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Experience the 'color' and vibrancy of Mexico City at the premier launch of PopUpParty May 24 at Pueblo in Pacific Beach and make sure to try Oh Dios Mio Mango (right).

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Eat your way through Pacific Beach from Mission Boulevard to **Dawes Street sampling** dishes from eateries at the Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk set for May 23.

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BITE INTO THE BEST BURGERS AT THE BEACH



Savanah Duffy pauses briefly before devouring her hamburger at Rocky's Crown Pub in Pacific Beach. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

MAY IS NATIONAL BURGER MONTH

BINGING ON BEEF, BACON AND BUNS

B urgers are on the menu at every beach bar, and the coastal region offers plenty of popular burger joints. And since May is National Hamburger Month and May 28 is National Hamburger Day, the Beach & Bay Press decided to sample and highlight beloved burgers in Pacific and Mission beaches, La Jolla, Point Loma, and Ocean Beach.

By SAVANAH DUFFY AND JONATHAN LO

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Dog days ahead for Fiesta Island

City seeks public comment on plans

By DAVE SCHWAB

The city is kickstarting its long-delayed public process for planning the future of Fiesta Island, which makes Fiesta Island dog owners happy. But only if the city ultimately adopts "Option B," which, quite literally, is a line to be drawn in the sand – or not.

options in its recent public intact and increase the notice on resuming the Fiesta Island planning

DOG PARK PROPOSAL

What: Fiesta Island longrange planning meeting.

Where: 6 p.m. on Tuesday,

Where: Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave.

process. "Option A" would divide the area with a road and reduce access for offleash users. "Option The City defined two B" would keep the area

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Burke gets 16 years for voluntary manslaughter

By NEAL PUTMAN

and killed his female roommate's boyfriend at the door of his Ocean Beach condominium was three-hour sentencing. sentenced Thursday to 16 years in state prison.

IV, 33, was sentenced for killing Jess Matthew Rob-

les, 34, of Pacific Beach, on June 22, 2016, outside his A pharmacist who shot door at 4177 Voltaire St.

Every seat was filled with friends and family of both men during the San Diego Superior Court Judge Melinda Lasater set Thomas Francis Burke a restitution hearing for

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Bike to work, dine or play in PB and MB

By DAVE SCHWAB

May is National Bike Month sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists, and communities across San Diego, including Mission Beach and Pacific Beach, are seizing the opportunity to promote the pastime.

The special month includes Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 18, when thousands of San Diego commuters will be cycling to and from their places of employment.

The month-long event is being observed by bike-centric businesses, community leaders and healthy lifestyle activists alike.

Pacific and Mission beaches are known for their bike-friendly streets, paths, people and places.

Longtime Pacific Beach community planner Chris Olson is all in on the bike riding concept.

"Bicycle riding offers a healthy and exhilarating way to get where you're going," said Olson. "Electric bikes provide the opportunity for more people to get to more places — and it still counts as exercise."

Andy Hanshaw is executive director of San Diego Bike Coalition, which has been advocating since 1987 for cyclist's rights promoting bicycling as as mainstream, safe and enjoyable alternative form of transportation and recreation.



People enjoy riding bikes along the boardwalk at the beach.

like bike month, May brings bicycles into the spotlight for a month of two-wheeled activities and events," Hanshaw said adding, "During National Bike Month, we hope to inspire people to embrace bikes as a form of everyday commuting that makes our region a better place to live and ride all year long."

Established in 1956, National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling and encourage more people to give it a try.

Whether you bike to work or school; ride to save money or time; pump those pedals to preserve your health or the environment; or simply to explore your community, National Bike Month is an opportu-"Though we treat every month nity to celebrate the unique power system.

BIKE TO WORK DAY

When: Thursday, May 18.

Pit stops: Circulate San Diego and beautifulPB, at Garnet and Ingraham; Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass St.

Info: iCommuteSD.com.

of the bicycle and the many reasons for riding, claims the League of American Bicyclists on its website.

As a national sponsor, the League provides resources to help plan a biking event in your area. Each year, the number and diversity of Bike Month celebrations continues to grow, accelerating the momentum around bicycling nationwide.

The League of American bicyclists was founded as the League of American Wheelmen in 1880. Bicyclists, known then as "wheelmen," were challenged by rutted roads of gravel and dirt and faced antagonism from horsemen, wagon drivers and pedestrians.

Back then, to improve riding conditions so they might better enjoy their newly discovered sport, more than 100,000 cyclists from across the United States joined the League to advocate for paved roads.

The success of the League in its first advocacy efforts ultimately led to the country's national highway



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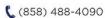


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PBMS students earn medals at San Diego Unified track event

By DAVE THOMAS

For a number of Pacific Beach Middle School students, tracking success includes more than just in the classroom.

Earlier this month, 32 students from the school took part in the first San Diego Unified Middle School track meet in more than 30 years Held at La Jolla High.

The day was comprised of shotput, long jump, high jump, 100m dash, and 200m, 400m, and 1600m runs as well as coed 4x100m and 4x400m relays. Each event was broken into male and female and grade level (sixth, seventh and eighth) divisions.

