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Coroner probing death of PB man near OB Pier

The San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office was planning to conduct an autopsy this week on the body of a Pacific Beach man whose nude body was found floating southwest of the Ocean Beach Pier on Saturday morning.

While the cause of death has not yet been determined, the body of 34-year-old Lawrence Kenneth Booth was discovered by a fisherman near the terminus with Niagara Street shortly after 9 a.m.

San Diego lifeguards responded to the scene, recovered the body and death was confirmed due to forming rigor. The death remains under investigation by police.

Brief outages leave about 4,600 in dark

Unrelated to temperatures recorded on the hottest day of 2012 so far, roughly 4,600 San Diego Gas & Electric customers in La Jolla and Pacific Beach were left without power for several hours Aug. 12 after an outage was blamed on a failed connector between two cables, said an SDG&E official.

The outage occurred about 5:15 p.m. and affected customers from Via Capri in La Jolla south to Pacific Beach and Mission Bay.

The bulk of the power was restored by around 11 p.m., but a handful of customers were left without power until around 10:15 a.m. on Aug. 13, said the SDG&E spokesman.

Other outages were reported in Ocean Beach and Point Loma on Aug. 12 as well. According to SDG&E records, however, it is unclear whether the second set of outages was related to the original case, said the spokesman.

SDG&E officials are continuing to investigate the cause of the outage.

Checkpoint nets 16 drivers in Pacific Beach

San Diego police said 16 arrests were made Aug. 11 during a DUI checkpoint in the 2400 block of Grand Avenue. According to police, 35 motorists were detained for further screening during the 10 p.m. to 2:45 a.m. checkpoint, leading to the impound of 17 vehicles.

'Bird Rock Bandit' is a no-show in court

One of the so-called "Bird Rock Bandits," Eric House, 25, failed to

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ALL FIRED UP



Wild Thang — a crowd-thrilling hot rod which spews flames 30 feet in the air — will be among the popular draws during the fourth annual Pacific Beach Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, set to roll into the heart of PB on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Courtesy photo

'Brady Bunch' fan favorite to be guest celebrity at car show

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Christopher Knight, who played the role of Peter Brady in the long-running television sit-com "The Brady Bunch," is scheduled to make an appearance during the Pacific Beach car show this weekend. Top,



Knight as he appeared in the series, and right, as he looks today. Courtesy photos



Actor Christopher Knight — best known for his role of Peter Brady in the classic television sit-com series "The Brady Bunch" from 1969 to 1974, will be the celebrity guest at the 2012 Hot Rod and Classic Car Show in Pacific Beach on Aug. 19.

"I'm currently in the process of developing and writing various projects in different states of development," Knight said.

Knight's most recent project is as the co-host of "Lug Nutz Radio" with Gordon "Lug Nutz" Stewart on KLAA

830 AM's Saturday lineup. "Lug Nutz Radio" is Southern California's only radio program that features NASCAR and autosports — a perfect tie-in with this weekend's Hot Rod and Classic Car Show.

"I love hot rods and wish I had had more time with cars when I was growing up," said Knight. "I had never been exposed to auto racing as a child, so I'm very interested in finding out how professional drivers like Tony Stewart or Jimmie Johnson can do what they do."

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Summer marine life unusually active

Boaters, beachgoers glimpse majesty of more rarely-seen creatures

By MIKE MCCARTHY | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Local beaches and offshore waters appear to be teeming with greater numbers of crowd-pleasing — and even rarely seen — marine life this summer. July boasted sunny skies and warmer water, attracting heavy crowds to the beaches and unusual numbers of sea life for this time of year, according to experts.

Killer whales that typically prefer colder waters have been sighted enjoying the nearby ocean for several weeks. Rare giant jellyfish, known as black sea nettles, have drifted into San Diego Bay and onto Point Loma beaches in large numbers.

Bottlenose dolphins have also been spotted enjoying the surf along Sunset Cliffs and Ocean

Beach. The Risso's dolphin species, another a rare visitor to local waters, has lately been entertaining boaters out in deeper water.

Blue whales, the largest animals on Earth, are typical visitors for this time of year. Even these behemoths seem to be increasing in numbers, according to observers. The blue whales, which normally are found several miles out at sea, have recently been observed from the shoreline in La Jolla.

Experts in the field agree that the recent swell in marine-life populations is due to the animals following their food supply. Experts said other species, like the black sea nettle jellyfish, are showing up in greater numbers because they

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Annual Pacific Beach Hot Rod and Classic Car Show revs up

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The free Pacific Beach Hot Rod and Classic Car show, along with Charger Steve's Wild Rides and Classic Car Show-down, is set to burst into action with tons of activities and automotive thrills on Sunday, Aug. 19 in its fourth annual installment.

Featuring an engine blow-up contest, magician, comedy, dance, burlesque show and bikini contest — among a host of other activities — the show roars onto the scene between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. along Garnet Avenue between Mission Boulevard and Dawes Street.

Steve Lordigyan, also known as "Charger Steve," is the mastermind behind the power-packed event.

"I basically run the entire thing," he said. "Our event focuses specifically on hot rods, classic cars, specialty vehicles, dragsters and monster trucks. There's a little

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Hundreds of hot rods and classic cars will be front and center during the Pacific Beach car show, along with celebrity cars from television series and movies.

Courtesy photo

TEEMING WITH LIFE



Blue whales, the Earth's largest creature, have been spotted in increasing numbers off the coastline and even from the shoreline in La Jolla.

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Plans begin surfacing for lifeguard station at foot of Law Street

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

Following a split 7-7 vote, the Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPB) decided July 25 to table a motion to support a site location request for a proposed lifeguard station at Law Street until further information about the project is vetted by board members and residents.

The project proposal entails construction of a full lifeguard station just south of Law Street in North Pacific Beach for use by San Diego lifeguards for vehicle and equipment storage, observation, first-aid response and public showers, bathrooms and changing rooms.

"It's not a tower," said PBPB chairman Brian Curry. "They're talking about a full lifeguard station. Maybe not to scale, but something similar probably to the Grand Avenue facility.

"Overall, the board does feel absolutely, 100-percent supportive of lifeguards and of community safety, but we want to understand that it is the right facility, at the right location, right there at Law Street," he said. "We're trying to get as much public feedback on that."

The site was selected because of its proximity to the burgeoning number of surfers and beachgoers who have shifted north over the years, according to lifeguard representatives who presented the proposal. The vehicle access ramp also may have played an important role in the site selection, said Curry.

Representatives of San Diego Lifeguard Services were unavailable for more details at press time.

Some board members at the July 25 meeting aired concerns that the proposed location, just south of Law Street,

TO LEARN MORE

The Pacific Beach Planning Group is encouraging residents to learn more about the project and share any concerns during a meeting of the group's Development Subcommittee at noon on Sept. 13 at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library.

is unfit for a permanent structure because of the steep, crumbling slope and occasional high-tide flooding. Some residents suggested that alternative locations — further north at Tourmaline Street or further south at Chalcedony Street — would be more suitable.

