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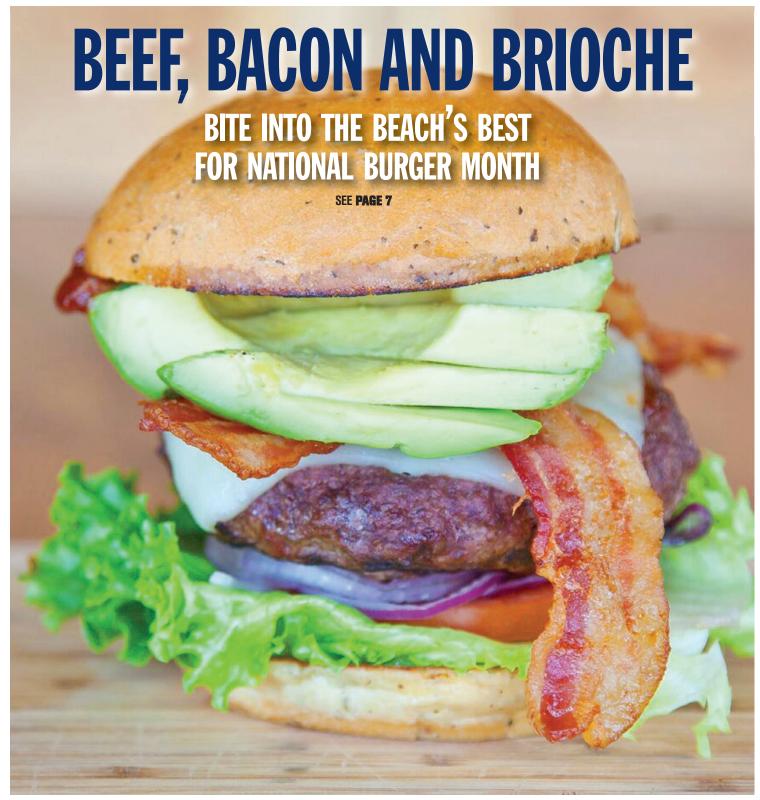
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The Hogs and Heffers Burger at Bare Back Grill in Pacific Beach is a tasty burger. Check out more bodacious burgers inside. GOURTEST PHOTO

City Council moves ahead to make vehicle habitation illegal

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

he City Council voted 6-3 to draft a new ordinance making vehicle habitation illegal once again in residential areas and near schools.

The new ordinance recriminalizes residents living out of their vehicles from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in neighborhoods, or at any time within 500 feet of a residence or school excluding colleges and universities. A

'Urban camping and the activities associated with it belong in a campground with bathroom facilities, not on our streets.'

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vehicle is considered inhabited if there is evidence of sleeping, bathing or meal preparation

The new law, which goes into effect upon the City Clerk's certification of the action, replaces a previous ordinance that the City Council repealed in response to a court ruling that deemed it too vague to enforce.

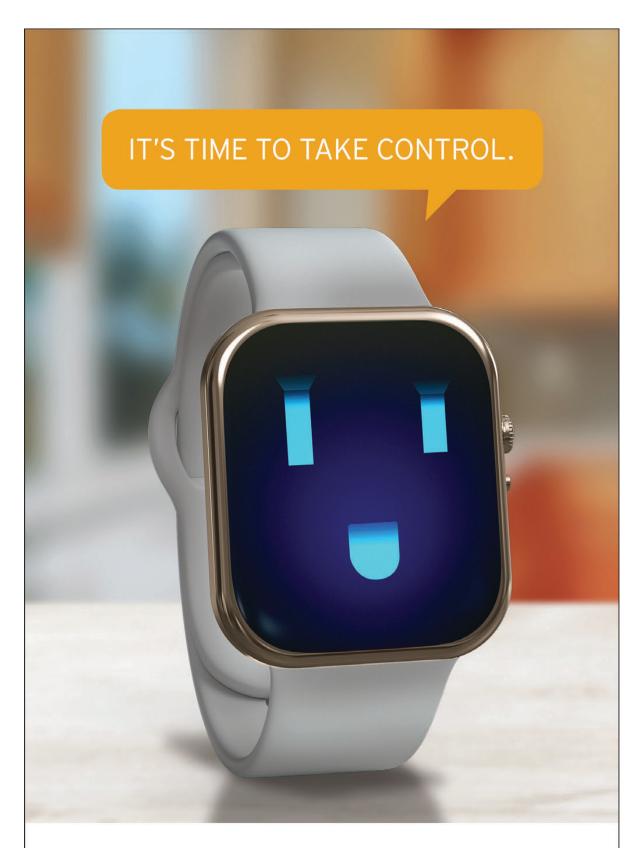
Those favoring the new

revised ban said the goal is to encourage people inhabiting their vehicles to use monitored parking lots where they can safely sleep overnight while accessing job training and housing assistance services.

In February 2018, the City Council repealed its 36-year-old Vehicle Habitation Ordinance after a federal judge found it unconstitutional and halted its enforcement.

