Any estate over that amount will be required to pay an estate tax. The tax rate starts at 41% and goes up to 55%. That means if your parent dies next year and has an estate of 2 million dollars, there will be an estate tax of \$410,000.00. That is a whole lot of money.

What can be done about this? There are a number of things that can be done to help save some taxes. The first is for married couples to have a Marital Trust or AB Trust. This must be done while both spouses are still alive and it will shelter Two Million Dollars from estate tax. I even advise couples to get married to save \$100,000 or more in taxes!

Another way to reduce the size of an estate is to gift. One person can give \$13,000 per year to anyone. You can set up irrevocable trust and fund it with some of your assets. You can give a gift of One Million dollars also. You will have to file a gift tax return, but no tax is due on it. Of course, gifts to charities can be made in any amount now and at your death and that amount will not be included in your estate for taxes. Let us sit down together and plan to save taxes.

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GUEST COMMENTARY



Now & Then
John Fry

DIDJA MISS ME? Bet you thought I was on vacation — or that Julie Mannis really DIDN'T want to see my ugly mug twice a month. Nope. I was on the cutting room floor. Editor John Gregory apologized, but said he had to bump me because there wasn't room. Just between you and me, I think they could have gotten away with one less photo of the tall ship *Amazing Grace*.

I DON'T WANT TO MENTION ANY NAMES, but my pal, Jeff Dalrymple, accepted a dinner invitation to a restaurant in Eastlake and went on Mapquest to discover the best way to get there. 125 South. What could go wrong? Turns out if you're not careful you'll find yourself on a toll road known as the South Bay Expressway. It gets worse. Jeff managed to exit in the Fast Track lane, so was unable to pay. Did I mention he repeated the mistake on his way back to Pacific Beach? He's now in receipt of a letter charging him the original \$3, plus a \$50 fine — twice. Despite Jeff's contributions, the company that built the toll road has filed for bankruptcy under Chapter 11.

WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS. The self-same Jeff, who has gained mention in this column before as wearing a T-shirt when the rest of us are hunkered down in parkas, showed up on his bicycle at Starbucks on April 15 wearing a large jacket. Immediate concern was expressed inside as to the nature of his malady. Turns out that Starbucks was offering free coffee on Tax Day to anyone who brought in their own mug and Jeff triumphantly wrestled his Starbucks cup out of one of the jacket's many pockets. Turns out he doesn't have a cup holder on his Schwinn. After an eternity in line, he returned to the table with bad news. His favorite "Half-Caf Americano" was not part of the free coffee offer.

REMEMBER THE LUNCH COUNTER at Newberry's in Pacific Plaza? Willie Skinner wants to know how many it seated. I got no clue, but I'm pretty sure it wasn't the 35 he's guessing. Wanna move on to the bonus round? Willie's also curious as to how many lanes the Pacific Plaza Bowling Alley had. I think he recalled 48. I never made it to the bowling alley, so I'm off the hook.

I'VE NEVER MET JEFF FERGUSON but I put his baby picture on the cover of the May issue of the PBHS newsletter. He's being held by his sister, Kathy, at the opening of Ferguson Chevron on the northeast corner of Emerald and Mission. Also in the photo are brothers John and Michael and father Jack. In the background you can see the old Moonlight Café, where Bare Back Grill is today, advertising Chop Suey. Also visible is Sparky's Furniture & Appliance store, site of today's Hennessey's Bar and Grill. Some of us prefer to pretend that it's still Tug's. You can get a copy of the newsletter at the library or by contacting me.

John Fry may be reached at 272-6655 or mail@johnfry.com

GUEST COMMENTARY

San Diegans can look forward to major street surface improvements

By JERRY SANDERS

One of the most basic jobs of city government is making sure the streets are smooth and safe. Last month, we began what might be the largest streets repaving project in San Diego history. We will give a complete makeover to 134 miles of the city's most damaged streets — more than 1,000 city blocks. With this \$47 million project, the city will perform asphalt resurfacing on nearly as many miles of streets as it did in the previous eight fiscal years combined.

It should go without saying that this project will make the city a nicer, more livable place. But it also makes financial sense. The worse condition the street, the more money to fix it. So, postponing this work would mean paying more money in the long run. And in this economy, we're also getting that work done at a bargain price.