"We've asked them [lifeguards] to explore all options, take public feedback — and feedback from us — and maybe come back with a more comprehensive idea about what could happen there or

in other locations," said Curry.

There was also some debate about the necessity of a full-service facility, since the alcohol ban on beaches has brought fewer people out to the coast, said Curry.

Some board members suggested a station with a small footprint, or even a tower, would be more appropriate for the site. Others were simply averse to confirming a site selection when no design has yet been presented.

"Some folks don't want to approve the site without knowing what is going to be built there," Curry said. "Hopefully, we'll have something in September. We've asked for that, and the board has also asked them [lifeguards] to explore alternative locations."

Approval of the site would allow the lifeguard services to begin geological, soil and environmental impact studies.

"The board isn't asking for a complete working drawing, but just what they have in mind. View corridors and footprint come into question," said Curry. "That's prime real estate on the sand."

"Most people don't even know this is happening, and this is a very big and important project for Pacific Beach," he said. "If folks wake up and see this thing under construction, they're going to say, 'What is going on here?' We want as much feedback and public awareness as possible."

Residents are invited to ask questions and air concerns at the PBPB's Development Subcommittee meeting on Sept. 13 at noon at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, located at 4275 Cass St.

For more information or copies of official proposal documents, visit www.pbplanning.org.

Ex-Mission Beach fitness center worker admits to ID-fraud counts

By **NEAL PUTNAM** | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A Pacific Beach man pleaded guilty Aug. 8 to identity theft, grand theft and impersonation involving the illegal use of other people's stolen ID information from his former place of employment at a Mission Beach fitness center.

Christopher Antonio Polley, 26, will be sentenced Sept. 6 and could receive up to a year in county jail. Before his June 26 arrest, Polley worked for the Wave House Athletic Club, illegally stealing personal identification information from members' application records.

Judge Laura Halgren dismissed 14 counts of identity theft, receiving stolen property and possession of Ecstasy. Polley remains in custody on \$400,000 bail.

Polley's attorney, James Fitzpatrick,

"He's a former Coast Guard, and served his country in that capacity This is a speed bump in his life — something he has passed [beyond] and that is not representative of his true character."

DEFENSE ATTORNEY JAMES FITZPATRICK

said the loss is estimated around \$20,000, and maintains the fitness center's customers are not really the victims in the case.

"I think what we will find is that there was primarily one victim, and that is eBay," said Fitzpatrick. "The individuals that were named in the complaint actually weren't harmed financially. The individuals weren't hurt. Their identities weren't taken."

Fitzpatrick said Polley used the per-

sonal identifications to set up false profiles to make purchases on eBay auctions.

Polley will also be placed on probation, with jail time ranging from 180 to 365 days, according to court records. If he violates the conditions of his probation, he could be sentenced to four years in prison.

Deputy District Attorney Brendan McHugh said the judge will order Polley to pay restitution. Not all of the victims are local, McHugh said.

Polley was employed at the Wave House until January.

"He's a very sharp young man. He's a former Coast Guard, and served his country in that capacity," said Fitzpatrick. "This is a speed bump in his life — something he has passed [beyond] and that is not representative of his true character."

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PB Middle undergoes changing of the guard at the top

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach Middle School (PBMS) experienced a change in administration in early July when Ernie Remillard was hired as the school's new principal to replace the outgoing Julie Martel.

The milestone, of course, was a bittersweet farewell and welcome for the pair and for the school's students, teachers and staff.

"I'm definitely excited. It is nice to come in and be able to hit the ground running," Remillard said.

Remillard noted the is familiar with PBMS teachers and staff after he spent three years as the school's vice principal from 2008 to 2011. Prior to his time at Pacific Beach Middle School, Remillard served three years at Roosevelt Middle School from 2005 to 2008 and served last year as one of the vice principals at De Portola Middle School before returning to Pacific Beach.

Martel had positive things to say about her replacement.

"I hired him into the district as a math teacher until he became the international baccalaureate (IB) coordinator before he came to work with me at PB Middle as vice principal in 2008," said Martel. "I think it's great that he was hired. He's ready to be a principal with his strong background in the IB program."

"[Dr. Julie Martel] is so knowledgeable, experienced and well-respected within the district, which made my job as vice principal easier."

ERNIE REMILLARD
Incoming principal, Pacific Beach Middle School

Martel decided to retire after 33 years in the San Diego Unified School District, serving 22 as an administrator and the last four of her years at PBMS.

"I'm 62, so it seemed like the right time to do something different and be able to do other things that I haven't had time to do," said Martel.

Martel was principal at Roosevelt Middle School for seven years before moving over to PBMS and also worked within the district at Foster Elementary, Lee Elementary and served another seven years as the vice principal at Horace Mann Middle School.

"Being a principal now is much different than it was before the budget cuts," reflected Martel. "It is similar to owning your own business, because you are always worrying even if you aren't there, and you won't be able to take a lot of vacations."

Similarly, Remillard spoke highly of Martel.



Dr. Julie Martel has formally retired after 33 years with the San Diego Unified School District, serving her last four as principal at Pacific Beach Middle School (PBMS). Ernie Remillard, who spent three years as vice principal at PBMS from 2008 to 2011, will succeed Martel as principal. The pair exchanges well-wishes in front of the school, above, and share a chuckle at one of the campus information desks, right.

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"She's so knowledgeable, experienced and well-respected within the district, which made my job as vice principal easier," said Remillard. "Working under her, she did a good job teaching myself and the other vice principal."

Because of his familiarity with the school and staff, Remillard does not expect any major changes except for those in the state's Common Core Standards with respect to PBMS' international baccalaureate program. The IB program at PBMS was established in 2007.

Remillard said he hopes to boost PBMS' current enrollment of 630 by

keeping Pacific Beach students local and marketing the school to other neighborhoods.

"One of our goals is to increase enrollment by inviting the parents to come and see our school, meet our great teachers and learn about the stellar program that we can offer," Remillard said.

PBMS is one of only two IB middle schools in the district. Students can enroll beginning Aug. 20.

Pacific Beach Middle School will have a new student orientation event on Aug. 27 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. The first day of class will be Tuesday, Sept. 4.



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Top Dog owner might just have seen it all

Tales from the limo: no 'stretch' of truth

By MARSHA KAY SEFF | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Sharing celebrations with happy, upbeat people is the best part of owning a limousine company, according to Russ Van Huizum of Top Dog Limo Bus in Pacific Beach.

But that doesn't mean life's celebrations always go as planned.

Van Huizum, who started his first limousine service nearly 25 years ago, has witnessed his share of glitches and disappointments.