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The former Mission Beach Elementary School building on Mission Boulevard has been reduced to rubble.

Vacant Mission Beach Elementary razed, property to become condos

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

he former Mission Beach Elementary School building on Mission Boulevard between Kennebeck Court and Santa Barbara Place, which has been vacant since 2013, was torn down earlier this month.

"Lennar Corporation purchased Bayside Cove in Mission Bay in December of 2018 and will build the community and park per the previously approved plans, which include 59 homesites spanning condominiums, townhomes and one single-family detached home," said Danielle Tocco, spokesperson for new developer Lennar Corp., which purchased the property from previous developer McKellar McGowan.

"Home construction is anticipated to begin in summer with presales planned for July," she said.

The City Council voted 6-2 in 2016 to approve McKellar McGowan's plans to build threestory buildings, with a total of 59 units, split between two development areas on both the south and north sides of Santa Barbara Place in Mission Beach. A lawsuit brought by a group known as Mission Beach Citizens for Responsible Development sought unsuccessfully to overturn the project.

The Coastal Commission secured concessions from McKellar McGowan, which included reducing the number of units from 63 to 59, and relocating, reshaping and enlarging the project's public park fronting Mission Boulevard.

The elementary school function ceased in the summer of 1973, after which the facility served as a special education school until at least the early 1980s. Upon closure of the site as an education facility, it was used for administrative purposes by San Diego Unified School District until 2013 at which time the property was sold to McKellar McGowan.

PB man pleads guilty to killing uncle

By NEAL PUTNAM | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach man who stabbed his uncle to death has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and has abandoned his insanity plea.

Deputy District Attorney Scott Pirrello said Monday that Randy Bautista Baisa, 39, faces a sentence of 15 years to life in prison for the slaying of Merlino Baustista, 66.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Stephen Stone set sentencing for Aug. 12. Baisa remains in jail without bail.

He entered his insanity plea last July but withdrew the plea shortly after pleading guilty to seconddegree murder.

Baustista lived with his nephew in the apartment they shared at 1855 Diamond St. on Jan. 17, 2018. He was stabbed 18 times, according to the county medical examiner's office.

San Diego Police detective Sgt. Luke Johnson testified earlier that Baisa admitted to stabbing his uncle after he was arrested. Johnson and six others testified in the preliminary hearing in April,

A neighbor recalled a memory of three years earlier when the victim told him his nephew had been hallucinating and had asked him to call 911.

Baustista was found in the hallway. Paramedics took him to Scripps La Jolla Hospital, but he was pronounced dead at 2:01 a.m., about an hour after the attack.

Another detective said there were hand-written instructions for Baisa that were found taped to a wall, which suggested that if he becomes manic to "stay in Pacific Beach." The detective said Baustista slept on a futon bed in the living room and let his nephew sleep in a bed in the only bedroom.

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Early on, Option A (left) has been more popular than Option B. The main colors for the new Mission Bay Park way finding signage are based off of the City's approved color palate.

Citys asks for public feedback to help select new Mission Bay Park signs

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

he City is asking the public to weigh-in on two initial concepts for new wayfinding signs replacing the 30-year-old signs directing visitors to marinas, beaches, streets, boat launches and attractions throughout Mission Bay Park.

Both concepts were unveiled at a May 7 community workshop at Mission Bay High School.

"At the workshop the preference was weighted more towards Concept A," said City spokesman Alec Phillip about the signage designed by Dudek, an Encinitas-based multidisciplinary firm of environmental planners, scientists and engineers.

"These are the first initial concepts developed by the City and Dudek for consideration and input by the public. Either concept may be chosen, modified or new concepts may be developed pending the City's review of all public comments and votes."

Phillip added future meetings and additional public input will take place before a final signage concept is decided.

As one of the City's most iconic destinations, Mission Bay Park hosts an estimated 15 million visitors annually. For those visitors, navigating throughout the area is assisted by a meticulously placed series of about 140 way finding

Concerning cost estimates for replacing signage, Phillip said, "It's too early in the process to develop a cost estimate. Once we have a final concept, we can begin to form a plan and cost estimate for their installation."

Where will new way finding signs be?

"The locations of signage has yet to be determined," said Phillip. "The City will evaluate the most effective locations for the various types of signs to orient and educate residents and visitors alike. It is possible that not every existing sign will be replaced at its current location."

The City believes the existing park way finding signs were put in

place about 30 years ago. According to City records, the original hand-drawn renderings of the existing signs were completed in 1986 by Stuart M. White Design of San Diego. The contract bid for construction of the signs was let in November of 1987.

Noting City Parks & Recreation staff "have done a great job of maintaining them," Phillips added "availability and flexibility of funding for (sign) improvements throughout Mission Bay have allowed us to begin this process specifically related to replacing the signs."

The City spokesman said the main colors for the new Mission Bay Park way finding signage "are based off of the City's approved

color palate. The other colors were determined to be complimentary to those. The color palate of the signs is also something that will continue to receive public input throughout this process."

