

# A quest for the title

Strikeforce welterweight challenger Evangelista "Cyborg" Santos said he enjoys the atmosphere in Pacific Beach as he prepares for his mixed martial arts world championship match against defending champion Nick Diaz on Jan. 29.

LEE CORNELL | Beach & Bay Press

## Fighter sets his sights on a world championship

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Professional mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter Evangelista "Cyborg" Santos moved to Pacific Beach six months ago from Brazil so he could train stateside before his upcoming Jan. 29 fight against defending welterweight champion Nick Diaz for the Strikeforce crown.

The showdown is expected to be a very important test for Santos, who has been fighting professionally for 15 years around the world, including in Japan and his native Brazil.

"I've been training a lot and I've asked God to help me out so the day of the fight I can use all the tools I have and show everyone (what I can do)," said Santos through his translator, Flavio Scorsato.

With a win, Santos and his wife, Cris Santos, would become the first married couple to hold simultaneous world championships in the sport. Cris owns the Strikeforce women's middleweight title. Evangelista said he would be very proud to hold the title at the same time as his wife.

"Some media here and in Brazil discriminate the sport as aggressive and violent, so a couple competing is something that's going to help make the sport grow," he said.

Santos has enjoyed his time in Pacific Beach since moving to the area last summer. In particular, he said he likes the weather and being so close to the beach. In Brazil,



Evangelista Santos hopes to make his mark by capturing the Strikeforce welterweight championship Jan. 29 in San Jose. LEE CORNELL | Beach & Bay Press

he lived 1,000 miles from the beach in a place where it's "always very hot."

Although he still needs a Portuguese translator to communicate in English, Santos feels he's learning the language a little bit more every day.

"I have a lot of people who can help me

out (with speaking the language)," he said. "But my main focus is fighting. I didn't come here to give any lectures."

Santos is an intimidating presence. His excellent physique is adorned with extensive tattoos. He said he got his first one when he was 12 years old and his mother was so angry she made him scrub it until it came off.

His displays of self-expression are important to him. Tattoos on his left side represent his "Cyborg" side, detailing an extensive robotic arm. He also has a tattoo of Mike Tyson on his stomach because he respects the boxer's fierceness. Santos has a tattoo of Che Guevara because he likes the revolutionary spirit he symbolizes.

"My mom thought tattoos were for thugs, but I grew up and proved that's not true," he said. "I just always liked them."

San Diego has a growing list of fighters who come to this training hotbed to compete in a sport that's rapidly increasing in popularity. Santos is trying to become the latest local to shine on the world stage.

The Santos vs. Diaz bout will be televised on Showtime Jan. 29 from the HP Pavilion Center in San Jose. Santos currently trains at The Arena MMA gym, located at 3350 Sports Arena Blvd.

Santos teaches classes at The Arena as well. For more information, call (619) 222-5554 or visit [www.thearena.mma.com](http://www.thearena.mma.com).



Jade Cabrera plays Dorothy and Whitney Snead portrays Toto. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Tandy

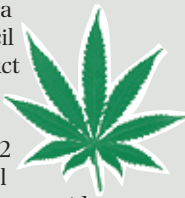
### Students a hit in 'Wizard of Oz'

A cast of 60 students provided two spirited performances of the "Wizard of Oz" on Jan. 15 in the Pacific Beach Middle School auditorium.

The Pacific Beach Middle School production — in association with the Missoula Children's Theater Company — included children from Pacific Beach Elementary School, Kate Sessions Elementary School, Crown Point Elementary School and Pacific Beach Middle School.

### Medical marijuana ordinance comes before commission

The San Diego Planning Commission is scheduled to hear recommendations to approve an amendment to the city's Medical Marijuana Ordinance today at 9 a.m. at City Council Chambers. The amendment would restrict medical marijuana dispensaries to industrial light zones, industrial small lot zones and community commercial-2 or -3 zones — which are commercial zones that do not allow residential use, said Stephen Hill, District 3 senior policy advisor.



Communities such as Pacific Beach experienced an influx of medical marijuana dispensaries in recent years until authorities conducted raids and the city established new guidelines regarding zoning for the dispensaries.

