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### **SANTA ARRIVES IN PACIFIC BEACH**

Children and their parents flock to Crystal Pier to greet Santa Claus and attend the Pacific Beach tree lighting Dec. 5. RIGHT: After arriving on a fire engine, Santa walks to the end of the pier where kids have their picture taken with him and talk about their gift requests. ABOVE: Kayla Rose, 9, performs with classmates of the Crown Point Junior Music Academy. BELOW: Dylan Posey, 6 ½, drops a letter in the box for mail going to the North Pole.

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# Holiday Parade is ready to roll

Traditional event returns to PB after one-year absence

BY DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The holly-jolly man in red will ride down Garnet Avenue in a fire truck during the 31st annual Pacific Beach Holiday Parade on Dec. 11.

Santa will be the anchor of the parade, which has nearly 100 entries of floats, bands, vehicles and more, said Andy Hanshaw, director of Discover Pacific Beach, the organization coordinating the event.

"It celebrates the best of PB and beyond," Hanshaw said.



of the PB Holiday Parade on Dec. 11. PAUL HANSEN | Beach and Bay Press

On Nov. 12, San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer announced the return of the holiday parade for 2010 after a lack of funds forced

Faulconer thanked community members for donating approximately \$20,000 to fund the event this year.

the event to be cancelled in 2009.

Hanshaw said the parade is possible thanks to the financial support of the Pacific Beach Community Foundation, the Pacific Beach Hospitality Task Force, the office of County Supervisor Pam Slater-Price and Faulconer's District 2 City Council office. Slater-Price and Faulconer both secured grant funding for the event.

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# Mission Bay lights up with holiday spirit

The annual Mission Bay Parade of Lights begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 18 and will make its way from the Quivira Basin area to Fiesta Island, ending at SeaWorld.

A fireworks display will take place over the bay at 9 p.m. following the parade of more than 100 colorfully-decorated vessels.

Viewing points include Riviera Shores, Crown Point, Santa Clara Point, the east side of Vacation Island and the west side of Fiesta Island.

SeaWorld is a major sponsor for the event.

"We are proud members of the Mission Bay community and happy to support this parade in our back-yard," said SeaWorld spokesman Booker T. Crenshaw Jr.

"We know this is an important holiday event for our neighbors," he added.

The exact route is available at www.missionbayparadeoflights.org.

— Debbie Hatch

# Station 21 fire captain retires after 31 years

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Capt. Daniel Faddis, a 31-year veteran of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD), retired Nov. 30 from Station 21, 750 Grand Ave.

Faddis is a two-time winner of the Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night Award (P.A.E.S.A.N.), which is a unique community awards event created to honor emergency service workers in the Pacific Beach-Mission Beach area. He received the awards in 2009 and 2010.

Colleagues describe Faddis as a solid leader, an excellent firefighter and a hard worker.

A fireman since he was 18, he spent his first years on the job with other battalions before joining the SDFD. He started working for the SDFD on April 11, 1980.

Faddis said he will miss the people he works with and the opportunities to save lives.

Many firefighters wait their entire careers for one big fire, hoping to see if they have what it takes, Faddis said.

He has survived three such fires.

The Normal Heights Fire on June 30, 1985 was his first major call. It burned more than 70 houses before it was put out, recalled Faddis.

He was also called to the more recent Cedar Fire in October 2003 and then the Witch Fire, four years



Fire Capt. Daniel Faddis (center) stands with his grandchildren and his Station 21 crew in Pacific Beach on his last day on the job, Nov 30.

later. Both were massive brush fires that made large areas of San Diego County a disaster zone for sever-

"It's been interesting," Faddis said.

He has responded to calls for countless medical aids as well as fires.

"You never get used to seeing children when they get hurt," Faddis said.

One of the best days of his career was when he learned that he had been promoted to engineer after

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# Parking tickets will cost you more

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Parking tickets will go up by \$12.50 in 2011 following a 7-1 decision by the City Council on Nov. 29 to pass along statemandated surcharges. The cost includes a \$9.50 surcharge the city had unknowingly been absorbing instead of passing it on to motorists.

Councilman Tony Young said the move could save the city \$3 million annually. There were no speakers for or against the proposal, and it passed quickly.

The state recently notified the city of a new \$3 surcharge — on top of the other \$9.50 it is imposing on all parking tickets — that will go to fund state trial court buildings.

Members of the council's Budget and Finance Committee were told Nov. 10 that staff had researched 16 years' worth of City Council resolutions, but they could not find an ordinance allowing the city to collect the previous \$9.50 surcharge from violators.

Councilwoman Marti Emerald made the motion for the surcharges to be passed along to motorists, while Councilman Carl DeMaio voted against the plan without giving a reason.

"I applaud the staff for catching this," said District 3 Councilman Todd Gloria.

There are more than 100 types of parking violations that police officers or meter maids can write tickets for.

# **PARKING VIOLATIONS**

There are 112 types of parking violations that police officers or metermaids can write tickets for. They are considered infractions, but some are very costly. Here's a breakdown of some infractions and how much the ticket will cost before and after the \$12.50 surcharge:

	NOW	FUTURE		
• Placking access		(with \$12.50 surcharge)		
Blocking access to disabled stall	\$440	\$452.50		
Disabled spot		<u> </u>		
without sticker	\$340	\$352.50		
• Expired meter	\$30	\$42.50		
Sidewalk access ramp for handicapped	\$290	\$302.50		
Red zone parking	\$65	\$77.50		
Unauthorized airport parking	\$67	\$79.50		
Bald tires	\$40	\$52.50		
Living in vehicle parked on street	\$40	\$52.50		
Parking over 18 inches from curb	\$47	\$59.50		
Violation of street- sweeping signs	\$40	\$52.50		
Vehicle sales ordinance	\$50	\$62.50		
Unattached trailer on street	\$250	\$262.50		
Taxi zone parking	\$50	\$62.50		
Bus zone parking	\$265	\$277.50		
Expired registration	\$40	\$52.50		
Parking on a bridge	\$40	\$52.50		
Parking by fire hydrant	\$65	\$77.50		
Inoperative vehicle over four hours	\$41	\$53.50		
Failure to cramp wheels on hill	\$47	\$59.50		
<ul> <li>Source: city of San Diego</li> </ul>				

# **Paddlers happy with Fiesta Island vote**

# Dog owners group seeks unobstructed off-leash acreage

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Mission Bay Park Planning Committee (MBPC) decided by a 6-2 vote Dec. 7 to allow area paddlers including outriggers, dragon boats and stand up paddlers — to have a facility and use nearly an acre inside of the 90 acres set aside for off-leash dog use, to the dismay of the nonprofit Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO).

"We're very happy and grateful," said Les Hopper, U.S.A. dragon boat coach.

The vote decisively approves the current Fiesta Island Redevelopment Plan and sends it on to the San Diego Park and Recreation Board for consid-

"We just want to make sure that we are part of the plan," Hopper said.

However, the plan is not expected to appear on the Park and Recreation Board's agenda for approximately 8 to 12 months, said Scott Reese, assistant director of the San Diego Park and Recreation Department.

Final approval of the plans will be decided by the San Diego City Council. "We expect it to be developed over

30 to 50 years," Reese said. He compared the long-term devel-

opment of Fiesta Island to that of Balboa Park.

The decision is viewed as a relief for paddlers who emphasize that 94 acres should not be reserved for one group. However, FIDO members insist that the dynamic of their group underscores the argument that the off-leash dog area currently on Fiesta Island serves a multi-use audience.

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the Fiesta Island Redevelopment Plan, has completed nearly 20 versions of the plan since it was announced in 2005, Hopper said.

In a Dec. 6 memorandum from San Diego City Council President Pro Tem Kevin Faulconer and Councilwomen Donna Frye and Lorie Zapf supported the endeavors of FIDO and the South Shores area of the island "as an appropriate location for the paddling community.

However, the MBPC did not agree. The South Shores area of the island is one of the most polluted areas in Mission Bay, Hopper said.

The well-attended meeting at the

Marina Village Captain's Room, 1936 Quivira Way, heard an onslaught of emotional comments and outbursts from the audience.