Many of you are all too familiar with this community's axle-shaking, teeth-rattling roads — La Jolla Village Drive, for example. The list goes on and on. One resident recently joked that the only



Mayor Jerry Sanders

vehicle equipped to handle the hazards of Mira Mesa Boulevard would be a tank.

The condition of many of these streets is an embarrassment and a public-safety hazard. They also have an impact on a neighborhood's basic quality of life. Well-maintained streets say a lot

about a city's sense of civic pride. Several decades ago, a sociologist theorized that making small fixes in a neighborhood — cleaning up litter, fixing sidewalk cracks, repairing broken windows — is the best way to make sure that neighborhood won't deteriorate. Sociologists call this "the broken window theory," and it's a good guiding principle for a mayor of any city, large or small.

If everything goes according to plan, all the streets listed above, and hundreds of others, will be repaved with asphalt by the summer of 2011. In addition to these streets, we will be performing slurry-seal resurfacing of an additional 147 miles of roads. That, too, is a figure that might be unprecedented in city history. A complete list of these streets can be found on the city's website, www.sandiego.gov.

We like to call San Diego America's Finest City. This work will help make sure our city lives up to its title.

— Jerry Sanders is the mayor of San Diego.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beware of mail theft

On a recent trip to the local Chase bank, the teller, noting the Social Security check I was depositing, inquired if I have a locked mail box. I told her I live in my childhood home with the typical tin box for mail. She suggested I might want to re-think that and install a locked box for protection.

Apparently, the beach area is being targeted by thieves who remove both incoming and outgoing mail from unlocked boxes. Outgoing mail is taken to obtain account information on credit cards, while checks such as mine are the focus of incoming mail theft.

I consider the teller to be a reliable source of information due to her daily contact with hundreds of beach residents. I am now researching what is available in the way of locked boxes. You might want to consider doing the same.

As a side note, the "Grandma, I'm in trouble and need you to send some money" telephone scam is alive and well. Beware.

Julie Reed
Pacific Beach

Corrections:

In an article titled "MBHS turns to young talent" (April 30 *Beach and Bay Press*), the last seven references in the story were misattributed to Mission Bay High School volleyball assistant Dave Beza. The references should have been attributed to MBHS volleyball director Crystal Frasca. • In the article titled "Lady Bucs spikers working toward banner fall," Frasca was misidentified and a quote attributed to her should have been attributed to Beza. In addition, the player in the photo, Quinton Sheppard, was also misidentified. *Beach & Bay Press* regrets the errors.

GUEST COMMENTARY

The Van Nuys Vamps are here to stay

By NANCY PERSON

Who knew living in north PB could be so much fun? Who had any idea there were so many intelligent, funny, warm and engaging women living on or around the same street? Well, the secret is out! The Van Nuys Vamps is the fastest growing non-membership club around. We started in January with nine members and three months later we are 25 strong!

"What is a vamp?" you ask. "Is it a nickname for vampire?" Bite your neck, oh I mean tongue.

Actually, yes, the term vamp is a shortened version of the word vampire. In its most general (and non folklore) definition, a vampire is a person who ruthlessly preys on or takes advantage of others. In this vein (ha!), vamp is most commonly considered an unscrupulous woman who uses her feminine charms to seduce or take

advantage of men. However, most people who hear the term vamp don't really think in terms of this negative connotation. Instead, one often envisions a Mae West type of woman: sexy, strong and determined. This is the meaning I thought of when I named us!

"And why Van Nuys? Are you referring to the city in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles?"

You're not even close. Van Nuys Street is the most northern (east-west) street in Pacific Beach; go north and you're in La Jolla.

"Okay, I give up. Who are the Van Nuys Vamps and where did you come from?"

I'm so happy you asked! Back in December, while attending an annual holiday open-house in our neighborhood (on Van Nuys Street), I was

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chatting with a neighbor from down the block, catching up on the past year's happenings. Sue Agbulos mentioned, "Look around us. We have so many nice women who live so close. It's a shame we only get together once a year."

Well, that's all I needed to hear. Being relatively new to the area (it was only my second holiday gathering), I quickly responded, "What would you like to do about changing that? I'm game for anything."

"I don't know. Maybe we could get together once a month and alternate houses so nobody feels put out. I'd be happy to host the first one."

