Berns takes over the helm of Discover PB

**By LEE CORNELL** | Beach & Bay Press

Discover Pacific Beach (DPB) has named Sara Berns as its new executive director. She takes over from former DPB executive director Andy Hanshaw, who resigned July 5 to take a position as director of the San Diego Bicycle Coalition.

Hanshaw had been leading DPB for the last two years but he said he wanted to pursue his passion in cycling, Berns, who has been serving as the program manager for DPB the last three years, said the experience will help her transition into the director position.

“It’s definitely challenging, but I’ve already been with the organization, so I’m very familiar with this group of work,” she said.

DPB is a nonprofit group funded by the city’s Business Improvement District. It was started in 1997 as one of the first BIDs in San Diego. There are now 17 BIDs across the city. DPB is made up of several branches, including the DPB board, a Design and Improvement Committee, a Hospitality Task Force, a Promotions Committee and the PB Community Advisory Committee. Berns has the responsibility of organizing all the branches, including the PB Community Advisory Committee.

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PB woman to hike Mt. Kilimanjaro to aid Parkinson’s victims, research

**By KENDRA HARTMANN** | Beach & Bay Press

Pacific Beach resident Rebecca Kanter does not have Parkinson’s disease. But so moved was she by a recent monsoonal condition that she decided to join three men with Parkinson’s disease who will themselves be taking on the world’s highest freestanding mountain to help raise money for scientific research to battle Parkinson’s.

On Sept. 8, Rebecca Kanter will join an expedition to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in support of three men with Parkinson’s disease who will themselves be taking on the mountain — as well as the disease during one big under-taking: climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro.

She will join the men and their entourage of 13 family and friends to face the mountain with the objective of funding non-embryonic stem cell research.

The climbers will be paying their own way, and along with the volunteer board of advisors with the Summit4StemCell organization and the Parkinson’s Association of San Diego, will help ensure the money raised goes strictly to the research.

The obvious challenge of scaling the world’s tallest freestanding mountain — as well as the increased challenge of doing so with a debilitating disease like Parkinson’s — doesn’t seem to phase the team. Ken Shreiner, one of the men, recently had his appendix removed.

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NEWS UPDATES

**Rober hits PB grocery store**

Police officials are probing the Aug. 14 robbery of the Ralph’s grocery store on Mission Boulevard after a man simulated a handgun and demanded prescription medication from a pharmacist around 10:30 a.m.

Investigators said the suspect entered the store’s pharmacy area and made the demand, although witnesses said they did not actually see a weapon.

The man is described as about 50 years old, 5’10” tall, with a medium build and tan skin. He was also described as unshaven and wearing a black baseball cap and a light-colored tank top.

The suspect fled on foot. The case is being investigated by the San Diego Police Department’s Robbery Division.

**SeaWorld caring for 8 rescued pelicans**

SeaWorld took in eight brown pelicans from Arizona recently after the birds were rescued and given initial treatment at two rehabilitation centers in Arizona.

SeaWorld animal care specialists expect to care for the birds until they can be released back into the wild within days. One of the birds is missing a wing because of amputation, however, and will not be able to be returned into its natural environment, officials said.

The birds were likely blown off course by recent monsoons. The Tucson Wildlife and Liberty Wildlife Centers in Arizona rehabilitated and stabilized the birds before sending them to SeaWorld.
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individual groups that make up DPB and meshing them into one cohesive unit.

“The goal of the organization right now is helping businesses that are struggling and promoting people to come down to the Pacific Beach area,” she said. “We also address issues like tree trimming, the sidewalks and trash.”

Berns believes having patience, an open mind and a sympathetic ear are essential in running such an organization smoothly.

“It takes a lot of flexibility,” Berns said. “We have a lot of members and everyone has their ideas. We work with a pretty small budget on a large scale. Listening and taking everyone’s opinions into consideration is important. We work with all the community groups and really try to look at the community as a whole, even though our priority is the businesses.”

