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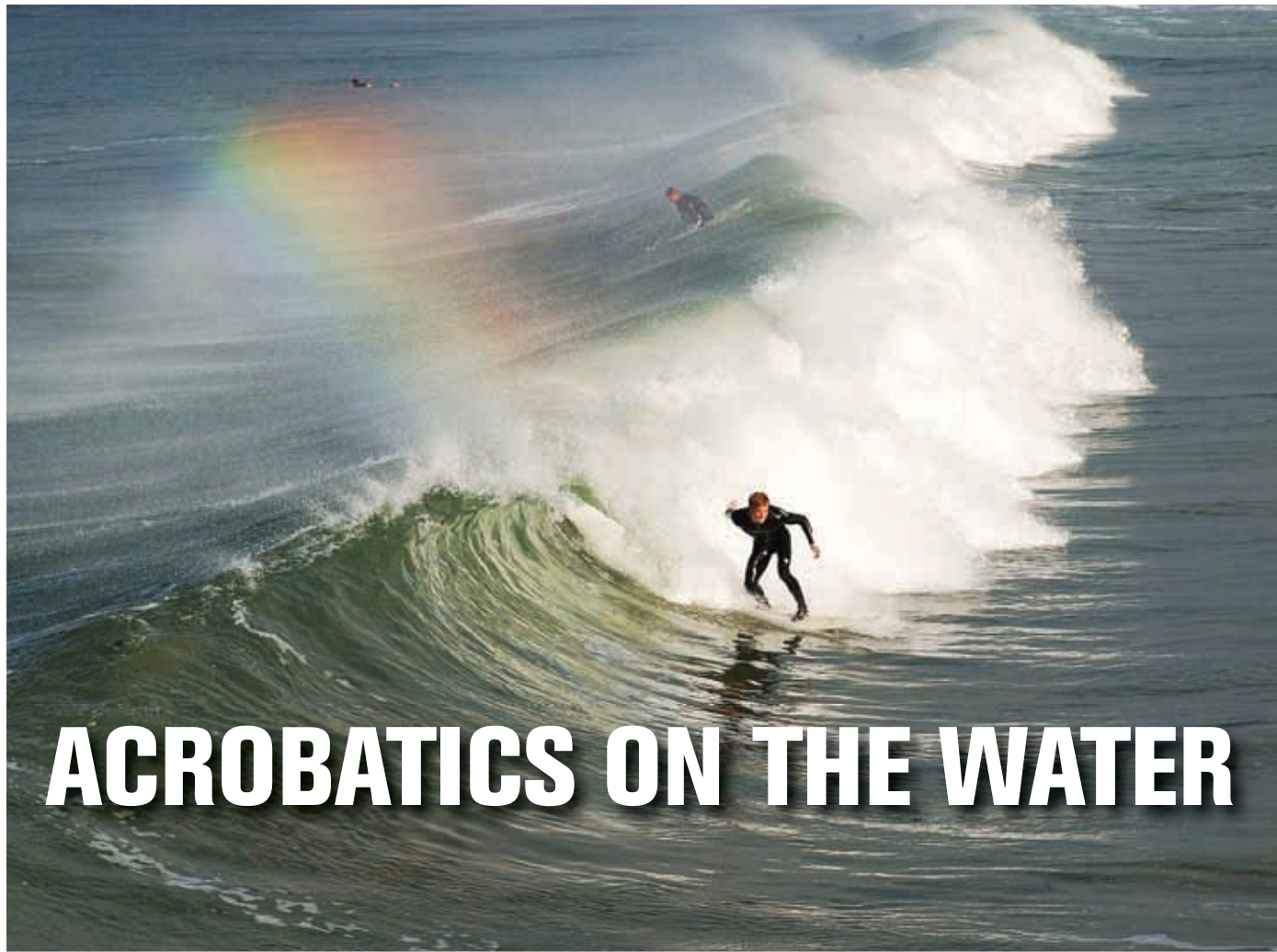


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Photos by Jim Grant | Beach & Bay Press



Lt. Paul Rorrison has taken over the public relations interface previously handled by Lt. Jim Filley at the police department's Northern Division, which includes Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla. Photo by Mariko Lamb | Beach & Bay Press

The new face of public relations at Northern Division

Paul Rorrison assumes duties from Jim Filley

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Lt. Paul Rorrison has joined the top tiers of the San Diego Police Department's (SDPD) Northern Division, a vast coastal territory serving diverse neighborhoods like Mission Beach, Pacific Beach, La Jolla and Torrey Pines.

On July 9, Rorrison replaced Lt. Jim Filley, who has been reassigned to the police department's Economics Fraud Unit, which handles fraud, forgery, elder abuse, identity theft and Internet crimes.

Rorrison, a Southern California native, began his extensive 24-year career with the SDPD as a patrol officer for the central and western divisions. In 1996, he was promoted to investigative detective, covering various narcotics, domestic violence, homicide and intelligence assignments over the course of 10 years.

In 2006, he became a sergeant, returning to the Central Division as a patrol supervisor. Prior to his move to the Northern Division this year, Rorrison served as a detective sergeant in Central Investigations and Internal Affairs, where he investigated complaints against officers and procedures.

Despite being the new kid on the block, Rorrison said he is at home among familiar faces in the division.

Earlier in his career, Rorrison patrolled with several members on the management team, including Capt. Al Guaderrama, who heads the Northern Division.

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New taxi stands roll into PB to help partiers

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach Shore Club owner Billy Ramirez and the Ale House have teamed up to bring three new taxi stands to Pacific Beach.

Ramirez said a surge of activity where Grand Avenue meets the boardwalk prompted him to look into giving patrons a more reasonable option to hail a cab. Previously, bar and restaurant-goers were forced to fend for themselves to get a safe ride home, usually after consuming a little too much alcohol.

"If people have a couple drinks they shouldn't be driving," Ramirez said. "We want people to come down, enjoy PB, go out, enjoy the community but we want people to get home safe so they can come back again."

The Shore Club and the Ale House

split the \$500 it cost to set up the stands at the bottom of Grand Avenue. They also got some help from Discover PB in negotiating a deal with the city's Transit Department to secure the taxi stands. It will be the city's responsibility to maintain the two parking spaces from this point on.

Two of the spots in front of the Shore Club were created by converting a loading and unloading zone and the other in front of the Ale House was previously a regular parking spot. Ramirez pointed out that residents and visitors will still be able to use that parking spot until 10 p.m., when it becomes a taxi-only destination until the early hours of the morning.

The activity level where Grand Avenue meets the beach has gone up in recent years with the increasing popu-

larity of the Shore Club, the Ale House and the Fire House, which is located across the street.

