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San Diego native, Sam Blacky, a multi-talented DJ, rapper and model, keeps the party going at Firehouse as a guest DJ during a Sunday this summer. 'Sunday Fundays' are the new thing and the Beach & Bay Press lists the best at the beach. See story on page 2.

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Mission Bay Cluster schools ready for opening day

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

There's a lot to look forward to for Mission Bay Cluster's six schools – Mission Bay High, Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary, Crown Point Elementary, Pacific Beach Elementary, Pacific Beach Middle and Kate Sessions Elementary – heading into the new school year starting Monday, Aug. 27.

MBHS principal Ernest Remillard said the class of 2023 "is our largest group of ninth graders in a number of years." He added, the International Baccalaureate

Program at Mission Bay "continues to grow, with more students than ever enrolled. We have also added a connection with Mesa College, which will continue to increase the number of college-level courses offered at MBHS."

Remillard characterized 2018-19 as a "transition year" for MBHS, noting the campus is undertaking a whole site modernization.

"There will be a number of facility upgrades taking place, including major upgrades to our

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Mission Bay football got started before school begins with a 38-14 win over San Ysidro on Friday, Aug. 17.

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Jenny Dietz with mimosa and margarita flights at Crushed on Garnet Avenue. Those colorful margarita and mimosa flights go great along with brunch until 4 p.m. (Right) A line forms on a Sunday to get into the popular Waterbar on the boardwalk in Pacific Beach.

Crushing it on Sunday Funday

Where to keep the weekend party going at the beach

By ANDREW EAKES | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Yes, Sunday Funday is a thing. A few years ago, avocado toast and long, mimosa-fueled brunches took over Sundays. But now, brunch has expanded into day drinking, DJs, and dancing into the evening as a way to extend the weekend party and make the looming work week more palatable.

How does it all work? First, orga-

nize your squad. Sunday Funday is a group activity. Second, pick out a spot and make sure bottomless Bloody Marys – as well as various food options that include a lot of bacon – are on the menu. Other things to consider: outdoor deck or patio with a scenic view, music options – live band or DJ-infused, flexibility to “go with the flow,” and plenty of space for all the group Instagrams.

Now that you’re ready for a Sun-

day Funday, check out our list below of some amazing places to stretch the weekend out to its full potential.

Pacific Beach

Firehouse (722 Grand Ave.): On “Tropical Sunday” they offer \$16 bottles of Prosecco and a Bloody Mary bar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. One of their more popular breakfast items is the Churro French Toast.

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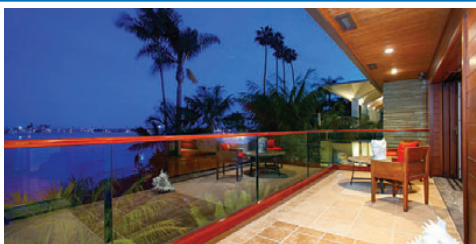
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Residents upset with oversized vehicles parking in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

It's been four years now since the City enacted a Neighborhood Parking Protection Ordinance meant to curb abuse by oversized and non-motorized vehicles taking advantage of free residential parking.

But at least one local resident, Lance Schmidt, claims the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance isn't being properly enforced in Pacific Beach. As evidence, Schmidt cites the growing number of campers/trailers throughout the beach community's streets, particularly around Campland on the Bay at 2211 Pacific Beach Drive.

"The situation, especially down here in PB, has become untenable," contends Schmidt. "On-street parking is bad enough as it is. The owners of these motorhomes, recreational and oversized vehicles know that the ordinance is not being enforced. They know how to game the system."

San Diego Police Department spokesman Lt. Brent Williams said, "Our shortage in staffing has not effected our enforcement effort of the Oversized Vehicle Ordinance."

Acknowledging SDPD "has seen an influx of motorhomes in the beach area, specifically at Fiesta Island, South Shores and Mariner's Point," Williams noted Northern



A truck with a huge camper parked in front of condos on Pacific Beach Drive.

Division has confirmed that it has "impounded at least 10 motorhomes during the last three weeks out of these areas."

Added Williams: "Police investigative service officers and the night beach team have been consistently doing enforcement since they've seen an increase. They will continue their enforcement, not only at the locations listed above, but any location in the division where citizen's complaints are received."

Campland on the Bay's vice president of operations, Jacob Gelfand,

said he "recognizes that the City faces challenges related to overnight and long-term parking on city streets. When Campland's staff become aware of violations, we inform the SDPD and they respond."

Schmidt said there are problems other than parking and aesthetics with oversized vehicles.

"Some owners live in their motor homes, while some owners live in residences right next to where they flout the law," he said.

Oversized vehicles are defined as vehicles, including any attached

trailers, vehicles or loads thereon, that exceed 27 feet in length and 7 feet in height. Non-motorized vehicles include open and closed trailers with or without loads.

Recreational vehicles are defined in the vehicle code as "any camp trailer, camper, trailer coach or house car" or "any boat, dune buggy, all-terrain vehicle or other motorized or towed vehicle designed, maintained or used primarily for recreational purposes."

Recreational vehicle owners may obtain a permit allowing overnight



parking. A permit is valid for one 24-hour period. The permit is valid only on the same block as the resident's address.

Individuals must offer proof of residency in advance to purchasing the permit. Permit applicants — once confirmed by city staff — may purchase up to three consecutive permits (totaling 72 hours).

