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TASTY TACOS



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THOMAS MELVILLE / BEACH & BAY

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By THOMAS MELVILLE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Tacos are the new pizza. They're no longer constrained by some arbitrary parameters of what makes a taco, a taco. And the notion of authenticity, while a noble pursuit, just takes the fun out of it. Let's spread open the tortilla and let all the non-traditional fillings in.

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Man pleads guilty to stabbing in PB

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A man who stabbed an employee of a Pacific Beach hookah lounge has pleaded guilty and will likely be sentenced to four years in prison, according to court records.

At his second court appearance, Simone Myjel Carter, 26, pleaded guilty Sept. 20 to assault with a deadly weapon in the Sept. 6 incident.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Kathleen Lewis set sentencing for Oct. 23. Carter remains in the George Bailey Detention Facility

without bail. Court records say Carter has agreed to accept a four-year prison term and the other charges were dismissed. The maximum sentence is eight years.

The incident took place at the Pharaoh Hookah Lounge at 976 Garnet Ave. at 11:40 a.m. when a 21-year-old employee attempted to eject Carter for causing problems.

Carter pulled a knife and stabbed the employee twice. The worker was taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries and Carter fled.

Pro short-term vacation rental group's measure qualifies for ballot referendum

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Less than three months since the City Council voted 6-3 for a more-restrictive short-term vacation rental ordinance, a vacation-rental coalition has turned in nearly double (62,000) the number of valid signatures required to put the measure on a future ballot.

On July 16, the City Council's nine members, with Scott Sherman, Chris Cate and David Alvarez dissenting, passed a short-term rental ordinance favoring residents and allowing primary-residence-only rentals with a six-month maximum.

Calling that a "de facto ban," a coalition comprised of home-sharing platforms Airbnb and HomeAway, as well as local vacation-rental hosts, embarked on a controversial signature-gathering campaign to overturn the council vote.

Council members Barbara Bry, Lorie Zapf and supporters of the new tougher rental ordinance, attacked the opposition's referendum drive alleging it used "deceptive tactics."

Now that the referendum is a go, the City Council faces a tough choice: Put the measure on a future ballot in 2020, or possibly early next year in a

special election, or rescind its new ordinance, which would have taken effect in July 2019.

Pointing out its up to the City Council to place short-term rentals on the ballot or rescind, Share San Diego, Airbnb and HomeAway said: "When voters have a say, short-term rentals win. More than 62,000 San Diegans signed the petition to stop the de-facto ban on short-term rentals because they agree there is a better solution than the onerous law that was passed."

"Short-term rentals are an important property right that help owners, managers and hosts earn valuable extra income, contribute needed tax revenue to the City's budget, and have long been part of the fabric of San Diego. We believe there's a better way and look forward to a resolution, whether it be by the City or the voters."

The short-term rental industry claims a national poll shows 66 percent of those polled feel second homes should be allowed to be rented short-term. The industry also contends short-term rentals generate millions of dollars in tax revenue for the City while providing more than 3,000 jobs citywide.

But not everyone is pleased by the most recent turn of events. Mission Beach resident Teri Youngs, who lives on a court surrounded by short-term rentals, claims their proliferation is destroying the community.

"The last several years have become a nightmare here in MB, with at least 40 percent or more of the homes converted into short-term vacation rentals," said Youngs. "The majority of the homes are bought by investors and managed by companies that specialize in 'beach rentals.'"

Youngs doesn't favor a short-term rental ban.

"We need a balance ... and there needs to be some regulations," she said, contending next-door rentals are a recurring problem, and that local vacation-rental owners are largely unresponsive to complaints.

"There needs to be phone numbers posted on every rental that we can call and they will be there with an answer, or down here in an hour," Youngs said, adding she and her neighbors are anxious about not knowing who their next inconsiderate short-term tenants are going to be.

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POLISH FESTIVAL IN PACIFIC BEACH

Polish culture and hospitality will be on display Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12-14, at the St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church fundraiser at 1735 Grand Ave.