"In the last four years, this area has picked up a lot of energy with us coming in, the Fire House coming in and the Ale House as well," Ramirez said. "We thought with the volume of business it was definitely necessary, and felt there was room for it."

Ramirez said the added option for public transportation is a win-win situation for everyone and that he expects more establishments to look into adding nightly taxi-only parking in different areas of Pacific Beach.

"I know a few of the other restaurants are approaching (the city) to get them done," Ramirez said. "I think Miller's Field has taken an interest in getting one done and Bar West, too."



Taxi cabs have a new home in Pacific Beach for tipsy patrons, thanks to the Pacific Beach Shore Club and the Ale House. Other merchants are considering taxi-cab stands for customers who imbibe a little too much and don't want to risk driving. Photo by Paul Hansen | Beach & Bay Press



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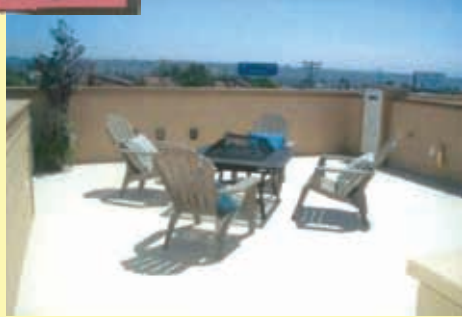
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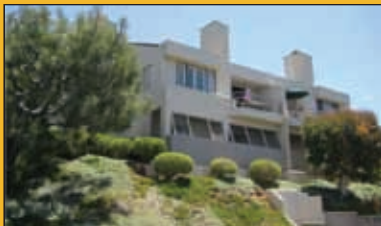


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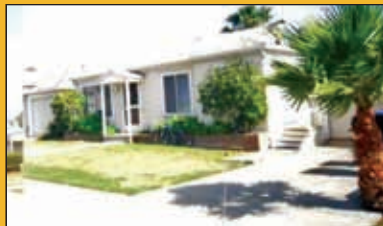


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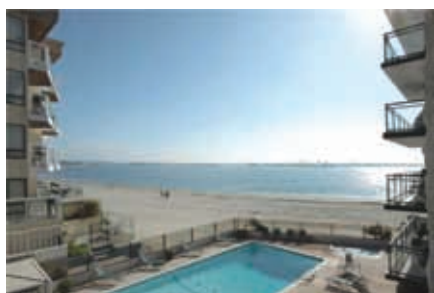


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Operational groundrules for the city's medical marijuana dispensaries are again in limbo after the City Council repealed the ordinance it adopted just four months ago.

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Medical pot dispensary rules remain in flux in PB

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Operational groundrules for medical marijuana dispensaries in Pacific Beach and Mission Beach continue to be smoky after the San Diego City Council voted 6-2 on July 25 to repeal its four-month-old ordinance rather than put the measure before voters — a move that might have cost the city almost \$1 million in election and printing costs.

Council President Tony Young and Councilmember Marti Emerald said that since a successful petition drive brought in enough valid signatures to place the issue on a citywide ballot, voters should be given the choice to decide the matter, regardless of the cost.

Councilman David Alvarez made a motion to repeal the ordinance, a call seconded by District 1 City Councilwoman Sherri Lightner. Also voting in favor were District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer and councilmembers Todd Gloria, Carl DeMaio and Lori Zapf.

"This will not be the end to this topic.

But the issue of the dollar amount — almost a million dollars potentially that could be spent — weighs heavily on my decision today," said Faulconer.

With the repeal, medical marijuana dispensaries will again go unregulated in terms of how collectives can operate. Many supporters of medical marijuana helped collect signatures for the ordinance's repeal. The City Clerk's Office and the county Registrar of Voters Office determined there were 31,029 valid signatures collected, or about five percent of registered voters.

Before being reversed Monday, the regulations basically put most medical marijuana firms out of business because they had to be only located in light-industrial zones and each one had to go through a long police-approved conditional-use permit process.

Under the repealed ordinance, dispensaries could not be located within 600 feet of schools, parks, libraries and churches, and had to be operated as nonprofit entities.

"Clearly, people do not support this ordinance," said Alvarez. "I hope we can enact an ordinance that is fair to all people impacted by this."

Other councilmembers were unsure. "I'm not sure what a [possible city-wide election] would tell us," said Lightner. "It would be like sending \$1 million up in smoke."

Councilmembers said that while some people signed petitions because the regulations appeared too strict, others felt the old ordinance didn't go far enough.

Rudy Reyes, who was severely burned in 2003 in the Cedar wildfire, speaks often about the benefits of medical marijuana to control pain.

"If you decide to put it on the 2012 election ballot, you're going to waste a bunch of money," Reyes told the council.

Many speakers talked about the pros and cons of medical marijuana itself, and Young had to remind them to tailor their remarks about whether the council should repeal the measure or put it on the ballot.

RORRISON

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sion. Rorrison has also worked with the Northern Division's team to supervise the Fourth of July holiday festivities along the coast during the last five years.

"We've all worked together before, and we're glad to be back together," Rorrison said. "The plus is that I come into a new assignment, but I come in with people that I know. We have a police department family, but Northern Division is another family on its own."

Rorrison said the team members feed off of each others' known skills and areas of expertise.

"If somebody else has more of an understanding of a certain skill set than the other person, we're not afraid to explore those options and take that input into our plans that we're going forward with," he said.

Rorrison said he and his team at the Northern Division are focused on being accessible to the communities they serve, determining the distinct quality-of-life issues that are unique to each neighborhood and protecting public safety in all the neighborhoods through effective law enforcement.

"We are trying to do a fresh approach as far as being accessible to the community, to improve their life and help them with any issues that they have," Rorrison said. "Our main concern is public safety and law enforcement, but this division is

unique in that we do deal with members of the communities on a regular basis."

Rorrison emphasized the importance of getting to know each community and its distinct concerns. He has already attended meetings of the Pacific Beach and Mission Beach town councils and the Bird Rock Community Council, and is scheduled to attend community meetings in La Jolla in the near future.

"My calendar is full usually every week going to the different groups to meet with the people who are involved with these core issues that affect their community," Rorrison said. "They get to see me and talk to me one-on-one."

The Northern Division covers a vast area, serving a population of 218,056 people spanning nearly 42 square miles. Within the division, there are 12 distinct neighborhoods, each with varied and ever-changing concerns, priorities and needs from the SDPD.

"It's a new challenge in each different area," he said. "Every place is unique in what they want and what they expect from the police department. We're here to facilitate that and do what we can to provide the best service."

"I love my job," he said. "I love the community where I work. I love this place. It's nice to come to work that you really enjoy."

