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A frisky sea lion visited Pacific Beach near the Crystal Pier and tried in vain to balance the sun on its nose.

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Pacific Beach may say adeus to Brazilian Day

PB Special Events Committee votes against annual festival

By DAVE SCHWAB

Nearly turned down a year ago because of problems with size, noise and accountability, the eighth annual Brazilian Day Festival in Pacific Beach scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 13 was nixed this year by the Pacific Beach Special Events Committee.

That decision has been appealed to the city, which will have the final say on whether or not the carnival-style parade, with vibrant floats, extravagant costumes and energetic music, will be a go in PB or not this year.

The popular four-hour Sunday festival features nonstop entertainment on



A dancer in full costume at a recent Brazilian Day in PB.

FILE PHOTO

two stages, including musical bands, dance ensembles, a food court, a vendor's exhibition and a kids zone.

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Plenty of pyrotechnics to see in San Diego

Fireworks shows in Ocean Beach, Pacific Beach and La Jolla

By DAVE SCHWAB

Fourth of July is all about fireworks, and residents and visitors alike to Mission and Pacific beaches are fortunate in that they have their choice being situated at the "epicenter" of three dazzling local displays: off Ocean Beach Pier, in La Jolla Cove and at SeaWorld San Diego.

San Diego beaches are packed with people on the three key summer holiday weekends—Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day—with July 4th typically being the busiest of all with nearly one million people expected to hit the beaches.

But after a day of fun in the sun, once the waves have been conquered and the barbecues dinners have been devoured, it's time for pyrotechnics, at which time coastal residents and guests can please their patriotic palates with pyrotech-

tics from Point Loma to La Jolla.

PB, MB

SeaWorld San Diego has nightly fireworks on numerous evenings throughout the summer. But July 4 is special, as the theme park hosts its Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular, offering an extended pyrotechnic display over Mission Bay set to patriotic music commencing at 10:10 p.m., with fireworks set to go off at 10:30 p.m. and last approximately 17 minutes.

The best places to watch are Crown Point Park, Ski Beach, and Fiesta Island.

Ocean Beach

Ocean Beach's spectacular fireworks display at 9 p.m. is the community's official kick-off to summer. Free parking is offered at both the main beach and pier parking lots.

Spend the day picnicking with family and friends, swimming in the ocean, walking and playing in the sand and

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SeaWorld fireworks over Mission Bay as seen from Crown Point.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

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The spectacular view of Law Street beach from Palisades Park.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

Clean Beach Coalition readies to prepare beaches and bays for Fourth of July

Every summer, millions of San Diegans and out-of-town visitors flock to local beaches, bays and parks to enjoy the pristine beaches and perfect weather. Often, permanent trash receptacles alone aren't enough to handle the litter. For the eighth consecutive year, I Love a Clean San Diego, FreePB.org, the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department and public safety personnel and local businesses will collaborate for the eighth consecutive year to address the issue.

The San Diego Clean Beach Coalition will place 75 temporary trash and recycling bins along San Diego's most heavily trafficked beaches of Mission Beach, Mission Bay, Pacific Beach and Ocean Beach on the Fourth of July, unveiling it at a kick-off event from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 2 at Fanuel Street Park, 4024 Fanuel St. in Pacific Beach.

During the event, media will hear firsthand from law enforcement, elected officials and coalition members about plans for a safe and clean Fourth of July weekend.

Since its inception in 2007, the coalition has collected 2.8 million pounds of trash that otherwise



would have ended up in nearby waterways, bays and eventually the Pacific Ocean. Marine debris poses health threats to marine life and to beachgoers, surfers and paddlers.

"For over 60 years, I Love a Clean San Diego has been an influential advocate for the local environment, empowering our community to take action," said Pauline Martinson, the group's executive director. "Our involvement with the Clean Beach Coalition is important, as we are able to bring together San Diegans who are inspired to keep the beauty of our beaches intact and free of litter."

The coalition has created a list of items for beachgoers to leave home this holiday weekend. They include Styrofoam coolers, single-use plastic bottles and plastic bags and wrap-

pers. These lightweight items, the coalition says, can easily blow into the bay and ocean, causing harm to marine wildlife.

The coalition recommends that beachgoers bring durable coolers, hard plastic containers and reusable water bottles and to be sure to dispose of all trash and recyclables in a nearby bin.

Major support for this year's efforts comes from the City of San Diego Think Blue, The Local, Pacific Beach AleHouse, PB Shore Club, Backyard Kitchen and Tap, Bub's Bar & Grill, Rubio's, SeaWorld San Diego, Anheuser Busch, VAVi and Mission Beach Women's Club.