Applicants may purchase up to 72 days of permits per year.

For more information about obtaining permits for oversize vehicles, visit the City's "Temporary Overnight Recreational Vehicle Permit" page at sandiego.gov/parking/permits.

If you have any questions or concerns about the ordinance, call the Parking Hotline at 866-470-1308 and press "0" for customer service, or email parking@sandiego.gov.

Court hearing coming for Mission Beach condo case

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A Sept. 4 court hearing could decide the fate of what some are calling the last major developable site left in Mission Beach.

At issue is developer McKellar McGowan's plan to convert the former Mission Beach Elementary School into a condominium complex, with 18, three-story residential buildings of 51 units with a 74,362-square-foot floor area, 102 parking spaces and a pocket park.

Closed in 1996 because of declining attendance, the former Mission Beach Elementary School and its 2.23 acres at the corner of Santa Barbara Place and Mission Boulevard were sold at auction by San Diego Unified School District for \$18.5 million in May 2013 to McKellar.

A lawsuit brought by a group known as Mission Beach Citizens for Responsible Development has since challenged the project, as well as the City Council's 6-2 vote approving it in 2016.

The project's density, its configuration and increased traffic potentially associated with it were among arguments raised against it by detractors.

Developers also proposed making a public park required for the project linear. Opponents argue the linear

'The parties should finally be allowed to move forward in their efforts to provide critically needed housing in Mission Beach.'

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park is too small. They also fear it would be frequented by transients, not residents.

The condo project was also approved by the Coastal Commission in 2017, which made some adjustments to it.

"They increased the size of the park, resulting in the reduction of homes from 51 to 47," said Chris McKellar, adding, "The modifications for the Coastal Commission we made months ago."

Of project changes, McKellar said: "The modifications were requested by Coastal Commission local staff for the benefit of the dissidents. Interestingly, they then sued the Coastal Commission, despite what it's staff had done for them."

As originally proposed, the project called for constructing 20 buildings with 63 units split between duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes,

plus one single-family residence. If developers are successful, the long-abandoned school will be demolished to make way for three-story residential buildings.

Mission Beach residents opposing the condo project have retained high-profile environmental attorney Cory Briggs to represent them. Briggs said project opposition is unchanged.

"The bulk and scale of the houses remain unacceptably out of compliance with the zoning rules in Mission Beach," Briggs said.

In excerpts from MCBRD's lawsuit, plaintiffs argue that: "Even though the Coastal Commission's final staff report addresses traffic impacts, it is completely devoid of any findings regarding adequate parking ... This site is located within densely populated Mission Beach, which is already underserved by existing streets and public parking... The Coastal Commission's proposed size for the projects' pocket park does not provide adequate space for recreational use, and is therefore inconsistent with the City's General Plan."

Previously characterizing McKellar McGowan's condo conversion as "the biggest development in the beach community in the last 50

How to prune it? City claims it didn't trim trees on Garnet

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Some Pacific Beach residents are concerned about trees in the public right-of-way on Garnet Avenue west of Ingraham Street being severely trimmed.

"Once they are gone, they are gone," said PB resident Morgan Myrmo, who claims Garnet Avenue business district trees are being lopping off by merchants "in an effort to increase their street presence as the branches block street frontage for them."

On the south side of the 1400 block of Garnet, Myrmo pointed out, "half of the trees are either missing or butchered to give the stores better presence."

Sara Berns, executive director of Discover PB, spoke with Myrmo about the Garnet Avenue tree trimming but said she couldn't follow-up on his complaint because "he didn't really have any information to validate that the business owners, and not the City, were the ones doing the trimming. We told him the City trims the trees and requires a permit, which we do not have to trim them ourselves."

Added Berns, "We can't do much as far as enforcement, we do not have that authority, but told [Myrmo] the proper channels to go about doing so."

"The trees in question were not trimmed by City staff or contractors, and no permits were requested or issued for tree trimming," said Anthony Santacrose, senior City public information officer, who added that "trimming, pruning and removing City trees is prohibited without prior notification and permit."

Santacrose said residents and business owners can request maintenance for trees from the City's Get it Done application. "They can also request a no-fee permit in order to trim themselves," he said, adding, "The permit requires the submittal of a plan with the application as well as an evaluation by City staff."

"This is a disgrace to the area costing locals and visitors the benefits of shade, beautiful large trees, and of course, human benefits such as oxygen, lower temps, etc.," said Myrmo. "When the trees come down — we all lose. It makes me sick."

Bub's at the Beach celebrates 20 years of tots and taps

By VICTORIA DAVIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

It's become one of the most popular sports bars and grills in Pacific Beach, and on Sunday, Aug. 26, Bub's at the Beach (1030 Garnet Ave.) is holding a 20-year anniversary party with a '90s theme, tipping a hat to their roots. But from the location, to the design, to the menu, the two decade-long success of Bub's is a story of both incredible persistence and unexpected improvisation.

"Some restaurant owners say something stupid like, 'It's in my blood.' And I don't know, maybe it is, but I owned two bars previous to this and neither worked out," said Todd Brown, owner and founder of Bub's. "That's the crazy part. You kind of have to be an idiot to be in this business. I think that's why I've done so well."

Brown and his former business partner started the first Bub's in Oceanside back in the early '90s. Though the building lacked a kitchen, fresh food was still a priority to Brown, who used the barbecue from his house to grill up wings on the sidewalk in front of the bar for hungry drinkers. They weren't fried, but people loved them.

