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Outrigger canoes, paddleboards and kayaks will battle one another in a friendly aquatic competition during the 16th annual Hanohano-Huki Ocean Challenge event that begins at Bonita Cove on Mission Bay on Jan. 28.

## Hanohano-Huki Ocean Challenge to power across bay

By DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press

atermen and women will unite on Saturday, Jan. 28 during the 16th annual Hanohano-Huki Ocean Challenge Paddling Race at Mission Bay.

Billed as a fun, variety-filled day of friendly, aquatic competition and aloha spirit, the event takes place at Mission Bay's Bonita Cove, across from the Belmont Park rollercoaster.

The competition will feature paddle races using one- and two-person outrigger canoes, kayaks and surf skis, along with prone and stand-up paddleboards.

The event is hosted by the Hanohano Outrigger Canoe Club, a Mission Bay nonprofit organization founded in 1981 by Egon and Rena Horcajo. The Hanohano club brings together folks who share in perpetuating and participating in competitive Hawaiian outrigger-canoe racing and has proven to be one of the most successful winning clubs in Southern California.

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The increasing popularity of stand-up paddleboards has had an impact on the annual event, drawing 166 entries last year.

Photo by Don Balch I Beach & Bay Press

Visitors can dream big or even lock in a purchase among a variety of sail-boats and powered boats during the San Diego Sunroad Boat Show, which runs for four days this month at the Sunroad Resort Marina on Harbor Island Drive.

# Four-day boat show puts lap of luxury on public display

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON | BEACH & BAY PRESS

As thoughts begin to turn to spring and boating, one of the best ways to explore the wealth of watercraft options — and the great deals that are now available — is during the San Diego Sunroad Boat Show. The show opens Thursday, Jan. 26 and continues through Sunday, Jan. 29 at Sunroad Resort Marina, 955 Harbor Island Drive, located at the east end of Harbor Island.

This year's show, now in its third year at Sunroad since its move from the downtown Convention Center, is expected to be about 10 percent bigger than last year's, with about 150 boats on exhibit, including sailboats and powered boats ranging from 28 feet to 90 feet.

More than 100 vendors will offer an array of boating-related products, accessories and services.

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# Environmental groups score city's cleanest, trashiest beach areas

2010's biggest offender, PB now at top of clean list

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The results are in for 2011's cleanest and dirtiest beaches in San Diego, according to data compiled and evaluated from San Diego Coastkeeper and the Surfrider Foundation San Diego Chapter's twice-monthly beach cleanups during the year.

The good news for Pacific Beach residents: Crystal Pier did a complete turnaround from its dirtiest finish in 2010.

Topping the environmental organizations' charts as San Diego's trashiest beach last year, however, was the Ocean Beach Pier, with a whopping 3.57 pounds of trash collected per volunteer at the site. Top items collected during the cleanup were plastics and cigarette butts.

Not all of the blame can be placed on Ocean Beach residents and visitors, however, according to environmental groups. Some litter is deposited there as a result of the "great trash migration" that occurs during major storms. This situation relocates litter from gutters, messy dumpsters and transient camps to San Diego's bays and beaches, said Alicia Glassco, education and marine debris manager at San Diego Coastkeeper.

Although some of the blame can be diverted from Ocean Beach residents and guests as being responsible for the overall volume collected there, Glassco pointed out the need for Ocean Beach to recycle, since

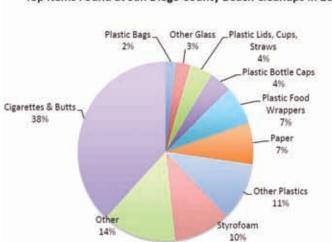
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#### PACIFIC BEACH CLEANUPS PLANNED FOR 2012

- Feb. 25: Tourmaline Beach, Pacific Beach, 9 to 11 a.m., hosted by Surfrider. Meet near the bench, just north of the public restrooms at the end of Tourmaline Street in north Pacific Beach.
- May 26: Fiesta Island, Mission Bay, 9 to 11 a.m., hosted by Coastkeeper. Take right off of Fiesta Island Road and meet in the dirt parking area.
- June 23: Crystal Pier, Pacific Beach, 9 to 11 a.m., hosted by Coastkeeper. Meet by the north side of the pier on the grass north of Garnet Street. Street parking only.
- July 28: Mission Beach Jetty, South Mission Beach, 9 to
   11 a.m., hosted by Surfrider. Meet next to the public restrooms by the parking lot and lifeguard tower. Do not go to Belmont Park.
- Aug. 25: Pacific Beach Drive, Pacific Beach, 9 to 11 a.m., hosted by Surfrider. Meet at the end of Pacific Beach Drive on the beach. Street parking only.

Top Items Found at San Diego County Beach Cleanups in 2011



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#### **SLAMMIN' SURF HITS CITY BEACHES**

Observers watch as mountainous sets of waves pounded the Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach on Jan. 6. Crystal Pier was closed to the public temporarily that day because of the potentially dangerous surf conditions. The waves, which were generated by a massive storm off Japan, scoured away some of the sand built up over the summer along Pacific Beach and Mission Beach. Photo by Don Balch I Beach & Bay Press

### Belmont Park lease dispute triggers \$25 million breach of contract dispute

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Tom Lochtefeld, the former operator and master leaseholder of Belmont Park, filed a lawsuit in December and is suing the city for \$25 million for breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresen-

Lochtefeld was forced to give up the lease in June after a bankruptcy hearing awarded receivership to the East West Bank.

"We are confident in defending the city against Mr. Lochtefeld's claims," said Jonathan Heller, communications director for City Attorney Jan Goldsmith's office.

Heller declined to address further questions over the city's split with Lochtefeld because of the litigation.

The bitter lease dispute with the city forced the closure of the iconic and historic Plunge pool in May. That facility has yet to be reopened and a target date of November has since lapsed.

"The people that are hurt by this are the customers and users of The Plunge," Lochtefeld said.

The Lochtefeld-city relationship dates

to take over the lease of Belmont Park. Lochtefeld launched improvements to the park, which included creating the Wavehouse Athletic Club in 2002 and the eye-catching wave simulation machine guests can bodyboard on.

The lease relationship began to sour after Lochtefeld proposed a plan to revitalize Belmont Park with a water park and hotels in 2006.