Additional information about the campaign is available at CleanBeachCoalition.org.

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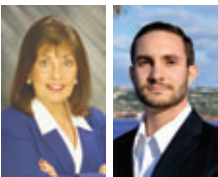
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Local teens to receive 25 free surfboards in support of 100 Wave Challenge

By DAVE SCHWAB

Point Loman Carter Faucher has teamed with North Island Credit Union to donate more than 25 surfboards and \$7,500 to Boys to Men (BTM), a nonprofit mentoring fatherless teenage boys.

The donation will support the organization's sixth annual 100 Wave Challenge, a fundraising surf-a-thon in September. The fundraiser's goal is for each participant to raise at least \$1,000 while attempting to surf 100 waves in 12 hours. Surfers raising upward of \$1,000 are rewarded with prizes and incentives.

Faucher, a surfer himself whose mother is employed with the credit union, has been supporting the 100 Wave Challenge since 2013. When he found out the credit union had excess surfboards available after a recent remodel of its 10 branches around the county, he asked North Island to donate them to the BTM program.

"The organization (BTM) has really been generous in helping boys without fathers in their struggles to be successful at school and in social situations," said Faucher. "I'm a student, and I heard about surfboards

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CARTER FAUCHER
WHO ORGANIZED THE DONATIONS

being available at my mother's bank. So I worked to help get leashes and fins put on them, and get them donated through the credit union."

Steve O'Connell, president/CEO of North Island Credit Union, was glad to donate to such a worthy cause.

"We were honored to give these surfboards to the young men who have Boys to Men mentors teaching them how to surf," he said. "We thought giving these to the promising surfers within this program to use during the 100 Wave Challenge was the perfect fit."

After learning more about the program, O'Connell felt compelled to add a \$7,500 donation to support



Carter Faucher teamed with North Island Credit Union to donate more than 25 surfboards and \$7,500 to Boys to Men. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

BTM.

Faucher and North Island took the credit union's donated surfboards to Joe Roper of Roper's Custom Surfboard & SUP Repair to have them refurbished at no charge. The boards will be available for the boys to use during BTM's weekly surf nights, which started June 23.

Though seemingly a small dona-

tion, BTM founder/mentor Joe Sigurdson said a surfboard can mean a lot to a disadvantaged youth from a fatherless family.

"We have hundreds of kids in the program who don't begin to have the resources to purchase anything close to a surfboard," said Sigurdson. "Having their own board impacts them emotionally, aiding

100 WAVE CHALLENGE

When: The 100 Wave Challenge will be held Saturday, Sept. 19 in Mission Beach.

What: There will be sections in the water for long boards, short boards, stand-up paddle boards, boogie boards and body surfers.

■ More information on the 100 Wave Challenge can be found at www.100wave.org.

■ For more information on Boys to Men Mentoring Network, visit <http://boystomen.org/>.

them positively with their self-esteem, helping them to feel good about themselves. This gift is going to impact and excite 12-year-old boys who don't have anything in their lives. This is like getting a new bike — or a new drum set. It's cool, exciting and fun."

BTM's surf-a-thon accounts for 60 percent of the nonprofit's annual budget, which has doubled since the first event six years ago. The event raised \$320,000 in 2014 and \$200,000 in 2013. The goal this year is \$500,000. The organization plans to sign up as many as 400 surfers for this year's event, compared with 165 in 2014.

San Diego Coastkeeper to celebrate 20th anniversary protecting the county's waters

"We have drastically improved the health of San Diego's waters and protected the resources."

MEGAN BAEHRENS
SD COASTKEEPER DIRECTOR

Amid a record of two decades' enhancement of San Diego County's meandering creeks and rivers, coastline and an economy fueled by clean water, San Diego Coastkeeper will host a Seaside Soiree on Oct. 28 to inform the public on its accomplishments and its commitment to

the area's environmental health.

"San Diego Coastkeeper has grown into a movement of thousands of volunteers, members, donors and partners passionate about protecting our waters," said executive director Megan Baehrens. "We have drastically improved the

health of San Diego's waters and protected the resources and activities that define the San Diego County way of life."

A two-person team gave life to the nonprofit in 1995 to combat pollution and toxic dumping into San Diego Bay. San Diego Coastkeeper, known then as San Diego Baykeeper, emerged as the 15th Waterkeeper organization in the country, focusing its efforts on local, community-based advocacy. The team of two demonstrated early success by bringing major corporations into compliance with pollution laws, reducing sewage spills in the City of San Diego and reducing countywide

beach advisories.

After 15 years of negotiation and public relations, Coastkeeper and partners earned a unanimous City Council vote for the establishment of Pure Water, San Diego's new water recycling program.