The City Council will make a final decision regarding the adoption of the amendment in the form of a vote, which has yet to be scheduled.

### Pump station work continues

City crews should start wrapping up storm water flood pump upgrades to the Santa Clara pump station near the end of May. Storm Water Department representative Bill Harris said. The pump draws storm water from around Mission Beach to prevent excessive flooding.

The Santa Clara station repairs, combined with approved pump upgrades near Hornblend Street and Grand Avenue, will cost the city approximately \$2 million alone, he said. The projects are part of a laundry list of city-wide storm drain improvements "not exclusive to the beach areas," he said.

"[There is] a lot of additional work that needs to get done as time and budget permits," Harris said. "We'll do everything we can to expedite that [Santa Clara] project."

— Sebastian Ruiz

### Booze ban now official at park

Members of the San Diego City Council voted unanimously Jan. 11 to approve the 24-hour alcohol ban at Kate O. Sessions Memorial Park in Pacific Beach. The council had approved the measure last year, but needed to vote one more time to officially adopt the ordinance. Neighbors, park-goers and members of some local civic groups sought the ban after stating they had witnessed an abundance of unruly behavior fueled by alcohol consumption at the park.



### Murder conviction overturned

An appeals court overturned the second-degree murder conviction of a Pacific Beach man stemming from the 2006 stabbing death of another man — based on judicial error. Michael David Sullivan, 31, will head back to court Jan. 28 for a possible settlement to avoid a retrial in the slaying of Jonathan Lefler-Panella, which occurred outside Sam's by the Sea restaurant Jan. 7, 2006, in Pacific Beach.

In 2010, the Fourth District Court of Appeals reversed the conviction, finding San Diego Superior Court Judge Frank Brown erred while conducting the trial.

Sullivan was sentenced to 16 years to life in prison and, while that sentence was reversed, he was never been released from custody. The case was sent back to Brown, who set a readiness conference for Jan. 28. Officially, the District Attorney's Office is set to retry Sullivan, but no trial date has been set.

— Neal Putnam

### ON THE STREET

## What's the craziest dish you've ever eaten?

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ

Asked of Pacific Beach pedestrians along Garnet Avenue on Jan. 9.



“Jellyfish soup at a Vietnamese wedding. There were more eyes in the food looking at you than [anything].”

**Steve Skinner**  
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“Frog legs are pretty crazy. Pretty good. Pretty simple.”

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## WHAT'S HIS STORY?

**NAME:** Mike Chase  
**OCCUPATION:** Owner, Kono's Coffee  
**RESIDENCE:** Pacific Beach



**HIS STORY:** Mike Chase, a Pacific Beach native and owner of Kono's Coffee, spends his days at the beach making coffee creations while taking in views of the ocean. He has owned the popular coffee stand located on the deck behind Kono's Cafe, 704 Garnet Ave., since 1999.

"I have the best job with the best view," Chase said.

The most surprising thing about Chase is that he does not have a coffee maker at home. His caffeine routine consists of drinking a double espresso every morning after he has arrived at work.

The shop only closes during heavy rains, which is not often.

Kono's Coffee is open every day – holidays included – even at times when Kono's Cafe is not open.

— Debbie Hatch

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

• **Muriel Denke**, who has been a kindergarten teacher at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Pacific Beach for 34 years, announced she plans to retire at the end of the school year to spend more time with her grandchildren and travel with her husband.

• **New officers and directors of the Mission Bay Real Estate Association** for 2011 who were installed on Jan. 11 are President Don Brown, First Vice President Mike Lawson, Sec-

ond Vice President Tom Chambers, Treasurer Bryan Hoffman and Secretary Joel Hawk. The past president is Brien Metcalf. Directors are Ensley Elsbach, Trenton Bonner, Carol Kaplan, James Carmody and Alex Rojas.

• **Elizabeth Podsiadlo, the "Singing Chef,"** will hold a spirited "Aphrodisiac Cooking Class" as a fundraiser for the Pacific Beach Woman's Club on Feb. 4. Cost is \$20 with early registration. Call Chef Elizabeth, (858) 547-8620.



