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KELLY TERRY

SeaWorld San Diego

# Inexpensive grub, good times — all for a good cause

Neighbors turned out in droves March 15 for the eighth annual Taste of North Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk. The event, which featured reasonable prices to engage in a walking smorgasbord of food and drink samples from local restaurants, raised proceeds for cash-strapped Pacific Beach Middle School, Mission Bay High and PB Elementary. Above, grilled vegetables sizzle at Cafe-Bar Europa. Right, Leroy Razo of Leilani's Cafe serves up homemade chili on rice. Left, Table 926's Rob Marsh and Chris Coppedge serve up lamb ragu with creamy polenta. Above left, Rachel San Nicolas of Chocolate Haus hands out fudge to hungry youngsters.

Photos by Don Balch I Beach & Bay Press



# QUICK HITS



Police investigators cordon off the area outside US Bank in Pacific Beach on March 16 after an armed robber made off with an undetermined amount of cash.

Photo by Mariko Lamb I Beach & Bay Press

# Armed robber strikes US Bank on Grand

A man wielding a semi-automatic pistol robbed the Pacific Beach branch of US Bank on Grand Avenue just after 10 a.m. on March 16.

The suspect forced a bank security guard into the lobby of the bank, announced he was there to rob the facility and threatened to shoot bank employees if he did not receive money, according to police reports.

No one was injured and the suspect remains on the loose and is considered armed and dangerous.

Witnesses described the suspect as a black male in his late 20s to early 30s, about 6-feet-2-inches and 200 pounds.

The robber was wearing a dark beanie, large, oval sunglasses, a darkblue jump suit and dark knit cap.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the FBI at (858) 565-1255 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477

— Mariko Lamb



World War II veterans will be the beneficiaries of a March 31 spring fundraising event by the Mission Beach Woman's Club to help fly old soldiers to Washington, D.C. to experience the American World War II Monument firsthand.

# Woman's club event to benefit WWII veterans

The Mission Beach Woman's Club (MBWC) is preparing for its eighth annual spring fundraiser event on Saturday, March 31, with proceeds slated to support the aging and dwindling population of World War II veterans in San Diego.

Proceeds will benefit the Honor

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# Spike in marine-mammal rescues said typical for this time of season

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

In recent weeks, beachgoers in coastal communities ranging from Sunset Cliffs to Black's Beach have reported a high number of sick sea

lions and seals in need of rescue. The recent spike of distressed pinnipeds may concern local animal lovers, but animal-care specialists at SeaWorld San Diego said the upswing is actually nothing out of the ordinary.

"This is our rescue season. This is the height of it," said SeaWorld spokeswoman Kelly Terry. "We're on track to have an average season, which is about 200 rescues a year." Year after year, SeaWorld's animalcare specialists rescue hundreds of sea lions, seals and birds in Southern California, with the occasional whale or dolphin rescue added to the mix. California sea lions are the most common-

ly rescued marine mammals, followed by elephant seal pups and harbor seals, according to officials with Sea-World's Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Program,.

Last year, Sea-World experienced a light season with

only 60 pinniped rescues in San Diego, said Terry. Busy years, like ones bringing El Niño weather conditions, can

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This sea lion pup was rescued by SeaWorld animal-care specialists after he was discovered dehydrated in South Mission Beach on March 13. Photo courtesy of Milke Aguillera, SeaWorld San Diego

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Incident may support lifeguard pleas for needed rescue fireboat, more staff

By MARIKO LAMB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Fire erupted at the Mission Bay Yacht Club on March 19, quickly spreading and damaging a newly reconstructed boat dock and seven boats — four of which were completely destroyed — at the El Carmel location, said San Diego Fire-Rescue Department spokesperson Maurice Lugue.

Investigators determined the fire to be accidental, likely sparked by an electrical malfunction on a below-deck refrigerator aboard the "Sea Passion," a 36-foot cabin cruiser fishing boat.

Firefighters and lifeguards doused the flames in 45 minutes with the aid of a fire helicopter. No one was injured, but damage to the boats and dock are estimated at \$1.3 million.

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"Both Tresponding Lifequard Services rescue vessels were] operating during the fire. However, at the end of the incident, one of the boats had an electrical problem and could no longer operate its pumps."

MAURICE LUQUE

San Diego Fire-Rescue Dept.

multi-purpose rescue vessels — or fireboats — were on-hand to extinguish the flames. However, one of the fireboats, Marine 2, is nearing the end of its operational life span at 21 years old, and it failed to function properly after the blaze was put out.

"Both [were] operating during the fire. However, at the end of the incident, one of the boats had an electrical problem and could no longer operate

its pumps," Luque said. "This did not affect operations as the fire was out and the incident had come to an end."

Just one week prior to the incident, San Diego lifeguards issued a plea to a City Council subcommittee requesting help in maintaining two fully functional fireboats and increasing staffing to improve public safety on Mission Bay.

Funding to outfit a new diesel engine on one of the fireboats, Marine 1, has been identified in this year's budget. However, lifeguards are also seeking funding for a new fireboat — a nearly \$1 million investment — to replace Marine 2 in the near future.

"As a result of city budget challenges during the past several years, estimated vessel operational life spans have been increased," stated a report issued by San Diego lifeguards to the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on March 14.

"Annual repairs and refurbishment have enabled us to delay replacement. However, despite these efforts, we will need to address the need for a replacement boat soon," continues the lifeguards' report.

Vessel replacements in the past have been funded through one-time, individual budget solutions, like a Department of Boating and Waterways grant, a corporate sponsorship, or city budget allocation, according to the report.

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee created a working group to examine the lifeguards' equipment and personnel needs, and the mayor's office is also considering options to address the need for a future vessel replacement.

Any action on funding for lifeguard services is required to go to City Council for final approval.

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Fire investigators scour the melted, charred dock area at the Mission Bay Yacht Club after a March 19 fire that destroyed four boats and damaged three others. The cause was ruled as accidental. Photo by Jim Grant I Beach & Bay Press

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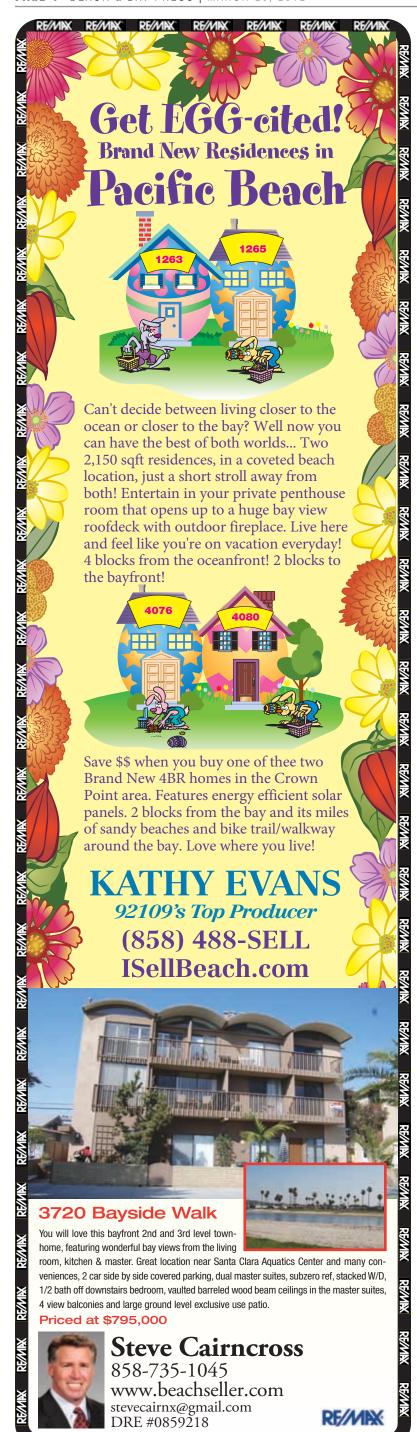


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#### WHEN CARING STILL MATTERS ....