There was the groom who decided at the last minute not to get married and refused to take the hired limo to the church. The job of contacting the jilted bride fell to the limo company's owner. "She said she was afraid that would happen," said Van Huizum, recalling the bride's response.

Then there was the incident where the would-be bride asked the male stripper from her bachelorette party to ride along with the group to the bar to join the bachelor party. The would-be groom later found her and the stripper in flagrante in the back of the limo.

Not surprisingly, the wedding was cancelled.

Van Huizum is firm about not naming names, saying what happens in his limos stays in the limos.

After working two years as a chauffeur, he decided to start his own business. He sold everything he could scrape together to make the \$6,000 down payment on a used limo. It was a burgundy-and-silver Cadillac jalopy he financed with the seller. Having sold his real car, the limo doubled as his personal vehicle and he added surfboard racks on top.

"People would laugh when I drove the limo to the beach," said Van Huizum. "Needless to say, I wasn't an instant success."

Actually, the business almost died before it really began, when a bank threatened to repossess the Cadillac. It turned out the seller didn't have clear title to the vehicle and was months behind in his payments. Not only did Van Huizum lose his original down payment, but the loan officer refused to make a new loan, unfazed by the tears the would-be entrepreneur shed in the middle of the bank.

That's when Van Huizum finally got lucky. A former bank officer he'd known years back while working as a teller just happened to walk into the bank, recognized him and instructed the employee to make the loan.

It turned out Van Huizum's benefactor was no less than the president of the bank.

Though the new loan was for more than the original amount, Van Huizum



Russ Van Huizum, left, owner of Top Dog Limo Bus in Pacific Beach, prepares to take guests from the Firehouse American Eatery & Lounge off for a day at the Del Mar Racetrack.

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persevered. It was three years until he was able just to make ends meet and longer until he was making a tidy profit. At one point, he built his fleet up to 20 vehicles.

Van Huizum, 52, sold the original company in 2000 and started Top Dog Limo Bus. Today, he has two 36-foot limo buses and a 27-foot stretch Hummer. Amenities include granite-top bars; disco and laser lights; 3,000-watt stereo systems and the ever-popular removable dance poles.

Van Huizum manages the company and does the booking, now only occasionally driving. But fielding the slew of calls has interrupted many a date, he said laughingly.

Competition is stiff in Pacific Beach, but the company's longevity, reputation and insistence on keeping the vehicles in pristine condition have kept Van Huizum hopping, he said, adding that he now gets half-million-dollar, pre-approved limo loan offers in the mail.

Though people hire his limos for all occasions, Top Dog Limo Bus specializes in corporate parties and weddings. Though he doesn't have a liquor license, guests may bring their own alcohol. Some have called the next day to apologize for their behavior.

Jennifer Roy, one of the company's longtime chauffeurs, said, "You think

bartenders are such good therapists? Limo drivers take the cake."

Van Huizum, who has chauffeured celebrities that included Bob Hope and Muhammad Ali, chuckles about the incidents he'll never forget.

About 14 years ago, he received a phone call in the middle of the night when one of his chauffeurs got into a fight with an abusive client, who ended up needing stitches. It turned out the client was a new lawyer who had been celebrating passing the bar. He took on the limo company as his first case — and won. Van Huizum fired the chauffeur and was sued again, this time for unlawful termination.

There was also the case of the sabotaged wedding. The frantic bride called asking why her limo hadn't shown. Van Huizum discovered it had been cancelled, along with the caterer and some of the tuxedos, by one of the groom's former girlfriends. The company owner scrambled to send out a limo and the wedding went off without any further hitches.

Though the problem cases tend to stand out, Van Huizum is quick to point out that for every bump in the road, his limo business has enjoyed many more happy, positive experiences.

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GUEST VIEW

City competition already saving taxpayers millions

By MAYOR JERRY SANDERS

At a time when other cities are grappling with large budget deficits and, in some cases, even going bankrupt, the city of San Diego's financial turn-around continues to attract national attention.

Our rapidly improving fiscal health, evidenced by projected budget surpluses over the next five years and enhanced public services, can be attributed to a variety of reforms we've made, like managed competition, which is saving taxpayers millions of dollars a year.

Quite simply, managed competition allows private-sector companies to bid against city employees for the right to provide a variety of municipal services.

So far, four services have been successfully put out to bid: fleet maintenance, landfill operations, publishing and street sweeping. All told, because of competition, we've cut our operating costs in these areas by \$8.4 million a year.

Interestingly, but not surprisingly, the city's employees have won all four competitions. I'm proud of their creativity and drive to perform their work as efficiently as possible.

As for the savings, they are being put to good use: to increase operating hours at branch libraries and recreation centers, to hire more police officers and firefighters and to repave more city streets.

While the results have been impressive, we're certainly not done.

We have launched competitions for six more services: street and sidewalk repair, trash pick-up, public utilities customer service, stormwater-facilities operation and maintenance, transportation engineering and capital-improvement program delivery.

Regardless of who wins, I have no doubt that millions more will be saved.

Managed competition is just one of the ways we're rethinking what we do and reducing the cost of city government. Among other things, we've streamlined and consolidated city departments, significantly cut expenses related to retiree health-care and pensions, and reduced what we spend on information technology by more than \$7 million a year — all without any reduction in service.

I want to thank the people of San Diego for being a partner in our city's success — for supporting the steps we've taken over the past few years to turn our city around. Together, we've come a long way.



JERRY SANDERS

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REMEMBER WHEN?

HOME BANK OF CALIFORNIA, at the southwest corner of Bayard Street and Garnet Avenue, can meet your financial needs today. But from 1946 to 1976, you would have done business in the sturdy edifice above. It opened as Security Trust & Savings and ended, I believe, as Security Pacific Bank. Check out the classic concrete bus bench. I had been led to believe that the light bulbs were removed from the street lamps on Garnet Avenue after Pearl Harbor for wartime black-out purposes, but I'm not sure why they wouldn't have been replaced by the time Howard Rozelle took this 1946 photo.

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



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Says SeaWorld trainers, orcas a bad interaction

Turned down by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Review Committee, SeaWorld is now virtually certain to proceed to the U.S. Court of Appeals in an effort to escape the ruling that animal trainers cannot be in the water with killer whales during performances.

SeaWorld claims that such close interaction is essential, not only to create exciting shows, but also to enhance the "bond" between trainers and

whales. This perceived "bond" exists, however, only in the fantasies of SeaWorld personnel, and may well be one reason trainer Dawn Brancheau was killed [at the Florida SeaWorld site].

Orcas, even those born in captivity, are by no stretch of the imagination domesticated animals. They do not "bond" with their captors simply because they can be trained to obey commands. Believing she had a "bond" with Tillikum (the killer whale) may have caused Brancheau to let down her guard with a huge and dangerous predator.