The annual Polish Fest is a tribute to Polish heritage and pride. The event includes live performances by Polish folk dancers and various musical bands.

Polish cuisine and genuine imported Polish beer will be sold. Also available for purchase at the church mission site will be a variety of commemorative event T-shirts, hats and other apparel.

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

Poland is all about," said St. Maximilian Kolbe spokeswoman Agnieszka Giacalone.

St. Maximilian was built in 1995 in Pacific Beach to serve the Polish community, a large number of whom emigrated from their native land during the Solidarity labor-union movement of the 1990s.

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

Kolbe provided shelter to refugees from Greater Poland, including 2,000 Jews, whom he hid from Nazi persecution in his friary until he was arrested by the German Gestapo and imprisoned.

For more information, visit polishmission.org/festival/index.php.

BOOMONT AND FALL FEST AT BELMONT PARK

Returning for its sixth season, BOOmont and Fall Fest rises from the dusk as Belmont Park transforms with festive fall thrills and chills throughout the amusement park. Throughout October, guests will be able to participate in free activities including trick-or-treating from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. from Friday to Sunday and family costume contests each Saturday at 5:30 p.m. There will be pumpkin painting starting at \$2.

There will also be two free concerts at the Beach House for all ages featuring The Cool Kids and other bands 7 p.m. on Oct. 13. Sure Fire Soul Ensemble performs 1 to 4 p.m. on Oct. 28. Beer lovers can taste craft brews and hand-made pretzels while enjoying live music at the Belmont Beer Tasting Garden on Oct. 20 from 4 to 7 p.m. Draft will hold its annual costume party with a live DJ on Oct. 26 from 7 p.m. to midnight.

SUN DIEGO AM SLAM SURF & SKATE SERIES ON SATURDAY

San Diego's only surf, skate and music festival will be happening at Belmont Park in Mission Beach on Saturday, Oct. 13. The final stop of the Sun Diego Am Slam Surf & Skate Series presented by Vans is also the largest with more than \$8,000 up for grabs in the pro-am divisions. The Am Slam is the only amateur surf/skate contest series in Southern California and is designed to give local surfers and skaters of all ages the opportunity to compete and excel.

GOVERNOR SIGNS NO-HELMET BILL FOR MOTORIZED SCOOTERS

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill absolving adults from being required to wear helmets

on electric scooters on city streets.

Dockless bike company Bird backed the no-helmet law, AB 2989, which also permits scooters to be on streets with speed limits up to 35 mph. State law currently bans scooters on streets with speed limits exceeding 25 mph.

Gov. Brown also signed AB 3077, which allows people under age 18, who've been cited for not wearing a bicycle helmet, to correct the violation within four months by attending a bicycle safety course and proving they now have a correct-fitting helmet.

Both laws take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

GARTLAND NAMED SDFD LIFEGUARD DIVISION CHIEF

After a thorough recruitment process, San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) Chief Colin Stowell announced the appointment of James Gartland as the new lifeguard division chief. Gartland has served as interim chief for the past six months.

Gartland has been a SDFD lifeguard for 23 years. He is a graduate of San Diego State University with a degree in business administration/accounting and completed the Wharton College Mission Critical Team Professional Development Program. He is currently a member of the Type 3 San Diego All-Hazards Incident Management Team and has served as the chair of the San Diego Regional Aquatic Lifesaving Emergency Response Task Force and the Area Maritime Security Subcommittee on Preventative Radiological Nuclear Detection.

He also spent 18 months as the regional maritime emergency preparedness manager with the City's Office of Homeland Security. Aside from his commitment to his career as a public servant, Gartland spends a lot of time volunteering in a variety of capacities in San Diego.

He is currently the president of the Old Town Academy School Advisory Board and has volunteered for San Diego Coastkeeper and Clairemont Hilltoppers Little League. Chief Gartland has been an officer with the San Diego Lifesaving Association and the San Diego Association for Lifeguards.