In individual events, PBMS students took home six gold medals, 10 silver medals, and six bronze medals. They also grabbed several first- and second-place finishes in



PBMS seventh grader Katerina Sidell runs in the 4x100 relay.

the relays. The team was coached by physical education teacher Beau Doom and parent volunteer Andre Evans.

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Bucs lax programs win first league titles

By DAVE THOMAS

For the boys and girls lacrosse programs at Mission Bay High, this season's campaign will definitely go down as a winner.

Both teams turned in fantastic performances on the season for head coach Dave McCarthy.

The girls went 18-4, winning the league title for the first time (went unbeaten in league play). Mission Bay finished 13th in the CIF San Diego Section and first in Division II. The Bucs lost the CIF Division II championship by one goal in the last 10 seconds of the game.

According to McCarthy, the team was led by a lot of seniors.

"Kylie Kroeger, who will be playing Div. 1 lacrosse at Arizona State next season, was our biggest leader," McCarthy said. "She helped start the girls lacrosse program four years ago and has worked so hard to get the program to where it is now. Kylie scored so many clutch goals and made so many amazing plays throughout the season to get us to where we were."

McCarthy also pointed out the play of Lindsey Price, who is also a senior midfielder. "She did everything for us on the field whether it was take the draws, give assists or score goals. She was a great senior leader and tremendous team player."

According to McCarthy, Ludmila Raynal, a senior captain, was the team's star attacker. She scored multiple goals in each game, but did so much more for the team than that.

Senior captain Lea Reyes, and lem," McCarthy said. "The boys



Mission Bay High's girls lacrosse team poses after another win.

Emery Reyna led the defense, playing almost every minute of every game. They led the team in takeaways, as the defense and senior goaltender Makaila Corpus allowed the fewest goals in the league.

"We had a heart breaking finish to an amazing year," McCarthy said. "This was the best season in the program's young history. A lot of players who helped start lacrosse at Mission Bay are graduating this year, but they left us with an amazing program that is going to continue to work hard."

Boys lax

Success was also easy to find on the boys' side. The Bucs went 13-8 and won their first league crown.

Mission Bay made its first post-season appearance, getting its first playoff win before falling to El Camino.

"We had a lot of seniors on this team, so leadership was never a probplayed with a tremendous effort and heart this season and that allowed us to continually improve throughout the season."

According to McCarthy, Grant Sawyer was one of the team's senior captains and a great leader. "He had a lot of points this season, but was our glue that kept the team together and pushed the rest of the team to get better."

The defense was led by a great group of seniors such as captain Mohamad Daabas, Dane and Finn Snead. McCarthy noted that goalie Logan Turbes made spectacular saves in all the right moments to keep the team alive in games.

"The varsity lacrosse team at Mission Bay had all the heart and passion for the game a coach could ask for," McCarthy commented. "I believe this group of young men has changed the image of what it is to be a lacrosse player at Mission Bay.

Mission Bay volleyball teams end successful seasons

By DAVE THOMAS

With the school year soon coming to a close, a pair of Mission Bay High volleyball teams can look back on their respective seasons with pride.

The boys team completed its most successful season in more than a decade with a first-round playoff loss to Liberty Charter. The Bucs ended up tied for fifth in Division IV.

To secure a berth in the playoffs, the Bucs pulled off a huge five-game upset of undefeated Coronado.

"Coronado was undefeated and coming into our match, and it was the boys played." their senior night," coach Nikki Caufield said. "The boys played their led all Division IV schools in hitting



Juliette Castner and Bethany Kepner compete for the Bucs.

best match of the season in shutting down Coronado's attack and winning the defensive battle. I could ranked number two in Division III not have been prouder of the way

For the season, senior Jesus Zarate

percentage and aces. Senior Jacob Cayetano led Division IV in assists, while senior Alex Torres led the team in total kills and passing

In discussing the team's playoff loss, Caufield noted, "I thought we were the better team than Liberty Charter but nerves and experience played a huge factor in the game. Liberty Charter came in with an experienced group of players that had played in their program for 3-4 years and previously been to the

"Conversely, none of our starters had more than two years' experi-



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fenced, off-leash area.

"Option B keeps the fenced-in dog park intact, increasing its size," said FIDO president Carolyn Chase. "Option A, which was what was leftover when the city (planning) process fell out in 2011-12, puts a road down the dog area, while Option B keeps the dog area intact."

FIDO is a community-based nonprofit with more than 14,000 members dedicated to preserving Fiesta Island's leash-free recreation area. The organization was created in 2006 as a response to a massive development plan unveiled then, which originally proposed removing or moving the leash-free area.

Chase said the process to re-conceptualize Fiesta Island including its fenced-off, off-leash dog area dates back to 2006.

Why did it fail initially?

"It was a combination of an unfair process – and it ran out of money twice because the consulting firm involved was not in a position to resolve the conflicts coming up," Chase said. "FIDO made every effort to try and resolve the conflicts. The conflicting interests fought to a stalemate."

Chase pointed out the "politics" of the situation changing over time also had a hand in Fiesta Island's planning process ending the first time around.