New Pacific Beach Town Council officers for 2011 are (from left) President Joe Wilding, Vice President Jerry Hall, Secretary Michael McQuary and Treasurer Glenn Olson. See story on page 6.

PAUL HANSEN | Beach & Bay Press



Corey McCarley enjoys the sunshine and a bit of sidewalk surfing.

LEE CORNELL | Beach & Bay Press

## Here comes the sun

Nothing gets the boardwalk pumping like sunshine and warm temperatures — and that's what we've been getting for the better part of the month.

The business on and around the boardwalk has gotten a nice boost because of late starts to the second semester at local colleges. Without classes or exams to worry about, students have made their way seaside. There has also been a noticeable amount of European tourists. If you spend any time on the boardwalk, you will hear all kinds of different languages. But it's not just undergrads and vacationers who are piling onto the beach. Many local residents have been waiting a long time for this kind of weather after a terrible summer and a rainy December.

"I'm just out here enjoying the day, enjoying the weather and people watching," said local surf instructor Corey McCarley. "We have a lot of interesting characters down here and it's a chill environment."

McCarley said he's expecting a decent-size swell this weekend. The ocean currents tend to come from the north and move south this time of year, which means cold water. Beginners should be careful of the sizable sandbar out in front of Pacific Beach Drive about 50 yards off the shore where it gets shallow.

The Mission Beach Town Council installed some solar powered lighting devices along the boardwalk to make it more visible at night. So far I can't see anything wrong with it although I'm not sure it makes much of a difference. A sweep of all the sand, dirt and mud that piles up along the wall would certainly help to keep the boardwalk safe for riders and walkers.

By the way, dog owners can walk their pets on the boardwalk and beach anytime before 9 a.m. or after 4 p.m. After March 31, the time bumps up to 6 p.m.

» Read the full story at [www.BeachandBayPress.com](http://www.BeachandBayPress.com)

## REMEMBERWHEN

By JOHN FRY

The late Jack Minter took this iconic photo of Maynard's Club, at the foot of Garnet Avenue, for a 1972 article in *Easy Riders* magazine titled "Death Of A Biker Bar." He called the shot "Sunday Morning." Maynard's featured Spaghetti Night, Taco Night and — on Sunday morning — Spanish omelets. Bikers mingled with beach folks at the popular watering hole. Underage diners could order their food from a window on Ocean Boulevard, which at that time was an auto thoroughfare.

John Fry is an "almost" native San Diegan who moved to Mission Beach in 1967 after graduating from San Diego State, then to Pacific Beach in 1970. He has lived in the same house on Haines Street since 1972. In 1979, he and the late Howard Rozelle founded the Pacific Beach Historical Society. See "John's Now & Then" column at [beachandbaypress.com](http://beachandbaypress.com) and click on Opinion. Contact John at (858) 272-6655 or mail@johnfry.com.



Maynard's Club, 1972.

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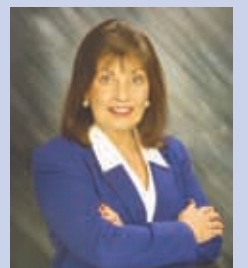


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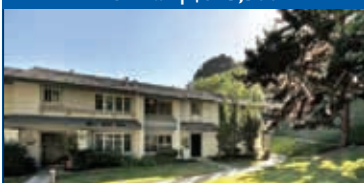
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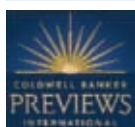


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Standing paddleboarders enjoy the waters of Mission Bay during the annual Hanohano Huki Ocean Challenge. Hundreds of paddlers of every type will take to the water at this year's Ocean Challenge on Jan. 29. COURTESY PHOTO

## Ocean Challenge draws competitors from far and wide

By MITCH BRUCKER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The water off Pacific Beach and Mission Bay will be turned into three separate race courses for hundreds of paddlers on surf skis, canoes, kayaks and paddleboards as the 15th Annual Hanohano Huki Ocean Challenge gets underway Jan. 29.

