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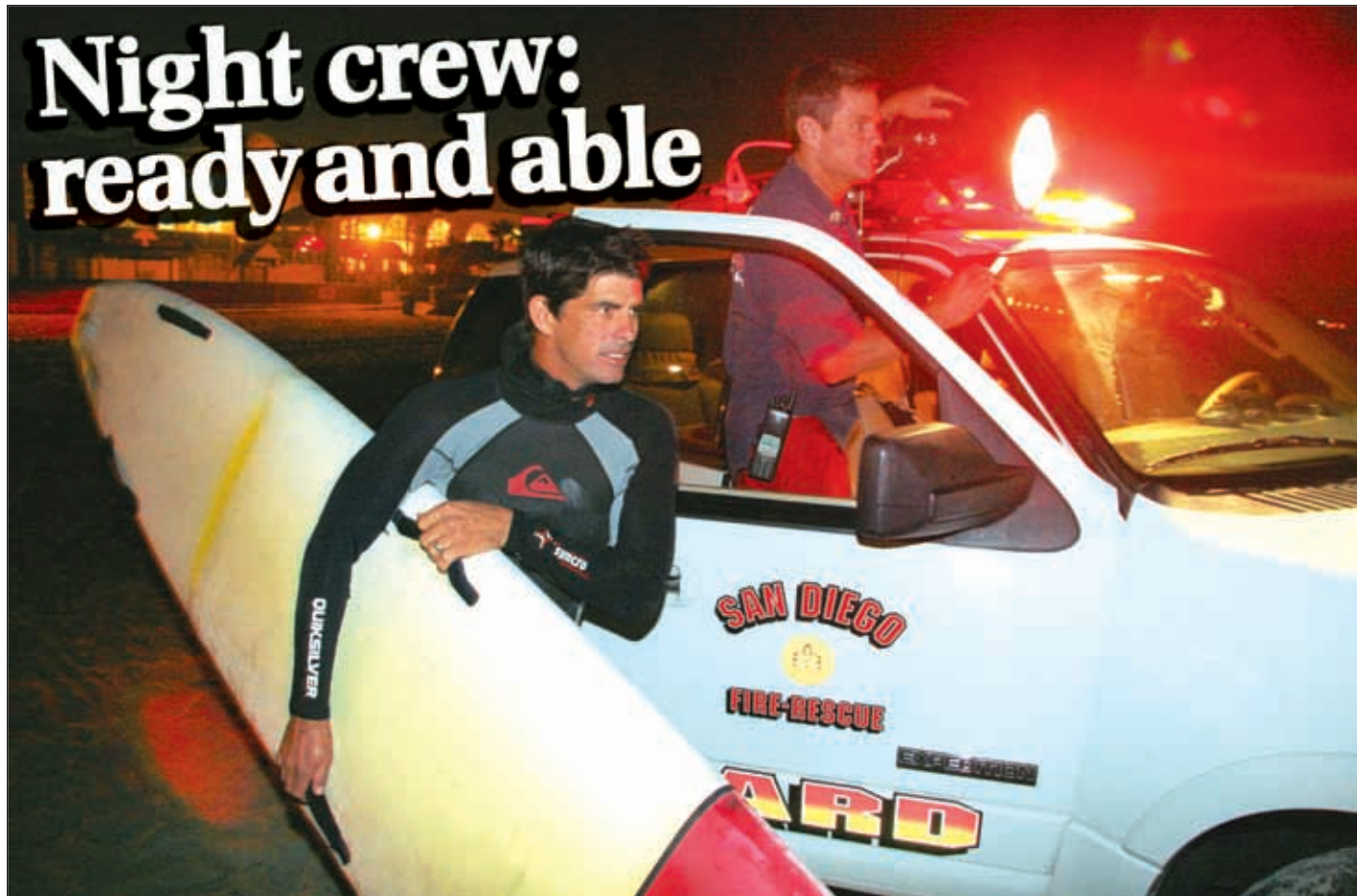
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Lifeguard Marc Brown, with rescue paddle board (left) and Sgt. Casey Owens with spotlight demonstrate a response to a nighttime swimmer in distress call along Mission Beach. **DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press**

## Under darkness, lifeguards save lives, respond to suspicious watercraft

**By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS**

As nighttime falls, businesses close up shop and residents prepare for bed. San Diego Fire-Rescue Department lifeguards prepare for a night of duty that could pull them to any location from three miles off the coast to Sunset Cliffs to Windansea.

A team of five lifeguards monitors San Diego beaches and shorelines between La Jolla and the tip of Point Loma and three miles out to sea during the nighttime hours, every night of the year. One serves as the dispatcher, receiving 911 calls and monitoring radio frequencies, while the other four are sent out on calls — or catch some sleep, prepared to be called to duty at a moment's notice.

Two are positioned in La Jolla and two are positioned with the dispatcher at headquarters on the south side of Mission Bay.

"If there's an area farther than that, we have to get approval, but we will still go," said Sgt. Bill Bender, a night crew lifeguard who has been with the service since 1981.

"The San Diego Lifeguard Services is viewed as one of the most professional lifeguard agencies in the U.S. due to the breadth of responsibilities they perform and the quality of their work," said Chris Brewster, president of the United States Lifesaving Association and former San Diego lifeguard chief.

San Diego lifeguards are part of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department's Lifeguard Services. They are trained firefighters and sworn



Lifeguards Marc Brown (left) and Sgt. Bill Bender stand in front of their cliff rescue vehicle. **DEBBIE HATCH | Beach & Bay Press**

peace officers, able to make arrests and write citations, in addition to their lifeguarding responsibilities. Those responsibilities encompass swift river rescues, offshore search and rescue work requiring scuba certification, cliff rescues and the more commonly-seen ocean rescues and medical aids.

Calls can come at any hour and require quick responses using various skill sets. In the summer of 1983, two lifeguards were kept on duty overnight to respond to increasing emergency

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### Night crew lifeguard statistics January-August 2010

**Preventative actions:** 3,115  
**Water rescues:** 58  
**Other calls for service:** 111 (includes boat rescues, boat tows, boat pump-outs, enforcement calls and medical aids)

### City Lifeguard Services statistics January-August 2010

**Beach attendance:** 18,636,864  
**Preventative actions:** 187,337  
**Water rescues:** 3,841 (down from previous years due to weather)

## BeachFest is back

### Festival organizers get creative to fund event

**By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS**

Sponsorship for the Oct. 9 Pacific BeachFest is down, but that has not slowed the organizers of the annual festival that celebrates autumn life at the beach.

Discover PB, the organization behind the festival, has acquired new sponsors to ensure the event takes place, and has added new highlights.

