

FISH FIGHT IN PB

Mermaid Hannah Fraser joined Greenpeace's protest at Chicken of the Sea's headquarters in SD and spoke with residents and activists in Pacific Beach on Oct. 28.





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Thunderstorms and lightning rumbled through Pacific Beach on Tuesday evening. Photographer Matt Aden set up a tripod in the back of his Jeep and shot this photo of a lightning strike over Crystal Pier on Tuesday night. Check out Aden's work on Instagram @matt_aden. PHOTO BY MATT ADEN

How much severe weather will El Niño bring?

By DAVE SCHWAB

Though not a certainty, the "smart" money is on the building El Niño in the Pacific Ocean leading to a wetterthan-normal winter this question of how much —

itation will last, not whether about the El Niño/La Niña it will happen.

"It's like it (El Niño) is almost too big to fail," said San Diego Lifeguard Lt. John Sandmeyer following a year. It now seems more a recent briefing he and other city officials had from the and how long — the precip- National Weather Service

cycle. "The atmosphere is loaded with moisture, and it will come, though it's uncertain whether the ocean track will go over Central California, Southern Califor-

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'We're gearing up for evacuations and closures of blocked areas and (residential) complexes.'

JOHN SANDMEYER SAN DIEGO LIFEGUARD LT.

SeaWorld sees sinking revenues

City numbers reveal the extent of the theme park's sagging attendance figures

By LISA HALVERSTADT Voice of San Diego

enues at SeaWorld San according to the city's data. Diego are tanking as the Attendance dropped a simmarine park battles efforts ilar amount during that to force it to stop housing period. killer whales.

are hitting its San Diego backlash from the movie park hard, according to "Blackfish," which panned reports required as part of SeaWorld and its decision SeaWorld's lease with the to hold orcas in captivity. city for its Mission Bay property.

Lease payments, which are based on a host of the park's revenues, fell 16 per-Attendance and rev- cent from 2013 to 2014,

The plunges came as The company's struggles SeaWorld faced continued

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Time to get hoppy! It's San Diego Beer Week

Several San Diego coastal breweries and restaurants will be among more than 100 vendors countywide participating in San Diego Beer Week Friday through Sunday, Nov. 6 to 15, in the region's seventh annual celebration of all things as Guild Fest), beer week's brewed.

hosted by the San Diego Brewers Guild showcasing



its festival (often referred to official opening two-day The 10-day event cone event held at downtown's sists of more than 500 Port Pavilion on Broadway beer-centric events held at Pier and The Beer Garden, locations around the counthe week's closing event ty plus two bookend events held at the Lodge at Torrey

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Man accused of felony animal cruelty has bail doubled

dog with a rock and threw it in a \$25,000. dumpster.

for Jorge Ramos, 22, citing the remains in the central jail.

Bail was doubled on Nov. 2 to seriousness of the case. Ramos' \$50,000 for a Pacific Beach man attorney objected before San who is accused of felony animal Diego Superior Court Judge Dan cruelty after he allegedly killed his Link doubled the bail from

Link reset the preliminary hear-Deputy District Attorney Karra ing set for Nov. 4 to Dec. 10. Reedy asked for the bail increase Ramos has pleaded not guilty and

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Newsom to challenge Faulconer for mayor

By DAVE SCHWAB

The president of Ocean Beach you to build a better San Diego." Town Council wants to be San Diego's next mayor.

plans to run for mayor of San Diego Diego mayor. in 2016 against Republican incum-



County Democratic Convention.

Newsom, who is political director of San **Gretchen Newsom** Diego's branch of the Interna-

tional Brotherhood of Electrical Workers union, has declared herself to be the "neighborhood" candidate in the mayoral election.

"I heard the call, and I'm stepping up to bring a new conversation to this race," Newsom said. "I'm going to be talking about empowering our communities and investing in working families."

"I am running for mayor because San Diego deserves a leader who will stand up for working families and our communities," continued Newsom. "I am committed to the values a vision for a better San Diego that and ensure that city actions provide

all. I look forward to working with need."

Newsom said she had something of an "epiphany," which compelled Gretchen Newsom announced her to strive to become the next San

> She said: "Over the past few Kevin months I've been having conversa-Faulconer tions with friends, leaders and comrecently at the munity members about who could run for mayor and stand up for our communities ... we all watched with disappointment as our leaders declared their candidacy for other offices ... my close friends and colleagues suggested I have strong leadership qualities and might be the person we were looking for ... I decided in that moment that I could be the spark, represent our values and speak up for our communities."

> > In her campaign literature, Newsom has set forth five priorities. They

• Create a San Diego that is more responsive.

"Our community groups are laboratories for finding solutions to improve our neighborhoods, but they aren't being heard by the current mayor," she said. "To make our city government more responsive, I propose creating a meaningful role for town councils and neighborthat are important to us, and I have hood groups to inform city decisions

will build bridges of opportunity for solutions that we want and that we

 Create a San Diego that is more affordable.

"We need a city that is affordable for everyone," she said. "If you work here, you should be able to live here. If you make a career here, you should be able to retire here. That is why I support the creation of more affordable housing and raising the minimum wage."

• Create a San Diego that is more innovative.

"San Diego's economy is driven by innovation," she said. "We can lead the nation as a hub of innovation if we prioritize investments in training people. To become a worldclass city, I propose we prepare our young people to be successful in the 21st century and drive the innovation economy. By training our own to become the best and the brightest, we will also attract the talent and investments to expand our innovation economy."

• Create a San Diego that is more sustainable.

"San Diego is positioned to be a global leader in addressing climate change and sustainability," she said. "Coastal San Diego is living the reality of climate change every day, and we know we can't wait."

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The property is currently a church in Pacific Beach.

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Large land opportunity for sale in Pacific Beach

The Franco Realty Group has been retained to exclusively list for sale the 12,500 square feet of residential land on the corner of Gresham and Reed streets. The property currently is the site of Pacific Beach Christian Bible Church and Missionary Alliance. A buyer may purchase the property and continue to operate the church and daycare center or build residential units on the property.