Twelve years' volunteer water quality data collection has generated insight on regional pollution issues and provided information during crises like the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon sewage spill and San Luis Rey River fish kill. Project SWELL has provided environmental education to San Diego students for ten years. In 2015, it launched Water Kits for All, providing environmental STEM lessons throughout the county.

"This truly calls for a celebration," said Baehrens.

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Neighbors have major problems with new Law Street bathrooms

Dead body found in restroom earlier in June

By DAVE SCHWAB

Be careful what you wish for. Many Pacific Beach residents waited a long time for new restrooms at Law Street.

Now that they're here, some neighbors are finding they can be more bane than boon.

"We thought they were going to be a nightmare — and that's exactly what's happened," Doris Penman, who lives near the restrooms, told Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPBG) on Wednesday, June 24. "Transients are sleeping in them. Someone actually overdosed recently sitting on the toilet. There was drug paraphernalia all around."

The County Medical Examiner confirmed that the body of Daniel Marlowe, 37, was recovered in the early morning of June 9 from the Law Street restrooms. An autopsy on his cause of death has not been completed. No other information was made available.

"This restroom is a significant upgrade from the old ones, and they're more convenient for the general public during daytime hours," testified another neighbor, Lynn Crossley, who warned, "This facility has become dangerous, with transients using it at night as sleeping quarters."

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DORIS PENMAN
LIVES NEAR LAW STREET BEACH

Crossley added the situation is complicated because the Law Street restrooms can be locked from the inside.

Other Pacific Beach community members are weighing in about the problematic Law Street restrooms on the Next Door website.

"The city seems to be ignoring the problem," said resident Paula Ryan. "It's not just the normal homeless population down there anymore. It's meth addicts and serious crime issues... The city doesn't lock the bathroom doors at night because of some ADA regulations. If that was a private property, the city would have been all over them with fines and legal actions to get them to clean up their mess."

"My husband has found used needles there in the mornings (our toddler was steps away from them once)," said Sophie Hanna, of PB North Shore Highlands South. "I



The new Law Street restrooms are a significant upgrade from the old ones, but neighbors say they are dangerous at night.

PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

have noticed that there is much more bum activity there now that the bathrooms are open again. I wouldn't say I am afraid, but every time I open the doors I really worry about what I will find."

"Action needs to be taken to keep this particular area clean and safe," said Jenny Nichols of North PB. "I was so excited to see the bathrooms being rebuilt, only to have to stand right next to a girl drugged out of her mind to get a sip of water while out on a run. Why must every 'kid' friendly area in PB (library, Fanuel Park, Law Street beach/bathrooms) become overrun by homeless people?"

Larry Hesselgesser, San Diego

Police Department's community liaison officer for the beaches, said police have been alerted to the situation.

"We're researching what's going on with this to see if we need to lock them (restrooms) at night," Hesselgesser said, noting the final decision on whether — and when — to lock the restrooms will fall to the city's Park and Recreation Department.

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"We'll have to have (city) employees lock it (restrooms) at night, but then they'll have to reopen them at a certain time, say 5 a.m."

The Law Street bathroom issue is expected to be placed on the agenda of PBPBG's next meeting, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22 in the community room of Pacific Beach Taylor Library, 4275 Cass St.

11 Critical Home Inspections traps to be aware of before listing your home sale

SAN DIEGO. According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an older home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In

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most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you revert little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved. To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call toll-free 1-800-276-0763 and enter 1003. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn't cost you the sale of your home.

Man sentenced in Mission Bay 'suicide by cop' attempt last year

A San Diego man who pulled a gun in Mission Bay Park and was shot by police has been sentenced to 180 days in jail on terms of three years' probation. Because Lance Marshall Tamyo was given credit for serving 132 days in jail, his projected release date is July 16, according to the sheriff's department. Tamyo,

47, had been free on \$150,000 bond but was taken to jail June 22 after being sentenced by San Diego Superior Court Judge Timothy Walsh, who fined him \$1,374.

The incident took place Aug. 6, 2014 at 11:10 a.m., when Tamyo called 911 from his cellphone in his car, saying he had a gun and want-

ed to commit "suicide by cop." He eventually got out of his car and walked around a grassy area while holding a gun.

Tamyo allegedly pointed a gun at several officers and at a police helicopter. He was shot about 12:15 p.m. near De Anza Cove.

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New executive chef raises the sizzle at JRDN

By FRANK SABATINI Jr.

Forget the hackneyed term “farm-to-table” for describing local, seasonal cuisine. The new executive chef at JRDN, in Tower23 Hotel, lives up to a catchier, more modern slogan. He calls it “in-the-moment cooking.”

