**80TH ANNIVERSARY:**
Pacific Beach VFW Post 5985 will celebrate its 80th anniversary March 12.

**TRYING TO JOIN THE CLUB:**
MBHS senior tries to join the 2 percent who get to play in college.

**PB man honored for work with Air Force drones**

In the early days of aerial espionage, balloons floated over the skies of Europe, seeking to gather information from across enemy lines. Today, unmanned aircraft dubbed Predators patrol the skies of Afghanistan, looking to destroy the Taliban without risking American lives.

Somewhere between the beginning of this evolving phenomenon and now, Pacific Beach resident Dale Weaver trained members of the United States Air Force in this technology.

While working for Ryan Aeronautics in the 1960s, he was sent by his employer to Vietnam. The Air Force contracted Weaver’s company to help find safer and more effective ways to gather sensitive information.

“There are certain jobs that really don’t make sense for man to do, and penetration reconnaissance is one of them — if you can in fact get that same job done with the people some place else,” Weaver said.

Although he was a civilian, Weaver participated in missions while members of the Air Force caught up with this quickly-changing field. One plane even had the words “Dale’s Eye in the Sky” inscribed on its side. A humble gentleman, Weaver claims the decal was in reference to both him and Colonel John Dale.

The unmanned aircraft called drones started out as a means of training, mainly for target practice. It wasn’t long before cameras and monitors were added to get a look at enemy movements and capture electronic signals. High resolution cameras were used to view objects within inches from thousands of feet above.

When American troops left Vietnam, the need for drones in the U.S. military quickly dissipated. Weaver helped with various other projects all around the world. About 15 years ago he unofficially retired but continued to help out his former employer a few months a year.

Five years ago, Weaver decided to pull back completely and enjoy the comforts of his Pacific Beach Drive home.

**Little fish in a big pool**

Local swimmers take the ‘Plunge’ as coach’s accomplished career goes along swimmingly

Fourty-four-year coaching veteran Donald Watkinds leads his swimmers to Olympic gold medals, participation ribbons and everything in between. Swimmers can find Watkinds all around town, from Naval Medical Center San Diego, where he instructs swimmers from 5 to 41. If there is a pool, chances are he’ll be there.

Watkinds also coaches beach-area swimmers at the Plunge on a team named The Wave. Among that group are 5- and 6-year-olds who are beginning to learn their way around a pool.

“Some are fantastic little swimmers, looking like little minnows,” said Lisa Duffy, a former Watkinds pupil turned swim mom. “Others are still trying to learn their strokes, trying to keep up with the more ‘accomplished’ kids. They all have much heart and perseverance.”

For Watkinds, the most rewarding part of his career is watching his students progress. One of his favorites is 5-year-olds Ethan Corbitt and Cole Duffy, all part of The Wave swim group, prepare to show off their swimming skills.

**John Charles Millenbah, May 29, 1941-Feb. 10, 2010**

Chuck Millenbah, a longtime key member of OMBAC

This July, when 50,000-plus descend on Fiesta Island seeking the legendary debauchery offered by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club, however, the absence of OMBAC legend Chuck Millenbah will prove conspicuous.

John Charles Millenbah, whose 32-year stewardship of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club transformed the group from a handful of volleyball buddies into the most respected community service and sports club in San Diego, passed away Feb. 10. He is survived by his beloved family; wife Janine and son C.J.

Chuck Millenbah was a four-year letterman in football and basketball at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, he graduated in 1964. Soon after, the six-foot-five Millenbah earned a tryout with the Green Bay Packers. A career on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field wasn’t in the cards, so Millenbah headed for the Windy City to attend Graduation School at George Williams College, earning a masters degree in physical education in 1968. Following graduation, Millenbah left the frigid winters of the Midwest for the desirable climates of San Diego. After working for the YMCA for a year, he was hired by the University of California, San Diego in

**John Charles Millenbah**

Chuck Millenbah once earned a tryout with the Green Bay Packers. He was eventually elected chair of the UCSD Physical Education Department.
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The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Pacific Beach Post 5985 will celebrate its 80th birthday by hosting a prime rib dinner for its members on March 12 at 6 p.m. Although some VFW meetings are open to the public, the 80th birthday dinner is reserved for VFW members only.

The VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 is located at 853 Turquoise St. The post has 396 members ranging from 18 to 96 years of age. Membership includes veterans who served in various conflicts, including World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW of the United States, with its auxiliaries, includes 2.3 million members in approximately 8,400 posts both statewide and overseas.

The primary function of the VFW is to provide assistance to veterans and their families, however, the organization is committed to finding ways to contribute to the local community. Every year, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the VFW-sponsored Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition and the Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest, which provide assistance to veterans and their dependents.

City closes some beach-area restrooms

Beachgoers will feel the effects of the city’s mid-year $26.2 million budget cuts when they head for the restroom this month.

The Department of Park and Recreation has closed six of the 11 bathroom stalls at La Jolla Shores and bathrooms at nine locations around Mission Bay through March 31 when fewer people use the beaches. Closing the bathrooms will save the department $120,000 by not filling 2.2 full-time employees, according to Scott Reese, assistant director of Park and Recreation.

In the Mission Bay and Mission Beach area, restrooms are closed at nine sites: El Carmel Point, East Bonita, Bahia Point, North Cove, West Vacation Isle, South Crown Point, Point Loma, Fiesta Island youth camp, North Tecolote and La Playa Avenue.

Because of these early efforts, for additional information on programs and services provided by VFW Post 5985, visit http://vfw5985.com or call (858) 488-3611.

Influx of traffic cops nothing big, police say

Though Cornicelli said that no information for increased patrols in Pacific Beach has come through her office, she did mention that it is typical for traffic enforcement to be beefed-up in response to a complaint. Traffic complaints can come from the public, the City Council or internally from a police officer.

“Somebody has complained or they’re asking for increased enforcement or they’ve gone through the council office to ask for increased enforcement based on what’s going on there in the community,” Cornicelli said. “That’s very common and probably where it’s coming from. As for how long this increased enforcement will last, Cornicelli said it depends on where the complaint is being generated from and the type of complaint it is.

“If it’s a patrol officer, they can give more specific information,” Cornicelli said. “We get hundreds and hundreds of speed complaints in the city and the motor officers get out there when they can.”

San Diego Police Department traffic officer Greg Lindsdor monitors traffic at the corner of Casa and Emerald streets on March 1.

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The past couple of weeks San Diego Police Department (SDPD) traffic officers have been more visible around Pacific Beach, seemingly sitting at every other four-way stop. But according to SDPD officials, the visibly increased enforcement is nothing special.

“Our Traffic Division routinely does have officers out working all of our divisions month-to-month,” said SDPD Northern Division Captain Chris Bull. “I’m not aware of anything out of the ordinary that Traffic Division is doing in Northern Division.”

According to Captain Mary Cornicelli with SDPD Traffic Division, the staffing in the Pacific Beach area has remained the same. Cornicelli said one squad, made up of one sergeant and at least five officers, works the Northern Division.

“I have a motor squad that’s assigned to the Northern Division out there,” Cornicelli said. “But they patrol the entire division.”

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PB VFW Post celebrates 80th birthday

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The VFW was formed in the late 19th century by veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine-American War who returned from battle sick and wounded with no specialized medical care or veteran’s pension. These men decided to take on a new battle: to create an organization that would fight to protect the rights of returning veterans.

The VFW exists today committed to finding ways to contribute to the local community. Every year, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the VFW-sponsored Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition and the Patriot’s Pen Essay Contest, which provide assistance to veterans and their dependents.

John Reece (left), post quartermaster, and John “Jack” Porath, adjutant of VFW Post 5985 in Pacific Beach, prepare for the upcoming celebration of the post’s 80th anniversary.

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coaching the young swimmers is that they are eager to try new things.

“They are so willing to do anything, and they are willing to try in a new environment,” he said.

His goals for this group are simple: “To learn to have fun in the water; to feel comfortable in the water; and to get them to want to learn the basic strokes.”

Try they did at a scheduled Feb. 28 Novice Fun Event at the Mission Valley YMCA, where each youngster was met with a ribbon after swimming the length of the pool.

“It’s all for the fun of swimming,” Watkinds said. “All the ribbons are the same.”

Watkinds’ stamp on the local and national swimming world is undeniable. An Imperial County native, Watkinds began coaching after he tagged along with his swim coach cousin and her husband as a child. Watkinds carved his own way into the coaching world by the age of 15.

