

LOOKING BACK IN HISTORY, AHEAD TO TOMORROW



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CELEBRATE PACIFIC BEACHFEST, A DAY OF FUN IN THE SAND



FUN IN THE SUN Thousands of visitors pack a recent Pacific BeachFest, slated to take place this year on Oct. 4. Courtesy photo

Pacific BeachFest is back for new round of boardwalk bliss

By DAVE SCHWAB

There will be lots of free fun and family-friendly activity on the beaches and along the boardwalk at this year's version of the popular Pacific BeachFest on Saturday, Oct. 4 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Like other coastal happenings, Pacific BeachFest has lots of booths with hand-crafted items and food vendors — and plenty of music. But what makes it spe-

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SIGHTS TO SEE A visitor to a recent Pacific BeachFest (left) checks out artwork on the boardwalk as others check out food vendors and musical entertainment (below). Courtesy and Paul Hansen photos



City: big thumbs-down on 55-year leasing pact for Belmont Park operations

By DAVE SCHWAB

In the end, District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris, representing Mission Beach and the other beach communities in San Diego, said the proposed long-term lease extension of iconic Belmont Park came down to a question of dollars and cents.

The dollars weren't there, so it

didn't make sense.

Seeking "a better deal," the City Council on Sept. 22 rejected a long-term lease extension for Mission Beach's iconic Belmont Park, with its signature and historic wooden rollercoaster, delaying final action for 60 days.

On the table was a proposal

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CULTURAL AMBASSADORS Members of Polonez, a Polish folk-dance group from San Diego, perform in handmade, traditional costumes during a previous Polish Festival held at the Saint Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Polish Mission in Pacific Beach.

Photo by Don Balch

Polish community to put rich culture on full display during 3-day gala in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

For all things Polish, visitors will want to check out the 19th annual St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church Polish Festival and celebration Oct. 10-12 at 1735 Grand Ave. in Pacific Beach.

For \$5, adults can attend one of Pacific Beach's most popular ethnic festivals. The Polish cele-

bration attracts people from all around San Diego, as well as international visitors, during its three-day stint.

"People wait for this all year, and many come from outside California just to be here in October," said Father Jerzy Frydrych of

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Resolution in De Anza trailer-park tussle still not a done deal

By DAVE SCHWAB

It ain't over 'til it's over.

The city is saying a protracted dispute in the De Anza Cove Homeowners Association resettlement case is all but done.

The mobile home park's residents, however, say it isn't and are deriding the city for speaking out during "confidential negotiations."

The city announced recently it is offering about \$22 million to resolve how much to pay De Anza Cove Mobile Home Park residents to relocate. That's less than half the \$48 million De Anza Cove residents had been seeking, with an additional \$7 million earmarked

for plaintiff's attorneys.

"The settlement offer was approved unanimously by the City Council in closed session," said City Attorney Jan Goldsmith. "If plaintiff appeals the offer, however, it will be withdrawn; the city can cross-appeal and the litigation will continue for years to come."

In response to the city's offer, the plaintiffs replied in a statement: "The De Anza Cove homeowners have been in confidential negotiations with the city regarding the city's obligation under state law to pay these elderly residents the relocation funds they're owed before

taking their homes and closing the park. The city's admission that it is financially responsible for paying these relocation costs is a positive first step. However, the judgment is not final and does not yet comply with state law on park closure."

Noting the mediation process by design is meant to be confidential, the plaintiff's statement added, "In order to allow candid discussions about insurance, the true cost of replacement housing, and the city's development plans for this ocean-front property, plaintiffs will respect their ethical obligation to honor the confidentiality of these negotiations and will not provide public comment until the judgment is final and an actual agreement is reached."

Pointing out the ground lease for De Anza expired in 2003, after which De Anza residents filed their lawsuit against the city, Goldsmith said, "The City Council believes it is time to end the lawsuit, provide residents with reasonable compensation and reimbursement of attorney fees as determined by the judge and return this park to the people of San Diego. After 11 years of litigation, there are certainly legal issues that can be appealed on both sides. But, there are times when the lawyers should get out of the way and allow a problem to



GRINDING ON The city's 11-year litigation process to oust residents of the De Anza Cove Mobile Home Park on Mission Bay remains unresolved. Photo by Jim Grant

be solved without more litigation. We think this is one of those times."

The plaintiffs, in their statement, said they believe the judgment issued by retired judge Charles Hayes in June calling for 48 months of rent differential after requiring residents to move fails to meet the requirements under state law.

"The law requires the park owner to fully mitigate the losses, and 48 months' rent differential does not do that," according to the plaintiffs. "Special Master Pappas, who along with experts analyzed the tenant impact, said tenants should be paid 84 months' differ-

ential."

If the city's settlement offer is ultimately accepted by mobile home park residents, neither party would appeal and the residents would be required to leave, returning De Anza Cove to the city of San Diego.

The plaintiffs have said all along that vacating the park is not at issue, but that the fair amount of their compensation for leaving is.

There's been speculation that the city is interested in seeing the prime De Anza Mobile Home Park site redeveloped as a hotel or recreational facilities.

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Polish Festival - Traditional food & fun for the whole family

The Annual Polish Festival in San Diego will take place on Oct. 10-12 on the premises of St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church located at 1735 Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach.

This annual fundraising event is one of the most popular ethnic festivals in the Pacific Beach area, attracting people from all around San Diego as well as international visitors who want to get a taste of what Poland is all about!

Delicious Polish food is definitely a must at the festival – Pierogis (dumplings stuffed with sauerkraut or potato & cheese), Golabki (meat stuffed cabbage rolls), Bigos (Hunter's stew), potato pancakes and famous grilled Kielbasa (Polish sausage). Polish pastries, soft drinks, coffee and tea will also be available. Adults over 21 years of age will have an opportunity to try authentic Polish beer.

Entertainment will include Polish folk dance groups – POLONEZ from San Diego, PIAST from Las Vegas and KRAKUSY from Los Angeles, Polka band featuring Grammy Nominated Vocalist and Musician John Gora, and local artists from San Diego.

For those who want to learn more about the church and also join in prayer, daily Mass and tours of the church will be offered. Veneration of the relics of St. John Paul II, St. Sister Faustina, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, St. Padre Pio and other Saints will also be offered.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards supporting the St. Maximilian Kolbe Mission.

For more information and details please visit:
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Celebrating a century of people, progress, sunsets, relaxation and unique sun-kissed beach lifestyles

■ The Mission Beach Centennial Committee launched its months-long finale event to celebrate a century of seaside lifestyles and human achievement during a gala held between Belmont Park and Ventura Boulevard on Sept. 27. Here are some snapshots of the grand history of Mission Beach as seen through the eyes of civic leaders and residents today.

Photos by Don Balch



◀ Mission Beach Centennial guests admire the historical photos of Mission Beach's 100-year history.



▲ Centennial attendees dance during a performance by the Sue Palmer & Euphoria Brass Band.



