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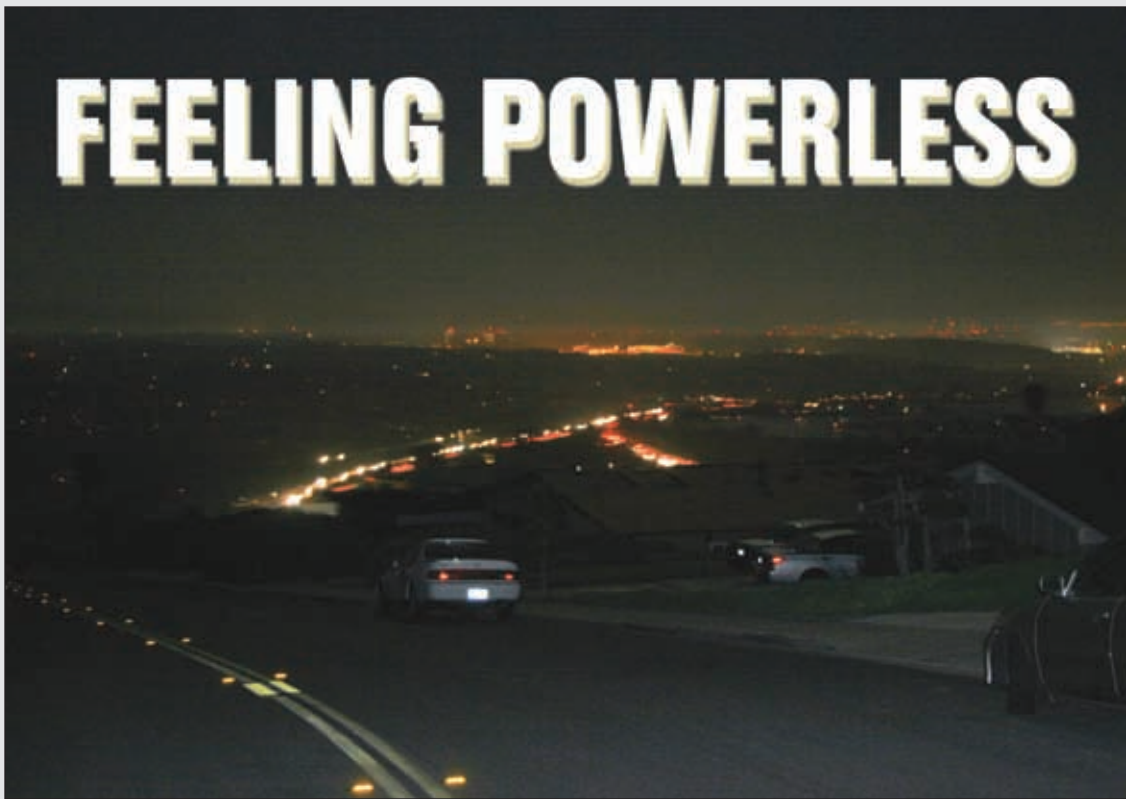
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Mammoth power failure plunges the region into surreal darkness

The massive power outage of Sept. 8 that spread its tentacles from Orange County to northern Mexico and east to Yuma, Ariz., was one for the history books. Neighbors who never before talked were introduced to one another outside in the darkness and families discovered creative new activities by candlelight or flashlight indoors. Here, *Beach & Bay Press* photographer Don Balch captures the striking difference from the same vantage point on Pacifica Drive looking south over Pacific Beach, Mission Bay and Clairemont during and after the outage. In the top photo, the main light source during the outage at 11 p.m. is along Interstate 5 and from the University of San Diego on the hill. The same view, taken at 11 p.m. four days later, shows the normal lighted landscape. No significant incidents were reported as a result of the blackout.



PB planners recommend conditional-use permits for new alcohol licenses

Divisive idea may not win support of councilman

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

After a fiery forum drawing sharp emotions on both sides of the issue, the Pacific Beach Planning Board (PBBP) voted 11-5 with one abstention Aug. 31 to recommend that the City Council adopt a conditional-use permit (CUP) policy for new restaurants and bars seeking alcohol licenses in Pacific Beach.

"What we have now is not working," said Pacific Beach Planning Board member Scott Chipman. "Crime rates in our central business district are extremely high, especially alcohol-related crime."

Chipman was among those voting in favor of recommending CUPs to City Council.

It is not clear when the matter will

formally come before the council, and it appears Kevin Faulconer, the councilman who represents Pacific Beach, may not entirely be on board with the PBBP's recommendation.

The planning board's vote came on the heels of a 58-page report released by the planning board's Alcohol Review Committee, which found a substantial increase in alcohol-related crimes in Pacific Beach in recent years. However, some believe the committee did not take into account all of possible negative economic impacts a CUP could potentially have for local businesses.

"In the report they put together, they used statistics from 2008," said Eric Lingenfelder, who owns Tavern At The Beach and Brewley's Pint. "The report is

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Pageantry, vibrancy of Brazilian festival returns to PB on Sunday

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

Brazilian Day San Diego is set to hit the streets of downtown Pacific Beach on Sunday, Sept. 18. The always colorful and vibrant celebration has been steadily growing since its inception four years ago and now prides itself as being "the biggest Brazilian Day on the West Coast."

"I think the vibe San Diego carries brings a lot of Brazilians to the city," said events director Paulo Batuta. "Everyone compares San Diego to Rio de Janeiro with all of the beaches, and the climate makes San Diego special to us."

The event will once again take place on Garnet Avenue between Everts Street and Mission Boulevard beginning at 11 a.m. and running through 7 p.m. The beach lifestyle of San Diego has been attracting Brazilians for a long time, so it makes perfect sense to celebrate Brazilian Day in Pacific Beach, Batuta said.

"In Pacific Beach, we have a big number of Brazilians who live in the area," Batuta said. "This area is a really well-known area for a big Brazilian population. PB is known as a favorite area for



A dancer demonstrates traditional dance moves in full costume during a previous Brazilian Day San Diego event in the heart of Pacific Beach. Photo by Paul Hansen | Beach & Bay Press

Brazilians to go, hang out and meet up. Some of us call it our 'Little Brazil.'"

For a day, the sights and sounds of downtown Pacific Beach will be filled

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PAESAN emergency-services awards to recognize local heroes

By **KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC), along with the Old Mission Bay Athletic Club (OMBAC), the Pacific Beach Rotary Club and the Pacific Beach Woman's Club will host the 31st annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (PAESAN) on Wednesday Sept. 28 to honor local heroes and standouts in a 5 p.m. gala.