FIDO's position is that it does not want a road leading to the location of the paddling facility to bisect the offleash area, said Alise Shatoff,

spokeswoman for FIDO. The road creates a possible hazard to dogs in one of two off-leash areas set aside for dogs – Dog Beach in Ocean Beach and Fiesta Island, she said.

The vote disappointed FIDO supporters, who will continue to fight for unobstructed off-leash acreage in the plan, said Dr. Jean Spengel.



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# & OUT By DEBBIE HATCH

"Storm Wave at Sunset," winning "Best of Nature" in a recent contest held at the San Diego Natural History Museum. The photo, alongside the 70 other finalists, will be on display at the museum through January.

5 to 9 p.m., to get out to shop in Pacific Beach. Local businesses will stay open late to give shoppers an evening of local holiday shopping. For more information visit www.pacificbeach.org.

The Mission Bay High School Music Department won a \$14,500 grant

sound quality of performances.

Jane Fyer spoke on Nov. 29 at the Mission Bay Rotary meeting held at the Catamaran Hotel. Fyer is considered to be a mental health expert and spoke on the topic of mental health recovery. To Save the date of Thursday, Dec. 16, find out about future speakers, visit www.rotarvclubmissionbay.org.

> San Diego Habitat for Humanity has Beach to its board of directors. Kitrosser has her own CPA firm in La Jolla.

> EnVus Salon can host your bridal party, baby shower or your Thursday

Cynthia Hedgecock, Mission Beach from the Las Patronas Organization, night ladies' night in its full-service resident and amateur photographer, which the department will use to purevent room. Its full-service group spa won \$1,000 for her photograph chase acoustic shells to improve the room is open. For a complete list of offerings, visit www.envussalonandspa.com, (858) 483-7772.

> Chronic Smoothies Blazin' Grill always sold smoothies, but it also has a blazin' grill now with a full menu of burgers, BBQ, pizza and more. Find it at 865 Turquoise St. or call (858) 488-2529, www.theblazingrill.com.

Bahia Don Bravo serves up Mexican named Cindy Kitrosser of Pacific fare and it offers delivery with a \$15 purchase. To view the menu or order food, visit www.bahiadonbravo.net or call (858) 581-0670.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

# Looking ahead

#### TODAY, DEC. 9

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

VFW Post 5985 meeting, 7 p.m., 853 Turquoise St., (858) 488-3631, http://vfw5985.com

## FRIDAY, DEC. 10

Mission Bay High School Music Department Winter Concert, 7 p.m., MBHS auditorium, 2475 Grand Ave. (858) 273-1313

#### SATURDAY, DEC. 11

PB Holiday Parade, 2 p.m., Garnet Avenue from Ingraham Street to Bayard Street, businesses and residents create floats and roll down Garnet Avenue for an afternoon of holiday fun. For more information or to enter a float. call Discover Pacific Beach, (858) 273-3303 or visit www.pacificbeach.org

**Holiday Party for coastal San Diego** active duty military families, 5:30 to 9 p.m., VFW Hall, 853 Turquoise St., dinner followed by gift distribution, hosted by PB American Legion Auxiliary Unit 552 and PB Sons of the American Legion Squadron 552. Seating is limited. RSVP by calling Nancy Person, (858) 246-6339

# SUNDAY, DEC. 12

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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, free. For more information call Bill (619) 920-1032

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#### MONDAY, DEC. 13

Mission Bay Rotary Club, noon, Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd., lunch, call to confirm time and place (858) 336-6474, www.rotaryclubmissionbay.org

#### **TUESDAY, DEC. 14**

Pajama Storytime and Crafts 6:30-7:30 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

#### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15**

**Family Movie "How the Grinch Stole** Christmas," 3 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., light refreshments served free (858) 581-9934

PB Town Council Sundowner, 5:30 p.m., Home Bank of California, 875 Garnet Ave. social and business mixer, open to all, appetizers and two drink coupons. \$5. For more information, call (858) 483-6666

**PB Middle School Winter Music Con**cert, 6:30 p.m., PBMS auditorium, raffle and refreshments, 4676 Ingraham St. For more information, call (858) 273-9070

# THURSDAY, DEC. 16

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, free. (858) 581-9934

Open House Holiday Night in PB, 5 to 9 p.m., local businesses will be staying open late for holiday shoppers. For more information on participating businesses, visit www.pacificbeach.org

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#### **SATURDAY, DEC. 18**

Breakfast with Santa, 8-11 a.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St., pancakes, fruit, drinks, crafts and photo with Santa Claus. Adults \$5, children \$2. Call for reservations, (858) 581-9927

Mission Bay Parade of Lights, 7 to 9 p.m., decorated boats depart from Mission Bay Yacht Club at 7 p.m., followed by a fireworks show at 9 p.m. For more information or viewing locations, visit www.missionbayparadeoflights.org

#### SUNDAY, DEC. 19

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. Free. For information, call Bill, (619) 920-1032

# MONDAY, DEC. 20

Mission Bay Rotary Club, noon, Catamaran Hotel, 3999 Mission Blvd., lunch. Call to confirm time and place (858) 336-6474, www.rotaryclubmissionbay.org

# **TUESDAY, DEC. 21**

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

Under the Covers, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St., readers recommend book titles to other readers, free. (858) 581-9934

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

# Lee Silber speaks at Pacific Beach

Toastmasters, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Pacific Beach Recreation Center, 1405 Diamond St., this writer, designer, speaker, entrepreneur and musician will speak at the final Toastmasters meeting of 2010, free. For information, e-mail info@pbtm.freetoasthost.net

**Mission Beach Precise Planning Board,** 7 p.m., Belmont Park Meeting Room, 3146 Mission Blvd., www.missionbeachtc.org/ids23.html.

# WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

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



# **NEWS***briefs*

# **Council bans alcohol at Kate Sessions Park**

An emergency measure immediately banning the drinking of alcohol at Kate Sessions Memorial Park was passed Tuesday in a 8-0 vote by the San Diego City Council.

The emergency aspect of the measure ensured the ban went into effect this week. District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer also made the motion that a second ban would go into effect in Ianuary as a precaution in case a possible lawsuit would rescind the emergency alcohol ban.

The council was told that after alcohol was banned at city beaches, some groups then moved their parties to the Pacific Beach park and continued with binge drinking.

A police officer told the council that neighbors of the park complained about public urination and noise late at night.

District 6 Councilwoman Lorie Zapf said she knew of families who had ceased going to the park because of the drinking.

"It's really a shame that inconsiderate, narcissistic people flock then to the closest park near the beach to get fall-down drunk and destroy the quality of life in a neighborhood," said District 7 Councilwoman Marti Emerald.

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# Blue recycling bins help turn Mission Beach green

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Mission Beach received blue recycling bins this fall for all residents who want ed to partake in San Diego's recycling system, and the road to going green has been a long one.

"Mission Beach was the only area in the city that didn't have recycling or blue bins or pickup," said Mission Beach Town Council (MBTC) board member Kat Ohlmann.

While other communities around the nation have been recycling for decades, the push to make Mission Beach recycle-friendly has had its bumps along the way. Residents have balked at the change for a variety of reasons including not having enough space in the tight streets for more bins, and a fear that scavengers will increase in the area. But there was also a logistical problem for the community's recycling movement to hurdle. Because of the narrow roads and lanes all over the community, a special vehicle was needed to pick up the blue bins.

"When [District 2 City Councilman] Kevin Faulconer came through with that [the Alley Cat vehicle], I think it was our last hurdle and now we finally have [recycling]," said Robert Craig, who is on the board of the MBTC and a Fridays from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

proponent for bringing recycling to Mis-

The blue can system in Mission Beach has officially begun, but a number of residents have opted not to participate. Those residents are expected to deal with their recycling on an individual basis because throwing recycling in the trash is not permitted by law, and not recycling properly can lead to fines.

On the subject of scavengers, residents are urged to report individuals digging through the bins. In addition, stickers are being provided for the bins that clearly state scavenging and rummaging through the recycling containers is illegal.

"We have to not be so complacent," Ohlmann said.