Since revising practically the entire lunch and dinner menus at the stylish oceanfront restaurant, Danilo (DJ) Tangalin demonstrates his spontaneity in a subcategory of supper dishes titled “pure sizzle.” It features about 10 fleeting appetizers and entrees driven by the freshest ingredients available on any given day.

Today's slow-roasted lamb belly, for example, can be replaced tomorrow by grilled spot prawns. Or those coiled asparagus-like fiddleheads gracing salads and stir-fries in early summer will surely vanish in a flash as other short-season produce make their cameos.

“I sell out of the ingredients and then move on to other dishes,” says Tangalin, promoted last month to executive chef after serving as the restaurant's sous chef since September.

The “pure sizzle” dishes can last for a day or a month, while others graduate to the permanent menu based on customer feedback and market availability.

One of the recent carryovers is charred octopus and seasonal veggies, comprising a panzanella-style bread salad with red bell pepper coulis. Tangalin says the medley generated raves during its short introduction last month.

Already on the regular menu since he began helming the kitchen is a cheeky, savory twist on PB&J sandwiches. They're constructed with house-made buttermilk biscuits, toasted-candied peanuts and strawberry jam. The surprise is a lobe of foie gras in the middle.

In another dish, grilled asparagus is matched shrewdly to plums, burrata cheese, salami and balsamic drizzle. And because of a close working relationship he developed with



Executive chef Danilo (DJ) Tangalin.

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locally based Pacific Stone Crab, species such as halibut, corvina and vermilion rock cod now grace the menu, arriving to the kitchen usually the same day they are trawled from Baja waters.

Tangalin's culinary experience stretches back to childhood while growing up in the Philippines. His mother ran a cantina, and he'd help her cook popular street foods such as pork belly with ginger and soy sauce (adobo) and tamarind broth with pork or shrimp (sinigang). He also manned the grill for cooking chicken feet and blood sausage.

At 16, he moved with his family to Hawaii and then to New Jersey, where he completed a two-year culinary program at a community college. To the likely envy of his colleagues, he ended up working under famed chef Eric Ripert at the Ritz Carlton in Philadelphia as well as for notable toques in San Francisco, such as Daniel Patterson of Coi and Douglas Keane of Cyrus.

After moving to San Diego, he was hired by Whisknadle Hospitality and last served as chef de cuisine for the company's PrepKitchen in Little Italy.

It was JRDN's “lack of a complete culinary identity” that attracted him to his current post.

“It's a gorgeous place,” he said,

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“and I knew it was the perfect platform for the super-seasonal cooking I do.”

Such breadth of experience hasn't excluded him from the frequent grilling of prized Nebraska-sourced steaks listed on the menu's “burning up” page.

Tangalin recently changed the cuts, adding bone-in rib eye and hangar steak to the lineup as well as a half chicken from Mary's Farm and a catch-of-the-day seafood option. Their rubs and sauces are also new. They include everything from ground peppercorns and foie gras butter to mustard chimichurri and classic béarnaise.

The proteins come with two side dishes, which currently extend to smoked potato puree, corn-spinach au gratin, crispy Brussels sprouts and more.

“I use a lot of cooking techniques, having learned from chefs that are French, Asian and Italian.”

Tangalin oversees the pastry department as well.

“It's a team effort,” he said, “with four creative pastry girls. We taste-test new creations all the time,” he adds, revealing that they will soon roll out an ideal summer swooner.

By mid-July, the dessert menu will feature gourmet S'mores made with 70 percent dark chocolate and marshmallows that are torched tableside. Tangalin describes them as “bringing the campfire to your table.”

In the meantime, the cocktail list has conformed to hotter days with re-engineered versions of mai tais, fizzes and boozy lemonades highlighting fresh-squeezed juices and premium spirits.

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After untangling red tape, Buddy's Diner finally opening in August

By DAVE SCHWAB

Buddy's Diner co-owner Vito Totino wishes he had a nickel for every time someone's asked him when he was going to open Buddy's Diner, his Pacific Beach restaurant-to-be, and he ushered them inside to show them he was working toward that goal.

"We got cleared two weeks ago; we got our permits finally completed," said Totino, who acquired the property at 1564 Garnet Ave., a portion of the building formerly owned by Potts by Pat Florists, in May of 2013. "We should be open in about six to nine weeks, by the end of August."

Totino is glad to be back on track to open his 24-hour, '50s retro-style diner serving up traditional American cuisine.