According to Lochtefeld, the plan was received positively by the city initially, but said he did not hear back from officials until 2008 when the city rejected his plan. City officials claimed Lochtefeld was in breach of contract for incorrectly submitting his proposal.

The end result was that Lochtefeld was no longer eligible to receive rent subsidies and his rent increased by about 800 percent, from about \$70,000 to \$550,000 — a clause city officials maintained Lochtefeld agreed to and knowingly entered into when he assumed the lease.

Lochtefeld, however, was unable to pay the rent hike, and the city declared him in default. Lochtefeld filed for Chap-

back to 2000 when the city asked him ter 11 bankruptcy in November 2011 and was forced to close The Plunge on May 26

> Belmont Park is currently operated by Ken Krasne of Los Angeles, the court-appointed receiver. The Plunge is scheduled to reopen after temporary repairs are made but there is no word yet on when those repairs will happen.

To keep the pool opened permanently, the facility will need another \$1.2 million in repairs, according to an engineer hired by the city.

"It will probably be open for six months but there is no plan to go forward to fix it permanently," Lochtefeld

When Belmont Park and The Plunge opened almost 87 years ago in May 1925, The Plunge was the largest saltwater pool at the time. Over time, the park fell into disrepair and was closed in 1976 but was reopened in 1990 thanks to a grassroots "Save the Coaster" campaign. The Plunge remained open except for a brief period in 1987-88. There is a "Save the Plunge" website at www.wavehouseathleticclub.com/savetheplunge.

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# Sunny-flavored reggae, Alice Cooper tribute, return of the Big Bands

# LIVEMUSIC

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Impossible to pigeonhole by design. Modern Ancients are a trio that take the familiar and bend it to their considerable will. The group performs improvisational interpretations of standards, combining jazz with whatever it takes to get their musical point across - from avant garde moments to zydeco rhythms. Performing at Café-Bar Europa on Friday, Jan. 20, each performance is different, but fans of Blue Notestyled musical experimentation will find much to appreciate. Modern Ancients provide the perfect soundtrack to a night out at this intimate venue.

• Modern Ancients perform at 9 p.m. on Friday Jan. 20 at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turqouise St. 21 and up. No cover. www.theturquoise.com/wordpress

Though evenings may be chilly now, the sunny island sounds of reggae and dub continue to have a hold on the beach-area music community. On Jan. 22, Azusa-based Bohdi Rock stops in at RT's Longboard. There is an abundance of acts that call their music reggae these days, but many trend toward rock, with dub highlights. Meanwhile, Bohdi Rock hits all the right marks when it comes to rhythm and beat, with an EP out and a wealth of solid songs like its single, "Cali Life." RT's Longboard Sunday night reggae shows are a great way to ease into the workweek.

• Bohdi Rock performs at 10 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22 at RT's Longboard, 1466 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. www.longboardgrill.com

Always one of the more theatrical artists, it's only natural that Alice Cooper has a tribute band dedicated to his music. Alice & The Cooper Gang, appears at 710 Beach



Modern Ancients will perform improvisational interpretations of standards, combining jazz with whatever it takes to get their musical point across - from avante garde moments to zydeco rhythms - on Friday, Jan. 20 at Café-Bar Europa.

Club on Jan. 27. Though the band keeps the special effects to a minimum, this is an excellent hard-rock group and it does its subject justice. The band concentrates on Cooper's prime mid-1970s era with an arsenal of time-tested rock songs like "Eighteen," "School's Out" and "Elected." If you're a fan of classic rock, you can't go wrong with this show, which also includes AC/DC tribute band, Back 2 Black.

• Alice & The Cooper Gang performs at 9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. www.710bc.com

Perhaps best known as frontman for local heroes Get Back Loretta, with a bit of luck Kevin Martin's new album, "Throwback Pop" will get his music out in front of a national audience. Appearing at The Griffin on Jan. 28, Martin's take on indie rock includes influences ranging from glam to powerpop, punk to classic rock - often with a lyrical social message and always

with an excess of melody. While Martin's music is completely his own, fans of groups like Jellyfish, Badfinger or early Queen will find much to appreciate in his songs.

• Kevin Martin Band performs at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at The Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. www.thegriffinsd.com

Formed just ahead of the mid-1990s swing revival, Big Time Operator remains the gold standard when it comes to swing or Big Band music. Appearing at Tio Leo's on Jan. 28, the band has a pair of albums, has won five San Diego Music Awards and appeared in the film "Pearl Harbor." Though frontman Warren Lovell is still the focus, the 10-man lineup has seen numerous changes over the years. However, if you want to hear the sounds of the 1940s and 1950s when dancing was part of a night out, nobody does it better than Big Time Operator.

• Big Time Operator performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 28 at Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. www.tioleos.com



It's hard enough to make a temporary mark on the public's musical consciousness, but it takes a rare talent to stay in the public eye as a hitmaker over decades. Such is the case with Eric

Whether with The Yardbirds,

Cream, The Dominoes, The Bluesbreakers or as a solo artist, Clapton remains the guitarist of choice for generations of concertgoers, making him the perfect artist for tribute-band coverage.

On Jan. 27, Brick by Brick hosts Clapton Hook, a quartet that covers it all from "Sweet Home Chicago" to "Layla." Fronted by terrific guitarist Dan Litwin, the group nails the songs with both accuracy and a passion for the material.

The bill also includes Classic Cream, for a night that promises to be a Clapton aficionado's dream come true.

• Clapton Hook performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. \$10. www.brickbybrick.com

- Bart Mendoza



#### REMEMBERWHEN?

I'M NOT SURE this even qualifies for Remember When, but what the heck. It's a self-portrait of photographer C. W. Judd and family taken at Pacific Beach in February 1888. La Jolla is visible at the rear and a careful eye can spot the twine Mr. Judd is pulling to snap the shutter on what would have been a camera the size of a television perched atop a wooden tripod. Photo courtesy of San Diego History Center

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#### **Motorcyclist seriously** hurt in PB crash

Traffic investigators are still sorting through details of a collision on Ian. 16 in Pacific Beach that left a motorcyclist seriously injured.

According to police, a 25-year-old man driving a Ford Taurus eastbound on Garnet Avenue around 5:30 p.m. made a left turn on to northbound Lamont Street in front of the 24-year-old motorcyclist heading westbound on

The motorcyclist reportedly suffered a broken femur and lower leg injury.



