### Good, bad, ugly changes to this year’s programs

In the good news category, class sizes in grades K-3 will remain low, while school police services have been maintained and the school board restored more than $1 million to the district’s visual and performing arts program. Additionally, MBHS has expanded its international baccalaureate program, offering new courses in standard-level senior English, film arts, business management, a semimonthly advisory council, and a Tdap vaccine shot from registered nurse Joyce Donely on Aug. 30 at the high school. The Tdap vaccine protects against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough).

### Back to School 2011

**Carolina Vazquez,** an incoming ninth-grader at Mission Bay High School, gets a Tdap vaccine shot from registered nurse Joyce Donely on Aug. 30 at the high school. The Tdap vaccine protects against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). (Photo by Paul Hansen / Beach & Bay Press)

**Firefighter Tim Swanson of Station 21 in Pacific Beach, left, designed a Sept. 11 Twin Towers tribute to be unveiled Sept. 9. Artist Tara Tarrant, right, is assisting.** (Photos by Paul Hansen / Beach & Bay Press)

### Faulconer developing plan to secure funding for sea wall fix

**Lee Cornell**

The deteriorating sea wall in Mission Beach has been gaining attention among concerned residents in the area. The condition of the concrete wall is steadily getting worse and District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer said he plans to address the issue soon.

“Tate just like it or not, summer is over and the school year is back in session on Sept. 6. San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) trustee Scott Barnett — who represents the district’s beach-area schools — and Mission Bay High School (MBHS) Principal Fred Hilgers said there are good, bad and ugly changes that parents and students should be aware of for the upcoming school year.

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**We shall never forget**

PB memorial to punctuate 10th anniversary of Sept. 11 horror

T he San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation (SDFRF) and San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD) will host two events in Pacific Beach to commemorate the lives and heroes of emergency first responders during the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City’s World Trade Center a decade ago.

On Sept. 9, city leaders — including Fire Chief Javier Mainar; Police Chief William Lansdowne and District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer — will unveil a 9/11 commemorative memorial at Pacific Beach Fire Station 21.

SDFRF will also present special guest speaker retired FDNY Lt. Joseph Torrillo, who will tell his story of survival during the 9/11 attacks and how he was mistakenly thought to have perished in the rubble.

The memorial, designed by 24-year-old Station 21 firefighter Tim Swanson, consists of a black concrete base and two polished-aluminum columns that represent the fallen towers. The columns are inscribed with the names of all the emergency first responders who died in the 9/11 attacks, and a piece of steel from the Twin Towers is incorporated into the front façade of the project.

“The piece of steel was donated to the SDFR from the fire department in New York with the stipulation that it be used on a public art project. They had it for a couple of years, but never quite got started on it,” said Matt Averbach, communications director for Faulconer. "Kevin is working to secure funding in the next $100 million infrastructure bond for the sea wall. That is scheduled to come to the [City Council] Budget Committee, which Kevin sits on, in the fall."

Residents have been hearing about a complete overhaul to fix the wall for years, and many said they still have their doubts. “We have been asking for the repair plan for the existing sea wall for at least six months now and understand that things do not get resolved in two weeks or even two months. Two years would be more like it,” wrote Mission Beach Town Council Area 9 representative Bob Craig in an email to Faulconer’s office on Aug. 4.

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Shark sightings close beach in two-day stretch

Taking swift action after two sightings of a potential great white shark just off the sands of Mission Beach last week, lifeguards twice shut down a two-mile stretch of beach last week between the South Jetty and Santa Clara Place.

The first closure took place shortly after noon on Aug. 25 when a lifeguard reported seeing an 18-inch dorsal fin— the size and dimension of which led lifeguards and marine experts to guess the animal might have been a great white shark measuring at least 10 feet long.

Lifeguards urged swimmers and bathers to get out of the water and lauched personal watercrafts and vehicles to pinpoint the shark’s location while a fire helicopter scourred the ocean from above.

The beach remained closed the rest of that day and was briefly reopened in the morning of Aug. 26 until a surfer reported spotting a 14-inch dorsal fin in the same general area around 9:15 a.m., triggering a second closure that remained in effect for 24 more hours.

There were no reports of injuries or further sightings. There have been a handful of closures around San Diego County beaches over the last two years, mostly in the La Jolla area.