There are four 25- by 125-foot square lots on the property.

"Based off the number of developments and the strong economy that we are currently in, I predict that a buyer will redevelop this property into multiple high-end homes," said Tony Franco, president of The Franco Realty Group.

For more information regarding this purchase, call The Franco Realty Group at (858) 717-1697.

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City Beach Boutique opens in Crown Point

By DAVE SCHWAB

Summer Abu Zahrah, who started her entrepreneurial career as a student employee in Crown Point Coffee, which she now owns, just added a family boutique across the street to her portfolio.

Six years after taking over Crown Point Coffee at 3510 Ingraham St., Abu Zahrah has united both corners via creation of City Beach Boutique at 3460 Ingraham St.

A Michigan expatriate, Abu Zahrah was working at the coffee shop while going through school and "dove in head-first" when offered an ownership opportunity by the previous proprietor.

"I was ready to branch out and open up my own business," she said, noting she made a couple of changes to the business, adding breakfast sandwiches and eggs as

Then the women's clothing boutique directly across the street became available. And Abu Zahrah, who'd been going to school for fashion, once again seized the opportu-

"I took this (boutique) over and made it a little bit more familyfriendly," she said, adding she took the boutique over in June and remodeled and reopened it in July.

City Beach Boutique has something for everyone in the whole family — even kids — as well as gifts for everyone. The boutique has a beach section with a great selection of board shorts, tanks, graphic T's, Hawaiian shirts (from Hawaii) and hoodies for men.

Women will find unique accessories, everything from beachwear to evening attire, even something for work and athletic wear.

Popular brands available include Burnside, Bali Queen, Naked Zebra, Lila Clothing, NikiBiki, Kinetix and more. There are also hard-to-find items like soaps and lotions handmade in Hawaii plus sarongs,

scarves, ladies' hats and beach

The boutique's staff offers exemplary customer service, and a team well as lunch and salads to the mix. of personal stylists is waiting to assist customers.

> "I want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable at City Beach Boutique," said Abu Zahrah, who curates the store with locals in mind. "I have unique, high-quality merchandise at reasonable price points, combined with superior customer service: That's our mission."

Abu Zahrah does lots of crosspromotion between her two busi-

"We get a lot of tourists who come in from Paradise Point and during events that happen on the (Mission) bay regularly," she said.

The product mix at the boutique includes lots of local crafters as well as handmade items imported for sale from the island of Bali.

Price points at City Beach Boutique range from \$18 to \$85.

"I want to keep it as affordable as possible," said Abu Zahrah, noting her business hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays so that "people can stop by after work."

Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. "Saturdays are busy days," said



CITY BEACH BOUTIQUE Where: 3460 Ingraham St.

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Abu Zahrah noting, "We often have trunk shows, or pop-up artists, right outside. We have lots of local artists and designers showcasing their work. It's also kind of like a minifarmers market on Saturdays."

The boutique is closed on Sundays.

"We close on Sunday for sand, sun and sanity," said Abu Zahrah.

Abu Zahrah said she's also been active lobbying with the city to get some traffic-calming in to make the busy intersection safer there, improvements she's been told are "in the budget" and in the works by the city.

To further serve the neighborhood, City Beach Boutique is now a UPS access point. Packages can be dropped off and picked up Mondays through Fridays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.citybeachboutique.com or call (858) 230-7705.

Paradise Point partners with San Diego Airport on sustainable travel program

The Good Traveler program, piloted by San Diego International Airport, seeks to offset environmental to hotel reservations.

miles of driving. All program funds will go toward conservation projects counteracting the environmental impacts of greenhouse gas emissions.

Paradise Point in Mission Bay is the first hotel to participate in The Good Traveler program, encouraging and inspiring sustainable travel by resort guests. Seeking to make conservation approachable and inclusive for all travelers, The Good Traveler provides participants with a collectible sticker

that can be proudly displayed. Paradise Point offers guests the option to Mission Bay. The resort is committed participate by purchasing carbon offimpacts of travel by encouraging sets when booking a room reservaguests to purchase carbon offsets in tion online. Purchases are available in a variety of acclaimed efforts in the form of merchandise or add-ons one-dollar increments to allow guests 2015. Notable initiatives include the For \$1, a traveler can effectively sions generated by their individual heads to low-flow systems and offset 500 miles of air travel or 200 mode of transportation and distance replacement of more than 50,000

Current projects benefiting from The Good Traveler proceeds include a forest restoration project in California, a wind farm project in Idaho and a water restoration project in the Colorado Delta. Following evaluation of the pilot program's success at the end of this year, San Diego International Airport will consider plans to expand the program to additional cities and airports.

Paradise Point is an eco-friendly, green hotel nestled on a lush 44-

acre private island in San Diego's to conservation and environmental preservation, having implemented to offset the amount of carbon emis- conversion of 10,000 sprinkler square feet of grass turf with drought-tolerant plants.

Several of the resort's established recycling practices have also earned the property multiple "Recycler of the Year" awards from the City of San Diego for outstanding efforts in recycling and sustainable practices. Those initiatives include the use of refillable soap dispensers for guest amenities, LED lighting, water irrigation systems and "Green Seal Certified" cleaning products.

Bay City brewery 'hops' into the beer scene

By FRANK SABATINI Jr.

What used to be a boat repair shop for 30 years in an inconspicuous warehouse on Hancock Street is now a place where steel tanks and homegrown bacteria rule the day.

Since its grand opening less than two months ago, Bay City Brewing Co. has grabbed the attention of beer aficionados with its concise rollout of eight different brews. It is the second brewery and tasting room to emerge along this industrial loop, which also marks the birthplace of Modern Times Beer on nearby Greenwood Street.

Chris West is Bay City's head brewer. He hails from Monkey Paw Brewing in the East Village, where he worked as assistant brewer for a year and a half.