Resident input will help determine everything from sign design to their color palate and the overall strategy for displaying them. The new signs will be made of durable products and materials, ensuring that they withstand the constant exposure to salt water and sunlight.

May 13 was the deadline for residents wishing to give their input on new signage online on the City's Facebook and Next Door











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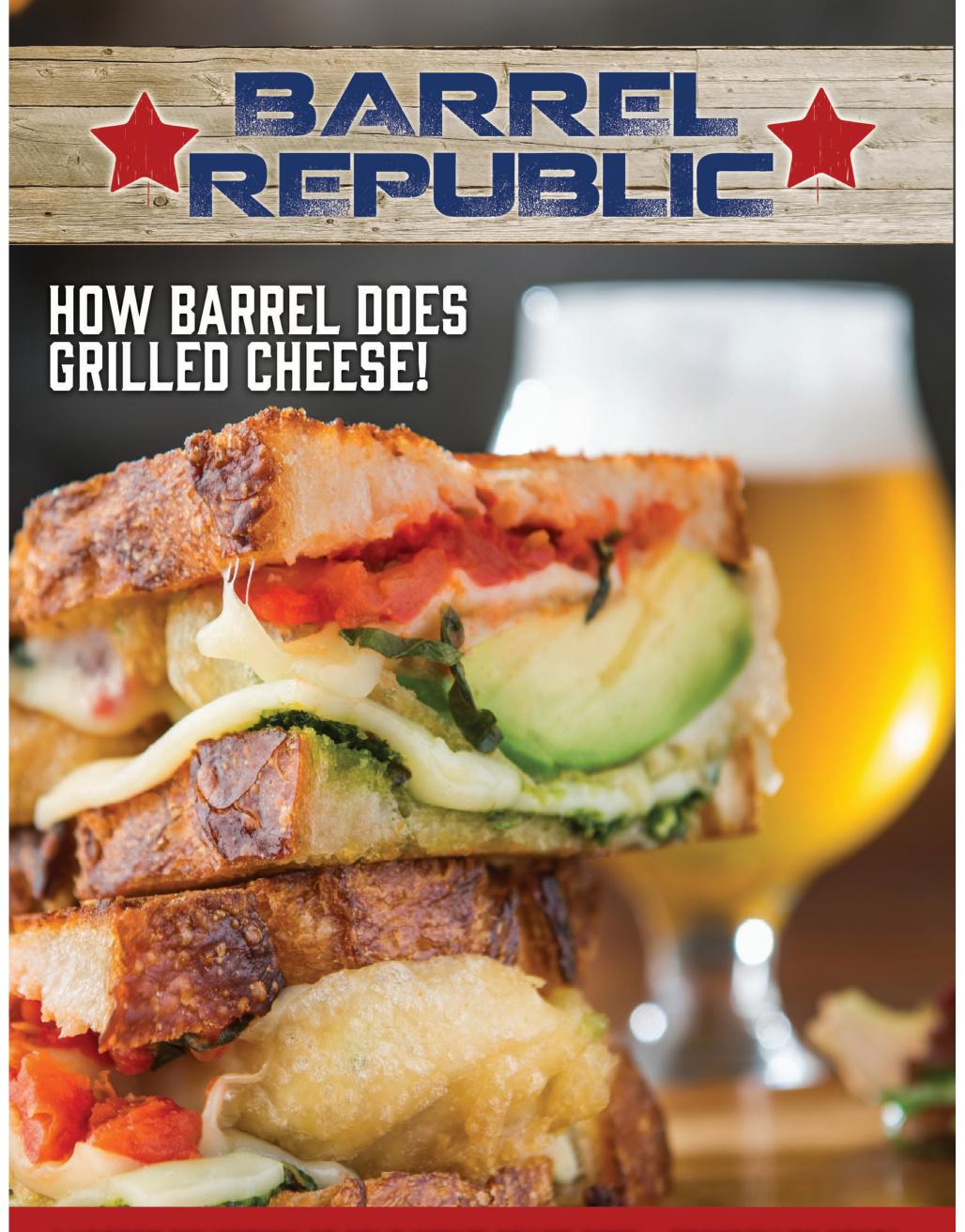








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OMBAC OVER-THE-LINE AND CRAFT BEER FEST

Old Mission Beach Athletic Club is holding its third annual two-day, double-elimination, Over-the-Line tournament, along with a craft beer fest at Mariners Point May 18-19.

The event will host 120 teams across four divisions: Men's Pro, Men's Open, Men's Masters (45 or older) and Women's Open. The OTL tourney starts Saturday with winning teams returning Sunday. Prizes go to first and second place in each division.

The team fee of \$120 includes beer fest admission for the three team players. This event is a precursor to the 66th annual World Championship OTL Tournament July 13-14 and July 20-21 at Fiesta Island in Mission Bay Park.