# Postman's heroics draw adoration from neighbors

By MARSHA KAY SEFF | BEACH & BAY PRESS

In this technological and often impersonal world, a Crown Point letter carrier still treats all of his customers as if they were his friends and neighbors. And, until this March, when he moved from the neighborhood to Lakeside, the people on his route were his friendly neighbors.

This familiarity made Leonard Kemp into somewhat of a local hero when he helped two elderly homeowners out of serious situations

According to resident John Albini, "Lenny" is a throwback to the oldschool days of postal carriers.

"He takes the time to get to know the residents he serves and keeps his eves open to the goings-on in our neighborhood," said Albini.

Kemp said he keeps track of when customers are out of town, checking on their homes for them.

"His astute awareness of the residents has paid off," said Sandy Albini.

More than a decade ago, Kemp helped save the late "Mr. Olsen," a 94year-old homeowner, when the letter carrier noticed the meticulous nonagenarian had not picked up his newspapers at the usual time.

Kemp called Olsen's son, who entered the house with paramedics and found his dad on the floor. The elder Olsen survived and lived to be 103, according to Kemp.

Recently, Kemp made his second save. When octogenarian Fred Wilkens neglected to pick up his mail, Kemp knocked on the front door. After getting no answer for two days, Kemp alerted a neighbor, who was able to squeeze through a small window. They discovered Wilkens on the floor. Although Wilkens made it successfully to the hospital, he later succumbed

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Crown Point postal worker Leonard Kemp, who has helped save the lives of two of his patrons during his 24-year postal career, shares his down-to-earth style and congeniality with a young boy along the route. Residents said they adore his good-natured manner and his watchfulness over their homes in their absence

to pneumonia in a convalescent home.

Kemp, 54, has been at his job 24 years, starting his work for the post office on Feb. 29, 1988. He's had his current route in Crown Point for 21 years and said he hopes to work until he's 62.

The divorced father of an adult son certainly appears fit from walking four to five miles a day, five days a week. Recent knee surgery and a bad back haven't slowed him down.

"You try to be smarter than the work, to lift right, organize and ask for help when you need it," Kemp said.

His eight-hour days begin at 7:30 a.m., when he sorts and organizes the mail at the Pacific Beach post office. Then, he parks his postal vehicle along his route, transfers letters, packages and bulk business mail ("We don't call it junk mail; it keeps us going,") to a pushcart. He begins his trek to 280 houses at about 10 a.m.

His uniform this time of year includes shorts, a long-sleeve sweatshirt with the 92109 ZIP code across the front, a pith helmet and sturdy

"Hiya, Lucy," he called to a familiar black labrador. He said he treats the neighborhood dogs like family, but admitted he keeps his guard up.

"Hi, Theresa," he said to a patron sitting outside in a wheelchair and smiling at him. Kemp said that's what makes his job special: "A whole day of smiles when I'm out with my people."

He said he's the only person some of his elderly customers see all day.

"If they want to talk, I do," said Kemp. "I just skip a break or lunch."

Many of the homeowners on his route have lived in their homes for decades. In the last 55 years, the route has had only two fulltime letter carriers - including him, he said.

Because he knows his customers so well, Kemp said he mourns when the

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By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The wife of a local filmmaker discovered naked and ranting during mental collapse in a residential area of Pacific Beach (related story below) has urged that all eyes remain on the Ugandan conflict chronicled in the filmmaker's wildly attention-getting work.

Danica Russell, wife of filmmaker Jason Russell, asked in a statement issued "on Jason's behalf" last week that viewers of the controversial Internet movie "Kony 2012" "keep your attention turned to the end of Africa's longest-running conflict and setting a precedent for all future injustice. With love and overflow of gratitude for your prayers, we thank you."

"Kony 2012," Russell's 30-minute documentary that went viral on the Internet, details the 20-year rise of the Lord's Resistance Army, a Uganda-based rebel organization founded and led by warlord Joseph Kony.

The film alleges that Kony is responsible for the abduction of 30,000 Ugandan youth who were then armed and forced to commit random crimes of violence throughout the area under the threat of death. Kony allegedly wants to install a government in Uganda based on the Bible's Ten Commandments.

The film has been viewed more than

On March 24, the African Union deployed a 5,000-troop force in the hunt for Kony, who is thought to be hiding in the Central African Republic. He and his aides have been wanted by the International Criminal Court since

Russell, 33, was detained by San Diego police and taken to a local hospital March 15 after he allegedly vandalized cars, shouted incoherently and publicly touched himself in a residential area of Pacific Beach

A Russell family statement said Russell had been diagnosed with "brief reactive psychosis, an acute state brought on by extreme exhaustion, stress and dehydration." Danica Russell has said that her husband's condition will keep him hospitalized for weeks.

Russell is a native of El Cajon, where his parents run the Christian Youth Theatre.

He married Danica in 2004 in La Iolla. The Russells have two children.

Russell co-founded the nonprofit Invisible Children, Inc., in 2006 to raise awareness of the child soldiers' plight. Invisible Children's offices are located at 1620 Fifth Ave. in downtown San

A phone inquiry to the company was unreturned.

# **RESCUES**

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send rescue numbers soaring to more than 400 rescues in a single year.

The seasonal spike is primarily the result of pups' lessons on tough love and growing up.

"A lot of the younger animals are just getting weaned from mom and they're not always prepared to catch fish on their own," said Terry. "Once they can't catch fish — that's how they get their hydration — they get dehydrated."

So far this year, SeaWorld has rescued 24 marine mammals, including 20 sea lions, two elephant seals and two harbor seals from areas all along San Diego's coastline.

"Most of the ones we've seen in the last week have been dehydrated, malnourished and underweight," Terry said. "One of the first things we do is give them a veterinary examination to see if there are any other issues or infections. Typically, it's just getting them rehydrated and getting them fattened up. They stay in our care from six to eight weeks if they're not showing any signs of infections."

In most cases, dehydrated pups learn their hard-knock life lessons and are back on their fins in no time. Occasionally, however, the pinnipeds are victims of circumstance.

On March 9, one sea lion was rescued after becoming entangled in fishing gear at the base of Devil's Slide near La Iolla Cove. Rescuers had to rappel down a cliff for the dramatic rescue, cut the fishing gear off including removing a hook in the sea lion's mouth — and release the sea lion back into the open water.

In another instance in February, SeaWorld rescuers found an injured sea lion - which was named "Valentine" by SeaWorld staff — with an infected bullet wound to her left flipper. Although Valentine is still under the park staff's care, she is doing well and will be released in a couple weeks, said Terry.

Most recently, SeaWorld rescuers and San Diego lifeguards rescued a 12-month-old pup in South Mission Beach, an elephant seal in Sunset Cliffs and two fully-grown male sea lions at La Jolla Cove — including one that weighed 300 pounds. The pup and elephant seal suffered from dehydration, and examinations are still ongoing for the two grown male sea

At the time of publication, the number of sea lions and seals in Sea-World's care totaled 18.

For beachgoers who encounter a marine mammal that appears to be in distress, Terry recommends notifying a lifeguard on duty first to check whether or not the animal is, in fact, ill or in danger.

"If you observe an animal and you



in February after she was found malnourished, dehydrated and injured by a bullet in her flipper. She is being nursed back to health and is expected to be released in a couple of weeks.

Photo courtesy of Mike Aguilera, SeaWorld San Diego

have doubts about the animal's wellbeing, contact a lifeguard or other authority," said Terry, explaining that sometimes the mammal is simply asleep or the mother has only left her advised not to touch the animal. It is dangerous because they can bite or have an infection. It is also a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Leave it to the experts. Contact a lifeguard or call our seal hotline."

If the animal is determined to be in distress, Terry urged beachgoers to call SeaWorld's animal rescue hotline at (800) 541-SEAL (7325).

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Flight San Diego program, which celebrates the service of World War II veterans and facilitates an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., where veterans are given the opportunity to visit and experience the national WWII Monu- was making, officers questioned his abilment and are given richly deserved ity to form criminal intent, and it was recognition.