FLU VACCINE NOW AVAILABLE ACROSS SAN DIEGO

The flu vaccine is here. And now that the influenza vaccine is readily available across the region, the County Health and Human Services Agency is encouraging the public to get vaccinated.

"Everyone 6 months and older should get vaccinated now before flu season arrives," said Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County public health officer. "The vaccine is safe and effective. All San Diegans should get vaccinated to avoid getting sick and spreading the virus to others."

Last season, 342 people died from complications from the flu, 255 more than the previous season and the highest total since the County began tracking flu deaths nearly 20 years ago.

Visit www.sdiz.org or call 2-1-1 San Diego to find a list of County locations. The County provides free vaccinations as part of the County's Live Well San Diego vision of healthy, safe and thriving residents and communities.

PURE WATER MOVES FORWARD WITH MAJOR EPA LOAN

The City's efforts to create one-third of its own water supply by 2035 took a major step forward last week with City Council approval of a loan that will finance nearly half of the first phase of Pure Water San Diego – a multi-year program that will use proven water purification technology to clean recycled water to produce safe, high-quality drinking water.

The \$614 million loan comes from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program and will cover 49 percent of the \$1.25 billion project. There will be a second reading of the ordinance by the City Council in two weeks to officially authorize the loan.

The Pure Water program will eventually recycle up to 83 million gallons of wastewater per day. It is one of the major sustainability projects that support Mayor Faulconer's Climate Action Plan.

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Join us for a Celebration of Life on the USS Midway Museum, October 17, 2018, 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the USS Midway Museum.



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1:00 - 1:30 DJ GREENT
1:30 - 2:15 NO KINGS
2:15 - 2:45 DJ CARLOS CULTURE
2:45 - 3:45 UNSTEADY
3:45 - 4:15 DJ UNITE
4:15 - 5:15 CITYSIDE
5:15 - 5:45 DJ DASH EYE
5:45 - 6:45 KBONG

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11:00 CROWN POINT JR. MUSIC ACADEMY
11:40 OLD SCHOOL SKATERS
12:20 ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHOIR & HAND BELLS
1:10 PB MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND
2:00 ICECREAM
2:50 THE GO HEADS
3:40 MBHS PRESERVATIONISTS AND MAMBO ORCHESTRA
5:10 BIG DADDY BLUES BAND

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3:05 - 4:05 CHUGBOAT
4:25 - 5:25 JET WEST
5:45 - 6:45 SLOWER

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Campland makes its case for staying in De Anza Cove

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Visiting Pacific Beach Planning Group in September, Campland on the Bay pled its case for remaining an affordable bay front campground.

Campland could be a casualty in the City's ongoing three-year analysis of the 120-acre De Anza Special Study Area, part of developing a De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

The City, working with the local community and stakeholders, is developing revitalization plan alternatives to amend the Mission Bay Park Master Plan, along with creating an environmental impact report.

The goal of the De Anza Cove Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan is to re-imagine, re-purpose and revitalize the special study area, which includes the former, now-vacant, 75-acre De Anza Cove mobile home park, as well as Campland and surrounding Mission Bay Golf Course, Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club, Bob McEvoy Athletic Field and Mission Bay Tennis Club.

In April 2017, the City Council unanimously approved a lease

extension for up to five years for Campland, while the City finalizes its De Anza Revitalization Plan. That plan includes about 40 acres for RV camping, cabins or guest housing. The City has said Campland's ultimate fate will be decided once the environmental impact report for the revitalization project is complete.

At the Sept. 26 PBPG meeting, Jacob Gelfand, Campland's vice president of operations, defended the campground, located west of Rose Creek across from De Anza Cove, as an invaluable community asset. He also presented Campland's own alternative plan for the special study area, countering a City proposal, which could close the park and move its amenities to the now-vacant De Anza Cove mobile home park.

"We serve more than 100,000 visitors annually, 80 percent of whom return," Gelfand said. "We offer a wide range of amenities at our active resort, everything from restaurants and bars to marinas, a beach, an arcade and a skateboarding facility. These types of uses fill important needs for the City and the whole region."