OTL patrons and players alike have demonstrated an interest in craft beer. so OMBAC has decided to continue its spotlight on the craft beer industry.

The craft beer festival will be Satur-

day, May 18 during tournament play from noon to 4 p.m. General admission for the public with four-hour unlimited beer tasting is \$35.

Vendors will include local breweries and food trucks. Guests must be age 21 or more to be admitted. There is ample parking on Mariners Point and the City parking lots adjacent to it. For more information email info@ombac.org.

OMBAC is a nonprofit focusing on benefiting amateur sports, youth athletics and local charities. Past recipients include: UCSD Cancer Research, Jr. OTL scholarships, Wounded Warrior Foundation, Huntington's disease, Bikes for Kids, and Jr. Lifeguard Foundation.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND FIREWORKS

SeaWorld will celebrate Memorial Day weekend with fireworks and fanfare. On May 27, the day will start off with a special flag ceremony at Explorer's Reef; throughout the weekend, veterans will receive special recognition prior to Orca Encounter presentations; and SeaWorld will present special fireworks displays on Saturday and Sunday evening (May 25-26).

SUMMER LONGBOARD CLASSIC AT TOURMALINE

The Pacific Beach Surf Club will hold its 21st annual Summer Longboard Classic from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 8 at Tourmaline Surf Park. There will be raffle items, surfboards, music, and food. This year's beneficiary will be the Pacific Beach Middle School's Orchestra Music Program. For more information and to register to compete, visit pacificbeachsurfclub.com.

Pizza classes in Pacific Beach worth the dough

By EMILY BLACKWOOD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

s someone who daydreamed their way through their high school education, I gawked when I realized the pizza-making class I had signed up for at Square Pizza in Pacific Beach was more than three hours long. With my knowledge limited to the frozen kind that comes from the grocery store, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. Nonetheless, I entered the restaurant at 508 Cass St. as any person would: with an open mind and an empty stomach.

The owner, Frederico Santos (who goes by Fred), enthusiastically welcomed the eight-person class with an inspirational message that let us know we would be doing everything ourselves. No handholding here; Fred was throwing us straight into the flour.

"It's not going to be easy. You're going to get frustrated at times. But by the end of it, you're going to look at and be proud because it's yours."

Armed with a hefty dose of motivation, Fred gave us an overview of the ingredients we'd be working with. Normally, this would be the part where I would lose interest, but he was so pizzapassionate that I could listen to him talk for hours about why he loved a particular brand of canned tomatoes. My English teachers just



My stab at a margarita pizza. Not bad for a first-timer, right? EMILY BLACKWOOD / BEACH & BAY PRESS

didn't share that same level of enthusiasm for comma splices.

After our lesson, we set out to make the dough for our two pizzas: classic cheese, and margarita.

I quickly learned that this kind of "chefery" (I know it's not a word, but it should be) is not for the faint of heart. My biceps reached their point of exhaustion within five minutes of mixing the batter, and more of it ended up on my hands then in my bowl. But with a little time and a lot of Fred's patience, the batter turned into something that looked usable.

While we let the dough "breathe," we learned how to make the sauce. It was simple and only required a few ingredients. According to Fred, it's all about quality over quantity when it comes to pizza.

"We're not magicians," he said whilst in the middle of stirring.

'It's not going to be easy. You're going to get frustrated at times.'

FREDERICO SANTOS

"We can't make something crappy be good."

And since quality dough needs to sit for a long time, Fred had some ready for us so we could finish up our pizzas. After a quick demonstration - one that did not include any dough tossing - he set up an assembly line of dough, sauce, and toppings and told us to get cracking.

While kneading out the dough into just the right pizza size was a little tough, the rest of the process went rather smoothly. Despite my previous beliefs, you don't need to drown the dough in sauce and cheese to make it good. A little really goes a long way.

One by one we put our pizzas in the oven and watched them cook. Fred inspected each one and gave the best compliment a pizza maker could give: "I'd serve it."

With a full belly and two pizzas in hand, I went home with a new understanding of Fred's work. Like most things in life, pizza doesn't have to look perfect to be good.

For more information about Square Pizza's classes, visit squarepizzaco.com.



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The turkey burger from The Patio on Lamont Street (left). The half-pound burger with onions at Rocky's Crown Pub. The massive Bison Burger at Draft Mission Beach.

Take a bite of the beach's best and most bodacious burgers

By DAKOTA CAMPAGNA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

ne of the ultimate "American foods" is the hamburger. Almost every restaurant menu includes some kind of burger made of beef, bison or beans, and topped with everything from bacon and eggs to avocado and aïoli, while served on a variety of brioche, buttermilk or ciabatta buns.