To contact Rorrison, call (858) 552-1700, or visit www.sandiego.gov/police/neighborhood/northern.shtml. To report non-emergencies, call (619) 531-2000.

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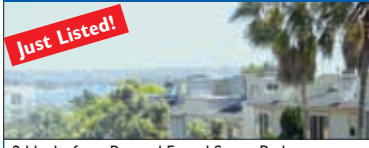
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Singer Candye Kane and pianist Sue Palmer – local blues icons – will be appearing at the annual Concerts on the Green series Aug. 7 at 4 p.m. The women have worked together often over the years. Their latest album, “One Night in Belgium,” was recorded on tour during a 1999 European road trip. While their own projects are certainly worthwhile, there is a special spark evident in the music when the two

team up. Masters at blues, jazz, torch songs and even honky tonk rock 'n' roll, Kane's powerful vocals perfectly match Palmer's virtuoso keys. With a huge set list featuring everything from standards ("Cry Me A River") to rootsier material ("Give Me A Pig-foot and a Bottle of Beer"), this concert promises to offer up something for just about everyone.

– Bart Mendoza



CANDYE KANE

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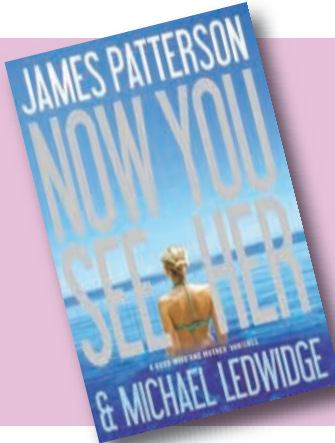
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PACIFIC BEACH HISTORY: 28 YEARS AGO

Farnum's demise triggered by low enrollment

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

It was 28 years ago in June that Martha Farnum Elementary School at 4275 Cass St., the present site of the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, closed. The school was shuttered after serving the Pacific Beach area for 30 years — its demise triggered by low enrollment.

The reason for the low enrollment was a decrease in the number of elementary school-age children in the area, which also included five elementary schools at Bayview Terrace, Crown Point, Kate Sessions and Pacific Beach elementaries.

The process of closing Farnum did not occur overnight, but instead began in early 1980. According to a published report from Feb. 29, 1980, the San Diego Unified School District conducted a study to find out what school closures would be financially beneficial to the school district. A Palo Alto consulting firm was paid \$25,000 to create the list of schools, the end result being 21 elementary schools and three junior high schools. The list was divided into first- and second-priority schools. Farnum was placed on the second-priority list.

In stark contrast to the demographics in the Pacific Beach area during the early 1980s, the early 1950s told a much different story, when Farnum was hastily approved and opened to serve the increasing number of families who had moved to Pacific Beach during the post-World War II period on the site of what was then the Deluxe Trailer Park.

A published report from Nov. 29, 1953 described Farnum's opening as a way to relieve crowded conditions in other Pacific Beach elementary schools. Bayview Terrace, Crown Point, Kate Sessions and Mission Beach Elementary (closed before Farnum) were also opened at the same time.

Farnum was named in honor of a former city schools teacher, principal and assistant superintendent of schools who had passed away in August 1952. The article also outlined Farnum's original boundaries as Mission Bay and San Rafael Place to the south, the Pacific Ocean to the west, Chalcedony Street to the north and Fanuel/Gresham streets to the east.

The physical layout of the school was Cass Street to the west, Dawes Street to the east, Reed Street to the south and Thomas Street to the north. The entrance was located on the west side between Reed and Thomas streets, while the play-



Martha Farnum Elementary School was shuttered 28 years ago in Pacific Beach because of the dwindling elementary school-age population at the time. It served the area for 30 years. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library now stands at the spot, 4275 Cass St. Courtesy photo

ground took up the entire eastern half of the property and was fenced off from the streets. Directly east of the entrance was a courtyard and flagpole. An auditorium and cafeteria were located on the northwest side. The classrooms were located east of the flagpole, auditorium and cafeteria, facing the middle of the school with three additional classrooms located on the Thomas Street side.

Pacific Beach resident Charles Lazzaro worked as Farnum's principal between 1975 and 1979 remembered the school fondly.

"I liked working there," Lazzaro said. "It was my favorite school of the four schools where I served as I principal because it was in my neighborhood and it had a 'gifted' program, which was good."

Lazzaro also established a variety of student programs and activities during his tenure, which included an art show, a track meet, a good citizenship award and a student council featuring the election of a student president.

As the outgoing principal just before Farnum was placed on the list of possible school closures, Lazzaro sheds more light on why it was closed.

"I know that it came down to us or Crown Point Elementary, where only one school would remain open. Crown Point was chosen over us because they could expand. Our

school was maxed out and limited by the streets around us," Lazzaro said.

Another Pacific Beach resident, Rosalie Martin, attended Farnum from 1968 through 1975 in kindergarten through sixth grade.

"Farnum was great," Martin said. "I loved the school and my teachers were all so wonderful and so were the kids. Most of them, anyways."

Martin also recalls when the PTA hosted an annual Halloween carnival at the school.

"The carnival was a way to keep the kids in a safe area during Halloween and included a safe area where we could go trick-or-treating," Martin said.

Although Farnum was in a residential area, the streets around it could be dangerous, she said. Prior to 2000, there was no stop sign at the intersection of Thomas and Cass streets near the west entrance.

After Farnum closed in 1983, Mission Bay Montessori temporarily moved on to the property for two years until it moved to its present location in University City in the summer of 1985.

Between 1985 and 1996, the old Farnum property was vacant until construction began on the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library.

The library was completed and opened on April 26, 1997.

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CHARLES LAZZARO

Martha Farnum Elementary School principal from 1975-79

Looking ahead

Beach- and bay-area event highlights from Aug. 10 through Oct. 23

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 10

The **Pacific Beach Town Council** will host its **monthly Sundowner Mixer** to bring together merchants, residents and community organizers. The event takes place at Renew Integrative Health Center, 2206 Balboa Ave. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost of the event is \$5. For more information, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.



SATURDAY, Aug. 27

Paula Paige Mowbray, the new director of music at Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, and her band **Resurrection** will host a two-concert benefit event for

the victims of the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The concert will feature soul-searching music from Bach to bluegrass in two concerts that take place at 7 and 9:30 p.m. Mowbray is a singer, organist and conductor who first performed at Carnegie Hall with the New York Philharmonic under the direction of Leonard Bernstein at the age of 22. She can sing and play in virtually every genre of music. The concerts take place at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 4761 Cass St. For reservations, call Open Door Books at (858) 270-8642. Group discounts are available.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28

The **Pacific Beach Town Council** will host its **31st annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (P.A.E.S.A.N.)** to honor and thank firefighters, police officers, lifeguards, paramedics and park rangers for their protection and service to the community. The barbeque dinner, which takes place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Crown Point Shores, is \$5 per person. For more information, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.