"It was an awesome learning experience, and we were able to be creative," he says.

With the support of three other business partners, West decided it was time to launch his own operation. In doing so, he left behind a bartending job as well at Sessions Public in Point Loma.

When a Realtor informed one of his partners the 4,200-square-foot facility was available, including an additional 1,200 square feet of patio space that came with it, the team jumped at the opportunity.

"We wanted a central location close to the beach because that's honey finish, a sour brown and the

BAY CITY BREWING CO.

Where: 3760 Hancock St., Suite A Hours: Noon to 10 p.m., daily Info: www.baycitybrewingco.com,

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where we all live. It was an aligning

of the stars," he says. Befriending chemical engineer Aaron Williams along the way was also advantageous. West met Williams while hanging out at Coronado Brewing Co., when Williams was establishing that company's quality control lab.

As a co-owner of Bay City, the UCSD grad oversees the growing of bacteria that West uses in the beers, sparing him the time and cost of purchasing it from yeast companies.

"For our Sour Wheat, we used a strong, selective bacteria, which gives the beer its unique lemon and pineapple flavors," says West. "We're very pleased with the out-

Leading the pack in sales, however, is Bay City's Session IPA, crafted with Chinook and Equinox hops and lauded for its citrus, grassy notes. West plans on creating a cucumber-basil version of it for an upcoming second production.

The menu also includes a sturdy American Stout, an orange-hued Vienna lager boasting a bread-and-

semi-fruity experimental pale ale, made with Nelson hops from New Zealand.

"The Pale Ale was the first beer to be made on our system," says West, adding that he's yet to come up with imaginative names for his

In its short life, the brewery has already distributed kegs to a few local establishments, such as Sessions Public, the 3rd Corner in Ocean Beach and San Diego Beerworks in Solana Beach.

"The biggest challenge is that we're in a city with more than 100 breweries. So getting our product on tap handles at more places will take time because we're the new kids on the block," he adds.

With a capacity to produce 2,500 barrels annually, West hopes to start packaging the beers next year for store retailers. To date, he has produced 220 barrels while sourcing the majority of his hops from Washington State.

The tasting room, open seven days a week, greets patrons with looming tanks and a spacious Lshaped bar mantled in bleached Douglas fir. West assures that more interior design work is on the draw-

Beers are sold in pints, flights and growlers, and food is available on the patio on Fridays and Saturdays from trucks and catering compa-



Bay City Brewing owners Aaron Williams (left) and Chris West tend to the tanks at Bay City Brewing Co. PHOTO BY FRANK SABATINI Jr.

How to save thousands when selling your home

When you decide to sell your home, setting your asking price is one of the most important decisions you will ever make. Depending on how a buyer is made aware of your home, price is often the first thing he or she sees, and many homes are discarded by prospective buyers as not being in the appropriate price range.

Your asking price is often your home's "first impression," and if you want to realize the most money you can for your home, it's imperative that you make a good first impression.

This is not as easy as it sounds, and pricing strategy should not be taken lightly. Pricing too high can be as costly to a homeseller as pricing too low. A recent study, which compiles 10 years of industry research, has resulted in a new special report entitled "Homesellers: How to Get the Price You Want (and Need)." This report will help you understand pricing strategy from three different angles. When taken together, this information will help you price your home to not only sell, but sell at the price you want.

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Pines in La Jolla.

Visit sdbw.org/guild-festival for all ticket options and pricing. Additional information about all SDBW events can be found at sdbw.org/schedule. For more information about San Diego Beer Week, visit sdbw.org or the Facebook page or follow @sdbeerweek for Twitter updates. For information about the San Diego Brewers Guild organization and upcoming events, visit sandiegobrewersguild.com.

Here is a peek at who's doing what from Point Loma to La Jolla:

- · Sixth annual Mission Bay Brewcation: Friday, Nov. 6, 6 to 10 p.m., Mission Bay Ballroom, 1710 W. Mission Bay Drive. An evening of culinary delight in honor of the event.
- Adrenalina Marathon Official After-Party: Saturday, Nov. 7, 5 p.m. to midnight, Amplified Ale Works, 4150 Mission Blvd., No. 208. The pause that refreshes following the 26.2-mile skateboard race on Fiesta Island.
- The Lost Abbey Beer Lunch: 2 to 4:30 p.m., OB Warehouse, 4839 Newport Ave. in Ocean Beach. Fivecourse beer lunch for \$65 per person.
- Green Flash/Alpine/Ballast Point at SD Taproom: Monday, Nov. 9, 3 to

- 11:30 p.m., 1269 Garnet Ave. A slew of creations from these brewers will be available ranging from sours to barrel-aged imperial stouts to awardwinning IPAs. Brewers/reps will be around from 5 to 9 p.m.
- Red, White & Brews: Wednesday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day, from 7 to 10 p.m., 3105 Ocean Front Walk. Admission is free with a "tap takeover" from Lagunitas and live music from Ryan Hiller.
- Stone/Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey at San Diego Taproom: noon Nov. 14, SD Taproom, 1269 Garnet Ave. These two San Diego juggernaut breweries will be digging deep into their beer cellars to create a draft list not to be missed. Breweries/reps will be present from 3 to 7 p.m.
- val: 1 p.m. start, Nov. 14, Stone Brew-Sunday, Nov. 15 from noon to 3 p.m. Station, 2816 Historic Decatur Road. the best of 24 San Diego breweries and beer pairings. There will be live music, themes and fun games.
- Fall Brewmaster's Dinner at Rock Bottom La Jolla: Saturday, Nov. 14, 6 to 9 p.m., a four-course beer-paired dinner. Cost is \$40.
- Pints & Paddles for a Cause: Sunday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. start, North Cove/Paradise Point Resort & Spa, 1404 Vacation Road. Splash around and sip good beer for a great cause

benefiting a nonprofit that leads wounded veterans to recovery through kayak and paddling programs. The day kicks off with a twomile race and recreation paddles around Mission Bay's Vacation Isle, launching from North Cove. At the finish, paddlers receive a special pint glass to use at Barefoot Bar & Grill's "Pints For A Cause" after-party.