Among the attention grabbers at BeachFest this year will be a beer garden, situated between the Pacific Beach Shore Club and Joe's Crab Shack on Ocean Front Walk.

"It was more of a financial decision [to include the beer garden]," said Sara Berns, program manager with Discover PB. "Beer garden — or no BeachFest."

Pacific Beach Ale House and Karl Strauss will sponsor the tent and offer \$6 craft beers from their respective selections.

"We are the only brewery at the beach, so it will be nice to let everyone know," said Artie Walsh, general manager of Pacific Beach Ale House.

Inside the beer garden, Pacific Beach Shore Club and Joe's Crab Shack will also sell food items from their menus.

"The beer garden will have singer-songwriter, guitar player Jackson Price," Berns said.

Price is a San Diego musician who recently played during the Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk.

The beer garden will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. and will serve those ages 21 and up.

All of the proceeds from the beer garden will go toward paying for the annual community event and any remaining funds will go to Discover PB. Discover PB supports various improvements and cleanup efforts within the Pacific Beach Business Improvement District. It also sponsors events such as last year's holiday tree lighting on Crystal Pier, as well as organizing the Holiday Parade, which did not take place in 2009 due to lack of funds.

"We have a lot of new sponsors coming in," Berns said.

Firehouse American Eatery and Lounge is one of the new sponsors, acting as the main sponsor of the volleyball tournament. The tournament is major part of the daylong event, drawing crowds to watch the two-on-two competition in the sand.

Matt Spencer, owner of Firehouse, wanted to sponsor for two reasons.

"The number one reason I did it is because I personally have volleyball background," Spencer said.

He knows players in the tournament and felt kinship toward them. He didn't want to see another event cancelled in Pacific Beach, as the Holiday Parade was last year.

"I'm trying to do my part for Pacific Beach," Spencer said.

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### POLISH FEST:

Annual Polish Festival provides plenty of culture, food and good times.

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# Rotary set to host pancake breakfast at the Wavehouse

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Rotary Club of Mission Bay is hosting a pancake breakfast at the Wavehouse on Oct. 9 to help raise money in Rotary's worldwide effort to combat polio and also to provide dictionaries for local third graders.

"This is one of our big fundraisers during the year, so we appreciate a turnout by the community," club President Susan Thorning said.

Attendees will enjoy an early breakfast prepared by the Wavehouse head chef. They will also be entertained as Flow Jam, a Flowriding competition, will be warming up on the wave machine.

"People coming to breakfast will be able to watch the competitors working out on the wave," Thorning said. "It makes it exciting for those people who haven't come down to the Wavehouse to see people riding on the wave."

The event is from 7 to 10:30 a.m. and tickets are available for \$8 a person, or folks can get a discount at \$15 for two people.

## Rotary Club of Mission Bay continues to thrive

The Rotary Club is a service club that was started in 1905. Over the years, the Rotary Club has grown around the United States and in cities all over the world, and currently boasts 1.2 million members. The local club meets every week and offers an opportunity for charitable souls to give back to the local community.

After helping to complete renovations at the Crown Point Pavilion, a project that took five years, the club's members thought it was a good time to get involved with an international situation. Although polio has been eradicated in the United States, it still poses a threat around the globe. Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria are nations whose populations still feel the effects of the devastating illness.

"We are so close to eliminating polio in the world," Thorning said.

The Rotary Club's international ties make it unique among the multitude of non-profit organizations out there.

"A lot of the activities center around a club in one country working with a club in another country," Thorning said. "They come together for the good of both places."

Although new members are always welcome, the club does not take every person who wants to join on a whim. Rotary wants people who are committed and genuinely care about what the Rotary Club stands for. Prospective members need to be referred by a current member and must show they can fit in with the rest of the team.

"You are working side by side on projects, so you want people you can count who are like-minded in the community," Thorning said. "You want to enjoy each other's company."

For more information about the pancake breakfast or to find out what it takes to join this organization, call (858) 336-6474 or visit [www.rotaryclubmissionbay.org](http://www.rotaryclubmissionbay.org)



# Polish Festival to put plenty of beer and culture on tap

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach will get a taste of Warsaw next weekend. The 15th annual Polish Festival will be held at the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Polish Catholic Mission from Friday, Oct. 8 through Sunday, Oct. 10.

"The whole festival is put together by Poles living in San Diego," said Ania Chrostowska, an organizer of the event. "There is a pretty large community of people of Polish origin. Some of them were born in Poland, some of them are second generation."

The three-day festival will be held at

the Polish Catholic mission, located at 1375 Grand Ave. Chrostowska said she expects Poles from around San Diego and even Orange County and Los Angeles to participate in the event.

"The purpose of the festival is to present our culture to the local community and to be a venue for people of Polish origin to meet and celebrate," Chrostowska said.

The festivities start for the 21-and-older crowd Oct. 8 from 6 to 10 p.m. The fare will be traditional Polish dishes, including pierogi (filled dumplings),



The three-day 15th annual Polish Festival in Pacific Beach Oct. 8-10 will put live music, Polish food and traditional dance on display along Grand Avenue. PHOTOS BY PAUL HANSEN | Beach & Bay Press

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# LIFEGUARDS

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calls. The program, proving valuable, became implemented 365 days per year in 1984.

"We are the initial responders," Bender said.

The lifeguards on duty on a recent night at the Mission Bay location were Bender; Marc Brown, Lifeguard II; and Daryl McDonald, Lifeguard III; with a combined total of more than 65 years of lifeguarding experience between them.

Boating emergencies are a majority of the calls that can come in on any given night.

Emergency calls for boats sinking, disabled, on fire — or boaters calling for medical aid for those aboard — are all sent to the dispatch lifeguard.

"What you get is what you get, and it's not what you expect."

Marc Brown  
Lifeguard on the night crew

"Mission Bay is one of the major outlets as far as smuggling is concerned because San Diego Bay is so inundated with Homeland Security and San Diego Harbor Police, so now they [smugglers] are starting to work their way up," Brown said. "Mission Bay, Ocean Beach and all of Torrey Pines has been recently an avenue as far as dumping off illegals or running boats with drugs in them, so we will get calls to that."

When they are notified about suspicious boats, the number one priority remains safety. Their reaction echoes that priority, announcing, "We are here to rescue you," they said. Once they take the suspicious boat or boaters to safety, lifeguards alert the necessary authorities to investigate further.

"We are in direct contact with other state agencies," McDonald said.

The lifeguards work with the San Diego Police Department, state Fish and Game Department, Border Patrol and Coast Guard on any given night.

Firefighting boats, patrol boats, buoys with attached lights, fire hoses, handcuffs, first aid supplies are all available for the lifeguards on their way to a call.

"Variety is the best part of the job," Bender said.

