Superintendent Bill Kowba would be out of a job and the state would bring in one administrator to make all the district’s decisions.

“They bring in one person who will essentially say, ‘Close that school. Get rid of those programs. Increase class size,’ but without any thought to the impact,” said Scott Barnett, who represents beach-area schools in the district.

At minimum, the district faces a $60 million deficit next fiscal year due, in part, to four consecutive years of state budget cuts to public education. Since 2007, SDUSD has been forced to cut $450 million from its budget and reduce staff by 15 percent.

“SDUSD, like many other districts in the state, has used every budget trick in the bag to get through these difficult times,” said Kowba. “These cumulative reductions have been sweeping and devastating and are now being felt in all of our classrooms.”

This school year, students started the year with 1,000 fewer teachers and staff members.

“Further poor salt in the wound, the state will trigger midyear cuts in December if the state’s revenue projections — optimistically presumed to be $4 billion — fall short by $2 billion or more. At the end of September, state revenue projections were already more than $700 million below its budget target.

If the triggers are engaged, SDUSD’s deficit could skyrocket up to $1.18 million next year — a price tag Kowba said the district simply can’t afford.

“Under that worst-case scenario, even with employee concessions and hundreds of teacher and support staff layoffs, a balanced budget will be very difficult,” Kowba said.

If the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) is unable to pass a balanced budget by July 1 next year, the district could be considered financially insolvent, causing a state takeover of the district, said SDUSD officials.

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“Under court-appointed receivership, the Plunge appears poised for a rebirth — although details about the new direction of the pool facility and Belmont Park as a whole have not yet been publicly revealed.

“We don’t have an exact date on when the pool will be reopened but it will be in late November,” said Mike Garcia of Wave House Athletic Club’s member services.

City officials have also said $1.2 million in repairs are necessary in order to keep the pool open. The work will include a new roof and replacement of 24 columns that support the roof.

“We plan on putting up a second roof (scaffolding) under the current roof to catch any falling debris and we’re not sure at this time what will happen with the columns,” Garcia said.

The closure of the Plunge and the resulting court-appointed receivership created another chapter of drama for the city involving the historic pool facility.

Lochtefeld’s lease feud was triggered after the city increased Lochtefeld’s rent by about 700 percent. Lochtefeld, who had been paying $36,000 annually, had to pay $240,000 annually.

Owner Michel Francois Malecot, 59, and manager Richard Kauffmann, 58, will be sentenced Dec. 19 by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Whelan. Malecot and Kauffmann remain free on $75,000 and $60,000 bond, respectively.

Kauffmann pleaded guilty on behalf of the restaurant on Oct. 13 to hiring 10 illegal aliens. Kauffmann faces a maximum term of five years in federal prison because off alleged prior hirings of the same nature. Meanwhile, Malecot signed a document that allows federal prosecutors to seek between Whelan. Malecot and Kauffmann remain free on $75,000 and $60,000 bond, respectively.

Lobster season: the thrill of the catch can be a deadly pursuit

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Lochfield’s inability to pay caused the city to file a default notice and Lochfield’s company, Wave House Belt-
mont Park LLC, was forced to file for bankruptcy in November of 2010. Bel-
mont Park was turned over to the East West Bank, which has now turned over
control of the facility to Kenneth A. Krasne, a court-appointed receiver.

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The roller coaster was added to the
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city’s demand was unreasonable and that
it rejected his vision plans years ago for redevelopment and enhance-

The Plunge originally opened in
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NEWS

Former PB man gets 15 to life for killing roommate in 2008

By NEAL PUTNAM | REACH & RENT

A former Pacific Beach man convicted
two degrees of murder in the 2008
slaying of his roommate was sentenced
Oct. 23 to 15 years in state prison.

Doctors at Patton State Hospital deter-
matic that he was mentally competent.