But no matter what kind of burger hits the spot for you, while visiting Pacific and Mission beaches in May, celebrate National Burger Month by sampling some of the best in San Diego. To help you out, the Beach & Bay Press offers some savory suggestions:

PACIFIC BEACH

ROCKY'S CROWN PUB —

The go-to must-have burger in San Diego is the half-pound cheese-burger with a combination of lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, onions (gilled or raw), pickles and mayonnaise. It's simple, yet delicious. Constantly rated as one of the best burgers in America's Finest City, after one bite, you'll understand why. Rocky's is a cash-only restau-

rant with a menu of only burgers and fries – so don't try to order chicken or salad – and don't come in with attitude. Just sit back and enjoy a burger, beer and the Padres on TV.

3786 Ingraham St. 858-273-9140 rockyburgers.com

BARE BACK GRILL — This New Zealand-themed eatery serves many spectacular burgers, but the one that stands out is the Hogs and Heffers Burger. Loaded with 100 percent organic beef, bacon, avocado, lettuce, tomato, red onion, sweet tomato chutney, aioli, and cheese, your tastebuds will thank you. Hang out at the bar or engulf your burger and beer outside on their patio that has a view of the boardwalk.

4640 Mission Blvd. 858-274-7117 barebackgrill.com

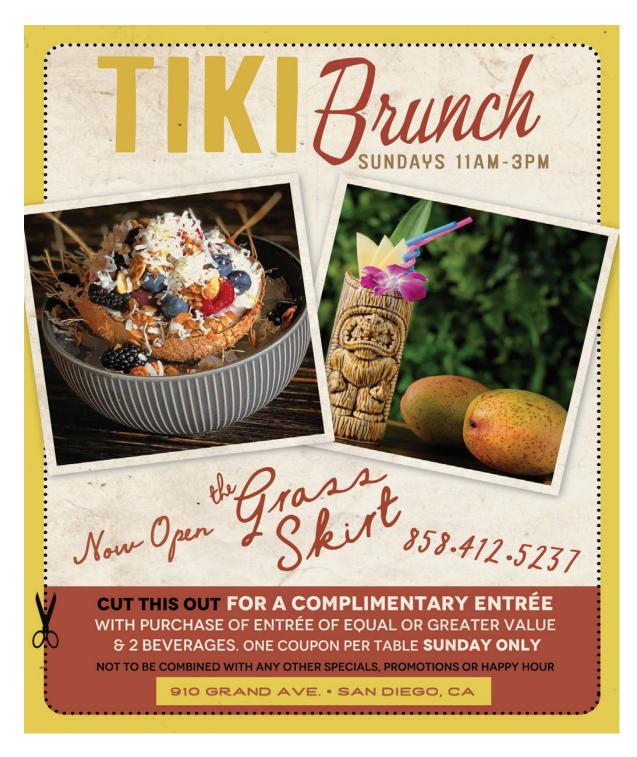
THE PATIO ON LAMONT STREET—One of their most popular burgers is the turkey burger, which comes with Swiss cheese, roasted tomato, red onion, arugula, and garlic aïoli with the sesame bun. As the name suggests, this

dog-friendly restaurant has a relaxed patio atmosphere, where you can soak in the sun while eating with friends and family.

4445 Lamont St. 858-412-4648 thepatioonlamont.com

SECOND NATURE — This north PB restaurant has an extensive brunch menu, but also offers burgers and truffle fries for lunch and dinner. For non-meat eaters, check out their Plant-Based Burger, which is a 20-gram protein

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The Patio Group announces new executive chef

By EMILY BLACKWOOD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

fter a long career serving high-class diners at the five-star, nationally recognized Rancho Valencia, Jarrod Moiles is returning to the kinds of kitchens he loves most: local neighborhood eateries.

The Massachusetts native recently joined The Patio Group as its new executive chef and will start implementing more seasonal, locally sourced and innovative dishes to the group's 11 restaurants.

After growing up in a family known for gardening and making their own jams and jellies, Moiles was inspired to start his culinary career at the age of 13. His three older brothers were pursuing similar careers and he soon joined them in the restaurant industry.

"I started working with them doing prep and things like that, and I kind of fell in love with this rock 'n' roll, two guys screaming energy," he said. "From then on I was hooked on the restaurant business."

Moiles started formally training at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island and then went on to work for various fine dining restaurants in Massachusetts. When he was only 23 years old, he accepted his first role as executive chef. Now 40, he's excited to get back to the kind of restaurants that remind him of places he worked and dined in back home.

"I think of this little place back in Massachusetts that was my favorite," he said. "It was an open kitchen, 30



Jarrod Moiles was named the new executive chef for The Patio Group.

seats and I got to know every guest coming in."

"I was involved in the local community, and I did dinners at the high school for different charity events. That meant more to me than other accolades did. Because it was a personal connection with the community."

It's that sense of community and connection that he hopes to bring to The Patio Group's restaurants. Moiles plans on "rebuilding the energy" of the restaurants – like Fireside by The Patio in Liberty Station, The Patio Marketplace in La Jolla and The Patio on Lamont in Pacific Beach – through new locally sourced ingredients, shared plates and seasonal meals. By doing so, he says it's not only helpful for diners who want to know where their food is coming from, but it's a sustainable way to do

WHAT ARE THE PATIO GROUP'S RESTAURANTS?