He can go from responding to a beach rescue involving jumping off the Ocean Beach Pier at 2 a.m. into 56-degree water in the middle of winter, to going out on a scuba dive rescue in a



Lifeguard Marc Brown opens up a trauma pack used for rescue emergencies. The kit contains hot and cold packs, oxygen therapy, splints, major trauma dressings, blood pressure wraps, a vacuum for clearing lungs and more.

DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press



Lifeguard Daryl McDonald answers calls in the dispatch tower on Mission Bay.

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matter of minutes.

"What you get is what you get, and it's not what you expect," Brown said.

Lobster season begins Saturday, Oct. 2, and the guards anticipate a higher incidence of calls from kayakers and boaters who will be in the water along the coast at all hours of the evening and early mornings.

# POLISH

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golabki (cabbage rolls), bigos (stew) and kiszka (blood sausage), along with Pol-

ish pastries.

"It's basically just going to be a party. We'll have live music, food and dancing under the stars," Chrostowska said.

"We offer Polish music and folk dances done by Polish groups from California

and other states."

Beer connoisseurs are in for a treat each day during the festival, with the chance to try imported Polish beers. Polish brews Okocim and Zywiec will be among those served.

"We have Polish beer imported straight from Poland," Chrostowska said. "This is not something that you can normally get in the United States and that's usually the big attraction."

The festival continues Oct. 9 from noon to 10 p.m. and Oct. 10 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. with more of a family emphasis. Vendors will sell Polish souvenirs and jewelry and there will be games for kids.

"It's going to be fun," Chrostowska said.

In addition to celebrating Polish culture, the festival serves as the main fundraiser for the Pacific Beach mission. Chrostowska said the \$2 admission for adults helps keep the mission running and the church maintained.

"That's pretty important to us. Without that, it would be really tough," Chrostowska said. "We couldn't do any remodeling, and even maintenance would probably be difficult."

For more information, visit [www.polishmission.org/festival](http://www.polishmission.org/festival).

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# Deck expansion saga continues

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) President Rose Galliher announced Sept. 15 at the council's general membership meeting that — per a vote of its members — the PBTC will not lend formal support in the form of a letter to the 1,850-square-foot deck expansion project at the Pacific Beach Shore Club.

Of the 222 mail-in ballots collected, there were 133 votes opposed and 89 votes in support of the project. The total membership as of June 21 was 597.

The vote is the result of a motion made at the June 16 PBTC meeting by Scott Chipman, a general member of the PBTC who is also a board member of the Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG).

Chipman has maintained at prior PBTC meetings that he is acting as a general member of the PBTC and not a member of the PBPG. The PBPG approved the deck expansion prior to the PB Shore Club seeking the approval of the PBTC.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR Looking ahead

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 30

**Pacific Beach Kiwanis Club**, 7:30 a.m., Broken Yolk, 1851 Garnet Ave. For more information, call Phyllis (858) 750-2554

**Preschool Storytime**, 10:30 to 11 a.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., ages 2-4; (858) 581-9934, free

### SATURDAY, OCT. 2

**Safe and Beautiful Clean PB Day**, 9 a.m. to noon, Ocean Boulevard at Grand Avenue, www.cleanpb.com

**Wagging Tales**, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., (858) 581-9934, free

### SUNDAY, OCT. 3

**T.O.D.D.L.E.R.S.** (Together Opportunities to Discover and Develop Literacy, Enrichment and Recreation Skills), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St., parent and toddler fun. For information, call Bill (619) 920-1032, free

### MONDAY, OCT. 4

**Mission Bay Rotary Club**, noon, Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd., lunch, www.rotaryclubmissionbay.org

### TUESDAY, OCT. 5

**Pajama Storytime and Crafts**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., ages 2-6; (858) 581-9934, free

**Pacific Beach Toastmasters**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St. For information, e-mail info@pbtm.freetoasthost.net

**Discover PB Board meeting**, noon, Discover PB office, 1503 Garnet Ave., (858) 273-3303

**Mission Bay Park Committee meeting**, 6 p.m., Santa Clara Recreation Center

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6

**Friends of Rose Creek meeting**, 6 p.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St., www.saverosecreek.org

**Book Discussion Group**, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., "The Shadow of the Wind" to be discussed, (858) 581-9934, free

### THURSDAY, OCT. 7

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**Toddler Yoga**, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., ages 2-4; (858) 581-9934, free

### FRIDAY, OCT. 8

**Polish Festival**, 6 to 10 p.m., Saint Maximilian Kolbe Polish Catholic Mission, 1735 Grand Ave., adults only, dancing, music, food and beer; www.polishmission.org/festival, \$2 adults

### SATURDAY, OCT. 9

**Mission Bay Rotary Club**, 7 to 10:30 a.m., Wavehouse in Belmont Park, 3125 Mission

Bldv. For more information, call (858) 531-5754, \$8 per ticket or two for \$15, advanced ticket purchase available at HomeBank, 875 Garnet Ave.

**Pacific BeachFest**, 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the boardwalk from Thomas Street to Diamond St., art, crafts, food and fireworks, www.pacificbeachfest.org

**Polish Festival**, noon until 10 p.m., Saint Maximilian Kolbe Polish Catholic Mission, 1735 Grand Ave., dancing, music, children's games, food and beer, www.polishmission.org/festival, \$2 adults, children free

### SUNDAY, OCT. 10

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**T.O.D.D.L.E.R.S.** (Together opportunities to discover and develop literacy, enrichment and recreation skills), 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St., parent and toddler fun. For more information, call Bill (619) 920-1032, free

### MONDAY, OCT. 11

**Mission Bay Rotary Club**, noon, Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd., lunch, www.rotaryclubmissionbay.org

**Discover PB Design and Improvements Committee meeting**, 5 p.m., Discover PB office, 1503 Garnet Ave., (858) 273-3303

### TUESDAY, OCT. 12

**Pajama Storytime and Crafts**, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., ages 2-6; (858) 581-9934, free

**Happy Hallo-Wine**, 5:30 to 8 p.m., Dana Hotel on Mission Bay, 1710 West Mission Bay Drive, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and wine event raising awareness of issues relating to domestic violence, benefiting Home Start, reservations are \$50 prior to Oct. 6 or \$60 after by visiting www.home-start.org

**Pacific Beach Toastmasters**, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St. For information, e-mail info@pbtm.freetoasthost.net

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 13

**Discover PB Promotions Committee meeting**, 3 p.m., Discover PB office, 1503 Garnet Ave., (858) 273-3303

**Art Lesson**, 3 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., learn to draw creepy cartoons, ages 6-12, advanced sign-up required by calling (858) 581-9934, free