Police investigators with Western Division displayed recovered property seized during the arrest of 40-year-old Curt Simnitt last week in connection with a series of vehicle burglaries in Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach and shoppers in La Mesa.

Photo by Jim Grant I Beach & Bay Press

#### Suspect linked to string of car burglaries nabbed

Detectives from the San Diego Police Department's Western Division took a man into custody last week in connection with a series of vehicle burglaries stretching from Pacific Beach to Ocean Beach and from downtown to La Mesa.

Curt Simnitt, 40, is being linked to the string of burglaries that took place between August and December, according to investigators.

Simnitt is alleged to have generally

targeted beachgoers, watching surfers, swimmers, joggers and others visiting the beach as they secured their belongings in their vehicle and then hid a key nearby. After the victims left the area, Simnitt would allegedly use the victim's key to unlock the vehicle and remove nearly all of the property inside.

In some instances, Simnitt allegedly forced entry to the target vehicles. Investigators said that while most of the cases took place at beaches, some of the crimes happened in shopping center parking lots.

After detectives identified Simnitt as the apparent suspect, they obtained a warrant and conducted a search at his residence, where they located property and evidence from about 50 vehicle burglaries.

While some of the property has been released to its owners, police said a large amount still needs to be returned to the rightful owners — including surfboards, wetsuits, backpacks, watches, wallets, glasses and computers.

Simnitt was booked into county jail on numerous charges, including 20 counts of possession of stolen property, five counts of identity theft, burglary, forgery and possession of a controlled substance.

Simnitt was expected to be arraigned Ian 18

#### **Navy SEAL dies of** accidental gunshot

A Navy SEAL who police believe accidentally shot himself in the head on Ian. 5 while displaying his handguns to a visitor in his Pacific Beach apartment died of his injuries Ian. 7.

The victim, identified at Petty Officer 3rd Class Gene Clayton, Jr. of Ohio, was pronounced dead at the hospital after surviving more than 48 hours on life support.

Police were called to the Grand Avenue apartment around 2 a.m. on

Jan. 5, where Clayton apparently had been showing several handguns to a female visitor and picked up one he apparently thought was unloaded, discharging a round into his head, according to investigators. He was rushed to Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla, where doctors placed him on life sup-

According to Navy records, Clayton was a special warfare operator who joined in March 2010. Navy officials said Clayton finished pre-basic SEAL training in Illinois in August and full SEAL training at the Navy's elite forces training facility in Coronado.

#### **Renamed PB committee** seeks members

The Pacific Beach Community Advisory Committee (PBCAC) — formerly the Special Events Committee - will seek two new at-large members during the group's Tuesday, Feb. 21 meeting.

The nine-member PBCAC consists of two representatives each from the Pacific Beach Town Council, Discover PB and the PB Planning Group, plus three at-large members to review and advise on special events occurring on Pacific Beach streets. The committee was also repurposed last year to review new alcohol licenses and changes to current licenses.

District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer formed the committee in 2006 after problems developed during the final PB Block Party. The committee's mission is to ensure community input on events.

At-large member candidates should present a short biography during the PBCAC meeting at 6 p.m. on Feb. 21 when the committee meets at 1503 Garnet Ave.

For more information, call (858) 273-

#### **PB Planning Group looks** for new members

The Pacific Beach Planning Group

(PBPG) will hold its annual elections March 28, but time is running out for candidates who intend to run for a seat and have not yet attended a meeting of the PBPG in the

Candidates must have attended a meeting in 2011 or must attend the Jan. 25 meeting to qualify. Candidates must also be residents of - or own a business in -Pacific Beach. The March 28 election will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Pacif-

ic Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St.

The PB Planning Group is composed of 20 community volunteers (15 residential and five commercial seats). The group advises the city on land-use and new development, traffic, parking, and other issues of importance to the community.

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Kayla Kahn launches a motorcycle on Jan. 14 in a 20-foot jump at Global RV Solutions in Pacific Beach in a promotional gig to kickstart a new apparel line called MotoMizfits being introduced by Kahn and her partner, Samantha Stewart. Kahn is an aspiring pro-circuit motocross racer; Stewart is the designer behind the clothing line.

### Motocross-driven ladies make jump into apparel line — literally

By WALTER RUSNIK | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Two young ladies literally jumped into their new clothing line on Jan. 14 in Pacific Beach by launching their motorcycle over a 20-foot jump in the parking lot of Global RV Solutions on Garnet Avenue.

Samantha Stewart and Kayla Kahn are the brains and brawn - respectively — of the newest, hottest, all-female motocross team and apparel known as MotoMizfits.

"Kayla and I were driving home about a year ago when we discovered that our business partner, who was supposed to help promote our new clothing line, stole all our money," Stewart said. "We felt like we had nobody to turn to, and no one we could trust besides ourselves. I said to Kayla, 'We are just a couple of misfits.' Moments later, we saw a motorcycle next to a trash can with a bumper sticker of the band 'The Misfits.' We took it as a sign, hence we are the 'MotoMizfits.'

Since that day when they had their dreams and money stolen from them, Kahn and Stewart — left with only their vehicle for shelter — have risen from the ashes like a phoenix and have poured their hearts and souls into creating the MotoMizfits.

The ladies still have many challenges ahead, but they said they won't let those obstacles keep them from their



From left, Stewart, Kahn and their dog, Moto. Photo by Walter Rusnik I Beach & Bay Press

the pro circuit of motocross racing, while Stewart has hopes that the clothing line goes mainstream.

The ladies still travel from event to event in their home on wheels. They make ends meet by selling their clothing line and acquiring motorcycles on loan for events. They also self-promote their events by the old fashioned "word of mouth."

Because of the positive response of the Jan. 14 event in Pacific Beach, the duo has created a Facebook page where visitors can view the latest piece of

ultimate goals. Kahn wants to be on apparel that Steward has designed and can follow the ladies in their journey across America as Kahn does motorcycle jumps from place to place to promote the line while simultaneously competing in motocross events.

The ladies' stories will air live on "A Week In Review with The Ugly News Team," a new show the San Diego Community Newspaper Group launched last week on www.WazilloMedia.com. The show takes place Wednesdays at 10 a.m. If you miss the live shows, be sure to catch them at your leisure on www.sdnews.com.