SUNDAY, Oct. 23

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By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

*News and notes from the Pacific Beach
Town Council (PBTC) meeting of July 20:*

• **The San Diego Police Department's Capt. Al Guaderrama**, who heads the Northern Division, said that despite a busy summer at the beach he is very **happy with the relatively low amounts of crime**. Guaderrama said his crew will be gearing up for Labor Day weekend in the coming weeks.

• The **"Instant Justice" program was a huge success**, according to Deputy City Attorney Terri Winbush. The program allowed eligible violators who were ticketed over the Fourth of July weekend to perform community service on Garnet Avenue the following day, in exchange for having their tickets dismissed. Winbush said the Beach Area Community Court is exploring running the "Instant Justice" program again for the upcoming Labor Day weekend.

- Several PBTC members **voiced their concerns to Guaderrama over a growing dog problem at Kate Sessions Park.** They reported many instances of dogs being off-leash at the park and a failure by a number of owners to clean up after their dogs. Guaderrama said his staff will look into the problem.

- According to Katherine Miles, representative for District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, the **City Council is looking into reviving an oversize-vehicle ordinance** in the near future.

- The PBTC reported that its annual **wine-tasting fundraiser on June 26 was the most successful since its inception 10 years ago.** The group said the event was sold out and raised \$8,000.

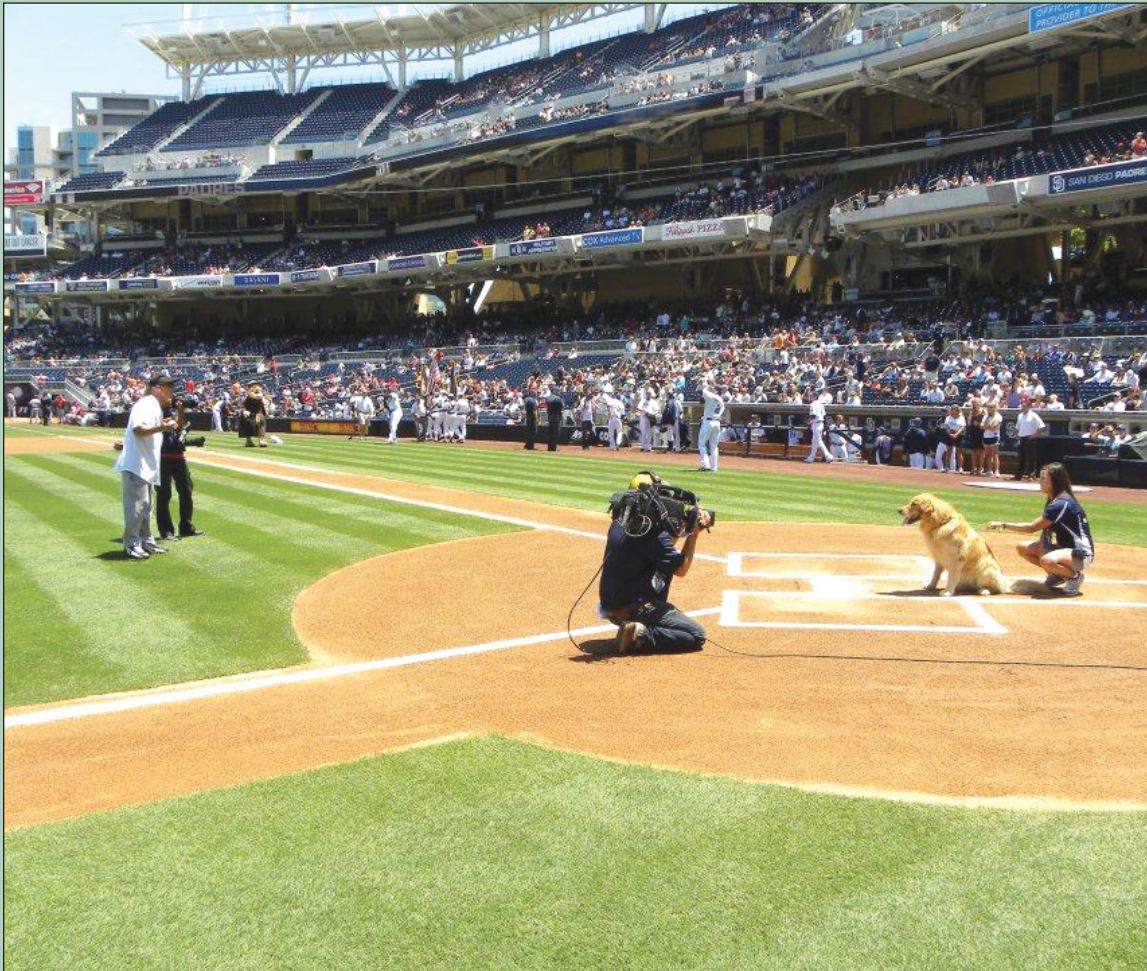
- The PBTC is hoping to increase its membership by 100 percent in the next year and double it again by 2016. The Membership Committee is looking for suggestions on marketing ideas and raising the visibility of the PBTC in the community. There are 542 members in the PBTC.

- The **Pacific Beach Shore Club** has been **granted a liquor license** by the state Alcohol Beverage Control on a proposed new deck.

• **Music enthusiasts should visit Kate Sessions Park every Sunday for Concerts on the Green series.** The shows start at 4 p.m. and will run through Aug. 14.

• The PBTC monthly **Sundowner mixer** will take place at Renew Integrative Health Center, located at 2206 Balboa Ave., from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Aug 10. The monthly event is a **fundraiser aimed at bringing local businesses and residents together**. There are prizes to be won and appetizers to be enjoyed.

For more information about all PBTC events, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org or call (858) 483-6666. The PBTC meets the third Wednesday of every month at the Pacific Beach Woman's Club, located at 1721 Hornblend St. All local residents are encouraged to get involved.



Buddy the dog prepares to catch the ceremonial first pitch from columnist Kevin Di Cicco, **left**, before a Padres game with the Arizona Diamondbacks. The history-making catch by Buddy made ESPN's Top Ten Plays of the Week. Courtesy photo

Taking a bite out of baseball history



What's in the Air, Bud?

By KEVIN DI CICCIO

I write this article on the eve of Buddy attempting to make Major League Baseball history on July 28. We were recently invited by the San Diego Padres to participate in the ceremonial first pitch in an after-

noon game against the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The ceremonial first ball is a long-standing ritual of American baseball, in which a guest of honor throws a ball to mark the end of pregame warm-ups and signal the start of the game. Originally, the guest threw a ball from his/her place in the grandstand to the pitcher or catcher of the home team. At some point, this morphed into the guest standing in front of the pitcher's mound and throwing toward (but rarely reaching) home plate, though sometimes he or she may stand on the mound as a pitcher would. The recipient of the pitch is usually a player from the home team.