The PAESAN event will be held at the North Crown Point Shores Rotary Pavilion and is an annual community event to recognize exemplary members of the police, fire/rescue, lifeguard and the parks departments who service the Pacific Beach area.

The cost of the event is \$5, which includes a barbecue dinner, a raffle, children's activities like face painting, a jumpie and more.

"Local businesses are sponsoring the



The Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (PAESAN) event will honor local heroes on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at the North Crown Point Shores Rotary Pavilion. Courtesy photo

raffle, which includes massages, gift baskets and other giveaways," said PBTC communications chairwoman and PAESAN Committee member Susan Lowary.

This year's event will include a focus on a special fundraising program to provide bicycle lighting and siren sys-

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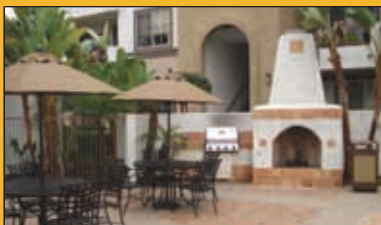


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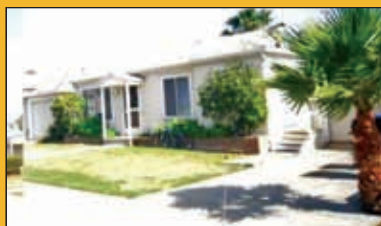


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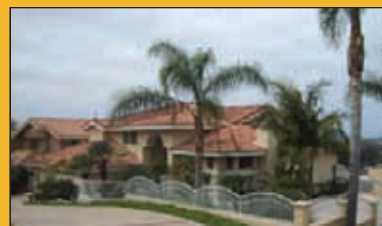


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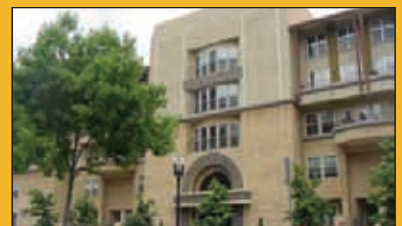


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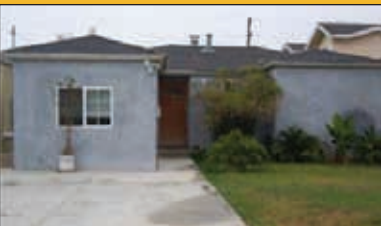


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Competitors hoof it during last year's "Sand Pit 5K" fun run in Mission Beach. Courtesy photo

'Sand Pit 5K' fun run will put competitors to the test

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

In a physically challenging way, race director-promoter Rick Kozlowski has hatched a whacky concept to conduct a fundraising "fun" run with obstacles strewn along Mission Beach. He calls it the "Sand Pit 5K."

Trudging through sand mounds, water obstacles and hoops, an estimated 1,000 runners will engage in exhaustive tests from Belmont Pier to Grand Avenue and back.

The first of six waves of runners in various age classes begins Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8 a.m. To avoid added congestion, the waves of runners will be spaced two minutes apart.

Participants will run in and out of the surf line, climb over barriers and even jump through hoops en route to a conclusion of two pits and a sand climb.

For those not inclined to run the full 5K course, there is the "Sand Puddle," which is half the distance — but only slightly less challenging.

"It all came about last year in a dream I had about people just having fun," said

Kozlowski, who has staged standard 5K runs for 30 years.

Entry fees range from \$30 to \$45. A portion of the proceeds benefits the Mission Valley YMCA.

"Five obstacles are on the ocean and hard-pack sand side as the runners go north," Kozlowski said. "After a U-turn, they'll return on the soft-sand side and face another five obstacles."

"At the end will be four more obstacles. There will be a 20-foot-long sand trench, a 10-foot-high mound climb and a four-foot sand pit filled with water. The last is a treasure hunt where contestants pick up containers that might have a prize."

He said the average run will take about 40 minutes and about 15 minutes for The "Sand Puddle" run.

Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age group for the "Sand Pit 5K" and to the first-place finisher in each age group for the "Sand Puddle."

For more information, visit www.active.com/running/san-diego-ca/the-sand-pit-5k-fallmania-2011.

Welcome sign returned to home on Grand Avenue

By **KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The iconic blue wave on the "Welcome to Pacific Beach" sign that was mowed down by a motorist in the 2700 block of Grand Avenue in June has been restored and returned to its home just north of the Mission Bay Golf Course.

The sign, restored through time and effort donated by Joe Wilding, president of the Pacific Beach Town Council and others — and a little financial help from the office of District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer — was reinstalled at the site on Sept. 1.

"I give a lot of credit to Joe as president of the Pacific Beach Town Council," Faulconer said. "He needed to be here too, because he saw it happen and took ownership of it."

"We wanted to do whatever we could to help bring the sign back but were not sure what its condition was," continued Faulconer. "We have two great guys [Joe and John Wilding] who volunteered their time and effort because they love our community to put the sign back. The sign is one of those things that help define our community's character and makes Pacific Beach a special place."

The sign was originally knocked off its cement foundation on the center island of Grand Avenue on June 15 by a Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling eastbound. After the sign was struck, it fell into the westbound lanes of Grand Avenue.

Wilding happened to be driving eastbound about 50 yards behind the Jeep Grand Cherokee when the sign was struck. Wilding, along with a few residents in the apartments across from the golf course, dragged the sign out of the street and loaded it onto a truck.

The sign was taken to the home of



The iconic "Welcome to Pacific Beach" sign was reinstalled at its home on Grand Avenue on Sept. 1 after it was mowed down by a motorist in June and lovingly restored by Pacific Beach Town Council president Joe Wilding and his brother, John, left. Center is District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, whose office kicked in funds to see that the sign was properly restored and put back in place.

Photo by Keith Antigiovanni | Beach & Bay Press

one of Wilding's friends and then later to the residence of his brother, John, until the Wildings could figure out a way to get the sign back up.

During the Sept. 1 reinstallation, Faulconer joined Joe and John Wilding (president of J.C. Wilding and Company) and Gene Nielsen, the company's superintendent, as the sign was replaced on its original base.

"It meant a lot that Kevin (Faulconer) showed up for this," said Joe Wilding. "The sign is part of Pacific Beach and it's one less thing for the city to

worry about."

Other neighbors said they, too, were pleased with the return of the sign.