DPB is a leading force for several community events, including its signature piece, Pacific Beachfest, which is slated to take place this year on Saturday, Oct. 1. DPB also hosts two restaurant walks every year and helps run the Pacific Beach Holiday Parade.

DPB also hosts a monthly sundowner mixer and actively contributes to community-themed projects such as the newly-created Tuesday PB Farmers Market.

For more information, visit www.pacificbeach.org.

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of the men who suffers from the disease, wrote in a recent statement, “I do it because I need to.”

To augment the effort, Jeanne Loring, Ph.D., founding director of the Center for Regenerative Medicine at Scripps Research Institute, and Dr. Lawrence Houser, director of the Parkinson’s Disease and Movement Disorders Center and the Deep Brain Stimulation Center, both at Scripps Clinic, are piloting a project they hope will change the face of treatment of Parkinson’s Disease for good.

Loring, in charge of Phase I of the project, will reprogram patients’ skin cells into non-embryonic, induced pluripotent stem cells that can self-renew and produce dopaminergic neurones to replace those lost — even long lost — through the progression of the disease.

In Phase II, Houser will inject the transformed neurons that now have an exact DNA match into her test subjects’ brains, with the goal of creating a new clinical option to treat the debilitating disorder.

On Aug. 27, Loring and Houser will be on hand at a fundraising event at Fairbanks Ranch Clubhouse (15150 San Dieguito Road in Ranch Santa Fe). Featuring hors d’oeuvres by chef Yealang Smith, wine and a silent auction, the proceeds will go to fund the scientists’ research.

For more information, visit www.summit4stemcell.org.

— Kevin McKay contributed to this story

Do In Some Reflection
Arizona visitor Patricia Kink gets an eye full of colorful surfboards near Belmont Park recently.
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Three 17-year-old boys accused of killing a young Mission Beach man who had answered a Craigslist ad to buy a computer appeared in court Aug. 16 and were given an Oct. 11 preliminary hearing date.

They are charged with murder in the death of Garrett Berki, 18, of Mission Beach. He was a student at Mesa College and a 2010 graduate of La Jolla High School.

The three defendants are also charged with shooting at an occupied vehicle and two counts of robbery involving Berki and his girlfriend. Berki’s girlfriend reportedly met with the defendants on May 11 after answering a Craigslist ad to buy a $600 computer. The couple met the youths on Fleming Drive in Paradise Hills.

As with many bands in this format, blues and reggae music. But it also hosts the best known for its weekend cover bands and occasional up-and-coming band like the Ferocious Few.

Appearing at the club on Aug. 26, and drums-based combo The Ferocious Few. Performing at 10 p.m.

The three teens are being tried as adults. If convicted, they could be sentenced to 25 years to life.

Instead of landing a computer, the couple was robbed of their cash and cell phones at gunpoint.

On Tuesday, the three defendants waived their right to have a speedy hearing as they appeared before a San Diego Superior Court judge. The butterfly lay Abrarathu, Shaquille Jordan, and Scandall Lee Jones have pleaded not guilty. They remain in Juvenile Hall.

After Berki was robbed, he allegedly followed the robbers in his car as they turned into a cul-de-sac as Berki tried to obtain the robbers’ license number. Deputy District Attorney Kristian Trocha said Abernathy fired a shot through a windshield, striking Berki in the chest. Berki died later that night.

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At RT’s Longboard is the optimal spot to see them. Unlike that infamous set, here they won’t be competing with a train for sound levels.

The Ferocious Few perform at 10 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26 at RT’s Longboard, 1466 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. No cover. www.theferociousfew.com

— Bart Mendoza

Volunteers work to restore PB’s uprooted welcome sign

Pacific Beach Town Council President Joe Wilding is looking for a few good Pacific Beach residents to help restore the blue wave Welcome to Pacific Beach sign to its normal spot on an island around the 2800 block of Grand Avenue, across from the Mission Bay Golf Course.