A long course off the Crystal Pier, a short course set-up inside Mission Bay and an "Under 12 Course" measuring 1,000 meters will give a wide variety of participants an opportunity to compete. The 9-mile open-ocean course is the usual showcase for the competitive athletes and olympians who participate in the Hanohano Huki Ocean Challenge every year. The short course is 4.75 miles long and is situated inside

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the relative tranquility of Mission Bay, as is the "Under 12" 100-meter race.

Dan Van Dyke, director of the race since 1996, has made the race open to any kind of craft.

"I try to include sports as they evolve and develop," he said. "The OC-1 and OC-2 [one-man and two-man outrigger canoe] were a part of the race in the beginning, but as standup paddleboards came on about six years ago,

they were included."

The kayaks and traditional paddleboards add dimension to the race and broaden the appeal to the widest array of participants.

"Before standup paddleboards were popular, we had one guy show up with his windsurf board and a paddle. We even had a rower compete in a traditional scull," Van Dyke said.

Van Dyke encourages everyone to participate and holds same-day registration in keeping with that policy. The cost for registration is \$20, and can be done online at [www.hanohano.org](http://www.hanohano.org).

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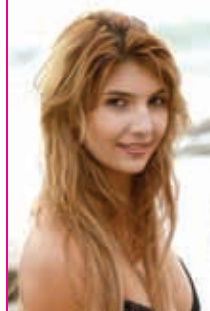
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CIVICMEETING REPORTS

By LEE CORNELL

Mission Beach Precise Planning Board, Jan. 18

Mission Beach Precise Planning Board (MBPPB) Chairwoman Debbie Watkins said the board is looking to fill vacant representative seats. Interested candidates must be at least 18 years old, live or own property in Mission Beach, or own or manage a local business with a business address in the area.

"The primary purpose of the board is to advise the city of San Diego in the review of building plans and other zoning and code issues in Mission Beach," Watkins said. "Members must be willing to donate approximately three to six hours a month to prepare for and attend board meetings."

To receive nomination consideration, applicants must attend the board meeting Feb. 15 at the community room in Belmont Park at 7 p.m. (see the notice on this page for more details)

- Watkins announced that District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer has invited members of the board to a meeting Jan. 26 to discuss the prospect of the city selling display space on lifeguard towers, lifeguard surf boards and other city-owned property to raise money for the city.

- The board gave its blessing to a budget proposal from the Park and Recreation Department. Several empty tree wells will be getting new trees along Mission Boulevard and damaged tree wells will be repaired under the budget proposal.

- City of San Diego Senior Civil Engineer Steve Lindsay announced plans for a sewer pipe replacement project in Mission Beach over the coming months. Work in several alleys is expected to start in mid-February.

**MBPPB meetings are held the third Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the community room in Belmont Park. The next one is set for Feb. 15.

Mission Beach Town Council, Jan. 12

The Mission Beach Town Council (MBTC) held its first meeting of the year Jan. 12. Significant changes to the board included new president Bob Ruane, who conducted his first meeting since taking over.

"I'm happy to take over the role as president," said Ruane, who previously served on the board for four years. "I'm excited and I hope we can get people more

involved and make positive changes to the area."

In another board change, newcomer Betty Jean Lundquist stepped in at the secretary role. Staying in their respective positions from last year are Vice President Jasmine Kung, Treasurer Scott Morrison and Membership Director Jill Lester. Morrison opened the meeting saying the current membership fundraiser drive raised more than \$5,000 and the MBTC now has a balance of more than \$8,000 in its account.

- Ruane has opened a Facebook page for the MBTC, which he hopes will increase involvement in the community through social networking.

- Senior public information officer Jennifer Nichols Kearns with the city's Transportation and Storm Water Department spoke about the status of the ongoing water pump situation in Mission Beach. As many locals are aware, several pumps broke down last year and temporary pumps had to be installed for the rainy winter. Repair of several permanent pumps is ongoing with a current completion target date now set for October, she said. The water pump located at the bottom of Pacific Beach Drive has been fixed, she said.

- A representative from the Mission Beach Woman's Club requested that green mesh be re-installed around the pump station located at Santa Clara Place. A motion was passed to send the MBTC's support for the request because the construction site filled with tools is an "unsightly view" for the club, which is across the street and regularly hosts weddings and parties.