President William Howard Taft initiated this ceremony at Griffith Park in Washington D.C. back in 1910. Who would have known that a bit over a century later, a dog would actually participate in this long-running tradition. Buddy's career is based on breaking new ground and achieving what was thought to be impossible. Buddy catches about 500 pitches a day and has the ability to catch a (dog-friendly) baseball at nearly 90 mph.

But as is with the long-running

tradition, more often than not, the pitch does not often meet its target, home plate — and more specifically — the catcher's mitt. This is usually because of nerves, or just the inability to throw. In any event, whether the pitch is perfectly thrown or ends up in the dirt, for the past 100 years, the ceremonial first ball adds an entertainment value to the beginning of the game.

In this case, I have the dubious honor of throwing the ceremonial first pitch to Buddy. And although I've done this thousands of times, it's "crunch time" when you get to the pitcher's mound, look up at the tens of thousands of fans and prepare to sink or swim. I feel confident that we will succeed, and Buddy will go down in MLB history as the first dog to ever catch a ceremonial first pitch. I can't help but thinking otherwise.

Go, Buddy!

— Kevin Di Cicco is the owner of Buddy the dog, who is best known for his roles in the long string of "Air Bud" movies and his ball-playing skills showcased on popular television shows. For booking inquiries, contact www.airbud.com.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sea World Drive road work is long overdue

It is time that the city spend the \$10 million it collected from SeaWorld for traffic mitigation. This issue affects the communities of Point Loma, Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach and Tecolote Canyon.

I would attend all the meetings and complain about the added traffic when SeaWorld was attempting to expand and remove some of the height restrictions around 2000. I even tore its traffic study apart in the comments in the environmental impact report (EIR). On the day of the vote, surprising everybody, they agreed to donate \$10 million over five years for traffic mitigation. So where are the projects?

I went down and complained at City Council public comments a few years ago. I got a call from somebody high up in the Engineering Department. Then I met with two staffers about the projects. One was Nituha Aberra. The staffers basically told me nothing was going to be done for many, many years. They were going to do an EIR at the bridge. Then they said they were thinking of expanding the bridge to three lanes each way at a cost of \$40 million to \$50 million. Where the hell are they going to come up with that money?

They were supposed to expand the bridge over the San Diego River on Ingraham Street/Sports Arena Boulevard in 1999. Then it was 2004, then 2009, now 2015. That intersection, bridge and traffic are a mess.

My solution would be to spend the \$10 million now on the Sea World Drive/I-5 area. First, create a right-turn pocket lane coming out of Tecolote Canyon onto I-5 north. Then keep the current bridge on the exit lane on the I-5 heading north. You could just put dirt between the bridge and the signal light to create two left-turn lanes and one right-turn lane. Then, if any money is left over, add another lane to the I-5 north exit turnoff so you could have three lanes: one heading toward SeaWorld, another toward Tecolote Canyon and the middle would have the option to go either way. All of the improvements would make the total signal cycles a lot faster, thus reducing the backup in traffic.

The public does not know that the money is being used for other projects. Even though construction costs are going down, inflation is eating away the 2000 value.

The city never required that SeaWorld come up with any traffic mitigation. The public gets the city money and they (the city) spend it on some other area. Wrong. Wrong.

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NEWSBRIEFS



Police are asking for information from the public about these three suspects in the recent armed robbery of the Ocean Beach Antique Mall, captured on surveillance tape. The getaway vehicle might have had sported a Pacific Beach bumper sticker, according to one witness.

Reward for info on OB armed robbery suspects

The owners of the Ocean Beach Antique Mall, located at 4926 Newport Ave., are offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the three men caught on surveillance tapes and linked to the recent armed robbery at the antique mall.

The robbers got away with more than \$200,000 in gold and platinum jewelry. The stolen goods have not been recovered and the suspects remain at large, according to investigators.

Anyone with information that may be helpful to the case is urged to call San Diego Police Department Robbery Division Det. Dawn Wolfe at (619) 515-2774. The case number is 11-023388.

—Bianca Koch

Report: causes of deadly drowning were numerous

Investigators with the Harbor Police Department arrived at several causes for the deadly March 27 boat accident on San Diego Bay that left two people dead.

Harbor Police officials said they determine various causes that led to the capsizing of the 1988 MacGregor model boat, including the overcapacity number of boat occupants, the condition of the vessel and its equipment.

Investigators said there were 10 people aboard the 26-foot boat at the time of the accident. The San Diego County Coroners Office has determined that the two passengers' deaths were a result of drowning.

No criminal charges have been filed at this time, according to investigators.

The craft was owned by a nonprofit corporation that provided sailing excursions for people with special needs. On March 27, it set sail for a tour of San Diego Bay with two families on board. Some of the family members had special needs, according to investigators. The accident happened on the bay between Shelter Island and Harbor Island.

OMBAC 3-on-3 volleyball tourney slated Aug. 27

The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) will host its annual 3-on-3 beach volleyball tournament on Aug. 27 with men's, women's and mixed divisions for enthusiasts of the sport in a 21-and-over event.

The classic tournament, now in its third consecutive year as a means of raising money for local charities, features hosted beer, soft drinks and a barbeque with the entry fee.

Each team can include three additional players and/or supporters on its roster. Individual players who sign up will be put in a blind draw in an appropriate division. The event is limited to 50 teams.

Awards will be given to winning teams and best team uniform. Check-in for the event will be at 8:30 a.m., with the games beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Mariner's Point on Mission Bay, across from the Bahia Hotel.

Entry fees are \$25 per team member/team supporter/individual player in advance, or \$30 day of event. Spectators are admitted free. Tournament information and entry forms can be found at www.ombac.org/homepage/-omvolley.htm.

For more information, call (760) 519-6533, or email wannabefc@yahoo.com.



SOMETHING TO SQUAWK ABOUT

Beach & Bay Press photographer Paul Hansen snapped this shot of a parrot eating seeds from an acacia tree in his north Pacific Beach backyard recently. Hansen said the parrots also like feasting on the berries of a myoporum tree in his backyard, too. The parrots often fly back and forth from Pacific Beach to Point Loma.

People in the news

The Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina has welcomed Brad Gillespie as its new executive chef of the waterfront property. As executive chef, Gillespie will oversee culinary operations for the 430-room hotel, including the signature Red Marlin restaurant.