"Great! You name the date and I'll make the invitations."

So, Sue chose Jan. 15 and I created a

flyer. I dropped a copy off at the houses where either Sue or I knew something about the residents. Invitees were asked to bring something small to eat or drink (the Jewish mother in me had to make sure nobody went hungry) but it was all about meeting the neighbors.

The rest, as they say, is history!

April 23 was our fourth gathering. We had 15 vivacious women in attendance, ranging in age from the mid-30s to the mid-80s. As has become a somewhat monthly standard, several new neighbors made their debuts. There was fabulous food and more than enough wine to keep everyone talking and laughing for hours. This may have been a record; the last neighbor left at 12:20 a.m! We even had a certain birthday gal (who shall remain nameless) who charmed us with her singing and dancing prowess, channeling Mae West and reminding me why I named us the Van Nuys Vamps in the first place.

Imagine the peace-of-mind I have now, knowing that I can turn to so many women (within walking distance) if I need help with something, have a question or just feel a bit lonely. I have lived in my house a little under two years and I have never before felt like I belong as much as I do in PB! I lived in my last house 20 years and knew two neighbors enough to wave hello as we were checking our mail or coming in from the garage. Neither Sue nor I, by the way, have a Van Nuys Street address, but our houses are on the corner so we feel like we're the bookends that cradle this bevy of beauties.

I highly encourage you to start your own local ladies' league of lovelies. It's free, it's fun, and your lives will be richer. I guarantee it!

For more about the Van Nuys Vamps contact Nancy Person, nancylperson@gmail.com.



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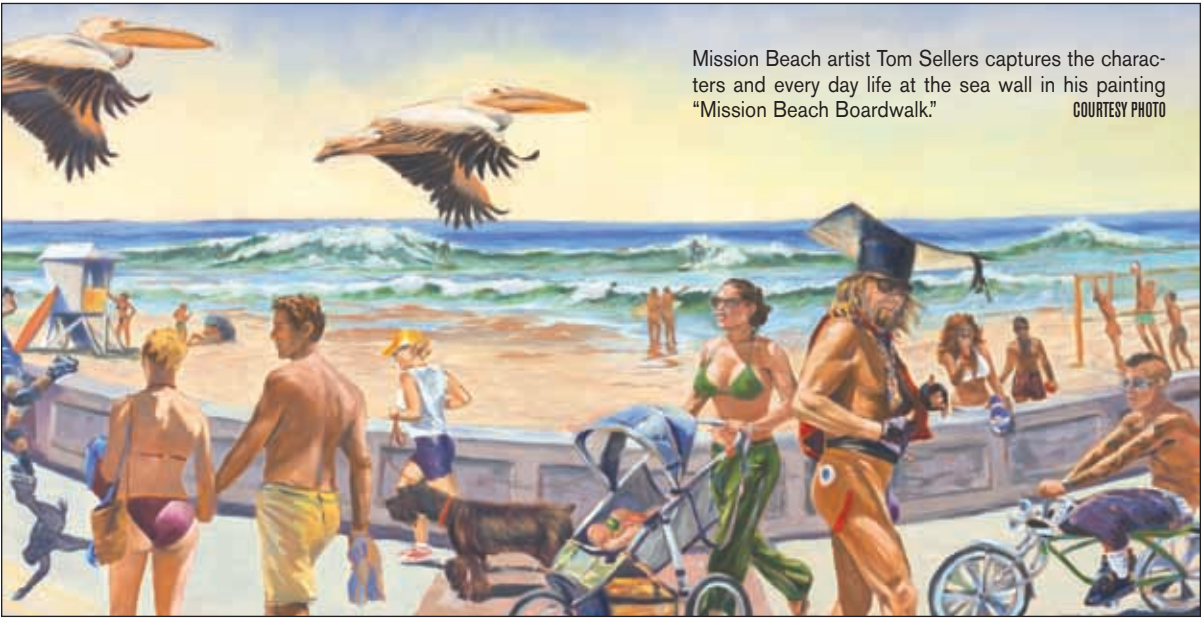
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Mission Beach artist Tom Sellers captures the characters and every day life at the sea wall in his painting "Mission Beach Boardwalk." COURTESY PHOTO

Local artist captures spirit of Mission Beach on canvas

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Plenty of artists have painted picturesque portraits of Mission Beach. But not many have captured the true essence of the area the way that local artist Tom Sellers has.