He eventually found his niche in unpaved territory. He held the first-ever USA swimming camp for disabled swimmers. Decades later, Watkinds holds a seat on the Disability Swimming Committee for the U.S. Swim Team and boasts a decorated coaching history with the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Team, which includes local success stories.

Out of the 20 men who made the team for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, three of them were San Diego-raised and Watkinds-coached. Count Bishop’s High School alum Roy Perkins as one of them. Perkins, who now attends Stanford, earned a gold medal in the 50-meter butterfly and a bronze medal in the 100-meter freestyle.

Locals Kendall Bailey and Mike DeMarco also competed in Beijing. Although neither of them brought home medals, each holds national records. DeMarco holds a bronze medal from Athens in 2004.

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Ashley Aranas, Cole Duffy and Russell Fish gather at the side of the Plunge in Belmont Park during a swim session.

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2010 San Diego Bird Festival finds perch in Marina Village

BY LILLIAN COX | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Visitors from as far away as Europe will converge on San Diego from March 4 through 7 for the 2010 San Diego Bird Festival. The event, headquartered at the Marina Village Conference Center in Mission Bay, will be held at venues throughout the county.

“For the first time this year we have guests arriving from Austria,” said spokeswoman Karen Strauss. “They are coming to see ‘life birds’ such as the Heermann’s gull and phainopepla, those with an extremely limited range in Southern California, Baja and Southern Mexico.”

Phainopepla is a member of the silky flycatcher family. The male is shiny, coal black with a crest that raises up and down like a cockatoo. The male’s eyes are blood red. The female is gun metal gray, also with the top knot and blood red eye. At least one pair has been spotted at Sanitee Lakes.

Thirty field trips are scheduled for the festival, from the Anza Borrego Desert to Camp Pendleton. Strauss has been scouting the Wild Animal Park for a trip she’ll be leading.

“Birding is like going on safari in Africa,” she said. “Through we have an idea, we never know what we are going to see. It’ll be a bonus if we see Mr. and Mrs. Phainopepla.”

Strauss said the goal is to see 100 species in a single day.

“Every festival we’ve met our goal,” Strauss said. “For the first time this year we have guests arriving from Austria to partake in the 2010 San Diego Bird Festival.”

San Diego is a popular destination for birders because it lies beneath the Pacific Flyway, boasting 300 known species. The Heermann’s gull is an example of the type of bird that is drawing people from as far away as Austria to partake in the 2010 San Diego Bird Festival.

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Dale Weaver received the Jimmy Doolittle Education Fellow award Feb. 19 from the Air Force Association Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando for his work in the evolution of remotely piloted vehicles, as a member of the Firebee “Lightning Bug” program. "It was quite spectacular," Weaver said of the gala that included several four-star generals. "I wore a tuxedo and I’m not really a tuxedo kind of guy.

Staying busy since retirement, Weaver recently spent a year on the San Diego County Grand Jury. These days he is a proud squad leader of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program’s Traffic Division. "I feel like I’m giving something back to the community," Weaver said about volunteering. "It’s a good community to give something back to."

To find out more about Weaver and the drones he helped develop in Vietnam look for "Reconnaissance Drones — The can-do story of Ryan’s unmanned spy planes," by William Wagner, which can be found at the San Diego County Library or Amazon.com.

Chuck’s leadership style was the embodiment of the essence of OMBAC. To the casual observer, OMBAC might look like a hard-partying boys club. This assumption — while not erroneous — fails to reveal the totality of the club. Below the surface of OMBAC’s pursuit of leisure lies an aggressively philanthropic organization whose contributions to the San Diego community are not only appreciated, but required. OMBAC’s list of beneficiaries is far too long to list in this space, but the group’s contributions range from monetary down to good old-fashioned elbow grease. Nearly 60 years after its inception, the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club continues to thrive on this spirit of communal responsibility, a spirit largely instilled by John Charles Millenbah, a spirit that will forever stand as the keystone for the San Diego seaside community.
Carolyn Chase’s pet, Dozey (above), enjoys the surroundings on the bamboo deck that won Project of the Month and $500 for Chase (right), a longtime Pacific Beach resident and environmental activist.