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PAESAN PICNIC

The 38th annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (PAESAN), a community picnic celebrating first responders sponsored by Pacific Beach Town Council, was held Sept. 26 at North Crown Point Shores Rotary Club Pavilion. PAESAN was started by two women, Annie McDaniel and Mary Wilding, both PBTC members. Every fall, residents get together at Crown Point for hot dogs, hamburgers, and some fresh grilled fish with all the fixings. It's no ordinary cookout, but rather a fundraiser attended by representatives from the San Diego Police Department, San Diego Fire-Rescue, and the City's Park and Rec Department, who are all honored for their service.

Healthy food with a Brazilian soul in PB

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Brazilian Bowls in Pacific Beach isn't just a restaurant. It's a cultural experience. Walk into the eatery on Garnet Avenue any time to watch soccer, or take in the display of home-grown Brazilian products or the photo gallery.

Owned by husband-and-wife team Rafaela Goldman and Luis Yared, the couple pride themselves on the quality of their cuisine.

"We opened the restaurant because it was a dream for us to do something good for people, something that was organic – real food at an affordable price," said Rafaela, noting they use only grass-fed beef and antibiotic-free chicken.

"It's healthy food with a Brazilian soul," said Rafaela. "We have a lot of acai bowls here also, and a lot of rice, beans and organic salads."

Rafaela added Brazilian Bowls serves acai bowls the traditional way.

Rafaela likes to cook. Luis likes to manage. It works well.

Some of the fruit they use in their acai bowls is imported from the Amazon. Most of the ingredients in their cuisine is produced locally.

Luis previously worked for his family's restaurants in Brazil. He said Brazilian Bowls is bringing something new to the marketplace.

"We couldn't find a place around here that was fast, affordable and



Customers may build their own bowls with plenty of options.

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Info: brbowls.com.

Diego. The people here are very nice. They care about healthy and organic food."

The restaurant's menu is in plain view up on a chalkboard.

A Brazilian bowl with salad is \$7.99. Smoothies are \$5.79.

Vegan, dairy-free and gluten-free items are available.

"It's something different," concluded Luis about his ethnic cuisine. "It's a different concept that's hard to find in the U.S. You can find places with processed ingredients. But it's hard to find a quick-service place that has healthy food.

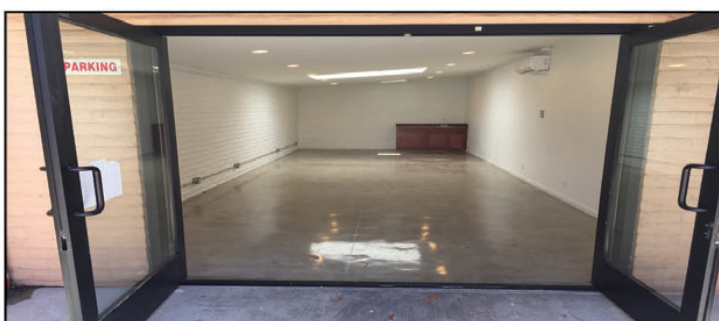
"We thought this was something missing here, and we decided to do it in a Brazilian way. It's in our souls. We couldn't do it differently."

with a healthy style of food," Luis said. "Our Brazilian food is healthier, with organic ingredients."

Brazilian Bowls operates on a five-step process: Choose a bowl or wrap, a protein, and a base of either rice, beans or vegetables, then choose among salad ingredients and add toppings.

On how they wound up in Pacific Beach, Luis said, "We really like the United States. We fell in love with San

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The event is hosted by Discover Pacific Beach, a nonprofit business improvement district dedicated to promoting the beach community.

Action starts early on the sandy shoreline with PB's action sports tournaments: VAVi 4Sum Beach Volleyball, Pacific Beachfest 5k with an early wave and a main wave run, Venture Active Sunset Yoga Session, Silent Disco Beach Yoga with Outdoor Yoga SD, and Journey to the ANOC World Beach Games San Diego-Beach Tennis Tournament.