- Classes hosted by Hoppy Yoga will be held Sunday, Nov. 15 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Culture Brewing Co. Ocean Beach, 4845 Newport Ave. This is an all-levels yoga class followed by a craft beer social. Cost is \$20, which includes flight, pint or pour of your choice.
- · Beer fans will gather at the Arroyo Terrace of Torrey Pines • San Diego Cheese and Beer Festi- Lodge, 11480 N. Torrey Pines Road, ing World Bistro & Gardens, Liberty at a beer garden bringing together Attendees can select up to 12 cheese and 12 local chefs to celebrate the craft beer movement with a food-pair-

According to a recent study by the Brewers Association, the economic impact of the craft brewing enterprise continues to grow substantially - in 2014, the craft brewing industry contributed \$55.7 billion to the U.S. economy and more than 424,000 jobs.

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Joseph Buettner and Raina Dorsey "Kiwanis Student of the Month"

Joseph Buettner, from Kate Sessions Elem. and Raina Dorsey, from Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy are the Kiwanis Students of the Month. These students represent outstanding leadership in their classroom. Joseph is an enthusiastic learner and cooperative with all students. Raina is an outstanding citizen and volunteer. She devotes some of her time on San Diego's refugee communities. They both were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach and Brian McMullen of Allstate P.B. with breakfast at the Broken Yolk. Pictured left to right is Albert Leeruangsri (Raina's teacher), Raina Dorsey, Joseph Buettner, Lori Barker (Joseph's teacher) and Brian McMullen.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pacific Beach Kiwanis Club turns 70 next year

will celebrate 70 years of service join us for breakfast or call the to the local community. The club was established to support the (858) 353-1829. youth and community of Pacific Beach and is active in the community's elementary, middle and high schools and activities such as Con-Children Hospital fundraisers.

The club has announced a major long celebration in 2016.

Those who wish to learn more restaurant is open.

In 2016, the PB Kiwanis Club about PB Kiwanis are invited to membership chairman, John, at

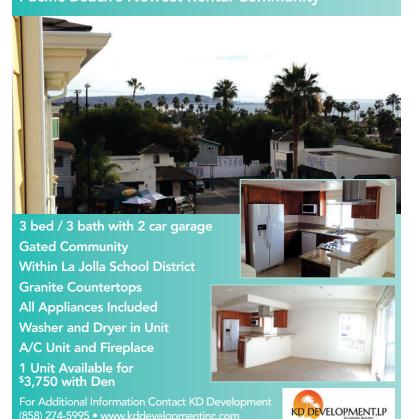
As part of the celebration, during the entire month of November, there is a three-course Mostaccioli dinner, including a certs on the Green and Rady's nonalcoholic beverage, being offered for \$12 at Pernicano's The club meets each Thursday restaurant, 711 Turquoise St., at 7:30 a.m. at the Broken Yolk. with proceeds going to club charities. See a Kiwanis member for a membership drive for the balance ticket or mention the Kiwanis of 2015 to prepare for the year- when visiting Pernicano's. The offer is available every day the

Mission Beach Real Estate Association **Gives back to Pacific Beach Elementary Schools**



This year Mission Beach Real Estate Association raised \$2,090 per school, for each of the 4 elementary schools in PB, Pacific Beach Elementary School, Crown Point Elementary School, Barnard Elementary School and Kate Sessions Elementary School at their annual Links for Learning Golf Tournament which puts their total to over \$150,000 raised over the last 15 years.

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK >>

Mission Bay High

■ MBHS IB school tour, 8 to 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. Meet with Principal Remillard and ask your questions about the International Baccalaureate Program at MBHS.

Pacific Beach Middle

■ Where are you sending your children to middle school? Attend the PBMS tour to learn about the award-winning International Baccalaureate Program, language courses, music program and PE department. Sign in at the front office, meet in the library with Principal Kimberly Meng and then enjoy a tour of the school, including classroom visits. Thursday, Nov. 5, 8 to 9:20 a.m.

Kate Sessions

■ Join Kate Sessions Elementary at a pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pre-order your tickets now for \$5 per person. For more, see sandi.net/sessions. Proceeds from Donations and pledges can be made the breakfast benefit fifth-grade online at FOPBE.org. activities, and everyone is invited to attend.

PB Elementary

- Thursday, Nov. 5, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by SPAWAR, this is a free event for the family. There will be experiments for kids to learn different scientific concepts while having fun at the same time.
- Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary (FOPBE) meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the business at stadium events for an
 - Turkey Trot Jog-a-Thon. Mon- outside the community utilize the



\$10,000 donation

The MBHS Alumni Association announced that \$10,000 was donated to MBHS from proceeds of Phase 1 of the Engraved Brick Fundraiser. The PB community is invited to become a part of MBHS history! Phase 2 of the popular engraved brick fundraiser is open for new orders. Order online at brickorder.com or follow the link on missionbayhighalumni.com. (Above) Alumni Steve Dorris, Cori Smith Meara, Pam Palmer Deitz, Ellen Brotman Sawyer and MBHS athletic director Jorge Palacios pose with the PHOTO CONTRIBUTED novelty check before the football game.

day, Nov. 16, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. PBE students will run around the PBE field to raise money to support the enrichment programs at PBE.

CPJMA

- On Saturday, Nov. 7, at 11 a.m., the Crown Point Junior Music ■ PBE Family Science Night is Academy Music Club will perform at the Pacific Beach Library.
 - The CPJMA jogathon will take place on Friday, Nov. 13.

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■ The next FOPBSS Family Dine Out is on Wednesday, Nov. 11, all day, at Taco Surf. Join friends and neighbors at Taco Surf, 4657 Mission Blvd., for delicious Mexican food while raising money for PBMS and MBHS.