"It became a matter of getting the resources in the planning department to actually do the process," she said.

July 10 to see if he should pay for

Since the jury convicted Burke of

voluntary manslaughter on April

13, he could have been sentenced to

a maximum 21-year term. The jury

acquitted Burke of first- and second-

Lasater ordered a six-year term for

manslaughter plus a 10-year term

for using a gun in a homicide. She rejected defense requests for proba-

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funeral expenses.

degree murder.

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A public meeting on Fiesta Island long-range planning is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 23 at Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave. The city is also soliciting public comments in writing for the future planning of Fiesta Island due by June 8. Comments should be emailed to PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov. Those commenting must put "Mission Bay Park Master Plan Update -Fiesta Island Amendment" in the subject line.

From the City's public notice: "The intent of the options is to develop a plan that respects long-term existing uses on the island, reduces environmental impacts, reduces the acreage of developed parkland thereby reducing water use, and is economically feasible to implement."

On its website, FIDO maintains that "the environmental impact report should conclude that Option B fulfills this better than Option A. We will be submitting comments asking that the City analyze the options against this stated intent in addition to requesting that other technical analysis take place."

FIDO suggests these ideas to consider on Fiesta Island planning:

- How often have you used Fiesta island off-leash area?
- Is your access to the Mission Bay shoreline important?
- Is the size important?
- Is getting rid of and managing the foxtails important?
- Do you want it to stay intact for your exercise and recreation and not divided by a road, fences, or an amphitheater?

"The time for your public comment is now," concludes FIDO.

tion and or at most a six-year term.

Burke will have to serve 85 percent of the 16-year term, or an actual time of 12.75 years, said his attorney, Gary Gibson, who noted that Burke received credits for 371 days in jail awaiting trial and sentencing.

Burke, who went by the nickname T.J., was dressed in blue jail clothing and was handcuffed as Lasater heard from nine witnesses who were friends and family of Robles and two of Burke's co-workers, his mother, and stepfather.

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Creative Souls on the West Coast joins Arts & Amps at Karl Strauss

has partnered with Karl Strauss to participate in the brewery's annual Arts & Amps events. The first show is 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 20 at the Karl Strauss his spectacular mermaid paintings.

local artists: Thomas Condry and Jared Lazar. Lazar is the owner of Team Phun. He's known for all of

Creative Souls on the West Coast Tasting Room in Pacific Beach. Cre- Condry is an original artist whose ative Souls will be featuring two talents are amazing. The event is free and includes live bands, live art paintings, Creative Souls art gallery and craft beer. Visit www.karlstrauss.com for information.

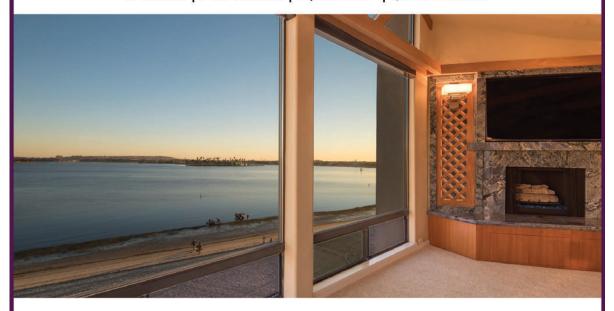
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Pop up at Pueblo to debut party celebrating Mexico City

By DAVE SCHWAB

Want to experience the vibrancy and "color" of Mexico City up close without going there?

Now you can at the premier launch of PopUpParty Wednesday, May 24 at Pueblo in Pacific Beach, located at 877 Hornblend St.

PopUps are a relatively new and evolving promotional concept combining a cooking demonstration, street performers and live music offering a compelling, multi-dimensional experience.

Titled "Color," this inaugural Pop-UpParty revolves around the heritage of Mexico City. Concept co-founder Adolfo Meza Guinea promises to deliver a total immersion of the senses setting a new entertainment standard.

PB's first PopUpParty will include live street artists, a contemporary take on traditional Mexican cuisine, premium tequila bars, live DJs and more.

Mesa drew inspiration for his new marketing concept from experimentation by others with "popup restaurants."

"They (popups) can be in many forms and at many venues — parks, museums, concert halls — and are typically one-day events hosted by chefs where patrons buy tickets," Meza said. "The general concept is that chefs can create something in front of patrons with the intent to



Mixologist Aaron Hofer will handcraft his inspiring and perfectly balanced cocktails at Pueblo.

spotlight local venues, and give people an experience they've never had before."

Meza said Color, from 8 p.m. to midnight. on May 24 "will have VIP guests, performers, live artists, notable chefs and mixologists all interacting to complete a brilliant tapestry that will become widely known as a PopUp-Party-branded event. The overall vision for PopUpParty is to connect all the senses and deliver an intimate and unforgettable evening."

A "passionate cook at home," Meza, who's always wanted to be an inventor, has found his own way of doing that through food.

"I wanted to do something in the restaurant business, and we had a discussion about inviting chefs to come to an empty space and showcase their art," he said. "That evolved, along with my passion for technology, into building a platform to allow people to collaborate. That brought the popup concept into the equation."