**PBTC Sundowner**, 5:30 p.m., Union Bank, 1706 Garnet Ave., (858) 483-6666

**Mission Beach Town Council meeting**, 7 p.m., Community Room, Belmont Park, www.missionbeachtc.org

**Lori Bell Jazz Trio**, 7 to 8 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St. (858) 581-9934, free

### THURSDAY, OCT. 14

**Pacific Beach Kiwanis Club**, 7:30 a.m., Broken Yolk, 1851 Garnet Ave. For more information, call Phyllis (858) 750-2554

**Preschool Storytime**, 10:30 to 11 a.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., ages 2-4; (858) 581-9934, free

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# Punk, harmony and jazz set to hit the mark

## MUSICcalendar

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Though Fishbone has never scored a hit in it's 31 years as a band, it remains one of the most important combos to emerge from California's early eighties ska/mod and punk scenes. In continuous existence since its heyday, the band, which performs at the 710 Beach Club on Oct. 2, has nearly two dozen DVDs and CDs to its credit, with a documentary about the band, "Everyday Sunshine," released this year. There are many wild and manic bands out there, but none come close to Fishbone's intense party rhythms, immortalized in such hits as "Party at Ground Zero."

**Fishbone: 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD.**  
[www.myspace.com/fishboneisredhot](http://www.myspace.com/fishboneisredhot)



Fishbone, which has generated nearly two dozen DVDs and CDs since the early 1980s and was the subject of a documentary this year, performs at the 710 Beach Club on Oct. 2. COURTESY PHOTO

Seaholm. If the latter sounds familiar, he is also one of San Diego's best known music producers, working with dozens of artists ranging from indie favorites Via Satellite to roots rockers The Farmers. Seaholm MacKintosh harmonize beautifully with wonderful vocal interplay. With this duo, Seaholm expands on his love of acoustic guitar and harmony and adds yet another terrific musical project to his long distinguished resume.

**Seaholm Mackintosh: 8 p.m. on Saturday, October 9. O'Connell's, 1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. Cover TBD.**  
[www.myspace.com/seaholmmackintosh](http://www.myspace.com/seaholmmackintosh)

Brick by Brick hosts musical round-robin Acoustic Alliance on Oct. 10. Organizer Cathryn Beeks does an excellent job of mixing a dozen up-and-com-

ing performers with seasoned veterans. This time out, favorites like Terry Mat-suoka and Carlos Olmeda will take the stage alongside newer names such as Airika and Erin McLaughlin. The latter is a country and traditional folk singer who has been making waves of late, recently teaming with Sean Watkins of Nickle Creek for a series of shows. With each artist performing their best four songs, this quarterly event continues to be one of the area's top values and best ways to take in a large amount of talent in one sitting.

**Acoustic Alliance: 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buena Vista Ave. 21 and up. \$8.**  
<http://listenlocalsd.com/AA.html>

Though the flute has gotten a bad rap thanks to cultural references like the "American Pie" movies and Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull, the cool sounds of the Lori Bell Jazz Trio may be the perfect antidote to that situation. Appearing at the Pacific Beach Library on Oct. 13, Bell is a virtuoso performer, adept at anything from classical to pop, but it's her jazz that has seen her receive an amazing six Grammy nominations in her three decades of recording. Whether you are a fan of jazz or instrumental music, this show is an excellent chance to take in a set from one of San Diego's top musical treasures.

**Lori Bell Jazz Trio: 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass St. All ages. No cover.**  
[www.loribellflute.com](http://www.loribellflute.com)



Fans of jazz or instrumental music won't want to miss the Lori Bell Jazz Trio on Oct. 13 at the Pacific Beach Library. COURTESY PHOTO



## Now & Then John Fry

**STEPHANIE WHEELER FINALLY HAS HER LEARNER'S PERMIT.** That means she can drive as long as she has an adult passenger. Who better to fill that role than her grandmother, Starbucks regular Ande McCarren? This past week, Ande's had her share of horror stories. Stephanie's apparently a quick study, however, because Ande allowed that Stephanie had finally "turned the corner." Jeff Dalrymple couldn't resist — "So she's up to speed? On the right track?"

**IT'S SUCH A TREAT** to be known and loved throughout Pacific Beach. A while back I was dining at China Inn when North Shores Printery owners Jay and Annette Brewer came in with daughter Addie. Jay went back outside to put a parking validation in the machine and I heard Annette say in a loud whisper, "It's John Fry. It's not too late to go somewhere else." She was joking. I think.

**I FEEL LIKE BOB WOODWARD** in "All The President's Men." I keep getting cryptic phone calls. Remember the mystery girl who wasn't sure whether life was still worth living after learning that Los Panchos bit the dust and she was no longer going to be able to enjoy their hot carrots? Not long afterward, another girl called and told me the site was being remodeled and would soon open as a fish store. Took me back to That Fish Store in Pacific Plaza. Actually, I think that one was a pet store. This one may have fish that you eat.

**I'VE BEEN VISITING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF OCEAN BEACH** lately because of the very thing I've always teased about — being stuck in the '60s. The good news is that, unlike Pacific Beach, there are places on Newport Avenue where you can still sit at the counter and enjoy breakfast. That got me to thinking about the places on this side of the flood control channel where I used to enjoy the most important meal of the day: Copper Skillet (now China Inn), Spyro's (Papa John's Pizza), Gail's Coffee Shop (the pharmacy at CVS Pacific Plaza), Sheldon's (McDonald's on East Mission Bay Drive), Victor's (Mission Bay Golf Course) and JR's, at the foot of Clairemont Drive. Oh, well. Time marches on.

**SPEAKING OF THE GOOD OLD DAYS**, "Doc" Wilding called after receiving the September issue of the Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter that talked about the conversion of Ocean Boulevard's auto lanes into today's promenade. He loaned me some additional items, including a copy of Eve Smull's "Calendar" magazine from August 1987, which I've shared in the October newsletter. I especially enjoyed the advertisements. They included T. D. Hays, (PB Shore Club), the Barbecue Pit (Bub's Dive Bar), the Canteen Club (Kono's), Ricci's Ristorante Italiano (PB Sushi), and the "Old" cafes — Ocean Beach (Your Mama's Mug), Mission Beach (The Mission), Pacific Beach (Rip Curl) and Del Mar (Chevy's in Flower Hill Mall). Oh, well. Time marches on. Am I repeating myself?

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# Triathlon roots traced back to Mission Bay event

**By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS**

Credited as the birthplace of the triathlon, Mission Bay will host nearly 2,000 athletes and as many spectators for the Mission Bay Triathlon on Sunday, Oct. 3. According to organizers, the San Diego Track Club held the first-ever run, bike and swim event in 1974, named the Centennial Triathlon to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and La Jolla.

The event's name was changed the following year to the Mission Bay Triathlon, but the race's design stuck.