Report: Plunge damage not as bad as thought

A city-funded engineering report exploring the structural state of the Plunge in Belmont Park was released on Aug. 24.

“The report says it’s not as bad as people thought it was. The Plunge shows signs of minor to moderate corrosion in general,” said Matt Aabrey, communications director for District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer.

“The overall primary structural system shows no immediate signs of distress or immediate failure. Based on that information, [City Councilman Faulconer] is going to continue to work with the mayor to get these repairs done as soon as possible. He doesn’t want the community of Belmont Park to change. Kevin believes it needs to remain a family-friendly community location.”

While the Plunge may not be in danger of total disrepair, the report said it would cost an estimated $2 million to completely renovate the structure and a significant amount to reopen— even temporarily. When or if funding for those repairs will be implemented remains to be seen. —Lee Cornell

Nominations open for PBTC’s Starfish Awards

The Pacific Beach Town Council has opened nominations for its new round of Starfish Awards, which recognize homes and condominiums that sparkle and help create positive enhancements or additions to local neighborhoods.

The Town Council is accepting nominations for the awards through Sept. 23.

In addition to the appeal of homes and condos, the Town Council is also seeking nominations for front-yard gardens that are attractive and which take advantage of low water usage.

In the residential category, nominees can be new, existing or newly-remodeled/renovated single-family homes or condos that exhibit quality workmanship and appropriate materials.

In the front-yard garden category, the Town Council is seeking nominations for residences with attractive, low-water-use plants and the creative use of rocks, tile, walkways and/or garden decorations. Entry forms and details can be found on the Town Council’s website, www.pbtcouncil.org, and are available in the Town Council office at 5200 Garnet Ave.

For more information, contact co-chairmen Adam Myer and Ivere Anderson (858) 483-6666.

Schools

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class and higher-level math courses, including a two-year study of calculus.

The bad news:

Recent layoffs have limited the number of staff members.

“Individual schools will continue to see a diminution of funding due to over $90 million in cuts to our schools in California,” said Barnett. “There will be approximately 400 less teachers than last year. In addition, there will be almost 1,000 less support staff, including bus drivers, attendance clerks and others.”

MBHS was among the schools that felt serious repercussions from the budget cuts.

“The biggest impact will be in clerical support. We cut deepest in those positions,” Hilgers said. “We currently do not have some key positions, which means that other staff will have to pick up other responsibilities. This may result in longer delays in copying, records requests and customer services. We are working hard to limit these impacts, but we did not want to impact classes.”

Other changes include the loss of the high school’s dance program, limits on the number of cut-in classes and shifting junior varsity team practices to after school to allow for more teaching opportunities for students.

State-mandated cutbacks have led to an ugly situation in enrollment and student transportation in schools throughout the district.

MBHS’s enrollment projections are down by about 50 students this year.

“We currently have 1,501 students available with cut to transportation and with misperceptions about transportation, we could be down more, but we did want to impact classes.”

“With the reduction of so many positions, now is the time to volunteer,” Hilgers said.

To volunteer at Mission Bay High, contact Lourdes Mosquera at (858) 473-1311. For more information or to offer suggestions, email Scott Barnett at sarh-jordun@msn.com. To volunteer on a “tiger team,” visit www.sand.net.
A new nightclub, woodwind wonder, more up-and-comers

LIVEMUSIC

By BART MENDOZA | Beach & Bay Press

Griffin is a brand-new nightclub that has opened at the former location of O’Connor’s. Completely revamped, the venue is already taking on a more proactive booking policy than the previous location, with themed nights (blues, 1980’s, comedy, karaoke), DJ sets and bands ranging from up-and-coming rockers to seasoned tribute acts. On Sept. 3, the club hosts San Diego’s premier funk and soul band the Styletones. Fronted by the ultra-dynamic Steve Harris, the band’s sole purpose is to get an audience up and moving. If you haven’t checked out Griffin yet, this night of dance-floor action is the perfect excuse.

The Styletones perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3 at Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd., 21 and up. $15 adv. www.myspace.com

There are many fine jazz musicians in San Diego, but most of them seem to be centered in the vocal/piano/guitar scene. There are a few renowned horn players, but woodwinds are a true rarity. This is part of what makes the Joseph Howell Jazz Quartet so special. Appearing at Café-Bar Europa on Sept. 5, clarinet player Howell is a master of both classical and jazz sounds, inspired by the likes of Artie Shaw and Sidney Bechet. Though Howell’s music is by no means retro, it will strike a chord with anyone who enjoys a little bit of contemporary jazz.