Chef Eduardo Rosales of Pueblo restaurant has built a unique menu for the evening to highlight the freshest ingredients and staples of Mexican cuisine. For an interactive experience "Color" designers have created an elote stand that replicates traditional corn vendors and a salsa bar.

Mixologist Aaron Hofer will handcraft his inspiring and perfectly balanced cocktails, one of which foams. Premium tequila stations serving Tequila Martin San Roman, will take

POP UP PARTY

Where: Pueblo, 877 Hornblend St.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight Wednesday, May 24.

Info: popupparty.party.

guests on a tasting and pairing journey for the senses. Renowned Chef Martin San Roman, recognized by many for passionate Mexican cuisine, created this premium tequila through age-old harvesting and fermentation techniques that showcase Mexico's rich and colorful flavors.

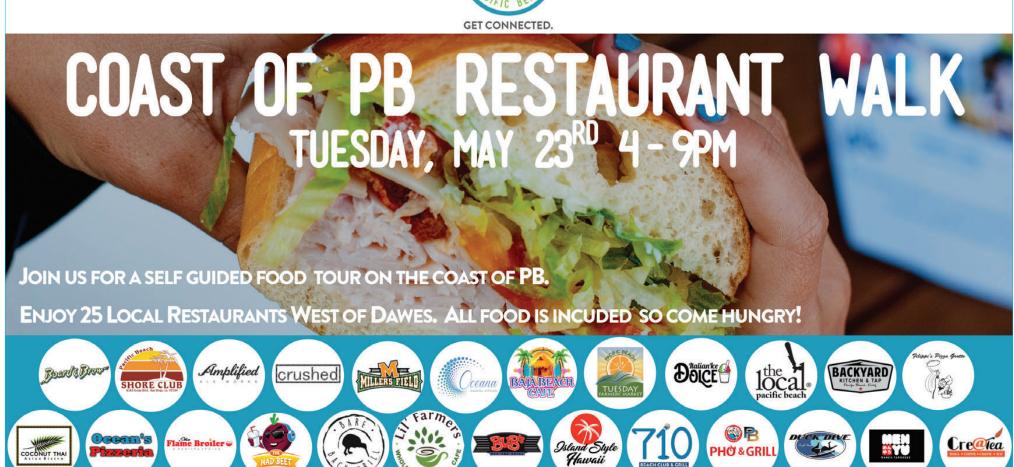
Artists will demonstrate a neverseen-before live surprise performance.

Emulating the cultural core of Mexico City, "Color" will connect partygoers to the experience with an illuminating collaborative curated photo opp that will serve as a backdrop and uniquely orchestrated mood builder.

DJ Ahlex Diego will spin curated sounds to accent all of the elements of "Color." Ahlex was born and raised in San Diego and brings a unique energy to the dance floor with his blend of electro, big room, commercial and house tunes. Guests will be carried through a night of their lives on a selection of sound and music that ties the experience together.

An innovative concept co-created by business partners and cousins Adolfo Meza and Leonardo Guinea, PopUpParty's mission is to empower talent to create, venues to succeed and patrons to indulge through the common love of food, music, art and the element of surprise.





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Sixth grade: 200M Ryan Elliot Cain (3rd) distance – 12-08.00. (3rd) - 31.05;

Sixth grade: 400M Jack Ryan Girls (1st) - 1:09.96;

Seventh grade: 400M Liam Joyce Leonard-Stafford (1st) – 14.85; (2nd) - 1:10.32;

Seventh grade: 400M Brayden Talley (2nd) – 31.08; Burdick (3rd) - 1:14.61;

Sixth grade: 1600M Hank Hund- Evans (3rd) – 31.68;

ley (2nd) - 5:51.97;

Seventh grade: 1600M Ben Del-Guzman (2nd) – 1:15.12; gado (1st) - 5:55.51;

Seventh grade: high jump Ryan Marshall (1st) - 4-06.00;

Seventh grade: long jump Lucky Donahue (2nd) distance - 13-

Seventh grade: long jump Reid

Girls seventh grade: 100M Jaiden

Girls eighth grade: 200M Violet

Girls eighth grade: 200M Karrin

Girls sixth grade: 400M Arianna

Girls sixth grade: 400M Julia Ryan (3rd) - 1:18.52;

Girls seventh grade: 400M Jaiden Leonard-Stafford (2nd) - 1:17.56; Girls sixth grade: 1600M Mica

Talerico (2nd) - 6:15.16;

Girls seventh grade: 1600M Brawnie Bailey (1st) Time= 6:34.02 Girls seventh grade: 1600M Isabella Pelt (2nd) Time= 6:36.73 Girls eighth grade: 1600M Linda Giffing (1st) - 5:53.45;

Girls sixth grade: shot put Khouri Evans (2nd) distance – 21-03.00;

Girls sixth grade: shot put Raina Dorsey (3rd) distance – 20-10.00.



Pacific Beach Middle track members race at La Jolla High.