"Basically, that idea of triathlon spread to other parts of the country and people started developing triathlons," said race director Rick Kozlowski. "In fact, the guy, Commander Collins, who started Ironman Hawaii, got the idea from the triathlons in San Diego."

Starting with about 50 to 60 people, the event has grown tremendously. The popularity is two-fold.

"I think part of it is that people in the mid- to late-90s were looking for something different than doing marathons, but they wanted to do something that gave them a feeling of accomplishment," Kozlowski said. "Marathons take a lot of work and it really

**Mission Bay Triathlon, Oct. 3**

takes a toll on the body.

"So, instead of going to the office and talking to their friends saying, 'I did a marathon this last weekend,' they were going in and saying, 'I did a triathlon' and not have to worry about all that training," he said.

Trends in fitness have also helped the sport.

"Plus, in the last 10 years, the big word in fitness has been cross-training, so people who do triathlons do a little swimming during the week, a little bit of weight training, a little bit of cycling, a little bit of running," Kozlowski said. "It gives a person an opportunity to do a different sport every day and not have to do the same sport."

This year's race starts and finishes at Ski Beach on Mission Bay. There is a 500-meter, point-to-point swim, a 15-kilometer bike ride and a 5-kilometer run.

"It's kind of a neat little venue and we are sold out," Kozlowski said. "It's basically the biggest triathlon in San Diego."

Residents can still get involved in the race in other capacities, too.

"Come out and watch or volunteer on race day,"

Kozlowski said. "If they want to volunteer, they can give us a call here at the office or just come out and watch the racing."

Racers start showing up at Ski Beach as early as 5:15 a.m.

"We bring in almost 2,000 athletes and another 2,000 spectators, and by 11 a.m., you'd almost never know we were there," Kozlowski said. "It's really kind of funny. By noon, everything is in our trunks and we are gone. It's like the circus comes to town and you'd never know it was there if you woke up after noon."

Meanwhile, the effect on traffic is expected to be minimal, Kozlowski said.

"The only thing that will be happening is not so much a traffic delay, but from 6:30 in the morning to 9:30, there will be no westbound traffic on Sea World Drive from east Mission Bay Drive to the main exit of Sea World," Kozlowski said. "There will be a detour that lets people go through, takes them down to Rosecrans Street and up Sports Arena Boulevard to bring them back around. But that's the only major road closure outside of Fiesta Island being closed from 7 until 9 (a.m.)."

For more information, call (858) 268-1250, or visit [www.kozenterprises.com](http://www.kozenterprises.com).



A pair of runners crosses the finish line at last year's Mission Bay Triathlon. This year's event is scheduled for Oct. 3 on Fiesta Island. COURTESY PHOTO



**RIDING SIDEWAYS**  
A competitor in the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club's 17th annual Classic Longboard Surfing Contest maintains his balance as his board rides near the crest of a wave Sept. 18 north of Crystal Pier. PAUL HANSEN | Beach & Bay Press



**CARVE IT UP**  
Avalin Johnson demonstrates her skill, carving up a wave at the Keith Noel Memorial Jetty Kid Surf Kontest in South Mission Beach on Sept. 25. Kids competed free of charge in the 16th annual event. PAUL HANSEN | Beach & Bay Press

## New Mission Bay AD has big shoes to fill

**By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS**

Last spring, Mission Bay High School (MBHS) named Christa Allen as its new athletic director — a role her predecessor filled for decades. Allen, whose affiliation with MBHS athletics dates back to 1997, has hit the ground running this fall.

"When Dennis [Pugh] retired, it was, to me, really good to see Christa step up and want the job and get the job," said MBHS head football coach Willie Matson. "She wants to maintain the same high level in sports and she came in very eager. She really, really wants to do a good job. It's important to her, and you can tell because she is communicating with all the coaches."

"She's worked here as a coach before and as a P.E. instructor, but being an athletic director is a different level of communication and relationships with coaches. She's taken the time to get to know the coaches and the way their programs work, and their needs and wants, which I respect her for."

The respect extends from the basketball court, as well.

"She will be a tireless and strong work-

er for the athletic department at Mission Bay," said head basketball coach Dennis Kane.

Allen, whose own playing background is in volleyball and swimming, reciprocates the admiration.

"What has impressed me so far about MBHS is the quality of the staff and how many of our academic and athletic programs have achieved success," Allen said.

The program's successes in the last year are notable. MBHS sent its baseball team, football team, boys' and girls' basketball teams, boys' and girls' soccer teams and others to the CIF playoffs.

Mission Bay's former athletic director's contributions are still held in high esteem.

"I would like to say what a great job Dennis Pugh did as athletic director," Matson said. "He really raised this athletic department to high standards in every sport, and he was really a fixture at this school for many years. So, I wanted to make sure I gave him recognition because he was unbelievable."

Allen agrees.

"The man who is my predecessor has

taught me and guided me in my teaching and coaching for the last 14 years, and I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge from him," Allen said. "I thank him for that. I plan to continue to support our athletic programs and coaches, to continue to have success within their programs and help teach our athletes to become well-rounded, educated young men and women."

"My specific goals for this year are to maintain the quality and success that is already in place and better our programs that have room for growth," Allen said.

Allen's said her long-term goals are similar. She'd like to maintain the quality within the athletic programs and continue to instill the value of education and academics.

The balancing act between athletic success and academic achievement is one Mission Bay staff and administrators do not take lightly.

"We've been fortunate for the most part to have very good student athletes, but you want to bring along everybody, and I know that's the focus of the administration," Matson said. "I think Christa is carrying that along."

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WELCOME TO PB BEACHFEST 2010

Festival offers so many ways to celebrate life at the beach

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

In addition to the many local merchants who will be selling their goods in booths at this year's PB BeachFest, there will be plenty of local artisans displaying handcrafted items such as artwork, clothing and jewelry. From commemorative T-shirts to entertainment, BeachFest will have something for everyone. However, BeachFest is also about activities celebrating life at the beach. Here are a few more attention-grabbers for spectators and participants alike.

Sand sculpture

Representatives from DreamWorks will be on hand to build a large sandcastle in order to promote its new movie "Megamind," an animated film with Will Ferrell, Jonah Hill, Brad Pitt and Tina Fey doing the voice-overs for the main characters.

The sand sculpture will be about 20-feet-by-8-feet and will be located just south of the lifeguard tower at the end of Grand Avenue. Attendees can watch the sculpture come to life over the course of the day.

8K Run/Walk

BeachFest would not be indicative of the local culture without a little beach competition and workouts in the sunshine. The BeachFest 8K, an all-sand run/walk, will begin at 8 a.m. just south of Crystal Pier. Participants can pick up race bibs and register, if the race is not full, beginning at 6:45 a.m. The race costs \$30 prior to Oct. 1 and \$35 after. All participants receive a T-shirt. To pre-register for the event visit [www.kathylopererevents.com/beachfest](http://www.kathylopererevents.com/beachfest).