The Joseph Howell Jazz Quartet brings a blend of horns and woodwinds to its performance Sept. 5 at Café-Bar Europa. Café-Bar Europa has a few Blue Note albums in their collection.

Formed in 2005, Devastating Karate just might be one of Southern California’s best-kept secrets — though not for long. The Venice-based country punk band stops in at RT’s Longboard on Sept. 9. Similar in sound to the Rugburns, minus the manic Poltz edge, or a stripped-down Cracker, Devastating Karate’s mix of country laments, like “Don’t Serve You Anymore” and twangy rockers like “Arrested” are the perfect soundtrack music for a Saturday night. With five releases to its credit, the band has been picked up by steam of late. Check out its music in the upcoming Christian Slater film “8 Seconds.”

Devastating Karate performs at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at RT’s Longboard, 1466 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. www.myspace.com/devastatingkarate

Interestingly, while there are plenty of cover bands in town, very few actually play modern music. An exception to that is Rising Star, which performs at Teo Leo’s on Sept. 9. An excellent Top-40 band, this is the group you want to see for tunes full of beats and rhythm, with a set list full of songs by the likes of Cee-Lo, Rihanna, Akon and Lady Gaga. Expect the music to be bouncy heavy and the dance floor to be packed.

Rising Star performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9 at Teo Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.risingstarband.net

Orange County-based singer-songwriter Erick Macek hosts a CD-release show at the 710 Beach Club on Sept. 10. Playing acoustic blues and pop not too far from the sounds of Jason Mraz or Dave Matthews, Macek has a way with a song hook. Tunes like “Home” catch his sound at its best — light but full of charm. Though some of his music is a bit similar sounding, there is no denying his songs are about as catchy as it gets.

Erick Macek performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.myspace.com/macek

Must Hear

A lot of popular groups from San Diego’s past have reunited in recent years for a one-off show or tour, but only 1970s punk rockers the Cardiac Kids, who perform at Brick by Brick on Sept. 8, have taken it the whole way and returned as a full-time touring and recording concern.

Built around the team of Jim Ryan and Julian Jerry Flack, they have a new album, taped at Earthling Sound. They are waiting for a full release with several tours of the Northwest already under their belts.

It’s been more than 30 years since the Cardiac Kids first hit the local club scene. Despite the obvious passage of time, the band is still just as energetic a mix of power chords and melody as ever, guys who are still hungry for the opportunity to make music and have a little fun at the same time.

Cardiac Kids perform at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buena Ave. 21 and up, $12. www.myspace.com/cardiackids

—Bart Mendoza
**SEAWALL**

While a complete remake of the historic sea wall would be a lengthy process, temporary repairs are needed to keep the wall safe and functional — as well as attractive — to the many tourists who flock to San Diego’s beaches.

“He will probably be rolling out some improvements in the next couple of weeks,” said Awbrey regarding Faulconer’s plan. “We will have a plan to comprehensively address the short-term fixes that are required.”

Craig, who has been a leading advocate in recent months for repairs to the sea wall, has proposed new longer lasting techniques in fixing patches.

“As a professional involved in the renovation of water damage building components, including concrete, I would be willing to volunteer to provide design and specifications to the city for consideration of options for the temporary repair of the wall,” Craig wrote in his Aug. 4 email to Faulconer’s office.

Craig said he has not heard back on his suggestions thus far.

Meanwhile, Awbrey said Faulconer was “absolutely” open to suggestions on the sea wall project and that the councilman wants to work closely with neighbors in the community to address all their concerns on the matter.

“Kevin is going to be leading this effort and he’s happy to talk with any Mission Beach resident about the best way to fix the sea wall for the long term,” Awbrey said.

Faulconer can be reached at (619) 236-6622 or by email at kevin-faulconer@sandiego.gov.

**Lifeguards from Mission, Pacific beaches take gold in relays**

San Diego lifeguards made a splash and put their skills on display on Aug. 19 during San Diego Lifeguard Service’s 57th annual Ron Trenton Memorial Lifeguard Relay in Mission Beach.

