SERIAL REVIEW

By DAVE SCHWAB

If you’ve ever wondered about the techniques and creativity behind mind-blowing sandcastles, Mission Beach’s upcoming Sunday, Aug. 17 centennial celebration sandcastle event will actually teach you how to do it.

One of 10 dynamic events held throughout 2014 to commemorate Mission Beach’s centennial, guests are invited to two sandcastle-building sessions to be held a 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in front of Belmont Park at 3146 Mission Blvd.

Thus far, the centennial celebration has featured a monument and plaque 12:30 p.m. in front of Belmont Park/Ventura Place. Next up on Aug. 17 is “How to Build a Sandcastle,” where San Diegans can learn from the pros: the Travel Channel’s “Sand Masters.” Participants will take instruction through 2014 to commemorate Mission Beach’s upcoming Sunday, Aug. 17 to teach folks how to build world-class creations for themselves. Courtesy photo

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PB planners hit brakes on Decobike bikeshare

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The Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) in July unanimously endorsed sending a letter to public officials and Decobike, which has contracted with the city to provide a bike-share program, not to implement it in Pacific Beach until issues with some proposed locations are settled and resolved.

The community advisory group, which makes recommendations to the city, also conceptually approved a mixed-use project proposed at the Guy Hill Cadillac site at 4275 Mission Bay Drive.

Additionally, the PBPG heard about an urban forestry plan, as well as news on the planned North Pacific Beach Lifeguard Station at Law Street.

A total of 19 bike stations are proposed for rollout in the initial phase of Decobike’s bike-share program, which will provide 180 stations with 1,800 bikes citywide around the end of summer.

At the PBPG’s July 23 meeting, Sara Berns of Discover PB, the community’s Business Improvement District, said Decobike rejected community’s Business Improvement District, said Decobike rejected suggestions from Pacific Beach for altering bike-share locations, noting, “They didn’t take any of our suggestions and we’re really concerned about the community’s feedback being ignored.”

Planner Paul Falcone said some of Decobike’s proposed bikeshare locations “are taking high-demand public parking away with no benefit to the community.”

Planner Deborah Conca was equally vexed by some bikeshare locations.

“Some of the places where they’re proposed have less than 8 feet of sidewalk,” she said.

“They’re a liability and a litter trap.”

Still others chimed in to voice opposition.

“Some of them would take up two parking spaces on a street a block from the beach,” said planner Curtis Patterson.

Planner Henish Pulciel suggested Pacific Beach ought to require Decobike to have a backup plan in case the bike-share program doesn’t work as well as reassurances that the bike stations will be removed should the program fail.

“I’m really concerned about the process,” said planner Scott Chipman, noting that Pacific Beach may be “vigilant” in overseeing the program while other communities just “roll over,” acquiescing to Decobike’s demands.

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Meanwhile, C.A. Marengo of Marengo Morton Architects presented on the proposed Guy Cadillac development.

“It’s a mixed-use project,” said Marengo.

“We’re working in the dark,” said group chairman Brian Curry. “Decobike needs to do more community outreach to neighborhood.”

Planner Chris Olson suggested a dramatic motion be made to “halt installation of bikeshare until we can come to an agreement on the locations.”

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A DAY OUT ON THE TOWN

With the support of Discover Pacific Beach, the second annual Advent Real Estate and Property Management’s North PB Sip ‘N’ Stroll lured thousands of residents to the Cass Street neighborhood on Aug. 3. The family-friendly event was designed to promote and uncover the Pacific Beach community brick-and-mortar and from-home businesses by offering kid-friendly activities at the Tula Ru Kid’s Court, tastings at the West Coaster SD Wine and Beer Garden and local eats. Lower left, Farah Pierson shimmies in a Hula Hoop, while below, Julia Kelly, 7, paints a colorful scene at The Tipsy Palette’s kids painting class booth. Photos by Don Balch
PBopoly game still has a few spaces left

There’s still time to buy in on Pacific Beach-Opoly, a community-based board game now being developed by Discover PB.

“We need to sell about half our spaces still to move forward on production,” said Sara Berns, executive director of the Business Improvement District (BID) about the board game, which has been under development for several months.

The game is inspired by Monopoly, which was created by Parker Brothers in the 1930s.