San Diego's Environmental Services Department plans to step up patrols and inspections over the next month and a half. A plan to use locks on the blue cans is also being discussed among members of the MBTC.

Mission Beach residents who have not requested a blue bin can call the Environmental Services Department at (858) 694-7000 to request one. Cans will be sent for a \$25 delivery charge. Residents can call the same number to report scavengers Mondays through



Blue recycling bins in Mission Beach are emptied into a truck during the weekly pickup.



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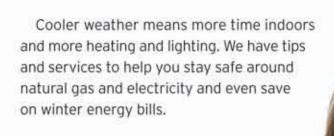
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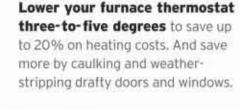
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# **Giant Dipper and** park rides remain open

Despite the Wave House Belmont Park LLC filing for chapter 11 bankruptcy, the San Diego Coaster Company — operators of the Giant Dipper Roller Coaster and other Belmont Park rides — remains open and unaffected by the financial action.

"We want everyone to know that the Coaster Company, Historical Giant Dipper, as well as all the other rides we operate, are not involved in the current situation and that we are financially solvent," said Wendy Crain, general manager of the San Diego Coaster Company, in a statement last week.

The Coaster Company has a separate land lease with the city of San Diego.

Belmont Park is a seven-acre beach amusement park located at the corner of Mission Boulevard and West Mission Bay Drive in Mission Beach, adjacent to the Wave House.

For more information visit www.belmontpark.com.

# City holds public hearing on beach stairways

The city of San Diego's Development Services Department hearing officer will hold a public hearing Dec. 15 at 8:30 a.m. regarding the repair and maintenance of several beach access stairways and sidewalks throughout Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Ocean Beach, according to a statement released by the department.

The department will decide whether to approve, conditionally approve or deny an application for a coastal development permit and site development permit for environmentally sensitive lands.

"The coastal environment is very corrosive to all materials and the work to be done is essentially much-needed maintenance for the existing facilities," said Helene Deisher, development project manager.

"The upside to all the projects is that the stairs and sidewalks will receive much-needed maintenance and the work will also improve their current appearance," Deisher said.

The decision of the hearing officer is final unless appealed to the Planning Commission.

If a citizen would like to appeal the decision, he or she needs to file a speaker slip at the hearing or provide written interest to the hearing officer before the close of the hearing. The meeting will be held at the Council Chambers, 12th Floor, City Administration Building, 202 C. St.

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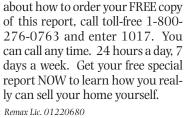


**SURF SHOP PARTY** - Pacific Beach Surf Shop held its second annual holiday party and Christmas sale Dec. 4. TOP: Chilli Tillack, 3, dances with abandon while Kevyn Lettau sings on stage. ABOVE: Shop owner Randy Strunk presents former City Councilwoman Donna Frye with cards from area surf shops thanking her for her work on the council.

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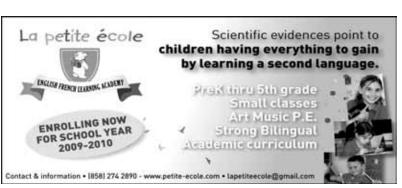
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# ON THE MENU: NEW DELIGHTS WITH AN OCEAN ON THE SIDE.

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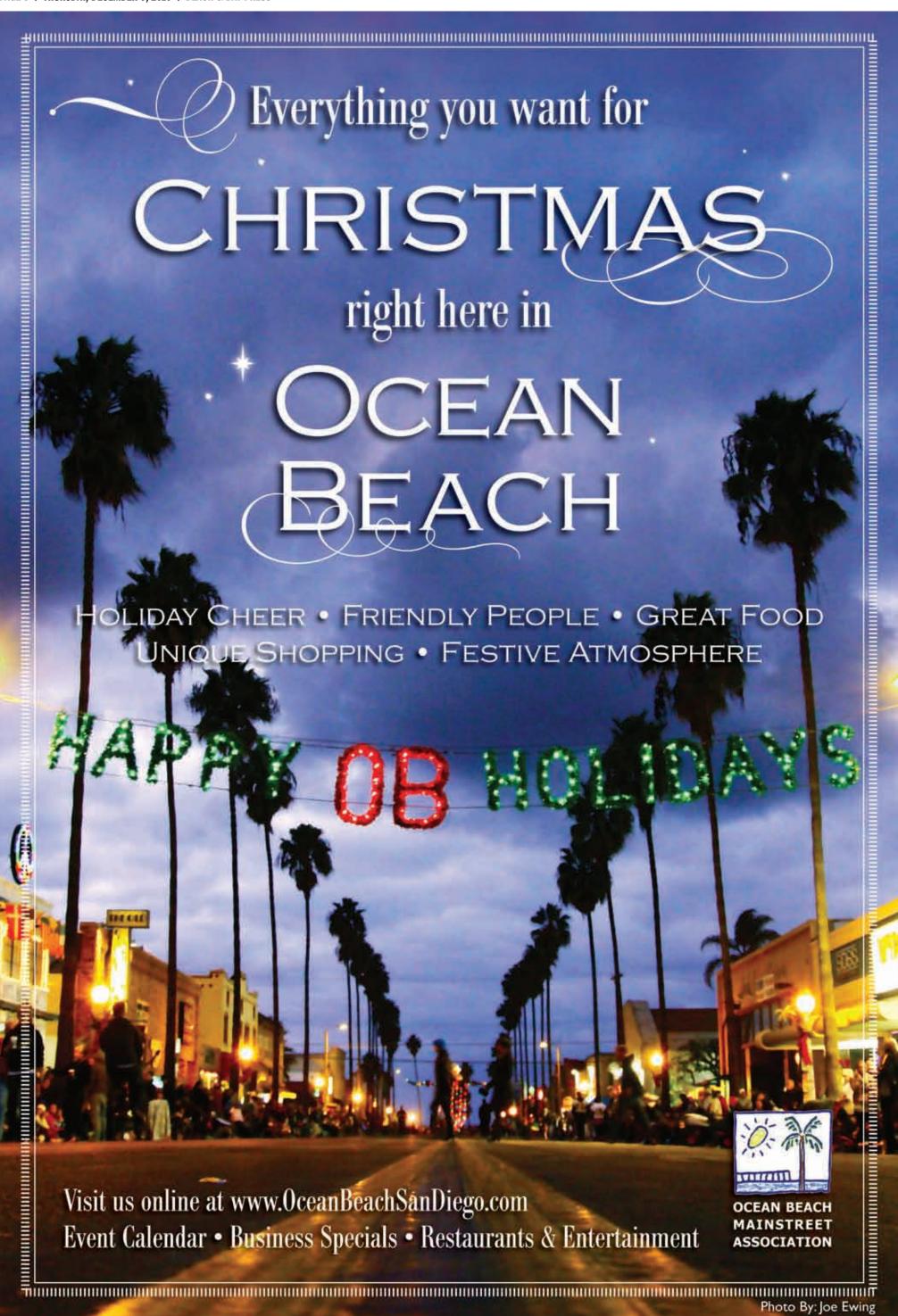


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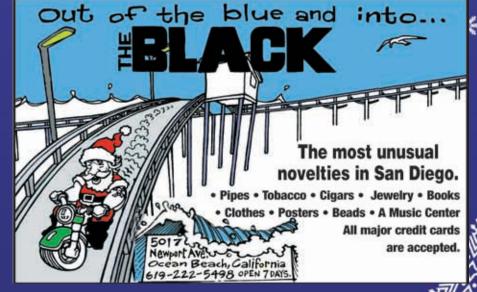
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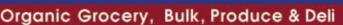
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This weekend Old Town San Diego celebrates the holidays of yesteryear with a two-day long festival full of entertainment, extended shopping hours, and the 60th-annual Las Posadas procession.

"This year Old Town we are pulling out all the stops for Holiday in the Park," said entertainment director. Marco Puente. "We have more live entertainment than we have ever had in years past, and we are celebrating 60 years of having the Las Posadas procession in Old Town San Diego."

The weekend begins on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. All of the museums, stores and restaurants in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will be open and richly decorated for the holidays. Guests will enjoy special holiday treats, and extended shopping hours until 9 p.m., along with strolling carolers and live music.