"I figured the only chance I had at making it in the business was having good food," said Brown. "That's



Bub's at the Beach has become an institution on Garnet Avenue in Pacific Beach.

what started it all. Food creates an atmosphere and it's kind of the core to the concept. You can get a cold beer up and down the street, but we knew we could really differentiate ourselves with food."

Unfortunately, Bub's Dive Bar took a dive south, eventually going out of business altogether. Fortunately, Brown had another chance to make his grilled wings take flight when a cheap location opened up in Pacific Beach. So, in 1998, Bub's Dive Bar

became Bub's at the Beach, a grilled wing phenomenon and premier Pittsburgh Steelers sports bar.

"It being nothing, and me having nothing, lined up pretty good," said Brown, who was given the building after a previous buyer's grill failed after just 30 days. "My business partner convinced me to make the location another Bub's. Honestly, I didn't even really like the name, but figured, 'Why not?' It was my first opportunity to do my own thing."

Brown made Bub's unique from the get-go, with East Coast menu items like "Steakums," serving chunks of steak fajita-style, topped with peppers, mushrooms and the works, inspired by Brown's Virginia Tech college days.

Bub's was also one of the first bar and grills to serve tater tots instead of fries, improvising off a fluke food delivery. Now, it's a staple in their menu, serving nacho tots, ballpark tots, sweet potato tots, and, most

BUB'S AT THE BEACH

What: Celebrating 20 years on Sunday, Aug. 26.

Where: 1030 Garnet Ave.

Hours: Mondays to Fridays 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Info: bubsfb.com.

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Even the choice of an all-brick bar table, open wood ceiling beams and game tables came from Brown and his team trying to be "as creative as we could with the least amount of money we had." But there is a sort of prophetic aspect to it as well.

"My landlord was sitting there watching me brick this bar up and he said it made him happy because it made him feel like I planned to stick around," said Brown.

Twenty years later, Bub's gets to celebrate their long-term, food-famous relationship with the Pacific Beach community. Leading up to the main event, the bar and grill is offering nostalgic throw-back specials all week long, like 25-cent wing Wednesdays. While the party on Sunday is invitation only from 7 to 9 p.m. for their regulars, 9 p.m. till closing time is open to the public.

"We're just stoked to have been a part of Pacific Beach for 20 years," said Brown. "We feel like we're a real part of the community. Maybe we'll get another 20 years. We don't plan on going anywhere."

Find rare timepieces at Vintage Watch Hunter in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

They say a classic is never old.

That saying applies to the wrist watches sold by former English teacher Jonathan Hershman online and at his new secondhand shop, Vintage Watch Hunter, at 2707 Garnet Ave., Suite 2A.

Hershman has traded his lesson plan in for a timepiece. Lots of them, thousands.

"We have stopwatches, watches from the '80s that measure your pulse, that read altitude or air pressure, dive watches or a TV watch that changes the channel," said Hershman. "If you want a dress watch, they're here. If you want a diver's watch or a chronograph, they're here."

Most of Hershman's timepieces are from Japan, where he previously taught English. He said his collection evolved out of his importing and exporting items from Japan.

"About three years ago, I imported a special watch and sold it," he said. "Then I bought five more watches and sold them. Then 20. Then 100. Now I have thousands of those watches."

The collector is off to Japan at the end of August for another watch-buying spree. He said about 500 to 1,000 watches a month pass through his hands.



Vintage Watch Hunter specializes in Japanese and Swiss watches from the 1950s-1990s.

Vintage Watch Hunter specializes in Japanese and Swiss watches from the 1950s-1990s, carrying a nearly inexhaustible variety of styles and brands.

The watch dealer is full-service. Hershman not only buys and sells used watches, but replaces batteries, watch bands, and does some repairs, as well as replacing rare, hard-to-find parts.

Hershman said most of his watches sell for less than \$100. He has some though selling for up to \$1,000.

Who buys antique wrist watches nowadays?

"We really have all kinds of clients," said Hershman. "People come in here looking for gifts. We have people looking for watches like their father gave them, or a style they had previously, or wanted to have."

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Where: 2707 Garnet Ave., Suite 2A.

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Hershman related a personal anecdote. "I ran into an old buddy of mine who was looking for a watch he'd gotten at his bar mitzvah. I ended up having it."

Hershman has a specialist in England who handles some of his repairs. "I send him 15 watches at a time and he fixes them all, then sends them back," he said.

Of the appeal of antique watches, Hershman said, "There's something to be said for having something real on you. Things are not made to last today. They're made to break because the companies need to keep selling you a product. I have watches in here from the '20s that are still running fine. They'll run forever. You can give them to your kids — and grandkids."

For Hershman, serving people's antique watch needs never grows old. "People want watches for all kinds of different things," he said. "They need a watch for work, or to go out with at night, or just to bang around. The quality of the past — they can get it here."

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Sunday Funday

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This item features Olive Baking Co. Cinnamon Brioche, a cream cheese glaze, cinnamon sugar and an option to add sausage or bacon. Fire-house also brings in a guest DJ every Sunday to keep the party going from the night before.

Mavericks (860 Garnet Ave.): A Sunday brunch buffet is available 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They offer their “famous” omelet, carving stations, eggs, bacon, sausage, fruit, as well as chicken, ribs, mussels, pasta and salads. They also offer a wide variety of pastries and desserts.