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ence and we'd never been to the playoffs. If we were to play them again, I think we could pull out a win. I was really proud of the hard work by the players and to see both of our middle blockers, junior Stephen Tarbell and sophomore Josh Leone, really dominate in the game."

For Mission Bay, this was just the second year since it restarted the boys volleyball program at the school. This group of boys won the Division II beach championship this past fall, following that up with a playoff berth and a fifth-place finish in Division IV in indoor volleyball.

"That is an unheard of level of success for just a second-year program and we are really excited about the future of boys volleyball at Mission Bay," Caufield commented. "We will return four of our starters to next year's team and only one of them will be a senior next year. We also have a solid core of younger players that will hopefully be able to fill the shoes of our graduating seniors."

Caufield wanted to personally thank her graduating seniors in Cayetano, Zarate, Torres and Victor Collado for helping to put the team Bethany Kepner and freshman Juliback on the map.

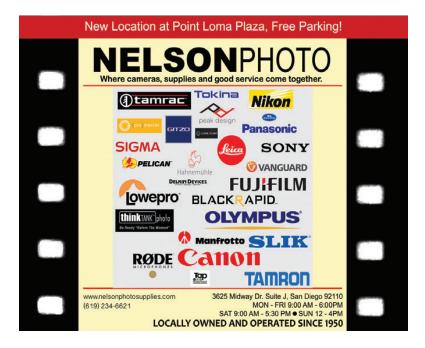
Beach volleyball will start practicing over the summer. For those interested, contact Caufield at niknjeff@aol.com.

Girls sand volleyball

Mission Bay's sand volleyball team, under head coach Brad Wills, won the league's Central Division, finishing with a 6-2 record.

The team advanced into the playoffs as a seven seed in the Open division. The Bucs played a tough La Costa Canyon team and lost in the first round.

According to Wills, seniors Maddie Tandy and Alex Briski finished their high school volleyball careers playing at a high level. Sophomore ette Castner kept things very competitive, but came up short against La Costa Canyon. Freshmen Kate Geenen and Chloe Gallego played well and rounded out the squad.



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to 4 p.m., guests can sip craft beer dent Brewing, Second Chance Brewfrom some of the top breweries, including many of San Diego's own, Point, and Little Miss Brewing. and enjoy fare from local food trucks Epic Eatz, Tabe BBQ and Simply Fresh Gourmet.

Breweries will include: Aztec Club is taking its renowned Over the Brewing, Belching Beaver, Benchmark Brewing, Bolt Brewery, Dos Desperados, Fall Brewing, Helms Beer Festival in conjunction with the Brewing, Indian Joe Brewing, Iron First Brewing San Diego, Ironfire On Saturday, May 20 from noon Brewing, Left Coast Brewing, Resiing, Bitter Brothers Brewing, Ballast

> Cutwater Spirits, from the band of liquid pioneers behind Ballast Point, will be selling craft cocktails.

General admission, including the Men's Pro, Men's Open, Men's Masfour-hour beer tasting, for guests ters and Women's Open. The tourages 21-plus is \$30 with advance purchase at www.eventbrite.com, or \$40 at the gate the day of the event.

The OTL tournament will host 125 teams in a double elimination Over the Line Tournament set for format. The first rounds will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 20, with winning teams returning from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday,

nament is currently completely full.

This two-day tournament and beer fest is a precursor to the 64th annual World Championship July 8-9 and July 15-16 at Fiesta Island in Mission Bay Park.

OMBAC is a nonprofit organization focusing on amateur sports, youth athletics and local charities. Tournament divisions include OTL is the group's main fundraiser.

Past recipients of OMBAC's fundraising and donations included UC San Diego Cancer Research, Jr. OTL Scholarships, Wounded Warrior Foundation, Huntington's disease, Bikes for Kids, Jr. Lifeguard Foundation, Cancer Walk, Marine Family Christmas Fund, Alpha Project, Meals on Wheels, Hospice, Pacific Beach Youth Group, San Diego St. Patrick's Day Parade, San Diego Blood Bank, OMBAC Rugby, OMBAC Lacrosse and OMBAC Water Polo.

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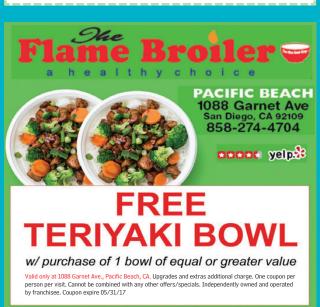
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Coast of Pacific Beach Restaurant Walk set for May 23

p.m. Tuesday, May 23.

restaurants along Mission Boule-Avenue up through Dawes Street.