On Friday, San Diego Superior Court
Judge John Einhorn denied Suazo proba-
bation and gave him credit for about 1,100
days spent in jail and in the mental hos-


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Benefit for musician, Guns ‘n’ Roses tribute, a spry 80-something bluesman

**LIVEMUSIC**

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Keyboardist “Mighty Joe” Longa has been a mainstay of the local music scene for nearly four decades, most recently performing with Joey Harris and the Mentals. Recent health issues have racked up significant medical bills for Longa, so local performing artists in the community are coming together on music to put on a benefit show at Tio Leo’s on Oct. 28. On hand will be a stellar cast, including Mojo Nixon, The Farmers, Private Domain, Chet Cannon and Modern Rhythm. This is a golden opportunity to hear some great music and help one of San Diego’s most beloved musicians at the same time.

- **Mighty Joe** benefit: begins at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD: www.tioleos.com

Guns and Roses may currently be on tour, but if you want to hear and see what the band was like in their 1980s heyday, you can’t get any closer than tribute band Dust ‘n’ Bones, appearing at the 710 Beach Club on Oct. 29. The band plays all the expected hits from “Paradise City” to “Welcome to the Jungle,” but what makes it one of the hottest groups on the circuit is its dedication to the look of the group. From clothes to gear to wigs, Dust ‘n’ Bones has meticulously recreated the Guns N’ Roses sound with its saloon. Dust ‘n’ Bones may actually be better than the real thing.

- **Dust ‘n’ Bones** performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, 9 p.m. at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD: www.710bec.com

Anyone looking for music that avoids a template, yet hits all the right notes when it comes to beats, melody and musicianship will want to check out Agave, which performs at the Tiki House on Oct. 30. The band celebrates its first decade this year with work started on a sophomore album, fusing just about anything musical they can find into a mix that’s greater than the sum of its parts — from rock to reggae, calypso to funk and everything in between. It all adds up to a sound that’s as infectious as it is danceable.

- **Agave** performs at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, 8 p.m. at the Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Ave. Cover TBD. 21 and up. www.agaveband.com

San Diego has many living legends in the area, but none works harder than bluesman Tomcat Courtney. Born in 1929, Courtney has been playing San Diego venues since the 1970s in a career that goes back decades before that. In the process he has given countless San Diego’s valuable lessons in the blues. Though now in his eighties, Courtney still performs three days a week at Café Bar Europa. Whether you’re new to the Courtney’s sounds or even if he’s a longtime favorite, these intimate shows are a must for anyone who enjoys good blues music.

- **Tomcat** Courtney performs at 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at Tio Leo’s, 5302 Napa St. 21 and up. Cover TBD: www.thetrainc.com

While concert halls, theaters and clubs are the most obvious places to catch live music, for quieter sounds, one of the best locations in the area is the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library, which offers up a free monthly concert. On Wednesday, Nov. 9, a classically trained flute and guitar duo AlmaNova makes a special appearance there. Comprised of Jessica Pierce (flute) and guitarist Almer Imamovic, the duo mixes classical with world music from Spain, the Balkans and Latin America for what amounts to a musical trip around the world, all without leaving your chair in Pacific Beach.

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**MUSICTHREAS**

Head book recommendation from the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library

AUTHOR: Lee Child

TITLE: The Affair

SYNOPSIS: Lee Child traces the story of Jack Reacher’s early life in the military leading up to the events that rendered him a giant hero on the road. This thriller takes Reacher and his readers right to the edge and beyond.

Reserve this book: www.sandiego-library.org/program/Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library, 4275 Cass St.; (858) 581-9934

**WHERE TO HEAR**

- **Burbs** performs at 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29 at The Griffin, 1310 Mission Blvd. 21 and up. www.thegriffinsd.com

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- **Tomcat** Courtney performs at 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 8:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Cafe Bar Europa, 873 Turquoise St. 21 and up. No cover: www.thetrainc.com

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**NEWSBRIEFS**

**Investigators probe PB Starbucks robbery**

Police investigators are looking into a commercial robbery at a Starbucks at Pacific Beach on Oct. 23, in which a white man with a bandana over his face made off with an undisclosed amount of cash.