Throughout the day, thousands of BeachFest-goers can enjoy live music on three stages. The Ocean Park Inn Stage will feature world beat dance music. The SDCCU Community Stage will showcase the best local talent, as well as Maverick's Beach Club Stage, where the hottest DJs and reggae will be featured in the Beachfest Big Josh Beer Garden.

New this year is the Mix Lab DJ lounge presented by Kevita, where you can chill to cool vibes and sights.

PACIFIC BEACHFEST

Where: Along the boardwalk from Felspar to Thomas streets.

When: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6.

Info: pacificbeachfest.org.

Shop and browse among the dozens of fine arts and crafts displays and visit the many eclectic shops and popular restaurants at the PB Merchant Sidewalk Sale.

No Beachfester will go hungry with the 11th annual "Best at the Beach Fish Taco Challenge," where anyone can vote for their favorite fish taco. The Taste of PB Food Court provides a variety of local restaurants serving up tasty cuisines. Enjoy the ocean view and wash it down at the Beachfest Big Josh Beer Garden, while tasting beers from locally crafted local breweries, as well as Tecate and Strongbow.

Pacific BeachFest is a party for all ages featuring Kids Action Alley, where the youngest dudes and dudettes will be kept busy with beachside rides as well as other free fun games and activities and free arts and crafts.

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The **Kiwanis Club** of Pacific Beach will be sponsoring their **7th Annual Spooky Pasta Dinner on October 25th**. They will be serving Mostaccioli with a meatball, salad, roll and non-alcoholic beverage at Pernicano's Restaurant.

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

Pernicano's is all decked out for Halloween. Between now and the first of November it is a great place to celebrate the holiday with ghosts, goblins, witches and other spooky characters adorning the premises. If you can not make it on the 25th of October, Pernicano's will honor the tickets now thru the end of November.

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EDUCATION NOTEBOOK>>

MISSION BAY HIGH

■ It was a busy week for MBHS boys water polo as they had an excellent week of play going 7-0 for the week (see page 11). They defeated University City and High Tech High Schools during the week and carried that momentum into the weekend winning the Varsity Cougar Invitational Tournament at Las Palmas Pool in National City. Coach Lindsay Sutterley, said, "The Bucs had a close first half in the final game and were able to pull ahead in the fourth quarter." Junior Kyle Baker scored 12 goals and had 16 steals, while senior goalie Whitney Snead had 31 blocks for the weekend.

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE

■ PBMS Music Association is hosting the second annual PB Palooza noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14 at San Diego Mission Bay Boat and Ski Club. Join friends and neighbors for music and food to support PBMS Music Association. Listen to the sounds of local bands The Sea Monks, The Go Heads, Lay Low, Big Daddy Blues, The PinchFlats, and Jetpack Mojo. Food will be available for purchase from the Iron Pig Alehouse.

BARNARD ELEMENTARY

■ More than 40 students from Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School took to the stage at the Moon Festival in Balboa Park on Sept. 22 to showcase their Chinese cultural arts talents and language skills. It is

the third consecutive year that Barnard's students have performed in this annual event.

The school's "Flying Arts" performance troupe, comprised of second- through fifth-grade students, presented a dance interpretation of Mulan, the legendary warrior woman from fifth century China. Later in the program, students from Barnard's fourth-grade classrooms performed a dance from the Yi Torch Festival. Set to traditional music from the southwest region of China, this dance commemorates the fabled wrestler Atilaba, who drove away a plague of locusts using torches made from pine trees. Another group of Barnard students joined instructors from the Confucius Institute at San Diego State University to demonstrate the slow-moving exercises of tai chi, which has its origin in the fighting arts.

■ For information on Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School, or to find out about the District's School Choice program, visit sandiegounified.org/barnard.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

■ PBE would like to thank the Mission Bay Real Estate Association (MBREA) for supporting all Pacific Beach elementary schools through the Don Brown Links for Learning golf tournament again this year. PBE appreciates their support.