The Patio on Lamont, 4445 Lamont St.
The Patio on Goldfinch, 4020 Goldfinch St.
Fireside by The Patio, 2855 Perry Road.
Saska's Steakhouse, 3768 Mission Blvd.
Himmelberg's, 369 10th Ave.
Bao Beach, 3735 Mission Blvd.
Andrea's Truffles, various locations.
Swell Coffee Co., 3833 Mission Blvd.
Surf Rider Pizza Co., various locations.
Patio Express, 3415 Mission Blvd.
The Patio Marketplace, 8910 University Center Lane.
For more information on Moiles and The

business."

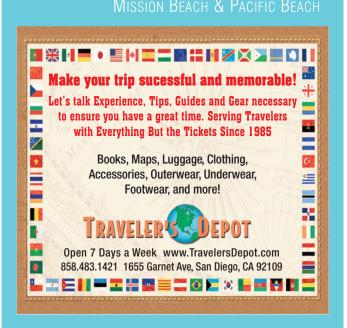
"Things grow at certain times of the year for a reason," he said. "And genuinely people are looking for those ingredients. At the same time, it's good for the environment to utilize what's available at the peak of the season."

Patio Group, visit thepatiogroup.com.

In addition to moving towards a seasonal menu, Moiles also hopes to foster a relationship with the community that's more connected.

"I want to give people an environment that's comfortable and reminds you of home. Like [at The Patio on Lamont] the aspect of being dogfriendly is like walking by your neighbor's front yard and seeing people gathered for dinner."

Moiles said that Fireside will be the first restaurant he refreshes with menu changes coming in June.



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BURGERS »

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burger with butter lettuce, vine-ripe tomatoes, onions, and roasted garlic aïoli. Second Nature has an open feel with plenty of outside sitting.

5026 Cass St. 858-247-5236 secondnaturepb.com

MISSION BEACH

DRAFT MISSION BEACH —

This Mission Beach staple serves extraordinary burgers, but one stand-out is the Bison Burger. With poblano pepper, grilled onions, Muenster cheese, and cumin mayonnaise, you will be recommending this burger to everyone. Located right on the Boardwalk for fun peoplewatching and ocean views.

3105 Ocean Front Walk 858-228-9305 draftsandiego.com

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GRILL — If you're a big sports fan, this is definitely a good burger spot to check out. While you gather here to watch the game, try out the Diablo Burger. Made with chipotle aïoli, habanero jelly, fresh jalapeños, pepper jack cheese, crispy onion seeds, and spicy guacamole, your tastebuds are in for a treat.

718 Ventura Place 858-488-1274 sandbarsportsgill.com



Plant-Based Burger at Second Nature has a 20-grams of protein.

LA JOLLA

BEACH BURGER — One of the most popular is the Cali Beach Burger, which includes Monterey Jack cheese, fresh avocado, Thousand Island dressing, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, on a toasted bun. This eatery is just the spot you need to grab a quick, delightful burger before heading to La Jolla Shores.

2152 Avenida De La Playa 858-352-6248 beachburgersd.com

HENNESSEY'S TAVERN – You know this restaurant specializes in burgers when instead of "employee of the month," it has "burger of the month." This month's winner is the Nacho Hangover Burger, which

includes a traditional patty, bacon, nacho cheese, fried onions, tater tots, fried egg, and jalapeño slices. This neighborhood restaurant has an old-school feel with second-floor deck.

7811 Herschel Ave. 858-551-8772 hennesseystavern.com

GEORGE'S AT THE COVE —

One of their best is the Grass Run Farms Beef Burger. This burger includes house spread, lettuce, tomato, pickles, caramelized onions, and comes with a side of fries. There is also the option to add cheddar or blue cheese, bacon, or avocado to go with the spectacular views.

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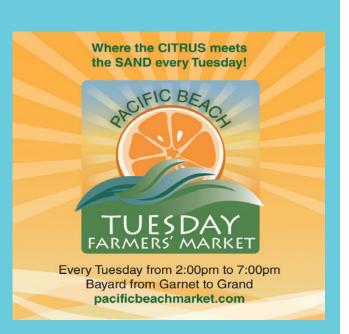
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Cora Matchett riding in the bike rodeo led by the SD County Bike Coalition at Kate Sessions Elementary.

Walk, Bike, and Roll in Pacific **Beach during National Bike Month**

By DAVE SCHWAB | BEACH & BAY PRESS

t was a field day on May 8 for cycling advocates in PB and **L**region-wide with everyone getting into the act, even kids, who biked to school in a promotion

The special day in May was part of National Bike Month, which includes National Bike Day, celebrated nationwide on May 17, and on May 16 in San Diego.

"It's like the holiday season for us," said Andy Hanshaw, executive director of the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. "National Bike Month grew from Bike To Work Day and Bike to School Day came as part of bike month."

