END OF THE LINE FOR OVER-THE-LINE?

SWING, BATTER Over-the-Line (OTL) competitors take the athletic competition quite seriously. The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club plans to host the annual World Championship Tournament at Fiesta Island on July 13-14 and July 20-21. A lawsuit filed by Freepb.org — if successful — could lead to cancellation of this year’s tourney.

Lawsuit challenging permit puts event in crosshairs

By DAVID SCHWAB

The 60th annual World Championship Over-The-Line (OTL) Tournament, threatened with lawsuit by a Pacific Beach nonprofit organization that is challenging OTL’s special-event permit because of the presence of alcohol, might possibly have been granted a reprieve.

Mayor Bob Filner personally stepped into the fray June 27. “Mayor Bob Filner recognizes that the Over-The-Line Tournament is a longstanding tradition in San Diego and [he] will issue the necessary permit so the event can take place,” said a statement from the mayor’s office.

The tournament is organized annually by the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC).

OTL now on the brink of sixth decade of crowd-pleasing fun

By JOHNNY MCDONALD

The Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) is noted for its national champion rugby teams. But it’s a simple softball-and-bat game OMBAC introduced 60 years ago that has become an international favorite. Of course, we are talking about the annual World Championship Over-The-Line (OTL) Tournament that pits 1,300 teams against one another in a double-elimination tourney on the sands of Fiesta Island.

For two weekends on July 13-14 and July 20-21, competitors from around the world will come to San Diego for this tournament that pits players against one another in a double-elimination tourney on the sands of Fiesta Island.

Experts: Mission Bay not so gross after all, but can be better

By ETHAN ORENSTEN

Contaminant levels have dropped dramatically in Mission Bay, according to studies conducted over the past 12 years. However, it will take continued effort and improvements to keep the bay — and the San Diego River watershed — healthy, said experts during a community forum in Pacific Beach on June 25. A move is on to resurrect a decade-old plan to create a new YMCA joint-use facility at Pacific Beach Middle School.

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Supporters launch new bid to build a YMCA in PB

By DAVID SCHWAB

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La Jolla and Peninsula Family YMCAs have teamed to enter into negotiations with the San Diego Unified School District. Their plan is to convert three acres at the school at 4676 Ingraham St., including a former library building, into a YMCA.

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Area fireworks offer multiple viewing options

The Fourth of July is rapidly approaching and there appears to be no shortage of pyrotechnics and activities to tantalize families this year.

Of course, SeaWorld's annual Independence Day fireworks continue to be a crowd-pleaser and one of the most visible, popular shows around San Diego.

New in 2013 will be a first-ever evening Fourth of July event at Cabrillo National Monument called “Above the Fireworks.” Park officials are inviting families and neighbors to come for the sunset and stay for the gorgeous panorama of fire-birds to come for the sunset and stay for the fourth of July event at Mission Bay.

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The event is being coordinated by the park’s nonprofit partners The Cabrillo National Monument Conservancy and the Cabrillo National Monument Foundation, and takes place between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. at the monument, located on Point Loma at the south end of Catalina Boulevard. The cost is $35 per passenger vehicle. For tickets and information, visit www.cnmf.org.

There are plenty of other fireworks shows nearby, as well.

INDIPENDENCE DAY Fireworks will light up the at SeaWorld San Diego this Fourth of July in an extended display set to patriotic music, beginning at 9:30 p.m. SeaWorld Courtesy Photo

- The Ocean Beach community fireworks display is set to go off from the Ocean Beach Pier at 9 p.m. and last roughly 20 or 25 minutes. The annual “Big Bay Boom,” which involves fireworks launched from barges placed near Shelter Island, Harbor Island, the Embarcadero area and Seaport Village, takes place at 9 p.m.
- SeaWorld San Diego will host its extended display set to patriotic music at 9:30 p.m.
- La Jolla Cove: 9 p.m.

Other Independence Day-related activities:
- Old Town San Diego: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., an 1800s-themed celebration that includes a parade, crafts and activities of early San Diego. For more information, call (619) 220-5422, or visit www.parks.ca.gov/oldtown-sandiego.
- La Jolla architect Robert Thiele led one small-group breakout session discussing beachfront problems. Gathered around one classroom table presided over by Ramona architect Pan Smith, Pacific Beach Town Council members Greg and Ryoko Daunoras and other community members talked about beachfront issues.
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Eco district’ a glimpse of PB’s future?