San Diego Sunroad Boat Show, which runs from Thursday, Jan. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 29, is expected to be 10 percent bigger this year. Photo by Nicole Sours Larson I Beach & Bay Press

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"It's the largest sailboat display in Southern California and may be bigger than Sail America in San Francisco," said show director Jim Behun, who doubles as the Sunroad marina manager. The mix is about 40 percent sailboats and 60 percent powered boats and includes both new and used or brokerage vessels.

Last year, an estimated 14,000 people attended the show over the four days, generating numerous boat sales and introducing prospective buyers to yacht brokers. This year, to ease the flow of visitors, Sunroad is adding a floating dock as a bridge between the two main exhibit docks.

New this year is a charter section showing various boats available for daysails or longer charters from several operators, Behun said.

'Seaforth Yacht Charters will offer free boat rides and West Marine will have a large display of Avon Zodiacs — or hardbottom inflatables — and will take people out for test rides," he said.

Among the new exhibitors is Precision Laboratories, which will have staff on hand demonstrating new methods of cleansing boats to eliminate mold, mildew, smoke and other odors and tox-

Raymarine will again demonstrate the latest in marine electronics in a mobile exhibit.

In addition to boats for sale, other exhibitors will showcase nautical furniture, custom-made mattresses, canvas and sails, specialized marine paints, lubricants and other supplies, along with marinas and yacht clubs for cruisers' exploration and discovery.

The Unified Port of San Diego is sponsoring educational seminars that will cover a range of subjects from fishing to boating-related environmental issues to safety concerns in Mexico.

Barrett Canfield, president of South Coast Yachts, which will be exhibiting four new Beneteau sailboats ranging from 30 feet to 50 feet, and two new 25foot and 30-foot Schock Daysailers, said he is enthusiastic about the Sunroad boat show, which he finds productive for both buyers and sellers.

"It's the perfect central location by the airport," Canfield said. "I've done boat shows for 20 years and it's the best-run boat show."

He said he also likes the show's compact design, with vendors' exhibits located under a tent near the entrance to the in-the-water boat display.

Jim Johnson, a broker with Chuck Hovey Yachts, which will exhibit a 55foot Fleming raised pilothouse motoryacht, along with a 48-foot Offshore motoryacht and 49-foot Hylas offshore cruising sailboat, agrees.

"People are excited when they come to the show," said Johnson. "Every year, it has grown. Boats are sold from the show throughout the year. There's a well-rounded selection of vendors and different types of boats. If you're a boating enthusiast, you'll find what you want at the show."

The San Diego Sunroad Boat Show hours are noon to 6 p.m. on Jan. 26 and 27, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 28 and

Children under 12 are admitted free with a paid adult. Adult tickets run \$10 per person, making it easy and economical to bring the whole family to look for that long-contemplated dream boat.

Parking is available for \$10 at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Harbor Island, which also offers special discounted boat show rates for out-oftown visitors. Sunroad's Island Deli will again offer its tasty tacos to hungry visi-

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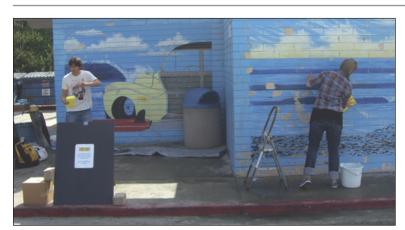
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Local artists Fernando Pinon and Michelle Josey volunteered their time and talents to make the Tourmaline Canyon Surfing Park mural vibrant again.

# PB Surf Club, volunteers revitalize Tourmaline surf park bathroom

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Tourmaline Canyon Surfing Park recently got a much-needed facelift, thanks to a few dedicated volunteers and their vision of returning a blighted public bathroom mural to its old glory.

The facility is now complete with a depiction of Pacific Beach point, a trio of crashing waves, the surf spot's shoreline and a classic old Ford Woody to

"The original painting was from 1998, and it sat there in poor condition for several years," said Greg Miller, mural project coordinator and longtime Pacific Beach Surf Club member. "The mural's paint faded away long ago and was slowly peeling off.'

The Pacific Beach Surf Club knew about the mural's dilapidated state and decided to do something about it. Nine months ago, the organization got city permission to renovate the old mural, agreed to fund the cost and set out on a search for an artist to get it done.

Meanwhile, two local artists, Fernan-

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do Pinon and Michelle Josey, had also noted the poor condition of the mural independent of the surf club's call for action. The couple contacted the city and were informed that the surf club was in search of artists — and a partnership was born.

"Fernando and Michelle graciously agreed to volunteer their time, talent and expertise to the project," Miller said. "The two have spent numerous hours in all kinds of weather working on the project.'

Miller said the duo encountered a few colorful locals along the way who were not shy in voicing their opinion about the restoration efforts.

With the mural completed, the restrooms will continue to undergo restoration with a fresh coat of tan paint on the inner and outer walls.

"I think the fresh paint and color change with the beautiful new mural will be a significant enhancement to Tourmaline Canyon Surfing Park," Miller said. "So far, everyone has embraced the changes."

## **BEACHES**

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the beaches there — including the Ocean Beach Pier and Sunset Cliffs — had the highest counts of aluminum cans and glass bottles trashing their beaches last

"As for Ocean Beach, we would like to find it in a better state on July 5 this year [during the massive post-Fourth of July cleanups]," said Glassco. "We hope that those who choose to participate in the annual marshmallow fight held on the Fourth of July will come out to the 'Morning After the Mess' cleanup to

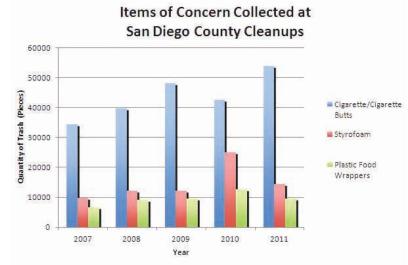
Just up the coast, in a surprise turnaround, Pacific Beach's Crystal Pier — in 2010 dubbed one of the worst offenders of beach litter by environmentalists — was named the county's cleanest beach, according to the environmental organizations' data, with just 0.5 pounds of trash collected per volunteer.

This may reflect the fact that the pier also had the highest number of volunteers out of all the beach cleanups hosted by the two environmental groups. Glassco said that because the Crystal Pier area gets more traffic, it is also a popular area for cleanups.

"The calculation [of cleanest beach] is based on the pounds of trash collected per volunteer. This helps us account for the increase in weight total when we have large numbers of volunteers," she said. "At the Pacific Beach cleanup, we had over 300 volunteers, bringing the value lower than for any other cleanup in 2011."