Honor Flight San Diego is a nonprofit organization founded with the goal of taking every qualified World War II veteran in San Diego to the Washingtonbased memorial that was built to honor their sacrifice and dedication.

The funds raised will cover all expenses, including airfare, meals and accommodations. Top priority is given to the senior veterans and those who may be terminally ill, according to the fundraiser's organizers.

MBWC members said time is short because many of the remaining World estimates as few as perhaps 300 or so around the San Diego area — are in their late 80s and early 90s. MBWC members also said that in addition to money raised for the Honor Flight program during the March 31 event, a private donor has agreed to match every dollar raised.

The MBWC spring fundraiser takes place from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, located at 1215 El Carmel Place in Mission Beach.

Admission is free, and the fundraiser is open to the public (21 and over). The event will feature a silent auction, refreshments, games and prizes.

For more information, contact MBWC president Maruta Gardner at (858) 488-8956 or MBWC spring fundraiser cochairs Cathy Fillmore at (858) 864-5797 or Jolene Orr at (619) 804-9499.

### Filmmaker hospitalized after naked rant in PB

The man best known for co-founding the nonprofit organization Invisible Children and for creating the documentary film "Kony 2012" that went viral online (related story above) is expected to be hospitalized for several months after being diagnosed as having a "brief reactive psychosis" that caused him to run naked and ranting through a Pacific Beach neighborhood on March 15.

Jason Russell, 33, was detained by police and sent to a local hospital for psychiatric treatment after displaying the bizarre behavior that included running naked in and out of traffic and pounding his fists on the sidewalk at the intersection of Ingraham Street and Riviera Road in Crown Point.

Due to the nature of statements he determined that medical evaluation and treatment — not arrest — was the appropriate course of action, according to San Diego police spokeswoman Lt. Andra Brown.

"Obviously, those are things that are not normal or rational behavior, so that's why the officers took the action that they did," she said.

Invisible Children CEO Ben Keesey released a statement on the nonprofit's website, saying Russell was hospitalized after suffering exhaustion, dehydration and malnutrition.

"He is now receiving medical care and War II veterans in San Diego — by some is focused on getting better," read the statement. "The past two weeks have taken a severe emotional toll on all of us, Jason especially, and that toll manifested itself in an unfortunate incident."

## Student-run free clinic to host annual gala

The UC San Diego Student-Run Free Clinic Project — which includes a site in Pacific Beach — will host its annual fundraiser and awards ceremony on Saturday, March 31 at the UCSD Price Center Ballroom at the La Jolla campus.

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The Student-Run Free Clinic Project is run by 200 UC San Diego School of Medicine and Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences students under the supervision of 100 licensed professionals including physicians, pharmacists, dentists, lawyers and social workers.

The project has four clinical sites, including one at Pacific Beach United Methodist Church.

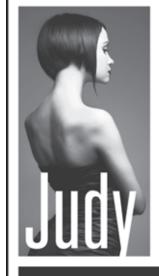
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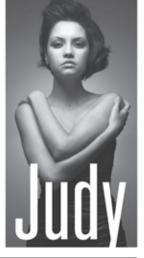
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### COUNCIL CORNER

# City's fire pits saved in time for spring; challenges far from over

#### **By City Councilman Kevin Faulconer**

erous private donations and support from San Diegans, I am proud to share with you that the city will be fully funding San Diego's popular beach fire-pit program in the upcoming budget.

Gathering around a fire pit with friends and family is part of the San Diego experi-

ence. From roasting marshmallows to relaxing on the sand under the night sky, thousands of San Diegans and visitors make memories at our fire pits each year. Thanks to fiscal reforms we achieved at City



**KEVIN FAULCONER** 

Hall and to an improving economy, San Diego's 186 concrete fire pits are not on this year's chopping block. The lights will not be going out on San Diego beaches.

As the councilmember who is proud to represent Mission Bay, Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Ocean Beach, my priority is protecting and celebrating San Diego's beaches and bays for residents, tourists and future generations. I talk with countless San Diegans every year who tell me how important the fire pits are to the beach lifestyle. I completely agree and have always believed we must keep this San Diego tradition alive.

Since 2009, I've led a partnership with the community, private donors, the San San Diego Convention and Visitor's Bureau Beach, Mission Bay and Ocean Beach.

We saved the fire pits! After years of gen- to raise money for the fire pits in the face of several budget deficits. Our partnership's yearly success in keeping the fire pits funded yielded a lasting result. Mayor Jerry Sanders will include the \$120,500 needed to maintain the fire pits in his new annual budget, which begins July 1.

> This victory comes on the heels of the \$16.5 million budget surplus announced by Mayor Sanders earlier this month. Having funds to restore library operating hours, hire more police officers and maintain beach fire pits is unquestionably a good thing for our neighborhoods. However, there remains much to do to guard tax dollars, cut red tape and restore more essential city services — especially street repair.

> We must cut red tape to improve coordination and communication between city departments. We must increase efficiencies to get repaving projects awarded to contractors. We must direct more funds toward road repair. The City Council took a huge step forward by directing \$8 million of the budget surplus to infrastructure repair. That's the equivalent of paving 16 additional miles of streets.

> Citizens rightfully expect tax dollars to be spent on services like these. As we take a moment to enjoy our fire pits victory, we must carry on with reforming city operations. Through leadership and fiscal reform, we will continue to deliver results for our beaches and bays and prioritize services that improve the quality of life for all San

– District 2 City Councilman Kevin Diego Foundation, La Jolla Foundation and Faulconer represents Pacific Beach, Mission

# **Discover PB showers community's** team players, volunteers with honors

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Discover Pacific Beach (DPB) officials literally laid their cards on the table March 15 during their 14th annual Casino Night dinner and awards aboard the Robert D. Evans in an event catered by the Catamaran Hotel.

Discover Pacific Beach Executive Director Sara Berns called the event a success after the gala drew an estimated 130 guests. For the first time, Discover Pacific Beach combined its annual dinner with the business awards as a matter of practicality.

"Traditionally, we have our annual dinner event in the fall before the holiday season, but we decided to change it this year to March because we have so many events already scheduled for this fall," said

Among the guests were District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer, Assistant Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman, Capt. Brian Ahearn of the police department's Northern Division, officer Ben Douglas of Northern Division's Beach Team, Deputy District Attorney Terri Winbush and park ranger Karolynn

Douglas was honored with the Outstanding Community Partner Award and Estrada earned the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

This year's business honorees went to:

- Oscar's Mexican Seafood (4658 Mission Blvd.) Newbie Award, recognizing the best new business;
- Turquoise Coffee (873 Turquoise St.) Design and Improvement Award, recognizing aesthetic improvements in the community, and;
- Surfindian (703 Turquoise St.) Heart of PB Award, reflecting the culture and spirit of Pacific Beach. Other volunteer awards went to:

• Lisa Wells (Outstanding Beachfest Volunteer);

- Billy Ramirez and Doug Sondomowicz (Community Patron Award); and
- Carol Blomstrom (Mike Duran Award).

There were also honorable mentions given out for donations to the event's live auction: Superpawn, for donating a diamond ring; and Bill and Catalina Eckert for donating a Hawaiian condo. In addition to the live auction, a silent auction featured many other items donated by Pacific Beach businesses and vendors.

"The annual dinner and award for Discover PB is events, visit www.pacificbeach.org.



Discover Pacific Beach honored many community players and volunteers during its 14th annual Casino night dinner and awards on March 15. Above are Eddie Okino of Turquoise Coffee (Design and Improvement Award); Sara Berns, executive director of Discover PB; and Eric Lingenfelder, Discover PB president.



Doug Sondomowicz, left, of the PB Shore Club/Fish Shop (Community Patrol Award); Discover PB executive director Sara Berns; Billy Ramirez of the PB Shore Club/Fish Shop; and Discover PB president Eric Lingenfelder.

an opportunity for the organization to celebrate all of its accomplishments and to recognize the many volunteers, partners and — most importantly — the businesses that make the Pacific Beach Business Improvement District the amazing vibrant neighborhood that it is," Berns said.