- Neighborhood Watch members reported that 21 residential burglaries took place in Mission Beach over the last three months as opposed to 24 during the summer. Vehicle break-ins have been on the rise with 34 incidents over the past three months, compared to 21 the previous three months.

- An architect representing Belmont Park presented plans for two proposed new rides for the park. The park wants to move and expand its rock climbing walls and add a zip line ride. Belmont Park is currently operating under a 60-day extension after filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in November. A court hearing on Feb. 11 is expected to bring more answers about the future of Belmont Park.

**MBTC meetings take place the second Wednesday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the community room in Belmont Park. The next one is set for Feb. 9.

PBTC holds 60th annual installation

The Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) celebrated community achievements and installed officers at its 60th annual installation reception Jan. 15 at the Soledad Club. The PBTC announced Rose Creek Cottage caretaker Mark Johnston as honorary mayor of Pacific Beach.

"It's a huge honor, [however] it's really an honor for all the volunteers who've helped keep the Rose Creek Cottage up while preserving a valuable piece of Pacific Beach history," Johnston said.

Johnston and a host of Town Council volunteers put on Pacific Beach Summer Concerts on the Green at Kate Sessions Park. The concerts are held Sundays during the summer.

Among those honored at the special event were Mission Bay High School student volunteers Kelly Tran and Sasha Helton. Tran, president of the Mission Bay High School Key Club, and Helton, president of the InterACT student

organization, thought they were attending the event to work, but were recognized alongside Pacific Beach movers and shakers instead.

"I was expecting to come sell tickets," Helton said.

Newly-installed PBTC officers for 2011 are President Joe Wilding, Vice President Jerry Hall, Secretary Michael McQuary and Treasurer Glenn Olson. The PBTC board of directors are Nini Balisteri, Chip Bonghi, Gregory Daunoras, Alan Harris, Cathie Jolley, Richard Kiser, Susan Lowary, Adam Meyer, Jeffrey Montez, Edward Reay, Marcia Zeddies and Grant Williams.

— Sebastian Ruiz



Mark Johnston

Local planning groups seek candidates

PB Planning Group

The Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPB) is seeking candidates for its annual elections to be held March 23, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Library. The PBPB is composed of 20 volunteers elected to represent the residential and commercial areas of Pacific Beach and to advise the city on new development projects, parking, traffic, future planning and other issues related to the Pacific Beach Community Plan. Candidates must be residents or business owners/operators in Pacific Beach and must have attended one PBPB meeting prior to being elected. PBPB meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacific Beach Library (next meeting is Jan. 26). For more information and candidate forms, visit [www.pbplanning.org](http://www.pbplanning.org) or call Marcie Beckett at (858) 483-8908. Applications are due by March 9.

MB Precise Planning Board

The Mission Beach Precise Planning Board is holding elections in March to fill vacant seats for representatives from the community in the following

areas: Area 1, between San Diego Place and the south side of Capistrano Place; Area 2, between the north side of Capistrano Place and the south side of West Mission Bay Drive and Ventura Place; Area 3, between the north side of West Mission Bay Drive and the south side of El Carmel Place; Area 4, between the north side of El Carmel Place and the south side of San Jose Place; and Area V, between the north side of San Jose Place and the south side of Pacific Beach Drive.

Bylaws require eligible candidates to attend at least one meeting in the year before the election. Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years of age and affiliated with the community as a property owner, resident whose primary residence is an address in the community planning area, or local business person who is a local business or not-for-profit owner, operator, manager or designee at a non-residential real property address in the community planning area.

The board meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Belmont Community Room. Interested eligible candidates can attend the Feb. 15 board meeting. For more information, call (858) 344-1684.

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## Retail »therapy

# Who's wearing what and where on Garnet Avenue

By HOLLY LAUREN BEEDLE

The Pacific Beach San Diegan's lifestyle is inspired by color, comfort and mobility. Here are a few fashion trends you may want to try this month: bright-colored knits, a rockin' pair of Ray Bans, distressed and nature-inspired accessories, athletic gear and a skateboard.