This anthropomorphic myth is the very heart of the SeaWorld message. It is the theme of their "BELIEVE" extravaganza, and the epitome of the false image of nature portrayed to employees and public alike. Orcas have been captured, bred, dominated and displayed for some 45 years in theme parks and aquariums, but that does not demonstrate an ethereal connection between human and animal. That is simply bondage.

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The National Regatta of remote-controlled model yachts descended on the Mission Bay Model Yacht Pond near Vacation Lane this month, thrilling observers with nine different classes of vessels and 175 sailors from seven different countries. Photo by Jim Grant | Beach & Bay Press

Sailing away with the power, majesty of model yachts

The San Diego Argonauts hosted a 19-day regatta at the Mission Bay Model Yacht Pond this month, with nine different boat classes of remote-controlled vessels and 175 model-yacht "sailors" from seven countries.

The pond, located at Vacation Lane near Sea World, also served as the host site to the International One Meter Class (IOM) boats — the fastest boats run by the best model-yacht racers in the world — drawing sailors from as far away as Canada, Brazil and New Zealand.

The National Regatta is hosted by the San Diego Argonauts every three years. This year, the club ran nine regattas, with seven of them racing for a National Title. The best model-yacht sailors in the world attended the races and the



Sailors are intense during the 19-day, remote-controlled model-yacht regatta this month near SeaWorld. Photo by Jim Grant | Beach & Bay Press

competition was tough — but also a lot of fun for sailors and observers, said organizers.

The Argonauts traditionally meet every Saturday at the pond for some thrilling sailing, said organizers. Once a month, usually the first Saturday of the month, the Argonauts have scheduled races called Sail Points. The scores from these monthly races are kept and at the end of the year, awards are given out to the top three sailors of each class.

The club races in the ODOMs, IOMs, Santa Barbaras and Soling 50 classes. Club members said they would be happy to let guests and observers try their hand at sailing on non-race days.

For a calendar of events or to learn more or about joining the San Diego Argonauts, visit www.sandiegoargonauts.com.

— Staff and contribution

Wheelchair Sports Camp at Crown Pt. dishes up sports skills, empowerment

North Crown Point Shores played host last week to the 26th annual Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp, the country's largest and most recognized sports camp for children with permanent physical disabilities.

The five-day summer camp, which ran from Aug. 7 through 11, involved more than 60 children, ages 4 to 18, with various disabilities, including spinal-cord injuries, amputation, spina bifida, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy.

The camp was held in the Mission Bay area and at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. Camp sports included sailing, outrigger canoe, waterskiing, basketball, tennis, archery, rugby, bocchia ball, soccer, an obstacle course, hand cycling, snorkeling/scuba diving and wheelchair maintenance.

Since its founding in 1987, more than 500 children from San Diego and adjoining communities have participated.

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ROSS EHRHARDT
President, San Diego Adaptive Sports Foundation

Sports Foundation president Ross Ehrhardt.

The Junior Wheelchair Sports Camp offers a unique opportunity for children with disabilities to experience a five-day sports camp, just like their able-bodied siblings and friends.

The positive experience enables the children to grow physically, emotionally and socially as they learn the fundamentals of a number of adaptive sports, according to organizers.

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STAGECOACH DAYS: CELEBRATING THE WEST ON THE MOVE

--All Aboard for Old Town; Next Stop Stagecoach Days at Old Town San Diego State Historic Park--

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is celebrating travel and transportation in the era of real horsepower at Stagecoach Days from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays in July and August.

The free event features a different theme each Saturday including Californio Day, Women of the West, Soldiers and Citizens, TwainFest and Vaquero Day.

Attendees will enjoy afternoons filled with activities that reflect life in early San Diego and celebrate the West on the move. Through vignettes, demonstrations, living history activities, stories and songs, visitors will gain an appreciation for early modes of transportation and daily life.

It's been more than a century since the last stage line operated in San Diego. Beginning in 1857,

stage lines passed through rural San Diego moving passengers, freight and mail. These new services helped bring the outside world closer to the emerging frontier community that we know today as San Diego.

The 2012 Stagecoach Days schedule is as follows:

August 18 -- TwainFest -- The festival marks 102 years of Mark Twain's passing and celebrates the American author as well as some of his peers. Excerpts from famous works will be read aloud by costumed San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day.

August 25 -- Soldiers and Citizens -- In the mid-1840s, California went to war with Mexico. United States troops were stationed in San Diego County and fought here in an effort to support the war. This day will feature military practices that changed San Diego forever.

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, with the support of the Boosters of Old Town and Fiesta de Reyes, is proud to offer these free activities for adults and children of all ages. The park is located on San Diego Avenue and Twiggs Street, conveniently located next to the Old Town Transit Center with Coaster, trolley and MTS bus service.

For more information, go to: www.parks.ca.gov/oldtownsandiego.

TWAINFEST EXPANDS IN OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE PARK ON AUGUST 18

TwainFest is a free and family-friendly festival celebrating the writing of Mark Twain and his contemporaries. TwainFest bursts into action on Saturday, Aug. 18, in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. This will be TwainFest's third annual celebration of mid-19th century American arts and cul-

ture. The fun starts 11 a.m. and runs until 5 p.m. Admission is free and open to all.

TwainFest will present stories, music, professional actors and musicians, puppets, poems, inventive games and delightful performances plus a brand new feature called "History on the Move" presented by Wells Fargo Bank. Performances and activities will be offered in venues all over the state park's grassy plaza as well as in its historic structures.

TwainFest offers various activities for the entire family such as:

The Arcade -- Twelve imaginative games and activities ranging from Fish for Words, which is geared to children as young as three, to the Spelling Bee, which features commonplace words from the 1850s and the Never-Ending Story where everyone adds their own chapter to an ongoing story.

Overland Express -- Old Diego's equivalent of the Pony Express where you can send a letter that will be delivered by horse and rider -- and get a letter in response!

Frog Launch - TwainFest tips its hat to Twain's first widely read story, The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County. Frog Launch is a catapult that propels bean-bag frogs into the air. Compete to make the longest launch.

Literary Séance -- Madame Olga with her loyal retainer, Igor, makes contact with the spirits of great writers from the past.

The Manly Art of Cigar Smoking -- Twain smoked between 20 and 40 cigars a day! Racine & Laramie, the venerable tobacco retailer in the State Park, hosts a Long Ash contest on its front porch. Ladies as well as gentlemen are welcome and the contest is adults only.

History on the Move -- Wells Fargo Bank presents an exciting hands-on activity that brings the Pony Express and other aspects of 19th century America to life. This is an entirely new and exciting element of TwainFest. It will be located in the courtyard behind the Robinson-Rose Building.

Liars Contest -- tell your story (as long as it's a tall one) and compete for the TwainFest Liars Crown on the TwainFest Main Stage. Open to all. Twain for Kids -- Professional actors read stories

by and about Mark Twain -- (one of them even written by his daughter, Suzy) -- in the historic Seeley Stable in the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park.