Katie Matchett of PB participated in the May 8 Walk, Bike, and Roll, sponsored for the second year by beautifulPB, a volunteer public nonprofit promoting environmental and economic sustainability.

"We had everybody not only bicycling but walking to school, anything besides being driven," said Matchett. "The idea was to get kids, as well as parents, teachers and staff, excited about alternative travel modes such as bicycling, walking and scootering."

Community volunteers handed out prizes and snacks as kids arrived at school, said Matchett, noting, "Later that day some of the schools held special events (bike rodeos at Sessions, a walk safety assembly at St. Paul's). Barnard also held a bike safety assembly on May 10 with the SD Bike Coalition."

Local businesses donating prizes to the event included PB Bike Garage, Pacific Beach Bikes, Kono's, Broken Yolk Cafe and Mr. Frostie.

"We had lots of donations and prizes from local bike shops and from Mr. Frostie and some local real estate offices," added Matchett. "Most of the schools did raffles to give away stuff, everything from bikes to push scooters, stuff for kids to excel."

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Karl Strauss Brewing Co. kicks off summer art and music series

By EMILY BLACKWOOD | BEACH & BAY PRESS

o you know what goes great with craft beer? Local art and independent music. Karl Strauss Brewing Co. is kicking off its annual Arts and Amps summer series on May 25 with artwork from Cohort Collective and Creative Souls on the West Coast and with performances by Little Hurricane and Wild Wild Wets. The event, held monthly from May to July at the Karl Strauss Tasting Room, 5985 Santa Fe St., has been bringing together art, beer, and music for five years.

"Each event we bring together local bands, usually there's two, and we partner with local artists, which looks a little different every time," said Alyssa Powers, marketing brand manager for Karl Strauss. "Usually it's a live mural that they're painting during the event right in front of you."

ARTS AND AMPS

The first event will take place 4:30 p.m. on May 25 at the Karl Strauss Tasting Room, 5985 Santa Fe St. For more information, visit karlstrauss.com.

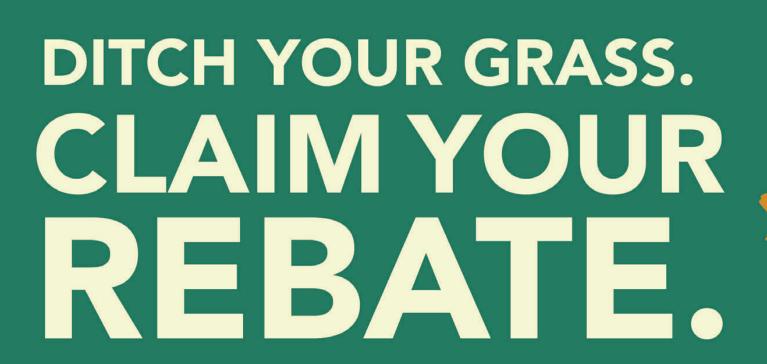
"It combines those three elements into a fun little party."

The first event will feature Little Hurricane, who has developed a following for their bluesy, rock-forward tunes, and Wild Wild Wets, a psychedelic band with a straightup rock 'n' roll sound. Cohort Collective will be creating a mural and Creative Souls on the West Coast will bring a few local artists to show off their pieces in the Karl Strauss Barrel Room.

"It's a little bit like a mini gallery," Powers said, adding that while fun is the ultimate goal of the event, it's also good to promote the creative ventures of local San Diegans.

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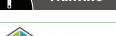


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Beautiful MB to dissolve, puts support behind I Love A Clean San Diego

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eautiful MB, a nonprofit guiding clean-up and beautification of Mission Beach, has been disbanded.

"We are sad to announce the dissolution of our nonprofit organization, Beautiful MB," said the group's Facebook page. "We appreciate all the support and love that the community of Mission Beach has shown us over the years. But at this time, we are reassessing our philanthropic goals and hope to align them in areas where we can have a greater impact."

The website goes on to throw its support for beach clean-up and other neighborhood enhancement projects to I Love A Clean San Diego, an environmental preservation group, which since 1954, has been inspiring active environmental conservation enhancement.

"Our efforts and partnership will be in support of the community work by this organization in the future," concluded Beautiful MB's Facebook page.

Jo Pastore, in-house counsel for

American National Investments, explained why the nonprofit was dissolved.

"Beautiful MB was formed by Gina Champion-Cain to see if they could make the beach community a little cleaner and greener," said Pastore. "They did beach cleanups, fly abatement and a second (summer) trash pick-up."

Noting the nonprofit subsisted primarily on "small grants from the City, County and direct donations," Pastore added, "The overwhelming bulk of funding came from Champion-Cain. Her idea was to give seed money, and then have it become self-sufficient, which it never even came close to

Ultimately, because the beach nonprofit was unable to operate independently, Pastore said the determination was made that "money could be spent elsewhere to effect more of a change."