If you want to go green, just ask local resident and San Diego Earth Day founder Carolyn Chase. Updating her Pacific Beach home’s front yard with a Cali Bamboo “BamDeck,” this green enthusiast won the company’s February Project of the Month — and $500. “I decided to try and win,” she said, asking friends and family to vote for her new bamboo deck and stairs online, earning her the title prizes and the company’s biggest voter tally in history of 4,000.

Chase’s own “BamDeck” project took about a year to complete, and like other Cali Bamboo customers, she was offered a chance to participate in the national competition upon completion. For Chase, going green was a no-brainer. “It’s just one of the ways homeowners can reduce the impact on our planet,” she said. Already the proud owner of a recycled plastic bridge and solar-energy water heaters, she found that bamboo was the easy way to go green but stay stylish and on-budget. Following some research, she chose Cali Bamboo for its use of eco-friendly material that could weather the San Diego storms while still maintaining its beauty.

“This was a green alternative for everything these days,” she said, listing everything from kitchen appliances to outdoor equipment. The best part, she added, is that these eco-friendly options “look great,” helping to sustain San Diego’s natural wonders and its local character.

Local Earth Day founder wins national competition for her bamboo deck

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Paradise Point completing $20 million renovation

By ANTHONY GENTILE | Beach & Bay Press

Later this month, Paradise Point Resort and Spa will have the look inside to match its picturesque views. The resort that has been on Vacation Isle for four decades is renovating its meeting spaces and guest rooms.

“The original structure has been around since 1962 and it has a great footprint on the water,” said resort general manager Geoff Young. “It was time to reinvent the space. There are a lot of new hotels and resorts in San Diego and there came a point in time when it was time to renovate.”

One of two recent projects at the resort was a two-year, $10 million endeavor to upgrade and update its existing conference space. That project expanded the space to more than 35,000 square feet and was completed last month.

“What we have that’s so unique is waterfront meeting space,” Young said. “Half of our meeting space overlooks the bay and we wanted to capitalize on it and open up the space to the views.”

According to Young, the conference space renovations turned 25 percent of interior kitchen space at Paradise Point into meeting space. The 29 meeting and banquet rooms are now connected with interior hallways and each features an interior foyer.

Local architect Steve Rossi handled the plans for the renovation. Seattle-based designer Andrea Dawson did the design, which Young calls “South Beach Polynesian meets contemporary meets San Diego.”

By the middle of March, the second part of Paradise Point’s renovations will be complete — $9 million in upgrades to its 462 rooms. The bungalow-style cottages now feature a new South Pacific design, bigger windows, flat screen TVs and ceramic plank flooring.

“Of course, the 44-acre resort didn’t need to upgrade its best feature, the fact that it is surrounded by nearly a mile of sandy beach. Young said 25 percent of Paradise Point’s guest rooms are on the water.

“We’re on an island — and there’s no other island in Southern California where you have a full-service resort and the kids can run around and everybody feels safe,” Young said. “A lot of people don’t realize that if the bridges weren’t here, you wouldn’t come onto the island.”

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A local business group plans to unveil a new Irish pub in early March at 1261 Garnet Ave., the former site of the Tropicoso Latin music bar. The owners tentatively set to open doors Monday, March 8, with a grand opening celebration in April, said Verant Group partner Eric Lingenfelder.

“People would definitely be of an Irish design,” he said. “We’re always looking for new locations and we had a couple ideas, and we wanted to bring a bit of the Irish spirit to a place on Garnet [Avenue]."

Partners Mark Cirillo, Joe Vaught and Lingenfelder opened their first location, Tavern at the Beach, 1200 Garnet Ave., more than 11 years ago, he said. Since then, the group has spawned several bars and restaurants in San Diego including Mission Beach’s Sandbar Sports Grill, offshore Tavern and Grill along Morena Boulevard, True North, in North Park; and West Coast Tavern, also in North Park. The group has also spread its wings as far as Tempe, Ariz., with Tavern on the Mill.

The group has a firm foot planted in the community and touts local participation as a key to success. According to Lingenfelder, the group hires locally and gets involved in the local political scene. Lingenfelder serves on several community groups including the local business improvement district’s board of directors. Lingenfelder also serves on the Pacific Beach Community Advisory Committee, which advises the city on special events in the community and liquor licenses.