The restaurateur's still working on his all-purpose breakfast, lunch and dinner menu, but he promised it will feature "lots of milkshakes — 27 different types — and piled-high sandwiches."

"It's stuff I liked and enjoyed as a child," Totino said, noting his tastes run toward things like roast and corned beef.

"It's comfort food," he said, adding sushi is one item that won't

be on Buddy's menu.

Totino has come to own an old-fashioned diner by a long and circuitous route. He's a degreed engineer who's worked in the defense contracting industry. He also previously owned, then sold, Da Boyz Pizza & Pasta chain back in the '90s, which he noted still has a dozen locations in San Diego and elsewhere in the Southwest.

'It's been one thing after another.'

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More recently, Totino was general manager at The Tap Room bar-restaurant a couple blocks down on Garnet.

When Potts by Pat's owner retired, Totino said, "I got the idea to open Buddy's Diner when I saw the place had become available, and the rest is history."

But Totino never imagined it would take this long — or require overcoming so many bureaucratic "hurdles."

"It's been one thing after another," he said. "I was told I had to be ADA-accessible outside." Then he said there was a slew of conditions he had to meet to satisfy the health department.

"They (city) told me I had to bring in a licensed structural engineer even though I told them I had my own plans," Totino said, adding then there were even issues over what his seating occupancy could and should be.

Then there was the installation of cable TVs throughout the diner, which Totino's been paying for for 12 months without being open. The biggest bureaucratic hoop — and hold-up — Totino had to jump through was taking care of a 110-foot-long trench in his establishment for underground plumbing



The retro-looking stools and lunch counter is ready to go at Buddy's Diner.

PHOTO BY DAVE SCHWAB

that had to be installed and properly inspected.

Now that his eatery has finally been cleared for takeoff, Totino noted he may not have much time as he'd like to kick the tires on his new place.

"Normally, when you open, you've got some time to work out the bugs," he said, but he added that may be difficult because he's had so many fits and starts and people have been eager to see his

diner open.

"People may not be so forgiving, as they've had to wait two years," Totino noted.

Nonetheless, the debut of Buddy's Diner draws near.

"I can't wait to open, more than anybody that's been asking," concluded Totino, adding, "I think I have the right to say that now."

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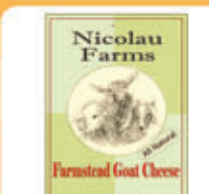
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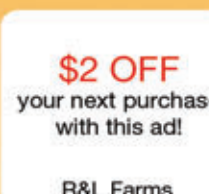
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"Now, from Seattle to San Diego, Pillow is helping homeowners make more money from their biggest asset: their homes," said Pillow CEO Sean Conway. "Vacation home rentals will earn San Diegans a much greater return, actually double and triple what they'd get for long-term rentals."

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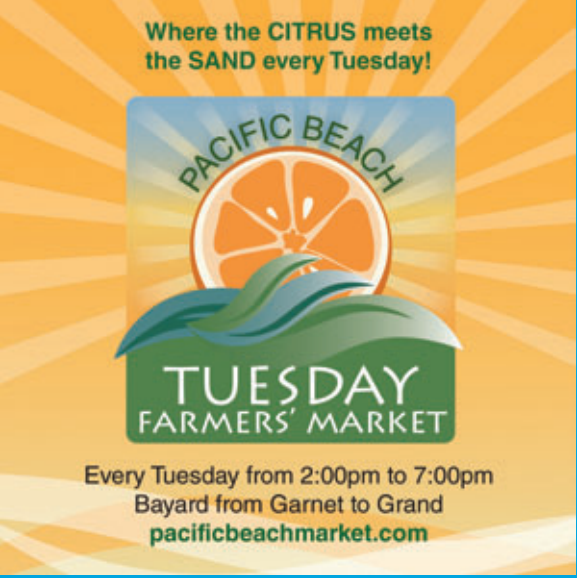


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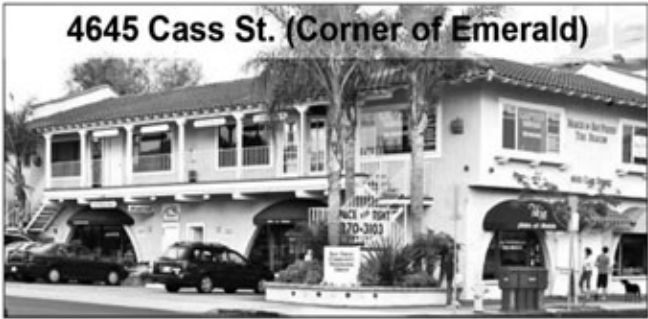
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Single Fin Surf Grill owners (from left) Benjamin Zuber, John Waterson, Dominic Coleman, Gio Morelli, Bryan Coleman, Adolphus Davenport, Frank Flores, and Kristopher Eklund (owner Mikey Beats is not pictured) celebrate the bar's one-year anniversary.