On the main stage on Saturday starting at 1 p.m., C.A.S.T Academy Christmas Choir, KIPP Adelante Preparatory Academy, Encore Youth Theatre Holiday Show Choir will perform for shoppers and visitors to the park. The Dickens Carolers will roam about the park signing traditional Christmas carols at dusk and guest will gather by a bonfire in the middle of the park for free s'mores.

Sunday, Dec. 12 marks the 60th annual Las Posadas event in Old Town. The Las Posadas procession is a walking reenactment of the biblical story of Mary and Joseph's search for a birthplace for the Christ child. After the piñata party, free s'mores will be served at the bonfire the middle of the state at

Fiesta de Reyes, Old Town San Diego State Park, El Fandango and the Old Town State Park Merchants Association are sponsoring these events. There is free parking available in the Caltrans parking lot on Taylor Street in Old Town after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. For more information about any of these events, visit Fiestadereves.com or call 619-297-3100. Text "Fiesta" to 53137 to sign up for weekly updates on events at Fiesta de Reyes or visit www.FiestaDeReyes.com.



# Las Posadas holiday event celebrates its 60th year

Las Posadas event in Old Town San recreate the same kind of celebratory Diego State Historic Park.

The Las Posadas procession is a walking reenactment of the biblical story of Mary and Joseph's search for a birthplace for the Christ child. Everyone is invited to join the candlelit procession and sing traditional holiday songs in both Spanish and English as the players go from inn to inn, asking for symbolic lodging. The procession culminates with a live nativity scene in from of Casa de Estudillo as well as a piñata party at El Lady of Angels Catholic Church will Fandango Restaurant.

"This event combines the Anglo custom of caroling with the Hispanic tradition of the procession and the breaking craft activities that include making pioof the piñata," said Chuck Ross, owner and operator at Fiesta de Reyes. "Las husk dolls and paper holiday flowers.

Dec. 12 will mark the 60th annual many Latin cultures and we hope to day that everyone can enjoy."

> The Las Posadas procession will be lead by professional actors in period costume, including Willie, the acting donkey.

Before the procession that takes place at 5 p.m., this event will also feature a daytime celebration and preshow with live music, performances and activities for children from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A variety of local music and performing arts groups such as Metro Dance and Our perform from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

For children's entertainment, there will be horse drawn carriage rides, free neer-style cloth dolls, as well as corn-Posadas is a long-standing tradition in Hot cider, pastries, Mexican baked

goods, tamales, hot soup and more will be available for purchase from El Fandango Restaurant and Barra Barra

At end of the festival, a bonfire will be lit in the middle of the state park and El Fandango Restaurant will host a piñatabreaking party following the Las Posadas procession at 6 p.m. Stores and museums within the state park will have extended hours until 8 p.m. that evening.

This is the second year that the Las Posadas procession is produced by the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park concessionaires. They expanded the procession to feature an entire festival that includes family-friendly seasonal activities. Admission to Las Posadas is free. For more holiday information, call (619) 297-3100.

# Bonfire Nights lluminates Old Town

Throughout the month of December, bonfires and old-fashioned piñata parties will be bringing a festive holiday atmosphere to Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

Presented by Fiesta de Reyes, El Fandango Restaurant, and all the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park merchants, bonfires will light up the winter nights at dusk and free s'mores will be provided.

At 7 p.m., El Fandango Restaurant will host a special piñata party where children of all ages will get a chance to whack a holiday

Bonfire Nights will take place Dec. 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 28, 29, and 30. The event is a part of line up of festive holiday events taking place throughout December in Old

Bonfire Nights is coupled with other festive holiday events in the park, such as the state's presentation of the Victorian Tea Party throughout December, Holiday in The Park on Dec. 11 and the Las Posadas procession on Dec. 12.



# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO

Old Town San Diego will be the place to celebrate holiday traditions and create new memories all month long:

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK On Saturday, Dec. 11, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., all of the museums, stores and restaurants in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park will be open and richly decorated for the holidays. Guests will enjoy special holiday treats, and extended shopping hours until 9 p.m., along with strolling carolers and live music. This event is free.

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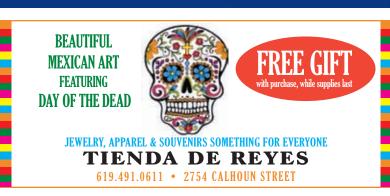
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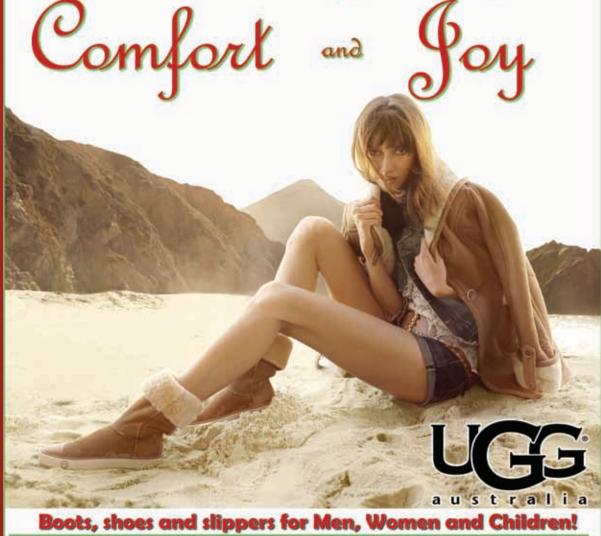
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Maeve Rochford-Shulz carries a selection of sweet goodies for her customers at Sugar

# Sugar and spice and recipes, too

BY DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Sugar and Scribe, 1420 Garnet Ave., is a new Irish-inspired bakery owned by baker Maeve Rochford-Shulz.

"I opened a bakery so I could eat all day," Rochford-Schulz said.

Her father is German and her mother is from a large family in Ireland, serving as the roots of Rochford-Schulz's baking journey.

She considers herself a flavor artist, creating such delectables as banana chocolate bread pudding and an egg and cheese soufflé.

The name Sugar and Scribe refers to the use of sugar in baking and Rochford-Schulz's unique offering of baked-good recipes, which she provides to her patrons when they purchase one of her many creations made from recipes that have been handed down over time.

She moved to Pacific Beach from Los Angeles with her husband approximately six months ago and could not be happier with her choice to

set up shop in the area.

The bakery, having only opened a little more than a month ago, had 50 Thanksgiving pie orders this year, spurred only by word of mouth.

"PB is very community oriented and family oriented, but still fun and flirty at the same time," Rochford-Schulz said.

She described the tasty items in her shop as a fun and flirty combination of flavors as well.

Neighboring businesses such as Split Ends have been sending customers over for coffee and pastries since the doors opened.

Women who were in the middle of getting their hair done at Split Ends Hair Salon would come over for a treat mid-appointment, Rochford-Schulz

"There are so few places in the world where you can find that team spirit," Rochford-Schulz said.

Maeve was the name of an Irish Queen, Rochford-Schulz

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# Pines and firs make scents of Christmas

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

For each of the last 19 Christmas seasons, Doug Irwin has transformed the corner of Garnet Avenue and Bayard Street into a winter wonderland in the Pacific Beach sunshine.

The scent of a pine forest sneaks in and the noises of the street vanish after walking into the Christmas tree lot.

Irwin owns the lot, which was once the first paid parking lot in Pacific Beach. He has also lived in Pacific Beach for 33 years.

He got his start working at a Christmas tree lot while living on the East Coast and attending Rutgers University.

"It's an old-fashioned Christmas tree lot." Irwin said.

His favorite part of the day is when he sees families stop in and children playing tag among the Douglas firs, noble firs and grand firs.

The cost for the trees starts at \$21. He is also selling pre-decorated trees of all sizes for the first time.

Irwin also has Douglas firs between five and eight-feet tall for \$29.95.

The trees are from farms in Oregon and Washington.

"If you leave unhappy, I have not done my job," Irwin said.

Customers can also purchase Christmas tree stands, garlands and wreaths.

Trees can be delivered and pricing depends on how far the tree needs to travel, as the lot draws tree-seekers from as far away as Carlsbad and Iamul.