Pacific Beach Shore Club (4343 Ocean Blvd.): This place can fill up fast on a Sunday, and for good reason. Who doesn’t want to spend the day checking out the beach and boardwalk while sipping on a couple of Tropical Slushies? Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Favorites include their “Mass Confusion,” a combination of three biscuits, two scrambled eggs, mixed cheese, tater tots, house breakfast gravy, bacon and sausage.

Crushed (967 Garnet Ave.): Known for their “crushed” flights, this place is great to start your Sunday morning off right. Those \$9 beer and mimosa flights go great along with brunch until 4 p.m. One of the more popular breakfast items, cinnamon roll pancakes, will have your hangover cured in no time.

Waterbar (4325 Ocean Blvd.) Perched above the Pacific Beach boardwalk, the 6,700-square-foot beachside eatery offers panoramic views and an extensive brunch menu. Try the crab and egg biscuit,

or the signature WB Breakfast Sammy with fried egg, crispy pork belly, cherry applewood bacon, cheddar, roasted tomato, and spicy piri piri sauce on an English muffin.

Backyard Kitchen & Tap (832 Garnet Ave.): This is the place for a “premium” Sunday Funday. Enjoy full brunch menu items including the “BKVD Breakfast” from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. while sipping on \$6 mimosas, \$7 premium Ketel One Bloody Mary’s and premium mimosas, \$12 mimosa flights and \$16 champagne bottles.

Mission Beach

Beach House (3125 Ocean Front Walk): The Beach House’s unique oceanfront environment, featuring outdoor tiki bars, fire pits, and tropical palm trees, set the scene for a perfect SoCal day. Relax in their cabanas or take a seat at their beachfront bars as you unwind with a craft beer or refreshing “Dixie Paloma” to pair with an epic sunset.

Sandbar Sportsbar & Grill (718 Ventura Place): Join in the Champagne Campaign Brunch (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) with \$25 Bottomless Mimosas, munch on their award-winning TKO style tacos featuring cotija-crusted flour tortilla and chipotle aioli, and enjoy the view of the beach – and the screams of the Giant Dipper roller coaster riders – from the secon- floor Skydeck.

Draft (3105 Ocean Front Walk): This bar is a great place to watch the games on Sunday with endless beer options, optimal space and TVs galore, including one gigantic one against the wall. Sunday brunch offers \$12 Bloody Mary’s, \$6 local shandys with



Sipping on a vodka slushy on the PB Shore Club’s deck is a good way to enjoy Sunday Funday.

Saint Archer blonde ale and the build-your-own mimosa option with a choice of passion fruit, pomegranate and peach flavors for \$7.

The Olive Café (805 Santa Clara Place): This place may not have the alcohol options that the rest of the Sunday Funday places did, but The Olive Café is considered by many as the best place for breakfast in Mis-

sion Beach. They bake their bread locally at the Olive Baking Co. Customers can drink a mug of coffee, play some board games and eat their popular Dad’s Favorite Pancakes.

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Girls volleyball

As the days of summer wind down, various Mission Bay High School teams are practicing for their fall seasons.

On the girls volleyball court, Mission Bay, under head coach Steve Upp, went 15-11 overall last season.

The Bucs last season moved up a division, with Upp noting this is the toughest league for Mission Bay since he has been there.

A season ago, Mission Bay played a tough first-round CIF match against a strong opponent, but was defeated.

"This year, we are returning 10 players and added three juniors to the squad. We hope to do better in our tough Eastern League," Upp commented.

Upp noted that La Jolla was added to the league to take the place of University City High.

"Senior Bethany Kepner will be leading the team, but as I said

before, there is more experience on the team this year," Upp added. "We will be very competitive and a fun team to watch."

Mission Bay has home dates scheduled with O'Farrell Charter School (Sept. 5), Orange Glen (Sept. 12), Coronado (Sept. 17), Clairemont (Sept. 26), La Jolla (Sept. 28), Christian (Oct. 3), Patrick Henry (Oct. 5), and Castle Park (Oct. 12).

Field hockey

Coming off of a season where the team finished 9-7, the Mission Bay field hockey team looks for another winning campaign this fall under head coach Kris Auer.

The Bucs have been practicing as of late as they prepare for the new season.

Auer fields a team this season that lost six seniors to graduation, yet gained 15 freshmen on the roster. "That is the biggest class I've ever recruited," Auer commented.



According to Auer, the team will be led by seniors Emily Crissman, Clara Sandoval, Nina Morch, Vanessa Perez, Dellanira Valdez and Keila Rodriguez.

"With only six seniors and six juniors, we will definitely be young this year," Auer said. "There are some bright spots within the freshmen class and I am confident that those freshmen are going to be playing varsity minutes this year."

"Hopefully they can learn on the fly and help contribute to a winning

season. Regardless of results, I am already proud of the team chemistry we are developing. We have a very supportive culture and a tight knit unit," Auer said.

Mission Bay has home dates with Bonita Vista (Aug. 31), El Capitan (Sept. 6), El Cajon Valley (Sept. 7), Clairemont (Sept. 20), Southwest (Oct. 5), La Jolla Country Day (Oct. 10), Madison (Oct. 12), Mira Mesa (Oct. 17), and Point Loma (Oct. 24).

Boys beach volleyball

The boys beach volleyball team, under head coach Nikki Caufield, begins its fourth season this year after having won the Division II championship in 2016 and finishing second in Division II last year.