Mission Bay Cluster

■ Mission Bay Cluster meeting, Thursday, Nov. 5, 6 to 8 p.m., at Kate Sessions Elementary School.

La Jolla's SD French-American School

■ La Jolla's San Diego French-American School will hold an open house on Wednesday, Nov. 11, between 8:30 and 10 a.m. for families with children entering preschool (ages 2 to 4), kindergarten and first grade.

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World Beach Games coming to MB in 2017

Olympic Committees' general assembly recently unanimously approved the ANOC executive council's recommendation to select San Diego as the host city of the inaugural 2017 World Beach Games.

The Olympic-style, multi-sport event, which is expected to have a budget of \$150 million, will be held at Mission Beach and could feature more than 20 sports, including beach tennis, soccer, volleyball, surfing, Jet Skiing, triathlon, track and field and basketball, according to Yahoo Sports. Athletes from all 206 member countries are invited to participate.

"We are truly excited at the opportunity to welcome the world to San Diego," said Vincent Mudd, chairman of the San Diego Exploratory Foundation, the entity that oversaw the bid process. "Our city and region is the epicenter of beach and active lifestyle, and ANOC World Beach Games will be a seamless fit within our community."

The USOC played a key role by selecting the city of San Diego to represent the United States during this bid process.

"We're thrilled that San Diego

ANOC World Beach Games," said Diego has the natural capacity for hosting this exciting new event, and has a fantastic beach and sport culture."

The ANOC World Beach Games is envisioned to create a global multi-sport platform that organically connects with youth in sports that they are passionate about.

"We were very impressed by the plan that San Diego put forward," said ANOC president Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah. "As part of the process that selected San Diego, a report from Dow Jones Sport Intelligence was commissioned. This enabled us to independently research and verify important event-related criteria for the ANOC World Beach Games.

"We have worked closely with industry experts to devise an innovative concept which will blend sport, culture and entertainment, and we believe that San Diego is the perfect city to deliver our vision. The ANOC World Beach Games is completely aligned with Olympic Agenda 2020 and will be something new and exciting that people have not

The Association of National was selected to host the first-ever seen before. It will help NOCs to reconnect with a whole generation USOC CEO Scott Blackmun. "San of young people and deliver a positive and lasting legacy for the Olympic movement."

> ANOC has received interest from many cities around the world to host the first ANOC World Beach Games. The ANOC executive council studied the Dow Jones Sport Intelligence comprehensive report before selecting San Diego during its meeting in Washington, D.C on Oct. 28.

> The general assembly unanimously approved San Diego as the host city of the ANOC World Beach Games. Following the approval, the San Diego exploratory committee was invited to present its concept to the 204 NOCs in attendance.

> The ANOC president wanted to create an event which will add real value and allow NOCs to engage with millions of young people around the world. To fulfill this vision, the ANOC World Beach Games will move beyond a traditional multi-sport event and incorporate many different cultural and entertainment events into its program.

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Adrenalina Skateboard Marathon to circle Fiesta Island on Saturday

Fiesta Island in Mission Bay will be the scene of a 26.2-mile race on wheels, the Adrenalina Skateboard Marathon, Saturday, Nov. 7 starting at 6:30 a.m.

The race consists of six laps around Fiesta Island, with the top winners sharing product giveaways from the greatest and latest in the skate industry. No electrical or gaspowered skateboards are allowed.

There is also a Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Division for those who'd like to bring their sticks and push around the island. Contestants should register under SUP.

There's a 3 1/2-hour time limit to complete the 26.2 mile race. Fiesta Island will be closed to all traffic (including bicycles) from 6 to 10

Helmets are mandatory, but pads are optional. There is a doctor on scene from San Diego Sports Medicine as well as an ambulance to take care of any emergencies or small road-rash injuries.

Contestants must checkin Friday, Nov. 6 at the Adrenalina Longboard Skateboard Specialty Skate Shop in Bird Rock at 5726 La Jolla Blvd. to pick up their bib number and swag bag before 6 p.m.

An after-party following the marathon will take place at 7 p.m. at Amplified Ale Works at the corner of Pacific Beach Drive and Mission Boulevard.

Marathon fees are \$45 for adults, and \$25 for kids under 11. For more information, visit theadrenalinaskateboardmarathon.com.

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Bucs suffer nightmare before Halloween

By THOMAS MELVILLE

The ghouls and goblins showed up an evening early at Mission Bay High as the previously unbeaten Buccaneers had a frightful time against Point Loma (6-3, 2-1), losing 41-0 in a nightmare on Grand Avenue.

Two first-quarter penalties, two turnovers and missed tackles by the Bucs created a horrific sequence of events that ended with the Pointers in charge 20-0 with four minutes left in the first quarter.

"We had the penalties and a fumbled snap and then everything kind of spiraled down from there," Mission Bay coach Willie Matson said. "Point Loma outplayed us. They played great."

To start the game, Mission Bay returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown, but that long run was nullified by a penalty. The Bucs then went three-and-out.

On the Pointers' first possession, running back Jaylen Griffin sliced and diced the Bucs defense for a 61yard touchdown run. But the Bucs came back with a 35-yard pass from Jaiden Correa to Michael Sanders to get to the Point Loma 8-yard-line.



The Buccaneers sideline was pumped up as the game started against the Pointers. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

and cut up the sideline for a 71-yard touchdown run.

On the Bucs' next possession, the snap was fumbled and Point Loma scooped the loose ball and scored 40 yards later to make it 20-0. In the second quarter, Griffin added a 42-A penalty forced the Bucs back to yard touchdown run on another pass was intercepted at the goal line. possession of the second half, Griffin 6 for a conference game.

Two plays later, Griffin swept right burst up the middle untouched for 26-yard touchdown run, and the game was essentially over.

> "We really got smacked pretty good. We just didn't have it tonight," Matson said. "From here on out, it's how we deal with this and how we bounce back."