The relay consisted of four teams competing in 12 legs to demonstrate a variety of rescue techniques, including running, swimming, paddle boarding and landline rescue.

The Central Area team, consisting of lifeguards from Mission Beach and Pacific Beach, took the gold, followed closely by La Jolla lifeguards on the Northern Area team. The Boating Safety Unit took third and the Southern Area team, made up of lifeguards from Ocean Beach and Mission Bay, placed fourth in the competition.

According to Lifeguard Services Lt. Nick Lerma, each team exchanged the lead throughout the race, culminating in a close race at the finish line.

The purpose of the relays is to motivate lifeguards to fine-tune their rescue skills and athleticism, while also showcasing various rescue techniques to the public. The lifeguards are also simply able to blow off some steam after a hectic summer, Lerma said.

The lifeguard relay competition was named after veteran lifeguard and longtime Northern Area team captain Ron Trenton, who was lost at sea while piloting his private plane from Catalina Island to San Diego in 1997.

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What's Cookin' in Old Town San Diego

Old Town — known affectionately as the "Birthplace of California" is the heart of San Diego. Locals should be proud that they are a part of this rich and colorful history that resides in their backyard. As the first mission, first pueblo and first city... it is the cornerstone of California.

As our state evolved, its face was changing dramatically. In the 1960's, a few visionaries sought to create the Development of California State Parks in an effort to save the many landmarks that would remind us of our contributions in developing the West. California would be the first state in the Union to have such a preservation and restoration movement.

There, Old Town San Diego State Historic Park has been a tight-knit community where visitors and locals can experience what it was like back in the 1800's. Although locals sometimes call us a "tourist trap"... we certainly are not. However, we are happy to be called Cali formia's first "shopping center"... featuring old fashion mom-and-pop shops and chef-owner-operated restaurants like it was in the '80s. We are particularly proud to continue offering over 13 free museums, free parking and three beautiful parks for every family to enjoy!

One of many gems in Old Town is the newly revamped Fiesta de Reyes. Behind the scenes of this 'new' old courtyard is Chuck Ross, fondly referred to as "Old Town Park's Turnaround Specialist." Chuck often jokes that he was "captured and held against his will" to volunteer on every committee that we have in the community... and he is now humorously on all of them! But these time-consuming commitments don't seem to compromise the time he gives to embrace the history, culture and culture of Old Town and make Old Town and Fiesta de Reyes so special.

When you visit Fiesta de Reyes, you might be so captured by the music and charming ambiance that you miss taking note of the unique and colorful plants and shrubs. The bright and festive courtyard is filled with a collection of folk art and nostalgic displays of flower arrangements found in San Diego! Art also abounds on such unexpected canvases as doors, arches and walls, making this eye candy for many photographers.

Fiesta de Reyes' atmosphere is warm, festive and at night, you can eat under the stars and enjoy live Mexican music while you dine. Casa de Reyes also offers a variety of delicious authentic Mexican food and you can be sure to try "El Jefe"... however, you might need a friend to help you finish this bird-bath size Margarita with cactus juice, agave syrup and top-shelf tequila.

Barra Barra Saloon hosts "The Best Margarita in San Diego for only $7.00." They also have a full menu of homemade Mexican comfort food and are known for their Indian flat-bread tacos.

Chuck's love for details undoubtedly has made Fiesta de Reyes into a new star in the block and in the city having been honored with numer ous awards to prove that locals appreciate his dedication and vision. Go check them out! (www.fiestadereyes.com)

TIDBITS OF HISTORY

On November 24, 2013, historians will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Father Junipero Serra, born Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, a poor family on the island of Majorca, Spain. At 16, he joined the Franciscan Order, receiving the name Juárez Serra. A noted preacher, he was determined to become a missionary to the New world, finally achieving his goal and arriving in Mexico City in 1749. In 1767 he was placed in charge of a string of missions to be established in upper California, beginning with San Diego in 1769, Serra founded a string of the twenty-one missions that were established along the El Camino Real from San Diego to Sonoma, some 600 miles in length.

One of his memorable acts that we still enjoy was encouraging the mission Indians to cultivate mustard seeds along the mission route so that the bright yellow flowers of the fast-growing plant would mark the trail for others. Today, "Spanish mustard" can be seen growing wild along those expansive portions of the old mission trail.