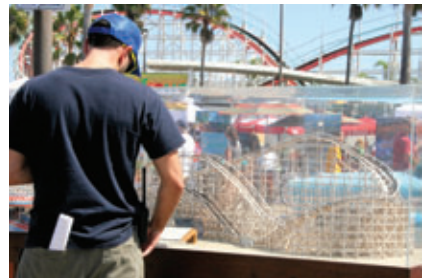
An antique lifeguard rescue can with local historical beach culture photos.



An original seat from the Giant Dipper roller coaster was on display during the gala.



A vintage image of Belmont Park on display at the Mission Beach Centennial.



A scale model of the Giant Dipper before it was remodeled to its present condition, seen in the background.



A vintage balsa and redwood surfboard was part of the history display during the centennial celebration.

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Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, who said the church's mission is to serve the needs of San Diego's Polish community.

The Polish Festival is a tribute to Polish heritage, culture and cuisine. The colorful event features Polish song, dance and food.

On the menu will be traditional Polish fare like pierogis (dumplings stuffed with sauerkraut or potato and cheese), golabki (meat-stuffed cabbage rolls), bigos (Hunter's stew), potato pancakes and grilled kielbasa (Polish sausage), which are all worth the turnout. The festival menu is rounded out by Polish pastries and soft drinks, coffee and tea. There is also a beer garden for ages 21 and up, which will feature well-known Polish beers like Zywiec, Okocim and Warka.

Entertainers will include Polish folk-dance groups Polonez from San Diego and Piast from Las Vegas, as well as the Los Angeles-based Krakusy Polish Folk Dance Ensemble and Greg & Grace, a duo playing lively, Gypsy-style Eastern European music, including sentimental French and Italian favorites, Amercian standards and polka.

There will also be a polka band and a DJ entertaining festival guests.

Guided tours with veneration of church relics will be conducted that Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m.



A TASTE OF HOME Alex Kotsyubko grills up a batch of Polish sausages during a previous Polish Festival in Pacific Beach. Photo by Don Balch

All money raised by the event benefit St. Maximilian Kolbe Church.

"Funds are used to renovate and beautify the church, including purchase of statues and stained-glass windows," said Father Frydrych, noting past improvements have included a new church sanctuary.

A member of The Society of Christ Fathers for Poles Living Abroad, Frydrych said San Diego's far-flung Polish community is made up largely of Poles who emigrated from their native land during the Solidarity labor-union movement of the 1990s.

St. Maximilian was built in 1995 in Pacific Beach to serve the Polish community, and Frydrych has been there since 2005. He said church services are traditional, with Masses conducted in Polish.

"People prefer their national language during clergy," Frydrych said.

There is also a Saturday service conducted in English.

The Polish Catholic church in PB is named for St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan friar and World War II-era hero who voluntarily sacrificed himself in the place of a stranger at the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp.

Kolbe provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews, whom he hid from Nazi persecution in his friary until he was arrested by the German Gestapo and imprisoned. While imprisoned, Kolbe volunteered to take the place of a man condemned to be starved to death. In his cell, Kolbe led men in songs and prayer. After three weeks of dehydration and starvation, only he and three others were still alive. He was murdered with an injection of carbolic acid.

The festival's hours are 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11 and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12.

For more information, visit <http://www.polishmission.org/festival/index.php>, or call (858) 272-7655.

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Anonymous donation fuels Scripps' plans for ocean-study hardware

An anonymous donor to UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography has committed \$500,000 to bring sensor, instrument and platform concepts developed by Scripps scientists to completion, enabling creation of equipment that will allow new types of measurements, detection and extended power capabilities for ocean research.

"This generous gift will accelerate our ability to observe and measure the ocean through the development of a new generation of viable research instruments," said Margaret Leinen, Scripps Oceanography director. "We are grateful for this investment from a donor with the vision to support the transformative research interests of our innovative scientists."

Underwater cameras and microscopes allow scientists to look closely, even in 3-D, at freely floating, minute organisms that drift with water currents. These close-ups provide unprecedented views of critical components of the marine environment. Many federal sources of funding for the projects' instrumentation are focused on developing new instrument concepts — research into instrumentation rather than deployable instruments — making it difficult to secure funding. Meanwhile, Scripps researchers have developed many innovative inventions, such as floats, gliders, cameras, 3-D microscopes, earthquake sensors and pH detectors for ocean acidification.

The donor, therefore, sought to support unique equipment development not commercially available or fabricated from off-the-shelf components.

Proposal criteria focused on completing new instruments. A rigorous competitive process narrowed the field from 27 proposal submissions and resulted in awards for innovation and invention to three Scripps research teams:

Making spectrophotometric seawater pH measurements convenient:

Andrew Dickson, professor of marine chemistry, Scripps Marine Physical Laboratory

With increasing levels of carbon



READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE Big, ugly underwater cameras like these are a step closer to inclusion in the research arsenal at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Courtesy photo

dioxide accumulating in the atmosphere and dissolving into seawater, the world's oceans are becoming more acidic. The Dickson laboratory provides reference samples of seawater that are used to ensure worldwide uniformity in measurements of these changes. An automated system that can efficiently make reliable and precise measurements of the pH of seawater samples is critical to the study of ocean acidification. Dickson has a prototype precision pH measuring system that uses a spectrophotometric approach to measure the color of a pH indicator dye. With this funding, he and his team will optimize the existing system to produce a system more compact and better suited for widespread laboratory use.

Scripps plankton camera system:

Jules Jaffe, research oceanographer, Scripps Marine Physical Laboratory

Jaffe is the innovator of new technology for observing oceanic phenomena and the development of inverse techniques for their interpretation. Funds will enable complete development of the Scripps Plankton Camera System (a prototype dark-field zooplankton microscope system initiated under separate funding) and support its operation for at least one year. This new funding will also support the addition of a higher-resolution phytoplankton imaging system. The

installation will consist of two in situ dark field microscopes with compact computers performing realtime image processing and object detection. Output from these microscopes will be broadcast to the Internet, where scientists, students and the public can explore and tag data from the system with realtime access.

C-Gen: power generation for remote oceanographic instruments from ambient ocean currents:

Drew Lucas, Matthew Alford, Michael Goldin, and Robert Pinkel, Scripps Marine Physical Laboratory

With this gift, the Scripps science team will construct an electrical power generator that uses the energy of ocean currents to provide power for individual oceanographic sensors. Generating 1 to 10 watts from a compact, simple device will address a modern, practical oceanographic challenge: the power limitation of long-term oceanographic observations. The project will deploy the generator in a "clip-on" mode, where it attaches to a conventional sensor package and continually recharges sensor batteries. Alternatively, it can be deployed within a moored string of instruments to power clusters of sensors or along optical-fiber communications lines to enable the transfer of data from remote instruments back to shore.