Empowerment. That ability of local communities to make themselves environmentally sustainable was the message delivered at a community town hall meeting on forming an “eco district” for Mission Beach, Pacific Beach and Mission Bay held June 29 at Mission Bay High School.

Eco districts promote sustainable development while striving to reduce a community’s ecological “footprint,” quantifiable impacts like greenhouse gas emissions.

The June 29 town hall was led by renowned environmentalist Bob Berkebile, who has helped pioneer the sustainable design movement over the past 30 years. Berkebile helped create the U.S. Green Building Council and its Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard.

LEED consists of rating systems for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings, homes and neighborhoods.

Berkebile, who has been recognized by presidents Bush and Obama for his work with post-disaster recovery plans, talked about successful efforts nationwide to transform environmentally wasteful communities into sustainable ones.

“What ultimately the eco district is defined as will be up to the residents,” said Berkebile, following his slideshow presentation. He said communities that convert to sustainable development “increase performance, productivity, well-being and quality of life while reducing operating costs.”

There are enormous opportunities here (San Diego beachfront) for doing this,” Berkebile said.

Following Berkebile’s auditorium presentation, town hall participants numbering more than 100 broke into small-group sessions to discuss three questions: “What are the community’s treasures?” “What is the community’s problems?” And “What is missing in the community?”

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said there needs to be better coordination among community groups. After small-group discussions, participants returned to the auditorium to sum up their findings.

The beach and the boardwalk were obvious examples cited as beachfront “treasures.” One participant, a young woman named Chelsea, summed up the feelings of many in noting, “There is a sense of community we have in PB.”

Crown Point resident Mike talked about the diversity in recreation, shopping and dining in Pacific Beach.

Pacific Beach Planning Group chairman Brian Curry said one thing that’s missing — and needed — along the beachfront is better coordinated community planning.

“We have so much disjointed planning right now,” he said. “Everything from bicycle to pedestrian and transportation plans. What we need to have is a comprehensive strategy as we move ahead.”

Alissa Nudo of Crown Point said what’s missing in Pacific Beach is a “kid- and family-friendly downtown.”

Now that the town hall visit from national American Institute of Architects (AIA) volunteers is complete, the next step will be for those volunteers to design a public workshop on eco district formation to occur in October.

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The renewed proposal is already treating interest. “People are so anxious to see it (YMCA),” Tandy said. “They don’t really believe it’s going to happen. It is going to happen. We really want to get the shovel in the dirt as quickly as we can.”

Founded in 1844 in London, the YMCA is a worldwide organization with more than 58 million members and associated facilities in the second largest association of Ys in the nation, behind only New York City.
special-events permits for events where alcohol could be served. As a result, Freepb.org, which previously opposed the beach alcohol ban imposed by the city several years ago, is challenging the signature sand-and-suds softball tourney set to take place over the weekends of July 13-14 and July 20-21.

The nonprofit is arguing OMBAC and its OTL tournament gets preferential treatment because OMBAC is not being required to do environmental studies to host the event.

Freepb.org was turned down by the city recently in its own attempt to secure an alcohol permit to host a special event called a Leisure Olympics, which had been proposed for July at Crown Point. "Over-The-Line gets special treatment," said Cory Briggs, an attorney with Briggs Law Corp, representing Freepb.org. "They don't have to follow the rules that everyone else has to follow."

Briggs said the city changed its regulations a couple of years ago requiring that special-event permits trigger environmental review.

"The city has lost on this issue with fireworks and now with discretion-ary permits," said Briggs, adding, "It doesn’t mean they (OTO) have to do an environmen-tal impact report (EIR). It does mean they have to let the public know, and get input from the public on the extent of any possible environmental impacts."

Briggs said his clients are frus-trated because their event — feat-uring beach games like horseshoes, lawn darts and bocce ball, which would have catered to 150 people rather than OTO’s crowd of 50,000 — was turned down.

"We literally photocopied Over-The-Line’s application materials and simply changed the name and the day and the participants, agreed to do all the same security, cleanup, traffic and noise — everything OTL agreed to do — and the city says that’s not good enough," Briggs said.

John Tefft, vice president of OMBAC, said his group should not be the target of the lawsuit.

"We’re somewhat puzzled that we were named as a party when they’re actually suing the city," Tefft said. "We understand they’re unhappy they didn’t get a permit from the city. But it’s not our busi-ness. We’re not in competition with them. We could care less if they have their event."

Tefft said OMBAC has only one request in terms of Freepb.org’s lawsuit.

“Leave us out of it. That’s all we’re asking,” he said. “We’re not involved in this fight. Let us go about our business and you go about yours.”