■ Rubio's Dine Out is on Oct. 17 at Rubio's on Grand Avenue. Head to Rubio's, mention the PBE fundraiser, and a portion of the proceeds benefit the school. Thanks to Rubio's for supporting PBE.

■ For anyone interested in learning more about PBE, the principal will be holding a school tour 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Come check out the school.

■ PBE relies on fundraising for many of its programs that benefit every student at the school. The contribution drive ends Oct. 5. Your donations will help the neighborhood school. Donate at fopbe.org/contribution-drive/ or venmo @FOPBE.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

■ Sessions is excited to launch a program called WATCH D.O.G.S. Families learned at the orientation pizza party that the two main goals of the program is to provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important and to provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying. Each male participant, dad, uncle, grandpa, etc. is asked to volunteer one day per school year. The program is sure to be a success due to the large, enthusiastic crowd who showed up for orientation.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER

■ Three Mission Bay Cluster schools will have their bands featured at Pacific Beachfest on Saturday, Oct. 6. Crown Point Junior Music Academy will perform at 11 a.m., PBMS will be on stage at 1:10 p.m., and MBHS Preservationists and Mambo Orchestra will play at 3:40 p.m., on the Community Stage. For more information, visit pacificbeachfest.org.

■ The fourth annual "Future Bucs Night" is 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19 at Mission Bay High as the football team battles Scripps Ranch. Elementary and middle-school children and their families are welcome to come cheer on the team. The popular "Future Buc" T-shirt is now available for pre-order through Oct. 10.



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Celebrate 50 years at Campland on the Bay with music and games on Saturday

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Campland on the Bay celebrates its 50th anniversary on Oct. 6 with a full day of activities. There will be fun for the whole family, kicking off at 10 a.m. with games such as "Human Foosball." Music will be a major component of the event with three bands on the lawn stage playing multiple sets: Groove Kitty (10 a.m.), Radio Thieves (2 p.m.) and Arena (7 p.m.). Of particular note are the Beth Vinas-fronted Groove Kitty, who perform high-energy classics by the likes of Jefferson Starship, Bon Jovi and AC/DC, the perfect soundtrack to a day on the water.

50th anniversary celebration: Saturday, Oct. 6 at Campland on the Bay. 8 p.m. All ages. camp-land.com.

Pacific BeachFest returns on Oct. 6 with three stages of live entertainment, plus a DJ lounge. Taking place from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. along the boardwalk in Pacific Beach, musical highlights will include singer-songwriter Casey Turner and reggae rockers Jet West, as well as two Mission Bay High School groups; The Preservationists and the Mambo Orchestra. With plenty of vendors, foods, art and more on offer, a stroll through this popular event is just about the perfect way to spend a Saturday in San Diego.

Pacific BeachFest: Saturday, Oct. 6. All ages. pacificbeach-fest.org.

The unlikely pairing of jazz and 1980s-era new wave will combine on Oct. 12 at Dizzy's with an appearance by Retrosonik. The quartet performs a show dubbed, "Reimagining the Music of the '80s," featuring updated versions of songs from the likes of Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet and The Police. Featuring Anthony Smith (piano/vibes), Ken Turner (vocals), Doug Walker (bass) and Duncan Moore (drums), this is no mere gimmick. Retrosonik finds new beauty in the classic songs' melodies, with adventurous arrangements that will delight fans of both genres.

Retrosonik: Friday, Oct. 12, at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 8 p.m. dizzysjazz.com.

The 710 Beach Club hosts blues and R&B powerhouse, Lady Dottie and the Diamonds on Oct. 12.

Simply one of the best live acts in San Diego, for more than a decade, Lady Dottie has delivered the goods, turning any venue she and her band perform at into a vintage juke joint. The band's lineup fluctuates, but they continue to mine a wealth of classic covers and also play excellent originals such as "I Ain't Mad 'Atcha" but whatever they play, they never give less than 200 percent. If you've never seen Lady Dottie this is a wonderful opportunity.