—Holly Lauren Beedle has designed for New York City luxury brands and has worked for Isaac Mizrahi, Bettie Muller, Coach, Macy's Inc. and New York & Company.



Keith Navarro (from left), Myles Ratliff and Jeffrey Dolphin enjoy eating JV's surf and turf burritos and a view of the Pacific Ocean while sitting on a park bench in front of Tower 23 in Pacific Beach.



Alex Gomez wears a cozy Polo RL yellow scarf and blue cardigan on a chilly Southern Californian morning. The primary pop colors brighten up his casual grunge clothing style and morning as he sets out for brunch on Garnet Avenue.



Murilo Cretucci and Guilherme Silva sport fresh skater duds, including a plaid winter flannel, hoodie and graphic painted skateboards as they cruise Garnet Avenue.



Lily Platt of Los Angeles looks brainy and beautiful in her Ray Ban Wayfarer glasses, a nautical blue-striped top and leather accessories. She loves her worn-in Steve Madden leather laced boots and admits their distressed look is natural wear and tear from wearing them everywhere.

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
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Detached properties did not experience the same increase in sales and median price in the fourth quarter. From November to December of 2010, sold listings were almost exactly the same, but they sold much quicker, an average of 57 days on the market in December and 78 days on the market in November.



overall in the last quarter. However, the number of sales in the beach area peaked in November as opposed to the county overall, which peaked in December. There was little change to the region's median sales price from November to December, while the 2010 median sales price was 8 percent higher than in 2009. In contrast, in 92109 the median sales prices in 2010 decreased from 2009: 1 percent for detached homes and 16 percent for attached homes.

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# Education notebook

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• **Pacific Beach Middle will host its annual Math and Science Night tonight**, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. in the Media Center. The Math Department will have fun, fast-paced games for students and parents to play. Science teachers will feature their hands-on, student-produced projects which the children have completed so far this school year. The STARLAB planetarium will be a highlight of the evening. This enormous, inflatable planetarium will let students see a clear night sky – indoors.

• **Mission Bay High School (MBHS) will receive nearly \$40,000 for technology to enhance its graphic/web site design program**, thanks to the Jimmie Johnson Foundation and its sponsor Lowes. Jimmie Johnson, an El Cajon native and winner of five straight NASCAR championships, gave nearly \$420,000 to programs in and around San Diego. MBHS will purchase state-of-the-art computers and software, and upgrading its coursework in the fields of website design and communications with the funds. Johnson hosts a charity golf tournament, dinner and auction in San Diego County to benefit his foundation each year.

• **On Friday, Feb. 4, Pacific Beach Middle School (PBMS) will inaugurate its school spelling bee.** Fifty-one seventh- and eighth-grade students will compete for the opportunity to represent PBMS at the San Diego County Spelling Bee. The county winner will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in the televised Scripps National Spelling Bee. These 51 students have been chosen as the best spellers in their classrooms, and earned the right to compete in the schoolwide bee. Parents and the public are invited to attend the Pacific Beach Middle School Spelling Bee at the PBMS auditorium Feb. 4 at 8 a.m.

# Mission Bay High breaks new ground in education

By MITCH BRUCKER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

In a reversal of national trends for cutbacks and contraction in education, Mission Bay High School (MBHS) has successfully obtained millions in additional funding as one of the few high schools in the San Diego Unified School District under the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum.

In addition, because of the grant funds, now grades 9 and 10 will become part of the IB Programme, thus enabling a continuation all the way from kindergarten through 12th grade in the Mission Bay High cluster of schools. This is unprecedented in San Diego County.

"Our focus is that every child will be able to take an IB course at Mission Bay and that students can complete classes in the IB career certificate program as well as the diploma classes," said MBHS Principal Fred Hilgers.

The funds will be distributed over a three-year period, allowing for augmentation of the class curriculum, additional staff training, facility improvements and new technology in the classrooms.

"The IB system encourages more high-level thinking skills," said Hilgers when asked about the biggest distinction between the IB curriculum and standard state education. "You don't just do, do, do. You have to think about why and how. There is more discussion and the auxiliary material is different from the state material."