In absolute weight, volunteers at Ocean Beach Pier's May 14 cleanup collected 289 pounds total, and volunteers at Pacific Beach Crystal Pier's June 25 cleanup collected more than 157 pounds

Overall trends in the beach cleanup data from 2011 indicated a decrease in volunteers last year, likely correlated to



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high unemployment rates, suggested Glassco. Despite the decrease, 3,600 volunteers from between the organizations picked up nearly 5,500 pounds of trash last year, each piece meticulously collected, identified and tallied in its respective category to move forward with a solution for pollution.

"Collecting data at beach and bay cleanups is almost as important as removing the trash from the environment," Glassco said. "The data help us identify from where trash on our beaches originates."

Of the top items collected, single-use plastic dominated the removal effort, as usual. More than 100,000 pieces of single-use plastic, including cigarette butts, plastic bags, plastic food wrappers, bottle caps, lids, cups and straws, were collected throughout the year.

"Plastic poses a serious threat to our marine and coastal ecosystems because it does not biodegrade. Even cigarette filters are made of plastic," said Haley Haggerstone, coordinator for Surfrider Foundation's San Diego chapter. "The solution starts at home, so please help us rise

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hold on to your butts."

Glassco added that in order to drastically minimize the pollution of plastic foam - a top contender each year beachgoers should choose food containers made of eco-friendly materials or bring their own reusable food containers, bottles and bags.

"We can also refuse Styrofoam and support legislation to ban Styrofoam take-out containers here in California," she said.

Some of the fascinating items beach cleanup volunteers have reported in their collections over the years include two headless statutes collected in La Jolla Shores, a military badge at Belmont Park beach and a pregnancy kit at Dog Beach in Ocean Beach.

To date, San Diego Coastkeeper and the Surfrider Foundation's San Diego chapter have successfully done more than 170 beach cleanups around the county to address the problem of trash in San Diego's oceans, beaches and bays.

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The organization also has children's programs and fundraising events for a scholarship program for student athletes. Hanohano is a Hawaiian word, translating as "glorious, worthy of praises and dignified." The Hawaiian aloha spirit is a big part of the organization and the Hanohano-Huki Ocean Challenge event.

The challenge will have two courses, depending upon the competition. An approximate 9-mile course, which starts from Mission Beach's North Ietty beach. heads out to sea, past Crystal Pier, then takes a wide turn back before finishing back at Bonita Cove.

The approximate 4-mile course takes place in Mission Bay, starting at Bonita Cove, heading past SeaWorld San Diego, then doing a U-turn and returning to the cove. There is also a 1,000-meter race for children under 12.

More than 400 watermen and women participated last year, including visitors from Las Vegas, Seattle, Arizona and Canada. Participants include professional lifeguards, former and present Olympic paddlers, pro triathletes and the junior Olympic kayak teams from San Diego and Newport Beach also take part. Notable paddle Olympians have included Phillipe Bocara, Cliff Meidl, Chris Barlow, Rich Sprout and Carrie Johnson. Danny Ching, one of the world's best, one-man outrigger-canoe paddlers, won last year's prestigious Waterman title by winning the short course 12'6"-and-under stand-up paddle (SUP) and the long-course outrigger (OC1) events. Maggie Hogan won last year's women's Waterman title by finishing second in the women's short course 12'6"-and-under SUP and winning the women's long-course surf ski event.

The increasing popularity of stand-



Kayakers will take their shots in the competition Jan. 28, as well.

up paddleboarding has had an impact on the event. Last year, 166 SUPs were entered in the events.

"It has definitely brought growth and attention to paddle sports in general," said event spokesman Dan Van Dyck. "Because it is super-accessible, anyone can do it and has people interested in trying out the other paddle sports as

One of the first questions usually asked is, "What is the difference between a kayak and a surf ski?"

A surf ski is a long, narrow, lightweight kayak with a sealed capsule that the paddler sits on top of. It is designed more for ocean conditions. A kayak has an internal seating compartment that the paddler sits inside of.

The Hanohano-Huki Ocean Challenge will have plenty going on besides paddling outriggers, SUPs, kayaks and

"It's the biggest event of its kind and the first event of the year in the World Paddle Association series, so there is a lot of excitement," said Van Dyck. "There will also be a product expo on

site with lots of demo equipment to try out. live music and the best raffle going with plenty of swag to give away."

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One-man and two-man Huki outrigger canoes are included in the raffle.

Sponsors include Huki Outrigger & Surf ski, Maui Jim's Sunglasses, Quickblade, Yolo Boards, Bull Taco, Rogue SUP, Paddleme.com, Hansen's Board Room, West Coast Paddlesurf, Sweet Waterwear, Zsu Zsu Athletic, OEX and

According to Anthony Vela, a lifeguard, Ironman competitor and a top SUP finisher from last year's challenge, "The event is growing by leaps and bounds and everyone is having fun with a smile on their face."

Most events have a \$20 entry fee, which includes breakfast, lunch. awards, raffle ticket, and T-shirt for the first 200 individuals to register.

The online deadline is Jan. 26, with day-of entries on Jan. 28. For more information and entry into the 16th annual Hanohano-Huki Ocean Challenge, visit www.hanohano.org/-OceanChallenge/Home.html.

# Car2go makes inroads with electric car-sharing program

By DAVE FIDLIN | SAN DIEGO UPTOWN NEWS

San Diegans may have noticed a new — if petite — phenomenon on city streets in recent weeks. The city has entered a new frontier with the implementation of an electric carsharing program that has been touted as energy-conscious and eco-friendly.

Daimler, a German-based auto manufacturing company, announced plans in July to bring its car2go service to San Diego. The proposal had backing from local elected officials as well as the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

The introduction of car2go comes on the heels of the recent installation of 1,500 charging stations for electrical vehicles throughout San Diego County.

The fleet of 300 electric vehicles has been popping up throughout the city for car2go's car-sharing program, including portions of Mission Hills, Bankers Hill, Hillcrest, Golden Hill, North Park and South Park.

The company kicked off a membership campaign with an offer that includes a waiver of a one-time \$35 membership fee and 30 free minutes. The offer is for a limited and undisclosed amount of time.

Rental fees are 35 cents per minute, \$12.99 per hour or \$65.99 daily. However, since car2go is promoted as a service for people looking to get from point A to B, the fee structure can be whittled down to the minute for those seeking limited use.