Berns confirmed the new beach-centric game will feature PB Hotel Row, including Crystal Pier Hotel, Beach Cottages and Ocean Park Inn; classic busi-Pier Hotel, Beach Cottages and Parkinn; and other PB business including 35-year-old PB Hotel Row, including Crystal Pier Hotel, Beach Cottages and Ocean Park Inn; classic business including 35-year-old Ocean Park Inn; classic business including 35-year-old Ocean Park Inn; classic business including 35-year-old.

Businesses must be members of the Discover PB BID to qualify for participation.

Plans are to distribute 1,200 PBopoly games at local retailers for the holiday season. The first 22 businesses applying get a game card valued at $300.

For more information call Discover PB at (858) 273-1301 or visit www.pacific-beach.org or email sara@pacific-beach.org.

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along Pacific Beach Drive between Jewell and Kendall,” states the website. “Our motivations include growing organic food locally, con-necting neighbors and beau-

tifying our neighborhood.”

PbOrgs is in the early phases of lobbying the city for “support and approval for putting this vacant land to good use.”

“The next step is to get approval from the city for using that land for a community garden,” said PbOrgs spokesman Andrew Mar-

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Sand »

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Dave Gombs, owner of Big O Tires, has been a donor for 15 years. In 2005, when his 4 year old son, Isaac was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma, Dave began going to the San Diego Blood Bank. Gombs has donated a total of 55 blood drives and collected 1,517 pints. Today, Isaac is a healthy and active.

In November of 2013, the Gomba’s daughter, Julia, was also diagnosed with Neuroblastoma and the family began the journey again. Please join Dave in making sure there is blood for Julia and patients like her.

A good meal and plenty of fluids are recommended prior to giving blood. All donors must show picture identification.

Donors are encouraged to schedule an appointment when they donate. To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-MY-BLOOD (693-7232) or visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org.

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27 Fast and Easy fix up tips to get the best price for your home

SAN DIEGO. Because your home may well be your largest asset, selling it is probably one of the most important decisions you will make in your life.

And once you have made that decision, you’ll want to sell your home for the highest price in the shortest time possible without compromising your sanity. Before you place your home on the market, here is a way to help you to be prepared as possible.

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MAN WHOSE BODY WASHED UP IN PB STILL UNIDENTIFIED

The San Diego County Medical Examiner’s Office has still not released the identity of a man whose body was discovered washed up on shore near Loring Street in Pacific Beach on July 31. The man’s clothed body was found by a retired firefighter shortly before 5:30 a.m. Coroners’ officials said the man appeared to have been between the ages of 55 and 75 years old.

Police were called to the scene and investigators continue to look into the cause of the man’s death.

PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP PREPS TO FILL VACANCY

The Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) is currently seeking candidates to fill a newly vacated seat on its board.

The vacant seat represents census tract 78.00; however, it can be filled by persons residing in other census tracts.

For more information on the PBPG or to obtain a candidate packet, visit www.pbplanning.org or call Ineimda McCudden at (469) 176-3870.

Applications are due by Aug. 26 in order for the board to appoint the successful candidate to the seat during the PBPG’s Wednes-day, Aug. 27 meeting.

BLOOD BANK SLATED AT BIG O TIRES

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Anyone 17 and older, who weighs at least 114 pounds and is in good health, may qualify to donate blood. A good meal and plenty of fluids are recommended prior to donating. Picture identification is required.

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CABRILLO MONUMENT TO LAUNCH WALK/BIKE EVENT

Officials at Cabrillo National Monument in Point Loma will host the inaugural Move to Improve Challenge on Saturday, Aug. 16 to encourage residents to walk or bike to the park and gain free admission.

The event, which runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., will coincide with the reopening of the park’s visitor center, which has undergone a multi-month seismic retrofit.

Among the activities planned during the day:
- Ranger- and naturalist-guided hikes and walks
- An exhibitor fair featuring local businesses to promote health and “getting you going”;
- Increase your stewardship by learning sustainable practices like composting and energy savings;
- Meet the park’s newest artist-in-residence;
- Food and snow cones will be available for purchase;
- Lighthouse Chores Obstacle Course — get your exercise and a true taste of what life was like at the lighthouse in the late 1800s. How fast can you carry water, wash laundry and whitewash a lence 1880s-style?
- Cabrillo National Monument, located off Park Blvd. at the south end of Catalina Boulevard, is open daily from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, call (619) 557-5450, or visit www.nps.gov/cabr/

EX-JACK’S LA JOLLA WORKER GUILTY OF EMBEZZLEMENT

After 3½ days of deliberations, a jury convicted a Point Loma woman Aug. 4 of embezzling millions from the former owner of the now closed Jack’s La Jolla Restau- rant, where she served as the firm’s bookkeeper.