Tefft said the consequences of shutting down the OTL tourna-ment would be nothing short of catastrophic for OMBAC.

“It’s our biggest moneymak-er,” he said. "All the other events we host basically help keep the lights on. If this tournament were to not happen, we wouldn’t be able to turn around and give back to the community. We would take a beating financially. We probably would not be able to fund our charities the next weekend.”

Founded in 1954, OMBAC supports wounded veterans, local youth charities, the Amer-i-can Cancer Society, the Armed Services YMCA, the San Diego Sports Association, police and firefighters.

Tefft said tens of thousands of dollars have already been set down from by OMBAC to pro-mote the tournament.

Briggs assured the intent of OMBAC’s lawsuit is not to bring the Over-The-Line Tour-nament down.

“We don’t want the event to stop,” he said. “But what’s slightly more important than their (OMBAC) holding their 60th anniversary event is that the city follow the law, and that the law is the same for everyone. We are more concerned about the persistent, special treatment that Over-The-Line is getting.”

Scott Chipman, a spokesman for Savepb.org, a nonprofit that campaigns to keep the beach alco-hol ban and has fought against liquor-license proliferation along the beachfront, said he doesn’t find OTL disagreeable.

“Because of the location of Over-The-Line being well away from the beaches, residences and business areas with the proper security, I don’t have a problem with the event continuing,” he said.
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According to industry experts, there are over 15 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

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The building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you’re looking for, and knowing what you’re looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

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PB Town Council wine-tasting event to be one savoy fundraiser

The 12th annual wine tasting and silent auction, sponsored by the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) to bolster local schools, is set to take place Sunday, July 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Table 926 at 926 Turquoise St.

“It’s our main fundraiser,” said PBTC director and event spokeswoman Cathy Jolley.

She said past events have funded student scholarships, supported a junior high surf club and purchased high school athletic uniforms.

Community beautification is another beneficiary of the wine-tasting proceeds.

“We (PBTC) do our annual graffiti cleanup and our monthly beach cleanup with it,” Jolley said, adding that a joint fall event with OMBAC, the Pacific Beach Woman’s Club and the Mission Bay Rotary Club benefits police, fire/rescue officials and lifeguards as a thank you for their service. Tickets are $30, entitling event goers to not only wine tastings but San Diego craft-brewery samples, gourmet appetizers and desserts, entertainment by 98.1 FM and raffle prizes from local merchants. Donated raffle prizes this year include Disneyland tickets, passes to the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, Balboa Park museum passes and a one-night stay at Crystal Pier Hotel & Cottages, tickets to the San Diego Symphony Summer Pops, a two-night stay at Campground on the Bay and discounts from local restaurants.

Tickets are available by emailing cathiejolley@hotmail.com.

The Pacific Beach Town Council is also seeking new members. Annual group membership is $30 for individuals or families, $50 for businesses.

The Pacific Beach Town Council is a volunteer-based, nonprofit corporation founded by community activists in 1951. The organization has continuously worked toward the general betterment and beautification of the community, providing a forum for discussion of community issues. For more information, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.
current state. Through improved monitoring, enforcement, infras- tructure and community effort, the health of Mission Bay has improved since a 3-4 million-gallon sewage spill in 2000.

“Yes, it has gotten better, but we still need to look forward,” said Ruth Kolb, a program manager for the city’s Transportation and Stormwa- ter Department.

In 2000, there were 1,480 beach closures in Mission Bay. In response, the city replaced broken sewer lines, improved infrastructure, diverted wastewater and addressed contamin- ation sources, including park restroom management, boat dis- charge and over-irrigation.

In 2012, there were only seven beach closures.

The substantial drop in closures was also due to a growing number of volunteers and to education efforts, Mallory Watson, a commu- nity engagement coordinator at San Diego Coastkeeper said address- ing contamination issues is the respon- sibility of those along the entire watershed — including inland communities — to protect the waterways and Mission Bay.

The more people that become edu- cated, the better things will get, Watson said.

“People around us are becoming more cognizant of. ‘Hey I can’t leave this on the ground. It’s not good for my waterways,’” said Watson. “I think with the level of awareness we have now, and with education, it should only get better, but we can’t back away from it at all. It’ll go right back.”

One sign of progress, according to Watson, is the decreasing size of the debris found on the beaches. It’s more common for volunteers to find small pieces of trash like cigarette butts and plastic pieces than it is to find large, heavy frag- ments. The smaller waste is often more harmful, but the lack of large debris is a positive thing, said experts.