Discover PB will host a Bocce Ball Tournament on April 28 and is looking for sponsors for the annual Holiday Parade in December.

For more information on Discover Pacific Beach

## Boxing center offers the gamut **ON THE** champion whose ring engagements can be

By JOHNNY McDONALD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Waterfront

When you think of an academy of martial arts, things like jabs, hooks, and bobsand-weaves come to mind. Or maybe just the concept of dazzling 'em with footwork.

American Boxing, located at 1735 Garnet Ave., encourages a serious approach to teaching the true principles of ring combat for sport, fitness and self-defense.

Dave Nielsen is owner and trainer of this gym, which boasts as many women as men, who each work on Muay Thai kickboxing, jiu jitsu grappling and cross-fit training.

"I've had the school since 2003, and it's been just over a year in this location," he said. "We offe training experience for any student who wants to be better at fitness, self-defense, self-confidence or fight competition. Of course, 80 to 90 percent of the people come here for fitness and they may use those martial arts tools for fitness.'

Nielsen said although there are other gyms around like his, American Boxing's bigger gym is a major factor for instruction.

can give them more attention in smaller groups," he said. "Never more than 12. So we can actually train people much better. One instructor alone can't teach them proper technique."

He said he received three degrees from Mesa College but decided not to go to UCLA. "My mother is still unhappy about that,"

"I got the money to open a gym, maybe

he said.

not nearly enough, so to speak, for anyone in his right mind who wanted to start a business. But it worked out for me," he said. • BOXING CAREER — Nielsen is a Muay Thai kickboxing and submission wrestling few and far between. Muay Thai is a style of kickboxing without the use of customary padding.

"Sometimes I'll have four or five (bouts) a year, then only one the next year," he said. His fighting weight is between 180 and 185 pounds.

For 11 years, he's been in major competitions in Las Vegas, Los Angeles, the Friday Night Fights in New York and a World Cup tournament in Bangkok, Thailand, which involved 180 nations.

He's originally from Seattle, but said his entire Muay Thai fight career has been in San Diego.

• CLUB LOCATIONS — Nielsen said he and his team compete in casinos where the size is ideal for good crowds. It's a contrast to the early years of professional fighting that generated special clubs in Southern California. One of the last was San Diego's Federal Athletic Club (Coliseum), located at 15th and E. It was closed in the mid-1970s.

• WOMEN COMBATANTS — "It's about a 50-50 split among men and women training for boxing," said Nielsen. "Interestingly, they are more in demand by promoters. We have some pretty good prospects."

• GET OUT THE WATERWINGS — The 86-year-"Instead of a class of 30 or 40 people, we old Mission Beach Plunge pool should fill back up with swimmers next month. But the question remains, for how long? The Plunge is owned by the city of San Diego and has been run by a company called

> Major issues with the building need to be resolved over the long haul. Tom Lochtefeld, who owns Wave House, has turned over the keys of Belmont Park and the Plunge to the city after a bitter lease dis-

> Johnny McDonald is a longtime writer and columnist for the San Diego Community Newspaper Group. He can be reached at Johnnv23@cox.net.



## REMEMBERWHEN?

IT'S BEEN GRAND WIRELESS for quite a while, but Baskin-Robbins 31 Flavors stood at the northwest corner of Grand Avenue and Lamont Street for decades before that. Butch Skinner took this photo nearly 50 years ago. For a while, there was a 31 Flavors on Grand and Lamont and another in Pacific Plaza II where Comerica Bank is today. Now there are none. A photo exists, circa 1910, of Lamont and Grand when Clarence Pratt's General Store stood on the corner.

– John Fry may be reached at (858) 272-6655 or mail@johnfry.com.

# MUSTREAD

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

TITLE: "Kill Shot" **AUTHOR:** Vince Flynn

SYNOPSIS: Once again, Vince Flynn takes us back to

the beginning of Mitch Rapp's career as a CIA assassin. Having lost many friends from Syracuse University during the terrorist attack on Pan Am Flight 103, Mitch vows to destroy the people responsible for the bombing. He is very successful until he is set up, gets shot and literally goes underground. At one point.

the enemy and the CIA are out to get him. Flynn never disappoints. If you love a good thriller, you will love "Kill Shot."

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# CARRIER

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old-timers die. He attends their funerals when he can and has even delivered four eulogies.

Kemp said he also enjoys the children he's known "from babies to college to having their own kids.'

"This street, known as Jewell, is a real jewel," Kemp said. "Everyone is so down to earth. They don't care if you're a doctor or a mailman."

Kemp greets Sierra, a parrot who hangs out in a cage in a customer's front yard. "Are you going to talk today?" Kemp asks.

The parrot doesn't answer.

"This is my fudge house," Kemp said, pointing to another home where the customer makes him fudge for his birthdays and holidays.

The job, of course, is not without its dangers. Kemp, who has a rescue dog of his own at home, carries the regulation pepper spray on his waistband. He said he's been bitten three times, "twice by the same dog with the owner present."

But on his current route, he's familiar with the dogs and knows where they are at all times. The dogs, he said, are just doing their jobs.

A recent incident in which an Escondido letter carrier was attacked by a pit bull, had a stroke and died is still fresh in Kemp's mind.

But he doesn't dwell on negatives. Kemp said his "people" are the best part of his job and he certainly doesn't mind working outside by the bay.

Postal customer John Albini had nothing but praise for Kemp.



Some of the residents along Leonard Kemp's route characterize him as a throwback to the old-school days of postal carriers. Photo by Marsha Kay Seff I Beach & Bay Press

around and consumed with our daily rituals, it's nice to know Lenny will be

"While we are all busy rushing walking down the street with a broad smile and a caring conversation," he



Students at Mission Bay High School took to the street in front of the campus in a mass show of support for their teachers on March 16. An estimated 200 to 300 students staged the two-hour walkout after lunch to protest the continuing practice by the San Diego Unified School District of annually distributing pinkslip layoff notices to teachers - most of which are typically rescinded before taking effect - putting faculty and student nerves on edge. Students carried a megaphone and marched to a drummer, chanting, "Save our teachers!" The Mission Bay High faculty staged a similar pinkslip protest last month.

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#### MISSION BAY MADNESS

# Eyes on the prize for 39th annual San Diego Crew Classic

By JOHNNY McDONALD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Through a promotional campaign, San Diego's Crew Classic has grown in such size that it now has a waiting list

The 39th annual rowing competition will have 421 boats on the water at Crown Point from March 30 through April 1 — an increase of 50 entries over last year.

"It pays to advertise, which we did more this year," said executive director Martha Schumaker. "But, we can only accommodate 444 entries. We only have seven lanes. We have 60 boats on a waiting list."

California Maritime Academy, Lovola Marymount, UC Irvine, Cal Berkeley lightweight and Boston College missed the cut in the second tier for the Cal Cup.

The Copley Cup headliner again will be the University of Southern Califor-



This year's Crew Classic will feature some men's rowing powerhouses, including teams from the University of Southern California, Naval Academy, Stanford, Gonzaga, UC San Diego, Harvard and Cornell Photo by Paul Hansen I Beach & Bay Press

nia, seeking its fourth straight victory, 11th overall. In the women's competition for the Jessop-Whittier Cup, USC's rowers will go after a repeat win.

The men's heavyweight division will include the Naval Academy, two-time winner Stanford, Gonzaga, UC San Diego, British Columbia, Michigan and



Among the women's teams competing in the Jessop-Whittier Cup will be USC, Stanford, Cal State Berkeley, Virginia, University of Washington, Washington State, Clemson, Texas, UCLA, Tennessee and Purdue. Photo by Paul Hansen I Beach & Bay Press

The women's field is highly competi-

tive, featuring Stanford, California, USC,

a pair of Ivy Leaguers — Harvard and Virginia, Washington, Washington State, Clemson, Texas, UCLA, Tennessee

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## La Jolla United Methodist Church Holy Week & Palm Sunday Concert











Palm Sunday: April 1, 10:00 a.m. Service Palm Procession Children's Easter Egg Hunt during Sunday School

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# He is Risen! Calvary Chapel Point Loma Good Friday Service April 6th at 12:00 pm Easter Sunday Service April 8th at 9:30 am He is not here; for He is risen, as He sald. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Matthew 28:6

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The first "Spike for Sight" volleyball tournament took to the sands of South Mission Beach on March 24 to raise money for the nonprofit Vision of Children program, which focuses on blindness and vision disorders of children and their family members.