Action Alley

Action Alley will feature professional skaters demonstrating their mad skills. Beach area surf and skate shops will be on hand selling clothing and merchandise. The event, sponsored by Vans, Pacific Drive and The Skateboard Mag, will take place near Thomas Avenue. The pro-mini ramp contest will feature a \$5,000-purse of winnings.

Fireworks

The annual fireworks display will take place at 7 p.m. and will be fired off from the end of Crystal Pier by Fireworks America. Fireworks America has produced shows for Sea-World, Super Bowl XXXVII, the San Diego Padres and the Fox television program "American Idol."

Best of the Beach  
Fish Taco Challenge

The Pacific Beach Shore Club will defend its title as making the best beach fish taco. The public will decide by tasting and the casting a vote for which restaurant deserves the cherished title. Tickets to sample the tacos are \$5 each and will give participants a taste from each vendor. This year's competition will be among R.T.'s Longboard Grill, Sandbar, Pacific Beach Ale House and the defending champions. The challenge will take place between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Hornblend Street and Ocean Boulevard.

Surf contest

New to the BeachFest, Billabong and South Coast Surf Shops will be presenting a kids surf contest.

"It's catered toward younger surfers, not professional or sponsored kids," said Bird Huffman, long time surfer and operating manager of South Coast Windansea in Pacific Beach.

The contest is free and open to kids ages 16 and younger. There will even be a "push division" for young children whose parents feel comfortable pushing them on the board. Typically these participants are the youngest of surfers.

Prizes and food will be supplied by Billabong. The contest will run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held on the north side of Crystal Pier.

"It's a low-pressure kind of a contest," Huffman said. "It's more about having fun."

Each child must have a parent or guardian present to sign a waiver.

"Bring your smile, don't bring an attitude," Huffman said.

For more information visit South Coast Windansea, 740 Felspar St., Suite A.

Volleyball tournament

The Pacific Beach Volleyball Championship Tournament begins at 9 a.m. Check-in begins at 8 a.m.

"There's room for 12 men's and 12 women's teams," said Sara Berns, program manager with Discover PB. "It's about half full."

The volleyball tournament tends to fill up early. The two-on-two tournament offers \$1,000 in prize money. It will take place on the sand south of the pier. The entry fee is \$75 per team. Teams can register by downloading the volleyball application from [www.pacificbeachfest.org](http://www.pacificbeachfest.org)



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**1ST ANNUAL BILLABONG/SOUTH COAST WINDANSEA KIDS SURF CONTEST** at Crystal Pier | 8:00 am

**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CREDIT UNION 8K SAND BEACH RUN** | 8:00 am

**FIREHOUSE OPEN BEACH VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** | 8:00 am

**BEACH TENNIS CLINIC & TOURNAMENT** | 9:30 am

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**PB CRAFT BEER GARDEN** | 1:00 pm  
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**CHICKEN WING CHALLENGE**  
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## Beachfest Main Stage

(subject to change)

**11:00 Opening Ceremonies**

**11:00 High Tide**

**12:30 Y3K**

**2:00 The Ambassador and the Chosen Few**

**3:15 Bub's Wing Contest**

**4:00 Surf Kings**

**5:45 Boomsnap**

## Community Stage

(subject to change)

**11:00 Emersen**

**12:00 Skate This!**

**12:30 San Diego Civic Dance Arts**

**1:30 Josh Damigo**

**2:45 PB Kids Rock**

**3:35 Big Daddy Blues Band**

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 <b>3714 Mission Blvd</b> <b>858-488-668</b>	<b>HAPPY MONDAYS:</b> Happy Hour 4pm to Close 1/2 off Beers and call shots 25% off appetizers	<b>TACO TUESDAY'S:</b> Tacos starting @ \$2 \$3.50 Dos Equis Pints \$1 off Grande Margaritas	<b>\$3 U Call It Night:</b> \$3 u-call-its 9:30pm to close Happy Hour from 4-7pm 25% off appetizers	<b>BURGERS MADNESS:</b> \$5.99 1/2lb Burger & Fries \$1.00 off Draft Beer !	<b>\$4 FRIDAYS:</b> \$4 shots of Jager, Tuaca, Fernat \$4 Vodka Rockstars \$8 Miller Lite or Bud Lite Pitchers all day	<b>Weekend Brunch 9pm – 1pm</b> \$4 u-call-its 9:30pm to close \$8 Miller Lite or Bud Lite Pitchers \$3 Krazis - \$5 Mimosas \$12 Bionic Beaver	<b>Weekend Brunch 9pm – 1pm</b> \$5 Shawn's "El Fuego" Bloody Mary's \$8 Miller Lite or Bud Lite Pitchers \$5 Mimosas \$12 Bionic Beaver
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 <b>721 Grand Ave.</b> <b>858-581-BEER</b>	<b>Burger Bliss</b> \$5.00 Burger – 6-10pm	<b>All-You-Can-Eat Crab Night</b> \$24.95 – 6-10pm	<b>Uncorked &amp; Unplugged</b> 1/2 off all bottles of Wine & Premium Corked Beers 6-10pm Live Music – 9pm to Close	<b>Thursday Special</b> \$3 22 oz Mugs of House Beer \$3 U Call its DJ Music – 10pm to Close	<b>Good Times Friday</b> \$3 Sushi Rolls, \$3 Good Times Gold 3pm to Close DJ Music – 10pm to Close.	<b>Pacific Sunset Sunday</b> \$3 fish tacos, \$3 IPA – 5pm-9pm <b>Industry Night:</b> 1/2 off bar tabs, DJ Music – 10pm to Close	
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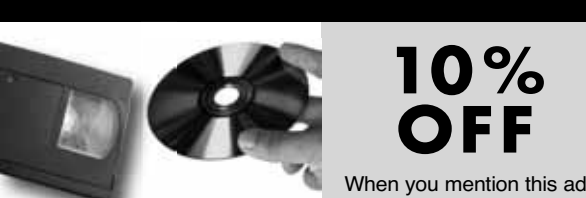
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In the previous nine tournaments, the MBREA raised more than \$112,000. Funds were then donated to Kate Ses-sions Elementary, Crown Point Elemen-tary, Bay View Terrace Elementary and Pacific Beach Elementary schools.

The event is set for Wednesday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m.

The cost is \$150 per person and includes golf, cart rental, range balls, a goody bag and lunch. Players can choose to pay an additional \$30 for dinner and a chance to win raffle prizes.