Watson said 80 percent of the debris found in Mission Bay origi- nates inland, which is the reason why everyone needs to be mindful of what ends up in the waterways through storm drains and runoff, be it solid trash or microscopic organic and chemical contamini- nants, which affect water quality.

Frequent monitoring and water- quality studies conducted by San Diego Coastkeeper, the city and the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP) have shown that levels of pathogens associated with sewage and human waste have gone down since 2000.

Based on a 2003 epidemiology study in Mission Bay, SCCWRP microbiologist John Griffith said there is only a very small increase in the likelihood of contracting an ill- ness with water exposure.

“The story is still the same,” Grif- fith said. “The water quality is pret- ty darn good.”

Swimming in the bay is safe, but it wasn’t always that way, he said. Continued sampling is absolutely necessary to monitor the levels of pathogens to make sure contamina- tion levels continue to decrease.

With sampling technology capable of producing same-day results, it will be possible to identify and solve contamination problems quickly, he said.

If Mission Bay is to stay healthy and improve, however, Watson said it is up to everyone to contribute.

“Every single one of us has a very important role in determining if Mission Bay is gross or not,” Wat- son said. “It’s not just one person determining it. It’s this collective group we have.”

Watson said people should edu- cate themselves, their children and their peers. In addition to volunteer- ing, Mission Bay residents and visi- tors should make an active effort to clean up the beaches every time they visit. She said if everyone were to get into the habit of picking up three pieces of trash every visit, it would make a tremendous impact.

For more information on the state of Mission Bay and how to get involved, visit www.sdcostkeeper.org. To check water quality in the bay, see Coastkeeper’s Swim Guide app at www.scdcostkeeper.org. To report stormwater pollution, call the city’s stormwater hotline at (619) 235-1001.
Bite of Boston Opens in Pacific Beach

Bite of Boston is three family-owned and -operated fast-casual food establishments located in the city of San Diego, the newest of which recently opened in Pacific Beach.

The BoB is best-known for our authentic Maine lobster rolls, wicked awesome New England clam chowder, lobster bisque, and our seafood plates — whose ingredients are flown 3,000 miles once or twice-per-week to ensure that foodies in San Diego are eating the freshest North Atlantic sea creatures.

Bite of Boston offers many variations and different products from what is traditionally served in sandwich shops and delis on the West Coast. The most important difference is the submarine rolls and breads — the “soft” water in New England delivers soft and tasty submarine rolls and other assorted breads delivered to San Diego.

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Cafe Athena still a favorite after 23 years

For 23 years Cafe Athena has thrived on loyalty; most of its customers are repeaters who come to dine again and again. They come to enjoy a cuisine that is shaped by simplicity and spawned by ingenuity. For those who have been to Greece, we hope your dining experience at Cafe Athena is something of a nostalgic reminiscence... or a toothsome delight awaiting those who plan to visit Hellas. We look forward to seeing you again, dear friend.
You’ve probably seen the San Diego Rowing Club (SDRC) boats gliding through the calm waters of Mission Bay, moving in perfect sync, their only sound being that of the small splash of the oars.

During the weekend of June 7-9, five SDRC female athletes took two of those boats (a quad and a single) to Oak Ridge, Tenn. to compete at the US Rowing Youth National Championships. The competition included about 1,300 athletes from top crews across the U.S.

To qualify for nationals, the girls had earned a silver medal at the regional championships in May in Sacramento.

The SDRC women’s varsity quad consisted of Christine Buckley, a senior at Francis Parker; Marissa Gibson, a junior at La Jolla High School; Alexandra Tatro, a junior at Torrey Pines High School; and Mariko Kelly, a sophomore at La Country Day. Chloe Bell Hooton, a sophomore at Bishop’s School, qualified in the women’s varsity single.

At the nationals, the quad competed against top crews nationwide, making it to the highest level, or “A” Final. Here, they fought other crews alternating between second, third and fourth place. The SDRC competitors placed fourth out of 24 boats, losing the bronze medal by only 1/100th of a second. The single came in fifth in the “B” Final among very strong competition.

The women’s varsity team is coached by two-time Gold Medal Olympian Susan Francia, who competed in the 2008 Beijing and 2012 London Games. Francia has brought a strong work ethic, exceptional technique and significant power to the team.

“I am blown away about how self-motivated [the team members] all are,” said Francia. “I am incredibly proud of their performance and how hard they raced.”

