Toyota pitches ads, free 2-year lease of 34 beach vehicles to City Council

Proposal, with options, could save up to about $1M

By NEAL PUTNAM

Bucks dominate Clairemont in Battle for Balboa Avenue

Quarterback Nate Long (No. 11), a senior at Mission Bay High, patrols the sidelines while his defensive teammates take the field during Bucs' 34-7 victory over Clairemont High on Sept 24.

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Home invasion deadly for masked gunman

Dr. Lee Cornell [BEACH & BAY PRESS]

Clairmont resident Connor Baldassi died on a Pacific Beach sidewalk in the morning of Sept. 21 after he broke into a nearby house on Emerald Street near Bayard Street and was stabbed, according to police investigators.

“After breaking into the residence and making a demand, there was a fight between Connor and the people inside that residence and he ended up getting stabbed during that fight,” said Lt. Kevin Rooney of the San Diego Police Department’s Homicide Unit. “He ended up running outside, where he collapsed and later died.”

Baldassi ran out the house and around the corner, he called a friend. Baldassi’s friend arrived at the scene and immediately called 9-1-1.

“We received a call at 5:52 a.m. and paramedics arrived shortly thereafter. He died at 6:03 a.m.,” Rooney said.

Neither Baldassi nor the residents called 9-1-1 immediately after the break-in, and is unclear whether he could have been saved if the emergency number had been called sooner. Investigators said there were three people inside the residence — two men and one woman.

It was later revealed that the woman knew Baldassi, who was masked and carrying a replica handgun during the home invasion.

They knew each other since childhood, Rooney said.

Marijuana plants were found at the residence but Rooney does not expect the residents were involved.

“My roommate came and woke me up and told me someone had been inside the residence — two men and one woman,” said a masked stems and buds. Drugs were stashed around.

Evidence markers are placed near the replica handgun (markings No. 14 and 15) used by the masked robber. Photo by Paul Rosenbauer/Beach & Bay Press

It doesn’t appear there’s any additional evidence or people to talk to — then we’ll draw a conclusion on it.”

Additional details about who actually stabbed Baldassi and what kind of weapon was used will not be released while the investigation is ongoing, Rooney said.

Neighbors in the 800 block of Emerald Street said they were surprised to find the body cordoned off by police tape when they arrived to the crime scene.

Police officers secured the area while forensic technicians collected evidence.

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Police investigators place evidence markers around the scene of a fatal stabbing on Emerald Street on Sept. 21 after a masked intruder with a replica handgun was killed by the home’s occupants.

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It’s been 30 years since UFO’s heyday, but its brand of rock ‘n’ roll still hits hard. The British rockers have released more than 22 discs in a career that began around 1969 with classic hits like “Too Hot To Handle” and “Only You Can Rock Me.” Around 1980 started a 30-year run of albums and singles, coming to end with their 20th album “Yours Until The Last Day” in 2007. But the band has continued to tour and release new music, including “The Way You Look Tonight” and “We’re In Heaven,” which frankly blows the original out of the water.

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- **Serious Guise**
  A cover band with a difference. Like so many others, the five-piece band, which appears at Tio Leo’s on Sept. 30, plays classic rock favorites from AC/DC to ZZ Top. However, what sets them apart is their performances of modern rock songs, including tracks from the likes of Puddle of Mudd and Incubus. So many bands choose their cover material from the same basic template that it’s refreshing to see new blood injected into a tried-and-true favorite genre like classic rock.

- **Serious Guise**
  Performs at 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30, Tio Leo’s. 5302 Napa Street. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.seriousguise.com

One of the best punk bands in Southern California today, The Bloody Hollies keep going from strength to strength. Appearing at The Griffin on Oct. 1, the quartet has a brand-new album out called “Yours Until The Bitter End,” via legendary indie label Bomp, and an Australian tour set for November. In the meantime, this warm-up date should be just enough to keep their area fans sated. Anyone who enjoys their rock drenched in manic energy, melody and power chords will love every second of this gig.