Sellers' painting "Mission Beach Boardwalk" provides a glimpse at the some of the regular characters who frequent the boardwalk, from young beachgoers to joggers with dogs to the famous SloMo. He said he was inspired to create the eight-foot panorama by daily trips on Ocean Front Walk.

"When I started living down here, I found the people here so fascinating. Every day I go down and do my time on the boardwalk," Sellers said. "The whole reason I love this place really and truly centers around that boardwalk and the view."

On a sunny June day three years ago, Sellers decided he needed to capture these people that make up Mission Beach. So he

simply headed out to the boardwalk.

"I just went down there with my camera and just started snapping pictures as the characters went by," Sellers said. "Virtually everybody that went by that morning I took a picture of. I took about 150 pictures."

In about two weeks, a handful of digital images turned into a unique piece of art. Painting outside at his Windemere Court residence, Sellers said the painting intrigued many passersby.

"Everybody has painted the Crystal Pier and a lot of people have painted the beach, but I just think the people make the place exciting," Sellers said. "I've got the tattooed guy on his greaser bike, the girl with one of the more unusual dogs, the kids walking by with hardly anything on and Flash with nothing on."

"I want some other people to see the painting and the picture because what brings the tourists to this place is that it is the best beach in the United States," he said.

Sellers has been around Mission Beach since the mid-1950s, when his parents purchased vacation property on Whiting Court. From a very young age, he had an interest for art.

"In school, I hated algebra so much that I had to be good at something," Sellers said. "I was always really good at drawing, so my mother made sure I had great drawing courses."

Sellers honed his trade at the Art Center School and Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. His art took a backseat to his career when living in Hawaii from 1970 to 2000, but when Sellers retired and returned to Mission Beach, he started back up with the brush and canvas.

"I decided what I would do is come down and just start doing my painting again," Sellers said. "In the meantime, I become so fascinated with the characters – the personalities of this whole region."

Those interested in Sellers' work can contact him by e-mail at campgrownups@aol.com.

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By SANDI PIERZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

There is a new store in town now that Urban Outfitters opened its doors March 18 at 4516 Mission Blvd. "The Pacific Beach shop is our 138th store," said store manager Craig Tilly. "We have a good mix of fun T-shirts, casual dress wear, footwear and novelty houseware items." Other San Diego locations include Hillcrest and downtown. Geared toward college-age students and the 30-something crowd, new shipments arrive weekly and inventory varies according to each store location, Tilly said. "We get more of the beach-type shopper and tourists because of our proximity to the ocean," said Tilly said. "The shop was very busy during spring break and we are really looking

forward to summer." The layout of the store is unique and modern, with visually appealing fixtures and décor. Urban Outfitters, Inc. also owns and operates other retail brands including, Anthropologie and Free People — both of which cater mostly to women. Customers can also shop online and purchase furniture, electronics, lamps, cameras — and even sewing machines. "Urban Outfitters is more of a medium-range retailer. We pride ourselves on a friendly environment and great customer service," said Tilly. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. from Mondays through Thursdays; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, call (858) 273-3942, or visit www.urbanoutfitters.com.

Surfindian blends surf, art, shopping

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Different artists use different mediums with the same goal — to express themselves or their beliefs. For local resident Chris Rule, the canvas is Surfindian, his art and surf shop in Pacific Beach. "It's kind of like performance art, where you go in and you're part of it," Rule said. People ask me all the time, 'Are you one of the artists?' I'm not, but what I tell them is the whole place is kind of my art." The two-year-old business itself is essentially an extension of Rule. It starts with the name, which Rule came up with by reflecting on himself — an avid surfer and a fully enrolled member of the Chickasaw Indian tribe in Oklahoma. "So I'm a surfer and I'm Indian, and I kind of put the two things together and I was like, 'Son of a gun, there it is,'" Rule said. "And it stuck." The name stuck, as did the store itself, despite opening in the summer of 2008 just before the start of the economic recession. In two years, Surfindian has gone from simply surviving to totally thriving. "I've grown consistently in terms of inventory and the network but I've grown it in little bitty steps," he said. "I've tried not to grow it too fast because it was tough times." Currently located at 4658 Mission Blvd., Surfindian will expand two doors down to 4652 Mission Blvd. on May 22. When that happens, the original space will be an art and gift store and



Owner Chris Rule stands in front of the longboard collection at Surfindian, his surf shop, which opens May 22. The shop, at 4652 Mission Blvd., will complement the Surfindian art and gift store located two doors down.