# Nonprofit looks to spike childhood blindness with volleyball tourney

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The nonprofit Vision Of Children (VOC) program launched its inaugural "Spike For Sight" beach volleyball tournament at the South Mission Beach vollevball courts near the jetty on March 24 to raise money and awareness for childhood blindness

"We had a huge turnout for the tournament," said Karen Readshaw, development director for VOC. "It filled up pretty fast, with a lot of teams signing up at the last minute."

The VOC organization is dedicated to eradicating hereditary childhood blindness and other vision disorders and to improve the lives of visually impaired people and their families.

The tournament involved 24 teams

of two coed players organized into four five-team pools and one four-team pool. The top three teams in the five-team pools and the top two teams in the fourteam pools advanced to a single-elimination playoff round.

Prizes were given to the top four teams overall.

"We weren't sure what to expect because this was our first time trying to put on this event," Readshaw said. "But now that we know how it turned out, we would like to host another volleyball tournament probably later this year and hope to have between one or two each year now."

The VOC San Diego County office is located at 11975 El Camino Real, Suite 104. For more information or to donate, visit www.visionofchildren.org.

# UCSD ready to flex muscle ahead of bid to join Pac 12

By JOHNNY McDONALD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Progressively, rowing coach Zach Johnson believes his UC San Diego crew is about ready to venture into the collegiate Pac 12 stronghold that includes California State Berkeley and University of Washington, winners of eight of the last 10 national championships.

"Honestly, we're not quite at that level," said the Tritons coach, who is now entering his sixth year at UCSD. "But last year, we were ranked nationally in the top 18. That's something you don't do overnight."

Johnson said he believes that year by year there are signs of getting a little closer to join UCLA, USC, Oregon, Stanford and Oregon State.

"Cal [Berkeley] and Washington are the cream of the crop and get a lot of kids from overseas," said John-

He said he has prepared his team well enough to compete in the last two Copley Cups of the San Diego Crew Classic, and that the team will be fighting for a berth in the classic's finals on April 1 off Crown Point.

UCSD scored convincing victories in the city championships and the Opening Day Regatta at Newport Beach the last couple of weeks.

The varsity eight boat defeated second-place USD by a full nine seconds on Feb. 24 and outclassed UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, Long Beach State and San Diego State at Newport Beach on March 3.

Johnson said the team is recruiting throughout the country and has 20 freshmen. In addition, they have received transfers from Drexel and Loyola Marymount and a couple from junior colleges.

For more information, visit www.crewclassic.org.

# **SD Rowing Club readies for** the weekend's competition

women's teams will delve into the grams. excitement of the annual Crew Classic competition on Mission Bay with seven Juniors boats and nine Masters boats beginning at 7:30 a.m. on March 31.

The SDRC has a number of seniors who will race for the last time as juniors in the two-day regatta. All three are celebrating a five-year career with the SDRC: Steven Goicoechea (Francis Parker School), Derek Manske (Point Loma High) Julia Taylor-Brown (High Tech High).

The SDRC varsity women's boat — set to race at 12:30 p.m. on March 31 may be the one to watch with an impressive crew of

Members of the San Diego senior women recruited to top Rowing Club's (SDRC) men's and Division 1 Collegiate Crew pro-

> Coxswain Liza Gurtin, a senior at Francis Parker High School and a La Jolla resident, signed with Stanford University.

Hannah Saddler, a senior at Scripps Ranch High School will be rowing for Notre Dame and Kate Hamilton, a senior at La Jolla Country Day and a resident of Pacific Beach, was recruited to row at Dartmouth College.

Other rowers in the varsity boat also plan to row in college at the University of Southern California, University of San Diego and other prestigious programs.

For more information, visit www.sandiegorowing.org.

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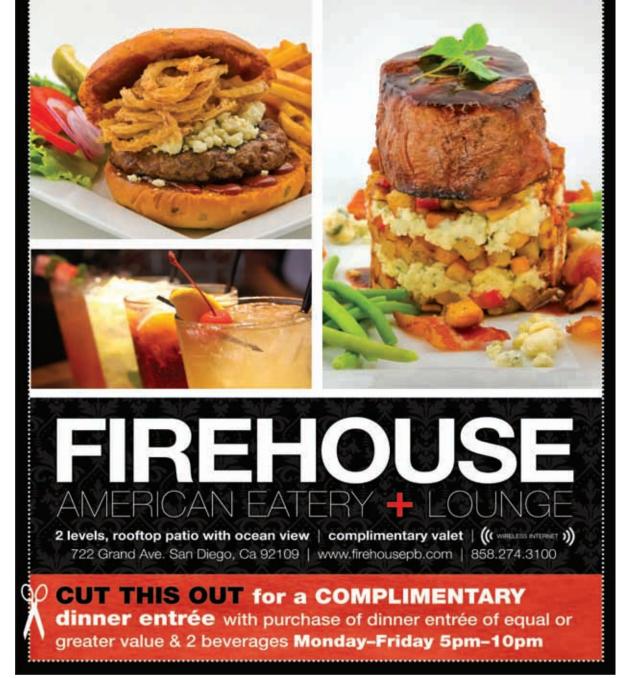
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# SeaWorld celebrates 48th year as marine-life icon in San Diego

prowess on March 21.

SeaWorld opened its doors on the same date in 1964 with 22 acres, 45 employees, two aquariums and a few dolphins and sea lions. The first year drew more than 400,000 visitors. In the years since, SeaWorld has become San Diego's No. 1 tourist attraction and the largest employer of youth in the county. Now sprawled over 189 acres on Mission Bay Park, SeaWorld features more than three dozen animal shows, interactive attractions, aquariums, rides and dining facil-

guests visit SeaWorld, pushing the total number of visitors to more than 145 million since the park opened 48 years ago.

SeaWorld San Diego was founded in 1964 by four fraternity brothers from the University of California Los Angeles and was planned as an underwater restaurant. But the concept grew into www.seaworldparks.com. the idea of a marine zoological park.

SeaWorld San Diego came two steps Over the years, the park has grown from closer to celebrating five decades of local a small display of marine animals into and international entertainment one of the largest and most respected marine zoological facilities in the world. The highest standards of animal husbandry, education and marine-life display have earned SeaWorld San Diego accreditation from the American Zoo and Aquarium Association.

> It is now home to more than 10,000 animals, including 20 species of marine mammals, more than 430 species of fishes and more than 75 species of birds. The world-famous killer whale Shamu has been thrilling guests from around the world since 1965.

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# Counterpoint, 'premium rockabilly' and heavy-metal fervor

# LIVEMUSIC

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Mixing indie rock with reggae, Counterpoint Culture rises above the current wave of like-minded bands - but with more melody and rhythm. Appearing at RT's Longboard on Thursday, March 29, frontman Cam Pappas has a commanding, radio-friendly voice. But it's guitarist Andrew Krause's fretwork that truly spices up the group's music. Song titles like "Irie Day" give a clue to Counterpoint Culture's influences, but tunes like "Be Strong" include a touch of classic 1980s new wave for a sound that's got depth and plenty of groove.

• Counterpoint Culture performs at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 29 at RT's Longboard, 1466 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. \$5. www.counterpointculturemusic.com

Fans of 1950s-styled music won't want to miss The Bobby Sanchez Combo, performing at Tio Leo's on March 31. Billed as "premium rockabilly," Sanchez's quartet lives up to the tag with an authentic sound that also takes in R&B, country and early rock 'n' roll. The group's impressive set list includes classics from the likes of Jerry Lee Lewis and Lloyd Price, as well as more modern bands like The Texas Tornados, adding up to a night out that's perfect for swing dancers or music history buffs alike.



dictum make a rare appearance at the 710 Beach Club on March 31.