TWAINFEST is produced by Write Out Loud in partnership with Fiesta de Reyes and the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. For more information, call Write Out Loud at 619-297-8953 or the State Park Information Center at 619-220-5422.

Learn more about TWAINFEST at www.WriteOutLoudsd.com and TWAINFEST on Facebook at www.facebook.com/writeoutloud.9.

CELEBRATE CALIFORNIO VAQUERO DAYS AT OLD TOWN SAN DIEGO STATE HISTORIC PARK

A fun experience of the California Rancho lifestyle in early San Diego!

Do you know what it takes to be a Californio Vaquero? Come to Old Town San Diego State Historic Park and find out! Try your hand in roping or braiding on Saturday, August 11, 2012. See the traditional horsemanship skills of the early Vaquero starting at 12 p.m. in the Seeley Stables Yard.

Participate in the parade around the plaza with horses, dancers, and people in colorful historical costumes starting at noon. There are other early California activities such as dancing, food demonstrations, music, blacksmithing, and craft demonstrations such as cascarone making and paper flower making and much more!

There is free admission to the family oriented event thanks to Boosters of Old Town, park staff, volunteers, and Garry McClintock who is coordinating the horsemanship demonstrations in the Seeley Stables Yard.

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

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SEA LIFE

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are drifting along with the upwelling of deep-ocean currents.

In July, dozens of the dark-burgundy colored jellyfish were spotted in San Diego Bay along the Point Loma shoreline.

According to Craig Barilotti, a marine biologist who lives in Point Loma, black sea nettles are relatively rare and are usually found in deep water along the Pacific Coast. Barilotti said this particular species is actually more complex than most jellyfish and often has a main body — or “bell” — that measures up to three feet and tentacles extending up to 25 feet.

The species is carnivorous and preys on plankton and other jellyfish. To humans, their sting is nonlethal, but painful, and contact should be avoided, said Barilotti.

And the proliferation of unusual sightings doesn't stop there.

“We're seeing more sea life now than ever before,” claims Janet Morris of the Natural History Museum in Balboa Park. As the director of the museum's volunteers, Morris said, “I recently have been getting reports of large numbers of marine mammals and sightings of rare species to this area. My understanding is that the cold-water upwellings are providing the food source, such as plankton



Bottlenose dolphins have been spotted enjoying the surf along Sunset Cliffs and Ocean Beach this summer, and the Risso's dolphin species — a rare visitor to local waters — has been entertaining boaters out in deeper water.

Photo by Mike McCarthy | Beach & Bay Press

and krill, that is currently attracting the higher organisms such as whales and dolphins.”

Leslee Matsushige, assistant curator for the Birch Aquarium at Scripps, agrees.

“The water temperature these days is typical for San Diego summers,” she said. “Warmer waters, combined with upwelling, leads to plankton blooms that attract marine life to the area.”

And those aren't the only spectacles for local beachgoers, according to Cammie Ingram, a marine biologist and administrator at Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

“We've been having an amazing algal bloom in the near-shore waters this summer,” said Ingram.

Robert Pitman, a marine biologist for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service, said “the blue whale numbers appear to have mush-

roomed and they're coming closer to the shoreline. I occasionally see them from my office in La Jolla. The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 is the primary reason that the numbers have increased over the years.”

But offshore marine-mammal sightings have also been rich, said Rick Scott, captain of the Ocean Odyssey at H&M Landing.

“Our summer whale watching trips are now better than ever,” he said. “We're seeing lots of sea life, along with good numbers of blue whales and a few killer whales. The blues don't appear to be afraid of us. It's like they're enjoying swimming alongside and underneath our boat, behaviors that I've never seen before.”

Adventure-seekers interested in experiencing an offshore sea-life experience can call the San Diego Natural History Museum Whalers at (877) 946-7797 to purchase tickets at a discounted rate,



Observers aboard a whale-watching ship get a thrill with the passing of blue whales.

Photo by Mike McCarthy | Beach & Bay Press



Mieka McCarthy gets a close-up look at one of the many black sea nettles that have been drifting into San Diego Bay and the beaches of Point Loma during July. This one was spotted at the foot of McCall Street in Point Loma.

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delegates for the election. The business delegate will be the person named in that business license unless a business indicates differently in writing to the PBCDC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must receive the written notice of the business delegate change at or before their September 4, 2012 meeting. All delegates' terms will end with the election. The list of known business and property license holders eligible to vote will be available for review after the September 4, 2012 meeting by contacting Sara Berns at 858-273-3303. The Board will then consider reports and other matters to be placed on the agenda for the annual election meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for **October 23, 2012 at 5:30pm, at Discover Pacific Beach office, 1503 Garnet Avenue**. Newly elected members of the Board of Directors will be inducted and the Board will consider any other items placed on the agenda by the Board of Directors. A majority of the current Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors and meeting of the delegates for the October 23, 2012. annual meeting.

CAR SHOW

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bit of everything.”

Lordigyan defined the classic cars as vehicles built between the 1950s and 1980.

The engine blow-up contest will be

put on by Monkey Motorsports and other big draws will include the Hog Wild monster truck and Wild Thang, a classic car that spews flames 30 feet in the air, said Lordigyan.

The inaugural Hot Rod and Classic Car Show was held at the Del Mar Fairgrounds in 2009 before it moved to Pacific Beach in 2010. According to

Lordigyan, the attendance has increased steadily each year and he said he expects an even bigger crowd this year, possibly reaching to 30,000 visitors.

The show will feature hundreds of hot rod and classic cars from television shows and movies, from the Pontiac Trans Am that Burt Reynolds drove in

the “Smokey and the Bandit” movie series to the 1969 Dodge Charger General Lee car from the “Dukes of Hazard” television series to the 1982 Pontiac Trans Am “KITT” from “Knight Rider.” Also expected to be on display will be the Gran Torino from the “Starsky and Hutch” television series, the 1963 Volkswagen Beetle from the

“Herbie the Love Bug” movies, and even the Mystery Machine from “Scooby Doo.”

Christopher Knight (Peter Brady) from the classic 1970s television series “The Brady Bunch” will be the special guest. For more information, call 760) 440-0896, or visit www.charger-steve.com.

KNIGHT

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In addition to radio work, Knight recently starred in a pair of VH1 reality television programs, “The Surreal Life” from 2005 to 2006 and “My Fair Brady” between 2005 and 2008. After the VH1 shows, Knight went on to work as the host for the Michigan Lottery game show “Make Me Rich” from 2009 to 2010.

Knight said he learned about about the Hot Rod and Classic Car Show through an individual who connects celebrities with local events.

“This individual put me in contact with Steve (Lordigyan),” Knight said. “I was available and it was in line with my interests.”