Tara Virginia Moore, 42, had been free on $400,000 bond, but was remanded to jail immediately after the jury convicted her of six felony counts, including three counts of grand theft and fraudu-lent appropriation by a bookkeeper.

Moore did not testify in the seven-week trial before the eight-woman, four-man jury.

— Neal Putnam

SD Gymnastics in Liberty Station

Kids do not spend as much time playing outside anymore and fewer teens are con-sistently playing multiple sports. They are spending too much time on the coach or in front of a computer, or one sport requires too much of a time commitment to be involved in much else. Throwing a baseball, swinging a racquet, or continually jumping or running for hours a day, week after week is difficult on the muscles, tendons and bones. This is creating an epidemic for repetitive stress injuries.

Repetitive stress injuries (RSIs) are injuries that happen when too much stress is placed on a part of the body, resulting in inflammation, muscle strain, or tissue damage. This stress generally occurs from repeating the same movements over and over again.

In terms, overextension, the most often occur at growth plates (ends of bones where bone cells multiply rapidly, making bones longer as someone grows). Areas most affected by RSIs are elbows, shoulders, knees, and heels.

If your child is complaining of pain, tingling, weakness or popping sounds when doing a certain activity, it may be time to take a closer look. Limits on repeti-tive actions, encouraging multiple sports and varying daily activities can greatly reduce RSIs.

Participating in a structured gymnastics program is a great way to help ensure well rounded strength, flexibility and conditioning. Dividing your time between multiple events throughout the week, with an emphasis on safety and technique, can create a healthy and happy body.

Christina Grady, San Diego Gymnastics

In Remembrance of

David Alfred Sakura

Restaurateur

1946-2014

David was the first child born to Joseph and Pauline Sakura.

Born in San Diego, he was a lifelong resident. His early life was spent growing up in Santee with his ten siblings Joe, Jean, Jerry, Kathyn, Mike, John, Jim, Mary, Tom, and Georganne. After the passing of his father, Dave became the family patriarch to his younger brothers and sisters.

He led by example, and was successful in his high school football career while playing for El Capitan High. In 1963 he made the All CIF Football First Team, while leading the Vaque- ros to the CIF’s Championship Game. After attending Gross-mont College for a year, he was awarded a football scholarship to the University of Oregon. When a knee injury ended his playing career, Dave returned home and completed his studies at San Diego State University.

In 1972, he took the reins at Sakura’s Restaurant in Mission Beach, and revived the family business. Using that expe- rience, David ventured out on his own opening several restaurants. Among those were Sakura’s East in Brawley 1974, Sakura’s New Place in Pt Loma 1977, Aloha Louie’s in La Jolla 1984, and Boomers Bar B-Qe in Pacific Beach 1998.

In 1973 he married the love of his life, Sandy Winship Perry. Together they purchased a home in San Diego’s Bay View Area where they resided for the last 39 years. They together created an enduring relationship full of love.

During his leisure time David’s hobbies included tinkering with his various classic vehicles. In recent years, he and his best friend, Fred Kahener restored a 1938 Ford Coupe which they powered using propane. The ‘38 Coupe has won various awards at car shows.

A Celebration of David’s life will be held on Friday, September 5, 2014 at the Soledad Club, 5050 Soledad Road, Pacific Beach from 1pm - 5pm

The Sakura Family requests any flowers be sent to the Soledad Club on that day.

For more information call 858-775-7311

Moore’s attorney, Paul Pfingst, argued Moore should remain free on bond, but the judge ordered her jailed immediately. Pfingst, a for- mer district attorney, argued Moore had loaned Jack’s La Jolla money and was paying herself back for the loans.

Sentencing is set for Sept. 2. Moore faces a sentence ranging from 10 to 20 years, argued Deputy District Attorney William Mitchell. He said he was relieved by the ver- dict because he has been working on the case since Moore’s arrest in September 2011.