Irwin said those distant travelers, who pass dozens of Christmas tree sellers while en route to Pacific Beach, purchase their trees at his lot for the nostalgic feeling their journey creates. He speculated that maybe they used to live in Pacific Beach or maybe they are just looking for a nice day at the beach.

He said he dressed as Santa Claus while he worked his first year in business. He now has five workers employed who he held as children when he was dressed in the big red suit.

Hours are Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays through Christmas, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.



Doug Irwin has sold Christmas trees from his lot at the corner of Garnet Avenue and Bayard Street for 19 years. DEBBIE HATCH | Beach & Bay Press

# PARADE

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Local businesses and organizations also contributed funds, showcasing the true community spirit of Pacific Beach.

"It [the parade] celebrates all of PB's eclectic community," Hanshaw said.

SeaWorld, the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department, local Boy Scouts and Girl who will wave to the parade-watchers lining Garnet Avenue.

"There's great interest from all over the city and beyond," Hanshaw said.

School marching bands from as far away as Orange County have already entered the parade.

San Diego Assistant Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman will be the grand marshal this year.

The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC), Mission Bay High School and Pacific Beach Middle School will also be participating.

The parade will start at 2 p.m. Scouts are just a few of the entrants at Ingraham Street and continue west down Garnet Avenue to Bayard Street.

Spectators are welcome to bring chairs or blankets to the festive busi-

ness district and enjoy the show.

"We're excited for what we think will be a stronger business and retail holiday season," Hanshaw said.

The theme of the parade is "Holiday Classics." Float entrants are encouraged to decorate in the spirit of classic holiday movies, books or songs. "We're hoping people can get cre-

ative and put their own beach flair on it." Hanshaw said. Entrants will compete in categories

such as best float, marching band, car, equestrian or best use of theme.

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said of her first name.

"She was a warrior queen and her name means 'intoxicating one,'" she said.

Hoping to intoxicate people with her food, Rochford-Schulz will offer a growing menu of both savory and sweet items.

In addition to baked goods, she offers freshly made soup of the day, consisting of fresh, seasonal ingredients. Everything she purchases for the shop is locally grown whenever possible, except for certain flours that she has shipped from Ireland.

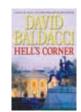
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**TITLE:** "Hell's Corner" **AUTHOR:** David Baldacci

**SYNOPSIS:** John Carr, aka Oliver Stone, once the most skilled assassin his country ever had, is brought back into service at the personal request of the president. Though he fought for

decades to leave his past behind him, Stone has no choice but to say yes. Directly across from the White House, a mysterious deadly shooting and bomb blast is witnessed by Stone in Lafayette Park, aka Hells Corner. He once again must call on his friends in the Camel Club to help him uncover a puzzling mystery.

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# Blues, World music and powerhouse vocals

# **MUSIC**calendar

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Fans of reggae and island sounds won't want to miss the One Love Christmas Toy Drive at the Wave House on Dec. 10. The donation of a new toy gets attendees \$5 off the night's admission, with an impressive bill featuring B.O.W., Indigenous People, Stone Senses, Product, Kahi Lofa, Califarians, Shoreline Roots and Irie Side. The toys will be given to Father Joe's Villages, making this a great chance to take in a great night of music and do a good deed at the same time.

#### One Love Christmas Toy Drive:

Friday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. at the Wave House, 3125 Oceanfront Walk. \$13. 8 p.m. 21 and up. http://www.wavehousesandiego.com/events/ concert/polynesian-underground-presents

Brick by Brick continues to be a great place to check out up-and-coming talent on the local hiphop scene. On Dec. 16, the club will stage an early show featuring Dre Stone, D' Poitt, Curt Quinn, Cane Dubb, with additional artists to be announced. Topping the bill will be Charleston, S.C. transplant Joenigma, who manages to break the mold with tracks ranging from the soul backing of "How Will I Know" to the near rock of "Big Deal Freestyle." Anyone looking for new sounds will want to investigate this night's performers.

#### Dre Stone:

Thursday, Dec. 16, 6:30 p.m. at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. \$12. www.aftonshows.com

Winners of the 2010 San Diego Music Award for "Best World Music Artist," the Devastators have been a local institution since 2003. Performing at the 710 Beach Club on Dec. 18, the secret to the band's success is its blend of reggae with a touch of funk to give an already-rhythmic sound an extra kick in the danceability department.

## The Devastators:

Saturday, Dec. 18, 9 p.m. at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.thedevastators.com



The Lilan Kane Blues Band will bring excellent originals with a slew of covers to The Tiki House on Dec. 20.

COURTESY PHOTO

Formed in 1995, The Backwater Blues Band, which performs at Tango del Rey on Dec. 16, was founded by drummer Tom Stewart, a veteran of the local band scene, including a stint with Ike Turner. Surrounded by solid players, including bassist Val L'Heureux, a vet of tours with Rosemary Clooney and James Ingram, Stewart's take on the blues includes enough groove to keep a dance floor packed. Whether you prefer standards or a slightly deeper catalog, the Backwater Blues Band has you covered.

#### **Backwater Blues Band:**

Thursday, Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m. at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. Cover TBD. All ages. web.me.com/cpsociety/Tango\_Del\_Rey/Home.html Bay area-based, The Lilan Kane Blues Band, appearing at The Tiki House on Dec. 20, is a traveling revue covering R&B, soul, blues and funk, topped by the powerhouse vocals of Lilan Kane. They have excellent originals with a slew of covers in their set which touch on traditional heroes such as Elmore James and T-Bone Walker. Giving the band a special edge, they also excel at funkier material by the likes of the Meters and even bass legend Jaco Pastorious. Fans who like their blues a bit more progressive than standard 12-bar or Dap King-styled soul will enjoy this show.

# Lilan Kane:

Monday, Dec. 20, 9 p.m. at The Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Ave. Cover TBD. 21 and up. www.lkblues.com







## MBHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

# Former superstar settles in on Mission Bay's sidelines

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

It's no wonder Mission Bay High School's first-year girls' basketball coach Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood giggles when asked about her playing background. Where does she start?

"I was Player of the Year in high school, committed to the University of Tennessee, transferred sophomore year to University of Maryland, where I got my bachelor's in science," Wiley-Gatewood said.

The former McDonald's All-American's self-bio is exceptionally modest, as her resume matches — if not trumps — that of most professionals. From 2000 to 2004, Wiley-Gatewood nabbed California and CIF Division I Player of the Year honors, and plenty of press and additional notoriety along the way. Her play at Los Angeles-area Lynwood High earned her a full scholarship to the college of her choice.

Chronic knee pain and surgeries, which she's referred to as "old people knees," kept Wiley-Gatewood from reaching potential late in her collegiate career and past it. Rather than signing autographs at this stage of the career, she is living out another dream: coaching.

She's taking the same positive and passionate attitude that helped her succeed in high school and college to Mission Bay's program, a team that came with a warning label.

"I was very excited because I knew I had a lot of talent [here] and I could develop them to become better players," Wiley-Gatewood said. "I also knew they needed some kind of discipline because that was what they were known for."

The disciplinary issues were two-fold. "To be honest, there was a lot of



First-year Mission Bay High School girls' basketball coach Sa'de Wiley-Gatewood takes instruction from legendary Tennessee head coach Pat Summit during a game in 2004. In high school, Wiley-Gatewood was a McDonald's All-American and Parade magazine's National Player of the Year in 2004 while starring at Lynwood High.

showing up late," Wiley-Gatewood said. "There was a lot of arguing on the court and if people come see them now, they'll see a big difference in them."

wood has rolled up her sleeves and gone to work.

"We started right away," Wiley-Gatewood said. "We also played in a tournament. We beat San Diego High, and they are ranked really high in San Diego. We also beat OLP [Our Lady of Peace].

"Last year, Mission Bay had an 11-Since mid-November, Wiley-Gate- 14 record, which was kind of terrible for a program. So to see us beat San Diego High and OLP, which wins our

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# CIF implemented concussion rules

BY THOMAS CONROY | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The thought of high school football conjures up memories of past gridiron conquests and the chance of catching up with childhood friends as San Diego County teens once again strapped up their chinstraps this season. From an early age, football players are taught the importance of adopting a warrior mentality to overcome pain and adversity on the field.