- **The Bloody Hollies**
  Perform at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 at The Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd. 21 and up. Cover TBA. www.thebloodyhollies.com

Simply stated, Café Bar Europa is one of the best places in town to catch up-and-coming jazz musicians. Between its friendly, lively atmosphere, intimate setting and no-cover-charge policy for most events, it’s just about an unbeatable option when it comes to hip sounds at the beach area.

- **James Behrens Jazz Funk Combo**
  Performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Café-Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. 21 and up. No cover. www.theturquoise.com/wordpress

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Polish Fest to fete pride, culture in PB

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The 16th annual Polish Festival takes place from Oct. 7-9 at the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Roman Catholic Polish Mission.

Upward of 4,000 visitors are expected to take in three days of Polish music and dance, with food also a main attraction. uniquely, the festival has a menu exclusively filled with every Polish delicacy imaginable and Polish beer to boot.

Opening night festivities, beginning at 6 p.m., are for those 21 and up, but there is plenty to offer for the younger set in the days following, including games and movies. Admission is $5 per day.

The main attraction of the Polish Festival is always the performances by the colorfully costumed Polish folk-dance groups, with participants this year coming from around Southern California, including the Yorba Linda-based Polanie Polish Dance Ensemble and the local Polonie Dance Group. Additionally, several musical acts will perform, including Zbigniew Galazka and the Janusz Group. Additional musical acts will perform, including Zbigniew Galazka and the Janusz Group.

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Polish culture will be spotlighted with food, dancing and games during the 16th annual Polish Festival from Oct. 7-9 at the Saint Maximillian Kolbe Roman Catholic Polish Mission on Grand Avenue. Courtesy photo

Living here in San Diego far away from our country, Poland — and from Europe. It is very, very important, especially for younger generations,” he said.

 hosted the Revolt Summer Surf Series 5.0. Berns said she is also proud of the fact that event is truly about Pacific Beach, with most of the participants based in the area.

“We are different. While we have our handmade arts and crafts area (open to all vendors), our merchant’s area is open to only Pacific Beach businesses and our food court only has PB restaurants,” she said.

This includes entrants in the Best of the Beach Fish Taco Challenge.

Most of talent performing during the day is from the neighborhood as well. Those wanting a more leisurely day won’t find any shortage of activities either. Three stages will provide musical entertainment. The main stage will host local favorites, including reggae groups Sunny Rude and Sando & The Irie Vibes. Hip-hop from Vokab Company as well as performances from Boom Snap, Split Finger and In Transit Sound. Meanwhile the beer garden stage will include sets from some of San Diego’s top DJs, including Who, Beatnick, Demon, Artistic, Chris Cutz and Mikey Beats. The community stage will feature an eclectic mix of talent, with bands from local schools, acoustic performers and a dance group.

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Parking will likely be at a premium during Pacific Beachfest, so Berns advises visitors to use pay lots or public transportation, while there will be bike parking at the Beach Cottage on Thomas Street. Parking is a situation the hopes can be improved in future years.

“We’d like to get the event to the point where we can start doing shuttles from the local school parking lots,” Berns said.

An ideal day out for anyone on an entertainment budget — or who simply likes the combination of ocean breezes, music, food and fun — this year’s Pacific Beachfest is hard to beat.

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“it’s really a great chance to showcase PB,” she said. “We have over 50,000 people come down and visit the beach. It’s usually a really nice day and we’re right on the boardwalk. There’s a lot going on.”

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PB Shore Club: perhaps the next best thing to Qualcomm Stadium

BY WALTER RUSKIN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

So, you’re not sure if you want to go to the beach this Sunday or watch the Chargers game. Well, why not do both? After all, the AFC West rivals have already begun for the 2011 season with the Denver Broncos on Oct. 9 and the Kansas City Chiefs (for the second time this year) on Oct. 11.