Harriet Bonet, a longtime Pacific Beach resident who lives close by, remembers the morning the sign was hit. In fact, Bonet's boyfriend was one of the men to assisted Wilding the morning the sign was mowed down.

"They were able to fix it. The guy who fixed it is very generous. I've lived here for about 26 years and I've seen every kind of driving imaginable here."

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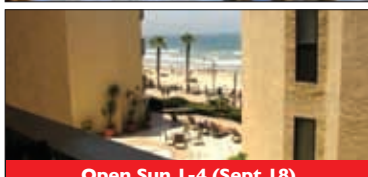


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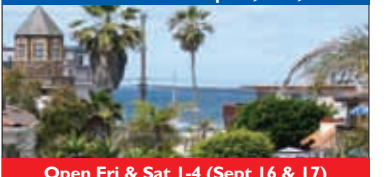
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WHERE YUMMY MEETS TUMMY PB Restaurant Walk to tease the tastebuds in affordable fashion

By LORALEE OLEJNIK | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Revisit your favorite local eateries and try out some exciting new ones when the Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk returns Sept. 20. The annual event, sponsored by Discover Pacific Beach, the local business improvement district, offers diners a chance to sample foods from upward of a dozen PB eateries in a self-guided culinary tour.

“Getting out of the car and walking around the neighborhood its a great opportunity to remind yourself what amazing, diverse restaurants and businesses we have here in PB,” said Sara Berns, executive director of Discover Pacific Beach. “Enjoy running into your neighbors while sampling delicious food. ... This event not only supports our local businesses, but proceeds go toward projects that benefit the business district.”

Participants this year include Café Athena, LaCosa Pizza, Tastee Freeze/Mr. Frosty, Great News! Cookware, Woodstock’s Pizza, the Tap Room, Costa Brava, Fig Tree Café, and Café Bella Italia, among others.

New features for this year’s event include the recently-opened Fish Shop, located at 1775 Garnet Ave. at the corner of Garnet and Kendall Street, which will host Karl Strauss beer tastings. Live music will be entertaining guests outside of Lotsa Pasta.

One ticket allows guests to visit all participating restaurants to try samples of the food and get a feel for the atmosphere.

Berns said funds raised from the 15th annual event will go toward programs like street cleanups, the “Shop Local”



Plenty of scrumptious food samples will be served up during the Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Courtesy photos

holiday campaign and Discover Pacific Beach’s signature annual event Pacific Beachfest (Oct. 1), a family-oriented community festival at Mission Beach from Thomas to Felspar streets. Discover Pacific Beach also hosts bi-monthly business networking mixers, which are open to the public. The next such mixer will be held today, Sept. 15 at the office complex at 1010 Turquoise St.

The Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk draws about 500 guests annually, said Berns, including a large local crowd.

“It’s a chance to try the restaurant without committing [to a full meal],” said Niki Morgan, a beach-area resident for more than 22 years, who has enjoyed the local restaurant walks in prior years. “I also like the community feel; walking around the neighborhood and seeing other people walking. It’s festive.”

Tickets for the Heart of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk are \$20 and may be purchased online at www.govavi.com, or in person at Woodstock’s Pizza, 1221 Garnet Ave.

NEWSBRIEFS

Police ask for help to find hit/run driver in PB

San Diego County Crime Stoppers and investigators from the San Diego Police Department’s Traffic Investigations Unit are asking for the public’s help in locating a man wanted for a felony hit and run case in Pacific Beach on Feb. 28.

The suspect is identified as Oscar Solis Jr., according to investigators.

Detectives said Solis crashed his vehicle into a tree in the 2400 block of Ingraham Street.

Solis’ female passenger was severely injured in the accident. The driver door would not open, so Solis opened the passenger door, pushed the female out, crawled over her body and escaped from the car. Solis ran from the scene and flagged down a cab, according to police. He later called police and alleged he was carjacked. Further investigation has revealed that Solis was driving while intoxicated, said police officials.

Felony warrants have been issued for DUI and hit-and-run. Police said Solis’ family refuses to cooperate and may be hiding him. His parents live in San Jose and his brother in Highland.

Solis is 24 and described as a white male, 5’10” tall, 180 lbs., brown hair and green eyes. He may shave his head and sometimes wears a mustache and goatee.

Anyone with information is urged to call the SDPD Traffic Investigations Unit at (858) 495-7805 or the Crime Stoppers anonymous tip line at (888) 580-8477. Crime Stoppers is offering up to a \$1,000 reward to anyone with information that leads to an arrest in



OSCAR SOLIS JR.

this case. Anonymous emails and text messages can be sent to www.sdcrimestoppers.com.

DUI checkpoints net 51 impaired drivers in PB

The San Diego Police Department conducted a DUI checkpoint on Sept. 3 in the 2600 block of Ingraham Street. As a result of the police action, 19 arrests were made on suspicion of driving under the influence and 20 vehicles were impounded, said officials.

Police said 870 vehicles passed through the checkpoint, with 34 of those drivers being detained for a further evaluation. Twenty vehicles were impounded. A female driver failed to stop for officers and a spike strip device was used to stop the vehicle, police said. The driver was arrested for DUI.

Six more drivers were arrested for DUI using roving DUI patrols, but not at the checkpoint.

Simultaneously, a multi-agency DUI checkpoint was coordinated by the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department in the 2400 block of Grand Avenue. Sheriff’s officials said 26 DUI arrests were made and 42 vehicles were impounded.

Nominations extended for PBTC Starfish Awards

Nominations for the Pacific Beach Town Council’s annual “Starfish Awards” have been extended to Oct 3, according to organizers.

Attractive homes and condos and low-water-use gardens nominated by Sept. 23 will be considered for “People’s Choice” awards. Locals can vote for the “People’s Choice” at the PB Town Council booth at Pacific BeachFest on Oct. 1. The booth will be located near Fire Station 21 on Grand Avenue. Pacific BeachFest, which will feature entertainment, food and vendor booths, is held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. that day.

For applications and details, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org, or call (858) 483-6666.



Young surfers prepare for a previous Keith Noel Memorial Jetty Kids Kontest at the jetty at South Mission Beach.

Courtesy photo

S. Mission Beach will be site of Jetty Kids Kontest

The 17th annual Keith Noel Memorial Jetty Kids Kontest will take to the waves at the South Mission Beach Jetty on Saturday, Sept. 24 to showcase the skills of boys and girls up to 15 and 16 years old.

The contest, which runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., is held annually in memory of Noel, a Mission Beach native who would become known to local surfers up and down the coast as “The Jetty Kid.”