Lady Dottie & The Diamonds: Friday, Oct. 12 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. 710bc.com.

Halloween comes early to the sternwheeler The William D Evans, when the Six String Society takes off on Oct. 13, aboard a "Haunted Halloween Cruise." Departing from the Bahia Resort, the event promises to be a unique Halloween experience, with the ships three levels hosting five of San Diego's hottest acts. On hand will be legendary roots rockers The Farmers, cumbia/rockabilly favorites The Sleepwalkers, blues singer Casey Hensley, costumed garage band The Creepy Creeps and Celtic quintet Brogue Wave. With a great mix of sounds and scenery this will be the event to beat this season.

Haunted Halloween Cruise: Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Bahia Resort, 998 West Mission Bay Drive. 5 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. the-sixstringsociety.com.

Seventies hitmakers America perform at Humphrey's on Oct. 5. Best known for a string of George Martin-produced mid-'70s hits that includes "Lonely People," "Sister Golden Hair," and "Tin Man," the duo has continued to produce excellent music, most recently with the 2007 album, "Here & Now." Fans can expect a greatest hits set with a few choice covers mixed in. The chance to hear songs such as "Ventura Highway" and "Horse With No Name," by the originators shouldn't be passed up.

America: Friday, Oct. 5 at Humphrey's Concerts, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 7:30 p.m. humphreysconcerts.com.

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TACOS

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We're spoiled in San Diego. We know that a few trolley stops south down the blue line is taco heaven. Just a few steps out of the border building at San Ysidro, pedestrians come face-to-face with taco carts that instantly make you crave carne asada. Indulge. They're authentic and they are spectacular.

But north of the border, tacos can be anything wrapped by a corn (or flour) tortilla. Lobster and grilled pineapple? Done. Black beans and pico de gallo? Yep. Soy chorizo with shredded cabbage in a crunchy vegan shell? Sure, why not.

For National Taco Day this year, we decided to head out in Pacific Beach and Mission Beach to taste tacos at some well-known establishments and highlight the amazing flavors and variety of tacos available within walking (or scooter) distance.

We also listed some of the places that are local favorites, which we didn't get to on our tour, but have enjoyed in the past.

Pueblo

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The best tacos in the world are in Tijuana. That's what Elio Mendoza says, and he should know. Mendoza, who was raised in Tijuana and has a small family restaurant there, previously traveled the world cooking in kitchens from Europe to South America learning authentic French, Italian and Latin cuisine.

Now, as head chef at Pueblo in Pacific Beach, the street tacos in Tijuana – such as the carne asada at Tacos El Franc, the shrimp tacos at Mariscos el Mazateño, and the fish tacos at Tacos Fénix cart down the road in Ensenada – have inspired him to create a gastronomic fusion of flavors with authentic ingredients, for a variety of taco tastes.

The al pastor-style salmon tacos with mango, pineapple, avocado salsa on jicama tortillas are a stroke of genius. Adding the same marinade used for al pastor to grilled salmon, the flavors are fresh and the fish succulent.

"It's a twist on Baja food flavors," Mendoza said.

The other standout is the crunchy fish tacos. Using the same batter recipe that make Ensenada fish tacos so special, Mendoza adds tortilla chips to create crunchy texture to perfectly cooked fish that is enhanced by mango pico de gallo.

"These tacos are all about fusion," Mendoza said.

Taco Surf

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This place is all about the PB vibe. Wahines in bikinis fill the tables and surfboards cover the walls and ceiling. You don't surf? That's fine. You like huge tacos stuffed with meat and covered in house-made red and green salsa? You're in the right place.



The al pastor salmon with jicama tortillas tacos at Pueblo. The brisket, steak, shrimp and fish tacos at PB Shore Club. The fish, al pastor and carne asada tacos at Taqueria Los Ruiz. At Taco Surf, the carne asada, adobada, fish, and grilled snapper tacos.



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"We've been here almost 30 years and we're consistently good," said owner Sam McLarty. "We've had the same recipe for our salsas and tacos and everybody keeps coming back."