— *Staff and contribution*

OBITUARY

James Fielding Vaughan, aka 'Von Ton the Atom Bomb' of Pacific Beach, 85

James "Jim" Fielding Vaughan, 85, of Pacific Beach, passed away at home on Sept. 12.

A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 10 at Mission Point Park.

"Von Ton the Atom Bomb" was born April 16, 1929. He graduated from La Jolla High School in 1947 and was a proud Viking, attending games into his senior years. He was a member of the Mission Beach "Beach Rats," which built the foundations of the group that later became known as the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC).



JAMES FIELDING VAUGHAN

He entered the Army for the Korean War, where he developed his lifelong fear of flying after being a passenger in two troop-carrier plane crashes. He was awarded the Bronze Star and was honorably discharged. After his war service, he was employed by the phone company as a linesman. Wishing to better himself, he put himself through college and earned bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration. During this time, he married his late wife, Janis.

He began work in the aerospace industry and ultimately moved out of his beloved San Diego to seek better opportunities to support his wife and growing family of six children. In 1974, he left the aerospace industry to open

his own real-estate firm after becoming a broker. He and Janis became established in the Inland Empire real-estate market and his firm became one of the largest in the area. He served multiple terms as the president of the San Bernardino County Board of Realtors and was awarded Realtor of the Year in 1980.

After raising his six children, he was finally able to recognize his dream of moving back to his cherished home city. He became one of California's first certified real-estate appraisers and served as treasurer of the San Diego County Board of Realtors, as well as becoming a lifetime director of the California Association of Realtors.

Von Ton became highly active in OMBAC and served for many years as treasurer, helping to start a scholarship for deserving young athletes. He helped to found the "Circle of Champions," where he and friends raised even more money for worthy causes too numerous to mention. He loved the beach and giving back to the community.

He leaves behind hundreds of friends who will always remember his gruff exterior but soft and warm heart.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janis. He is survived by daughter Marilyn and her husband, Cliff; grandsons Kuper and Asher; daughters Joan and Jeanine; sons Jim and Jack; son Robert and his wife, Lisa; daughter Kristina; and his longtime companion, Sally Johnson.

Planners get earful from residents over PB's condo-conversion trends

By DAVE SCHWAB

A seemingly innocuous proposal to raze a single-family home and replace it with four condominiums turned into an unexpected debate over the future course of other developments during the Pacific Beach Planning Group's (PBPG) Sept. 24 meeting.

In a separate matter, community planners also approved a proposal by the city to locate a limited number of electric-vehicle (EV) charging stations as part of a pilot program at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library. A couple of planners, however, expressed misgivings about losing public parking to EV users.

On the development issue, planners voted 6-4-2 against the condo conversion at 4055 Lamont St.

after neighbors gave an impassioned plea opposing the proposal. Some neighbors argued such transformations are already irrevocably altering the character of the community for the worse.

Developers gave a brief presentation on the condo conversion, noting it would improve landscaping and trees.

But some audience members weren't buying it.

"This property is right behind the house our family has lived in since 1955, and there's another condo property nearby that has a three-story panoply of opera-box balconies overlooking our house, giving us no privacy, no ocean breeze and no sunsets," com-

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QUICKHITS >>

IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AFTER LANDING AT MISSION BEACH

A suspected human-smuggling boat washed ashore in Mission Beach early Sept. 26, triggering law-enforcement officials to round up nearly a dozen people, according to police.

Officers were called to the area of Ocean Front Walk and San Luis Obispo Place at 4:12 a.m., accord-

ing to San Diego police officer Frank Cali.

Witnesses reporting seeing people loading items into a car, Cali said. A total of about 10 people were taken into custody in the area and another five were still being sought at the time.

The U.S. Customs and Border Patrol were continuing to investigate.

— *Staff and City News Service*

SURFRIDER REFURBISHES PB ASHCANS TO COMBAT LITTER

The Surfrider Foundation San Diego County chapter's Hold On To Your Butt Committee revitalized its highly visible ashcans in Pacific Beach this month, replacing dilapidated stickers and installing new ashcans to stamp out unsightly pollution and threats to the environment.

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plained one neighbor. "This is going to directly impact the quality of life, and you're worrying about fan palms."

Two other neighbors also spoke out against the project, one saying she had a small child and a pool in her backyard, adding the redevelopment would be "a huge invasion of my privacy."

The other longtime neighbor chided the planning group for not opposing requests for changing single-family homes to condominiums, asking, "What about changing the zoning code?"

She even went so far as to invite board members to her residence to see in person how much the next-door condo has invaded her space.

"You have the ability to appeal (the conversion)," replied board member Curtis Patterson.

Board member Scott Chipman said the planning group is advisory only and that it's fighting an uphill battle in resisting such change.

"We're talking about a huge process, millions, maybe billions of dollars against our pennies in downzoning Pacific

Beach," Chipman said. "We might not agree with these condo conversions, but they're perfectly legal by the (building) codes ... Some of us (planners) are opposed to increased density."

The opposition arguments continued.

"We're losing our single-family homes in PB," warned one neighbor. "The only way it can stop from being that way is changing the zoning."

Board member Larry Emlaw agreed that condo conversions have been a "stealth issue" in Pacific Beach for some time, arguing the issue ought to top the group's agenda.

"In my opinion, this is the most important issue we face in PB," Emlaw said. "We're reaching a tipping point where people are going to begin moving out because they have three-story condos next door. We need a committee that does nothing but this (condo conversion issues), and it should take precedence. This is what we need to do now."

Moving on in the agenda, Jacques Chirazi, program manager for the clean-tech initiative for the city, a program that promotes environmentally sustainable trans-

portation, gave a presentation on a pilot electrical vehicle (EV) program.

Chirazi said San Diego has one of the highest per-capita rates of EV ownership and usage in the state. He said the city has gotten a grant to begin a pilot project involving seeding of EV charging stations in anticipation of their growing popularity.

He said the charging ports would only be available to EVs being charged.

Asked about taking away public parking to accommodate the stations, Chirazi replied the proposed library spaces are all on city-owned property.

"We're not losing (parking) spaces. They're just spaces for EVs," said group chairman Brian Curry. "We should consider in our ecodistrict concept if we want to be promoting electric vehicles in PB."

Board member Joe Wilding asked Chirazi if there was a sunset clause to the pilot program.

"Three years," replied Chirazi, noting the charging stations could and would be moved if the program weren't to pan out. The group voted 7-5-1 in favor of allowing electric vehicle charging stations at the PB Library.

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HOTYB volunteers, along with partners I Love a Clean San Diego and Discover PB, hit the streets to replace eight older ashcans and install 14 new ones, cleaning up cigarette butts at the installation locations.

"Cigarette butts and other tobacco product waste are the most commonly found items during urban and beach cleanups worldwide," said San Diego State University public health professor Thomas Novotny and researcher Elli Slaughter in a recent article published in Current Environmental Health Reports. "An estimated 4.5 trillion of the 6 trillion cigarettes sold annually worldwide do not end up in a dustbin or ashtray but are simply flicked away along a roadside or on a pavement."