Prizes to be awarded in each of the six divisions include surfboards, wet-suits and board bags, along with trophies. Girls age 8-16 and boys age 8-15 are eligible to enter.

There is no entry fee to participate in the event.

All pre-registered participants will receive a custom designed Kontest T-shirt and have a chance to win other surf-related prizes donated by local businesses and friends.

Entry forms and information can be obtained at Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Pacific Beach at 4090 Mission Blvd., or by calling Marianne Kendall at (858) 539-4422, or by emailing her at mariannek@coldwellbanker.com.

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Thousands pack a previous Brazilian Day event on Garnet Avenue in the heart of Pacific Beach.
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with everything Brazil. There will be many opportunities to taste the delicious foods such as Brazilian barbeque, *feijoada* and *pastel* offered by vendors. Music will fill the air as ensembles perform bossa nova, forro, axe, batucada and of course, samba. Afro-Brazilian dance and capoeira (a combination of dance, acrobatics and martial arts) will also be on display throughout the festival.

The main event gets under way at 3:30 p.m. when the highly-anticipated parade is set to begin. Exotic costumes, contagious rhythms, colorful floats and lively percussion bands will take center stage as the event comes to a climax.



Dancers strut their stuff Brazilian style in the highlight parade during a previous Brazilian Day San Diego.
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false. It is not true. They put it together knowing they wanted a CUP as a result. They didn't take any input from business owners."

The planning board cannot formally require CUPs because it is only an advisory body to the City Council. Faulconer, who represents District 2, said he does not necessarily agree with the proposed changes by the planning board, however.

"The vast majority of Pacific Beach restaurants and bars act responsibly and are good neighbors," he said in a written statement. "I'm committed to working with neighbors and the police department to crack down on establishments that are causing noise and safety problems. Requiring conditional-use permits from all establishments does not incentivize good behavior, but rather adds more red tape and creates greater uncertainty for businesses in an already tough economy."

In the PBPB proposal, all existing businesses would be grandfathered into their current licenses. However, any remodeling or selling of the business could trigger a possible CUP.

"A lot of places that have a CUP policy have old run-down buildings because a lot of business owners don't want to

go through and do a remodel because it can trigger a CUP and add restrictions to your business," Lingenfelder said. "Lets say I'm 70 years old and I want to get out of the bar business. That sale triggers a possible CUP and now I can't sell what I have. It devalues the business."

Others, however, see CUPs as a way to curb the excessive drinking and all of the problems and damage that come with over-consumption — particularly in Pacific Beach.

"The way alcohol licenses are so easily modified and changed into bar-like restaurants has many in the community concerned about allowing more alcohol licenses to come into Pacific Beach. Some of the licenses we have right now are out of control," said Chipman, who pointed out that there were 51 arrests at DUI checkpoints in Pacific Beach over the recent Labor Day weekend.

Another contentious issue in the CUP proposal is to have a full-time or part-time police officer dedicated to enforcing CUPs, as well as keeping a close eye on compliance for all alcohol licenses in Pacific Beach. Supporters said the potentially costly fees associated with obtaining a CUP would go to funding that officers salary.

The CUP proposal was originally voted on and passed by the Pacific Beach Planning Board in February but the action was later rescinded because it was not officially on the board's agenda.

NEWS & VIEWS

Student hopes to make difference with special-needs kids

WHAT'S IN THE AIR, BUD?

By KEVIN Di CICCIO | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Just 100 miles from the original and historic state capital of York, Penn., in a town called Pottsville, a soon-to-be graduate student set out on a road trip across the country to complete her higher education. Her destination? Pacific Beach.

The other day I was walking Buddy and Brutus by Nick's at the Beach, a casual, California-style restaurant and sidewalk café located in the 800 block of Thomas Avenue. There, I had the great pleasure of meeting Kelly Majestic, a kind and beautiful strawberry-blond waitress who was setting the sidewalk tables for her lunch shift.

Cordially, she said, "Your dogs are beautiful. Can I meet them?"

"Sure," I replied. "This is Buddy and his brother, Brutus."

I could tell by the way her face lit up that Kelly was a dog lover. She greeted Buddy and Brutus with unbridled glee. When I told her who Buddy was, she said, "Wow, I loved the 'Air Bud' movies as a kid growing up in Pottsville."

As any good journalist who's looking for his next column, I asked Kelly, "Are you a student here?"

"Yes," she replied. "I'm a graduate



Kelly Majestic meets Buddy and Brutus outside Nick's at the Beach recently. Majestic is pursuing her master's degree in elementary-school education with an emphasis on autism.
Photo by Kevin Di Ciccio | Beach & Bay Press

student at San Diego State University."

Kelly is going for her master's degree in elementary-school education with an emphasis in autism. She has a place in her heart for special-needs children and wants to make it her life's work. How wonderful to see a young woman who wants to devote her life to helping those who face challenges and adversity. I have been performing motivational presentations for elementary-level children for decades, so Kelly's story really hits close to home with me.

When Kelly isn't working two jobs, or studying to achieve her master's degree, she enjoys art, music, hiking

and basking under the warm sky. Kelly is a great example of our young generation taking initiative to achieve a higher education and to make this world a better place to live. She makes a wonderful addition to our beautiful seaside town, our beloved Pacific Beach.

— Kevin Di Ciccio 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.

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IT WAS KNOWN as the Kendall House or – to some – the Rock House, and it sat near the foot of Morrell Street overlooking Mission Bay for nearly 60 years. It was built around 1911 for Dr. George S. Hollister and, some years later, purchased by Dr. Oscar J. Kendall. Dr. Kendall passed away in 1936, but his widow continued to live in the structure. Youngsters at the beach, including Marianne Hespel, whispered that the place was haunted. In September 1971, the home was razed to make way for a large apartment complex at 3995 Crown Point Drive. Marianne grew up, got married and became Mari-



anne Kendall. Neither she nor Dr. Kendall, nor Kendall Street, are related.
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PAESAN

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tems to the police department's Northern Division. The goal of the program is to buy lights, sirens and back bag kits for nine law enforcement bikes used by the Northern Division.

"Discover PB donated the bikes to Northern Division but the bikes weren't being used because of they didn't have police standard lights or sirens on them," said PBTC vice president

Jerry Hall.

The cost of equipment is \$600 per bike. To donate, send a check to the San Diego Police Foundation, care of PAESAN Bicycle Program, or visit www.pbtowncouncil.org and click on the "join/give" button.