Madison (7-2, 3-0) visits Mission the 22, and on third down Correa's sweep right. On the Pointers' first Bay (8-1, 2-1) at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov.



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Patricia Anne Wegemer

Patricia Anne Wegemer, 81, longtime resident of Pacific Beach, passed away peacefully on 10/15/15. She was born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, 1934 in Canton Missouri to Charles and Louise Jordan. Pat was raised in a small town in West Virginia with her four brothers, and her two sisters. After she graduated high school, she went to Pittsburgh to work and live with her sister. It was there she met the love of her life, Donald Wegemer. They were married in Donald's home town of Saint Marys Pennsylvania on August 16th, 1954. They lived in Pittsburgh at first while Donald worked at the University of Pittsburgh with Dr. Salk. After the birth of their daughter Donna, and son Michael, the family moved to La Jolla, California when the Salk Institute was founded in 1963 Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Pacific Beach for the next 50 plus years. After the children were grown, Pat continued her education receiving an AA at San Diego City College in data processing and became a book-

keeper and independent tax preparer for over 20 years. She enjoyed sewing, listening to the radio, reading and learning new things. She was always very health conscious, loving nature, especially butterflies and hummingbirds. Pat enjoyed watching the Padres and the Chargers on TV with Don but usually had to leave the room when the game became too stressful.

Pat is survived by her husband of 61 years, Donald Wegemer; daughter Donna Wolff (Rob); granddaughter Tricia Beyer (Keith); great-grand daughter Hazel; grandson Sam Wolff; son Michael Wegemer(Debbie); grandsons Mark and Jordan Wegemer; brothers William, Charles, and Robert; sisters Nancy and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Philip.

Funeral services will be held at Saint Brigid Church Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 11:00 AM

The internment will follow at the Miramar National Cemetery, November 10, 2015 at 2:00PM.

Queens of Boogie Woogie to play at Dizzy's

By BART MENDOZA

piano playing, you won't want to miss an evening with the Queens of Boogie Woogie, taking place Friday, Nov. 6 at Dizzy's. On hand will be Deanna Bogart, Wendy deWitt and Sue Palmer, who is promoting her latest album, "Bricktop."

Boogie woogie music is infectious as one of the cornerstones of early rock 'n' roll. It's all a heck of a lot of fun. In the hands of these three virtuoso players, concertgoers can classic rock trio Private Domain. expect one boogie woogie showstopper after another.

Queens of Boogie Woogie: Friday, Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$20. dizzysjazz.com.

Sure, it's a gimmick, but as far as gimmicks go, The Red Elvises Ruscrowd pleaser. The band will appear Friday, Nov. 13 at Tio Leo's – and though it was formed in Los Angeles, its members are indeed Russian, Siberia" and a bass shaped like a balalaika.

The Red Elvises mix folk elements with rock and humor for a show that never fails to get a crowd jumping. Their latest album, "Bacon," is

If you are a fan of exceptional them. Their performances are as much a show as they are a concert.

> The Red Elvises: Friday, Nov. 13, Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. tioleos.com.

The Kona Kai Resort is known for its solo acoustic performers, with such stars as Hank Easton and from the first note, sure to get the Marcela Mendez appearing regularhands clapping and the feet tapping ly at their Vessels Lounge. On Friday, Nov. 13, the scenic venue, located right on the water, will expand a little bit with an appearance from

Although the band has released terrific original music over the years, for these gigs it's all about the **Nov. 6, at Dizzy's, 4275 Mission** hits, with a set made up entirely of crowd pleasers such as "Brown Eyed "Roadhouse Blues" and "American Girl."

Private Domain: Friday, Nov. 13 at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelsian rock combo has proven to be a ter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 7 p.m. No cover. resortkonakai.com.

One of San Diego's best jam/funk bands, The Brothers Gow, performs with songs such as "Surfin' in at the 710 Beach Club on Saturday, Nov. 14. The band has begun to draw major attention through their touring and ability to morph from a spacey blues jam to any number of cover tunes, from Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" to Peter Gabriel's

a worthy listen, but you need to see "Sledgehammer." As good as those the Red Elvises as much as hear tunes are, it's the band's playing that is the biggest draw. True, there is virtuoso musicianship, but this is also a band that is locked in together beautifully, with a seamless rhythm section that adds an extra danceable component to the band's jams.

> The Brothers Gow: Saturday, Nov. 14 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. 710bc.com.

> Jazz pianist and composer David Benoit performs at Humphrey's Backstage Live on Nov. 14 for two shows. Part of the venue's new "Signature Concert Series," which next features percussionist Poncho Sanchez on Dec. 6, Benoit has released more than three dozen albums since he first came to national attention in 1977, even working with guitarist Peter Sprague for three years beginning in the late 1980s.

> This is a rare one-off performance, not part of a tour, which will promote his latest album, "2 in Love." If you are a jazz aficionado, you won't want to miss an opportunity to hear this jazz icon in such an intimate setting.

David Benoit: Saturday, Nov. 14, at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. \$33. humphreysbackstagelive.com.

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Sandbar looks to defend title at Taco TKO contest

On Tuesday, Nov. 17, the San Diego Bay Wine + Food Festival gives foodies something to "taco 'bout" with the fourth annual Taco TKO, featuring fish taco and beer presented by DiningOut Magazine at Quartyard San Diego.

All San Diegans have a go-to taco joint, and this rough-and-tumble showdown pits San Diego's top fish taco makers in a head-to-head battle to be crowned San Diego's finest.

The heat really rises as competitors look to unseat two-time Taco TKO champions Sandbar Sports Grill. Will Sandbar bring home their third consecutive win, or will a new champion be crowned? The power is in the hands of the people, as guests vote for their favorite tacos during the walk-around tasting.

"No visit to San Diego or a Taco Tuesday celebration is complete without beer and fish tacos, and Taco TKO provides an authentic taste of San Diego at an affordable price that all foodies can appreciate," said Michelle Metter, co-producer of the San Diego Bay Wine + Food Festival.