PHOTO BY JOHN COCOZZA

Single Fin Surf Grill celebrates one-year anniversary

Single Fin Surf Grill, at 3844 Mission Blvd. in Mission Beach, held its one-year anniversary party on Monday, June 29.

Two years ago, a group of friends – Benjamin Zuber, John Waterson, Dominic Coleman, Gio Morelli, Bryan Coleman, Adolphus Davenport, Frank Flores, Kristopher Eklund and Mikey Beats – who had worked together in the bar and restaurant industry in the past had a dream to create their own establishment.

Drawing on all their experience and knowledge from having worked as bartenders, servers and cooks, respectively, in the San Diego area for years, they decided to live their dream. They snatched up a great location in Mission Beach, which had previously been the Sneak Joint, and worked hard to remodel and build the Single Fin Surf Grill.

The investors, all being avid lovers of the ocean and surfing, decided to build a fun local bar with a surf theme. They used items such as

driftwood to build the bar, table tops and decorations inside. For the menu, they wanted to serve up great bar food with a unique foodie-lover style, like the Sriracha shrimp tacos.

Single Fin is a place where friends in the industry, tourists visiting the beaches and locals can just step off the sand, or stop by while on a bike ride around bay or beach, and fit right in to a friendly atmosphere.

-- John Cocozza

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Over-The-Line gets back in the swing of things

Tournament set for consecutive weekends in Mission Bay

By DAVE SCHWAB

It will be toes in the sand and brews in the hand for the 62nd Annual World Championship Over-The-Line (OTL) Tournament sponsored by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) on back-to-back weekends, July 11-12 and 18-19, at Fiesta Island.

The beach fest is open both weekends from 7:30 a.m. to dusk, offering food, fun, sun, sports, entertainment and more.

The show will go on this year without last year's drama, wherein the city did an about-face in rescinding its previously announced policy of excluding under-21 visitors and participants to the signature Mission Beach summertime competitive

beach event.

The OTL tournament almost did not happen when the nonprofit group FreePB.org filed a lawsuit against the city, alleging it was denied a special-event permit for a 14-hour "Leisure Olympics" at Crown Point Shores. FreePB.org alleged the city was showing favoritism by issuing a permit for OTL when FreePB.org's was denied. OMBAC spokesman Sonny Petersen said a big turnout is expected again for 2015's OTL tournament.

"Last year we had just over 1,200 teams and right now we're at just more than 1,100 teams, hoping to eventually get between 1,200 and 1,300 teams," Petersen said noting the tourney is OMBAC's "largest

OTL INFO

- Games start at 7:30 a.m. on Fiesta Island and continue until dark on both weekends of OTL.
- First weekend games (July 11-12) are three innings only. Second weekend (July 18-19) games are four innings.
- Double-elimination for all teams.
- Over-The-Line is a public event and requires no ticket or entrance fee to watch the games and enjoy the tournament.
- The "No Bs" are: no bottles, no bicycles, no bowzers (dogs), no babies, no boas, no bad attitudes, no battles (fighting).

fundraiser and supports all of the organization's charitable giving."

Last year, OMBAC's fundraising and donations included UCSD Cancer Research, Jr. OTL college scholarships, Wounded Warrior Founda-



A popular team warms up at a past tournament on Fiesta Island.

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Smells Like Nirvana at the 710 Beach Club

By BART MENDOZA

Tribute band fans will want to check out the aptly named Smells Like Nirvana, performing at the 710 Beach Club on Friday, July 3.

Though it's been 11 years since frontman Kurt Cobain's passing, there can be no doubt that the trio remains hugely influential, both with their hits on the radio and bands trying to copy their overall sound.

Expect songs like "In Bloom" and "All Apologies" to get the biggest responses among the grunge rock standards. If you missed the real thing, this is a great option.

Smells Like Nirvana: Friday, July 3, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. \$5. www.710bc.com.

It's an interesting premise: Take parodies of "beloved" fast-food advertising mascots and have them play tunes by Black Sabbath, hence Mac Sabbath.

Appearing at Brick by Brick on Friday, July 3, as odd as it sounds, this works. The music is well played, with everything from "Iron Man" to "Paranoid" in the set, but it's the

visuals that put it over the top, with a Ronald McDonald look-a-like belting out the tunes with real fervor. If you've ever had a nightmare after eating fast food, this could be quite similar, though likely with a better soundtrack.