This type of litter is not just found on streets and in urban settings. The number of cigarette butts found on beaches and nearby areas is overwhelming, accounting for about 40 percent of the items collected during the Surfrider Foundation's monthly public beach cleanups. Cigarette waste discarded miles inland compounds the problem because it can end up in drains that flow to streams, rivers, bays, lagoons and ultimately, the ocean.

This installation will help the HOTYB committee reach its goal of installing the 200th ashcan in San Diego County. The organization has seen a 65 percent

decrease in cigarette butt litter where ashcans have been installed.

For more information, visit <http://sandiego.surfrider.org/campaigns/hold-on-to-your-butt> or hotyb@surfrider.org.

2ND ANNUAL 'WAVE GOODBYE TO MS' PADDLE SET FOR OCT. 11

The "Wave Goodbye to MS 2nd annual Paddle for the Cure" is right around the corner, garnering funds and support for the National Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society.

Organizers said the event is a fun way to raise funds and awareness while having a terrific time at the beach with friends. "Wave Goodbye to MS" is a paddle-out and beach party event with live music and opportunity drawings.

Some prizes, including a custom Rat surf board, a standup paddleboard from Get-up-Stand-up-Surf-and-Paddle, a one of a kind mosaic titled "San Diego Surfer" by Ann Jackson Art, Handmade Quilt and Afghan, San Diego Padres autographed gear and other items. Many local businesses have donated for the drawing.

This year, the event will be held at Crown Point Shores on Saturday, Oct. 11. Last year, the event was held in Ocean Beach and raised \$20,000.

Participants are urged to bring boards, standup paddle boards, inner tubes, water wings or any non-motorized floatation device and join in. To save time, pre-register at wavegoodbye.org.

For more information, call (619) 990-9757, (619) 482-2485, or email supercrew4x4@live.com.

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for a 55-year lease, which also called for valet parking at Belmont Park.

"The total net rent the city has collected on the Belmont Park lease since

1988 is only \$1,639,166," said Harris in a press statement on the lease negotiations. "How is that possible? It's my job to get the best deal for the taxpayers and not go along with business as usual. I think we can do better."

After reviewing the proposed lease, Harris said he asked the city's independent budget analyst (IBA) to determine whether it was consistent with best practices of other cities and whether a longer-term lease would be in the city's long-term best interests.

The IBA reported the 50-plus-year term of the proposed extension is longer than the average municipal ground lease and that its rental rates seemed lower than the percentage rent-average of comparable municipal leases in other California cities.

There's been speculation that a failure between Belmont Park's operators, Eat Drink Sleep (EDS) — a Pacific Beach-based hospitality management company — and Pacifica Enterprises, a Rancho Santa Fe-based real-estate investment firm, and the city to iron out differences on an extension for Belmont could delay or even kill expansion plans in the works for the amusement park.

The centerpiece of that expansion has been redevelopment of the former Canes Bar & Grill, which closed in 2009 after a fire, into three distinct restaurants on the Mission Beach boardwalk: the beach-themed Cannonball on the 6,000-square-foot rooftop, not yet open; Draft, a brew pub now open downstairs; and an Italian concept eatery. The complex's other eateries include the WaveHouse Beach Club, North Shore Cafe, Belmonty's Burgers and Plunge Pizzeria.

Belmont's previous operator, Tom

Lochtefeld, had ambitious plans for reinventing the aging park to make it more family friendly. That plan was abandoned in the wake of a bankruptcy that eventually led to new management of Belmont.

In November 2010, Wave House Belmont Park LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Lochtefeld, who was the master leaseholder at the time, alleged the city had breached its lease agreement. He filed a \$25 million lawsuit in 2011 against the city, accusing it of breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation for preventing him from completing a second major expansion of the park, including adding a hotel. The city said Lochtefeld was no longer eligible to receive rent subsidies and his rent increased by about 800 percent, from about \$70,000 to \$550,000.

The lawsuit was settled in November 2013 after Lochtefeld decided not to pursue the case against the city. In 2012, Pacifica Enterprises LLC acquired the park leasehold in a bankruptcy trustee sale.

Belmont Park's redevelopers have said they're not trying to reinvent Mission Beach's seven-acre, 88-year-old amusement complex. Instead, they said, they just want to "localize" it.

"Our goal is to have this park be one of the top six in San Diego, along with Petco Park, Qualcomm Stadium, San Diego Zoo, SeaWorld and Legoland," Brett Miller, managing partner of Belmont Park previously told the *Beach &*

Bay Press.

The amusement park, in the heart of Mission Beach, which features an athletic club, amusement rides, retail shops, restaurants, multiple bars, a miniature golf course and FlowRider and FlowBarrel wave machines, is currently in the middle of redevelopment.

Belmont Park was initially developed by sugar magnate John D. Spreckels and opened on July 4, 1925 as the Mission Beach Amusement Center. Besides providing recreation and amusement, the park was intended as a way to help Spreckels sell land in Mission Beach.

The attractions and rides remaining from the original 1925 park include the Giant Dipper historic wooden rollercoaster listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Plunge, an indoor swimming pool temporarily closed, which is now a fresh water pool, started out as a saltwater pool.

Other amusements include a Tilt-A-Whirl ride, a three-story "Vertical Plunge" drop tower, a Carousel and the Wave House Athletic Club. The Wave House Bar and Grill overlooks the ocean and features two artificial waves, FlowBarrel and FlowRider.

Newer attractions include a Sky-Ropes obstacle course, a Moser Gyro Loop dubbed "Control Freak" and a Chance Unicoaster dubbed "Octotron." The park's rides, including the Giant Dipper, are operated by the San Diego Coaster Company.

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Lifeguard Services issues diver-safety lobster-hunt season

With the opening of lobster-hunting season on Sept. 28, hundreds of divers will be in pursuit of the California spiny lobster. San Diego beaches are popular for lobster fishing but can be hazardous for divers and boaters, according to the San Diego Fire/Rescue Department's Lifeguard Services. Lifeguards will be increasing staffing on opening night to help Fish and Game Department wardens and to respond to emergencies. The majority of diving-related injuries and deaths are preventable.

Before entering the water, be sure that:

- Your training is adequate for the ocean conditions and you will respect your limitations.
- You will not hesitate to ditch your weights, inflate your BC and signal for help when in distress.

- Your physical fitness is adequate for the heavy, physical activity that lobster diving entails. Many dive fatalities are caused by heart attacks.

- You are diving with a competent buddy and that you go over emergency procedures.

- You feel completely comfortable making the dive.

Boaters need to be aware of the increased diver population when transiting through or near fishing areas. There should always be a lookout on the boat helping the operator avoid divers and other boats at night, and navigation lights always need to be on. People using hoop nets should not set them in areas that would cause obstruction to vessel navigation – particularly in Mission Bay Channel.

Boaters should be aware of the

surf conditions and avoid getting too close to breaking waves.