Mitchell praised the jury, saying the panel was “a very intelligent jury that was able to understand complex evidence and exhibits and come to the right decision.”

“She will be ordered to pay resti-tution. But good luck on that,” said Mitchell, adding that Moore had declared bankruptcy but that that is not final, either.

Moore was also found guilty of theft from Drugica Markovich, Moore’s former mother-in-law, in 2005 in what Pfingst described as a loan. Markovich testified via a videotaped deposition made in 2012. The loss was listed as $1.3 million.

Moore was also convicted of theft from the U.S. Department of Veteran’s Affairs involving $65,000 in benefits she collected from a deceased former husband after she remarried.

— Neal Putnam
This year’s Pacific Beach Hot Rod and Classic Car Show, presented by Sycuan Casino and hosted by “Charger” Steve Lordigyan, will get fired up Sunday, Aug. 24 in the heart of Pacific Beach.

Headlining this year’s event will be the Michael Keaton Batmobile from the original Batman movie. Also on display will be the real Christine car from the 1983 horror movie of the same name.

A Michael Jackson impersonator is among the highlights. “The Michael Jackson impersonator is amazing,” said Lordigyan, adding the cast will also showcase Wild Thang, the nitro-burning dragger that shoots flames 30 feet in the air.

One of Pacific Beach’s signature events, the sixth annual car show features hot rods and classic cars, auto-related merchandise, food and music. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Garnet Avenue between Mission Boulevard and Dawes Street, on Bayard Street between Garnet Avenue and the alley, and Cass Street between Garnet Avenue and the alley.

Entertainment will also include a dance performance and a magician. Turnout is expected to surpass 3,000 participants during the event, which is to include a bikini contest by Hollywood Tans, Hooters girls, and showcase hundreds of hot rods, classic cars and awesome antique motorcycles.

A celebrity appearance by Catherine Bach, “Daisy Duke” of the Dukes of Hazzard TV show (1979-1985), was the highlight of 2013’s car show, which Lordigyan said gets bigger and better every year.

— Dan Scheib

**REMEMBER WHEN?**

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**RELAYS**

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Pacific Beach/Mission Beach lifeguards have seized on the “home-field advantage” in past years, claiming the relays crown annually since 1998. That streak was finally broken this year by lifeguards from the Southern District, who had not claimed the title since 1997.

La Jolla lifeguards grabbed second in the competition, followed by Central District in third and the Boating Safety Unit in fourth.

The 12-leg relays test speed, strength, agility and teamwork among members and puts rescue techniques on public display.

The relays raised about $10,500 for various causes. This year, City Councilmen co-captained and partnered with the respective divisions toward the following end:

- Councilwoman Marti Emerald and Councilman Mark Kersey co-captained the Southern District, working with lifeguards to raise $2,500 to support the Ocean Beach Community Development Corporation’s Veterans Plaza Memorial Project;
- Councilman David Alvarez and Councilwoman Myrtle Cole co-captained the Central Division, working with lifeguards to raise $2,500 for the Jackie Robinson YMCA;
- City Council President Todd Gloria and Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner co-captained the Northern Division, working with lifeguards to raise $3,000 for the Marine Corps Law Enforcement Foundation;
- Councilwoman Lorie Zapf and Councilman Scott Sherman co-captained the Boating Safety Unit/Mission Bay, working with lifeguards to raise $2,500 for Rady Children’s Hospital.

District 2 City Councilman Ed Harris — a longtime veteran lifeguard and resident of Point Loma whose district encompasses all of San Diego’s beach communities, was front and center for the event.

He praised the efforts of supporters. “I appreciate my council colleagues participating in this year’s relays and fundraising for local charities, and for Capt. Scott Adams for firing the starting gun. It was a rigorous competition for the lifeguards and a fun event for those who came out to watch,” said Harris.

The lifeguard relays are named for veteran lifeguard and longtime Northern District team captain Ronald Trenton, who was lost at sea while piloting his private plane from Catalina Island to San Diego in 1997.

— Dave Schwab

**THE PACIFIC BEACH DANCE PAVILION** makes its way from the beach to a spot near Hornblend and Morrell streets in January 1897. Workers are using the “Capstan method” to winch the structure to its final destination. The dance hall would serve as a lemon-packing house and, ironically, a Methodist church.