According to a police incident report and eyewitnesses, the fun welcome sign was knocked off its cement foundation by a vehicle going eastbound on Grand Avenue on the morning of June 15. “I was driving to work around 7 in the morning and then saw two cars pulled off to the side and noticed a bunch of dust and debris in the air,” Wilding said. “I made a U-turn at the nearest light and discovered the sign lying in the middle of westbound Grand Avenue.”

Wilding said he was about 50 yards back when the sign was struck and did not see it happen. After the sign was knocked into the street, Wilding said a few people who lived in the apartments across the way helped him drag the sign out of the road.

According to Wilding, the vehicle that hit the sign was a Jeep Grand Cherokee and the driver was not seriously hurt. There were no injuries reported overall.

Wilding, not knowing what to do next with the sign, said he and bystanders moved the sign into the back of a truck. “I wanted to keep it because if it was towed it would be impounded and we would be charged storage and towing fees,” Wilding said.

The sign was dropped off in the yard of one of Wilding’s friends and then later moved to his brother’s house, where it presently sits until it can be moved and placed back at its previous resting spot on Grand Avenue.

“I believe the sign is owned by Discover PB but I’m not sure. I’m waiting for funds, guidance and direction from them on what they want to do next about it. It will take at least four people to move the sign,” he said.

In addition to moving the sign there is also some damage to parts of it that will need to be repaired before it can be put back.

To help in the effort, call the Pacific Beach Town Council office at (858) 483-6666.
**Flamingo chick makes debut at SeaWorld**

SeaWorld San Diego recently introduced one of its newest residents as animal-care officials celebrated the hatching of a “lesser” flamingo chick.

While the species is not endangered, such hatchings are considered rare. SeaWorld is one of only a handful of zoological organizations that has been able to successfully breed lesser flamingos. The park became the first in the world to do so in 1989.

The chick, which hatched July 30, is considered significant because there are not enough hatching chicks to sustain the species in zoological institutions worldwide, according to SeaWorld officials.

The chick is being hand-raised behind the scenes in the park’s Avian Center, and after only 14 days weighed just under three ounces. It is about the size of an apple, consumes a special formula of flamingo pellet, krill, hardboiled egg, minerals, vitamins and water. It will remain at the Avian Center until it is three months old when it will be introduced to the flock of adult lesser flamingos.

*Courtesy photo by SeaWorld San Diego*
Motorists all across San Diego might have gotten a glimpse of a rare and emotional spectacle Aug. 12 as a law enforcement motorcade (above) made a slow, 12-mile trek from Qualcomm Stadium to The Rock Church on Rosecrans Street to pay tribute to slain police Officer Jeremy Henwood, who was gunned down Aug. 6 while on patrol in City Heights. A caravan of 800 to 1,000 police squad cars, followed by San Diego Fire Department vehicles and some 150 to 200 motorcycles from the California Highway Patrol participated in the motorcade.

Right, about 40 mourners gathered alongside the San Diego Fire Department's Engine 15 from Ocean Beach at the Nimitz Boulevard overpass to pay tribute to Henwood's memory. His assailant was later killed by police in a hail of bullets.

Pacific Beach wasn’t always a college town covered in tattoo parlors, bars and head shops. There was a time when it was a quaint family-oriented town perched by the beach. Then, doors weren’t locked, kids stayed up late only on special occasions and you were more likely to get hit by a rogue wave than a car. John Conca, owner of Mr. Frostie Tastee Freeze, has seen firsthand many of PB’s changes over the years. Conca grew up in Pacific Beach near Kate Sessions Park and worked his family’s ice cream stand in the 1970s as a teenager. In 1978, he and his wife, Debbie, took over ownership and have run it since.

Conca has been careful to keep Mr. Frostie’s the same through the years, wanting it to retain that same look and feel of Pacific Beach from the 1950s. One thing he has added to the menu is food items to help generate business during the colder winter months.