"The bikes can be used all over Northern Division in areas like La Jolla, Bay Park or Clairemont," Hall said.

The campaign is intended to be a joint effort to include everyone, Lowary said.

"We are trying to get the schools

more involved to get more community involvement so we make PAESAN a fun, family event. It is important to teach our kids to respect the people that help and support us in our community and have the same values we had growing up," Lowary said.

For tickets, to volunteer or get more information, call (858) 483-6666, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org or drop by the PBTC office at 1706 Garnet Ave. inside Union Bank at the Pacific Plaza Shopping Center.



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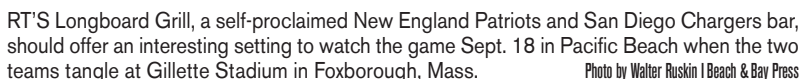
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cover that you flew all the way across the country to see your beloved Chargers while your travel agent (me) did not explain how you were going to get tickets to the actual game (stupid writer/travel agent)!

You are now left with the options of sitting in the parking lot, listening to the game on the car radio, or breaking the law and trying to scalp some tickets. After a few vain attempts to visualize plays as you sit in the car with the radio on, you opt to risk your clean record ... and due to your stellar negotiating skills, you score a pair of obstructed view tickets for about \$300 apiece (section 301, which is upper level corner/end zone). Relieved to have escaped the long arm of Johnny Law and happy about not having to rely on your pitiful imagi-

nation of the game, you flip the tickets over... face value \$75.

The game ends and you get back to the hotel at about 11 p.m. (accounting for an hour of back lot traffic exiting the stadium...not accounting for a post-game celebratory cocktail). You're tired.

You fall into a deep slumber by the time the door to your room closes behind you... only what is that god-awful buzzing sound?! Oh right, your alarm clock ... you have to wake up at 3:30 a.m. to get your U.S. Airways flight back to San Diego, which leaves Boston at 5:30 a.m. and lands in Philadelphia at 6:51 a.m. You haul your cookies across the entire terminal because your connecting flight to San Diego leaves at 7:35 a.m. No problem... you're well rested ... NOT! Still, you take comfort in the fact that you can get some sleep on the plane.

Whoops! It's a daytime flight and you have a five-year-old boy kicking



Standing inside RT's Longboard Grill, Patriots fan Brian Bersett (left), Chargers fan Alex Duarte (center) and neutral party Jack Vecchio said they are looking forward to Sunday's matchup between New England and the Chargers.

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your chair and his mother is repeatedly scolding him for it (at least she's doing that much, right?). The child then begins to cry and so do you.

You land in San Diego at

10:11 a.m. and contemplate not going into work today because your face is tearstained and you look like hell ... and you smell like a wet dog ... and you are pretty sure you couldn't differentiate between a client and a homicidal maniac right now and would most likely treat anyone you come into contact with as a hostile witness ...

Then it hits you. You spent over \$5,000 on this little excursion and you can't even afford to "rent" the spare room at your parents place... So, see? Wouldn't it just be so much easier to save yourself all that money and aggravation and just swing on down to the comfy, tropical setting at RT's Longboard Grill in Pacific Beach where Patriots fans and Chargers fans can co-exist in relative harmony?

"It's the Gillette Stadium of San Diego" said customer Brian Bersett, a transplant from Boston. "It's like being at home without all the expens-

es."

Friend Alex Duarte is on the opposite side of the fence.

"Patriots, whatever!," said Duarte. "I go there to watch Chargers football!"

The third member of their party is a little more neutral.

"Chargers? Patriots? I don't care, as long as I am with my friends on Sunday during the big game at RT's — the best place to watch football in PB," said Jack Vecchio.

Well, there you have it.

Be sure to check out the Chargers/Patriots matchup at 1:15 p.m. on Sept. 18 at RT's Longboard and experience the "Gillette Stadium West" for yourself.

— Walter Ruskin is a member of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group's "Ugly News Team." Watch for his new video links online at www.sdnews.com.



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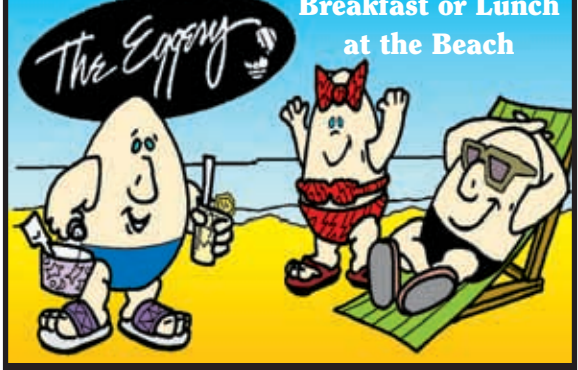
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This year's San Diego Bayfair, sponsored by the Air National Guard from Sept. 16-18, will feature several different classes of thunderboats, hydros and drag boats – but the race to watch will pit rivals Dave Villwock (left in Star of Qatar, white boat) against Steve David (driver at right in Oh Boy! Oberto).

Thunder of powerboat racing to reverberate across Mission Bay

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

San Diego Bayfair officials bill it as three full days of diversified, high-powered thunderboat racing of the Air National Guard Hydroplane Series. But in reality, those sparkling Mission Bay waters could be a dramatic 200 mph duel in the sun come Sept. 16-18.

Rivals Dave Villwock and Steve David will continue their points battle through qualifications, heats and the five-lap final on the 2.5-mile Bill Muncey Memorial racecourse, chasing after the Air National Guard's trophy.

Fans will line the shores early to be entertained. Gates open at 7 a.m.

It's been that kind of year so far, with each driver securing a pair of victories on the circuit. Villwock, a 57-year-old Washingtonian, set an all-time record in wins this year, topping Bill Muncey's 30-year-old mark of 62 with Detroit's Gold Cup in July.

David, 57, a three-time series titleholder from Florida, looks at it this way: "Dave's only disadvantage is when you put pressure on him," said David, a 20-year hydro veteran who drives the U-1 Oh Boy! Oberto boat. "His boat has been so good he hasn't had to face that

much pressure. We have to bring the competition to him.

"Every one of us drivers has a weakness," he said. "When it gets tight out there, that's when we have to focus and capitalize on the situation. If he (Villwock) gets out front, it'll be all over."

The duo's battle actually wound up in a crash at Madison, Ind., when David's boat bounced off Villwock's stalled Spirit of Qatar. David won the race but suffered a rib injury. The boat took longer to repair than thought, and David missed the next race in the series.