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- Soft petals continue to be a favorite decoration for the romantic gowns.
- Oversized clusters of flower "corsages" are another big trend, and they are primarily being used as accents on waistlines or shoulders.
- We will see lots of asymmetry, both in the form of one shoulder gowns and strapless dresses with asymmetrical draping on the bodice.
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By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Touring behind their latest release Flip and Twist, Toots & the Maytals perform at The Wavehouse today, May 13. The band is one of the last surviving reggae groups whose roots go back to the music’s founding. Despite releasing more than three-dozen albums dating to 1963, the band is still best known through cover versions.

They’ve have had their tunes performed by numerous artists, including “Pressure Drop,” (The Clash, Jack Johnson) as well as “Monkey Man” (The Specials, Amy Winehouse). Perhaps none can match the soulful voice and delivery of front man Toot Hibbert. Music fans shouldn’t miss this rare performance from an artist who helped set the template for reggae.

Toots & The Maytals: 8 p.m. today at the Wavehouse, 3125 Oceanfront Walk. Tickets are \$31 in advance and the show is for those 21 and up. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/tatm.

A “tornado magnet” is a slang reference for a mobile home, but in San Diego it also refers to this excellent country combo, which performs at the Tiki House on Friday, May 14. With an album called Double Wide, and tunes like “Pistolero” and “Red Necks,” its clear there is a theme running through the band’s music. But beyond the humorous tracks, this is a band that plays with gusto and spirit. The band excels at tear-in-your-beer ballads and stomping country rockers, making them the perfect band for a Tiki House Friday night.

The Tornado Magnets perform at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 14 at The Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Ave. Cover to be determined. The show is for those 21 and up. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/thetornadomagnets.

Timing is everything. Although Mick Taylor, who performs at Brick by Brick on Sunday, May 16, was only a Rolling Stone for roughly five years, it’s no coincidence that it was that exact time frame of 1969-1974 that cemented the band’s place as international superstars. The five albums Taylor made with the Rolling Stones, including Exile on Main Street and It’s Only Rock ‘n’ Roll, remain major influences

on rock bands to this day. But he’s also worked with dozens of other artists, including Mike Oldfield and Bob Dylan. For his current tour, he teams up with Dire Straits co-founder David Knopfler for a show sure to appeal to both guitar aficionados and classic rock fans alike.

Mick Taylor & David Knopfler perform at 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 16 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. The show is for those 21 and up. Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit www.micktaylor.net.

Almost more of a concept than a band, Igor & The Red Elvises, who perform at Tio Leo’s on Friday, May 21, are ever-changing. Since the founding of the rockabilly/surf combo in 1995 by German- and Russian-born street musicians busking in Santa Monica, dozens of musicians have taken part in the group’s tours and recordings. The band’s consistency is down to front man Igor Yuzov, whose tireless energy and humor keeps the group a fun, live experience, no matter what the current band lineup is.

Igor & The Red Elvises perform at 9 p.m. on Friday May 21 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. The show is for those 21 and up. Cover T. www.redelvises.com

Lifelong Joni Mitchell fans, singer Robin Adler and her husband, multi-instrumentalist Dave Blackburn, have decided to take their love of her music to the next level. On Saturday, May 22 at Tango Del Rey, the pair will perform a special CD-release show celebrating the release of their new album, Safari’s of the Heart: The Songs of Joni Mitchell. They play the obvious hits, such as “Both Sides Now,” but more impressively, they also take in Mitchell’s later jazz period backed by



Igor & The Red Elvises perform at 9 p.m. at Tio Leo’s on Friday, May 21.

their all-star band, Mutts of the Planet, featuring keyboardist Barnaby Finch, bassist Dave Curtis, drummer Jeff Olson and backing vocalist Britt Doehring.

Robin Adler & Mutts of the Planet perform at 7:30 p.m., on Saturday, May 22 at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. The show is open to all ages. Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit www.robinadler.com.