· The Bobby Sanchez Combo performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 at Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.bobbysanchezcombo.com

San Diego-based heavy-metal heroes Benedictum make a rare appearance at the 710 Beach Club on March 31. Led by singer Veronica Freeman, with music influenced by artists like Dio and Rush, Benedictum has found much greater fame in Europe than at home. Though it has a fervent fan base here, they are a festival attraction across the pond with all three of their albums being European releases. A chance to see Benedictum in an intimate venue like this would make many a Euro metal fan green with envy.

• Benedictum performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday. March 31, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.710-

Acoustic guitar-wielding songstress Leanna May and her band, the Matadors, have a Wednesday-night residency at The Griffin through the month of April. Former members of such local combos as Noise Ratchet and Supernothing, May and her trio perform original tunes rooted in Americana - notably folk, blues and country. With an abundance of well-written, catchy songs like the melancholy "Pick Up The Pieces," fans of a range of artists from the Violent Femmes to Bob Dylan will find May and her musical cohorts' music well worth investigating.

· Leanna May and the Matadors perform at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 11 at The Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. No cover. www.thegriffinsd.com

Guitarist Brett Ellis celebrates the release of his latest album, "Monkey Brains," with a concert at Brick by Brick on April 6. Backed by bassist Rick Nash and drummer Calvin Lakin, Ellis plays blues and hard rock in the tradition of Eddie Van Halen and other heavy riffers. Anyone who enjoys an extended guitar solo or two will find much to their liking, but classic rock enthusiasts will appreciate the hooks Ellis writes into his songs.

• Brett Ellis Band performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 6 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. \$7. www.brickbybrick.com

# **MUSTHEAR**

Even in a crowded jazz field in San Diego, the Zzymzzy Quartet stands out. Appearing at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library on April 11, the combo plays unamplified instrumental music from roughly 1920 to World War II and a few like-styled originals. Based around the guitar playing of Beston Barnett and superb accompaniment from guitarist Pete Miesner, clarinetist Matt Gill and bassist

Paul Hormick, the quartet has an encyclopedic knowledge of vintage tunes. While anyone who enjoys up-tempo music or virtuoso fretwork will find much to their liking, fans of legendary gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt in particular will love this performance.

 Zzymzzy Quartet: 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St. All ages. Free. www.pblibraryfriends.org/concert.htm

- Bart Mendoza



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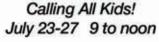
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Hands Up! New Programs



# 'Baby Boot Camp' program at Mission Bay helps post-birth mommies recapture their figures

By MARSHA KAY SEFF | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A group of young moms has discovered a pleasant way to reclaim their girlish figures while enjoying their babies at

They meet for "Baby Boot Camp," which is a bit of a misnomer, as the babies don't do much more than babble, crawl and enjoy a ride in their strollers.

The women assemble next to the playground at Mission Bay Park's Ski Beach (across Ingraham Street from Paradise Point) three mornings a week to work out. The group leader is personal trainer Jenny Nichols, a 38-year-old, first-time mother with a degree in nutrition.

She bought the "Baby Boot Camp" franchise in November because she wanted to get back in shape after her own baby was born and couldn't find a gym that offered daycare for

Most of Nichols' group engages in jogging, pushing their strollers and stopping along the bayside path for cardio drills and resistance training.

The babies come along for the ride and fresh air.

"We're not putting them to work," Nichols said.

But at the tail end of the hour-long workouts, the mothers roll out their mats to work on their abdominals, while the babies are free to crawl around. While doing crunches, some moms even balance the little ones on their legs or stomachs. \\

The nationwide post-pregnancy program is the brainchild of Kristen Horler, who started "Baby Boot Camp" soon after her first child was born in the summer of 2001.

Horler drew from her experience as a group fitness instructor, personal trainer, triathlete and mother. The goal is to balance the fitness needs of new moms with their desire to spend time with their baby.

She believes the program helps mothers regain or enhance pre-pregnancy fitness levels in a supportive environment. She said it's important for them to get strong enough to meet the physical challenges of parenting.

"Moms (in the program) don't have to worry about finding daycare and paying for it or foregoing their workouts entirely," Nichols added. "Even new moms have to put themselves first sometimes."

The class also provides the chance for babies to interact, Nichols said.

"After class, the older children can run around together,"

During most of the class, however, Nichols encourages the women to leave their babies in their strollers "unless the kids are super fussy."

The boot camp also begins teaching the youngsters good fitness habits, she said, adding, "My son is already mimick-

According to Nichols, she opted to buy a franchise instead of starting a business from scratch because the franchise includes instructor training, an annual conference, class formats, videos and a national marketing campaign. Name recognition also is a big perk, she said.

Nichols' franchise is the only one in San Diego County.



"Baby Boot Camp" gives mothers and their babies plenty of time Photo by James Steinberg I Beach & Bay Press

Currently, the group has about nine moms and their babies, who range from two months to two years old. Older children are invited as long as they can sit still in a stroller. The Mission Bay group meets at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and at 9 a.m. Saturdays.

Costs range from \$40 for one day a week to \$60 a month for a year's membership. Members can also pay \$65 a month for six months or \$75 month-to-month. Moms have to be at least six weeks postpartum before they can join.

To teach a group at Ski Beach, Nichols had to get a city permit, which runs about \$93 per quarter, she said.

A soccer player who has always been an active athlete and used to work out with personal trainers, Nichols had to become a certified personal trainer herself before she could start a franchise. The training took about four months, said Nichols, who is also a full-time executive recruiter. She brings her baby, 17-month-old Connor, to class on Saturday; otherwise, he's in daycare while she works.

"I really enjoy Baby Boot Camp," Nichols says. "It's a nice change of pace for me. The money is an unexpected perk."

The mothers have formed friendships and end up chatting during class. But, Nichols said, "It's certainly more than a social event. My moms go home sore."

On a recent chilly day, Nichols joked with the women in the group: "We've got a regular zoo here."

To illustrate her point, she surveys the babies in the group, who are bundled  $\bar{\mbox{up}}$  and sporting bear, owl and dinosaur

"I wanted to get back into shape," said student Jami Yaeger, whose son, Liam, is nine months old. "It makes me feel like a better mother when I look good and feel good.'

In addition, Yaeger said, her husband is coming back from his military deployment and she wants to look good for him. Aubri Forero, who's in class with her 11-week-old son,

Kaden, said, "I got my pre-baby figure back — almost." For more information, visit www.babybootcamp.com/CA-

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"Cornell was a key to getting Har- and children under 12.

Parking is \$15 per car at Crown Beach (off Ingraham Street and across from the entrance to Paradise Point Resort), with free shuttle service to the regatta.

In addition, the Sun Run lot will offer free shuttle as an overflow lot from Ski Beach.

Three full-time staff people and 20 season for Navy coach Rick Clothier, members of the board of directors have done the event planning and there will be about 350 volunteers on duty during the weekend.

"Mission Bay Yacht Club members are an important part of that," said Schumaker. "We don't close the bay but we have to control it on the course."

For more information on this year's competition, visit www.-crewclassic.org.

# Anderson Medical Center focuses on 'whole patient' in healthcare realm

By MARSHA KAY SEFF | BEACH & BAY PRESS

With the uncertainty of the new, national healthcare plan and its ripple effect looming, a Pacific Beach doctor took a giant leap of faith in early October. Dr. Ken Anderson, D.O., opened the Anderson Medical Center at 1945 Garnet Ave., just up the road from the Fanuel Street and Garnet Avenue urgent-care practice, where he'd worked for 22 years.

At 53, Anderson has never had his own practice and decided it was time to strike out on his own. He wanted more control over how he took care of his patients and he wanted the latest in medical technology — from electronic records to digital X-rays.

Although he built his practice on the urgent-care model with the ability to treat minor emergencies, he said, "We consider ourselves as primary-care physicians. We manage (patients') healthcare."