In the field, there are several young lions who, despite being down on horsepower, are capable of picking up more than the spoils. Among those skilled drivers are Kip Brown in Miss Red Dot, J. Michael Kelly in 88 Degree Men and Scott Liddycoat in Valken.com.

The new starting procedure this season is a bit funky as boats fight for lanes. Because they want the shortest inside lane, drivers start trolling at five mph two minutes before the race. The sneak attacks might wash out another boat.

Meanwhile, it's veteran program director Bob Davies' job to juggle three days of water combat that includes the Lucas Oil drag boats, Grand Prix West's

piston-driven hydros, offshore series newcomer P1 USA, Cracker Box outboards and stock hydros.

"Putting this whole three-ring circus together is a balancing act," Davies said about the last-days-of-summer family beach festival and sports competition.

Returning to Mission Bay after a one-year hiatus, the Lucas Oil Drag Boat Racing Series expects as many as 120 boats to churn up the water in front of Crown Point. Top Fuel Hydros can achieve 260 mph on a quarter-mile course. Drag boats are competing in 11 classes.

The Grand Prix West boats are two feet shorter than the Unlimiteds, but are powered by supercharged, big-block V8s, racing at over 160 miles per hour.

The P1 USA-A series will determine its super stock champion this weekend. It will be match-and-endurance racing with outboard-powered 28-foot, twin-engine V-bottom boats.

Cracker Boxes have engines in front of a driver and an observer in flat-bottom runabouts that reach speeds up to 100 mph. Stock hydros are agile and fast watercraft where more than 15 riders compete off Crown Point.

For more information, visit www.sandiegobayfair.org/.

SD Bayfair officials tout three-day event as heaven for hydroplane fans

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

Since the San Diego Bayfair organization lost Budweiser as a major sponsor several years ago, its board of governors has had to scramble each year to bring back the unlimited hydroplanes.

The popular racing attraction was saved in the final hours last year when the Air National Guard came to the rescue to back the event. Now, not only has the Air National Guard returned, but the drag boats have legitimate support from Lucas Oil.

Obviously, Bayfair's board of governors can express a sigh of relief.

This is the 46th year of Bayfair on Mission Bay. Thunderboats Inc. is a nonprofit organization that promotes powerboat racing in San Diego and tourism in the beach area. Profits from the three-day festival go to the Wounded Warrior Fund.

"The Unlimited hydroplanes and the drag boats are truly fan favorites," said Jeff Thomas, chairman of San Diego Bayfair's board of directors. "This is the only race site in the country where you can experience both tours on the same body of water in the same weekend. If you love jet engines or the roar of the pistons and the sheer speed of seeing the fastest racecraft with no wheels, Bayfair is the place to be this weekend. "But it's more than just powerboat racing," he said. "There's something for everyone: great vendors, food, music and the shores of beautiful Mission Bay, combined with the best weather of the year."

Tickets are \$25 for a single-day pass or \$45 for a three-day superpass. Children under age 12, active-duty military personnel and reservists with valid

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Chairman, Bayfair board of directors

ID are admitted free. The gates open at 7 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. each day.

Racing notes

- NBC Sports' lead motorsports announcer Bill Weber and former H1 Unlimited driver Mike Allen will serve as the broadcast team for the Air National Guard Hydroplane Series television shows that will appear on the Versus Network this fall. The shows begin airing Oct. 9.

Noteworthy

- Probably the most interesting Grand Prix West driver is Dean Rojas, a one-time San Diego State University student who is a professional angler. He won \$1.5 million on the fishing tour.

- Greg Hopp will have double duty in Grand Prix and Unlimited driving.

• Prix pilot Scott Pierce drove the Miss Budweiser to victory here 20 years ago.

- The most successful crew chief among the hydro clan is Mike Hanson, who has been at the working helm of Oh Boy! Oberto for three national titles.

- San Diego is the final regular-season stop for the Air National Guard Hydroplane Series before wrapping up its season in Doha, Qatar in November.

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The 18th annual Classic Longboard Surfing Contest, sponsored by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, takes to the water Saturday, Sept. 17 at Crystal Pier.

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Vintage nose riders to take center stage at OMBAC longboard classic

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Ever wonder what San Diego surfing was like in its early years? Have you imagined guys in short bathing suits and crew cuts hanging ten or popping head stands on mammoth wood boards on a beautiful late summer day in Pacific Beach?

For anyone fascinated with the “golden age of surfing,” Saturday, Sept 17 will provide a chance to relive the days of yesteryear. The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) is putting on its 18th annual Classic Longboard Surfing Contest at Crystal Pier.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., followed by a full day of surfing. While the competitions in recent years have evolved into mostly shortboarders ripping up waves, the OMBAC Classic Longboard Contest is more about celebrating the origins of the sport. “People have been surfing in San Diego

for over 50 years and we are intentionally harkening back to the grand old days of San Diego surfing,” said Bob Adams, chairman of the OMBAC Surf Contest Committee.

Each contestant must use a board that is 9 feet or longer and the board must have been made in 1969 or earlier. Leashes are not allowed. While some eclectic enthusiasts around town might already own a vintage board, loaners will be available for those participants who don’t have one, Adams said.

“We always get people who are surfing a classic longboard for the first time ever in the contest and they often do quite well,” Adams said.

While fans won’t be treated to neck-snapping turns or gnarly aerials, vintage longboarding requires a unique set of skills in its own right.

“It’s a lot more about smoothness and wave selection, and about positioning on the wave and on the board. It’s a lot

more of the Aloha aspect of surfing,” Adams said. “It is a contest, and style is a part of a contest, but it’s not just how many waves you catch. It’s also about how you catch them.”

OMBAC is expecting about 40-60 contestants. There will be a kids’ division for those under 16, and if there are enough women there will also be a separate division for them. Everyone else will compete in the open division, Adams said.

There is a \$25 signup fee that goes up to \$35 on the day of the competition. Applications are available at www.ombac.org, at local surf shops or by showing up beginning at 7:30 a.m. to register the day of the contest at Crystal Pier.

Trophies and prizes will be handed out to the top-place finishers. All proceeds will go toward the construction of beach-access wheelchairs for disabled beachgoers.

Three Mission Bay High alums excel on the water

Three sailors with San Diego roots showed their hometown skills are just as competitive on the East Coast by bringing home two first-place awards in one of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious yachting regattas over the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Jeff Wilson and Steve Caccam, members of Mission Bay High School’s class of 1983, and Brandon Blaylock, a 1975 alumnus of Mission Bay High, were on two winning boats in Stamford, Conn. Yacht Club’s 77th annual Vineyard Race from Sept. 2-4.