Sponsorship of tees is still available for a rate of \$500 per tee box. For information on sponsorship, to donate raffle prizes or to sign up for the tournament, call (619) 908-3407.

PBTC

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The rift developed in April when Galliher wrote a letter of support for the project to the San Diego Police Department on behalf of the PBTC board. Some from the general mem-ber-ship, however, challenged the board's decision to send the letter without the input of the general membership, setting up an onslaught of debate and chaos at subsequent Town Council general membership meetings.

The language of the motion, how-ever, did not address rescinding the prior support of the project, Galliher noted.

The motion, which was published in the PBTC August Seahorse newsletter and mailed to all general members, reads: "Shall the Town Council provide a letter of support for a premise expansion of the PB Shore Club to allow alcohol con-sumption to 2 a.m. on a proposed 1,895-square-foot deck and which would increase the maximum occu-pancy from 186 to 312 persons."

Galliher said she gave Chipman the opportunity to change his motion over the phone in June.

At the July meeting, after the two sides presented their respective cases, Galliher addressed the language of the motion to attendees, further clar-ifying the motion.

"What you are really voting on is that we *resend* the letter, not that we *don't* send the letter — so there is a difference," Galliher said at the July meeting.

With the majority opposed, the vote determined that a letter of sup-port would not be sent. However, the letter of support from the Town Council board was already sent in

April, and the motion did not pre-clude the support previously con-tained in that letter.

"At our next board meeting, we will discuss what to do as a result of the ballots as a no vote," said Jennifer Dreyfus, PBTC board secretary.

The board meeting took place last night, Sept. 29 — the results of which were too late for this issue.

Following the Sept. 22 monthly meeting of the PBPG, planning group Chair John Shannon and board member Chris Olson recalled the Pacific Beach Shore Club pre-senting its expansion plans to the group.

"The Shore Club did come here, they asked for an extension on their deck," Shannon said.

"It had nothing to do with alco-hol," Olson said. "It was just approval of the deck extension."

Olson added that he was under the impression that when the alcohol license topic came up, that the PBPG was going to revisit the issue again.

"I remember that everyone that was in the audience was all for it," Olson said. "So, there wasn't really an opposition to the deck."

Olson said he remembered neighboring business owners saying that it was a great idea, which surprised him.

Shannon did say that he recalled concern about increasing the size of the restaurant.

"We looked at everything aside from the alcohol issue," Olson said. "They met everything for parking and zoning and space and all that kind of stuff."

Many restaurant and bar estab-lishments in close proximity to the Shore Club currently offer outdoor seating to patrons.

BEACHFEST

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He serves on Mayor Jerry Sander's Small Business Advisory Board which is made up of 11 members who are appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the City Coun-cil. Serving on this board has made him more civically-aware, accounting for his second reason for wanting to take an active spon-sorship role, he said.

"I think the BeachFest is a pretty cool thing and I don't want to see that go away," Spencer said.

"It celebrates one of the most important things about our area, which is the beach," said Spencer, a Pacific Beach resident.

The festival takes place between Thomas Avenue and Diamond Street, west of Mission Boulevard, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Satur-day, Oct. 9. For more information visit [www.pacificbeachfest.org](http://www.pacificbeachfest.org).

See the special PB BeachFest sec-tion, pages 9-11.

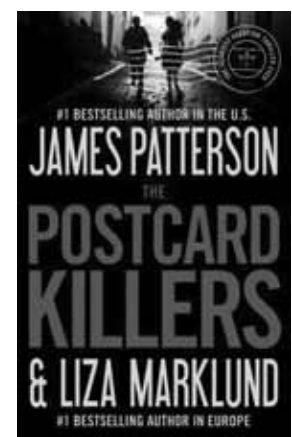
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# Kobey's: wheeling and dealing under the sun for 30 years

By JOSEPH GREENBERG | BEACH &amp; BAY PRESS

**K**obey's Swap Meet, the hustling, bustling outdoor market where customers can snare a caged canary, snap up hard-to-find church pews or Vietnam War artifacts and drool over countless knick-knacks and collectibles, continues to flex its collective muscles at the San Diego Sports Arena after 30 years of bargain-basement deals.

The sprawling swap meet has been a family-run affair since its inception, and offers up a feeding frenzy of consumerism where bargain-seekers stalk, treasure hunters pan and vendors earn livings while performing feats of salesmanship on an asphalt stage seen by tens of thousands.

The late Monte Kobey originally launched the swap meet in 1976 in the parking lot of what was then the Midway Drive-In movie theater with perhaps 30 sellers. Four years later — in 1980 — the drive-in theater closed, prompting Kobey to relocate about 1,600 feet to the east to the parking lot of the San Diego Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd.

From those humble beginnings, the swap meet grew from its initial three-dozen sellers to today's slate of 600 to 1,000 vendors, who lure an average of 10,000 to 15,000 shoppers Fridays through Sundays every week, according to Kimberly Kobey-Pretto, president and CEO of Kobey's Swap Meet.

Kobey-Pretto is the daughter of Monte Kobey.

"Over time, the size of the market shrinks and expands along with the economy," Kobey-Pretto said. "When the economy was fat a few years back,



An aerial view of Kobey's Swap Meet, the huge outdoor market that is celebrating 30 years of bargain-hunting in the parking lot of the San Diego Sports Arena. From a humble beginning with about 30 vendors three decades ago, the swap meet today averages between 600 and 1,000 vendors who cater to an average of 10,000 to 15,000 shoppers Fridays through Sundays every week. COURTESY PHOTO

people still came out in droves to shop. Now, it's a little different, with people shopping with the bargain in mind. You need to come one time and you will get hooked."

Kobey-Pretto took over as president in 1988, the year before her father passed away. She said she was a manager-in-the-making since the age of 12, working with Monte all the time and learning from how he ran the event.

"My son, Anthony, who is 21 years old, is here working all the time also, learning the ins and outs," Kobey-Pretto said. "I see a lot of my dad in him and I'm happy to see that he has taken such an interest in the event."

One Kobey's Swap Meet vendor is William Gregory, who first met Monte at the "Hula Bowl" — an outdoor mar-

ket in Honolulu, Hawaii — in 1984. Gregory was on a layover to Australia at the time.

"I overheard someone talking about a big swap meet in San Diego," Gregory said. "As I was a San Diego native now and at the time, I walked over to Monte, introduced myself, and he told me all about his market in an exuberant and excited way."

Gregory said he left his career as a photo muralist when the digital photo revolution came about in the 1990s.

Since 1995, Gregory has been selling "anything and everything of value," going by the mantra "quality is always in demand" — a phrase echoed on his business card. Gregory claims to drive 100 miles a day searching thrift stores and garage sales with a sharpened sense

of finding something for everyone, with items ranging from nautical equipment from old ships to carved wooden art from the Ivory Coast to movie props.