"We have more than 20 boys coming out for the beach volleyball team this year including a large group of incoming freshmen, which is the largest group of boys we've ever had," Caufield commented.

Mission Bay was put into a different league this year with a number of open division powerhouse teams such as La Jolla and Uni High.

Caufield said of the prospects for this year's team, "Returners from our top four teams last year include seniors Zander Caufield and Josh Leone; juniors Ian Briski and Dusty Schroeder and Cody Armstrong; and sophomore Andy Knight."

"Accordingly, we have a really solid core of boys from our top 3-4 teams last year," Caufield said.

"We are hoping that with the returning experience we will be competitive with the traditional powerhouse teams we will be playing in league," Caufield said.

The Bucs will be playing their first match against Uni High on Sept. 13 at 3 p.m.

— Dave Thomas

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Old Mission Beach Athletic Club will hold the OMSurf 25th annual Classic Longboard Surfing Contest on Sept. 15 on the north side of Crystal Pier. OMBAC is calling all surf enthusiasts to grab their vintage surfboards and gather for a nostalgic competition in Pacific Beach. Check-in for the contest will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the first heat paddle out at 8:15 a.m.

All contestants must surf on 1969 or older longboards, 9-feet or longer, with no leash. There are separate divisions for Open, Wahine and Menehune (youth 16 years old and under). Proceeds from the event go to benefit Drowning Prevention Foundation of San Diego AKA San Diego Junior Life-

guards. Those who are interested in competing or watching may find more information at ombac.org/omsurf.

For some, the OMSurf competition is more than just a surf contest. Ron Greene is a long-time participant of the Classic Longboard Surfing Contest. During the 2013 classic, Greene suffered a heart attack while out on the water. Flash forward two months, Greene was back in the Pacific Ocean surfing again.

LORD OF THE WINGS CROWNED

Mavericks Beach Club won the Lord of the Wings contest Sunday, Aug. 19, out-competing 710 Beach Club, Bub's at the Beach, Dirty Birds, The Duck Dive, Pacific Beach Shore Club, SD TapRoom and Tav-

ern at the Beach. The event at Karl Strauss Tasting Room raised more than \$5,000 for Discover PB's Clean and Safe program, which employs the homeless to do community beautification.

PB LIBRARY OPEN

Renovations took longer than expected, but Pacific Beach Library at 4275 Cass St. has been reopened. The library now has a new leak-free roof, drainage system, and an energy-efficient heating/cooling system, as well as a freshly-painted ceiling and Children's Area.

FANUEL PARK POTLUCK

On Friday, Aug. 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. the Fanuel Park Community Potluck

will take place. Bring a dish to share. Councilmember Lorie Zapf will be in attendance, and the Northern Division Police Officers will be stopping by for some food and conversation. Potluck starts at 5:30 p.m. Children and leashed dogs are welcome. Bring chairs, blankets, games and whatever for entertainment.

NATIONAL DOG DAY AT FIESTA

A free, Dog Dayz gathering celebrating the bond between humans and canines for National Dog Day will take place Saturday, Aug. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Over-the-Line field across from the fenced Fiesta Island Dog Park. Dog-oriented vendors will be offering free samples, licensing and microchipping.

Stop by the Fiesta Island Dog Owners (FIDO) booth and say "hello." FIDO is a nonprofit corporation run by volunteers dedicated to protecting and improving the fenced-off leash dog park on Fiesta Island. For more information, visit fidosd.org.

MINI HORSE BEACH MEET UP

The San Diego Mini Horse Beach Meet Up will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15 at Fiesta Island. Jiggy, Tubby and all of their friends are off to the beach. The group decided to head out to Fiesta Island and have another fun day in the sun this September. This isn't a hosted event or an organized "party," but a fun meet up for anyone who owns a miniature horse and those who love them.

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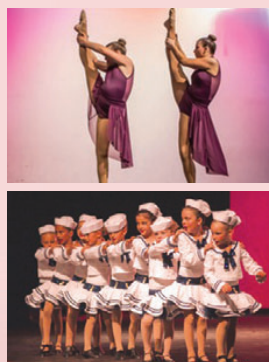
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Country Rockin' Rebels to keep Bahia Belle rollin' on Mission Bay

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

On Aug. 24, The Bahia Belle will be a floating party on Mission Bay with a soundtrack from rowdy and fun combo, The Country Rockin' Rebels. The band can keep a dance floor filled with tunes such as Pink Floyd's "Money" and The Doors' "Roadhouse Blues," but they also have an arsenal of great tunes cut from the same cloth. Rockers such as "Fantastic Journey" will certainly get the toes tapping, while jangly tunes such as "Summer Days" are perfect listening for a warm August night cruising the bay.

Country Rockin' Rebels: Friday, Aug. 24 at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 9:30 p.m. 21 and up. bahiabelle.com.

Blues guitarist Dennis Jones performs at Tio Leo's on Aug. 25. Currently touring behind the release of his new album, WE3 Live, Jones is an incendiary player but what makes him a true stand out is his songwriting, which makes sure there are plenty of hooks in the songs to go along with the great fretwork. Tunes such as "Blue Over You," have a solid groove and perhaps a touch of Hendrix in them,



The Bahia Belle, a Mississippi-style sternwheeler boat, cruises Mission Bay at sunset. THOMAS MELVILLE / BEACH & BAY PRESS

particularly in the voice. Jones other local appearances have included large events such as the Gator by the Bay festival, so blues fans won't want to miss this relatively intimate performance.