Wilson, 46, of Fairfield, Conn., skippered his 42-foot Sabre “Tacktile,” to first place in PHRF 6 with a time of 34 hours, 16 minutes, 21 seconds. He finished fourth overall in the fleet of 66 entries. Wilson is a member of Pequot Yacht Club in Southport, Conn.

Caccam, 45, of Darien, Conn., was a sail trimmer aboard “Tacktile.” Blaylock, 54, of New Canaan, Conn., crewed aboard “Rhiannon III,” a 35-foot J109 out of Stamford Yacht Club. “Rhiannon III” took first place in PHRF 8 with a time of 36 hours, 23 minutes, 1 second and finished in 15th place overall out of 66 entries in the fleet.

Wilson has been an avid sailor all his life and grew up racing Hobie cats on Mission Bay. He has sailed and raced a wide variety of dinghies and big boats. He said he enjoys fleet, match and distance racing and competes in all types of regattas around the country.

Caccam is a relative latecomer to the sport, only sailing Lasers at Mission Bay Aquatic Center while a student at UC San Diego. It wasn’t until he was introduced to big boats nine years ago that he caught the racing bug.

Blaylock began sailing in San Diego as a young child, crewing on boats owned by family friends. He expanded his sailing background while at the University of Southern California and after graduation as a member of Marina Sailing in Marina del Rey.

For complete race results, visit www.yachtscoring.com.

— Contributed by the Stamford Yacht Club



From left are Mission Bay High alums Jeff Wilson, Steve Caccam and Brandon Blaylock, who together brought home two first-place honors in the Stamford Yacht Club’s 77th annual Vineyard Race over the Labor Day weekend.

Courtesy photo

‘Real World’ cast members make friends with PB merchants, locals

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

From mid-June to early September, seven strangers lived together in a multi-million dollar Bird Rock home that overlooks an expansive vista of the Pacific Ocean from the North Jetty to La Jolla Cove for the filming of the popular MTV reality television show “The Real World.”

The cast members spent plenty of time in Pacific Beach, which quickly became a huge hit as a local hangout spot for “The Real World” cast.

Despite concerns from some Bird Rock neighbors about the increased amount of traffic and number of curious onlookers disturbing their otherwise-quiet neighborhood, neighbors said they generally had no qualms with the cast members themselves.

In fact, the cast was even invited to a second birthday party at the next-door neighbor’s home and a family’s cook-out at the end of the street. One neighbor even helped with a prank that one cast member played on another.

Although there were a few problems during the early stages of filming — including one cast member getting a glass bottle thrown at him from a car window — the problems were largely



Members of “The Real World” reality television show cast from season 26, which was shot at a home in Bird Rock and several locations throughout Pacific Beach.

Photo courtesy of MTV

mitigated once the cast got settled in.

“When the cast members were not at their Chelsea Street home, they worked at the San Diego House of Blues, took a short vacation to an undisclosed location and explored San Diego neighborhoods.

Many of the cast members said they met many new friends in the community, which would give them a reason to

come back.

“It’s bittersweet,” said cast member Sam McGinn at the conclusion of filming. “Yes, I want to leave. Yes, I want to go home, but part of my home is here now.”

Filming of the show was completed on Sept. 8. MTV’s “The Real World” season 26 will premiere on Sept. 28 at 10 p.m.

CAST MEMBERS NAME THEIR FAVORITE PACIFIC BEACH HANGOUTS

• “Early on in the experience, we went to **Pacific Beach** almost every day. Later on, probably two to three times per week,” said Zach Nichols. Nichols said his favorite spots were **Beachwood, Firehouse and Double Deuce**.

• “Can we talk about Sunday Funday? It’s weird how normally Sunday is the day off, but in Pacific Beach, Monday is your day to relax,” said Sam McGinn. “**Miller’s Field** was definitely my go-to spot.”

• Cast member Nate Stodghill met the business partner for his nonprofit organization, The Living Memoir, during a night out at Miller’s Field in Pacific Beach. “Being a recent graduate, Pacific Beach is more along the lines of my scene,” he said.

• “I spend my days at **Shock Fitness**. I love working out. It’s something that I’m passionate about and it’s something that I do every day. I’ve met a lot of people

there and I have some really good friends there now, which is one of the reasons that I would want to come back here,” said cast member Ashley Kelsey, who frequented the gym with roommate Nichols. “Another one of my favorite places is Phil’s BBQ. It’s so good.”

• The cast also frequented Bird Rock Surf Shop and hit the surf with lessons from the **Surf School in Pacific Beach**.

— Mariko Lamb

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Pacific Beach Middle School (PBMS) International Baccalaureate students, parents and staff dedicated a tree on Sept. 12 in the Waves of Green Student Garden to honor the heroes of Sept. 11, 2001 and to recognize the continuing daily sacrifices of first responders and military personnel. Acknowledging these heroes' daily service to the community, representatives of the Navy and Fire Station 21 in Pacific Beach were presented flowers and fresh vegetables grown at the campus garden by Pacific Beach Middle School students. A plaque will also be installed at the garden site to honor their service.

Courtesy photo

EDUCATION
NOTEBOOK

News and notes from schools in the Pacific Beach/Mission Bay area:

Pacific Beach public schools are back in session. There are many opportunities to learn what is happening at local schools and numerous events highlighting the strengths of each school site.

• **The Mission Bay Cluster Governance meeting** will be Monday, Sept. 19. Call the Pacific Beach Middle School office at (858) 273-9070 for location. The Mission Bay Cluster includes all the local, public feeder schools in Pacific Beach, including Mission Bay High School, Pacific Beach Middle School, Kate Sessions Elementary, Pacific Beach Elementary, Crown Point Music Academy and Bay View Terrace. There will be an introduction of new area superintendent Mitzi Moreno and newly established by-laws will be reviewed, offi-

cers will be elected and priorities for the cluster will be discussed. All are welcome.

• **The first Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools (FOPBSS) meeting** will be Wednesday, Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Mission Bay High School library. FOPBSS is the parent/teacher nonprofit organization that supports both PB Middle and Mission Bay High. Community members are invited to be a part of the team of dedicated parents, principals and teachers, enjoying the exciting opportunity to make a significant difference for the students of PBMS and MBHS. All are welcome.