The address of the group’s planned Irish pub had an existing license to sell beer and wine, which the new establishment will continue.

“What’s important to us is to be a productive member in the community, not on the business front but ... we understand we have to have a good relationship with the community,” he said.

New Irish pub plans March opening in Pacific Beach

Thursday, March 4, 2010

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Separating the truth from blarney

Test your St. Patrick’s Day knowledge:

1. St. Patrick was Irish.
   Blarney: St. Patrick was born in what today would be called Britain.

2. Patrick wasn’t the first Christian missionary to visit Ireland.
   Fact: There were other missionaries to visit the Emerald Isle, but none were as successful as Patrick.

   Blarney: Snakes have never been native to Ireland, and Patrick did not drive any off the land.

4. The Christian concept of the Trinity being taught with a shamrock cannot be accurately credited to St. Patrick.
   Fact: There is no mention of using a three-leaf shamrock to teach the concept of the Trinity in Patrick’s writings.

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Beachwood will serve up drinks with a view in May

By ANTHONY GENTILE | Beach & Bay Press

Just in time for summer, beachgoers will have a new place to enjoy a rooftop drink at sunset. The Beachwood, a three-story bar and restaurant, is set to open at the Promenade in Pacific Beach in May.

“The foundation is going to be our food and our staff,” said general manager Justin Lopez. “You can get a beer or cocktail anywhere.”

If the name sounds familiar, it’s not a coincidence. The management team at the Beachwood is the same as the Fleetwood bar and restaurant downtown, and Lopez said the similarities to the downtown venue start with the food.

“You come to the beach and at a lot of the places it’s out of the bag, out of the fryer, basket-type food,” Lopez said. “We’re not going to bring in snobby-type food. It’s going to be fresh, from scratch bar food — everything is going to be fresh.”

In addition to bar fare, Lopez said Beachwood will feature California cuisine involving seafood and comfort dishes from the Fleetwood, including a short ribs dish that he calls a pot roast on steroids.

“A lot of people think Fleetwood is just this bar and nightclub,” Lopez said. “But we actually have great food and that was the gist of it.”

The Beachwood also plans to distinguish itself in Pacific Beach with its service. This includes well-known bartenders from around San Diego.

“We’ve hired a lot of bartenders that have established bases and followings here in San Diego,” Lopez said. “We’ve pulled from different locations here in San Diego and so we get a different crowd in every night when a bartender is working.”

The Beachwood signed a 20-year lease to move into the three levels previously occupied by Hooters. Lopez said the second level will be a “Sinatraesque” dark bar with a beach lounge feel to it.

“You’re going to know you’re at the beach,” Lopez said.

The second level, where the main Hooters restaurant was, will house the Beachwood’s restaurant and bar, utilizing the current floor to ceiling windows to capitalize on the views. A circle bar facing the ocean and a retractable roof will also highlight the second floor.

On top, the Beachwood will spruce up the previously underutilized patio. An L-shaped bar and circle booths will face the ocean, which is less than a block away.

“We’re going to put a couple of beds and outdoor booths and seating out there just to look at the sunset,” Lopez said.

Beachwood will be located at 4190 Mission Blvd. For more information, visit www.thebeachwood.com or e-mail info@thebeachwood.com.
Coach has placed his stamp on MBHS basketball

Br. AMBERLY DRESLIER | Beach & Bay Press

Boys’ basketball players at Mission Bay High School (MBHS) confirm that coach Dennis Kane has the whole team into champions.

Kane’s resume is extensive. For the last seven years he has held the whistle as Mission Bay High School coach.

He brought both programs from zero to heroes. In the mid-1980s, Kane took over the San Diego High School program that won three games in five years. “My first year we went 0-19,” Kane said.

“So I had lost more in one year than I did in my previous four years as a JV coach at Kearny.”

“I go over there, and it’s like the animals run loose.” He said. “In three years we were playing for the CIF Championship.”

The same story rings true at MBHS. The Bucs won just two games under Kane in his first year direction. Four years later, they won the CIF championship.

Kane’s career hasn’t all been marked with glory though. He brought San Diego High School accolades on the court but didn’t have control over many circumstances.