Lobster season lasts until March 18, 2015. Lobsters may be taken only by hand or hoop nets. Divers fishing for lobsters must have a valid California fishing license and a spiny lobster report card and must carry a measuring gauge to ensure their lobsters are of legal size.

Daily limits are seven lobsters per person and each lobster must measure a minimum of three-and-one-fourth-inches measured in a straight line on the midline of the back.

For a diagram and instructions, see page 97 in the 2014-15 Ocean Fishing Sport Fishing Regulations, available online at www.dfg.ca.gov/marine/regulations.asp or wherever licenses are sold.

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Anyone who is a foodie and loves dining out knows it can get expensive. The Patio on Lamont Street offers several daily discounts that many guests can take advantage of. Everyday, military and first responders receive 10% off their food bill. Seniors can also ask for our "mature guest" discount, valid at breakfast and lunch daily. The Patio features weekly specials on specific nights as

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thing you have never seen before. You will be served some deliciously healthy Daal soup (mixed lentil cooked with Himalayan spices & herb) and Naan (Tandoor oven baked traditional bread) for starters. They have a huge selection of traditional dishes from Biryani (Mixed Basmati rice cooked with spices and meat or vegetables), vegetable or meat Momo (Steamed dumplings), vegetable or meat Tarkari (Typical Nepalese dish), Lamb, Seafood, Chicken dishes and Tandoori dishes. You can order any dish from mild, hot, something in between to super hot (they call the 911 Sauce). Make sure you save room for some out of this world authentic Himalayan dessert like the Gulab Jamun (Sweet milk balls) or the Kheer (Rice pudding)! This restaurant is paradise for the vegetarians as well with their extensive selection of scrumptious vegetarian dishes. Everything at the Himalayan Restaurant is made to

order and never reheated. The owners are committed to giving you only the best and ultimate dining experience at reasonable and affordable prices at the Himalayan Cuisine.

Himalayan Cuisine is a perfect place for that romantic dinner for two or to celebrate any occasion with family and friends for up to 200 people.

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FLYING HIGH AGAIN The Navy's Blue Angels are again on the docket for the 2014 Miramar Air Show, the country's largest military air show, after being grounded last year amid federal budget sequestration and a 16-day government shutdown. Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, bisected by Kearny Villa Road and Interstate 15, has made up last year's \$650,000 loss, with this year's profits going back into the base's programs and services. The displays and flight performances include craft from the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force and historic and civilian artifacts. Around 700,000 are expected to attend the three-day event from Oct. 3-5. For more information, visit miramarairshow.com.



REMEMBER WHEN? >>

REMEMBER WHEN Brown Military Academy occupied 16 acres in the middle of Pacific Beach? The late Adare McAllister took this photo in July 1958, showing the northwest corner of Garnet

Avenue and Lamont Street. The administration building, seen through the Class of '29 Arch, was built in 1887 as the San Diego College of Arts and Letters. It was later the College Inn and Hotel Balboa. I will share, in the future, a few more of Adare's photos, courtesy of his wife, Gerry.

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cial is the physical activities the public is invited to take part in. The action starts early on the sandy shoreline with the Healthy Souls Volleyball Tournament featuring Class A teams from throughout Southern California. There's also the Revolt in Style Summer Surf Series Pro/Am Surf Competition for all ages, where surfers will surf on the south side of Crystal Pier for this one-time opportunity. Then there's the Xterra Boards Pacific BeachFest 5K fun run, the only fun run along the sand and boardwalk.

"Pacific BeachFest is Discover Pacific Beach's signature festival who's mission is to highlight Pacific Beach, its businesses and active living lifestyle throughout the region and beyond," said Sara Berns, Discover PB's executive director.

"Pacific BeachFest is unique in that we (DPB) prioritize vending opportunities to local Pacific Beach businesses including an exclusive merchant area and food court," she said. "As part of Pacific BeachFest, we highlight the Action Sports industry synonymous with Pacific Beach including a 5K fun run, pro-am volleyball and surf contest. Pacific BeachFest is a great day to come out and have a good time whether young or old and celebrate all that is Pacific Beach."

Berns reminded people about the Best of the Beach Fish Taco Contest where "the people decide who reigns in fish tacos at the beach by purchasing a ticket to sample six fish

tacos from local competitors and cast their vote."

"The winner will receive the coveted title and trophy for one as 'Best of the Beach' fish taco," Berns said.

Throughout the action-packed day, thousands of BeachFest goers can enjoy live music on three stages: the Car 2 Go Main Stage, featuring world beat dance music; the San Diego County Credit Union Community Stage, featuring the best talent in Pacific Beach; and the Ocean Park Inn Grand Stage, where the hottest DJs and reggae will be featured in the Dos Equis Beer Garden.

Guests will have a chance to vote at the sixth annual "Best at the Beach" Fish Taco Challenge and can enjoy a craft beer with an ocean view in the Dos Equis Beer Garden and take part in wine tastings by Turquoise Cellars.

Shop and browse among the dozens of fine arts and crafts displays and visit the many eclectic shops and popular restaurants in this laid-back beachside community at the PB Merchant Sidewalk Sale presented by Superpaw and Taste of PB Food Court.

KyXy/Energy 103.7 presents Kids Action Alley, where the youngest dudes and dudettes will be kept busy with beachside rides, as well as other free fun games and activities. Local community groups from Pacific Beach will welcome you to the neighborhood with goodies and fun activities.

Register for the Pacific Beachfest 5K Run at pacificbeachfest5k.com.

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12:00 - 1:10p	Sure Fire Ensemble
1:30 - 2:30p	Mimas
2:50 - 3:50p	Tori Roze and The Hot Mess
4:10 - 5:10p	The Routine
5:30 - 6:30p	Slower

GRAND STAGE SCHEDULE

11:00 - 11:45a	Bad Neighbors
11:45 - 12:15p	DJ Demon
12:15 - 1:00p	Timothy H
1:00 - 1:30p	DJ Mike Czech
1:30 - 2:30p	So Cal Vibes
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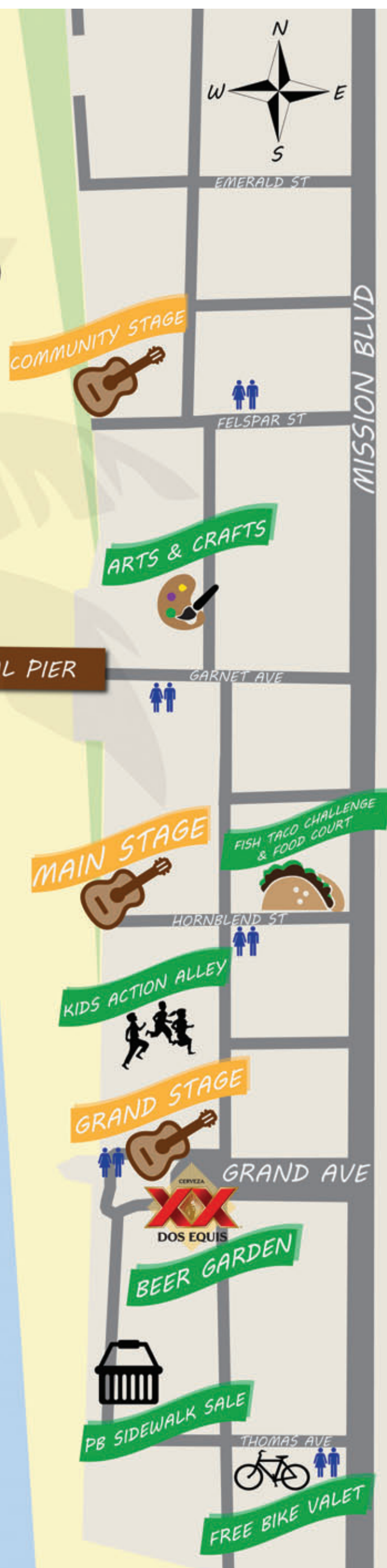
COMMUNITY STAGE SCHEDULE