The Dennis Jones Band: Saturday, Aug. 25 at Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. tioleos.com.

Punk icons T.S.O.L. stop in at Brick by Brick on Aug. 26. Formed in 1978, the band still includes original members Jack Grisham (vocals), Ron Emory (guitar) and Mike Roche (bass) alongside Greg Kuehn (keyboards) and Antonio Val Hernandez (drums). Despite the passing of decades, T.S.O.L. have lost none of their fire and passion, as can be

heard on their latest single, "Low Low Low." Longtime fans can rest assured there will be plenty of old favorites in their set list, with featured songs from their most recent album, "The Trigger Complex."

T.S.O.L.: Sunday, Aug. 26 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 7:30 p.m. 21 and up. brickbybrick.com.

On Aug. 30, Beaumont's will host an evening of music from acoustic pop duo Hummingbird Hotel. Based around guitarist David Ornelas and cajon player Megan Love, the pair mix radio-friendly originals such as "Perfect," with choice covers that include the likes of Jim Croce's "Operator" and Bobby Caldwell's "What You Won't Do For Love." Ornelas' soulful voice is perfect for such songs as "Just The Two Of Us," but their strongest point is their song arrangements, which keep the tunes from sounding sparse in a duo format.

Hummingbird Hotel: Thursday, Aug. 30 at Beaumont's, 5662 La Jolla Blvd. 7:30 p.m. 21 and up. beaumontseatory.com.

On Aug. 31, jazz saxophonist Christopher Hollyday will celebrate the release of, "Telepathy," his first new album in more than two decades, with a special show at Dizzy's. Hollyday is a gifted performer, who has toured with the likes of Maynard Ferguson and recorded six albums though the early 1990s, including several for RCA Records.

Christopher Hollyday: Friday, Aug. 31, at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m.

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■ The Back to School Resource Fair will take place 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday Aug. 23. Meet teachers, sign up for after-school clubs, learn more about the Suzuki violin and music programs, and sign up to be a part of the PTO. Local food trucks will provide food for purchase and community groups will provide helpful information at their booths. Visit sandi.net/crownpoint to learn more about the school.

BARNARD ELEMENTARY

■ Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School will hold a new parent orientation and back to school ice cream social 2 p.m. on Aug. 24. Parents and students will have the opportunity to say "hello" to old friends, welcome new ones (including four classes of kindergarten students, one transitional kindergarten class, and one preschool class), and learn about the many after-school child care and enrichment programs offered at the school. Parents are invited to stay with the PTA after drop-off on the first day of school for free coffee, donuts, and sympathy or celebration with fellow parents.

For information on Barnard Elementary, or the District's School Choice program, visit sandiegounified.org/barnard. The Choice application window for the 2019-2020 school year will open between Oct. 1 and Nov. 13 of this year.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

■ PBE is holding orientation for new students 1 to 2 p.m. on Aug. 24 in the school auditorium. New students will meet Principal Goulart and hear about all that PBE has to offer. Kindergarten and TK kids and families will have the chance to see the kinder area. The orientation will be followed by a fun meet and greet play date at Kate Sessions Park from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for kinder and TK families, with ice cream for the kids.

■ PBE will also hold its Back to School Night on Sept. 6 for families to learn what is in store this school year. The school's parent teacher organization, Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary, also recently introduced a new corporate sponsorship policy.

Any local businesses interested in participating can contact FOPBE's fundraising vice presidents, Kristen Everett at kevrettadvent@gmail.com or Summer Crabtree at sumcrabtree@gmail.com.

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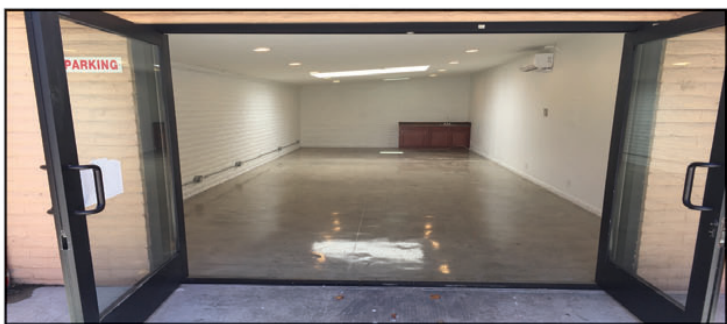
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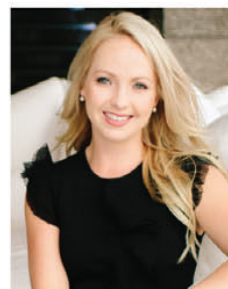
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The Board will then consider reports and other matters to be placed on the agenda for the annual election meeting. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for October 23, 2018 at 5:00pm, at Discover Pacific Beach office, 1503 Garnet Avenue. Newly elected members of the Board of Directors will be inducted and the Board will consider any other items placed on the agenda by the Board of Directors. A majority of the current Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors and meeting of the delegates for the October 23 2018 annual meeting.

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college, career and technical education classrooms," Remillard said, noting the high school's engineering and game design facilities "will be receiving complete make-overs. Air conditioning will also be installed throughout the classrooms on campus and safety upgrades will take place."

Added Remillard, "Our music and sports programs continue to thrive."