“I had everything from a guy who went to jail for murder to a guy who graduated from UCSD with a degree in economics in three years, and everything in between,” Kane said.

In it all, Kane stays consistent. He teaches his players that talent without discipline is a waste and encourages players by providing a clear path.

“If this is your dream, then this is what you have to do,” Kane said.

Mission Bay High School basketball coach Dennis Kane has seen it all in 25-plus years of coaching. He has a record of rebuilding teams into champions.
For the first time in four years, there’s a problem with Mission Bay High School boys’ basketball senior point guard Derrick Thompson. It’s not on the court, as Thompson is a two-time team captain; he led the team in both points and assists; and he was the team’s toughest defender. His problem is not in the classroom, either. Thompson holds a 3.6 GPA, and his coach, Dennis Kane, refers to him as a player who comes along once every 15 years.

So what’s the problem? It’s something coach Kane refers to as “the 2 percent club.” This label is given to the elite group of high school basketball players who go on to play college basketball at any level.

“I you have 12 guys on your team, you are lucky if you have one guy go away, a year, to play basketball,” Kane said.

Kane’s club is represented with framed pictures of his former high school players turned college athletes on the wall in the team room. Although his alumni have played at schools like Notre Dame and Portland, the number of pictures is far from staggering.

“It motivates me because when you really think about it, it’s only 2 percent that really make it,” Thompson said. “I know that I am capable of making it.”

Kane thinks so too.

“To play college basketball you have to have the talent, the in-the-classroom performance and your coach’s approval,” Kane said.

Thompson has the trifecta. So, with only three months until graduation, Thompson plans to send out more film, make a couple of visits to schools and continue to put in the work that has separated him from others all along.

“I think his biggest attribute or strongest characteristic is Derrick’s warrior mentality,” Kane said. “He’s a coach’s dream. What you tell him to do is what he does. He’s not afraid of work. Most kids aren’t self-directed and self-motivated. He is. He wants it. It burns in his belly. He wants to be a great basketball player. Most kids like to play basketball, he loves to play basketball.”

Teammates are the first to sing Thompson’s praises as well.

“Derrick is a good teammate, and he shows a lot of leadership in the way he plays,” teammate Irving Valdovinos said. “He’s a hard worker ... He leads by example.”

Ten things you didn’t know about Derrick Thompson

1. He’s led the Buccaneers to the playoffs every year since he’s been on varsity.
2. He started playing basketball at 8 years old after he got into trouble one day with his grandmother. As punishment, she made him sit down on the couch with her and watch a Lakers game.
3. His favorite team is the Lakers.
4. His favorite NBA player is Kobe Bryant, but looks up to Chris Paul.
5. He’s been on the honor roll his whole life.
6. He helps his four younger brothers and sisters with their homework and their basketball.
7. His mom is his biggest supporter. She never misses a game and unconditionally believes in him.
8. He turned 18 on Feb. 17.
9. He played football for two years at wide receiver.
10. He thanks coach Kane for teaching him everything he knows.

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Derrick Thompson drives to the hoop during a game against Cathedral High School on Feb. 19 in the Mission Bay High School gym.

MBHS senior Thompson shoots for the 2 percent club

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Animal AdventureCamp at the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA

Animal loving kids can enjoy the dog days of summer with furry animal friends, fun games and activities at the San Diego Humane Society’s 2010 Animal Adventure Camp. Kids ages five to 13 will interact with dogs, exercise bunnies, guinea pigs, socialize kittens, enjoy animal related games and crafts, get behind-the-scenes tours of the Humane Society’s state-of-the-art campus and much more! Week-long Spring and Summer sessions are available March 29th to April 2nd and June 28th to August 6th. All proceeds benefit the animals and programs of the San Diego Humane Society and SPCA. Space is limited, so register or receive more information including rates and availability, contact the Humane Society’s Education Department at (619) 243-3432 or at edu@sdhumane.org. To learn more about our other programs visit www.sdhumane.org.