Conca has made a concerted effort to keep prices low and the product delicious. Mr. Frostie’s offers typical treats found at most ice cream shops: blizzards, shakes, banana splits and malts. The establishment also has the ever-popular dipped cones in flavors like chocolate, cherry and buttercrunch. Be warned: Eat fast, because it will go everywhere as it melts!

The portions are large and the ice cream is delicious. But Conca thinks it’s the vibe of Mr. Frostie’s that keeps customers coming back year after year.

“We offer a good, high-quality product and are customer-oriented,” he said. “We get to know our regulars so they feel at home. We keep Mr. Frostie’s as it has been for the most part, a continuity of what we would have served in the 1960s, and keep prices reasonable.”

One thing that hasn’t changed is Mr. Frostie’s type of clientele. It draws mostly families— the way it has always been. While standing in line, you feel as if you’re standing in line just as they did in 1949.

Pacific Beach has transformed largely into a transient town, but one thing is certain in PB. You can always count on Mr. Frostie’s and a delicious ice cream treat that will keep you smiling.

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H ow often have you driven down Garnet Avenue and seen a large pothole in the road? Or even worse, discovered it right after your car runs over it? You want to report the problem to the city when you get home but by the time you get there you have forgotten the location of the pothole. Unfortunately, with no one reporting it, the pot hole only gets larger and more dangerous.

This scenario has unfortunately become a San Diego tradition and is a common story I hear when meeting with residents. They are frustrated by the state of their road conditions and feel that there should be more simple and efficient ways to report problems in Pacific Beach.

After hearing these concerns, my office decided to partner with an outside firm to develop “San Diego 311,” a smartphone app and online widget that serves as a one-stop-shop of city services and streamlines how those services are provided. Pacific Beach residents can report potholes, abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal dumping, broken sidewalks and much more instantaneously from their Android, BlackBerry or iPhones. The program can also be accessed online through an online widget.

San Diego 311 uses the latest technology in geo-tagging technology to automatically provide the location when residents report problems from their phones. This simplifies the reporting process for residents and speeds up the time for city employees to respond to the report.

This program finally catches the city up to modern-day technology and creates a new platform that will cut costs and provide an instrument that easily allows residents to report problems in their community.

San Diego 311 literally puts city services at residents’ fingertips, and I hope you’ll join me in downloading this app to start improving our community today.

For instructions on how to download the App and Widget, visit http://www.sandiego.gov/cityccnc/c d/5, contact our office at (619) 236-6555 or email CarlDe- mai@SanDiego.gov.

By Councilman Carl DeMaio

POLITICAL AD

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

According to your article by Lee Cornell, “New tax starts roll in to help part-timers,” Aug. 4, Page 1, the city has the money to maintain two parking spots for tax stands in Pacific Beach and cannot find the funds for a second trash pickup in Mission Beach for the summer months.

Our alleys look like landfills and the fly population has become a health hazard. Complaints to our local councilmembers have gotten no results. Perhaps we should take our overfull of trash and dump it on the parking sites. Maybe then your voices can be heard.

Pamela Schwartz
Mission Beach

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NOTICE OF ELECTION AND GENERAL MEETING

The Pacific Beach Community Improvement District (PBBID) includes business and rental properties with six or more units, in the area which can be approximately described as the area circumscribed by Interstate 5, the Pacific Beach Boardwalk, Crown Point Drive and Turquoise Street. The purpose of the PBBID and The Pacific Beach Community Development Corporation (PBCDC) is to provide an organizational framework and funding for the improvement of the area. Pacific Beach area business license holders and owners of rental property with six or more units, are invited to run for election as a member of the PBBID Board of Directors. Nominations are currently being solicited. The Board of Directors will meet on the 15th member Board. The Board has appointed a nominating committee to whom nominations may be made by submitting a petition or letter. The nomination petition or letter must be submitted to the nominating committee by September 2, 2011. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the September 6, 2011 meeting. The Board of Directors will also receive the list of business and rental property license holders who have indicated their interest in being a director at the meeting. The business license holder will be the person named in that business license unless a business indicates otherwise in writing to the PBCDC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must receive the written notice of the business delegate change at or before their September 6, 2011 meeting. All delegate’s terms will end with the election. The list of known business and property license holders eligible to vote will be available for review at the September 6, 2011 meeting by contacting Sara Bern at 858-273-3303. The Board will then consider reports and other business by the PBBID Board of Directors and the agenda for the annual election meeting. The PBBID Board of Directors will poll the board and the agenda by the Board of Directors. A majority of the current Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors and meeting of the Board of Directors for the October 25, 2011 annual election meeting.
Learn to shop chic and cheap in Pacific Beach