"Brad is an accomplished veteran chef who is well-prepared to lead our culinary team," said Jeff Pace, general manager. "His guidance, leadership and individual approach to food will be a tremendous asset to our dining outlets."

A proponent of the farm-to-table movement, in which a majority of ingredients come within a 100-mile radius of the restaurant, Gillespie said his first order of business was the launch of Red Marlin's summer menu. The menu includes a variety of fresh fish, choice cuts of meat and selection of dishes showcasing seasonal summer fruits and vegetables.

Popular items include a summer berry salad, Kurobuta pork chop with Weiser Farm baby potatoes and a seafood arrabiata, featuring market-fresh fish.

Gillespie most recently served as executive chef at Hyatt Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa in Florida, where he was a member of the property's opening team. Under his guidance, the resort earned numerous culinary awards and accolades, including the 2010 People's Choice Best Taste Award at A Taste of Clearwater and Best of Tampa Bay Award from Tampa Bay Magazine.

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A SLICE OF PACIFIC BEACH HISTORY



The southesst corner of the intersection of Grand Avenue and Ingraham Street in 1964 was a Texaco station with this residence in back. The site is now home to Wendy’s restaurant, Charlie Blane Realty and the *Beach & Bay Press*.
Courtesy photo

The Wendy’s building wasn’t always such

By TERRIE LEIGH RELF | BEACH & BAY PRESS

It has been said that every town possesses a unique history — and this certainly applies to Pacific Beach. It is the people, however, who make a community what it is.

A community is organic. So, too, is its building environment. This is definitely true of what is often referred to as “the Wendy’s building,” located at 1621 Grand Ave. at the intersection with Ingraham Street.

In addition to being the home of Wendy’s restaurant, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in May, the upstairs offices are home to building owner Charles Blane and his realty offices. The second floor is also home to the offices of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group, publishers of *Beach & Bay Press*, *The Peninsula Beacon*, *La Jolla Village News* and *Downtown News*. The newspaper group relocated its offices there in May from its former location on Cass Street.

But the Wendy’s building wasn’t always such.

Longtime locals often reflect on the area’s changing landscape with par-lances like, “Do you remember where such-and-such used to be? Well it’s now the ...”

Blane, who has been in the realty business for 56 years, said longtime residents might recall the site used to be a Texaco station with a house on the adjoining lot.

The Texaco station was eventually sold, torn down and a house was built on the property. In 1964, Blane pur-



The site at 1621 Grand Ave., **left**, was turned into a real estate office in 1964. It was torn down in 1985 to make way for a Wendy’s restaurant, Charlie Blane Realty and – as of May – the home office for the San Diego Community Newspaper Group.
Courtesy photos



chased that house for his realty office. After serving as Blane’s realty office for 22 years, Wendy’s approached him to purchase the site. Rather than sell, however, Blane offered the restaurant chain an opportunity to lease.

The site was then re-envisioned for Wendy’s restaurant. But when Wendy’s indicated it needed a larger lot of 2,500 square feet, and Blane didn’t want to move his offices again, the two parties came up with a plan to include office space upstairs from the restaurant for Blane Realty. Initially, there was just a 2,500 square foot shell, but then the parties arrived at a plan to divide the space into two offices of 1,250 square feet each. Wendy’s moved in on May 20, 1986.

Blane’s very first upstairs tenants were Bruce and Michelle Rawdin-Baron Financial Services, which was in business there for 20 years.

Blane said that while it may seem unusual, architecturally speaking, to have a real estate office above a Wendy’s

restaurant, it has worked out nicely for several reasons — particularly since it’s a good corner location.

Looking back 56 years ago, Blane said he opened his first real estate office at 4401 Cass St. on June 1, 1955. He then moved his offices to Grand Avenue in 1961. Back then, he reminisces, Grand Avenue was only paved from Mission Boulevard to Ingraham Street. The rest of the area still had dirt roads.

Blane said back in the late 1950s through the early 1960s, the Brown’s Military Academy and barracks existed where Vons does now. Blane still remembers watching the proud graduating cadets march up the street on Fridays.

Also of interest, Blane said the present home of US Bank, across the street at 4427 Ingraham, was a real estate office, then a bank then a car wash — before becoming a bank once more.

After 56 years, Blane remains active as a residential and commercial Real-

Here’s your new weekend mission: bikes and bloodies

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By RACHEL HUTMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

There is nothing better on a lazy weekend than taking advantage of everything Pacific Beach has to offer. The best way to do this is by beach cruiser, something we all know. However, instead of aimlessly biking about, I recommend biking PB with a plan and stopping to taste bloody Marys along the way.

There are few things as delicious and refreshing as a bloody Mary, especially when you’re hot and tired from biking. It’s the perfect pick-me-up. Plus, it’s healthy, since bloodies are made with tomato juice and chock full of delicious vegetables. It’s a win-win situation, as far as I’m concerned!

I recommend starting your trip at Mission Bay Park and following the beautiful path west as it traces along the bay. Take your time and enjoy the sights and sounds — kids on playgrounds, girls heading to the beach, guys playing volleyball. As soon as you get to the Catamaran Resort, get off the path and cross over Mission Boulevard toward the beach.

Bike along the strand until you get to the Shore Club on Grand Street. Enjoy your first bloody in an oversize goblet as you overlook the crashing waves and pier. The bloodies are a bit pricey at \$8 each, but they are large

and delicious. When the music starts to get really loud or the place starts filling up, you’ll know it’s time to move on.

Get back on your cruiser and head north until you get to Emerald Street. Hopefully you’ll get lucky and catch PB roller skating legend “Slo Mo” on your travels. If you aren’t familiar with “Slo Mo,” you’re probably not a local. But you’ll know him when you see him. Veer off on Emerald Street and hit up Bare Back Grill for its Saturday and Sunday \$3 bloody special. They’re made with Ballast Point bloody Mary mix, and if you’re feeling a little wild, try the bacon bloody Mary.

At this point, you’re probably feeling really good, so I’d recommend keeping the bike locked up and walking next door to Hennessey’s Tavern. Hennessey’s bloodies are made fresh and spicy with horseradish, Tabasco, celery salt, salted rim, celery and lemon wheel. Hennessey’s bloodies are on special Saturday and Sunday morning for \$4 each, so feel free to have seconds. After all these bloodies, call yourself a cab or walk home.

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Columnist Rachel Hutman highly recommends the bloody Marys at various stops in Pacific Beach, including these at Hennessey’s Tavern.
Photo by Rachel Hutman



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Divers probe depths to fish out abandoned 'ghost netting'

By **MARIKO LAMB** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

On July 12, local scuba divers boarded the Humbolt, a 45-foot scuba-diving vessel donated by Waterhouse Charters in Mission Bay, and began a project to clean up hundreds of pounds of abandoned netting off the coast of the Coronado Islands.