The last recognition for Serra was in July 1965 when a statue in his honor was unveiled, joining a select list of persons memorialized by their own commemorative postage stamp. Statistically, it is easier to become a canonized saint than to appear on a stamp issued by the U.S. Postal Service! Efforts to have a stamp took almost as long as his consideration for canonization. Immemorable people had joined forces over a 30 year period to launch the postal recognition for the famous Catholic priest. The Serra Bicentennial Commission, which was established early in 1983, made issuance of a special Serra stamp a top priority in its long list of objectives.

Congressional endorsement was acquired but that approach was temporarily thwarted on the grounds that the Postal Service never issued a commemorative stamp to mark a person's death. However, once the matter was brought to the attention of then President Ronald Reagan and one-time Governor of California, it was readily approved, and the necessary directives for its creation finally went forward. Today, the 4-¢ stamp is collectible and sells for about $0.60 each.

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Mizu is a fun and delicious spot for sushi aficionados

BY RACHEL HUTMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Pacific Beach has almost as many sushi spots as it does bars, so it can be tough navigating through them all. I’m a huge sushi fan, so I have tried them all, and you can believe me when I say Minu Sushi is my favorite. On top of delicious sushi, it offers friendly service and an exciting locale that can’t be beat. For a really fun Pacific Beach night, don’t get in your car. Instead take your cruiser along the bay bike path. Take your coat, though, because no matter how much sake you’ve had, it gets chilly at night with the breeze. Just as you enter into downtown Mission Beach, diagonal from the coaster to Minu. It does have a tiny parking lot if you ignore my advice and decide to drive.

Minu is surrounded by windows, so you can watch the bay or people walk along the street. The atmosphere is low-key and festive, and you are always greeted by the friendly staff. You feel like you are being welcomed into someone’s home at Minu and they are always glad you came. Sorry, that sounds a bit like the “Cheers” theme song, but it’s true.

The miso soup and sashimi are great starters. My favorites are the tuna, yellowtail and salmon. Make sure to add a cold, refreshing Sapporo — the perfect complement to spicy wasabi — since, when it comes to wasabi, my theory is the more the better. The Caterpillar, Impression, Dynamite, jalapeño yellowtail, Philadelphia roll and Asakusa are amazing. Honestly, all the rolls are great. Minu offers amazing discounts on its rolls: basic rolls are buy-one-get-one-free and the specialty rolls are buy one-get-one-half-off. We always try new things and are never disappointed.

If you get lucky, your server will bring you complimentary sake shots to thank you for your visit and encourage a return trip. If you save any room at all, the green-tea ice cream is a perfect way to end the meal. If not, there is always next time. Believe me; there will be a next time. Believe me; there will be a next time. Believe me; there will be a next time. Believe me; there will be a next time. Believe me; there will be a next time.

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Mizu is just that good. After dinner, walk around Mission Beach a bit and maybe even hit up the coaster if you’re feeling up to it. Then jump on your bike and enjoy a relaxing evening bike ride home.

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Firefighter Tim Swanson of Station 21 in Pacific Beach, is reflected in the mirror of a Sept. 11 memorial he designed to represent the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The tribute will be publicly unveiled Sept. 11 at Firehouse 21, located at 750 Grand Ave. SDFR’s fundraiser will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. at Firehouse, located at 7:22 Grand Ave. No tickets are required for either event.

The memorial unveiling will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Sept. 9 at Fire Station 21, located at 750 Grand Ave. SDFR’s fundraiser will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. at Firehouse. Located at 7:22 Grand Ave. No tickets are required for either event.

There are probably not too many folks around who remember Oscar’s Drive-In Coffee Shop at the southwest corner of Garnet Avenue and Mission Boulevard. At one time, there were 12 in San Diego and four more in the Los Angeles area. A snazzy Foodmoon cousin to Jackson’s Drive-In, the drive-in had waitresses who came to your car to take your order, then brought it out in a tray that attached either to your steering wheel or to the door. The Pacific Beach area gave way to a series of restaurants — Bushwhacker, Greenery, Old Ox, Gringo’s Cafe y Cantina and, currently, Fat Fish. Oh, you could also dine IN at Oscar’s. If you’d like to scout into an Oscar’s booth one more time, head up to Pensacola’s on Torqueise Street. Johnnie Pemico told me recently that he purchased Oscar’s booths when they went out of business — and installed them in his pizzaria.