The suspect, believed to be between 35-40 years old and wearing all black, entered the store on Garnet Avenue shortly before 10 a.m. and waited in line until he reached the clerk, according to police.

The man told the clerk he was robbing the store and asked for money. The suspect did not display a weapon and it is unknown if he really was armed, said investigators.

The suspect was given cash from the register before he fled. A customer followed the suspect into the parking lot and saw the suspect getting into a full-size pickup truck before the man sped off eastbound on Garnet.

**Tuesday Farmers Market to partner with schools**

Organizers of the Tuesday Farmers Market are poised to support local schools beginning Tuesday, Oct. 25.

The event’s organizers, SD Weekly Markets and Discover Pacific Beach, will rebate 1 percent of every dollar spent to a local school in Pacific Beach. The donation period runs through Tuesday, Nov. 29. Supporting local farmers and schools is the whole goal, organizers said.

The Tuesday Farmers’ Market runs from 2 to 6:30 p.m. on Bayard Street from Garnet Avenue to Harborside Street, and offers 60 farmers and vendors who provide fruits, vegetables, fresh-baked breads and grass-fed beef. Guest who make a purchase from any of the farmers or vendors can ask for and receive school tickets and will be given one ticket for each dollar spent.

Once the shopping experience is complete, shoppers can bring their tickets to the information booth on Bayard Street near Garnet and deposit them into any of the school jars.

Participating schools include Kate Sessions Elementary, Pacific Beach Elementary, Crown Point Junior Music Academy, Pacific Beach Middle School and Mission Bay High School.

The donation program was created to help local schools weather severe budget cuts, while encouraging Pacific Beach families to shop local and educate children about local farmers and sustainable foods.

Donations will be provided to the specific school’s PTA.

For more information, visit www.pacificbeachmarket.com.

**SeaWorld releases rehabbed sea turtle**

Animal-care specialists and veterinarians at SeaWorld released a green sea turtle — the apparent victim of gunshot wounds and lacerations — back into the wild after a 10-month stint of recovery and treatment.

The turtle was originally discovered in January by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration officials in the South Bay area, suffering from wounds, lethargy and shortness of breath. At the time, Bruce weighed about 250 pounds and suffered from several lacerations and a crack in his underside.

Since then, SeaWorld animal-care specialists have treated Bruce with antibiotics, pain medication and rehydration fluids to save his life. He now weighs a robust 300 pounds and can forage on his own, according to SeaWorld officials.

Bruce was transported to the Chula Vista Bayfront Park, where he was released Oct. 15. The turtle was outfitted with an acoustic transmitter that replaces the one Bruce had at the time of his rescue.

Animal-care experts hope to monitor and track his movements in San Diego Bay and believe the threatened species will stay in the area.

For more information, visit www.seaworldparks.com/SeaWorld-SanDiego.

**PB Town Council honors Starfish Award winners**

The Pacific Beach Town Council honored the winners of its annual Starfish awards this month.

The award for the most outstanding low-water-use garden went to Ted and Suzanne Mickleberg at 957 Oliver St. Town Council members said the creative use of cacti, succulents, grasses and rock is an eye-catching asset to the neighborhood.

Also honored were Suzanne and Jim Landenberger, who live just up the street at 1068 Oliver. Their sensitive remodeling of a Spanish-style home — in keeping with the scale and history of Pacific Beach — earned them a Starfish Award for outstanding residential architecture. The home boasts a “charming” front fountain, surrounded by succulents and low-water-use plants.

The judges for this latest round of Starfish Awards were co-chairs Eve Anderson and Adam Meyer, along with Scott Chipman and Jim Galvin.

The Pacific Beach Town Council is accepting nominations for its spring Starfish Award nominations.

For more information, visit www.pbtowncouncil.org.

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**DIVING**

Diving CONTINUED FROM Page 1

reefs during the day.

Ignorance about lobster diving regulations can lead to hefty fines — up to $1,000 for fishing without a license, said Hughan, representative for California Department of Fish and Game’s South Coast Region.