But times are changing, and that attitude has become passé. No longer can an on-field collision be classified as "getting your bell rung," because of the heightened awareness of concussions that has trickled down from the NFL all the way to high school campuses. The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) passed a new rule last summer involving the handling of this specific injury in game-competition.

The new protocol calls for a referee to remove a player who has suffered a concussion or head injury for the remainder of that game. That player cannot return to practice or gamecompetition until they have been evaluated and cleared by a licensed medical professional trained in concussion management. Independent medical studies have shown teenagers are more susceptible to concussions, and often take longer to recover from

Local high school coaches fear the wording of this rule will put more pressure on the game officials to make judgment calls without having the correct training to diagnose concussion-like symptoms in players.

"It's a well-intended but misguided rule," said Willie Matson, Mission Bay High head football coach. "The CIF

has transferred the entire responsibility of enforcing this rule to the officials. They will and should act on the side of caution every time for the health and well-being of the player in question."

CIF officials feel the rule is effective, however, because the symptoms must be clear and obvious before a player can be removed from the game. Referees will have the opportunity to confer with team's trainers before making their final decision.

"When the rule was first proposed, the language was debated heavily and then finally embraced by everyone involved," said Bill McLaughlin, CIF San Diego Section assistant commis-

Society may still not grasp the magnitude of this type of injury, but CIF officials hope to have concussionmanagement training in place for their referees in the off-season.

Due to budget constraints, some high schools cannot afford a full-time trainer on their athletic staffs, which is imperative in diagnosing and treating a concussion injury.

"The hope is to have a doctor right next to our officials, and hopefully they act together in good faith on deciding whether or not a player will continue to play in the game," McLaughlin said.

CIF officials acknowledge that all sports will be scrutinized under this rule, with heavy attention placed on collision sports (lacrosse and soccer) played at a high rate of speed, which puts players at a risk of sustaining a concussion. Prior to the start of the football season, two concussion-related incidents had already been reported to CIF by the injured player's coaching staff.



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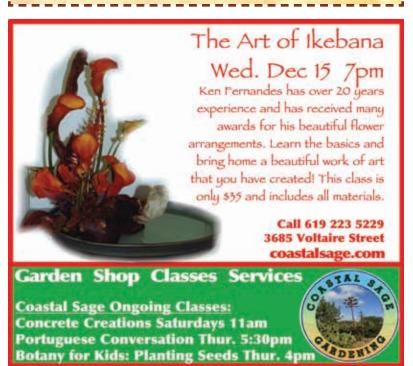
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# Rowers prove age is just a number at world's largest regatta

BY AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

San Diego Rowing Club's (SDRC) Cathy Kemper set a course record at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston this fall. Kemper, 65, made race history when she completed the Veteran Women's' Single Scull more than 30 seconds faster than the previous record.

The event is known as the world's largest two-day rowing regatta, with 9,000 racers from 19 countries participating. Of those, 43 were from SDRC, based at 1220 El Carmel Place on Mission Bay. The event also attracts upward of 300,000 spectators.

Kemper hopes the exposure will help her recruit rowers "of a certain age." Although very physical, she believes the non-impact facet of rowing allows athletes to participate longer.

"Also, it is very intimately a team sport," Kemper said. "The team aspects of it are you have to move precisely together and you have to believe when you are giving your all, they are too. The teamwork builds some really firm friendships, and I think that's really important as you age."

Kemper participated in the sport before Title IX made female participation widespread. A first place at SDRC confirms the growing popularity.

the SDRC had both men's and women's juniors travel and row in a mecca of rowing," said Dave Frost, SDRC president.

SDRC sent 18 juniors — students from across the country — to the Head of the Charles Regatta.

"The women overcame many obstacles this weekend," said Guillermo Lemus, women's head coach. "They came home from the race with a lot of experience that will be key for the difficult season we have ahead.'

The race marked the first time that eight out of nine of Lemus' athletes competed at the Head of the Charles. The team will focus on passing the experience to the athletes who did not make the trip.

Juniors' men's coach Chris Callaghan will also take the experience and row with it. Callaghan thought his men steered a good course and avoided mishaps, unlike many crews around them.

"We finished 60th out of 75, which in your teammates and know that lets us know that we have a long way to go before we are competitive at the national level again," Callaghan said. "We have four more fall races ... that we are excited to see what kinds of improvements we can make.'

SDRC continues to enroll boys and girls ages 12 to 18. For more information, contact Callaghan at (858) 352-"This year was the first time that 8380 or chris.sdrc@gmail.com.



A women's youth eight boat from San Diego Rowing Club navigates the waters of the northeast at the Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston last month.

### FROM WOUNDED TO THE WATER

# SD Rowing Club's wounded warriors efforts offer heroes a way to heal

BY AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

San Diego Rowing Club is hoping if it builds it, the wounded warriors will come. San Diego is home to a large concentration of wounded military personnel due to Naval Medical Center San Diego (widely known as Balboa Hospital). SDRC wants to help these men and women recover through rowing.

"It's a way for us to do some outreach and give back," said club member Cathy Kemper. "It's minor, but it's something to help these guys and gals to recover. We believe firmly in our sport. The teamwork is something that really resonates with the military. They have been taught to work together and to depend on each other. And, rowing shares those values with the military.

"It's a natural transition. Plus, the repetitive and non-impact aspects of rowing, I think, are going to be very good for rehabilitation. I think that it's something that is in the reach of many wounded warriors."

SDRC was granted funds to purchase special equipment to ensure the accessibility of rowing to wounded veterans, including those with amputations and other serious injuries.

that being funded and getting that to have the wounded veterans as perequipment and getting more people in manent members of the club. The SDRC www.sandiegorowing.org.

the water," Kemper said. "It's a learn- also wants to organize eight people to ing process on both sides, but we are excited about it."

Recently, SDRC witnessed adaptive rowing in action. The group volunteered at Paralympic Military Sports Camps held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista. Sixty wounded warriors from across America, Britain and Israel were introduced to a variety of summer and winter sport opportunities, including rowing.

"We put them on the ergometers [rowing machines] first and put them on the water," Kemper said. "It was really a joy to see how some of them really took to it, particularly the more seriously wounded ones. They were able to get out on the water and glide around. And, it was hard to get them to come back. They took off in these little single boats.

"You could see the tenacity out there. You could see that they were really getting a lot out of the effort and out of the reward for their efforts. You could see that it was really a good thing for them, so that was really inspirational."

Kemper said the event refocused the club's determination to offer rowing to the wounded warriors community, and "We are really looking forward to SDRC has set many goals. The club aims

row at the San Diego Crew Classic — in an adaptive event — in April 2011.

"Another goal would be, in early February at San Diego Rowing Club, we will be having a satellite competition, which is a worldwide competition on ergometers," Kemper said. "During December to March, the rowing communities, in most places, are off the water because the water is all frozen. So people train on these rowing machines.

"Years ago, a group started this competition. It was kind of tongue-in-cheek, but it has grown. We have a satellite competition here. We are hoping to have a full team of adaptive rowers for that event."

SDRC's collaboration with wounded warriors rowing is an ever-evolving effort.

"We are so excited about it. And, we are working hard to connect with Balboa Hospital and their people there," Kemper said. "As a club, I think we can do this and everyone has been humbled and inspired on so many levels because of what they've done and what they are doing for the country. This is a great opportunity for us to support them."

San Diego Rowing Club is located at 1220 El Carmel Place on Mission Bay. For more information, visit

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league, was big for us."

Wiley-Gatewood attributes team bonding, chemistry and hard work to her team's early success.

"They are more of a family now, just not individuals," Wiley-Gatewood said. "They've grown as players and as people."

While the girls are focusing on one game at a time, their season goals are never forgotten. Winning league, for the first time, is a milestone they want to reach.

"I think that we have a great chance to win league this year and to win CIF if we stick together and play together,

we'll be unstoppable. I have great confidence in my team," she said.

The coach doesn't mind she has no seniors to her name.