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Belmont Park makes way for Draft South Mission and Cannonball

By FRANK SABATINI JR.

One of the most ambitious enterprises to land on the Belmont Park boardwalk in years is Draft South Mission, a 12,000-square-foot beer-centric gastropub rigged with 60 taps, as well as a 31-foot-high LED wall used for projecting educational brewing videos and major sports games.

Draft was scheduled to open June 13 in the structure that formerly housed Canes Bar & Grill. In July, the roof was to be fully utilized for Cannonball, where sushi, sake and cocktails take center stage.

The double venture is being launched by Eat.Drink.Sleep. (EDS), which has a portfolio of properties throughout California and Arizona. Locally, they include Tower 23 and JRDN in Pacific Beach and the Lakehouse Hotel and Resort in San Marcos.

“We wanted to tap into San Diego’s budding craft-beer culture,” said Justin Lopez, director of operations for Belmont Park Entertainment, an entity of EDS. “And since we’re known for beautiful weather, our slogan at Draft is ‘brews and views.’”

With a laid-back aesthetic that flows onto two boardwalk patios, Draft showcases dozens of tap selections, along with 50 bottle choices. About 70 percent of the inventory hails from San Diego and other California breweries while also embracing out-of-state labels and a list dedicated to Belgian beers.

“We’ll also have a strong brown-spirits program,” said Lopez, referring to an array of premium whiskies slated for both classic and contemporary cocktails.

The food menu points to everything from pork-belly corn dogs and pistachio-crusted salmon sandwiches to bison burgers and ribeyes finished with bone marrow butter. For weekend brunch, which started in late June, the menu will usher in dishes such as lemon meringue pancakes and French toast BLTs.

Draft’s architectural team included renowned San Diego-based designer, Mauricio Couturier, whose local projects include Bang Bang and Super El Camino. For the giant LED wall incorporated into the blueprint, EDS produced videos of the brewing processes at Coronado Brewing Company and Saint Archer Brewery that will be fully utilized for Cannonball, a cash-back program for La Jolla residents that concludes with a workshop on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave.

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La Jolla shines bright as residents jump on the solar bandwagon

San Diego was named the second strongest solar city in the nation by a recent Environment America report, and La Jolla helped San Diego earn this recognition. In terms of installed solar, the 92037 ZIP code is second only to 92154 in the city of San Diego, according to California Solar Initiative data.

“La Jolla property owners get it — they understand the benefits of clean energy, both economically and environmentally,” said Daniel Sullivan, founder and president of Sullivan Solar Power. “We believe that 92037 has the opportunity to transition to the strongest solar community in the nation.”

The amount of solar is continuing to increase exponentially for residential and commercial properties throughout La Jolla. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Southwest Fisheries Science Center installed a scenic 117,680-watt solar photovoltaic system on the rooftop of their new facility, and UCSD is the largest solar producing institution in the region. Sullivan Solar Power is currently in the process of energizing seven on-campus solar power installations at UCSD totaling 76,185.88-watts. The newest UCSD solar installations will save the campus more than $2 million over 20 years.

To further expand solar power in La Jolla, local firm Sullivan Solar Power has created and is administering the La Jolla Solar Program, a cash-back program for La Jolla residents that concludes with a workshop on Saturday, Aug. 9, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the La Jolla Library, 7555 Draper Ave.
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On June 1, 1961, Charlie Blane opened his office at 4401 Cass Street and was there for 3 years. In November of 1964 he moved to 1621 Grand Avenue and was there for 22 years and in 1986 he built Wendy’s and moved to the top floor where he has been ever since.

The building where Guava Beach currently is was built in the late 1930’s and is the 2nd oldest commercial building in MB. It has been the home to almost a dozen different restaurants, including; The Bath House, Beef and Burgundy, Blue Pacific, Debauchery, The Spot on Mission, Newport Annies and Guava Beach!

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shown regularly for public consumption. "We'll also capture big football and soccer games, but we won't be using the wall to run ESPN and other sports channels when there are no major games occurring," said Lopez. "We don't want the moniker of a sports bar."

In the meantime, rooftop construction for the indoor-outdoor Cannonball is in its final phase. Once open, a glass elevator will begin delivering guests to a 6,000-square-foot space that was previously underutilized by Canes. "We've expanded and retrofitted the roof all the way from the south side of the building to the north side, overlooking WaveHouse," said Lopez. The layout will feature a glass-enclosed sushi bar, coined "the sushi cube," along with a separate bar and kitchen and ocean-facing views.