Mission Bay has made inroads into advanced educational opportunities since its designation as a magnet school in the 1990s. Over the last five years the emphasis has shifted



**Mission Bay High School (MBHS)** is receiving funding for its International Baccalaureate curriculum. In addition, the MBHS library, seen here, is having all of its computers upgraded and the new Promethean White Boards added, thanks to the school's winning application for grant funding.  
MITCH BRUCKER | Beach & Bay Press

toward the IB Programme.

There are 1,219 IB World Schools in the United States offering one or more of the three IB programs. Of these, 250 schools offer the Primary Years program, 416 schools offer the Middle Years program and 717 schools offer the Diploma Programme. The first school was authorized in 1971.

The IB Diploma Programme is designed as an academically-challenging and balanced program of education with final examinations that prepare students for success at the university level. Many of the

classes and the diploma program itself are treated as college level courses where course work is credited to a college applicant's record. The IB program not only provides upper level course work to upper 11th and 12th graders at Mission Bay, but will also provide new educational opportunities to ninth and 10th graders as the curriculum allows students in each grade to pursue in-depth studies in a wide variety of subjects from marine biology to engineering to languages and art.

"The classes and the process allow students to engage in a world lan-

guage regardless of the subject, and this dovetails with the entire movement of the UC systems," Hilgers said.

The IB Programme appears to be providing staff and administrators with a much-needed forum to interact with leading instructors all over the world and to obtain rigorous training from throughout the region. Hilgers said that staff training is one of the bigger expenses associated with the program, but in an era of lower academic achievement across the United States, the IB Diploma Programme is offering some real solutions.

IB Diploma Programme students study six courses at higher level or standard level. Students must choose one subject from each of groups 1 to 5, thus ensuring breadth of experience in languages, social studies, the experimental sciences and mathematics. The sixth subject may be an arts subject chosen from group 6, or the student may choose another subject from groups 1 to 5. In addition, the program has three core requirements that are included to broaden the educational experience and challenge students to apply their knowledge and understanding. There is also a community service component that increases students' respect and participation in the community around them.

In the near future, Mission Bay plans to hold a Cluster Festival in which parents and community members can come to find out about how this program is vitalizing not only Mission Bay, but Pacific Beach Middle School and the four local elementary schools: Kate Sessions Elementary, Pacific Beach Elementary, Bayview Terrace Elementary and Crown Point Elementary.

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# MBHS senior serves team – and possibly her country

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The girls on the Mission Bay High School water polo team want their fourth-straight league championship in what is already proving to be a banner year. The numbers back their swagger. The Bucs are not only riding an 11-3 start, a program-best in the last five years, but they are also unbeatable in league.

“One of the things that we are most proud of is the fact that, in the last three years, we’ve won 17 league games consecutively,” said coach Troy Merkel.

Count senior captain Nayeli Davila as a big reason why.

“She’s been fun to rely on,” Merkel said. “We’ve been through the good, the bad and everything in between. She’s helped everyone become a better player.”

Merkel got a sneak peak of Davila’s talents from her two older brothers, Juan and Jose, who played for Merkel as well. Davila’s oldest brother, Obed, graduated the year Merkel arrived.

“It was exciting to know that she was coming in,” Merkel said.

Davila shared Merkel’s excitement, as she was eager to follow in her brothers’ footsteps.

“I’ve always looked up to them, so when they started playing sports, I wanted to,” Davila said. “When I started playing water polo, I played with them — all guys — so they taught me how to be rough.”

Despite being the youngest of four, Davila is a natural leader. She motivates her teammates to do their best, is a leader in the classroom and is also part of Mission Bay’s Link crew.

“It’s where a bunch of upper classmen meet the freshmen the first day and show them around school, and if they need any help, they come to you,” Davila said. “My brothers did it their senior years, so I decided to give it a shot. I know it’s hard to be a freshman, so I figured I’d help them ‘link’ in the right way.”

There’s no doubt Davila’s leadership path will be amplified in the fall.

“I got an offer from Virginia Military Institute to play water polo for them,” Davila said. “And right now I am in the process of accepting the partial scholarship.”