By HOLLY LAUREN BEEDLE

From shopping for a new wardrobe purchase to accessorizing a preexisting old favorite, the fashionistas at K&L Closet can touch you about what’s in style and about savvy shopping techniques. Follow the two creators of K&L Closet — Kimora Kuspa and Lea Fischer — through Pacific Beach’s shopping district as they share efficient and effective shopping techniques that will save you time and money, allowing you to enjoy all Pacific Beach has to offer.

Shopping Research 102
Kuspa and Fischer suggest pre-shopping on the Internet to spend less time in line at the stores. Kuspa and Fischer are a niece-and-aunt fashion-obsessed shopping duo who’ve developed a website to share their fabulous fashion finds they highlight on www.kandlcloset.com. The K&L Closet blog features youthful and contemporary fashion brands and shows the best celebrity looks worn by their favorites they call “K&L Style Stars,” including Vanessa Hudgens. Ashley Tisdale and Lauren Conrad. K&L Style Stars are fashion icons they identify with in terms of fashion and morals.

In the past, Kuspa learned more than just fashion tips while shopping with her aunt. For them, shopping was a form of retail therapy, allowing them to spend time chatting about more than just looking good — but also feeling good. Working together, their brainchild K&L Closet was born, and currently provides the platform to inspire other young women to stay classy and dress sassy.

Kuspa and Fischer say checking out your favorite celebrity’s style online at www.kandlcloset.com is a great way to start shopping style ideas for yourself.

Shopping Economics 103
Garnet Avenue is not only a fun place to be and be seen, the endless competitive, trendy dress shops it offers makes for the complete cheap-and-chic shopping experience! The affordable prices on an assortment of local California style allows you to stay classy and dress sassy.

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Notices of Unclaimed Money
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Photos by Holly Lauren Beedle
Lea Fischer and Kimora Kuspa love accessorizing and picking out cute bead-encrusted stretch bangles at The Valencia on Garnet Avenue.
This year marked the debut for an unusual summer camp in Pacific Beach. Two Pacific Beach Elementary School teachers, Paul Gallo and Jennifer Cromar, created the new camp. Dubbed “Sum Fun Math Camp,” the activity was designed to keep students tuned up on math skills during the summer months to better prepare them for their new grade level in school. The program offered a unique camp experience with an academic twist.

“Typically, there were about 15 campers each week,” said Cromar. “The seven-to-one camper-to-teacher ratio ensured that each child received an enriching experience while learning more about math.

“The camp focused on real-world experiences and number sense,” she said. “Our hope is that we can plant the seeds for higher-level algebraic thinking.”

Each day focused on different types of math skills, according to the camp’s creators.

“We tried to make the camp interesting by having specific themes every day,” said Gallo. “The kids especially loved sports days and eating fractions.”

Day One was all about money, and throughout the week campers earned fake dollars and put them in a pretend savings account.

“We wanted to demonstrate why math is so important in their lives and hopefully teach them life-long skills,” Gallo said.

Since this is the first year for the camp, Cromar and Gallo said they are still working out the kinks.

“We listened to our campers and their parents, and if something wasn’t working, or they had better ideas, we re-evaluated our program and made adjustments,” Cromar said.