MBAC Camp is now “The Watersports Camp”

The exciting and popular day-camp at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center has changed its name and logo and is now simply known as “The Watersports Camp.” While the name has changed, the camp will continue to offer the same great services and camps for all levels in wakeboarding, waterskiing, surfing, sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, and marine science. In addition, the camp will offer a few new options this year, which include a full day small boat racing camp, and a half-day multi-sport camp. The camp has been in operation for over 30 years and is offered by Associated Students of SDSU, UCSD recreation and the Peninsula Family YMCA. The camp offers both spring break and summer camp sessions. Expect to be impressed by their professional and friendly counselors and instructors. (858) 539-2003. www.watersportscamp.com

Expanding the Horizons of San Diego Youth

As summer approaches many of the children in our community will go from days filled with the familiar structure of school to ones of loneliness with the television and video games providing companionship while parents work.

For over forty years, the Community Campership Council has provided memorable summer experiences for deserving San Diego children by funding a week at camp in partnership with 21 area American Camp Association accredited camps. We believe that the camp experience helps kids get to know our outdoors world, make new friends, learn new skills and values and socialize with a diverse group of campers. This broadens their perspective about the kind of life they can build for themselves if they work hard, treat people fairly and set goals for themselves.

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There are many world music groups based in Southern California, but few can get a crowd going like Skelpin, which performs at Hennessy’s tonight. March 4. Although considered to be a Celtic group, this five-piece combo, led by fiery fiddler Patric Petrie and manic multi-instrumentalist Iim Foley, adds up to much more. Indeed, taking in a mix of music that includes Celtic influences as well as Flamenco guitar, traditional folk and even occasional pop overtones, Skelpin has come up with a unique sound that’s both rousing and melodic as heck. With a growing fan base across the U.S. and successful forays into the Far East, Skelpin’s music looks poised to explode on an international level.

**Skelpin:** Tonight, March 4. 9 p.m. at Hennessy’s, 4605 Mission Blvd. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.myspace.com/skelpin

While original hip-hop appears at times to be all but invisible in San Diego, for aficionados in the know there is a thriving underground scene that’s both excelling and vital. Case in point is the five-art showcase at Brick by Brick tonight. Topped by East Texas’ Skelpin, which performs at Hennessey’s March 5 at 9 p.m. at Tango Del Rey, 1367 Del Rey St. $10-$15. All ages. www.myspace.com/candyekane

Blues shouter Candy Kane may have had major cancer surgery less than two years ago, but you wouldn’t know it from her schedule. Already one of America’s hardest working musicians, since her recovery, Kane has redoubled her efforts on a seemingly never ending tour. Currently promoting her newest album “Superhero,” the next few months see her returning to Holland, Norway, Lithuania and Canada, as well as several trips around the U.S. In the meantime, Kane is filling what little down time she has been performing with Skeller’s Jam Trio, who appear at Tango Del Rey tomorrow, March 5. The new setting for her powerhouse voice will thrill long time fans, but anyone who likes classic, Blue Note-styled tunes, won’t want to miss this performance.

**Candy Kane with the Skip Heller Jazz Trio:** Friday, March 5, 9 p.m. at Tango Del Rey. $10-$15. All ages. www.myspace.com/candykane

Mixing originals with an eclectic batch of covers, Big Fat Soul, which performs at RT’s Longboard on March 6, provide the perfect musical accompaniment for a Saturday night. The band is all about groove, whether on renditions of chestnuts such as “Ain’t No Sunshine” or reggae-inflected versions of new wave favorites like Elvis Costello’s “Watching The Detectives.” Varying the standard rock line-up with the addition of keyboard and trombone, Big Fat Soul is able to venture into more varied material than the average bar band, resulting in a band whose music you’ll want to check out more than once.

**Big Fat Soul:** Saturday, March 6, 10 p.m., RT’s Longboard, 1466 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. www.myspace.com/bigfatsoul

Inhabiting a space somewhere between Green Day and the Cramps, Crushing Marbles, who stage a CD release show at the 710 Beach Club on March 13, attack their version of rock ’n’ roll with fervor. The night’s cover charge includes a complimentary copy of the band’s new album, “Pocket,” which shows the band to be adept at both turning out pop-edged punk with shout along choruses, and creating monster riffs and hooks.

**Crashing Marbles:** Friday, March 13, 9 p.m. at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. $10. www.myspace.com/thecrashingmarbles

### MUSIC Calendar

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The hard-working Candy Kane will appear with the Skip Heller Jazz Trio tomorrow, March 5 at Tango Del Rey.
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