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The spawning season has arrived for silvery grunion fish to ride the waves ashore en masse to deposit their eggs in the sand.

During the full and new moons when the tide is high, thousands of male and female fish cover the beach for less than a minute to spawn.

Birch Aquarium will host trips to the beach to watch the grunion spawn, preceded by a short film about the fish, on

May 14, May 28 and May 29 from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. The excursion costs \$12 and fills up quickly, organizers said. Call (858) 822-5331 to RSVP, or e-mail ccain@ucsd.edu.

“If you’ve never been on a grunion run, it’s nice to go on these programs because we can explain what you’re seeing,” said Charina Layman, public programs coordinator for Birch Aquarium.

Grunion wait for high tides to send them far up on the beach to lay their eggs in dry sand. The females dig them-

selves into the ground to create a nest and deposit their eggs. The males wrap around the females and release milt, which flows down the female’s body to fertilize the eggs. The fish catch the next waves back, leaving the eggs on high, dry ground to hatch for 10 days.

People are prohibited from taking the fish during April and May and must obtain a fishing license from June through August.

For more information, visit <http://arachnid.pepperdine.edu/grunion>.



A grunion spawns in the sand – a sight awaiting those patient enough to comb beaches at night along Southern California’s coast through August. COURTESY PHOTO BY JULIANNE E. STEERS/GRUNION.ORG



Surfindian surf shop, which opens at 4652 Mission Blvd. on May 22, features a couch and chair for visitors, in addition to surfboards, gear and duds. ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

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the space formerly occupied by Star Surfing Co. will become a surf shop complete with boards, gear, duds — and a couch for visitors.

“My idea is that I want people to come in and have it be an experience,” Rule said. “You want to come in and relax, have a glass of water, read a surf mag, hang out for a little bit, chat it up. That’s what I’m all about.”

The joint art show and store grand opening from 6 to 10 p.m. on May 22 will celebrate Surfindian’s new frontier, and feature an art gallery from Japanese surf artist Koji Toyoda. That evening will also launch the full surf shop, whose crown jewel will undoubtedly be a cherry-red Skip Frye longboard — a rare new board from the local surf legend.

“I’m honored and flattered that he is willing to do it,” Rule said. “For me to be able to come out here and do this and have someone who is as much of

a surf legend as Skip to want to participate in this thing that I’m doing — it’s mindblowing.”

In addition to selling surf art, gifts, DVDs and gear from companies such as Captain Fin and Ando and Friends, Surfindian also has its own clothing line that Rule is working to develop. Hats with the logo are sold across the Pacific in Japanese department stores and the most popular items in PB are the artist series T-shirts, which feature designs from artists that have previously shown their work at Surfindian.

“I’ll work with them and I’ll get a piece of their art and we’ll make a T-shirt out of it,” Rule said. “Those are really popular. I’ll do them as a limited run and people dig that stuff.”

Rule admits that Surfindian is still a work in progress. That’s okay with him as long as the shop stays as unique as he is.

“I hope we can surprise and inspire people when they come in,” Rule said.

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"Now, more than ever, we see the need for practical, comprehensive teen pregnancy prevention efforts like NHA's Connection program," said NHA President and CEO Rudolph A. Johnson, III. "Building a strong community starts with building strong individuals and strong families, which takes education and planning."

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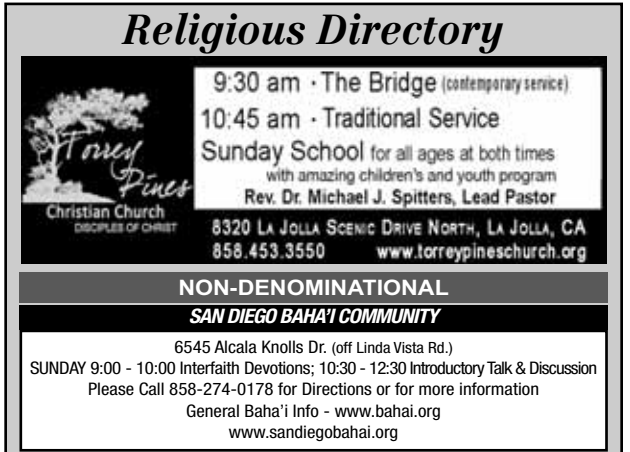
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