The half-day camp ran for two weeks: Aug. 1-5 and Aug. 8-12, and was for children entering the first through sixth grade.

“The camp was such a success, we are already discussing plans for next summer,” Gallo said.

For more information, visit http://www.sumfunmath.com.

— Contributed by “Sum Fun Math Camp.”

Young campers participated in the debut “Sum Fun Math Camp” in Pacific Beach, an idea developed by Pacific Beach Elementary School teachers Jennifer Cromar and Paul Gallo.

**PB teachers show students how to have sum fun with new math camp**
Happy Hour 4 to 7 Every Night in the Bar Areas!  Coming Soon DJ’s and Bands Thurs – Sat!

Football is back! The Beach & Bay Press got we have news for you. San Diego Chargers season, preferably score a touchdown, and on the board [on the team’s first posses-

with San Diego going into the locker room pleased with the quick start at halftime, the Chargers' special teams allowed four kick returns for touchdowns, four blocked points and averaged less than 19 yards per punt return. Looking ahead now, will this new coaching change really make a difference? “All I had to do was miss one tackle, my teammates did everything,” said Charger’s newcomer Brian Walters, who ran back a kick return for 103 yards, in the process scoring his first professional touchdown Thursday night. “It was a well-designed play. You have to give all the credit to the coach who designed the play and to the guys up front.”

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Well, if that is just the beginning, we are excited to see where it all ends.

You can view my coverage of the game at www.sdnews.com and listen to my game calling of Brian Walters’ first profes-

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Chargers’ special teams: super special this year!

In case you’ve been surfing all summer, we have news for you. San Diego Chargers’ football is back! The Beach & Bay Press got a recent taste of the preseason opener Aug. 11, giving us a chance to offer up this preview of the up-and-coming sea-

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Looking ahead

Beach and bay-area events, Aug. 18-23

THURSDAYS, beginning Aug. 18

Victory Gardens San Diego will offer an eight-week “Gardening 101: garden education course at Christ Lutheran Church, located at 4761 Cass St, in Pacific Beach. The course will include designing and building a community garden on church property. The class will meet on Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., beginning Aug. 18. The course is open to the community. The cost for the eight-week course is $10. Victory Gardens San Diego is a nonprofit organization that helps people start growing their own food. To learn more about the group, visit www.victor-gardensandiego.com. For more information about the course and to register, call (619) 483-2360.

SUNDAY, Aug. 21

Open Door Books will host a San Diego artisans’ cabaret. The event will showcase three San Diego artisans. Available for purchase will be a wide range of photographs and one-of-a-kind creations for every taste, with prices for every pocketbook. The event will also include refreshments, snacks and music by local musicians. Featured will be the works of photographer Lisa Salas, Fair Trade advocate Lee Quinn and jewelry designer Sari Graham. The free event takes place from noon to 3 p.m. at Open Door Books, 4761 Cass St. For more information, call (619) 270-8642, or visit www.opendoorsbooks.com.

SATURDAY, Aug. 27

Paulea Paige Montayre, the new director of music at Christ Lutheran Church in Pacific Beach, and her band Resurrection will host a two-concert benefit event for the victims of the devastating March 11 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The concert will feature soulful renditions of the Magick antedate nitro-burning dragger and the flame-throwing Wild Thang. For more information, visit www.chargestore.com.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 28

The Pacific Beach Town Council will host its 31st annual Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night (P.A.E.S.A.N.) in order to honor and thank firefighters, police officers, hiểu, paramedics and park rangers for their protection and service to the community. The barbeque dinner, which takes place from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at Coronado Park Sherman, is $8 per person. For more information, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.

State Fair Days

It’s been over a century since the last stage line operated in San Diego. Beginning in 1857, stage lines passed through rural San Diego moving passengers, freight, and mail. These new services helped bring the outside world a little closer to this emerging frontier community that we know today as San Diego. For four Saturdays in July and August, come join us as we celebrate travel and transportation in the era of real horsepower – before the train and automobile. Imagine yourself traveling down dusty dirt roads either by horse, wagon, or stagecoach making your way to San Diego in the 1860s. Enjoy an afternoon filled with activities that reflect life in early San Diego and celebrate the West on the move. Through vignettes, demonstrations, living history activities, stories, and songs, visitors will gain an appreciation for early modes of transportation and daily life.