According to California laws, lobsters must be measured underwater and those with carapaces less than 1 1/4 inches must be thrown back. Additionally, no more than six lobsters can be caught per person per day, divers can only use their hands to take lobsters and all recreationally harvested lobsters must remain whole and intact while at sea.

Hughan said opening day of lobster diving is Oct. 1 and that water conditions are key.

“It was a great day — no safety violations, no one got hurt,” he said, although wardens did issue several citations throughout the day for undersize lobster catches and exceeding limits.

To keep kits from going on all that smoothly since then, however.

One death already occurred from the aquatics program — that of 35-year-old Junior Somphiringa Tanovan on Oct. 9.

According to police, Tanovan went into the water alone around 7 p.m. He was found dead in waters south of Chil- dren’s Pool in La Jolla — in an area known as “Hospital Point” — around 8:30 p.m.

The day marked the 11th diving fatality in San Diego since 2007.

Marine safety lifeguard Lt. John Ever- hort emphasized the importance of div- ing safety during the height of the sea- son.

“Don’t dive alone,” he said. “You have to think that every diving death that we’ve had where a diver was diving alone could have been prevented. It’s critical to have a buddy.”

He also urged divers be aware of their abilities and surroundings both on the surface of the water with currents and swells and below the surface in the kelp forests, reefs and rocks.

“Most people go at night because the lobsters are wandering around then,” he said. “But if you’re going to an area that you’re not familiar with, you should first go during the day.”

Even a diver is familiar with the area, “conditions change frequently,” he said, urging divers to check surf, visibility and wind conditions beforehand and watch the water 30 to 45 minutes before entering.

San Diego freediving instructor Mark Lozano recalled receiving a phone call just last year from Daniel Garcia, diving buddy of Luke Ausdemore who died freediving for lobsters in Mission Bay last October.

“They were diving together, but they’re not your buddy anymore.”

Lozano detailed the night for Lozano, describing the moment when he noticed that Ausdemore was no longer at the surface of the water. Despite doing everything he could to save his friend, Ausdemore experienced a shallow water blackout — common in freedivers.

By the time Garcia noticed he was missing in the water, 10 minutes had lapsed and it was too late to save him.

Lozano urged divers to have some- one watching and waiting for them at the surface of the water.

“When you black out, you don’t make any noise,” said Lozano, explain- ing that when one blacked out, the muscle used to hold air in relaxes and the blackout only sounds like an exhalation of breath. “There are too many variables. Because of that, blackouts and motor control failures happen, and time is of the essence. [For] something so simple as lobster diving, there’s no real good excuse not to have a safety buddy.”

Lozano said the majority of diver blackouts occur after they have resur- faced or are within 15 feet of the sur- face, so just because a diver is in shallow water does not mean the diver is safe.

“This is one of those sports where ignorance is not bliss,” he said. “Ignor- ance can get you killed.”

For more information about lobster diving regulations and safety tips, visit www.dfg.ca.gov or contact the Department of Fish and Game at (858) 467-4201.

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Halloween tends to bring out the little kid in all of us

WHAT’S IN THE AIR, BUD?

By Kevin Di Cicco | Beach & Bay Press

Vampires and ghosts have been a staple throughout Hollywood’s history since its infancy. Dracula, Frankenstein, and werewolves have taken center stage in many a movie that has instilled fright for the weak at heart.

Now, more than ever, vampire-type thrillers are big box-office draws for the young adult generation of moviegoers. Believe it or not, Art Bud’s latest installment, “Spooky Buddies,” opened up on DVD at 11:30 am on this month. It is the story of two dogs who are best friends and play pranks on one another. “Spooky Buddies” will be available for purchase on DVD.

There is something about Halloween, with its ghosts and goblins, that makes you feel like a kid again. Pacific Beach is certainly a place for ghosts and goblins on October 31 — perhaps no more than ever.