PB Shore Club gives you the feeling of the excitement and enthusiasm of a Monday Night Football. Free Pizza with purchase!

That being said, this place goes beyond just being a Chargers bar. I was there during a preseason game. You know, the games that give fans an opportunity to practice their taunting skills. Anyway, I was sitting at a table watching one of their 25 high-definition TV screens and eating one of their critically-acclaimed fish tacos and some Ninja Wings when the Chargers scored a field goal.

Predictably, everyone cheered and gave the person next to them a high-five. But it’s what happened next that blew my mind. Moments after the thrill of scoring, the live game feed on the sound system was cut off.

This drawing shows the PB Shore Club’s converted 1990 Winnebago that the club’s owners take to Section 103 at Qualcomm Stadium during Chargers home games to dispense more than 1,000 free fish tacos to Bolts tailgaters.
and stood tall as if they were taking a position for something very important. Then it happened. It started as a soft rumble and then, as if the Archangel Gabriel was blowing his horn to announce the coming of God Almighty himself, the bar erupted into song, (and in key, may I add): “San-Di-ego .... Super Chargers .... San De-ego... CHARGERS!” I don’t say this often, but this is a local beach paper, so what the heck? It was totally awesome!

I knew I needed to find out more about this PB Shore Club and how to become a member. I was pleased to find out that membership is easy. The requirements are that you be at least 21 years of age and have a valid state-issued ID (Any of the 50 states will do, but it better not be fake, because that will get you banned from membership).

“What was that?” I asked him.

He replied: “Every time the Chargers’ score, we celebrate by playing and singing the ‘San Diego Super Chargers’ song. We are like Qualcomm Stadium on the beach, only we don’t fire off a cannon after the Chargers score, and that’s only because of zoning reasons.”

That’s getting into the spirit! This place has everything: a view of the beach, great food and a hometown spirit I have not seen in a bar since that rivals the spirit of any Boston pub. But this Pacific Beach bar does a little extra that puts them over the top as a headquarters for Chargers fans.

During every Chargers’ home game, PB Shore Club owners Bill Ramirez and Doug Sondo wake up at 5 a.m. and begin the ritual that they call “feeding the football gods” in their motorhome dubbed “Feed the Beast Machine.” In a converted 1990 Winnebago driven by Larry Alva, the team heads for Section A3 at Qualcomm Stadium and dispenses more than 1,000 free fish tacos to Chargers tailgaters getting ready for the home games.

“We believe that when the Chargers are at home, it is our responsibility to ensure that our fans have plenty of energy to support our team,” Ramirez said. “Everybody has a little football god inside them and we want to ensure that it is fed and happy before the game.”

If you are planning to go to any of the home games this year, visit the PB Shore Club’s “Feed the Beast Machine” in parking section A3 and feed the little football god inside of you. If, however, you subscribe to the notion “that the world ends east of I-5,” I encourage you to visit PB Shore Club for Chargers football.

PB Shore Club is located at 4343 Ocean Blvd. For more information, call (858) 272-7873, or visit www.pbshoreclub.com.

— Walter Ruskin is a member of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group’s “Ugly News Team.” Watch for his new video links online at www.sdnews.com.

PB Shore Club, with its 25 high-definition televisions, outstanding view and serious Chargers fever, is an ideal location to catch the Bolts’ football madness this season.
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Enjoy Haunted Halloween Activities in Old Town

Get a good fun scare and a bit of history with the lineup of spooky events this Halloween season at one of the most haunted areas in San Diego, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park and Fiesta de Reyes.

IMAGINE THE NIGHTS OF FEAR! Old Town San Diego State Historic Park and the movement of the Old Town San Diego Historical Society are pleased to present a weekend of events that are sure to give you a scare. This year’s theme is “Wickedness,” and the events will be held on Saturday, October 29, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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