"I think that's a wonderful thing. I have two years to develop this team,' Wiley-Gatewood said. "I am glad I don't have any seniors, so I can develop them for two years."

With youth on their side, Wiley-Gatewood is looking for two specific players to step up to the leadership role.

"Birteesha Solomon [sophomore] is one and Keyhandra Cannon [junior] is another," Wiley-Gatewood said. "These are my top players on this team. What I am looking for out of them is to lead their teammates and be a good example. They have the leadership, they do. But when they are down on themselves, the

team gets down. I need to teach them to stay positive, always.'

The former high school basketball prodigy is also teaching the girls a new style of play.

"We are an uptempo team. We love to rebound and push the ball," she said. "We are definitely not a setup team. Whoever gets the ball goes, which makes our team so special because everyone can play different positions. I am trying to prepare them for the next level.'

Wiley-Gatewood knows all about a high level of play, but she's looking forward, not back.

"And, I am just grateful to be a part of their lives, because they are a great group of girls," Wiley-Gatewood said. "I am just glad to be here."



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# New Meadowlands Stadium gets a thumbs-down

New NFL stadiums: Chargers can learn a lesson — on what not to do

By JOE CONNOR

As the Chargers try to find a way to secure a location and funding for a new football stadium, let's hope they don't follow the path of the 82,500-seat New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., which opened this season as the home of the Giants and Jets for \$1.7 billion (yep, that's a "B").

Granted, metro New York real estate prices are in a stratosphere by themselves even in a crusty hamlet across the Hudson River. Yet aside from new asphalt, wider concourses and much more expensive ticket prices, I could discern no measurable difference between the old Meadowlands and the new one, aside from the spiffy club seats out in the open so you could snap a picture of Caroline Kennedy and her pals nibbling on sushi above the 50-yard line.

Suffering from the same disease as the Dodgers in Los Angeles, they still haven't figured out how to get the parking straight at this behemoth of a concrete jungle, which also includes a racetrack, the Giants training facility and a nowvacant basketball arena — thanks to the New Jersey Nets bolting temporarily to Newark until their new hoops arena opens in 2012 in Brooklyn (coincidentally, the last pro team in that borough was the 1957 Dodgers).

Nets new owner, Russian Mikhail teller on why you're without one). Prokhorov, was on to something because parking is a train wreck at the the New York Daily News reported how Meadowlands, along the lines of which I haven't seen. Yet if that wasn't bad enough, if you intend to drive and tail-



Aluminum louvers, which are basically shutters with slats, encircle the exterior of the 82,500seat New Meadowlands Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. Photo courtesy of JOE CONNOR

al seat licenses — yes, that's four zeros

after the four — were never informed

they would also have to pay for parking. gate before the game, you need a parking pass to even get in (or, if you're a So what did the Jets do? Start selling single-game parking passes online for \$50. schmoozer like me, be a darn good story-What's worse, the club's inability to Even during August preseason games, black market online where parking pass ship. No more. fans who had paid \$40,000 for personprices themselves have become inflated.

By the way, the exterior of the stadium might just be the ugliest I have ever



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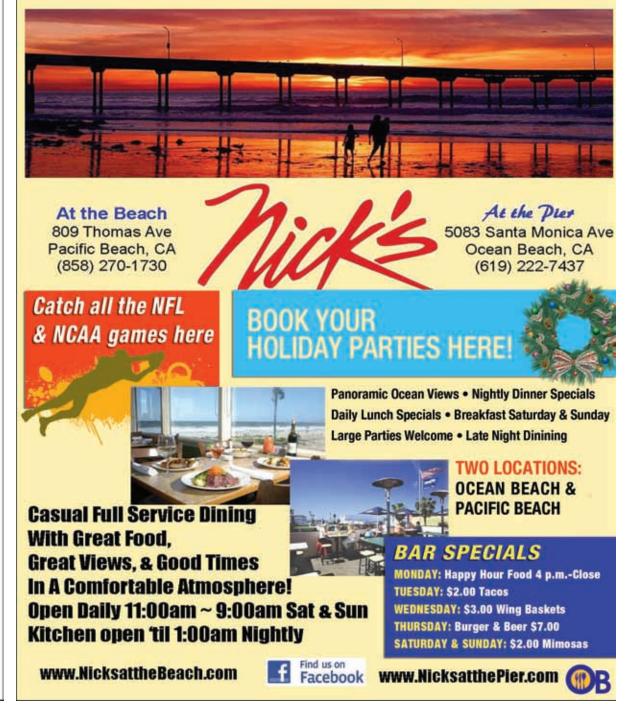
seen. Aluminum louvers, which are before spending millions. To their credit, basically shutters with slats, encircle the stadium. I thought the University of Phoenix Stadium in Arizona took the inform its ticket base has resulted in a cake for football stadium turned space-

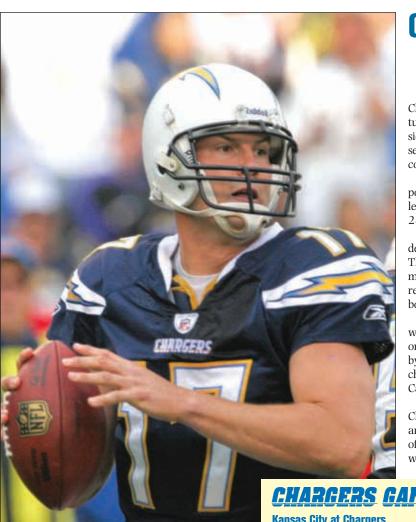
> The lesson of the Meadowlands mess is two-fold: be upfront with your fans and be smart about logistics and design

the Chargers have been forthcoming, and it would seem downtown would be the best fit, providing fans with multiple transportation options and no ultimatum to fork over \$50 to park.

- Joe Connor is an occasional contributor to Beach & Bay Press who has seen a game inside every NFL stadium.







San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers was flat against the Raiders as the Chargers fell 28-13. On Sunday, the Chargers host Kansas City in a must-win contest, and Rivers faces the challenge of getting the offense moving once again. DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press

# **Chargers lose their spark, dim chances of playoffs**

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Everyone in San Diego knows the Chargers wait until the second half to turn it on and inevitably win the division. So when they reeled off four consecutive wins after a 2-5 start, the city collectively released a sigh of relief.

Then the Raiders came to town as 13point underdogs. The silver-and-black left town as winners after a rumbling 28-13 victory.

Now it seems San Diego may pay dearly for waiting so long to wake up. The biggest reason this season could mark a new AFC West champ is the resurgent Kansas City Chiefs, which boast an 8-4 record.

The Chargers enter their match up with the Chiefs at Qualcomm Stadium on Dec. 12, trailing the division leaders by two games. At 6-6 San Diego's chances of making the playoffs as a Wild Card are slim.

So what do we know? First of all, the Chargers must beat Kansas City to have any realistic chance of making the playoffs. If they accomplish that, San Diego will most likely need to win its final three

games and hope the Chiefs lose at least one of their final three.

After the crucial contest with Kansas City. the Chargers have a very promising schedule. First a quick home turnaround Thursday night, Dec. 16 against San Francisco (4-8), then the Bolts finish out the season on the road against Cincinnati (2-10) and Denver

Kansas City's final three games are at St. Louis (6-6) Dec. 19, before closing out the year at Arrowhead Stadium against Tennessee (5-7) and Oakland (6-

The Chargers are also two games behind Baltimore (8-4), which currently holds the final Wild Card spot. The Ravens go to Houston (5-7) Monday night Dec. 13, and are home against New Orleans (9-3) Dec. 19, before finishing up against Cleveland (5-7) and Cincinnati.

### **CHARGERS NOTES**

 After shoring up the special teams play during their four-game win streak, disaster struck again versus Oakland.

The normally sure-handed Darren Sproles muffed a punt in the first quarter to set up the Raiders first touchdown. Adding injury to insult, Sproles was forced to leave the game with a concussion after taking a big hit in the second

• Philip Rivers looked out of sync for much of the game against Oakland. He short-armed a throw that caused the ball to sail into the arms of the defense and he missed badly on several other attempts. A lot of responsibility has been put on the quarterback's shoulders. Could this be a sign of the mounting pressure?