While car2go is the first large-scale foray into car sharing in San Diego, the initiative actually has been in place for several years. Another company, Zipcar, has been offering traditional vehicles to college students through car sharing within campuses, including the University of San Diego.

Car2go's blue and white Smart Cars carry a 30-kilowatt lithium battery. According to company documents, the battery can go up to 84 miles before a recharge is necessary.

"Our goal is to be very forwardthinking while looking at a variety of eco initiatives," said Katie Stafford, communications manager of Daimler's North American division. "The way we've structured this allows the user to become much more concerned about the time and the way they use [a car2go vehicle]."

San Diego is the fifth city worldwide and the second in the U.S. to adopt the car2go program into its transportation blueprint. Other communities include Austin, Texas; Hamburg, Germany; Ulm, Germany; and Vancouver, Canada.

Stafford said car2go has been "very well received" in Austin, with about 50,000 memberships to date. The program is in its third year in the city.

Dan Martin, manager of SANDAG's iCommute Rideshare Challenge program, said car2go was a natural fit for the city and became a serious proposal in recent years as officials studied transit usage throughout the San Diego area.

The electric car-sharing available through car2go is part of SANDAG's Strategic Transportation Plan, an initiative outlining the virtues of sustainable transportation aimed at creating 35,600 jobs annually through 2050.

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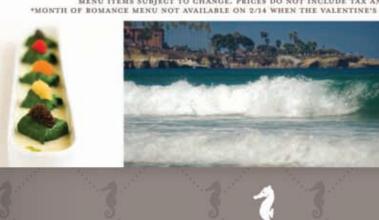
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# WHAT'S IN THE AIR, BUD?

By KEVIN DI CICCO | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The boardwalk here in our treasured Pacific Beach always has such a wealth of the different walks of life. Every time I ride my custom cruiser there, it's never the same experience twice.

Have you noticed how outrageously cool some of the beach cruisers are these days? Last year, at the Pacific Beach Christmas Parade, I met Joe Wivart while waiting in the concession area for the parade to begin. Joe and his wife, Lori, and their kids, Kimmy, Joseph, Nathan and Ross were on some of the coolest cruisers I'd seen.

I soon found out that Joe owns Pacific Coast Bicycle located at 1637 Garnet

Joe was born and raised in Pacific Beach. His father, Eugene, moved from Seattle in the 1950s to join the Navy. He served his country, settled in Pacific Beach and started a family.

Joe himself was born in 1970. He attended elementary, middle and high school here in Pacific Beach and met Lori during his junior year. A lot has changed since he was a kid growing up in PB in the 1970s, especially with beach cruisers.

"I've always enjoyed riding my beach cruiser," Joe said.

So much so, he said, that about 10 years ago he started selling bicycle accessories at a 10-foot-by-10-foot booth at Kobey's Swap Meet.

The success of his business allowed him to rent an 1,100-square-foot shop in the Tommy's TV strip mall in the 1600 block of Garnet Avenue. The busi-



From left: Nathan, Lori, Joseph, Kimmy, Eugene and Joe Wivart in front of Pacific Coast Bicycle at 1637 Garnet Ave.

ness grew to include different types of cruisers and all sorts of accessories. And when the longtime business owner. Tommy Tighe, retired four years ago, Pacific Coast Bicycle took over the storefront and expanded the operation to an impressive 6,500 square feet.

His store is packed with choppers, stretch cruisers, BMX bikes and every type of accessory you could imagine. I'm always stopping in to see what cool new accessory I can add to my cruiser.

"Customizing cruisers is our specialty," Joe said. "We've got so many cool gadgets to add to your bike its hard to resist sprucing up your ride."

I can attest to one really cool product that is a must for any bicycle owner a product called the ACOUZTIC by XCEON. It's essentially a flashlight/MP3 player that features home theater audio quality with high-tech lighting in a compact, easy-to-carry portable unit. It

has the ability to download up to 450 of your favorite songs and its state-of-theart design is surprisingly affordable at a

I've made a New Year's resolution to ride my beach cruiser as often as possible. It's hard not to with so many great places to ride. Joe takes pride in being born and raised here and having the ability to run a family business. So if you're like me and enjoy cruising your bike and adding all the bells and whistles, stop in to see Joe and his family at Pacific Coast Bicycle. He makes a wonderful addition to our beautiful seaside town — our beloved Pacific Beach.

- 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

#### **Writer says homeless shelter in PB ill-advised**

I read with great dismay that a nonprofit group, So Others Might Eat, Inc., has plans for a long-term homeless shelter at the former Guy Hill Cadillac building in Pacific Beach. Undoubtedly, patrons will choose to loiter and remain in the immediate neighborhood, in nearby Rose Creek, at Mission Bay Park and at the beaches and bays.

The result will be a tremendous negative impact on surrounding residences and businesses.

The shelter would also be located five minutes away from Bayview Terrace Elementary School, youth Little League fields and Mission Bay High School. Further, the site is 1.3 miles from the San Diego Visitor Information Center, often a first stop for tourists visiting San Diego. The project's effects will diminish Mission Bay Park's attractiveness to visitors and locals.

While the nonprofit organization's cause is noble, the project is unsuitable for Pacific Beach. The facility will distinctly and negatively alter the character of my neighborhood and the communitv's vibrant visitor-serving area. The group should explore other locations and pursue a facility in an industrial area.

> Janet Podney Pacific Beach

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**Book recommendation** from the Pacific **Beach/Taylor Branch** Library

TITLE: The Drop **AUTHOR: Michael Con**nellv

SYNOPSIS: With three years left before retirement from the Los Angeles Police Department, Harry Bosch wants cases more fiercely than ever. In a single morning, he gets two: a cold-case murder with a confusing DNA mystery and a call to a death scene full of internal politics. A city councilman's

son jumped or was pushed to his death from a hotel balcony. Relentlessly pursuing both cases, Bosch makes two chilling discoveries: a serial killer going back three decades and a political conspiracy that goes back to the dark history of the LAPD.

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# Crowds Come Out for 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals

flocked to Old Town San Diego State Historic Park on Sunday for the third annual Blessing of the Animals event. The event started a little after noon when Monsignor Mark Campbell took the stage to offer a mass blessing to every person and animal attendee. Animals and their owners then lined up for a personal blessing from Campbell.