Anderson said a doctor of osteopathic medicine is very similar to an M.D., with the same training and responsibilities. The difference, he said, is that osteopathic physicians can manipulate patients' bodies.

"We place more emphasis on treating the whole patient," Anderson said. His philosophy for the center, which involved himself, two part-time doctors,

a nurse practitioner and a physical ther- ist Londa Monroe. apist by appointment, "is to treat all patients as we would want our family members to be treated."

His practice includes sports medicine and he's the doctor on call at local professional tennis competitions. He was the team doctor for the San Diego Gulls hockey team and he continues on as the team doctor for University of San Diego and Mission Beach High School and as  $\,$  If the Garnet Avenue address sounds medical director for SeaWorld San

Anderson, a father of two, said he's not overly worried about the unknowns of impending changes to U.S. health-

Generally, though, he'd like to see less government and insurance-company involvement in healthcare, he said. But, he admitted, "I think it's only going to

As for competition from the urgentcare clinic where he used to practice, and the nearby pharmacy's in-store clinic, "which is very limited in what he does," he said he's not concerned. "Dr. A," as many of his patients call him, said he ends up treating some of the patients from the pharmacy clinic, as well as seeing many former patients who followed him to his new practice.

"This is a positive environment, not

The center takes most insurance and hopes to participate soon in local HMOs, Anderson said.

"Insurance companies tend to be our biggest challenge," he said.

For patients without insurance, the practice offers a cash discount. The initial visit is \$125 and, after that, \$75.

Additional tests are extra. familiar, it's because it once housed San Diego National Bank. In fact, the bank vault is now home to digital X-ray equipment, which allows for fewer Xrays, Anderson said.

The remodeled building and its décor resemble a beachside spa, complete with surfboards as art and a focal wall of

No. he's not a surfer.

"But everyone else in Pacific Beach is." said Anderson.

He's been a tennis player for 25 years. And he's not shy about telling people he had a cardiac arrest on the tennis court two years ago. That's partly why cardiac healthcare is so important to him. In fact, the center has offered classes in use of the automated external defibrillator and cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"I believe we offer a great quality of so stuffy, and Dr. Anderson just seems to care and the latest in technology to procare a lot; he's genuine," said reception- vide that," Anderson said. "We tried to



Dr. Ken Anderson offers urgent-care, treatment for minor injuries and full-scale osteopathic services at Anderson Medical Center in Pacific Beach. Photo by Marsha Kay Seff I Beach & Bay Press

make (the center) accessible and easy with extended hours — from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and holidays."

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Belmont Park has opened its latest attraction, RUSH Laser Tag, for the amusement of children and adults alike. Courtesy photo

### **Belmont Park opens new** laser-tag attraction

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Belmont Park's new laser-tag arena, ith its post-apocalyptic theme, offers players 3,000 square feet of actionpacked fun with the latest in laser-tag technology.

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"RUSH Laser Tag arena has a 20-person capacity that is sure to have a surprise waiting around every corner," said James Austin, attraction owner/opera-

The cost of the attraction is \$7.95 a game or \$15.95 for unlimited play.

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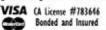
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# Students get behind-the-scenes look at PB post office operations

taught recently when kindergarten tially did. teacher Sophie Ricouard of the San Diego French-American School (SDFAS) Pacific Beach post office on Cass Street. The behind-the-scenes tour capped a year-long project as her kindergarten students experience a creative new means to help them learn to write in workers go on their daily mail runs. cursive, print and decipher the letters and sounds.

The "card-exchange experience" started with the creation of a yellow mailbox, the kind typically found on the streets of France. Then, before each school break, Ricouard paired up two students and asked them to write a card to each other.

each school break and as the children's their English teacher. writing skills progressed, the students

Beach and bay events, March 30-April 15

The 39th annual San Diego Crew Classic

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April 1. The competition features men's and

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field is highly competitive, featuring Stanford,

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ington State, Clemson, Texas, UCLA, Ten-

nessee and Purdue. The event includes a

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and alumni tents. Tickets are \$10 in advance

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MARCH 30-APRIL 1

There is no better way to conclude a are now writing small sentences on lesson than to actually experience the their postcards, rather than just drawlearning "for real." That was the lesson ing and signing their names as they ini-

To bring home the experience and bring it full circle, the students paid a arranged to have her class tour the visit to the Pacific Beach post office, where postal representative Debby Daffer gave the students a tour and explained how incoming letters are sorted and organized before the 70 mail

Daffer explained what happens when people change their address and how big parcels are managed. The tour included a quick visit of the basement to check out the USPS vans. Finally, the children purchased stamps, datestamped their personal envelopes and then posted them.

In a few days, the letters were expect-The experience was repeated after ed to arrive at the school, addressed to

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#### TUESDAY, April 12

The county Health Department holds a vaccine clinic the second Tuesday of each month at Mission Bay High School. The clinic is held in the auditorium of the school from 8 to 11a.m. Vaccines are available for students

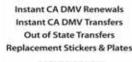
who are accompanied by an adult, as well as parents, staff and residents. For information, call school nurse Diane Bladel at (858) 273-1313, extension 121.

#### SATURDAY, April 14

The Pacific Beach Woman's Club will host a Wine Tasting and Silent Auction at Hornblend Hall from 2 to 5 p.m. to support homeless teenagers, assist with the relocation of woman and child domestic-abuse victims through Becky's House, along with other projects and upkeep of the club's 100-year-old building. Silent auction items will include hotel stays, SeaWorld tickets and food from area restaurants. Heavy appetizers will be served throughout the event. Tickets are \$10 in advance, and guests will bring along two bottles of their favorite red or white wine, as designated on their purchased ticket. One bottle will be for tasting and the other bottle will be put up for auction. Hornblend Hall is located at 1721 Hornblend St. For more information and tickets, contact Georgina Smith at (858) 274-9106.

#### SUNDAY, April 15

The San Diego Epilepsy Foundation will host the 13th annual "Sharon's Ride/Run/Walk for **Epilepsy" event** at De Anza Park on Mission Bay. The event includes a 5K walk/run and 15-mile bike ride. Registration begins 7:30 a.m., with the bike ride at 8:45 a.m. The 5K walk/run begins at 9:30 a.m. Participants can enjoy a day at the bay, along with food from Phil's BBQ, live music and activities for children. The cost, which supports epilepsy awareness and support, is \$25 for adults, \$10 for children. Kids 6 and under participate free. Entrants are given a free T-shirt. For more information, call (619) 296-0161, visit sharonsride2012.kintera.org, or email info@epilepsysandiego.org.





• The Mission Bay High School Jazz Ensemble, the "Preservationists" will travel to New Orleans April 19-22. The MBHS performance group will play at its legendary namesake venue Preservation Hall. This special four-day visit is an incredible opportunity for the talented musicians at MBHS to experience sights and sounds of the birthplace of jazz. To support the groups efforts or learn more about Mission Bay High School Music, visit www.missionbaymusic.com

• A monthly vaccine clinic is offered the second Tuesday of every month at Mission Bay High School by the county Health Department. The clinic is held in the auditorium of the school from 8 to 11 a.m. Vaccines are available for an adult, as well as parents, staff and residents. Bring your vaccination card if you possess one. For more information, call school nurse Diane tional baccalaureate students in the Bladel at (858) 273-1313, ext. 121.

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• PB Middle School will host a group of Malaysian education officials on March 29. The Malaysians are on a tour of successful international baccalaureate are invited to sample organic salad schools in Southern California and Pacific Beach International Bac- dents in the PB Middle Waves of calaureate World School made the Green organic and ocean-friendly list of "schools to see." For more student garden. For more informainformation, email jsims@sandi.net. tion, email Skaufman@sandi.net.



Mission Bay High School students place their robot into the arena for the FIRST Robotics competition at Valley View Casino Arena (formerly the San Diego Sports Arena). For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) hosts an annual event that lets high school teams from around the world compete against each other in a game with robots that they build specifstudents who are accompanied by ically to tackle the challenges posed to them by the organizer.