In addition to sake, the drink list will focus heavily on white spirits — vodka, rum and gin — used in cocktails constructed with fresh fruits, herbs and house-made syrups. Chef Brad Wise, director of culinary operations for EDS, is overseeing the menus at both venues, although well-known sushi caterer Chef Hugo Arreguin will take the reigns at Cannonball. Arreguin also worked at Sushi on a Roll and JRDN.

Veggie lovers unite!

'Meatless Monday' rolls out at The Patio on Lamont Street

Calling all vegetarians, vegans, and just plain veggie fans. The Patio on Lamont Street recently started offering a 'Meatless Monday' menu on Mondays starting at 6 p.m., in addition to the regular dinner menu. While The Patio on Lamont Street has always prided itself on sustainable, farm-to-table cooking, 'Meatless Monday' aims to provide a few more options for those with dietary restrictions.

Chef de Cuisine Andre Fuentes plans on changing the menu every couple of weeks to reflect seasonal ingredients. Currently, three delicious dishes are being served up. They include: heirloom tomato with pine nut-raisin relish, shaved asiago, and crispy basil; white bean and baby kale with rosemary fried almonds, grilled red onion, kalamata olive puree and lemon vinaigrette; and seared risotto cake with wilted spinach, caramelized onion, roasted pepper coulis, shaved pecorino, and orange balsamic gastrique.

In addition, The Patio will be hosting a “Vegepalooza” wine dinner on Tuesday, October 7, in honor of Vegetarian Awareness Month. This themed dinner will pair delicious meatless courses with wines handpicked by Patio wine expert Sheila Tracy.

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**LIVE MUSIC**

By BART MENDOZA

The Room Downstairs sounds like it might be the title to a 1970s horror movie. But actually it’s the name of a reggae/rock-jam band performing at the Typhoon Saloon on Aug. 8. The band can definitely lay down the dub-friendly rhythms, but it also has touches of electronic and a melodic sensibility that sets it apart from like-minded combos.

The Room Downstairs also features Latin grooves on songs like “Lay Next to Me” that sees its sound veer into soul territory. If you are looking for dance-friendly tunes to start the weekend, this is a good option.

**• THE ROOM DOWNSTAIRS:** Friday, Aug. 8 at the **TYPHOOON SALOON,** 1165 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 up and no cover. www.typhoonsaloon.com.

Once upon a time, the Catamaran Hotel was one of San Diego’s key concert locations, with a great jazz lineup and bands like The Kickin’ the stage. These days, music there is a much more low-key affair, with Hawaiian tunes during luau season and acoustic music to add to the dining options. However, there is still real talent to be found there, like singer-songwriter Casey Turner, who performs on Aug. 9. A Pacific Beach resident, Turner has been receiving significant radio play on the West Coast, with an impressive tour circuit that sees him reach from Hawaii to Northern California on a regular basis. Turner’s set here will feature classic covers — a nice way to kick off a Saturday night.

**• CASEY TURNER:** Saturday, Aug. 9 at the **CATAMARAN HOTEL,** 999 Mission Boulevard. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.catamaranresort.com.

A little bit of Louisiana comes to Pacific Beach on Aug. 10 when Theo and the Zydeco Patrol perform at the free Pacific Beach Concerts on the Green Series. Mixing bits of blues, R&B, Cajun sounds and plenty of irresistible rhythm, the Zydeco Patrol is an instant dance party — the perfect band to listen to with your feet in the grass and a sunny San Diego sky overhead. The band has a solid album available, “Wine, Wine, Wine.” But why settle for listening to music at home when you can experience the fun in person at this terrific community event?

**• THEO AND THE ZYDECO PATROL:** Sunday, Aug. 10 at **CONCERTS ON THE GREEN,** Kate Sessions Park. 4 p.m. All ages. Free. www.pbconcerts.org.

It’s been six years since Tori Roze and her band, The Hot Mess, made its debut. It has made an impact. Multiple San Diego Music Award nominees, the band’s soulful mix of R&B and rock sounds have made it a standout on the local music scene. Appearing at the Kona Kai’s Ves-sel’s Lounge on Aug. 16, Roze will make a rare appearance in duo mode, with Hot Mess guitarists accompanying her. Roze has a wonderful voice, full of bluesy passion. This intimate performance at the Kona Kai’s oceanside venue is a great place to experience her music.