Dr. Mike McQuary, San Diego Unified School District Board trustee for District C said 2018-19 changes in the Mission Bay Cluster and across the San Diego Unified School District aim "to build on our strong academic success and prepare for the big goals we have ahead."

"Some of the goals we have set include all elementary students reading at grade-level, healthy start times for high school students, and the purest school drinking water system in the nation by 2020."

"Unique to Mission Bay is a cluster-wide emphasis on developing a STEAM/engineering focus via a

Blue Technology Curriculum that includes multiple college and career pathways, such as marine biology, oceanography, ship construction, container shipping and international commerce, water sports, fishing, cruise industry and coastal tourism," McQuary said.

Mission Bay Cluster highlights:

- PB Middle modernization continues with a new classroom building following the addition of new fields and a parking lot.
- Plans for the YMCA pool at PBMS are well underway.
- Air conditioning will be installed in all schools.
- Science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) programs are at all schools.
- Barnard has a new name, Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School, and continues to be the only TK-5 Chinese Mandarin Immersion Program in the district.

The Mission Bay Cluster of Schools will continue to lead the district in being the only cluster that offers all four instructional pathways (International Baccalaureate, music, world language,

and STEAM).

Pacific Beach Elementary School principal Denise Goulart said they're proud to be a STEAM school. "Our TK and kindergarten students will be receiving state-of-the-art maker-spaces in their classrooms," Goulart said. "New furniture, classroom paint, and engineering resources will be provided for participating classrooms. Kindergarten teachers have been partaking in Project Lead the Way and Lego training, which makes STEAM a part of their daily schedule. This five-year grant will eventually impact all classrooms, allowing each teacher to be trained on hands-on STEAM lessons."

Added Goulart: "We are proud to welcome Leslee Alvillar and Kaylie Denenberg to our staff. On Aug. 25, PBE will be working with Good Neighbor Gardens, to help revive our school garden and to install irrigation. Parent volunteers will be utilized to help prepare the garden for instructional purposes. PBE hopes to continue growing food that will be served in the school's cafeteria and be available to the community."

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years," the Mission Precise Planning Board opposed it, alleging it violates the community's Planned District Ordinance guiding commercial development.

Replying to MCBRD's suit, City Attorney Mara Elliott, in excerpts,

argues: "None of petitioners' arguments are valid... The parties should finally be allowed to move forward in their efforts to provide critically needed housing in Mission Beach, activate a vacant lot in the middle of the community, and deliver a new 0.32-acre public park for residents and visitors alike... The park complies with the City's General Plan, the Mission

Beach Precise Plan and the Coastal Act."

Mission Beach community planners insist the project takes liberties with 30-foot by 80-foot lot sizes, which have remained unchanged since the community's zoning was laid out in the early 20th century by San Diego developer and sugar heir John Spreckels.

Conceived in Mission Beach, ParkConnect app is like 'Airbnb for parking'

By VICTORIA DAVIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

It all started with an empty parking space and a way to make a little holiday cash. But then, it developed into an app that not only helps drivers get to the beach – road-rage free – but also provides a bit of economic support to locals along with a dash of environmental change.

Shadrach Vaughn is the founder and CEO of ParkConnect, a brand-new app that allows homeowners, business owners, and anyone with driveways or commercial lots in San Diego, to publicize their unused parking spaces so ParkConnect users can book a spot on demand. ParkConnect officially launched just last month and already has more than 200 users. Vaughn calls it an “Airbnb for parking.”

“It’s about not letting that space go to waste and also help residents have an extra source of income, which is always helpful in today’s economy,” said Vaughn. “It’s a good environmental push too. The more people are driving around looking for a space, the more greenhouse gases are pushed into the air. The fact that we’re helping reduce the carbon emissions in that sense is awesome as well.”

Vaughn’s idea to create ParkConnect stemmed from his move to the Mission Beach area, and realizing just how valuable a personal parking space is in a beach-side community.

‘It was crazy to see how bad parking was in Mission Beach.’

SHADRACH VAUGHN
FOUNDER OF PARKCONNECT APP

“The first couple summers, I would see people come to the beach, do a few laps around the block and then decide to just go home,” said Vaughn. “It was crazy to see how bad parking was in Mission Beach. The worst is when you’re trying to find parking and you’re passing empty driveways you would just kill to park in for the day.”

Then, after watching his neighbors do the same, Vaughn learned he could sell his personal parking spot to make some extra cash.

“Usually, when I’d sell my parking space, it was to a family with a couple kids in the back seat and the kids were always just so excited to get to the beach for the day,” said Vaughn. “It was great to see the smile on the people’s faces when they knew they could just head off to the beach.”

Though he made almost \$1,000 in just one summer, Vaughn found that it was inefficient to be out on the street corner in the summer heat with a sign every morning. He figured there had to be a better way.

Joining forces with Eric Norcross, who is now ParkConnect’s chief technology officer, and designer



Shadrach Vaughn is the founder and CEO of ParkConnect.

Emily Choi, Vaughn and his team of three have extended ParkConnect’s reach to not only Mission Beach, but also Pacific Beach, Ocean Beach, La Jolla and downtown San Diego by Horton Plaza, giving residents more time and a money-efficient way to find parking.

“Having struggled with the increasingly difficult and time-consuming task of finding parking anywhere one would want to be, I was immediately interested in joining ParkConnect,” said Norcross. “I approached building the app from the perspective of a potential user

and did my best to make the site as user-friendly as possible.