While June marks the end of the season for most rowers, four of the girls are attending US Rowing Junior National Team selection camps to try to qualify for a position on the Junior National Team and compete in the Junior World Championships to be held this summer in Lithuania.

The fifth member, Buckley, was recruited by UCLA and will be rowing for them in the fall.

Six other SDRC men’s and women’s boats also made the finals at regional competition, but did not advance to the nationals.

Among them was the men’s varsity four — all seniors — who placed fourth against top regional crews. The four consisted of Michael Wayne of Cathedral Catholic; Tristan Jones of Fusion Academy, Harrison Schneider of Torrey Pines High; Danny Sprague of La Costa Canyon and coxswain Andy Hamilton of Torrey Pines High.

Three of the boys will be rowing at top 10 Division 1 collegiate programs next year: Schneider at Yale, Wayne at Northeastern and Hamilton at University of Wisconsin.

The men’s varsity team is coached by SDRC’s director of rowing, Chris Callaghan.

Callaghan is a former member of the US Men’s National Rowing team, winning a gold medal in the eight at the 2007 Pan American Games and fourth in the four at the 2006 World Rowing Championships in London.

“As the head coach of SDRC, I am very proud of the growth of this team,” said Callaghan. “Our boys and girls have taken their rowing to the next level and they are racing harder than they ever have before.”

SDRC was established in 1888 and is located on Mission Bay.

For information on enrollment or summer camps, contact Callaghan at chris@sandiegorowing.org, or visit www.sdrcjr.com.

— Special submission by the San Diego Rowing Club.
Mary Lou is survived by her sister, Natalie Lubeck; daughter, Fran Thoreen; daughter-in-law, Janell Guidry; grandchildren: Kimberly, Ian, Allison, Brian; great-grandchildren: Rich, Terri, Janet, Gary, Nelson, Claudia, Philip, and their families. She will live on lovingly in their hearts and in the hearts of her legions of friends. Her beautiful life was lived with joy and right to the end. She lived her life doing the “ordinary… “extraordinarily”!

Breakfast Buddies, and her favorite thing for dinner was reservations. She loved her kids, business woman. After her retirement, her day began at the Eggery with coffee, visiting with friends and reminces — being stuck with warm beverages in a fraction of the time it would take to do in refrigerator or cooler.

The co-founders are now looking for support from the local community to help take the rapid-can-cooler concept from prototype to the manufacturing stage by way of crowd-funding giant Kickstarter.com.

The concept of TurboCool is simple: just add ice, water, the warm canned drink and pump the canister for at least a minute. Presto! Your cold canned beverage is ready to go. What’s even better is that TurboCool doesn’t require electricity or batteries and is compact and portable, making it useful for a variety of different indoor and outdoor activities.

One of life’s many inconveniences — being stuck with warm drinks on a hot summer day — is a problem that is finally being addressed. Created by co-founders Jeff Wheeland of Pacific Beach and Aleksei Naurum and Nicola Hedge of Chula Vista, an invention called TurboCool now represents a revolutionary device designed to cool that favorite canned beverage in a fraction of the time it would take to do in refrigerator or cooler.

TurboCool can be used for regular 12 oz. canned beers, sodas, juices and iced teas, making it great for the whole family at home, the beach, camping or tailgating. TurboCool can also save space in the refrigerator or reduce the size of coolers needed to lug to the beach or tailgating at Chargers games. Instead of keeping cans constantly cold, they can be kept warm and cooled on demand.

“While camping and waiting for our drinks to get cold in the desert heat, we committed to bringing alive the concept Jeff learned about in a college physics class to cool cans through a spinning motion without shaking up the can,” said Naumov.

The three founders worked for more than two years on design, engineering and three-dimensional printing. With multiple functioning prototypes completed, the team is ready for a full-scale production run of TurboCool with a local San Diego manufacturer. TurboCool recently launched a fundraising round on Kickstarter.com and the founders are now seeking the community’s help in reaching their funding goal to begin manufacturing.

“Only 4,500 contributions are needed to reach our goal, and with the help of our neighbors in San Diego we are confident we can do it,” said Hedge. Hedge said that means 4,500 contributions at $31 or about 3,500 at a $39 level.

To visit TurboCool’s campaign, visit Kickstarter.com and search “TurboCool.” To help fund the invention, residents can pre-order a TurboCool and receive other rewards like personalized TurboCool, hosted BBQ events or brew-tours in San Diego, and beach cleanups in the funder’s honor.