**• TORI ROZE AND JOHNNY ALEXANDER:** Saturday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m. at the **KONA KAI RESORT,** 1551 Shelter Island Drive. www.resortkonakai.com.

Melodic hard rockers Arson Academy perform at the 710 Beach Club on Aug. 16. The quintet isn’t forgetting new ground, but its songs have all the right elements, plenty of hooks and plenty of energy, as heard on tracks such as “Dizzy Spell.” It has made several recordings, with a collection of holiday favorites particularly recommended, but this live show should be an excellent showcase for the band. The bill also includes opening bands Playfight and Moonshine. Major kudos to the 710 Beach Club for being one of the only places near the beach to spotlight original music.

**• ARSON ACADEMY:** Saturday, Aug. 16 at the **710 BEACH CLUB,** 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com.

**• DMITRI MATHENY:** Friday, Aug. 15 at **DIZZY’S,** 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. $15. www.dizzyjsjazz.com.

**• ARSON ACADEMY:** Saturday, Aug. 16, 6 p.m. at the **710 BEACH CLUB,** 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com.

Dr. Lukacz will discuss diagnosis, prevention and treatment of the common pelvic disorders, incontinence and prolapse. Focusing on both conservative and surgical treatment options for women faced with incontinence and prolapse it will include behavioral approaches to treatment.

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Howzit Bill?

There are generally three types of people who like old boards. One is the investor/collector. These types of folks generally seek out boards in the 8-10 scale of condition. Some are very knowledgeable, but most are not. These people will spend serious dollars on the right board.

Another group of buyers is the decor/buyer. They generally know little if anything about boards, using them as props or more of a decorative item. They can spend dollars, but it’s hard to get it out of them.

The last group of people is the 1 want: the “to ride it” group. Condition is of little importance since it’s all about the ride and not the glitz or glamour. As you would expect, this crew operates on a strict budget.

Your board falls into a very limited appeal group, and this is reflected in its value. Finding a badly weathered board and bringing it back to a respectable level is not a hard thing to do. To completely cover an entire board with a hot-coat pigment rather than polishing it to a high luster is a bit time consuming and is generally not a recommended way to go. Yes, you can hide ALL previous damage and sun-burned areas. BUT the board loses 90 percent of its soul.

No wooden stringer to view or possible markings on that stringer. Money buyers realize this instantly and shy away from it. A decor buyer might step up. Preserving a board by leaving all of its damaged areas exposed is the preferred way to go. The board’s overall condition tells a story and captivates all who look at it as they think about where the board has been and all of the waves that it’s been ridden on. A nice seal job with a lightly sanded finish is very cost-effective, thus making the board more affordable and interesting than one that has been covered up. In this scenario less is best.

Five to six years ago, your board could have sold in the $1,200 range if presented to the right group of buyers. These days, you’d be looking at a price range of between $600 to $800 — again, if
Harbor seal pup on verge of death rescued, rehabbed, released to ocean by SeaWorld

Animal-care experts at SeaWorld completed their delicate mission recently of rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing a harbor-seal pup that experts said would surely have died if not for SeaWorld’s intervention.

The pup, less than a year old, was found at the Children’s Pool in La Jolla on July 26 with monofilament wrapped around its neck. SeaWorld officials said the line was already cutting into the animal’s neck and he would have died without help.

Once the line was removed with surgical tools, the wound was cleaned and the animal was provided antibiotics to prevent infection, spending less than a week of medical rehabilitation and recovery at the park’s Animal Rescue Center.

The pup was returned to his ocean home July 31 at the Children’s Pool.

This year, SeaWorld San Diego’s Animal Care Team has rescued more than 185 ill, injured and stranded marine mammals, including sea lions, seals, whales and dolphins. SeaWorld officials said nearly 70 percent of the marine mammals rescued by the park are returned to the wild. — Staff and contribution
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In closing, I’ll leave you with this. Skip [Frye] does fine work and is a credit to the profession. The board you have is unique in its own way. Complete with the stories you have about it. I’d say enjoy all that it has to offer and be proud of what you have helped bring back to life.

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