Davila is the first to say the military route is one she thought wouldn’t include her, but a scholarship offer changed that. The school trains students for all branches of the military,



Senior Mission Bay High School water polo team captain Nayeli Davila is one reason why the team has started the season with an 11-3 record. AMBERLY DRESSLER | Beach & Bay Press

with officer commission an option after graduation. The Navy and the Air Force interest Davila most.

Coach Merkel said he takes pride in Davila’s accomplishments.

“She’s being looked at right now by colleges that are Division I, which is exciting,” Merkel said. “To have an athlete who is being looked at by Division I is always rewarding as a coach.”

Davila dishes back the compliments about her coach.

“I’ve learned many things from Troy,” Davila said. “How to defend more, how to have heart, how to play. He loves the sport. He has heart for this sport and that has rubbed off on me. I really love the sport too. He is just a great coach.”

Under Merkel, the Bucs boast a 62-44 record and one of the most athletic squads to grace the Clairemont Pool, which is where they play.

Merkel hopes his talented team earns

the highest seed possible for CIF playoffs.

“My goal is to also advance the underclassmen and just, hopefully, build this team and its knowledge of the game in the years to come,” Merkel said.

He is making adjustments along the way to do so.

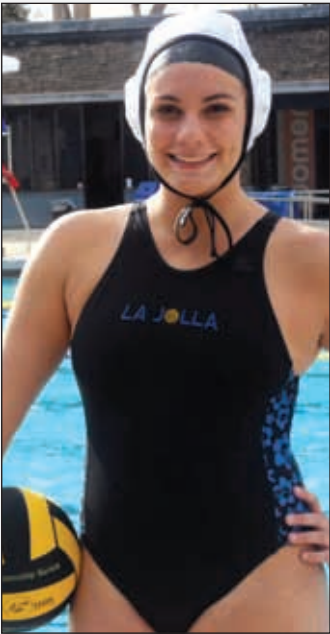
“Right now, we found success in rotating our goalies,” Merkel said. “One is Nikki Zanchetta and [and another is] Whitney Winchester. They support each other and they don’t want to let the team down. They both have strengths that apply to this game.”

Also, the cliché of practicing like you play doesn’t apply to the Lady Bucs. Merkel, as well as junior Rachel Lobato, state practices are pretty relaxed, but the team’s competitive edge comes out in matches.

“Well, you almost don’t fix it unless it’s broken,” Merkel said. “Whatever is working right now, we are going with it.”

## PLAYER TO WATCH

# Rachel Lobato: a force in the pool and in the classroom



Junior Rachel Lobato is an aggressive, knowledgeable water polo player for Mission Bay High. AMBERLY DRESSLER | Beach & Bay Press

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Mission Bay High School junior water polo player Rachel Lobato makes a splash in and out of the pool. As a 2010 all-league first-team honoree, Lobato’s performance in the water merits attention.

“Our returner, Rachel Lobato, is a standout player who colleges should be aware of,” said coach Troy Merkel. “She’s very talented and has great instinct. Not only is she aggressive, but she is very knowledgeable.”

Lobato, whose college plans remain open, is also a star in the classroom. Lobato joined Mission Bay’s prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Programme.

The IB program offers a higher level of learning, which includes an advanced curriculum, community service and other requirements.

“I’ve always been pretty good at academics, so I wanted the rigor of it and the difficulty and challenges it places me in,” Lobato said. “It’s something that will also

help me with college entrances. It’s almost like you’ve taken a whole year of college, so you can enter as a sophomore at certain colleges. And, if I can take a year off, it will be less money.”

Lobato said she wouldn’t mind seeing her water polo experience pay off in college too.

“I think it would be really fun to play in college,” Lobato said. “But, I don’t really know where to start when it comes to thinking about where I want to go. I think somewhere in California, but I don’t think in San Diego. I want to branch out somewhere else.”

While Lobato’s athletics and academics combine for an ideal recruit, she’s focusing on one season at a time.

“I want us to win league, and I want us to get into CIF at a really high seed,” Lobato said. “I don’t think it’s ever happened at Mission Bay. I also want us to get to the second round of CIF, which would be a first too. We were so close last year, but lost by one.”



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