More than 20 participating Field, PB Tuesday Farmers' Market,

It's time for that palette-pleasing restaurants this year include: Board Amplified Ale Works and PB Shore culinary event you've all been wait- and Brew, Backyard Kitchen and Club. ing for, the Coast of Pacific Beach Tap, Filippi's Pizza Grotto, The Duck Restaurant Walk, to be held 4 to 9 Dive, Baja Beach Café, Dolce Italian Ice, Menyu Ramen Taphouse, Flame Hosted by Discover PB, the beach Broiler, The Local PB, Oceana community's business improvement Coastal Kitchen, Coconut Thai district, the annual event involves Bistro, Crushed, The Mad Beet, 710 Beach Club, Bareback Grill, Ocean's vard from Pacific Beach Drive to Pizza, Bub's at the Beach, Island Emerald Street, and along Garnet Style Hawaii BBO, PB Pho &Grill, CreaTea, Lil Farmers Café, Millers

Sara Berns talked about what to expect. "Exciting changes this year," Berns said. "We have five new restaurants in the area participating including Island Style Hawaiian BBQ, who celebrated their grand opening May 11. Other new restaurants include Lil' Farmers Café, PB Pho and Grill, Createa and Flame

Berns noted that taste events "are a great way for us to promote the Discover PB's executive director diverse dining options in Pacific Beach, and allows potential new customers to not just taste food from restaurants, but see their individual style and décor.

> "The event also increases muchneeded foot traffic to explore the shops and services you may drive by, and not notice are there during your daily commute."

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leisurely self-guided restaurant stroll set by the Pacific Ocean? The restaurant walk will also be vegetarian friendly, with eateries offering a vegetarian option noted on ticket maps.

Participants can get generous samples of local cuisine from several vendors at the Pacific Beach Farmers Market, as well as at restaurants on the self-guided restaurant walk food tour, all for only \$25 presale, \$30 the day of the event.

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The MBHS Preservationists will perform at Jazz on the Green at the school on Saturday, May 20.

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Jazz on the Green set for May 20 at Mission Bay High

By BART MENDOZA

San Diego music fans won't want to miss the seventh annual Jazz on the Green music festival taking place on May 20 at Mission Bay High School. The event will help raise funds for the award-winning program under the direction of JP Balmat, recently named High School Teacher of the Year for SDUSD. Performing will be the school's award-winning combos,

with special guests joining in, including the MBHS Swing Choir with award-winning vocalist Steph Johnson, The MBHS Preservationists, with jazz vocalist Leonard Patton and The Mambo Orchestra, with trumpeter Brad Steinwehe. Anyone looking for the future's top musicians, or simply wants to hear great jazz played with youthful verve, will this event.

Jazz on the Green: Saturday, May 20 at Mission Bay High School, 2475 Grand Ave. 11 a.m. All ages. \$10. \$5 students. www.missionbaymusic.com.

Two of San Diego's best blues performers, guitarist Robin Henkel and singer Whitney Shay, team up for a pair of performances at the Kona Kai Resort on May 19 and 28. Each is a headliner in their own right, but the pairing of Henkel's manic acoustic blues and Shay's brassy, emotion-packed vocals is truly inspired, with each artist driving the other to new heights. Loads of fun, these two world-class performers have a deep knowledge of music, a repertoire that's second to none and the chops to back it up.

Robin Henkel & Whitney Shay: Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 28 at 11 a.m. at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. www.resortkonakai.com.

Hard rock fans won't want to miss tribute band the Iron Maidens at Brick by Brick on May 20. An all-girl group performing the songs of their namesake combo, British heavy metal legends, Iron Maiden is a gimmick, but this quartet is more than up to the challenge, playing blistering versions of the group's songs. Formed in 2001, The Iron Maidens are a breed apart from most tribute bands, actually going the next step and releasing albums of their recast song versions, making them the next best thing to the

The Iron Maidens: Saturday, May 20 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. www.brickbybrick.com.

On May 26, Dizzy's will host a spe-

cial tribute concert to late jazz legend Joe Marillo, who passed away last year. A beloved mainstay of local stages, many of Marillo's collaborators will be on hand, including pianist Reka Parker, trumpeter Derek Cannon, bassist Jeff Blanco, drummer Bob Daniels and saxophonist Christopher Hollyday.

Tribute to Joe Marillo: Friday, May 26 at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. \$20. www.dizzysjazz.com.

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■ Rocky's Crown Pub at Ingraham and La Playa is home to some of the best burgers in San Diego, but don't be fooled by the bar's simple menu - hamburgers, cheeseburgers, and fries. There's a reason why the place is always busy, and that is simply because these burgers require nothing outside of the basics to be phenomenal.

Beef patties that are thick, juicy and perfectly seasoned are balanced out with just lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles and mayonnaise. In this no-frills wood-paneled pub - with a no-nonsense attitude – don't bother trying to order trendy sandwiches with avocado options, just belly-up to the bar with a beer and take big bites out of a tasty

■ Bare Back Grill on Mission Boulevard has just what you want if you're looking for above-average bar food, particularly when it comes to their burgers. Burgers such as the Bare, Big & Dirty (includes two huge 100 percent organic beef patties, two fried eggs, bacon and more) are the perfect meal after a long walk on the boardwalk. Or, if you've had your fill from their drink menu, try the Lil Bitties (two "hobbit-sized" 100 percent organic beef burgers). Sit inside for their bar atmosphere or outside to enjoy their outdoor patio.