The adobada taco is a meal in itself with the pork cooked perfectly and the right amount of spices. But the standout is the grilled snapper taco. Tender and juicy, topped with tangy salsa, crema and fresh cabbage, this taco will satisfy surfers and everyone else.

PB Shore Club

4343 Ocean Blvd.

Eating tacos while overlooking the beach just seems right. And the PB Shore Club delivers the view and the tacos, with beef brisket, steak, fish, shrimp and lobster options.

To help taste all these tacos, we called in a couple journalism students from Point Loma Nazarene University – Carlsbad natives Natalie Rocha and Andie Naugler.

They dove in, finishing off the steak tacos in minutes before ripping into the fish and shrimp ones. College students (and journalists in training) know how to take advantage of free food.

"The fish taco is the best – it's so good," said Rocha, who worked at Rubio's for two years and knows a thing about fish tacos. "I would come back for those."

"The shrimp taco is great, it's my favorite," said Naugler. "The salsa and guac are really good. I also love the tortillas."

Taqueria Los Ruiz

5010 Cass St.

Nestled in a small plaza at the intersection of Cass and Loring in North PB, this taco shop looks and smells as authentic as it gets. Also, their carne asada and al pastor tacos, topped with guacamole, chopped onions and fresh cilantro, looked the most like TJ tacos.

Pacific Beach resident Madeleine Jeanette joined the taco tour here and chose to try the nopal, fish and carne asada. She dug into the nopal taco first and liked the flavor of the cactus paired with fried cheese. But the fish taco quickly became her favorite.

"Spicy, great flavors and the crunch from the fresh cabbage makes it a great fish taco – one of my favorites," she said.

Tacos Mimi

4508 Cass St.

Basically, a taco stand squeezed

into a space between Square Pizza Co. and Hawaiian barbecue, Tacos Mimi serves up Baja-style street tacos loaded with big flavor on a small tortilla.

This place has garnered a bit of a cult following among the nearby residents and it's obvious why. The asada, fish and potato tacos are top notch, but the standout is the adobada.

"The adobada is out of this world," Jeanette said. "Maybe the best in Pacific Beach. Terrific."

PB Fish Shop

1775 Garnet Ave.

Ask PB residents where their go-to spot is for fish tacos and Pacific Beach Fish Shop will more than likely be mentioned. Customers can build their own taco or choose one of the menu favorites.

One of the most popular items is the spicy dorado taco, which includes grilled mahi mahi marinated with Fish Shop seasoning,

topped with sriracha aioli slaw and avocado lime drizzle on a tortilla.

Oscar's Mexican Seafood

746 Emerald St.

Another spot locals swear by for their authentic Mexican dishes – especially the ceviche and seafood tacos. Be adventurous and try their grilled octopus taco served with cabbage, onion, tomato, cilantro, avocado and cheese.

Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill

718 Ventura Place

In Mission Beach, you can't go wrong ordering tacos from the restaurant that has won the Pacific BeachFest's "Best at the Beach Fish Taco Challenge" for five consecutive years. Their TKO-style tacos, which earn all the accolades, include a choice of protein, cotija-crusted flour tortilla, chipotle aioli, beer-brined escabeche slaw, lime crema, spicy guacamole, crispy onion strings, and fried cilantro.

La Playa Taco Shop

3973 Mission Blvd.

If you're leaving the beach at Pacific Beach Drive and crave tacos, turn south down Mission Boulevard and stop at the small burnt orange building appropriately labeled "Taco Shop." The eatery has plenty of options, but give the carnitas a try.

Rubio's Coastal Grill

4504 East Mission Bay Drive

The last taco shop on our list is actually the first Baja-style fish taco shop on our list. The original Rubio's, with the first, and what many consider still the best fish tacos in San Diego, is a must stop.

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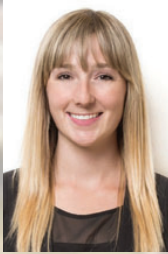
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