11:00a	Crown Point Jr. Music Academy
11:40a	Skate This!
12:20p	Tap Fever Dancers
1:10p	PB Middle School Band
2:00p	Indian Summer
3:10p	SimmerDown Riddim Section
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3RD ANNUAL KIWANIS SPOOKY PASTA DINNER

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The Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach will be sponsoring their 3rd Annual Spooky Pasta Dinner on October 23th. They will be serving Mostaccioli with a meatball, salad, roll and non-alcoholic beverage at Pernicano's Restaurant.

Proceeds from this event fund the Kiwanis Youth Foundation. The Youth Foundation supports the Mission Bay High School Band, Drama, and Sports activities. They also support the Mission Bay High Key Club as well as the Builders Club at Pacific Beach Middle School and sponsor the Hope of America Awards for the five area elementary schools. Additionally the Pacific Beach Kiwanis Club provides support for our local library as well as Rady's Children Hospital Miracle Mile of Quarters, Meals on Wheels and other community events and organizations.

Pernicano's is all decked out for Halloween. Between now and the first of November it is a great place to celebrate the holiday with ghosts, goblins, witches and other spooky characters adorning the premises. If you can not make it on the 23rd of October, Pernicano's will honor the tickets now thru the end of November.

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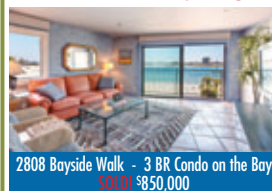
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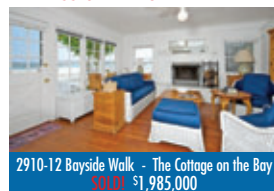
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ROBIN HENKEL (right)

MUST HEAR >>

A set from bluesman Robin Henkel is nothing less than a fun time. A manic performer, he involves his audience through storytelling, jokes and a performing style that's as over the top as it is endearing. Best of all, his guitar playing is second to none. Whether it's his slide or acoustic blues, you will be dazzled. On Oct. 4, Henkel will perform a special morning show at Birdrock Coffee Roasters, where he will be joined by British blues singer and poetess Mama Tokus. The melding of their two styles should produce fireworks galore and spark Henkel into even more dramatic guitar runs and improvisations. Whether you're a longtime fan of either performer or new to their blues union, you will be thoroughly entertained.

• **ROBIN HENKEL:** Saturday, Oct. 4 at **BIRDROCK COFFEE ROASTERS**, 5627 La Jolla Blvd. 10 a.m. All ages. Free. www.birdrockcoffee.roasters.com.

LIVE MUSIC >>

By BART MENDOZA

Country and rock crooner Sara Petite performs at Humphreys Backstage Live on Oct. 5. Backed by an excellent band, Petite is the real deal, blessed with an evocative voice and a lineup of great originals as well as choice covers of songs by the likes of Johnny Cash. Sara has several albums out, all worthy acquisitions for those who like country music with an authentic twang, as opposed to modern radio gloss. However, it's live where she really excels. Driven by that crack band featuring guitarist Rick Wilkins, there are few who can put fire and brimstone into their vocal delivery quite like Sara Petite.

• **SARA PETITE:** Saturday, Oct. 4, at **HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE**, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 9 p.m. www.humphreysbackstage-live.com.

On Oct. 5, The Kona Kai Resort will host a special acoustic San Diego Music Awards Showcase, and it promises to be spectacular.



Hank Easton is the youngest SDMA nominee at age 16.

From 3 to 9 p.m., some of San Diego's best-known artists will perform 20 minute sets — and the lineup is great. On hand will be an all-star group of musicians, every one a 2014 San Diego Music Award nominee, including Gayle Skidmore, Patric Petrie, Cody Lovaas, Sister Speak, Blaise Guld, Sue Palmer, Tomcat Courtney, Rebecca Jade, The Lyrical Groove and many more. If you can't make the awards show the next night, this is a great alternative. But either way, there will be no other occasion this year to take in so much wonderful talent in one sitting.

• **SDMA ACOUSTIC SHOWCASE:** Sunday, Oct. 5 at the **KONA KAI RESORT**, 1551 Shelter Island

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More than 40 years after their split, it's clear there will never be another group like The Beatles. With an unsurpassed song catalog, it's easy to see why tribute and theme shows in their honor are so popular. One of the best on the annual calendar is Fred Benedetti's birthday tribute to John Lennon, held at Dizzy's on Oct. 11. Benedetti will perform tunes from throughout Lennon's career, including solo works, for a show that's bound to thrill Beatles fans. Whether you're a fan of terrific guitar playing or the best songs written in the last century, this show promises to be inspiring and a great time.

• **FRED BENEDETTI:** Saturday, Oct. 11 at **DIZZY'S**, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$15. www.dizzysjazz.com.

They don't play as often as they did, which makes Superunloader's show at the 710 Beach Club an absolute must for its fans. Fronted by Jimmy Lewis, who can be seen more often in solo mode these days, the local rockers formed in 1996, quickly becoming one of the beach area's biggest draws. Although the trio hasn't released new music since 2007, its fan base remains strong, with its occasional performances

turning into a giant party. There's a reason why some bands have staying power, and it's clear that Superunloader was one of the best to emerge from the mid-1990s San Diego scene.

• **SUPERUNLOADER:** Saturday, Oct. 11 at the **710 BEACH CLUB**, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. \$5 www.710bc.com.

Nominated for a 2014 San Diego Music Award, The Falling Doves are the latest band from Chris Leyva and it is easily his best. Taking a page from the New York Dolls, early rock and new wave, Leyva has crafted a group that is more than just backing musicians, but are instead an integral part of a sound. Long-time listeners will be impressed by the maturity to be found on its new self-titled album, while the Nagle-inspired artwork gives a clear indication of the prime era it is influenced by. Performing at Brick by Brick on Oct. 11, Leyva has been working double time for years to get his music heard. With Falling Doves, he's found the right mix of musicians and songs to make that happen.