The underwater cleanup effort was organized by Ocean Defenders Alliance (ODA), the only nonprofit marine conservation organization dedicated to the technical, yet dangerous, task of cleaning up "ghost gear"—abandoned lobster and crab pots, nets and lines.

"If there is any commercial fishing that goes on, they typically lose 10 to 15 percent of their nets," said ODA founder and president Kurt Lieber. "Ghost netting is very difficult to see and people can get caught and drown in it, and because it's hard to see, animals get stuck in it too."

Currently, the Coast Guard picks up ghost gear down to 50 feet underwater, due to its danger to recreational boats. Deeper below the surface, however, ghost gear—including now-illegal drift netting from the 1990s—remains entangled among reefs. The tangled nets can trap marine mammals, birds, and other sea creatures, potentially disrupting the ocean ecology.

According to Lieber, fishing boats do not typically have scuba divers onboard, so when nets or gear get caught on something underwater, they are simply cut, abandoned and paid for by insurance companies.

"It's a dumping ground in the ocean, and there's no legal ramifica-



Divers work to clean up so-called "ghost gear"—including fishing debris and thousands of pounds of abandoned netting—around the ocean floor. Photo courtesy of Ocean Defenders Alliance

tions for it," he said. "I'm working with some lawyers to get a bill passed to make insurance companies liable for that."

The ease of cutting nets, meanwhile, is not equal to the ease of retrieving the manmade litter.

"It's a long and tedious process," he said, recalling one project involving a 1,400-pound net in only 80 feet of water that took months to complete due to harsh conditions.

Since ODA's establishment in 2002, Lieber and his team have cleaned up more than 12,000 pounds of aban-

doned netting in Southern California.

"The only way we find these nets is if people report them to us," he said.

Although ODA is based out of Huntington Beach, Lieber urges San Diego divers who see any type of ghost gear to report it to ODA immediately.

"There's no one doing what we do," he said. "We're willing to come down here."

To report sightings of ghost gear or to donate to ODA, visit www.ocean-defenders.org, email contact@ocean-defenders.org or call Lieber at (714) 875-5881.

Early-morning boardwalk stroll has medicinal effect

BOARDWALK BEAT

By **LEE CORNELL** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Recently, I woke up at the crack of dawn with a feeling of uneasiness eating away at my insides. I was anxious, tireless and worried. I had a case of the Mondays but it wasn't a Monday.

I tried to close my eyes and go back to sleep but it was useless, and just made me more restless. Finally, I decided my best option was to get up and go to that special place that always seems to help me through tough times—the beach.

One thing I love about the beach is

the way it dramatically transforms from night to day. As I proceeded on my journey the first thing that struck me was the calmness, the quiet, the silence which enveloped the normally-bustling boardwalk. There were far fewer people and most of them seemed to be in good moods.

I ran into my friend, Mark, who was brimming with happiness at the anticipation of his daily walk to the beach, where he jams out on his guitar early every morning. A few minutes later, I passed a friendly black Labrador and couldn't resist giving him a hearty back rub—much to his owner's delight, I might add.

Next, I got a cup of coffee at my favorite café, the Pacific Bean, where I ran into more familiar faces.

After a little while, I went to check on the surf and noticed the marker flags had yet to be posted by the lifeguards, meaning it was open game to surf anywhere we pleased!

With the morning quickly passing by, I thought about all the people and noise that would be arriving soon and how that would last deep into the night.

I'm not normally a morning person, but I have to say this one felt quite refreshing.

I even forgot what I had woken up so worried about.

REMEMBER WHEN?

My notes say I took this interior shot of Vons supermarket on Oct. 10, 1989. If there's a baby in the photo, they're now old enough to drink. Legally. What I **DIDN'T** note was **WHICH** Vons. In 1989, there were **TWO** in Pacific Beach—about 100 yards apart.

One is still doing business in Pacific Plaza. The other is the Staples a block west. Maybe YOU can tell which one I photographed.

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Panel event to address big bay's 'dirty little secret'

On Tuesday, Aug. 9 at 6 p.m., San Diego Coastkeeper and the Environmental Health Coalition will host "Signs of the Tide: San Diego Bay's Dirty Little Secret," a free panel discussion on the origin of contaminated material lurking beneath the water in the San Diego Bay, its effect on marine and human life and the 10-

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"Signs of the Tide" will take place at the Memorial Recreation Center, located at 2902 Marcy Ave.

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— Mariko Lamb

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The San Diego Rowing Club captured six gold medals during the Southwest Regional Masters Championship in Oakland July 10. Courtesy photo

SD Rowing Club powers to six golds in regionals

Master rowers from the San Diego Rowing Club (SDRC) brought home six gold medals from the Southwest Regional Masters Championship held on July 10 on the Lake Merritt Sprint course in Oakland.

In the regional sculling event, in which each athlete grips two oars, winners included Richard Yocum in the men's single scull category; husband-and-wife team Cathy and Scott Kemper in the mixed double scull category; and Cathy Kemper and Pauline Gillis in the women's double scull event for their age groups.

In the sweep rowing event, in which each rower holds just one oar, two San Diego boats took first-place honors. In the coxed-four men's races, club winners included John Jarvis, Jim Frager, Filip Sulc and Jeff Evans and Dave Frost, Andy Baxter, Berkeley Johnson and Art Sloate in their respective age brackets. The latter crew, which repeated its 2010 gold performance, is shown at left.

The club's men's eight with coxswain performance was impacted by its loss of a rudder for the entire 1,000-meter race. The near-gold result (the team missing the gold by 13/100ths of a second) was a photo-finish, despite the unfortunate lack of steering.

SDRC crews also took seven silver medals and three bronze medals in these annual regional events against some fast competitors from Oregon, Northern and Southern California, and Arizona.

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RICHARD HIRSCHFELD WILLIAMS: MAY 7, 1929 - JULY 7, 2011

Reflecting on the Padres' fiery, fruitful ex-manager

By SCOTT HOPKINS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Fiery. Hard-nosed. Tough. Sharp-tongued.

Dick Williams was called all of these things and more during his time as a major league baseball manager. But if you don't remember the rotund skipper for anything else, know this: he is the only manager in the history of the major league San Diego Padres who never had a losing season. And, with the team's penny-pinching "small market" history, that fact speaks volumes.

His accomplishments as a manager earned him election to baseball's Hall of Fame in 2008, and the acerbic Williams admitted he broke down and cried when he received the notification.

When Williams passed away July 7 from a ruptured aortic aneurysm in a hospital near his home in Henderson, Nev. at age 82, many fans and former players shed their own tears.