Knight and his radio partner, Stewart, might possibly be working a live

“I love hot rods and wish I had had more time with cars when I was growing up. I had never been exposed to auto racing as a child, so I’m very interested in finding out how professional drivers like Tony Stewart or Jimmie Johnson can do what they do.”

CHRISTOPHER KNIGHT

Guest celebrity for the Pacific Beach Hot Rod and Classic Car show on Aug. 19

podcast at the Hot Rod and Classic Car Show and he encourages San Diegans to come to the event.

“Come on out and have a great time,” Knight said. “It’s been a few years since I’ve been in San Diego, but the weather should be perfect and it should be a great afternoon. Personally, I’m looking forward to the engine blow-up contest.”

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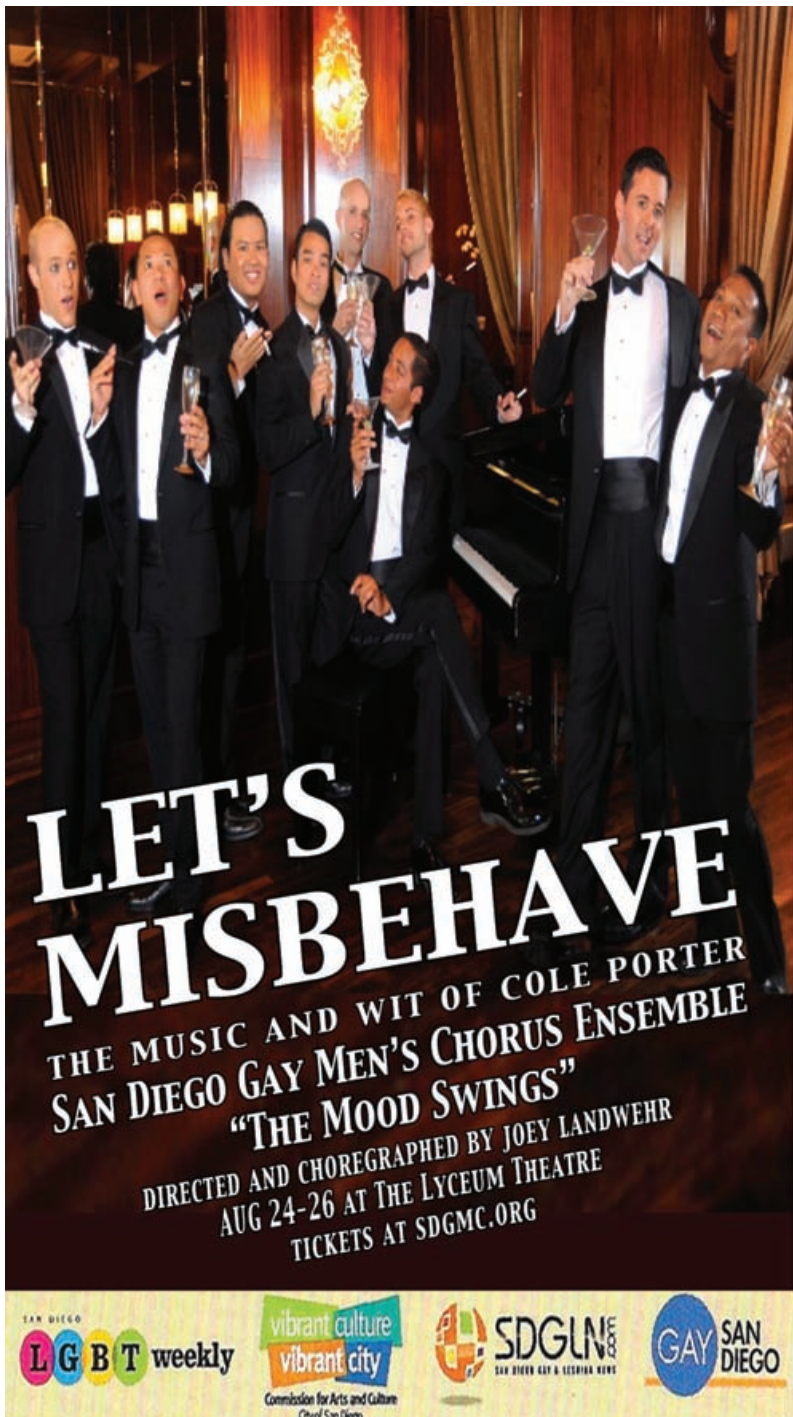
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appear in court on Aug. 6, where he was scheduled to formally answer to misdemeanor charges for battery and violating a restraining order at his girlfriend’s Pacific Beach apartment in late June. After failing to appear in court for his arraignment, San Diego Superior Court Judge Eugenia Eyherabide issued a \$30,000 bench warrant for his arrest.

House and five other men, dubbed the Bird Rock Bandits, previously served time for their involvement in the second-degree murder of La Jolla surfer Emery Kauanui, 24, in 2007 after a street fight that led to the death of the professional surfer.

In the case, House pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to three years in prison. He was released and placed on parole in January 2011.

— Mariko Lamb



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Metalachi, The Dickies, and the ukulele revival

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

Just when it seems like every possible musical gimmick has been done, along comes Metalachi, a combo that combines heavy metal with mariachi music. Metalachi includes costuming and traditional Mexican instruments like guitarron to perform recast versions of such classics as Ozzy Osbourne's "Crazy Train" and Guns & Roses' "Sweet Child of Mine." The group is a lot of irreverent fun. Though this is a gimmick band, the inventive arrangements and skillful playing keep things interesting.

• **Metalachi** performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17 at **Brick by Brick**, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. \$12. www.brickbybrick.com

Pioneers of the Los Angeles punk-rock scene, The Dickies were always about more than fast, aggressive songs, infusing a huge amount of humor and fun into their manic set lists. Whether cranking out speeded-up, irreverent versions of "Nights in White Satin" or originals like "Stukas over Disneyland," the band excels at music that often sounds like the theme songs to the Saturday morning cartoons of alternate universes. After 30 years of playing the world's stages, the band's membership may have changed from time to time, but the band remains a benchmark for high-energy, high-quality punk rock.

• **The Dickies** perform at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at **The Griffin**,



Fans of the ukulele will want to check out Sarah Maisel, who performs at Café-Bar Europa on Mondays at 7 p.m. *Courtesy photo*

1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. \$18. www.thegriffinsd.com

The ukulele revival continues unabated. Fans of the four-stringed instrument will want to check out Sarah Maisel, who performs at Café-Bar Europa on Mondays. Accompanied by guitarist Kice Simko, Maisel performs a mix of originals and standards ranging from "A Foggy Day In London Town" to James Taylor's evergreen "Carolina On My Mind," all beautifully arranged for her plaintive voice. If you think an instrument that's one step up from a

child's toy has musical limitations, Miasel will prove you wrong.