The citywide fish taco competition welcomes returning champ Sandbar Sports Grill as well as The Blind Burro, PB Fish Shop, Don Chido, The Promiscuous Fork, City Taco, Ironside Fish & Oyster and more to participate in this year's competition.



Christine Briggs and Kat Garyet serve Sandbar's fish tacos at Pacific BeachFest's fish taco contest this summer, which the restaurant won. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

yard San Diego, San Diego's first "pop-up" urban park, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets to Taco TKO, featuring fish tacos and beer, are on sale for \$45 a person. For a complete schedule of events or to purchase tickets

The festival moves to a new loca- for the San Diego Bay Wine + Food tion this year and is held at Quart- Festival, visit sandiegowineclas-

> Guests will be able to sip on unique craft beers on draft while weighing in on the chef's taco creations specially paired together with beers from various breweries.

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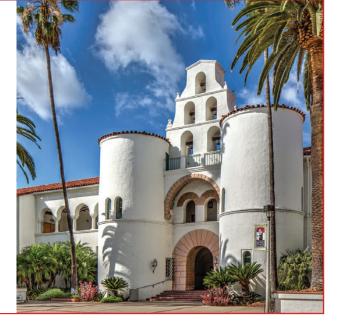
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Mermaid Hannah Fraser visited Pacific Beach while protesting Chicken of the Sea's destructive fishing practices. (Below) Greenpeace campaign-PHOTOS BY SANDY HUFFAKER er Kate Melges and Fraser protest at the company's U.S. headquarters in Sorrento Valley.

Greenpeace brought a mermaid to a fish fight

Hannah Fraser, mermaid performance artist and ocean activist, joined Greenpeace at Chicken of the Sea's San Diego headquarters in Sorrento Valley and spoke with residents and activists in Pacific Beach on Oct. 28 to demand that the company stop greenwashing its record on ocean sustainability.

"Chicken of the Sea has worked hard to greenwash its image with a majestic mermaid mascot that appeals to children and families across the country," said Fraser, who is based in Los Angeles.

"I came to San Diego to inform people who buy tuna about this company's record of ocean destruction. The the globe. The coordinated families I have talked with are outraged to learn that Chicken of the Sea uses fishing methods that needlessly kill sharks, turtles, seabirds and other marine life."

Outside Chicken of the Sea headquarters, Fraser wore her mermaid tail and used a megaphone to demand a response from the company's CEO. The industry, in an activist cam-Chicken of the Sea to "stop rippin' up the sea" and helped deliver 80,000 petition signatures and photos from concerned customers demanding better tuna. Prior to visiting the company, Fraser visited Pacific Beach to speak directly with consumers and pose for photos near Crystal Pier.

The protest in San Diego coincides with others around



efforts are mounting pressure against Thai Union Group, which owns Chicken of the Sea, and its brands, to make meaningful changes that protect the oceans and industry workers.

"For the past few years, Greenpeace has targeted us, along with others in the tuna practices," said Chicken of the Sea in a statement on its website. "The long-term sustainability of the world's fisheries is clearly in everyone's best interest, especially our own, and we share your commitment to sustainability."

Following the launch of Greenpeace's global campaign on Thai Union earlier this month, the company has announced some steps that would address a small fraction of the issues in its supply chains.

"Chicken of the Sea continues to ignore its customers who want to know they're buying sustainable and ethical products for their families," said Greenpeace oceans campaigner Kate Melges. "Empty promises on sustainability and a parody logo that were set to activist held a sign urging paign related to tuna fishing minimal efforts to address go up in locations throughout labor issues will no longer cut it. Chicken of the Sea needs to step up as a leader or make room for tuna companies that protect workers and the ocean."

> According to Chicken of the Sea, "Long before the Greenpeace and other activist groups' campaigns, in March 2009, three of America's most popular tuna companies companies.

founded the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) – a partnership between the tuna processing industry, the world's leading fishery scientists and the World Wildlife Fund.

"ISSF's mission is to undertake science-based initiatives to support the long-term sustainability of tuna stocks, reduction of bycatch and promotion of ecosystem health," continued Chicken of the Sea in its statement. "ISSF does this by requiring its members to follow the conservation recommendations of tuna Regional Fisheries Management Organizations' scientific committees."

According to Greenpeace, despite its sustainability claims, the tuna company uses fishing methods that unnecessarily kill marine life, and Thai Union Group has been implicated in significant human rights abuses and forced labor at sea.

Greenpeace recently crowdsourced three billboards with San Diego on Nov. 2, including one directly across from the Chicken of the Sea headquarters. On Oct. 15, labor unions representing nearly 5 million urged Thai Union and Chicken of the Sea to reform their social and environmental practices.

Greenpeace plans to continue to put pressure on the tuna

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Claims in the movie – which the company denies – inspired a recent state Coastal Commission decision to force the company to slowly phase out its killer whale program as a condition for obtaining permits for larger orca enclosures.

In 2013, SeaWorld paid the city about \$14 million, money that was funneled toward day-to-day operating needs and improvements at city parks.

Lease records show the company forked over only \$11.7 million last year and that its rent payments in the first eight months of this year were down another 9 percent from the same period in 2014. Attendance slid downward last year, too.

A city spokesman said SeaWorld San Diego reported about 3.8 million visitors in 2014, about a 17 percent drop from the previous two years.

That decrease is steeper than the one estimated in an annual report released earlier this year by the nonprofit Themed Entertainment Association and AECOM, an economic consulting firm. The report found SeaWorld San Diego saw a 12 percent drop in attendance from 2013 to 2014, while its sister park in Orlando saw an 8 percent drop. By comparison, the groups found the nation's other top 20 amusement parks saw an average 2 percent spike in visitors.