Mac Sabbath: Friday, July 3, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$22. www.brickbybrick.com.

On Sunday, July 5, Dizzy's will be the site of a special concert from bassist Marco Renteria and his Jazz Quartet. Based in Mexico City, the band specializes in Blue Note-styled jazz focused around Renteria's nimble playing. Performing with this combo allows Renteria to showcase his musical prowess apart from his day job with major rock Mexcian band Juagares.

Fans will find zero cross-over between the two projects, but if you're a hardcore jazz aficionado, you'll find much to your liking in his tunes.

Marco Renteria and his Jazz Quartet: Sunday, July 5, at Dizzy's, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$15. www.dizzysjazz.com.

Blues fans won't want to miss harmonica player Chet Cannon at Humphreys Backstage Live on Tuesday, July 7. A terrific frontman, Cannon has been a lynchpin of the local music community for years, leading blues jams and always among the first to sign up when a benefit or need arises.

His Tuesday-night sets at Humphreys have become the perfect midweek pick-me-up for music lovers in the know. Backed by an ace band, Cannon plays a mix of standards and originals with real passion. If you need a dose of the blues this week, this is the best bet, with Cannon and friends never turning in less than a thoroughly entertaining set.

Chet Cannon: Tuesday, July 7, at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Dr., Shelter Island. 9 p.m. humphreysbackstagelive.com.

Though the swing revival of the 1990s has largely faded away, its success can be seen in its aftermath — anytime a blues, jump-jazz or rockabilly band performs, you can count on couples showing off their moves in front of the stage.



Marco Renteria and his Jazz Quartet will play Sunday, July 5, at Dizzy's.

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Anyone looking for dance floor action this weekend might want to try catching a set from Blue Largo, performing at Tio Leo's on Thursday, July 9. Centered around guitarist Eric Lieberman and vocalist Alicia Aragon, the band excels at a mix of classic jazz and blues, such as "Besame Mucho," that's perfect for a romantic night out.

Blue Largo: Thursday, July 9. Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and

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Although San Diego doesn't often celebrate its metal music scene, in truth it's one of our most popular exports.

One of the biggest bands to emerge in recent years, Cattle Decapitation, releases a new album, "The Anthropocene Extinction," on Saturday, July 11, with a CD release party at Brick by Brick at 8 p.m.

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shopping along Newport Avenue. Then bundle up as the sun sets and pull up a chair for a spectacular fireworks show from the OB Pier. And don't forget your radio so you can hear the fireworks soundtrack being broadcast simultaneously during the show.

Gone from OB Fourth fireworks in 2015 is the unregulated tradition of the "marshmallow war," which had been fought after the fireworks show on the beach and streets leaving the community a sticky mess.

In 2014, Ocean Beach Town Council, answering an overwhelming call from residents and merchants, responded with its successful "Mallow Out" campaign discouraging the marshmallow war, which led to a 90 percent reduction in the goo.

La Jolla

There's no question that the 30th annual Fourth of July fireworks show in La Jolla Cove is a go this year. But there almost wasn't a 29th annual celebration, as the display was cancelled — then saved — at the eleventh hour in 2014. Subject to on-again, off-again flaps over donations and environmental concerns the past several years, all of that is in the rear-view mirror now as La Jolla Village Merchants Association (LJUMA), the community's Business Improvement District (BID),

has taken the special event under its wing.

"David Marino of Hughes Marino, a La Jolla who's been a supporter for years, stepped in and helped me get annual commitments, around \$45,000 or \$46,000, to cover costs," said Deborah Marengo, who's organized and promoted the event since restaurateur George Hauer, who originated the display, stepped down a few years ago. "Now, any extra money raised for the fireworks will be rolled over into the next year."

Marengo said the 25-minute Cove fireworks display will start at 9 p.m.

Supporting sponsors for the La Jolla Cove Fireworks Display are Hughes Marino, George's at the Cove, La Jolla Beach & Tennis Club, La Jolla Cove Suites, La Valencia Hotel, Willis Allen, Leo Loves Fireworks, J. Todd Figi, John Barbey and Steven Black.

A few other choices for fireworks on Independence Day:

- Old Town San Diego State Historic Park is hosting a free, old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Guests are encouraged to participate in the parade around the plaza reminiscent of the July 4th parades of early San Diego with music, animals, banners and people in historical costumes. There will be crafts, games, contests and informational demonstrations.

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"The Pacific Beach Special Events Committee is solely an advisory group," noted committee chair Debbie Conca. "Groups wanting to have an event in Pacific Beach are asked by the city to come to this group and present the logistics and details. This group denied the Brazilian Day Festival 5-2. The city can still approve or deny a permit with or without the endorsement of the Pacific Beach Special Events Committee."