• **Sarah Maisel** performs at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 20 and 27 at **Café-Bar Europa**, 873 Turquoise St. 21 and up. No cover. www.theturquoise.com/-wordpress

Rockabilly fans won't want to miss The Tin Stars with Lil Esther, appearing at Tio Leo's on Aug. 24. Based in Holland, Lil Esther is proof-positive of the universal nature of good music, with both band and singer turning out great tunes that slot in perfectly next to those of their vintage idols. Perfect for swing dancing, Lil Esther's music will appeal to anyone who enjoys the classic twang and strum of 1950s rock 'n' roll.

• **The Tin Stars with Lil Esther:** 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 24 at **Tio Leo's**, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

On Aug. 25, the 710 Beach Club will be the site of a time warp, taking San Diego's hard-rock fans back to the 1980s with "Big Hair Rock Star Revival." A total of six acts will take part, including OFU, a tribute to UFO; and Back 2 Black, a tribute to AC/DC. The highlight of the evening, however, will be the reunion of two vintage bands, Roxauf and Snakebyte, both playing for the first time in decades. If you are a fan of classic rock, this is the show for you. The temples may be graying, the waistline expanding, but the song remains the same.

• **"Big Hair Rock Star Revival"** begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25 at the **710 Beach Club**, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. www.710bc.com

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Anyone who enjoys the music of New Orleans or simply wants to get their spirits lifted will want to hear the Euphoria Brass Band, performing at Tango Del Rey on Aug. 17. Featuring Ron Bocian on drum, Drew Miller on bass drum, Steve Ebner on trumpet, April West on trombone, Dave Jackson on tenor sax, sousaphonist Wayne Rice, David Mosby on vocals and Mission Bay High School music director JP Balmat on clarinet and saxophone, a performance from this group is an instant party.

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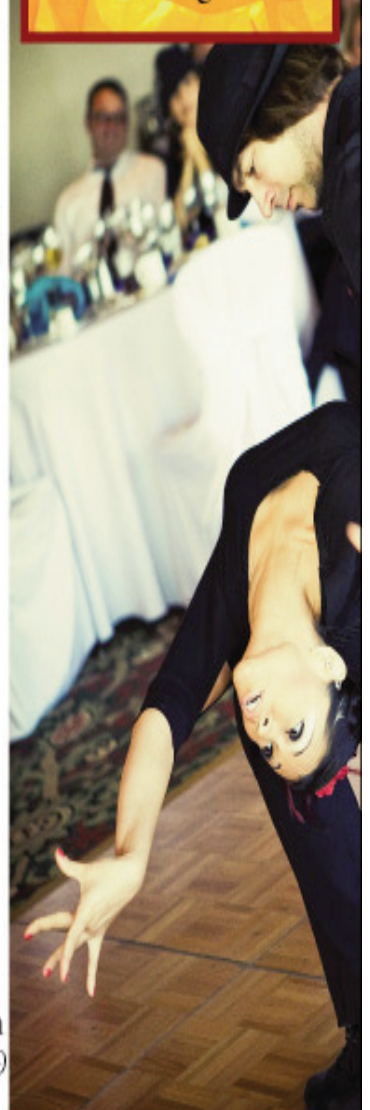
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Duck Dive launches popular new venue just swimmingly

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

With three-dimensional surfboard-inspired décor from walls to ceiling and local beach-themed murals plastered along the west-facing wall, Duck Dive is essentially an extension of the nearby surf brought to street level.

One of Pacific Beach's latest restaurant-bars has been a popular spot this summer for locals to enjoy a refreshing craft brew or specialty cocktail alongside contemporary gastropub-style American cuisine in a hip, yet casual beach-lounge atmosphere.

With an ideal venue just steps away from the big blue — but just off the bustling main drag — Duck Dive owners Tom Winn, Billy Ramirez, Doug Sandomowicz and Pete Cich determined that a laid-back, surf-inspired restaurant and bar was in order at the former Hennessey's location at the corner of Mission Boulevard and Emerald Street.

"We wanted to make sure we did it right," said Winn, a majority owner. "Doug, Billy and Pete have opened bars and restaurant-bars before. For me, it was good to have those people around, because it helped us get things done right."

The local restaurateurs opened Duck Dive in late March after nearly four months of construction to transform the former Irish pub into the bright, beachy venue it is today.

With the help of interior designer Yale Jallos of Loma Collective Design, the foursome was able to bring its vision to life. The result is an ambiance filled with organic and natural elements, like the wood-slatted ceiling that recreates the nearby rolling waves, the use of raw, rusted and recycled materials throughout the site, a hyperlocal tribute to Pacific Beach with a photo mural of Crystal



The ownership team of Duck Dive, which transformed the face of the old Hennessey's at the corner of Mission Boulevard and Emerald Street, is committed to "doing it right," with an attractive exterior and interior, top-notch staffing and locally inspired cuisine, cocktails and craft beer.

Photos courtesy of Danny Desanti

Pier plastered on the wall, and other imagery that pays homage to the local surfing culture.

"It's a nice ambiance — a little more upscale for PB — but we want it to be a laid-back local bar, too," said Winn.

In keeping with the theme, the team at Duck Dive also incorporated locally inspired cuisine, cocktails and craft beer to the menu, as well. Many of the 20 craft beers on tap are from local breweries, and some of the menu items are sourced from about as local as you can get — at Pacific Beach's Tuesday Farmers Market.

Every Tuesday, chef Juvencio 'Beto' Garcia gathers the best produce from the farmers market to create seasonal dishes for "Farm to Table Tuesdays," where guests can take advantage of a \$15 farm-to-table special, including an appetizer and entrée featuring the fresh

local produce, starting at 5 p.m.

And Tuesdays aren't the only day of the week to pay a visit to Duck Dive. The restaurant-bar also features Disco Dive Thursdays, Lazy Sundays, Wine Down Wednesdays, weekday happy hour specials and DJs on Thursday through Sunday nights.

Winn, a long-time service-industry employee and manager, and his colleagues know what the industry is all about, and they brought together the best employees in the business for the launch of their latest venture.

"I actually worked at Hennessey's before it closed. I brought back about five employees from Hennessey's, and we brought over some people from Shore Club," Winn said. "We have a great staff. They've all worked in the industry. We've bartended. We've managed. So we kind of hand-selected



Duck Dive bartender Jonathan "JJ" Nesbitt is among the staff members who keep things fun and entertaining amid a cool beach-themed interior.

them."

One of Duck Dive's bartenders, Andrew Hanson, attributed the closeness and cooperativeness of the staff to the attentiveness and camaraderie of the owners.

"These guys are great," said Hanson. "Everyone has worked at other bars. From my experience and everyone else's, they [owners] treat their employees like them. It really is like a family in that sense. You can kind of escape that overbearing corporate structure, but everyone still works hard and pulls their own weight."

Because employees enjoy the company of their fellow coworkers and their job function, this reflects positively on their service to the customers, creating a good experience for everyone.