"This marks the end of something beautiful," said one of the nonprofit's founders, John Vallas. "Beautiful MB started as a conversation in 2012-13 as a way to provide Mission Beach businesses and community members an organization to collaborate, share and implement ideas for improving Mission Beach. These projects were to include an on-going community banner program, community beautification projects, promoting Mission Beach businesses and the surrounding community culture, community events such as annual festivals and markets, as well as provide a powerful unified voice for Mission Beach to local, state and federal government."

Among the ups and downs of the journey, Vallas said, "We did finally get the banner program started (last year) and prevented more than 20 tons of trash from flowing into the ocean and Mission Bay. We organized thousands of volunteers, many of them high school and college students.

"We advocated for Mission Beach at community meetings, town halls, City Council, the mayor's office, and collaborated with countless individuals, businesses, and organizations to promote the unique and special place that is MB."

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"We are creating a balance that provides opportunities to those in need while protecting our neighborhoods from behavior that creates unsanitary conditions and hurts quality of life," said Mayor Kevin Faulconer, who introduced the ordinance. "If you want to work toward finding a permanent home, we have programs that can help. We will not allow the proliferation of 'van life' culture that takes advantage of San Diego's generosity and destroys community character."

"I was pleased to make the motion moving our new vehicle habitation ordinance forward," said District 2 Councilmember Dr. Jennifer Campbell. "During public testimony I heard two things: compassion for those who have nowhere else to live except in their vehicles, and the need for enforcement to keep our residents healthy and safe. This ordinance is a first step toward finding a balance between these two

sentiments." Added Campbell: "I'm glad that the City has increased the number of safe parking lots available for those seeking services. I hope anyone living in their vehicle as a last resort will take advantage of these resources. This ordinance also addresses the people who are living in their RVs, who should be parking in an RV campground. Urban camping and the activities associated with it belong in a campground with bathroom facilities, not on our streets."

Prior to the May 14 Council meeting, San Diegans - the disabled, seniors, parents, military veterans, low-income, the unemployed – forced to live in their

vehicles met May 8 for a "speak out" in Ocean Beach to share their stories and frustrations.

"We are on a wait list for affordable housing but it will take an estimated 10 to 12 years before our names come up," said retired attorney Steve Chatzky, 71, who parks his RV in industrial areas or by vacant lots away from other RVs, not in front of active businesses.

Carolyn Vargas, 71, was a homeless outreach worker at a crisis house until funding ran out and she lost her job. "I couldn't afford rent so I bought a used motorhome," Vargas said. "I have no choice but to park on the street and keep getting tickets I can't pay ... if I lose my motorhome I will lose everything."

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PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE

■ Music is in the air at PBMS! Music Director John O'Donnell will be leading his music students in the final concerts of the school year. The Strings Concert is on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., and the Concert Band performs on Thursday, May 30, at 6:30 p.m.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

■ Pacific Beach Elementary will hold their annual open house and Celebration of Art on Thursday, May 30, starting at 5 p.m. The classrooms will be open from 5 to 6 p.m., and the art will be on display in the auditorium all night. Kona Ice and Chip's Beach Eatz will be on hand serving dinner and dessert from their food trucks. Come explore the school and check out student art, school projects, and essays.

BARNARD ELEMENTARY

■ Students at Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School used their artistic talents to create one-of-a-kind masterpieces that were sold at the school's annual auction fundraiser on April 20.

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Girl Scout Troop 4910 opened their Little Free Library service project in front of Kate Sessions Elementary on Monday, April 22. The project was handmade by the troop in an effort to improve their community in a lasting way and they hope that by placing it near the school, their fellow students will use the library to keep reading.



BARNARD BIRD CONDO

Barnard Mandarin Magnet Elementary School. Barnard second-grade students display the 'Happily Ever After' bird condo, their classroom's art auction project.



MBHS STUDENTS AT SUNKEN GARDEN

The Mission Bay Preservationists prepare for their performance at the Sunken Garden, a 600-year-old temple in Yokohama, Japan. Organized by the San Diego-Yokohama Sister Society.



MISSION BAY PRESERVATIONISTS IN JAPAN

The Mission Bay Preservationists enjoy a sumo wrestling demonstration in Tokyo during their trip to Japan in April. Organized by the San Diego-Yokohama Sister Society, MBHS music director JP Balmat and his music students traveled to Japan to celebrate 62 years of sister city relations. The band performed throughout Yokohama, exchanging music and culture with local schools and community.



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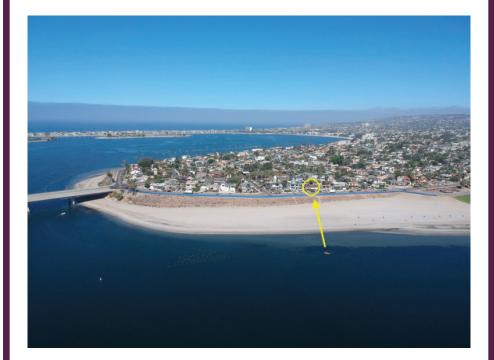


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