• **Kate Sessions Elementary School's annual "Back to School Night"** will be held Thursday, Sept. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. Come visit the classrooms and meet the principal.

• **Pacific Beach Elementary School will host "Penguin Pride Night"** on Friday, Sept. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. This fun, free event is for the whole family and includes a book fair, cake walk, music and games for the

kids, T-shirt sales and many other activities to welcome back the students, parents, siblings and friends.

• **Pacific Beach Middle School's Back to School Night** is Thursday, Sept. 29 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy a delicious dinner, visit the Scholastic Book Fair, meet the administration, chat with teachers and reconnect with friends.

• **The After School Tennis Program at Pacific Beach Elementary** begins Thursday, Sept. 22 from 2:20 to 3:20 p.m. It is free and all skill levels are welcome. Contact the school office for more information at (858) 273-9070.

• **The Mission Bay High School open house** will be Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m. There will be presentations by the principal and FOPBSS. Classrooms will be open and teachers will be available to discuss expectations of students in the first semester.

— Jennifer Tandy

Looking
ahead

Beach- and bay-area events, Sept. 17-Oct. 23

• SATURDAY, Sept. 17

The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) will host its 18th annual Classic Longboard Surfing Contest for surf enthusiasts of all ages. The event is an "old school" Southern California contest for surfers on longboards (9 feet or longer only) vintage 1969 or earlier, no leashes. This will be an end-of-summer homage to the golden age of surfing. The event takes place at Crystal Pier at the foot of Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the contest beginning at 8:30 a.m. This is an opportunity for surfers with vintage surfboards (loaner boards available for contestants) to gather for a nostalgic competition that's become as much of an event as a contest. OMBAC donates the proceeds to support beach access for beachgoers of all abilities. Applications are available online at <http://ombac.org/omsurf/index.html>, or in person at Bird's Surf Shed, 1091 W. Morena Blvd., as well as at other area surf shops. There is a \$25 entry fee in advance; \$35 day of the event. Spectators admitted free. For more information, call (619) 300-1831, or email bob-regan.adams@att.net.

• WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28

The Pacific Beach Town Council will host its 31st annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (PAESAN) 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.

• SATURDAY, Oct. 1

Pacific BeachFest will be held on Satur-

day, Oct. 1 on the boardwalk from Diamond Street to Thomas Street. The public is invited to enjoy this free, family-friendly outdoor celebration of the beach between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Get your fill of beach volleyball, music, food, fine arts and crafts, fireworks and other activities. This event has something for everyone, rides for the kids, shopping for adults, fish taco from the best at the beach, a radical beach volleyball competition, and a fireworks display that the whole family can enjoy together. For more information about the event, visit www.pacificbeachfest.org/pbfest/index.htm

SATURDAY, Oct. 15

The National Psoriasis Foundation will host its annual Walk to Cure Psoriasis in San Diego at Mission Bay Park's Crown Point, located at 1799 Moorland Dr.). The event will raise funds for the foundation's research, education and advocacy programs. Psoriasis, a noncontagious, chronic disease of the immune system, appears on the skin causing red, scaly patches. These patches, often painful and itchy, can appear on any part of the body. Additionally, up to 30 percent of people with psoriasis develop psoriatic arthritis. People with psoriasis are at risk of developing other serious conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and depression. Free registration takes place at 8 a.m. with the walk beginning at 9 a.m. To register or for more information, visit walk.psoriasis.org/sd-walk or call (877) 825.WALK.

SUNDAY, Oct. 23

Stop Diabetes® will host "Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes" at De Anza Cove on Mission Bay. The event, which is expected to draw more than 1,500 participants, is a one-day signature fundraising walk benefiting the American Diabetes Association. Every dollar raised through "Step Out" plays a role in supporting the Association's mission: to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes. For more information, to register or to volunteer, call (888) DIABETES, or visit diabetes.org/stepoutsandiego.



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Celebration

The Spirits of Mexico Awards Dinner and Tasting Reception at Barra Barra Saloon, Sept. 16, is when guests can sip world-class agave spirits paired with specialty cuisine infused with agave spirits. The Awards Ceremony, held in the Fiesta de Reyes courtyard after dinner, will reveal the winners of the 2011 Spirits of Mexico Tasting Competition. Dinner tickets can be purchased for \$85 per person. Spirits of Mexico Festival's Main

Event is on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. Attendees can enjoy more than 200 styles of agave spirits. Seminars take place at intervals throughout the evening and a silent auction will be held benefitting the Sky Ranch Foundation. VIP tickets can be purchased for \$65 in advance; general admission tickets are \$50 in advance.

The Spirits of Mexico Festival is presented by Polished Palate and has been noted as 'one of four festivals not to miss' by 'O, the Oprah Magazine. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit polishedpalate.com.

Celebrate Fiestas
Patrias

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is hosting Mexican Independence Day with traditional activities from the 1800s when San Diego was still part of Mexico—including lively dancing, music, food and drink. This free festival commemorates one of the most important days in Mexico's history -- independence from Spain in 1810. The event is Saturday, Sept. 17, from noon to 4 p.m. The cannon firing salute kicks off

the historical activities including the "Changing of the Flag" ceremony, an "El Grito" contest, parade, games, crafts and more.

Attendees can march in the short parade around the plaza along with horses, dancers, and people in historical costumes. The parade is scheduled to follow the "Changing of the Flag" ceremony at noon.

Following the parade, there will be games, contests and demonstrations that represent the activities enjoyed by the early settlers of San Diego. Park guests can relax and picnic in the grassy area in front of the stage that will be filled with free entertainment such as historical dancing and music. A special theatrical production "The Bells of Dona Josefa" will be performed free of charge at 12:45 p.m. on the Fiesta de Reyes stage and 2:45 p.m. on

the plaza stage.

Other stage entertainment includes Ballet Folklorico Real de San Diego, Los Bailadores Dance Group and Los Diegos music group.

This celebration is an independence celebration like no other in Alta and Baja California. The event is sponsored by Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, Boosters of Old Town and Fiesta de Reyes.

The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street, and is conveniently next to the Old Town Transit Center, with Coaster, trolley, and MTS bus service. Free parking is available in the Caltrans parking lot on Taylor Street in Old Town after 3 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends. For more information go to www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego or call 619-220-5422.

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Vokab Kompany
Boom Snap
Split Finger
InTransit Audio
Sunny Rude
Sando & the Irie Vibes

DJ Stage
Who Czech
Beatnick
Demon
Artistic
Chris Cutz
Mikey Beats

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