“Two of the areas I spent a significant amount of time on were revising the checkout flow, and the process of adding a listing, which is now done in a series of steps, so the user isn’t overwhelmed with a giant ‘all or nothing’ form.”

On ParkConnect.co, owners can list their empty spots and post hourly, daily or monthly rates. Those who are looking for parking enter the location they need, select a time frame and choose from a list of options. The listers, or “hosts,” will

HOW DOES IT WORK?

On ParkConnect.co, owners can list their empty spots and post hourly, daily or monthly rates. Those who are looking for parking enter the location they need, select a time frame and choose from a list of options.

often list the parking spaces for less than what people would normally have to pay for them.

ParkConnect continues to grow each day, averaging about 25 new users per week and the San Diego Airport recently accepted the app into their pilot program to test the parking. Vaughn and his team are hoping to add holiday promo codes to the app as well.

“The ultimate goal is to have shared parking communities throughout the U.S. beach and urban areas,” said Vaughn. “We want to allow people to really get immersed in this shared economy through parking and allow everyone to get to where they want to go.”

He adds: “Just this past week, I had a long day at work and decided I wanted to go to the beach to take a walk and relax, and that’s something I think everyone should be able to experience. It seems like an obvious thing, but if you can’t find parking it’s just more stressful.

“Everyone should be able to walk on the beach and not have to go home because they can’t find parking.”

Russians come together in San Diego to build community among immigrants

PB woman vying for Miss Russian title

By VICTORIA DAVIS | BEACH & BAY PRESS

After 20 years, there will once again be a reigning Miss Russian in San Diego. Partnering with Gorozhanka, San Diego’s leading Russian Women’s magazine, Olga Solovyeva has worked hard to revive the nonprofit organization, Miss Russian San Diego, since its premier in 1998.

While her involvement with the project initially began with wanting to “fill the emptiness” of her own daughter leaving for college, the pageant has taken on a deeper message.

“We want to show the world that Russian women are not ‘mail-order-brides,’” said Solovyeva, who serves as this year’s project organizer for the pageant. “Russian women are beautiful and educated. We want to bring peace and resolve conflict between all countries in the world. We are like everyone else. We are not a danger.”

Taking place Sunday, Sept. 16 at the California Center for the Arts (340 N Escondido Blvd.), the pageant will not only consist of a

‘For all immigrants, it’s a long and difficult journey, and it has bonded all of us together.’

DARYANA MIKHNIUK
CONTESTANT FROM LA JOLLA

gala concert, fashion show, art showcase and awards ceremony, but will also provide a platform for contestants to share their stories of immigrating to the United States, finding jobs and building a life.

This part of the event is what Daryana Mikhniuk, a contestant from La Jolla, is looking forward to the most.

“I do really miss my home, and my family and friends, but here in San Diego, we have a huge community of Russian-speaking people and of course bringing them all together... It’s going to be fun,” said Mikhniuk, who immigrated from Belarus in 2013. “This experience has bonded all of us together as a community. Every time, I’m just shocked by how many Russian-speaking people live in San Diego. Everybody has their own communities, but we can all call ourselves immigrants.”



Contestants for the Miss Russian San Diego pageant. Pacific Beach resident Hanna Datskevich (far right, standing) is competing for the title.

The beauty pageant has also created a family dynamic among the contestants and pageant coordinators. Every Sunday, for three hours, the women get together to rehearse runway modeling, Broadway dancing and public speaking. They’ve even been on local cooking shows, demonstrating how to cook traditional Russian meals.

“As a team, all of the girls, we’re becoming friends,” said Mikhniuk. “Recently, all of us went out for dinner and it was like a big family together. We really don’t even think it’s a competition. It’s more like every Sunday we get together and

we learn how to dance.”

Hanna (Ann) Datskevich, a contestant from Pacific Beach, added: “I’ve met lots of new girls and they are all different. They’re all beautiful, with their own power inside of them. It’s amazing.”

Datskevich is also originally from Belarus, and says she was surprised to have met Mikhniuk since her previous home had such strict travel laws.

“Belarus, it’s such a closed country,” said Datskevich. “It’s so complicated and hard to get out of there, so it’s been cool to meet others from my country in San Diego. I had no

MISS RUSSIAN SAN DIEGO

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idea so many Russians lived here.”

She adds, “We all have our different lives, ways, how we came to United States, how we do our own jobs... people can see that we’re different, but we have the same goal: to make this show beautiful.”

All the profits for the pageant go to Rady Children’s Hospital and Becky’s House, a transitional housing shelter for abused women, youth and children. Tickets for both the pageant and the VIP after-party are available on artcenter.org/events.

Solovyeva believes that “everything should be good, if everything will go right,” and hopes to continue the pageant next year.

“San Diego is the city of my dreams,” said Mikhniuk. “There are so many different people from around the world who live here. For all immigrants, it’s a long and difficult journey, and it has bonded all of us together. Everyone has their own stories to tell.”

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Enjoy the ocean breeze from this incredibly charming craftsman, a half block to Sail Bay in prestigious Crown Point. Era specific refinished oak plank flooring and natural stone countertops throughout. Centra AC. Chef's kitchen with island and dual sinks. Expansive backyard acts as an extension of the home, encompassed by a blooming floral wonderland. Enchanting separate guest cottage with dutchdoor, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, bath, and kitchenette. Private outdoor surfers shower. Additional Tuff Shed with ample storage for beach living.



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