■ The Slider Brigade at Crushed on Garnet Avenue has a few different delicious slider options, including PB BBQ (three homemade beef and bacon burgers with red jalapenos, mozzarella cheese, crispy onion rings and BBQ sauce), and the Bifteki (three lamb burgers with tomatoes, onions and romaine, cucumbers, tzatziki sauce and feta cheese), with a chicken parmesan slider option as well. If you showed up for the relaxed atmosphere





Savanah Duffy takes a bite of her Draft-style burger and Jonathan Lo (right) samples the bison burger at Draft.

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Mission Beach

■ Draft, on Ocean Front Walk in front of Belmont Park, allows patrons to enjoy their food on a boardwalk patio while basking in the sun and people-watching. The Draft burger had a juicy patty with the standard lettuce, tomato, onion, cheddar cheese, and mayonnaise, and because we ordered it Draft-style, with sunny side egg, bacon, crispy onions, and beer cheese were added in. Right after the first bite, yolk and burger juices oozed out on

The bison burger had a thick patty with poblano pepper, grilled onions, muenster cheese, and cumin mayonnaise. Surprisingly, with so many strong individual flavors, nothing in the bison burger overpowers the others; the flavors blend together perfectly and yet you can still distinctly taste each ingredient. For the vegetarians

bacon, fried green tomato, pickled pepper, chipotle mayo.

- Guava Beach on Mission Boulevard is the epitome of a beach bar out of a brochure. Pool tables, sports on the TVs, beer on tap on full display, and wooden tables and counters. Their Diablo Burger, which has the Guava's Famous Burger in it, is accompanied with pepper jack, serrano peppers, and Sriracha aioli drizzle for a delicious kick for those who like spicy food.
- At Miss B's Coconut Club on Mission Boulevard, there is only one burger on the menu, but there only needs to

and drinks, make sure you stay for the out there, the veggie burger has tofu be one burger on that menu. The Coconut Club Burger sports an all-natural angus beef patty with the usual lettuce, tomato, red onions, mustard, and pickles, as well as roasted garlic, cilantro aioli, kolache roll, and your choice of cheese. It seems a little much, but they all combine into a nice blend of flavor.

Ocean Beach

■ If you've ever been in Ocean Beach for more than five minutes, odds are you've heard about the burgers at Hodad's - and for good reason. Hodad's' burgers are hearty and satis-

fying, and that unique OB-community atmosphere just adds to its appeal. Hodad's menu includes hamburgers, cheeseburgers, bacon hamburgers, bacon cheeseburgers (each in a mini, single or double size), among other options, such as the chicken burger or veggie burger for the non-red meat

■ Raglan Public House, on the corner of Niagara and Bacon, offers a variety of burgers that are sure to appeal to whatever mood your taste buds are in, whether you're feeling

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Opinion

Why move the Pacific Beach **Farmers Market to Garnet?**

By EVE ANDERSON

Every Tuesday, from 2 to 7 p.m., families and folks of all ages fill Bayard south of Garnet for the Pacific Beach Farmers Market.

I love the market – fresh strawberries and crimini mushrooms from Rodney, delicate salanova lettuce from Anthony and ripe avocados at many booths. You'll find moms pushing baby strollers, tourists and locals, enjoying acoustic music while munching purchases.

It's fun, friendly and safe. But "pedestrian safety" is cited by Beautiful PB as a main reason to relocate to Garnet, from Mission Boulevard to Cass, which seems odd. Sometimes, after my husband and I finished our shopping, we'd walk back on the sidewalk. But you can't do that on Garnet – too many trip hazards, from illegal A-frame signs to clothes racks – plus ducking skate-boarders and bicyclists zooming by.

We're told the move has "100 percent support of the vendors." My quick survey: Three said yes, three didn't know about it and five didn't want it moved, saying they loved the ambiance. "You'll ruin that feeling if you move it," said one farmer.

Remember, Tuesday is "Taco Tuesday" in PB, when our bars offer drink specials. While the 900 block, from Bayard to Cass, has many new communityfriendly shops (not one smoke shop or tattoo parlor!), the 800 block has popular Backyard Kitchen & Tap and a huge hole once occupied by PB Bar & Grill. The new bar will likely have outdoor dining.

Picture a warm summer Tuesday, after 5 p.m., when sound rises from the bars. Forget acoustic music. Would you want to sell strawberries over that noise? Unlike other farmers markets, ours is smack in the

middle of the high-crime bar district. Other markets

don't have half the county's 20-somethings headed in to party until 2 a.m. And that changes the pic-Reporter Dave Schwab covered Pacific Beach Planning Group's vote on the issue. Somehow, I didn't make myself clear. I was quoted as expecting a "per-

manent block party in those two blocks." No, I don't

foresee immediate wild activity with a market relo-

However, this is step one. The goal of Beautiful PB is to close that area to traffic permanently – and that's a major problem. After 1:30 a.m., hundreds of bargoers converge at the 7-Eleven, Grand Avenue and Mission Boulevard. Why squeeze into a parking lot when two blocks would be available?

We're told that two of the City's worst intersections for pedestrian accidents are Cass and Garnet and Mission Boulevard and Garnet. SDPD stats show six accidents in six months – but four were between 10 p.m. and 12:45 a.m., not market hours.