#### • Earth Week events:

PB Middle Eco Club will collect and sort the trash generated at PB Middle in one day at lunch. How much trash April 2-6, spring break vacation for do we generate in one lunch? How can we tackle our trash problem? These questions and more will be answered during this Earth Day Exploration.

April 13 - Waves of Green PB Middle Student Garden Harvest Day. Students harvested by the IB Garden Club stu-

April 18 - PB Student Beach Cleanup, April 12 - Trash Tarp Toss. Interna- 1 to 3 p.m. on Law Street. Inspired by IB units that teach students to take action, groups include the Sessions Elementary Walk to the Park ecology club, PB Middle Kiwanis Builders Clubber Nicholas Campagna, Trader Joe's, etc. are planning a large-scale beach cleanup for students of all ages. For more information, email walktotheparkclub@att.net or lchadwick@sandi.net.

#### **CROWN POINT JMA**

• Crown Point Junior Music Academy students enjoyed international visitors during the PTA's celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.

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# **Mission Bay High's Academic League flexes its brainpower**

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The varsity Mission Bay High School (MBHS) Academic League team finished the regular season March 22 tied for first place in the Central League with a 6-2 record. At press time, it was not yet clear if the Buccaneer team would advance to the playoffs.

The purpose of the Academic League is to highlight academic excellence through competition," said Mission Bay High School Academic League coach Barry Dancher. "Almost every school in the county has a team now."

The Academic League is a 5-on-5 competition for public, private and charter schools. Questions are based on current events and high school subjects like

math, science, English and history.

Competition questions are presented the same way as they are on the television game show "Jeopardy," phrased in the form of an answer. Students do not, however, have to respond the same way as would in the "Jeopardy" show format.

The MBHS Academic League has three levels, including varsity (juniors and seniors), junior varsity (sophomores and juniors) and novices (freshmen and sophomores).

Under Dancher, the MBHS Academic League has grown from seven members four years ago to 25 students today. Since Mission Bay High became an international baccalaureate (IB) school in 2007,

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# IN THE SCHOOLS

# **NOTEBOOK**

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The English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) hosted library time with Read Across America and the World Day. Students were treated to stories in Tagalog, Punjab, Spanish, Portuguese, Chinese, German, Indonesian, Farsi and Indian.

• CPJMA thanks the PB Town Council for graciously donating \$500 to the school. These funds go toward educational and enrichment programs for the students. CPJMA thanks the PBTC for the financial support and kindness they extend during our visits.

 April 13 – Coffee with Principal Liz Duvall at 8 a.m.. All are encouraged

• April 21 – CPJMA annual 5th Grade Rummage Sale, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public welcome to sell. Call the school office at (858) 273-9830 to reserve a spot on the playground in which to sell your personal goods. Keep the profits you make!

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

• Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary



Ramona Lopez Pizarro is shown with her son, Sasan, and classmate Lauren Upton during a Read Across America and the World Day at Crown Point Junior Music Academy. In addition to reading to the children in Farsi, the parent volunteer also shared about Iranian culture.

(FOPBE) will hold its monthly meeting on April 11 at 6 p.m. in Room 9. All welcome. Childcare will be provided.

• The Pacific Beach Elementary Spring Dance will be April 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The students and parents will enjoy kid friendly music and snacks at this PBE community school event.

— Jennifer Tandy

# **ACADEMIC**

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it has been able to draw different types of students from all over the city.

Junior Daniel Fennell of Serra Mesa is in his first year with the MBHS Academic League and competes for the Buccaneers' varsity and junior varsity teams.

"Before the school year started, I walked into Mr. Dancher's classroom and signed up for the Academic League," Fennell said.

The Academic League holds its practices during lunchtime three times a week. Players prepare for what subject matter to expect in their upcoming match.

"The Academic League is fun and not a huge time commitment," Fennell said.

The junior varsity team wrapped up its regular season with a 37-28 victory over Mount Everest and finished with an undefeated record of 8-0.

The Bucs' novice team defeated varsity team makes the playoffs, Danch-



The varsity Mission Bay High Academic League team tied for first in the Central League last

victory by forfeit because the Mount Everest novice team did not have enough participants.

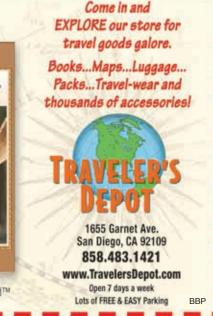
Mount Everest 23-19 in an exhibition er said he felt it was a good year for the match after Mission Bay was awarded program. But he said he was little disappointed the team didn't win the final regular season match.

The good news for Dancher and the Whether or not Mission Bay High's team is that many of the varsity players will be back next year.













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Old Town San Diego State Historic Park has more than 10 free museums open to the public year-round. These museums have ongoing living history activities every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to educate the public about what life was like in San Diego in the 1800s. The park also hosts free tours daily at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. that begin at the Robinson-Rose Visitor Center.

Every Saturday of the month, the park offers a different taste of historic trades and craft guilds for visitors. The first Saturday of every month, the park hosts the Print Guild and Tintype Guild. Visitors can have a first-hand experience of how printed word and photography was executed in the early days of California.

On the second Saturday of each month,

the park hosts Californio Day. Between 1821 and 1848, people who lived in Southern California were called Californios. The unique cultural heritage and activities of the Californios will be shared and celebrated with visitors.

The third Saturday boasts presentations from the Quilt Guild, Fiber Arts Guild and the Mormon Battalion. Guest of the park will learn about the traditional methods of quilting, spinning, weaving and other fiber arts techniques. Visitors will also learn about the famous military unit, the Mormon Battalion, and how the impact of their service changed the history of San Diego and California.

On the fourth Saturday, the park hosts the Mountain Men and the Soap Makers Guild. Park visitors will learn about the

historic mountain men and the discoveries they found as well as learn the art of soap making.

In conjunction with the different events every Saturday, the park also showcases the Blacksmith Guild's presentation every Wednesday and Saturday morning and the Quilt Guild every Wednesday afternoon. For more information about the guild schedules of the day and their location in the park, visit the board outside the Robinson-Rose Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center and museums are open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. October through April and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May through September. To confirm hours of operation or for more information call 619-220-5422 or visithttp://www.parks.ca.gov/



## Barra Barra Unveils New Menu For 2012

Kids Now Eat Free Everyday

unveiling a new menu inspired by border town barbecue and Mexican comfort food. "This new menu adds more high quality selections of meats and fish such as Ahi tuna and flat iron steak," said Chef Jose Pulido. "While we have kept many of our customer's favorites and added a new twist on existing dishes, we wanted to use the excuse of the new year to launch items featuring a new style and flavor not commonly seen on this side of the border.'

Barra Barra is also adding a special kids-eat-free menu for those under 10. It's available everyday during lunch and dinner with each paying adult.

Among the new menu options are two new salads -- a Mexican Caesar with flat iron steak and a spiced, seared Ahi tuna with white balsamic dressing. These special dishes are not typically offered in Mexican restaurants on this side of the

The entrees anticipated to be the biggest hits on the menu include grilled Achiote salmon, sautéed fresh sea bass, prawns sautéed in a light butter garlic sauce and Barra Barra's seafood paella. The chefs are also adding a "meat lover's" fajita plate, which will include carnitas, chorizo, chicken and beef all in one serving. Black mussels a la diabla served in a thick spicy tomato diabla sauce, promises to bring a little heat to the taste buds.

The restaurant is also including a hickory smokehouse carne section to the menu, which will offer a variety of slow-roasted meats with hickory wood. Some of the entrees will be hickory-

Old Town's Barra Barra Saloon is smoked chicken, guajillo barbecue brisket and flat iron steak.

Barra Barra Saloon is a part of the Fiesta de Reyes plaza, which is located in the northeast corner of Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, at the intersection of Wallace and Calhoun streets. In addition to Barra Barra Saloon, the plaza boasts the Casa de Reyes restaurant and 18 specialty stores. For information call (619) 297-3100 or visit www.FiestaDeReyes.com.



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