— John Fry may be reached at (858) 272-6655 or mail@johnfly.com
The only thing that could destroy this balance in humanity would be if the two teams actually met in a regular season game. To think that the football schedule makers would ever schedule a regular season game to undermine the Zen balance of football brotherhood? The only place on earth where Charger fans and Minnesota fans can intertwine as equals is Guava Beach. I finally found the nirvana of sports bars, so why would the NFL attempt to destroy the delicate ecosystem of football brotherhood? The only place on earth where Charger fans and Minnesota fans can intertwine at one soul!

But wait!! The Chargers are scheduled to play the Vikings this year!! First game of the year?? Are they crazy!! What about the harmonious balance of Guava Beach? I finally found the nirvana of sports bars, so why would the NFL attempt to destroy the delicate ecosystem of football brotherhood? The only place on earth where Charger fans and Minnesota fans can intertwine at one soul!

As fate would have it, the two teams will meet at 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11 in the Chargers’ regular-season home opener at Qualcomm Stadium. I couldn’t believe it. I demanded to re-interview Christiansen. I had questions. I needed answers. “Will you and lifelong friend Ben draw a line down the bar or will you have to have to sell the bar altogether? Will the loser of the bar have to shave his head in shame when his hometown fails to secure the ‘Big Win’? Will Scott Baio really have a new movie deal? What’s going to happen to me?”

After my panic attack abated, Christiansen assured me that everything would be OK. He and Ben usually will make a friendly wager for a beer.

“We are a community bar,” Christiansen said. “I love being here in San Diego and I love rooting for the Chargers. Just once in a while I find the small conflict of my hometown roots versus my new life here in San Diego.”

OK. I felt better. The world is not coming to an end and the establishment of Guava Beach will continue to play host to their two beloved teams. Christiansen also suggested that I seek medical attention for my apparent anxiety disorder. Hmm. Maybe what he said is true. Maybe everything will be OK. But, just in case Christiansen is mistaken…head to Guava Beach bar on Sunday to (potentially) see owners Ben and Eric duke it out in the octagon of football (behind the Guava Beach bar)?

Guava Beach: great place, great food, great place to watch football.

— Walter Ruskin is a member of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group’s “Ugly News Team.”
Jeremy Schneider, Men’s College Volleyball Tournament at Mariner’s Point on Aug. 27 with men’s, women’s and mixed divisions competing for awards and bragging rights. Spared team action, below, was on display throughout the day as OMBAC hosted the event to raise proceeds for several local charities.

SIMPLY SMASHING

The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) hosted its third straight 3-on-3 classic volleyball tournament at Mariner’s Point on Aug. 27 with men’s, women’s and mixed divisions competing for awards and bragging rights. Jeremy Schneider, above and right, of the mixed team “Four Blind Mice,” pounds the ball against the opposition. Spared team action, below, was on display throughout the day as OMBAC hosted the event to raise proceeds for several local charities.

Matson sets sights on turnaround season

BY KEITH ANTIPOPOVICH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Head Coach Willie Matson’s Mission Bay High Buccaneers open the 2011 football season Sept. 2 on the road in El Cajon against the Valhalla Norsemen. Matson begins his eighth year as head coach at Mission Bay and looks to bounce back after a disappointing 2010 season.

Despite the sub-.500 season last year, Matson has a cautiously optimistic outlook regarding the 2011 team.

“This is a great group of kids, which holds well because there is a lot to learn,” Matson said. “The season is full of ups and downs.”

He said he also believes the 2011 team to be more even-keel than the previous year.

“It seems that this team is built to handle the downs and not get too big-headed when we have good things happen,” he said.

Matson’s cautious optimism is based on how his team performed in 2010 as the Buccaneers went 3-9 after an incredibly successful undefeated season (13-0) the year before, collecting a Div. IV CIF championship and a No. 5 state ranking.

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In contrast, Matson describes the 2010 season as his low point at Mission Bay.

“It was the follow-up year,” he said. “People still had high expectations, as we did, and we still made the playoffs. What happened to us last year is that the seniors, and that they had to be the leaders. We had a lot of disappointments and very few guys played up to their potential.”