• **FALLING DOVES:** Saturday, Oct. 11, at **BRICK BY BRICK**, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. www.brickbybrick.com.



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Got the blues? Hit up PB's Reds Saloon for good, free belly laughs

By BART MENDOZA

Anyone looking for entertainment beyond the usual bands or DJ setups will want to visit Reds Saloon on Wednesdays for its free weekly Comedy Nights. Don't let the "free" part fool you. This is no amateur-hour gathering.

The show features up to six comedians a night in a roughly hour-and-a-half show that places national headliners alongside a worthy mix of local openers — and a joke or two from host and comedian Josh Nelson. It's a fast-paced night of fun that's both extremely entertaining and one of the area's best entertainment values.

Nelson produces and emcees the shows, which began in 2012. While a weeknight might not seem the optimal time for a gig, Reds Saloon's full houses mean Nelson has had no problem drawing out-of-town talent.

"It first started out by my reaching out to people I had done shows with," he said. "Now that it's got a really good track record, comics from Los Angeles are actually hitting me up to do the show."

While comedy is subjective, Nelson notes Reds Saloon draws a discerning crowd, ranging from young hipsters to older married couples.

"The audiences really know comedy pretty well. They're pretty good at judging what's funny or not. This isn't like a comedy club, where the audiences laugh really easy, so comedians have to bring their 'A game,'" he said. "But when they do, the audience really respects that."

Nelson regularly travels to Los Angeles to check out talent and has a list of more than 100 comedians on call for the shows.

"What's great about these performances is that a lot of the comics who come to the show are doing so just before they become really big," he said. "While the comics are up and coming, a lot of them have already done television, Comedy Central Network, HBO specials, 'Last Comic Standing' and things like that. So they are people that you'll be seeing more of later on. In many cases, they're acts that will run you up to \$20 on the weekends at clubs, while here it's free."

Los Angeles-based comedian Andrew Santino is a regular in San Diego comedy rooms, having also worked on such television programs as 'Punk'd.' A recent headliner at Reds Saloon, he doesn't mind the drive.

"Standups will go do any show if it's a good show," he said. "(Nelson) never puts on just a random weekday show. People treat it like it's their last day on earth there. It's fantastic."

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Producer and emcee of Comedy Nights at Reds Saloon in Pacific Beach

Nelson said the night tends to draw a younger crowd, but he hasn't noticed much difference between Los Angeles and San Diego comedy.

"I guess people think we're all working out, so that comes into more play," he said. "People are in better shape, and [comedians] make fun of that."

Closing in on five years into his comedy career, Nelson became a comic the old-fashioned way — on

a dare.

"A friend and I went to a comedy club, an open mic," he recalled. "I said, 'I could do that,' and my roommate said, 'No you can't.' It was embarrassing, so I said, 'All right, I'll do it!'"

"I wrote jokes for six weeks, went and tried them out and it didn't go terrible. Somebody told me I was funny, so I tried it again, and I've been doing it ever since," he said.



LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE Reds Saloon on Mission Boulevard packs the house every Wednesday with free Comic Night, a mix of national comedy headliners and up-and-coming talent. Courtesy photo

While a life in comedy might seemingly have the same odds of success as being a musician, Nelson notes the rewards can be great.

"I love that rush when its going well and you make people laugh,"

he said. "There's no better feeling than that."

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Fostering the love of surfing for youngsters is top priority of annual Jetty Kid Surf Contest

By DAVE SCHWAB

Saturday, Oct. 11 at the South Mission Beach Jetty.

The event is sponsored by the South Mission Crew Foundation (SMCF), a former nonprofit group seeking that status again, created solely for putting on the youth surf contest.

"For the last 19 years, there was no entry charge, and all the participants won prizes (surfboards, wetsuits, boardbags, fins, T-shirts and hats) in addition to food," said event spokesman Gary Katz with Wave of Change Public Relations/ Marketing. "The foundation used up the money that supported the contest 19 years ago. The Mission Beach Women's Club, city lifeguards, FCS, O'Neill and various others have contributed throughout the years."

Katz said the intent in continuing the surf contest is to "get a new board and get nonprofit status next



KID SURF POWER The 19th annual Jetty Kid Surf Contest is ready to showcase the skills of young surfers on Saturday, Oct. 11. Courtesy photo

year so the Jetty Kids Contest can continue forever. In order to continue this year, we need help."

Katz said the past event budget was about \$10,000 for food, six surfboards, 12 wetsuits, prizes, permits and insurance.

"We can do it for less, in the \$4,000 range," Katz said.

"Please help support this truly local event for kids to just enjoy the love of surfing," said Katz.

The Jetty Kid Surf Contest memorializes noted surfer and Mission Beach native Keith Noel, who owned a vintage Hawaiian shirt shop in the beach community for 17 years and grew up surfing at his home break at the jetty in South Mission Beach. Noel became known to the local surfers up and down the coast as "The Jetty Kid."

When he died in 1995, Noel wanted to be remembered by providing funding for a yearly surf contest for kids — completely free of charge — which led to the establishment of the SMCF. The contest, which is open to girls ages 8-16 and boys ages 8 to 15, will feature prizes like surfboards, wetsuits, board bags and trophies for each of the six divisions, according to organizers.

Sponsored surfers are not allowed to enter because the event is designed to encourage newer surfers. There is no entry fee.

The event runs from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and participants will gather at San Diego Place Beach. "Please help support this truly local event for kids to just enjoy the love of surfing," said Katz.

For more information or to contribute, email garykatz@gmail.com.

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Also, kids can visit the park for free in October with the purchase of a full-price adult admission.

SeaWorld's Halloween Spooktacular festivities are geared for kids 12 years and under, who are

invited to come in costume and enjoy trick-or-treating and colorful costumed characters from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the following weekends: Oct. 4-5, Oct. 11-12, Oct. 18-19 and Oct. 25-26.

Youngsters can also take in some Halloween-themed shows, including one starring SeaWorld's prank-loving pinnipeds Clyde and Seamore.

SeaWorld is offering one child, ages 3 to 9, free admission with one full-paid adult admission dur-

ing October. The same offer is valid at Dine With Shamu. Plus, kids ages 10 to 12 can participate for free in SeaWorld's Dolphin and Beluga Interaction Programs with one paid adult participation. Children must be at least 48 inches tall to participate in BIP and DIP.

SeaWorld's "Halloween Spooktacular" is included with park admission.

For more information, call (800) 257-4268 or visit www.SeaWorldSanDiego.com.

Urban Surf 4 Kids' stand-up paddleboard race and expo returns to Mission Bay Oct. 12

Urban Surf 4 Kids has set Sunday, Oct. 12 for its 2014 Paddle Fest, an annual stand-up paddleboard (SUP) race and expo.

Proceeds from the event will go to Urban Surf 4 Kids' Dreaming of Aloha Achievement Program, which will take participating foster youths to Hawaii this December.