The company's taken an even harder hit in the stock market. SeaWorld, which owns three namesake parks and another nine regional and water parks, has seen its stock prices halved since "Blackfish" was released in July

SeaWorld CEO Joel Manby, who took the helm in April, has been upfront about the challenges the company's

"We realize we have much work ahead of us to recover more of our attendance base, increase revenue and improve our performance, as returning to historical performance levels will take time and investment," Manby said in August, when the company released its secondquarter results. Manby is set to detail SeaWorld's thirdquarter performance and his long-term plan for the company early next month.

In another financial call in May, Manby declined to offer specifics on that plan but hinted SeaWorld may try to focus on the range of experiences its parks offer rather than single draws like the killer whale shows.

"If you look at Busch Tampa, which is really one of our highest market-share parks and does incredibly well, it has a very strong mix of great animal experiences as well as great ride experiences, and that combination is incredibly unique in our industry," Manby said. "So it really is a good model that we're looking at for all of our parks."

But city and coastal mandates could hinder the company if it tries to pivot dramatically from its current

The city lease and master plan for the park require that at least 75 percent of SeaWorld's attractions include significant animal education or conservation-related elements, which could complicate a shift toward more rides or fewer animals. The master plan also dictates that no more than 25 percent of the theme park can eventually exceed the 30-foot height limit and that the majority of the exempted structures need to be under 60 feet.

It's not clear if Manby or SeaWorld are interested in drastically changing the SeaWorld parks anytime soon.

Last year, the company repeatedly told me it was proud of its care of its marine mammals and had no interest in phasing back on educational or animal attractions.

SeaWorld's since announced plans to commit \$10 million to research killer whales in the wild and \$100 million to double the size of its killer whale habitat. Now that project may be in limbo given the Coastal Commission's condition that SeaWorld stop breeding orcas if it chooses to build the project. The company plans to fight that ruling in court.

Lisa Halverstadt is a reporter at Voice of San Diego. Know of something she should check out? You can contact her directly at lisa@vosd.org or (619) 325-0528.

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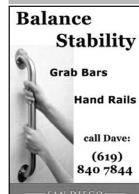
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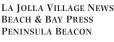
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El Niño

nia or Mexico," said Sandmeyer. He described the building El Niño, explained by weather forecasters, as a "significant bank of water 2.23 degrees (much) warmer than usual and hundreds of feet deep out in the South Pacific."

"El Niño," "The Christ Child" in Spanish, referring to its impact during Christmas in South America, is the "warm" phase of the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO). It is associated with a band of warm ocean water that develops in the central and east-central equatorial Pacific. El Niño is accompanied by high air pressure in the western Pacific and low air pressure in the eastern Pacific. The "cool" phase of ENSO is called La Niña, translating as "The Girl."

The ENSO cycle, both El Niño and La Niña, causes global changes of

both temperatures and rainfall. Because El Niño's warm pool feeds thunderstorms above, it creates increased rainfall across the eastcentral and eastern Pacific Ocean. This anomaly happens at irregular intervals of two to seven years lasting nine months to two years, with the average period lasting five years. On the West Coast of the United States, El Niños typically cause significantly wetter winters.

David Pierce, climate researcher at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, verified that an El Niño is in fact highly likely this winter. And, Pierce noted, this current El Niño could be enhanced by a concurrent ocean anomaly known as "The Blob."

"The Blob is a patch of unusually warm water off the Gulf Coast of Alaska," Pierce said, adding, "The Blob has moved down and has been hanging out over the West Coast, including California, for more than

"It's hard to tell how much effect

El Niño and The Blob will have," said Pierce, pointing out that "every indication is both will continue through this winter."

Pierce offered a gambling analogy to describe the likely impact of an El Niño/The Blob on California's winter climate.

"It's like having dice that are loaded," he said. "You don't know what (precipitation) number is going to come up until you roll the dice. But the odds are we're more likely to have a wet winter, though it's not actually guaranteed."

Pierce said other factors, like tides, can have a huge impact when coupled with El Niños in the amount of disruption such an event can cause.

"In the 1982-83 El Niño," he said, "a lot of the storms happened during high tides, which caused a lot of coastal damage. There was less coastal damage during the 1997-98 associated with high tides."

as "a very natural phenomenon known from paleoclimatological records to have been going on for thousands of years." He added El Niños/La Niñas have been happening intermittently for the past century with varying results.

"In 1997-98, California got 180 percent of normal precipitation," Pierce said, pointing out that that's extreme and noting El Niños typically average about 30 percent higher precipitation than usual. "You can't really make a prediction for how much it will depart from normal," he said.

Noting that El Niños "cause more moisture to go up into the atmosphere in the form of clouds and precipitation," Sandmeyer pointed out this temperature-moisture oscillation serves as an "engine" driving weather.

"It's the unequal warmth of the El Niño because storms weren't Earth's surface that causes weather," the lifeguard said, adding that Pierce described El Niños/La Niña El Niños create a "bigger engine"

that translates into greater-thannormal rainfall.

Above-average rainfall is going to be more impactive throughout San Diego County, including along the coast. Nearly 54,600 San Diego County residents, about 1.75 percent of the total, live in 100-year flood zones, mostly known flood plains that could be subject to flooding during El Niño-fueled rainstorms over the next several months, according to a report released by the National University System Institute for Policy Research.

Sandmeyer, team leader for the San Diego River Rescue Team, which is charged with safeguarding people along waterways during heavy rains and flooding, said El Niño's impact along the coast could be pronounced.

"It would create pollution and add to the erosion of the beach in some areas," he said.

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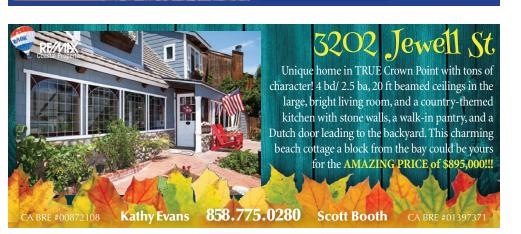
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