• Where's the run game? San Diego must run the ball better. Against the Raiders it ran a grand total of eight times for a measly 21 yards. The Bolts did not have a single run for a first down. Rookie running back Ryan Mathews did not

· Oakland rushed for 251 yards and three touchdowns. That's a lot! The Chargers boasted a stout run defense all season long before this debacle. They will need to make a quick adjustment against a run-first Kansas City team.

# *GAME PREVIEWS*

#### **Kansas City at Chargers**

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1:15 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium TV: CBS

**All-time series:** Kansas City leads 51-49-1 Last meeting: Kansas City won 21-14 at Kansas City Sept. 13, 2010

Key matchup: Kansas City RBs Jamaal Charles and Thomas Jones against the Chargers' defense - The Raiders gashed the Bolts for 251 yards on the ground last week and stopping the run will be key against Kansas City.

Players to watch: Chargers RB Ryan Mathews - Will San Diego's first round pick

contribute this season? He hasn't seen the field in each of the past three games.

Fun Fact: In terms of yards, Kansas City has the first ranked rushing offense and the 25th ranked passing offense.

Prediction: Chargers 24, Kansas City 21

#### San Francisco at Chargers

Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:20 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium

TV: NFL Network

All-time series: San Francisco leads 7-5 Last meeting: Chargers won 48-19 at San Francisco Oct. 15, 2006

Prediction: Chargers 27, San Francisco 10

# **NFL GAMES OF THE WEEK**

New England (10-2) at Chicago (9-3) Sunday, Dec. 12, 1:15 p.m. Soldier Field

#### TV: CBS

Coming off their most convincing win of the season, New England heads to Chicago playing their best football of the season. Critics have been discounting the Bears' record but they simply keep winning, rolling off five straight. Is Chicago the best team in the NFC? A win against the Patriots would certainly suggest so. Prediction: New England 24, Chicago 21

New York Jets at Pittsburgh Sunday, Dec. 19, 1:15 p.m. Heinz Field

TV: CBS

New York and Pittsburgh both like to set the tone with physical defenses and both find themselves in tight division races as the regular season comes to a close. Which defense will leave its mark on the opponent? Playoff positioning will be impacted by this showdown.

Prediction: Pittsburgh 17, New York Jets 7

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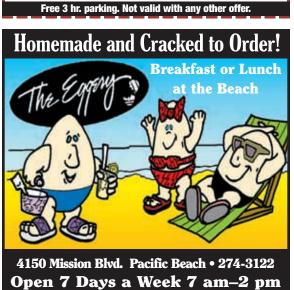






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# **LAST MINUTE** *updates*

# **Mobile recycling still** available in Pacific Beach

• Pacific Beach Mobile Recycling will remain up and running, despite a recent announcement by the owner Robyn Faulkner that the company might have to close. Faulkner said funds provided to her by the state of California, such as handling fees paid to recycling companies, will help her remain open for the time being. The mobile recycling will be at Henry's, 1260 Garnet Ave., on Fridays; CVS, 4445 Mission Blvd., on Sundays; and Albertson's, 730 Turquoise St., on Tuesdays. The hours at each location are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Girls' softball league holds registration

• Mission Bay Girls Softball League (MBGSL) will not merge with Coastal Bay Girls Softball — formerly La Jolla Girls Softball — for the 2011 season, despite a trial merge for the 2010 season. The league is still accepting registration from girls age 4-14, of all levels of experience, games and practices are held at McEvoy

Field. MBGSL has played in Pacific Beach for 30 years. For more information visit, www.mbgsl.org.

• MBGSL hopes to have 25 representatives marching down Garnet Avenue in the 31st Pacific Beach Holiday Parade on Saturday, Dec. 11. Whether a player. a parent, a friend, a sibling or former player, MBGSL invites all to join them and enjoy a free pizza party at Woodstock's Pizza after — if there are at least 25 marchers. Players who participate will receive \$20 off registration fees for the 2011 season. To sign-up, e-mail missionbaysoftball@gmail.com.

# **Church offers musical** programs this season

• The Pacific Beach Presbyterian Church will offer several musical Christmas programs in December. "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be presented on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. for a freewill offering. College students, who perform with the San Diego Opera, will perform the operatic roles.

"Crusader Bell Concert" will take place on Dec. 19 at 10:10 a.m. The performances take place at 1675 Garnet for the 2011 season. The team's home Ave. For more information, call (858) 273-9312.



OH, MY — the days are short, the nights are cool and each day the sun is a little lower on the horizon. That made for a spectacular sight last week when I drove up the coast for lunch at Fish House Vera Cruz in Carlsbad. The Pacific Ocean was cobalt blue and you could see to Dana Point. I stopped by the San Diego Army and Navy Academy while I was in the neighborhood and gave them copies of the Pacific Beach Historical Society's November newsletter about the school's beginnings in Pacific Beach 100 years ago.

FOR SOME REASON, I've been getting stopped by old friends a lot lately when I leave the post office after checking my mail box. It always happens just as I'm getting in my car. I hear my name, turn to see who it is and find myself staring directly into that aforementioned winter sun. Last week, the voice emanating from the sun was the lovely Darice Westwood. I'm pretty sure she's still lovely, but then I'm still seeing spots.

HOW WOULD YOU like to be a landlord — or landlady? Just sit back and let the money roll in. Oh, wait, you say the college kids trashed the place? What? The place caught on fire because those nice boys were growing marijuana in the garage? The best one yet has got to be the person who's been notified that his tenant has planted so many bombs in and around the house that they're going to have to burn the place to the ground. I wonder if his homeowner's insurance policy is going to cover that.

DID WE GET a day off? I don't think so. I'm pretty sure we went straight from a deluge of repulsive political television advertisements right into a bombardment of treacly (look it up) Christmas messages. Oh, well. I know a lot of merchants rely on the holidays to try to survive, so I hope the ads are working.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, I have copies of both of my Pacific Beach books in stock, if you're interested in a stocking stuffer. "Images of America: Pacific Beach" is \$26.50, which includes shipping and sales tax. "A Short History of Crystal Pier" is \$13. Let me know if you'd like me to autograph the book and ship it for you.

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

# **CAPTAIN**

18 years as a firefighter.

Faddis said that he has enjoyed the many years working at Station 21 in Pacific Beach.

"This is the only station that's right on the beach," he said.

Faddis said that among the crew is a former Navy SEAL, who leads the team said. on workouts.

Station 21 is one of the busiest fire stations in the city. It is known as a "night-train station," meaning the station never has down time, like many other stations not surrounded by the busy nightlife.

On weekends, it is not atypical to get

20 calls inside of 24 hours, he said.

Faddis has given much back to the city, said co-worker Shaun Rohrbach. Faddis has painted probably half of

the firehouses in San Diego, Rohrbach said, and he is also the president of the San Diego Firemen's Relief Association.

Chad Willenberg, a seven-year veteran of the SDFD, was trained by Faddis at the fire academy.

"He's been a great role model," Faddis

The two now teach firefighter survival at a national firefighting conference held annually in San Diego.

The SDFD is like a family, and Faddis will miss that aspect, said Beth Faddis, Daniel's wife of 33 years. The two plan to travel and spend time with their four sons and two grandchildren.

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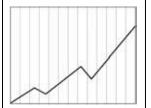
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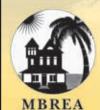
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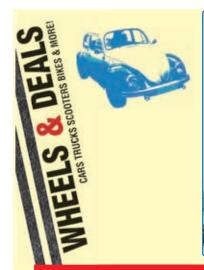
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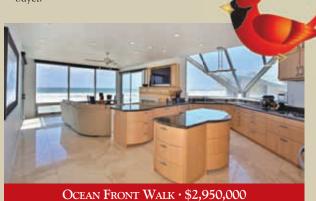
■ Great price for North PB. 3 Br 2 Ba 1430 esf home with hardwood floors, peak water views from patio, brick fireplace, wood beam ceilings, upgraded kitchen and 2 car garage & 2 car addtl parking. Gorgeous private backyard with Lanai patio, cookstation, spa hookups and mature fruit trees. Great for investor or 1st time



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