Stagecoach Days: Celebrating The West On The Move

Old Town San Diego State Historic Park
12.00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. FREE

August 20 – TwainFest – The festival marks 100 years of Mark Twain’s passing and celebrates the American author as well as some of his peers. Excepts from famous works will be read aloud by costumed San Diego actors at a variety of park venues throughout the day. Charles Harrington Elston, author and local expert of the popular vocabulary-building program Verbal Advantage and organizer of the weekly public radio talk show “A Way With Words,” will be performing for his second year at TwainFest, a free literary festival for all ages. The author will appear in several venues of the free event in Old Town on Aug. 20 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Elston’s performance will take place in the historic courtroom of The Whaley House at 12:00 p.m. At 4 p.m., he will deliver a talk about Mark Twain in the Shirley Stable Theatre in the state park.

August 27 – Carthage Drive – The California population exploded with the Gold Rush and hungry miners were paying top dollar for beef. Come learn about the hide and tallow trade and join this weekend’s cattle drive. For more information, go to www.parks.ca.gov/oldtowndiego.

Spirits of Mexico

The 2011 Spirits of Mexico Festival is set to showcase top-agave spirits brewed by hundreds of distillers. September 11 to 18, in the heart of Mexican culture, Old Town San Diego is the event. The largest, most comprehensieve festival of agave-based spirits in North America, and will be packed with seminars discussing the finest tequila tastings, cocktails, challenges, and the dynamic Mexican drink and an awards ceremony. Tequila Trail kicks off the spirited week on Saturday, Sept. 11, sponsored by Vicky Bacaanor, trailblazers will sample the new Bacanora lines along with select tequilas and some superb culinary specialties from 10 of Old Town’s world-renowned eateries. Barra Barra Saloon, Casa de Reyes, Casa Guadalupe, La Palapa, Rockin’ Baja Cantina and Fiestas de Reyes.

Top mixologists and bartenders are antici- pated to put their best cocktail forward using Solerno Blood Orange Liqueur for the Soler- no Liqueur Cocktail Challenge Semi-Finals and Finals. The Semi-Finals occur during the Tequila Trail at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, and on Wednesday, Sept. 14, finalists will shake, stir and pour their hearts out as they compete in the Solerno Liqueur Cocktail Challenge Finals where the 2011 Official Tequila Trail Drink and Awards Ceremony. Eight regional mixers will host a two-concert event for the Tequila Trail, which includes access to the Cocktail Challenge Semi-Finals. The final competition also has a $25 entry fee.

A panel of experienced tequila connoisseurs will judge hundreds of agave-based spirits in private Monday and Tuesday for the 2011 Spirits of Mexico Tasting Competition. The Spirits of Mexico Awards Dinner and Tequila Reception at flames Barra Barra Saloon, Sept. 16, is when guests can sip world-class agave spirits paired with specialty cuisine created with our spirits. The Awards Ceremony, held in the Fiestas de Reyes courtyard after dinner, will reveal the winners of the 2011 Spirits of Mexico Tasting Competition. Dinner tickets can be purchased for $85 per person.

Spirits of Mexico Festival’s Main Event is on September 19th in Old Town San Diego State Historic Park. The atmosphere will enjoy more than 200 styles of agave spirits. Seminars take place at intervals throughout the evening and a silent auction will be held ben- efiting the Sky Ranch Foundation. VIP tickets are $65 per person. General admission tickets are $50 at the door.

The Spirits of Mexico Festival is presented by Polished Palate and has been noted as “one of the four festivals not to miss” by ‘O,’ the Oprah Magazine. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.polishedpalate.com.
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