Presentations were given by Vanessa Barrera from Unleashed Dog Fitness, Nancy Cooney from Sky Hunters and Arden Moore, author of "Dog Parties: How to Party With Your Pup" and creator of National Dog Party Day.

The pet costume contest was the finale of the event and commanded a crowd as three dogs and one cat competed for prizes donated by Chula Vista Nature Center. Fred's Mexican Café and Fiesta de Reyes.

Along with the blessing and presentations, there was also a pet expo of different products and services for pets

Dogs, cats, bunnies and their human companions and people alike including Love My Pet, Wee Companion, Dogs on the Run, San Diego Pets Magazine, Shelly's Shelter, Chihuahua Rescue of San Diego, Santee Bunny Shelter and Give the Deal Pet Coupons. Of course, no animal event in San Diego would be a success without an appearance by Chopper the Biker Dog.

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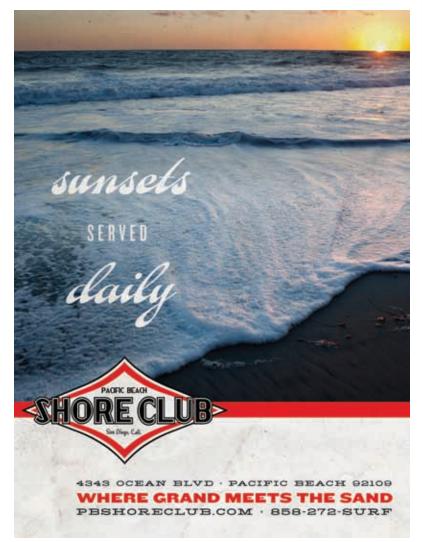


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Coaster Saloon's 20-foot-by-20-foot high definition TV screen is billed as the biggest of its kind at any of the beach-area water holes.

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# Coaster Saloon: largest hi-def TV screen at the beach

By WALTER RUSKIN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Coaster Saloon prides itself on being the home of the largest highdefinition projection screen in all the San Diego beach area. With dimensions of roughly 20 feet by 20 feet, visitors can sit on the patio and still feel like they are sitting in the stadium for all the remaining NFL postseason action.

Coaster Saloon is located at 744
Ventura Place in Mission Beach,
directly across the street from Belmont Park and the famous — that's
right, you guessed it — rollercoaster.

As I looked at the screen, I joked, "I bet it would be awesome to play

Nintendo's Wii bowling on this thing."

I must be psychic, because apparently on Wednesday nights this gigantic monument to live sports transforms into the host of the Wii bowling tournament.

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If you have not played Wii on 20 feet of TV screen, I suggest you try it, because it is amazing.

In addition to interaction and television viewing, Coaster Saloon offers more than 30 beers on tap and an extensive menu, including everything from seafood to steaks. Not only that, but from Mondays through Fridays between 5 and 7 p.m., everything is half price, according to Scotty, Coaster Saloon's head chef.

Scotty assured me that owner John Renna and his general manager son, Darren, want to create a place where folks can come in after a long day at work to enjoy the beach, have a nice meal and watch the sun set.

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To add to the fun, Coaster Saloon is introducing a new menu in January. Two items that Chef Scotty allowed me to preview while I was there were a new malted waffle (available on the breakfast menu) and a new Florentine stuffed-chicken sandwich. Delicious!

If you love high-definition televisions and great food, coast down to the Coaster Saloon, where it's all larger than life.

For more information, visit www.coastersaloon.com, or call (858) 488-4438.

— Walter Ruskin is a member of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group's "Ugly News Team." Catch his videos and interviews at www.sdnews.com



More than 30 beers are on tap at Coaster Saloon on Ventura Place, across from Belmont Park.

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# 'Painted Desert' exhibit puts dreams on display at PB library

By WILL BOWEN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

"To dream about a house is to dream about the self." At least, so it is said in the old dream interpretation manuals.

Artist Michael Wheelden is a dreamer. He has been dreaming about and drawing houses since he was seven years old, and he has made a lifelong career of his fascination.

An intriguing collection of 16 of Wheelden's acrylic-on-canvas and wood paintings of houses, themed "Painted Desert," will be on view until Feb. 25 in the semi-circular solitude of the art gallery at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library at 4275 Cass St.

Wheelden's paintings are simple but bold. They feature close-up, straight-on or frontal views of single-story house fronts — most Spanish-style bedecked with Southern California desert plants and materials like cactus, palms, shrubs, rocks, boulders and gravel - all in fitting with Wheelden's lifelong interest in the residential architecture common to this region's oldest neighborhoods.

"I have lived here for over 35 years," he said. "Sense of place is important in my work. I am interested in the meaning of things here and what my relationship to those things is."

There is a great order, regularity and symmetry in Wheelden's work, which he said is a reflection of the order and regularity with which he attempts to live his life.

The colors used by Wheelden for this series are muted and understated, using what he calls a "subdued palette." They are characterized by the toned-down grays, beiges and yellows of arid lands, which are crisscrossed by many falling shadows and reflections as can be observed in the window glass of the

Wheelden's pared-down aesthetic, his "less is more" minimalistic perspective and clean, simple lines illuminate the structure or anatomy of his subject and create a peaceful and tranquil feeling of serenity. They appeal to those of us who like to contemplate houses built in the day when there was still enough space for lawns and gardens.

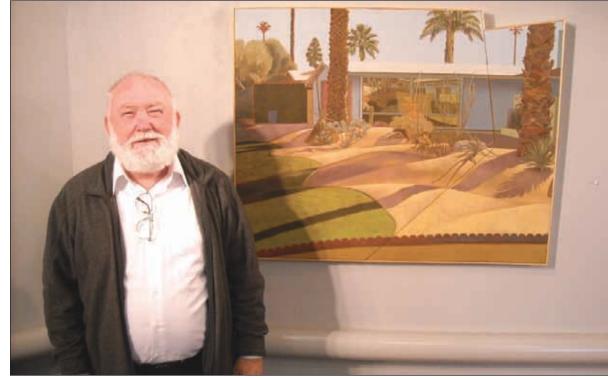
But perhaps the most unique and original thing about Wheelden's paintings is the way the frame is incorporated into the artwork itself through the melding of panels of canvas with woodframing strips, all of which are fitted together in a staggered manner to create a three-dimensional sculpture or architectural puzzle, which rarely takes on the standard rectangular or square shape we normally associate with paint-

The clear lines and composition of Wheelden's paintings transcend the ordinary and transport the mundane or ordinary to the level of the inspired.