Brazilian Day spokesman Paulo Batuta was taken aback by the special events committee's denial of the event, insisting his group has played by the rules and taken the community's concerns about noise and other issues to heart.

"We have documentation that shows we've addressed all issues and fixed pretty much everything," Batuta said, noting parade organizers, in a partnership with PB Middle School, have also secured use of the school's huge parking lot to handle event parking needs.

Batuta said concerns about noise from live bands on stage was addressed by "pointing speakers down and turning them toward the street" to muffle noise.

Previously, residents near the event had complained there was no one available to contact to register concerns that could be addressed on event day.

"This time we have two phone numbers available to them," Batuta said, adding private security, as well

as police, will be on hand for crowd control.

"We didn't get any phone calls last year," Batuta said. "Nobody complained about the noise."

Batuta said a survey was sent out recently that showed 25 percent of those attending Brazilian Day live in PB.

"PB is our community, our little Brazil, we are home," Batuta said. "That's why it's held in PB."

Pointing out Brazilian Day is alcohol-free and family friendly, Batuta argued that the event serves the community by "bringing business to PB, not just on this one day but all year."

"We're part of this community," said Batuta. "So there's no reason to kick us out."

PB Special Events Committee member Michael Wagner noted several reasons why Brazilian Day was not supported this year:

- It's grown in size from 5,000 to 50,000-plus, and the website notes 60,000 are expected this year, even though at the committee meeting it was stated that 30,000 people were expected.

- The noise/bands have been a sore point for many years. Although they allege they have a "complaint phone number," they have either no one to answer or no one to actually follow up on the complaints.

- Streets for several blocks on each side of Garnet Avenue are packed, and everything from churches to businesses have complained about parking.

- Several businesses have alleged

trash is left everywhere in front of their stores, people have blocked the businesses and the event has more than 100 vendors, none of which are from PB. Several bars have complained that the day of the event is the first day of football, and they expect people coming into their places, but the event takes up the sidewalk and parking.

- The committee expects some profit returned to the community. This event supports some group that has its office outside of PB and gives the proceeds to Brazilian groups outside of PB. No PB school/community group is in the parade or has a spot in the event. PB is not benefiting in any way.

Eve Anderson, of the Pacific Beach Planning Group, noted the community has been having problems with events, like Brazilian Day, outgrowing the capacity of the community to deal with noise, parking and other problems associated with them. She said it dates back to the old PB "block party," which simply got to be too big and unwieldy to cope with any longer.

"A lot of us live here, a lot of us support businesses all over PB — but we all don't take over the street," Anderson said, noting the event itself, "if it were half the size and put on by a group affiliated with PB, then it might be OK." But she noted the Brazilian group has been reluctant to move it off Garnet Avenue (the heart of town) or to a non-warm weather time of year (to reduce crowds).

"It's just time for it (Brazilian Day) to move," Anderson concluded.

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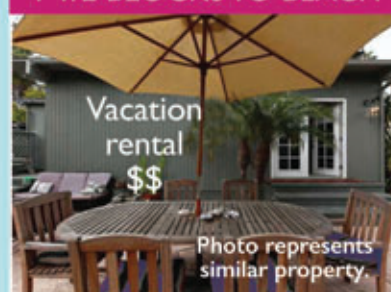
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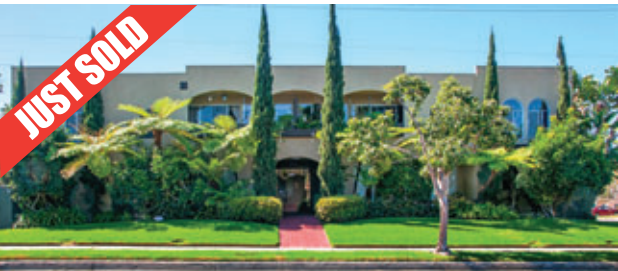
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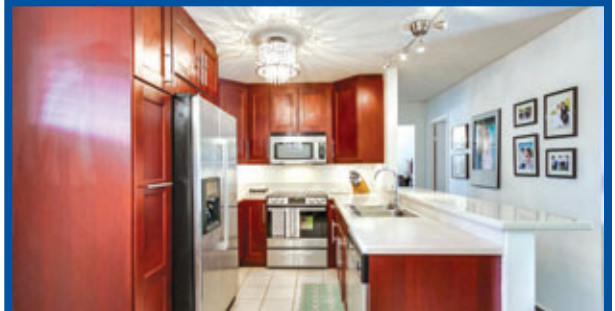


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