Born Richard Hirschfeld Williams on May 7, 1929 in St. Louis, he was an average athlete who played 1,023 major league games with five teams over a 13-year span.

Later, he found his calling as a no-nonsense field boss who earned a reputation for turning losing teams around, producing winners and breaking in young players.

His heavy-handed style of leadership often wore thin after several years, explaining his frequent change of employers from 1967 through 1988.

Williams was hired to lead the Padres in 1982 by legendary owner Ray Kroc. He finished the '82 and '83 schedules with identical 81-81 records leading up to one of the Padres' greatest seasons that saw the Friars reach the World Series in 1984 for the first time in franchise history.

The traditionally-lowly Padres soared to a record of 92-70 [during the 1984 World Series year]. The city was delirious as Williams' squad took the National League pennant in a miraculous comeback after losing the first two games — handily — to the Chicago Cubs.

As a mini-season ticket holder, the team's improvement under Williams brought long-overdue electricity to home games at Qualcomm Stadium, or the "The Q," as it is commonly referred to.

His 1984 team included young pitchers Eric Show, Dave Dravecky and Andy Hawkins. Speedy Alan Wiggins batted first and was followed by the likes of Kevin McReynolds, Tony Gwynn, Steve Garvey and Graig Nettles. And crowds roared when Goose Gossage saved the game.

As a sports enthusiast and Padres fan, I proudly pinned my "Goose Saved the Game" pins to my cap, along with thousands of others.

The traditionally-lowly Padres soared to a record of 92-70 that season. The city was delirious as Williams' squad took the National League pennant in a miraculous comeback after losing the first two games — handily — to the Chicago Cubs. I witnessed Garvey's famous home run clobber, among the greatest moments in San Diego sports history.

Despite a World Series loss to Detroit in five games, Williams had again accomplished what other Padres managers couldn't.

Following an 83-79 season in 1985,

friction developed between Williams, Padres president Ballard Smith (Kroc's son-in-law at the time) and General Manager Jack McKeon. Williams was let go shortly before spring training began in 1986.

Williams also won pennants with Boston (1967) and Oakland (1972-73). Those Athletics teams won the World Series both years.

He is one of only seven managers to win pennants in both the National and American Leagues. Only one other manager in history has led three different franchises to the World Series.

And Williams is one of only two to lead four different teams to seasons of 90 or more victories.

Although some players disliked Williams with a passion, former Oakland A's pitcher Vida Blue perhaps spoke for most: "He got the best out of us."

Knowing how he was perceived, Williams said, "If guys can't stand the heat, they don't belong in the major leagues. I don't know anybody who refused the World Series checks I helped them get."

Williams recalled his managerial antics in a 1990 book "No More Mr. Nice Guy," that furthered his sharp-tongued reputation.

"(Williams) had great instincts on and off the field and you always knew where you stood," said former player Ken Harrelson.

Speaking to a reporter at his Hall of Fame induction ceremony on July 27, 2008 about his techniques, Williams acknowledged "I wouldn't last a week" with today's players.

Williams is survived by his wife, Norma, three children and five grandchildren.

As a Padres fan, I would simply say, "Thank you, Dick."



Former Padres' skipper Dick Williams was the only manager in the team's history to never have a losing season under his management. Photo courtesy San Diego Padres

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The Penetrators will be presented the Lifetime Achievement Award at this year's San Diego Music Awards at Humphrey's by the Bay on Aug. 8. Courtesy photo

SDMA to spotlight the cream of music crop at Humphrey's

By **BART MENDOZA** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

San Diego has an amazingly vibrant music scene and there is no clearer indication than the annual San Diego Music Awards.

Now in its 21st year, it's the party of the year for music lovers, with all the area's movers and shakers in attendance: television news people, Grammy Award-winning producers and everyone in between.

The event has also served to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Taylor "Guitars for Schools" programs, putting music back in city schools.

Taking place on Aug. 8 at one of the city's most-scenic venues — Humphrey's by the Bay — performers at this year's event will include such indie favorites as Wavves, Dynamite Walls and The Silent Comedy, jazz trumpeter Gilbert Castellanos, alternative blues duo Little Hurricane, hip-hop combo Cuckoo Chaos, and jazz and blues icons Candy Kane and Sue Palmer.

The lifetime achievement award will be presented to 1980s indie rockers The Penetrators. They join an incredible roster of past recipients, including other internationally known, but locally-based icons like Iron Butterfly, Frankie Laine and Jack Tempchin.

Penetrators frontman Gary Heffern, now residing in Finland, started his career with the band in the late 1970s, scoring hits with songs like "Walk The Beat," "I'm with the Guys" and "Sensitive Boy." He considers the upcoming award to be a major honor.

"I love this band and all the people around it," he said. "(I) wish some of them were still around to be part of this. The song 'We're All Somebody' has been going through my head a lot recently. You know, we were just a band. We wanted to be like The Clash, a 'people's' band, so I also want to share this award with the people somehow."

Being one with his audience is key to making music in Heffern's eyes.

"I remember going to see The Clash at the Santa Monica Civic [Auditorium] with Dan (McLain, the Penetrators' late drummer). The place was packed," he recalled. "As we walked in the room, Darby Crash walked up to us and grabbed us by the arm and stated, 'This is OUR band,' and walked us up to the front of the crowd with all those early Los Angeles bands. That's the feeling I wanted our audience to have about us. It was exciting, and affirmation that we were part of the scene. Mind you, this is years before hardcore came into the picture, and the bands and audiences were one and the same."

He notes there is poignancy to the timing of the next San Diego Music Awards.

"The last time I was there, my father had been very ill," Heffern said. "I am hoping that he can make it out to this, as it would mean a lot for me to have him feel that I have achieved something in my life."

Despite the passage of time, fans can expect the band to give its all during its two-song set.

"We still do every show as if it is the last one we will ever do. It's just something that can't be helped," he said. "However, the shows are so physically demanding nowadays, and it takes so long to recover from them as old aches and pains from the younger shows like a broken tailbone, foot and my car accident last year require daily medicine these days. But the heart is young, and yearning to play."

That said, the trophy itself may present a small problem for Heffern.

"I hadn't even thought of that," he laughed. "I don't even know if I can take it on a plane back, I can just imagine trying to go through customs with that. Holy moly!"

San Diego Music Awards takes place at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 8 at **Humphrey's by the Bay**, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. \$30. For more information, visit www.sandiegomusicawards.com.

ROWING

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The San Diego Rowing Club, founded in 1888, is one of the oldest sport clubs in the nation, with a proud tradition of juniors and masters rowing in San Diego. *The Journal of San Diego*

History made the "Resilient History of the SDRC" its feature article for its spring 2011 edition.

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