"I strive to open up a whole new way of looking at and appreciating things," Wheelden said.

Susan Harrison, who purchased one of Wheelden's paintings from the show, said that after spending time alone in the gallery, she drove home and "Everything looked different to me. It reminded me of how differently the world looked after putting on my first pair of

Some people feel Wheelden's paintings are a metaphor which reflects on the inhabitants of his houses, the human condition and man's relationship to his community and to nature even though there are no people, animals or birds in any of his creations. Wheelden won't comment on what exactly his paintings might be saying; only that they are a "snare" for the view-

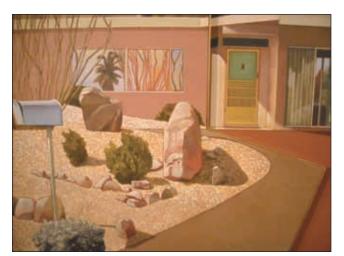


Michael Wheelden stands next to "Warm Springs" - part of his show called "Painted Desert" on view at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library until Feb. 25. Photo by Will Bowen I Beach & Bay Press

er's attention "to make him think about what the paintings might mean for him

Mark Lugo, art curator for the San Diego Public Library System who organized the show in the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library gallery which Lugo calls the "flagship" for all the libraries' galleries - said, "I am very impressed with the enthusiasm with which people have embraced this show. I see the role of our library art gallery as introducing high quality art to people who normally would not feel comfortable going to an art gallery.'

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Another of Wheelden's works on display, titled From Here To There." Photo by Will Bowen I Beach & Bay Press

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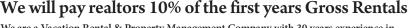
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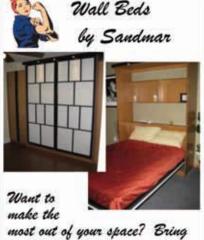
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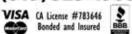
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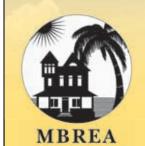
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# EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

#### WINNING WAYS OF MBHS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the Mission Bay High School (MBHS) girls' basketball team. Over the holiday break, the Lady Bucs participated in two tournaments. One was in Arizona, where the team placed **second overall**. The other was in Oakland, where the team earned the champion title of the consultation bracket. Briteesha Solomon was named National Player of the week by ESPN. Congratulations, also, to the MBHS boys' basketball team. They are the champions of the National Surf and Slam Tournament after beating Newport High School 71-46. Gerald Albritton was named the MVP of the tournament.

#### MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL

Mission Bay High, an international baccalaureate school, will host a tour Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 8 to 10 a.m., beginning in the library. Learn more about the international baccalaureate program and all that Mission Bay High School has to offer. Meet the principal, staff members and parents, while learning about the many varied opportunities for students in sports, technology, fine arts, the sciences and more. You will get a tour of the campus led by staff and get to see students in action in class. Don't miss this opportunity to meet the administration, walk the campus and discover the rigorous, balanced IB curriculum at Mission Bay High School. For more information about the tour, call (858) 273-1313.



Led by Mission Bay High School student Garrett Gutstadt, volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 506 installed a surf-shack storage shed at Pacific Beach Midd School's "Waves of Green" student garden recently. Garrett was required to take action to improve his community as part of his Eagle Scout project, and as part of the international baccalaureate expectations at Mission Bay High School "Garrett worked to identify a community need, communicate with everyone involved, plan and fund raise, organize and oversee volunteers to install the project," said Sally Kaufman, PB Middle's library technician and Garden Club advieco-friendly requests by using reclaimed materials from Mission Bay High School to complete the project. He also coordinated the troop' installation of a new planting bed and a new bench for students." To culminate this event, Garrett will reflect and present in front of a board of community members.

#### PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE

**Beach Secondary Schools (FOPBSS) meeting** Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Pacific Beach Middle School library. FOPBSS is the parent/teacher nonboth PB Middle and Mission Bay High. You are invited to be a part of

exciting opportunity to make a sig-• There will be a **Friends of Pacific** nificant difference for the students of PBMS and MBHS. All are welcome.

• Ten educators from Houston came to **PBMS** learn from our award-winning profit organization that supports international baccalaureate middlevears program teachers.

'They were very impressed with the team of dedicated parents, prin- our project-based service learncipals and teachers enjoying the ing, student questioning strategies,

ing skills, and strong emphasis on globally relevant themes," said principal Dr. Julie Martel. "They realized that test scores in their Houston school will improve only when students are engaged and taking action and outside their classrooms.'

- In the next few weeks, PB Middle will welcome four educators from Switzerland and Germany. These new teachers will share their language and culture with PB Middle students and, in turn, will learn teaching methods and curriculum design from our award-winning international baccalaureate-trained educators at our IB Middle Years Programme World School. PB Middle families are hosting the visitors, so say, "Hello" if you see a new face out in our communi-
- Pacific Beach Middle School will host Math and Science Night on Thursday, Jan. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the media center. PBMS welcomes new and returning families to this fun, educational event. Hosted by the PBMS Math and Science Department, there will be math games, a galaxy tour of the stars, science experiments and math challenges. Join us for this evening exploring science and math concepts with the outstanding teachers of PBMS!
- Pacific Beach Middle will have it's annual Spelling Bee for 7th- and 8th-

grade students on Thursday, Feb. 2 in the PBMS auditorium. The winner will go on to compete at the San Diego County Scripps National Spelling Bee held March 21 at Balboa Park. The winner of that competition will go on to compete in Washto solve real-world problems inside ington, D.C, for the national champi-

> • Pacific Beach Elementary will host the Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. in the library. Join this great group of parents, teachers and staff to learn more about PBE and how you can support their educational programs and enrichment projects.

#### KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

- Kate Sessions families will enjoy fun and learning at Family Math **Night** on Thursday Jan. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Family Math Night is supported by "Operation Student Achievement," a federal grant from the Department of Defense that aims to support all students and teachers in math, science, engineering and tech-
- The Friends of Kate Sessions are gearing up for their annual Silent Auction event in May. Community businesses interested in making a product donation are encouraged to contact katesessionselementary@gmail.com. Donations are tax deductible and are a great way to gain exposure for your business while supporting local



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