Matson is in his second stint at Mission High’s head coach. His first stint was from 1984-88. Since Matson returned in 2004, he has posted a 43-24-2 regular season record. His teams have qualified for the postseason seven straight years, won or tied for the Western League title in 2006, 2007 and 2009, reached the CIF finals in 2006, 2007 and 2009 and won the 2009 Div. IV title.

In between stints, he was the head coach at Kearny and Hoover high schools. Matson also described the differences between the Mission Bay High teams of the 1980s and those of the 2000s.

“The school has changed so much,” Matson said. “Back in the 1980s, it truly was a neighborhood school and now it’s a neighborhood of retirees and college kids. There were more houses back then and more families.”

He also noted Mission Bay’s status as a magnet school.

“The magnet kids are great kids, but its very hard to get a sense of community here because everyone is from all over town,” Matson said. “Back in the 80s, we had a great sense of community. The kids all hung out together. I’m coaching some of their sons now.”

Matson said next spring there will be a new turf football field and a synthetic track installed, to be followed by lights, bleachers and restrooms on both sides of the field and a new press box.
Mission Bay’s Hilton San Diego Resort, Spa plans $1.1M renovation

By STAFF AND CONTRIBUTION

Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa will launch a $1.1 million renovation of its function and event space in December. Above, a night view of the resort’s pool area outside the Mission Bay- nestled resort.

The picturesque and tropical-flavored Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa plans to launch a $1.1 million renovation project around its 18-acre site along Mission Bay beginning in December, said hotel officials.

The focus of the renovation will be the function and event space, according to Gregg Fracassa, the resort’s general manager.

Seattle-based Dawson Design Associates, Inc. helped conceptualize the project, which will include a complete refurbishment of the resort’s pre-function space and public areas and in three main ballrooms and breakout rooms, said Hilton officials.

The renovation is expected to be completed by January 2012, in time for the resort’s prime conference and event season.

Fracassa said the custom design of the carpet patterns, wall coverings, furnishings, lighting and accent pieces will be contemporary by the mix of shapes, fin-

ings, lighting and accent pieces will be custom carpeting in the pre-function and ballroom areas, along with a mix of pronounced textured wall coverings and eye-

catching designs throughout the pre-

function venues and corridors.

Hilton resort guests will also experience an upgrade in the hotel’s wireless Internet systems, its audio/visual technology and modernization for all the televisions in the resort’s conference center to high-defini-

tion flat-screens, said resort officials.

Fracassa said the planned color palette features the contrast between the shades of rich indigo and classic ecru that echo the colors of the waves and sand running parallel to the property. Custom fabrics and materials have been specifically chosen to complement new furnishings with notable sleek lines and rattan-like accents.

New lounge chairs, benches, framed sofas and straight-lined consoles share Mission-style design influences incorpo-

rating solid oak and mahogany wood, he said. Accent pieces include wrought-iron and glass-based table lamps, glass-top cof-

tee tables, contemporary new floor lamps and a variety of sleek, shaded wall sconces.

In addition to the meeting space, the Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa features an extensive variety of outdoor banquet venues.

The resort’s newest meeting venue is the 9,600-square-foot Garden Pavilion, which can accommodate groups up to 1,100.

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The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) will host its 18th annual Classic Longboard Surfing Contest for surf enthusiasts of all ages. The event is an “old school” Southern California contest for surfers on longboards (9 feet or longer) and features all-ages. The event is an “old Longboard Surfing Contest for surf enthusiasts of all ages. The event is an “old school” Southern California contest for surfers on longboards (9 feet or longer) and features all-ages. Applications are available at ombac.org/ismurf/index.html, or in person at Bird’s Surf Shed, 1391 W. Morena Blvd., as well as at other area surf shops. There is a $25 entry fee in advance; $35 of the event. Spectators admitted free. For more information, call (619) 300-1381, or email bob@roger.adams@att.net.

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Stop Diabetes® will host “Stop Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes®” for a Good Time on Mission Bay. The event, which is expected to draw more than 1,500 participants, is a one-day signature fundraising walk benefiting the American Diabetes Association. For more information, to register or to volunteer, call (888) DIABETES, or visit dia-betes.org/stopoutanddiego.

257 Inc. taps Capezza as sales director

257 Inc. has appointed Mission Beach resident Steve Capezza as its director of sales. In his new role with the San Diego-based real estate Internet marketing company, Capezza will manage the sales organization. He is responsible for driving revenues while developing and expanding the company’s education division.

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