Paddle Fest features three different courses for all skill levels around Mission Bay's Bonita Cove: the Elite Long Course, a six-mile race (three laps) for experienced paddlers; the Short Course, a two-mile race (one lap) for experienced paddlers; and the new Chaka Paddle, a one-mile non-competitive paddle for new and beginning paddlers.

Urban Surf 4 Kids is also inviting hundreds of deserving San Diego County children to learn stand-up paddleboarding with a free SUP 4 Kids lesson. Throughout the day, participants and spectators can visit the SUP expo, receive autographs from industry veterans and enjoy live music, food and drinks.

Free massages will be offered, and children can play in the Kids' Zone. Visitors may also enter a raffle for prizes that will include a new SUP board, an elite island Caribbean vacation and new carbon-fiber paddles.

Registration is open online for all SUP courses. The fee for participating in The Elite Long Course is \$50, the Short Course is \$45 and



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Participants in a previous Paddle Fest at Mission Bay put their skills and endurance to the test. Courtesy photo

the Chaka Paddle registration is \$50, which includes a free SUP board rental. Registration is available online at www.paddleguru.com/urbansurf4kids.

All participants will receive a Paddle Fest medal at the completion of their paddle and a Paddle Fest swag bag that includes a T-shirt, Nature's Bakery bar and a ticket to the Surf Museum.

Paddle Fest 2014 begins at 8 a.m. on Oct. 12. Registration on the day of the event begins at 7 a.m. The race briefing is set for 8:30 a.m. with Elite Long participants starting at 8:45 a.m. and Short Course paddle boarders following at 9 a.m. The Chaka Paddle is set for 10 a.m.

Free SUP 4 Kids lessons will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will conclude with race results and raffle winners.

For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/X8I8p7>.

— *Contribution*

X-Terra Mission Bay Triathlon to sprint into action at Bonita Cove on Oct. 5

The 28th annual X-Terra Mission Bay Triathlon will take place on Sunday, Oct. 5 at Bonita Cove. This is a big change in the venue since the race has been held at Ski Beach since its inception. The move in the location has been because of a change in direction at SeaWorld, which no longer will allow the event to use its parking lot as part of the bike portion of the race.

The triathlon is composed of a 500-meter swim, a 15-kilometer bike leg and a 5K run. The swim will be at the Bonita Cove beach. The bike course will direct the cyclists out and around Fiesta Island and back. The run segment will have the competitors follow the bayside walkway to south Mission Beach and return up the boardwalk toward Belmont Park. The finish will be on the lawn at the corner of West Mission Bay Drive and Mission Boulevard.

Two new events have been added this year: a duathlon

(run/bike/run) and an aquathlon (swim/bike). This will allow non-swimmers and non-runners to be part of the excitement.

The X-Terra Mission Bay Triathlon is expecting a field of 1,200 participants. The age range will be from 16 to 80.

The event benefits the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF). CAF provides grants to disabled individuals for sports equipment and prosthetics, coaching and travel expenses to events. Last year, the organization awarded more than \$3 million in grants to individuals around the country and the world. CAF was founded in San Diego 20 years ago.

There will be a small disruption of vehicle traffic near the event from 6 to 10 a.m. Pre-event signage has been posted in the areas that will experience lane closures and traffic delays.

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Giant mural to serve as traffic-calming measure at PBMS

San Diego District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris, volunteers from beautifulPB and community volunteers participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony Sept. 20 to unveil the first "Safe Route to School" intersection mural to emerge in San Diego.

BeautifulPB, the ecodistrict for Pacific Beach, unveiled its latest community improvement project at the intersection of Diamond and Haines streets. After nearly a year of planning, more than 110 volunteers gathered to paint an enormous street mural as part of the "Safe Route to School Street Art Murals Installation" project.

The mural project was a collaboration between beautifulPB and Pacific Beach Middle School, and is the first of several murals planned at PBMS and local Pacific Beach elementary schools.

Student Ciara Gray, in ninth grade at Mission Bay High School, designed the mural while a student at PBMS and worked together with local artist Lorrie Blackard Fiet during the summer to finalize the design.

BeautifulPB planned, organized and funded the project and then invited the Pacific Beach community to paint the mural and celebrate its unveiling with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"This project will engage students and the public in practicing a safe



BEAUTIFICATION WITH A PURPOSE BeautifulPB, the ecodistrict of Pacific Beach, planned, organized and funded this huge mural as part of a "Safe Route to School" program to serve as a traffic-calming measure to increase student safety at Pacific Beach Middle School and other PB elementary schools. The mural was painted by PBMS students and volunteers. Courtesy photo

morning commute — something we cannot take for granted with so many children walking to school through the busy streets," said Kristen Victor, board president of beautifulPB.

The mural serves as a traffic-calming measure while highlighting local student artwork.

"These murals will mark the heart and center of the PB community and help create a safe environment for our children," Victor said.

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HEROES BEHIND THE SCENES Volunteers from beautifulPB and local students have worked to bring the mural project to life outside Pacific Beach Middle School to promote safety for local students. Courtesy photo

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• The annual Penguin Pride Contribution Drive has begun. Consider a donation to support PB Elementary. Visit www.fopbe.org to donate online.

• Family Fun Night is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 16 at Chipotle, located at 1504 Garnet Ave. Chipotle will give a portion of all receipts back to the school.

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Students from Crown Point Junior Music Academy performed Sept. 17 at the Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night to honor and thank police officers, firefighters, lifeguards and Park Rangers in the Pacific Beach Community. Crown Point's violin instructor said, "It is always an honor to perform at events such as these. I am so proud of my students for representing our school well," Mayor Kevin Faulconer, District 2 City Councilmember Ed Harris and volunteers from the Pacific Beach Town Council and Pacific Beach Women's Club were among the many who enjoyed the evening.

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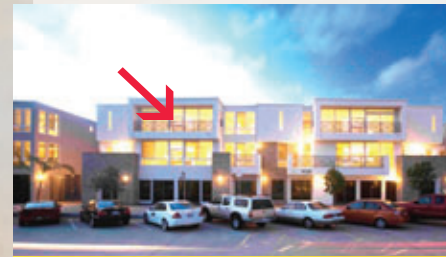
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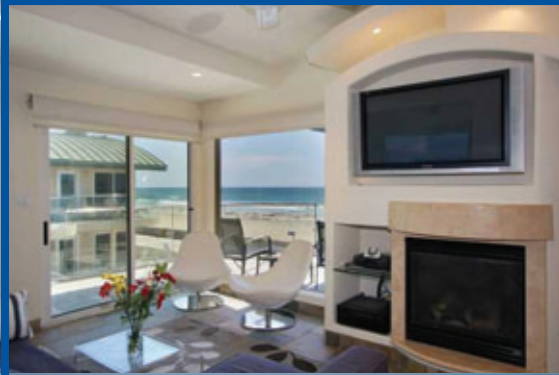


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