"I am out here at 6 a.m. every Sunday to sell," Gregory said during an interview at a recent Kobey's Swap Meet. "Today has been an average day so far. I've made around \$500 to \$800. On good days, I can make as much as \$2,500, but those days are all-star days."

"Kobey's Swap Meet is a money-making enterprise and a wonderful institution," he said. "It has been a godsend. So many people make their living out here. They pay their rent and put their kids through school, all due to the opportunity that Kobey's Swap Meet provides."

Some of the swap meet's vendors have even deeper roots with the ongoing, 30-year-old event. Rose and Susel — who wished not give their last names but who have been married for 60 years — are reportedly the oldest vendors at the swap meet.

Rose, who speaks with traces of a Polish accent, said the couple came to San

Diego from New York, and that Susel, 96, had been selling at Kobey's Swap Meet on and off for 25 years.

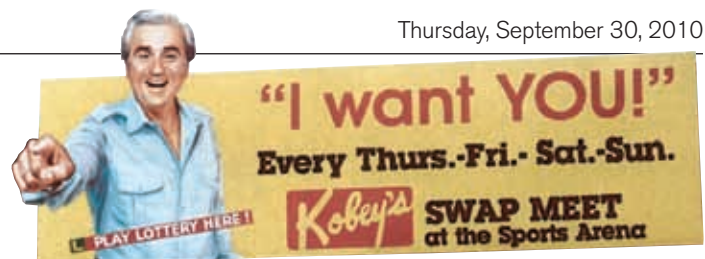
"The buying and selling of all these things has been an obsession of his," Rose said. "We usually wake up around 3 a.m., get all of our stuff organized, pack lunches so that we can get here around 4:30 a.m. to beat the crowd and get a good spot in the lot."

Rose and Susel specialize in a wide variety of fishing gear, like rods, spools of line and an assortment of colorful hooks, bobs and bait. Susel also has hundreds of different types of wooden pipes, which Rose said are both functional and decorative.

"The motorcycle guys like our thick, silver jewelry and heavy, authentic belt buckles, as well," Rose said, gesturing toward the shiny metal objects in a glass display case.

Kobey's Swap Meet runs every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the sports arena parking lot.

For more information, visit [www.kobeyswap.com](http://www.kobeyswap.com).



Kobey's Swap Meet has been tantalizing shoppers with deals for 30 years outside the San Diego Sports Arena, drawing long lines of bargain hunters like these, seen in a historic photograph from the late 1970s. COURTESY PHOTO

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Kobey's BEACON





Chargers running back Mike Tolbert has gained 181 yards and scored two TDs so far this season. Filling in for the injured Ryan Mathews, Tolbert rushed for 73 yards in 17 carries for a 5.2-yard average in the 20-27 loss to the Seattle Seahawks. DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press

# Slow starts becoming constant for Chargers

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

For the last three seasons, the Chargers have finished fast to claim the AFC West crown. Their starts, however, have been anything but speedy.

Since Norv Turner began coaching the Bolts in 2007, they have lost at least two of their first four games of each season. A 27-20 loss at Seattle on Sept. 26 continued that negative trend, putting the Chargers' record at 1-2 for the fledgling 2010 season.

Last season, San Diego started 2-2 and had a 2-3 record before ripping off 11 straight wins to finish the regular season. In 2008, the Chargers started 2-2 after losing their first two games of the season. And, in Turner's first season, the Bolts went 1-3 in their first four games.

Certainly, this season the reasons for a potential slow start are there. Holdouts by receiver Vincent Jackson and recently signed lineman Marcus McNeill — along with an early ankle injury to rookie back Ryan Mathews — have hurt the offense. On defense, replacing Jamal Williams has been a challenge, and linebacker Shawne Merriman hasn't been much of a factor to this point.

But this season appears different because of mental miscues in the team's two losses. The Chargers committed 11 penalties against the Seahawks and have allowed three kick returns for touchdowns in their first two defeats to a pair of teams that each finished last in their division in 2009.

San Diego still has not lost at Qualcomm Stadium, where it returns Sunday to face Arizona. With road games at Oakland (Oct. 10) and St. Louis (Oct. 17) coming up, the Chargers' schedule is still soft enough for them to turn things around, but losses to either of those teams might indicate more problems than simply another early-season swan dive.

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## CHARGERS GAME PREVIEWS

**Arizona at Chargers**  
Sunday, Oct. 3, 1:15 p.m.  
Qualcomm Stadium  
**TV:** FOX (subject to blackout)  
**All-time series:** Chargers lead 8-3  
**Last meeting:** Chargers won 27-20 at San Diego Dec. 31, 2006  
**Key matchup:** Chargers secondary against Arizona QB Derek Anderson – Anderson hasn't exactly been sharp this season and Bolts DBs can capitalize on his errant passes.  
**Players to watch:** Chargers RB Ryan Mathews and Cardinals RB Beanie Wells – both have been hampered with early injuries and will bolster their teams' rushing attacks upon return.

**Fun Fact:** The Chargers' win over Arizona in 2006 locked up home-field advantage for the playoffs.  
**Prediction:** Chargers 28, Arizona 17

**Chargers at Oakland**  
Sunday, Oct. 10, 1:15 p.m.  
Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum  
**TV:** CBS  
**All-time series:** Oakland leads 55-44-2  
**Last meeting:** Chargers won 24-16 at San Diego Nov. 1, 2009  
**Prediction:** Chargers 31, Oakland 17

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San Diego tight end Antonio Gates has scored four touchdowns in the first three games of the 2010 season. Gates caught seven passes for 109 yards and one touchdown in the recent loss to Seattle.

DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press

# NFL GAMES OF THE WEEK

**Week 4**

Baltimore (2-1) at Pittsburgh (3-0)

Sunday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m.

Heinz Field

**TV:** CBS

As long as Pittsburgh has Troy Polamalu in the defensive secondary, it doesn't really matter who their starting quarterback is. The Steelers have won their first three games by a combined 39 points – the most in the league – as they await the return of suspended QB Ben Roethlisberger. Surely, none of that will impress LB Ray Lewis and the Baltimore defense that comes in first in passing yards allowed.

**Prediction:** Ravens 13, Steelers 10

**Week 5**

Kansas City at Indianapolis

Sunday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.

Lucas Oil Stadium

**TV:** CBS

With a bye in Week 4, Kansas City will remain improbably undefeated headed into Indianapolis. The Chiefs are the most unlikely unbeaten team this season, paced by a solid defense and the two-headed rushing attack of Jamaal Charles and Thomas Jones. Peyton Manning and the Colts provide a huge hurdle in a game that could put the Chiefs on the contender radar.

**Prediction:** Colts 24, Chiefs 13



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