"Taking a risk on a new bar, you're not sure what's going to happen, but I could tell that with the people they

brought together that it was guaranteed to work," Hanson said. "We're all good buddies, so that keeps everything light and fun."

The staff and owners' passion and expertise in the industry is evident at the popular dining establishment.

"I've worked in the industry bartending and managing for almost eight years. I'm used to it. I love it. I'm not ever going to get out of it," said Winn.

Not only can guests expect this local watering hole to stick around for the long haul, they can also expect some great new ventures from Winn as well — both at Duck Dive and beyond — as he hopes to open up another restaurant in San Diego in the next year or two.

For more information or for a full drink and menu list, visit www.the-duckdive.com or call (858) 273-DUCK (3825). Duck Dive is located at 4650 Mission Blvd.

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Animals in need around the world will benefit from more than \$1.1 million in grants awarded this year by the nonprofit SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund.

Since its inception, the fund has granted more than \$9 million to protect wildlife and wild places. The fund approved grants to 88 wildlife research and conservation projects, including Ocean Connectors, a program that gives school children in San Diego and Mexico the opportunity to witness and learn about marine life firsthand.

Other grant recipients will use funds to help researchers identify why 90 percent of one penguin species in the wild has declined; help conserve and study wild polar bears; restore populations of wild puffins; and create a sustainable way for aquarium enthusiasts to enjoy colorful tropical fish displays. SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks also provide direct support to the fund by placing zoological staff into the field to work alongside researchers.

Together, the SeaWorld and Busch Gardens parks care for one of the world's largest collection of animals, which includes more than 60,000 animals and 200 endangered species. The parks' rescue teams have helped more than 20,000 orphaned, injured or ill animals. Research and conservation projects supported in 2012 include:

• **Ocean Connectors** — The Ocean Foundation gives school children in San Diego and Mexico the chance to witness and learn about marine life firsthand. Ocean Connectors uses migratory marine species that travel locally, like the green sea turtle and California gray whale, as case studies to teach environmental stewardships. The program reaches students in grades four to seven through year-round events, including presenta-



Polar bears are one of the species that will benefit from more than \$1.1 million in grants awarded this year by the nonprofit SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund. The fund approved grants to 88 wildlife research and conservation projects. Photo by SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment

tions by guest speakers, hands-on classroom activities and bi-national letter writing exchanges, which serve to illustrate the interconnectedness of oceans. Students also attend field trips that bring them into close contact with marine creatures found locally.

• **Responsible tropical aquariums** — SeaWorld's Rising Tide is an innovative research program that works to provide a sustainable tropical fish population for home aquariums and decrease dependency on collection from coral reefs.

• **Declining penguin populations** — Research is being done by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to identify the causes of the more than 90 percent population decline of the endangered rock-hopper penguin. Efforts include population monitoring, tracking and foraging studies, demographic studies and a re-evaluation of potential factors driving the population decline.

• **First scientific review of the Rothschild giraffe** — To develop a long-term popula-

tion monitoring program and conservation strategy for the endangered Rothschild giraffe, the Fund is supporting the Giraffe Conservation Foundation's research to create the species' first-ever scientific review.

• **Protecting polar bears** — Polar Bears International is studying and documenting polar bear populations and their arctic habitat. The goal is to understand and assess the true status and condition of polar bears and impacts of human-caused and natural events on survival.

• **Project Puffin** — To help restore the Atlantic puffin to the islands off Maine, SeaWorld bird experts annually join researchers, brought together by the National Audubon Society, to observe, record and study North American seabirds.

For more information, visit www.face-book.com/seaworld-buschgardensfund.

— *Staff and contribution*

Pacific Beach woman, 66, to compete in Ms. Senior California pageant



Pacific Beach resident Jeanne Lenhart was crowned Ms. Senior San Diego in February. She moves on to compete in the Ms. Senior California pageant in Westminster on Aug. 25.

Courtesy photo

Pacific Beach resident Jeanne Lenhart, 66, is advancing to compete in the Ms. Senior California on Aug. 25 at the Rose Center Theater in Westminster after claiming the crown for Ms. Senior San Diego in February.

The winner of the competition will go on to compete in the Ms. Senior America Pageant in October in Atlantic City.

Lenhart, who has lived in Mission Beach her whole life and owns Mission Designs, will be among 12 from California competing in interview, evening gown and talent competitions, as well reciting their philosophies of life.

The theme of this year's California competition is "Ladies, Take a Bow." Lenhart is a former educator at San Diego High School, Roosevelt Middle School and San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts.

At Mission Designs, her design talents shine as an interior designer. She is an award-winning volleyball player

with multiple wins at San Diego State, Mr. G's AA teams, Senior Games and the Senior Olympics.

Lenhart has won street-dance competitions, belongs to the Mission Beach Woman's Club and Bitchen Beach Babes, and volunteers her time by teaching dance classes to adults and volleyball to children and teens.

The Ms. Senior California pageant is for women who have reached the "age of elegance" — that is, 60 years of age and up, according to organizers.

Each contestant competing in this year's pageant either won a city title or was first runner-up in the six preliminary pageants held around the state.

The pageant seeks to elevate elegant senior women and allow them to get the recognition they deserve, organizers said.

For more information about the pageant and its mission, visit www.mssrca.com.

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Looking ahead to school

SATURDAY, Aug. 18

Crown Point Junior Music Academy hosts an enrollment fair for military families at Farb Middle School. For more information, visit www.sandi-net/crownpoint.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 22

Pacific Beach Middle School will host Orientation Day from 9 to 10:30 a.m. All families are welcome, but the event is primarily for incoming sixth-grade students and new students/families in the seventh and eighth grades. The orientation takes place in the auditorium.

MONDAY, Aug. 27 and TUESDAY, Aug. 28

Volunteers are being sought to help with the PB Middle School packet preparation and collation activity for students. Volunteers may assist both days, beginning at 9 a.m., by signing in at the PBMS front office. Student volunteers can earn community volunteer hours.

WEDNESDAY, Aug. 29

• Friends of PB Secondary Schools (FOPBSS) will hold its first meeting of the school year at 6 p.m. at the Pacific Beach Middle School library. There will be appetizers and local principals will present their plans for the new year.

• Volunteers needed for the Mission Bay High School teacher/staff breakfast at 7:30 a.m. To help, email kim@schoettlefinancial.com.

THURSDAY, Aug. 30

• Volunteers needed for the Pacific Beach Middle School teacher/staff lunch at 11:20 a.m. in the PBMS library. To help, email kim@schoettlefinancial.com.

• Annual welcome-back-to-school for Crown Point Junior Music Academy students and their families from 4 to 6 p.m. in the CPJMA lunch area.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 19

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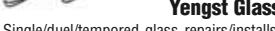
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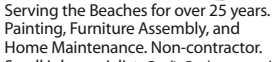
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