The link to the 40-day Kickstarter campaign, including a video and photos of the product, can be viewed at kick.st/11xny, or at www.theturbocool.com.
Josh White, Flashpands and Astra on tap  
By BART MENDOZA

Jazz aficionados will want to hear pianist Joshua White’s new Quintet, appearing at Dizzy’s on July 11. Originally formed in 2012, this new lineup continues to feature White, alongside alto saxophonist Gavin Templeton, bassist Dave Robaire and drummer Dan Schnelle. The key difference in the new, revamped group is the replacement of trombone with trumpet, courtesy of Hugh Ragin. White is a prolific performer, appearing on local stages in musical arrangements, ranging from solo piano to quartet to sideman, but this new quintet allows the acclaimed pianist to stretch out even more.

Performing originals as well as improvisational works, if you’re a fan of piano-based music, you won’t want to miss the debut of this promising combo.

• Joshua White performs at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 11 at Dizzy’s, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. $13. www.dizzysjazz.com

Brick by Brick continues its domination of the tribute-band scene with a weekend double header on July 12 and 13. Original music can add a new life to the tunes and is sure to thrill jazz aficionados and film fans. Joining the fray is Flashpants, a band that has no female vocals, instead recasting songs to fit male voices, ending up with a sound not unlike Dexy’s Midnight Runners performing the hits of the ‘80s. If you’re jaded by the cover-band scene or just want to kick things up a notch, Flashpants is well worth seeing.

• Flashpants: Saturday, July 13. Tio Leos, 5302 Napa Street. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

Bousting a stage that’s right on the beach, the Kona Kai’s music series is hard to beat. On July 14, blues will be the order of the day with an appearance from the Stoney B Blues Band. Joining the band will be another hard week of work begins. Stoney B and his crew turn out a great mix of originals and classics, but between the great outdoor location and fantastic San Diego weather, it’s unlikely anybody will really have the blues at this show.

• Stoney B Blues Band: Sunday, July 14 at the Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive. 2 p.m. No Cover. www.resortkonaakai.com

The phrase “progressive rock” may bring to mind the excesses of bands like Emerson, Lake and Palmer, but in the hands of groups like Astra, which appears at The Griffin on July 18, the music is epic and inspiring. Taking a page from groups like Pink Floyd, Tomorrow and Yes, Astra’s songs sound like they are taken from a lost early 1970s masterpiece, full of meloltron and affected guitars. The group’s most recent album, “The Black Chord,” finds the band moving into denser musical territory, but rest assured, for mind-expanding, psychedelic rock, no one in town does it better than Astra.

• Astra: Thursday, July 18 at The Griffin, 1310 Morena Blvd. 9 p.m. 21 and up. $8. www.thegriffin-sd.com
The Patio on Lamont Street holds first annual “Canine Comic Contest”
Pups to participate by adorning their favorite Super Hero costume

July 2, 2013 (Pacific Beach) – The Patio on Lamont Street, Pacific Beach’s newest home for farm-to-table dishes, craft cocktails, locally crafted beer and pet-friendly environment, will hold its first Annual Canine Comic Contest on the morning of Sat. July 3th. During this fun costume contest, San Diego’s “Top Dogs” will strut their stuff to win best super hero or comic book character in celebration of the upcoming annual 2013 Comic-Con International.

The contest is free to enter and free to participate. There will be $50, $25 gift certificates. Other fun prizes will also be awarded and donated. To enter, please email owner’s name, dog’s name, and contact information to events@thepatiobsd.com. Pooch participants are asked to arrive dressed as if they were attending their own very Canine Comic “Super Hero” Convention. Judging will be based on personality, originality and overall appearance. Registration and attendance is free. The contest is free to enter and free to participate. The event will begin at 10:00 am until 11:30 am, in the Allstate parking lot across from the Patio valet station.

The door will be open from 9:00 to 10:00 am for pet owners to check in, show their puppy, and sign in. After 10:00 am, the dogs will be paraded into the Allstate parking lot, starting at 10:00 am. The dogs will be judged on a costume contest at 10:30 am, with awards given out at 11:00 am.

Judges will be looking to award prizes to the best costume. The event will showcase the “Top Dogs” of San Diego’s “Top Dogs” and will be a fun and entertaining event for all!

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**FUTURE LEADERS**

Four Pacific Beach Girl Scouts were recognized recently for earning their Girl Scout Silver Awards. Emery Reyna, Kyra Forsythe, Giuliana Valia and Ciara Gray earned the highest award a Girl Scout Cadette can earn, demonstrating they are leaders who are organized, determined and dedicated to improving their community.

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