If Beautiful PB wants to improve pedestrian safety daily, please help remove encroachments from Garnet's sidewalks via the PROW (Public Right of Way) program. But leave the farmers market on Bayard.

Eve Anderson is a long-time member of the Pacific Beach Planning Group and a former columnist for the Beach & Bay Press.

Fiesta Island clean up set for May 27

Mission Federal Credit Union, FM 94.9, and Surfrider San Diego are holding a beach clean up at Fiesta Island, 9 a.m. on May 27. The first 50 volunteers get a free pair of tickets to FM 949's SPF 949, courtesy of Mission Fed. Bring a reusable bag, bucket, bottle and gloves. There will be supplies on hand, but by bringing your own reusable supplies creates less waste in order to remove it. Wear comfortable clothes, closed-toed shoes and sunscreen.



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But if you want to experience the **Point Loma** best of Raglan, try the Bare Lil Lamb. The mint dressing gives it a refreshing taste, while beetroot adds a burst of sweet flavor, complemented by tomato chutney and garlic aioli. Don't forget to Market and only offering outrageousadd a sunny side egg.

Vegetarian or not a red-meat lover? Try the Cluck & Squeal (chicken, bacon, avocado), the Chica Bunga (chicken, jalapenos, coconut raita, mango chutney, garlic aioli), the Wake & Bake (swordfish, coleslaw, avocado), or the Holy Roller (tofu, avocado, garlic aioli, coconut riatta, spicy peanut dressing).

■ The Tilted Stick on Voltaire Street promotes its drink menu of hard alco-

hol, mixed drinks and beers, but its food menu deserves a shout out as well. Along with tacos and wings, this bar and grill offers its Bac-N-Cheezeburger, a quarter-pound burger and the BBQ Stick (double-cheeseburger with BBQ). The casual pub atmosphere and pool tables makes this the perfect place to have a fun evening.

Point Loma is known for its delectable seafood, but hidden in the mix are some amazing burger places.

■ Nestled neatly in Liberty Public ly overloaded options, Stuffed!, like the name suggests, will leave you filled with their cheese-filled patties. In similar style to the name of the joint, Stuffed!'s burgers also have quirky names. Here, the management challenged us with the BANG and BOOM.

The BANG offers a blue cheese stuffed patty, peppered smoked bacon, fried onion straws, pickles, and BBQ sauce while the BOOM puts forward American cheese-stuffed patty, topped



Crushed in PB has many slider options. PHOTO BY THOMAS MELVILLE

with spicy mac 'n' cheese, peppered smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato, pickles, and Stuffed! sauce. And indeed, they left a BANG and a BOOM in our mouths. To say the least, we were completely stuffed after the meal.

■ Jimmy's Famous American Tavern features a beautiful view of the marina as well as a cozy outdoor patio. Inside, they offer the ridiculously huge Cowboy Burger. The burger offers onion fritters, BBQ sauce, Anaheim chile, bacon, cheddar, and a 100 percent New York sirloin patty stacked into a formidable beast of a burger.

■ When you talk about burgers in Point Loma, there is no way you can leave out Slater's 50/50. A classic, Slater's regular burgers have patties made with a 50/50 blend of beef and bacon. The Original 50/50 has a standard 50/50 patty accompanied by bacon, pepper jack, a sunny-side-up egg, avocado mash, chipotle adobo mayo, and brioche. One word describes this burger: juicy, make sure you have plenty of napkins when you try to tackle the 50/50.

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■ Beaumont's might offer only two burgers, but it's well worth your time and appetite. The Char-Burger is your basic burger, made with 100 percent angus beef, house aioli, lettuce, tomato and onion. But Beaumont's Burger is the main burger attraction on this menu. A half-pound, three meat blend of veal, pork and beef contributes to a thick, juicy patty with a more flavorful taste than your average beef burger.

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- Relax at The Lodge at Torrey Pines and enjoy The Grill's famous Drugstore Hamburger, a classic burger with mayonnaise, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles. The outdoor patio area makes The Grill a nice seating area for the day, and the fire pits contribute to a cozy feeling in the evening. Don't forget to order a local craft beer to add the finishing touch to your meal.
- La Jolla Brewing Co. has more than just quality craft beers; they've got a great bar food menu as well. Try their Rogue Wave Burger (a classic burger with horseradish mayo), or their LJBC House Burger. The LJBC House Burger is made with premium beef, bleu cheese, Portobello mushrooms, buffalo wing sauce, tomato and green leaf lettuce on a pretzel bun.

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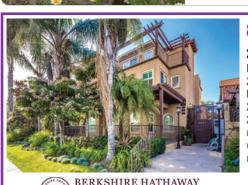




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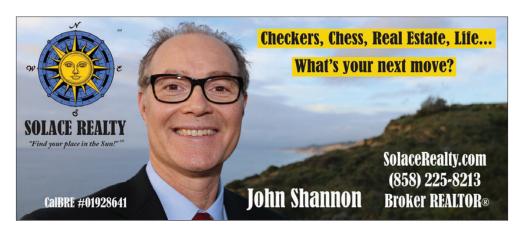












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