I was strolling down the 1400 block of Garnet Avenue the other day when I noticed a beautiful pirate wench right out of the 1700s standing in the street wearing an eye patch and a sword. “Come on in to our Halloween Boutique,” she said.

I accepted her invitation. Since I can remember, these seasonal shops have opened up after Labor Day then disappeared after the ghost and goblins have invaded our town on Hal- loween night.

I went in to the store in the hope of bringing the Halloween spirit to our beach town.

Jennifer Haagenson, owner of Tula Ru, is an entre- preneurial young lady who secured a two-month lease at 1416 Garnet Ave. and acquired an impressive inventory of just about everything you could imagine. This year, popular character themes range from vampires and zombies to Austin Powers and President Obama.

As for me, I will go back to the Halloween Boutique and check out the inventory. It’s been years since I dressed up, and this year I think I’ll give it a whirl. Keely is going to dress up as Wayne from “Wayne’s World.” She’s a vivacious young lady who makes a wonderful addition to our beautiful seaside town, our beloved Pacific Beach.

Kevin Di Cicco is the owner of the boutique and the store is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Jennifer Haagenson is an artist with a degree in English and plans to open a second boutique in the hopes of becoming a mainstay in the area.

The owner of the Halloween Boutique, Tula Ru, specializes in gently-used children’s clothing and new, unique children’s clothing and new, unique children’s boutique in the heart of Pacific Beach.

Possible school closures unfair to PB, Peninsula

The San Diego Unified School District is proposing to close two schools: Pacific Beach Elementary School and Southwestern Elementary School. According to the district, the two schools have been chosen based on educational and enrollment numbers. As for me, I will have to go back to the Halloween Boutique and check out the inventory. It’s been years since I dressed up, and this year I think I’ll give it a whirl. Keely is going to dress up as Wayne from “Wayne’s World.” She’s a vivacious young lady who makes a wonderful addition to our beautiful seaside town, our beloved Pacific Beach.

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By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Bucs erase 14-point deficit in Homecoming win

It was a big day any way you slice it. It was Homecoming on Oct. 14 — and the team’s biggest fan presence of the season could be felt. It was a chance for the Mission Bay High School (MBHS) football team to show how far it’s come since a disastrous 2010 season. But perhaps most of all, it was a demonstration of support for a seriously injured former teammate.

Just before the game, MBHS head coach Willie Matson informed his team that a senior on last year’s squad had suffered a major neck injury from a diving accident over the weekend. Buccaneers’ quarterback Nate Long was asked if his team would be playing for his friend.

“Yes,” he replied simply.

After opening the game with little emotion and falling behind 14-0 at halftime, the Bucs dug deep within to pull out a huge 17-14 win over Serra High. MBHS played a nearly flawless second half to secure the victory.

“We went in at halftime and told [the players] they were losing respect from the other team,” Matson said. “I felt like we had enough energy to run on the ball.” Maduyn said. “The quarterback put it in a good spot where only I could get it and the defensive back couldn’t do anything about it. I looked down at the line to see my feet and I kept them in.”

On the ensuing kickoff, Matson opted for some trickery by attempting and succeeding in recovering an onside kick. The Bucs used the momentum swing to their advantage.

Two plays later, senior MBHS running back Chris Byrd took a handoff from Long and showcased his explosive speed and elusiveness as he zigzagged back and forth across the field before finally sneaking into the end zone just inside the pylon for a stunning 49-yard touchdown scamper. The score was tied 14-14 with 4:40 left in the third quarter.

“I felt like I had enough energy to run side to side 20 more times, but it was the line (that opened the holes) and I followed their blocks,” Byrd said. “They kept blocking all the way down and senior offensive lineman Lorenzo Pattman got my last block and I just dive into the end zone.”

The Conquistadors tried desperately to recover some momentum on their next drive, but Bucs’ Inebucker Dohmby Bandy continued the rally by picking off a pass by Serra quarterback and returning it 24 yards to Serra’s 20-yard line. “It was crazy,” Bandy said. “I dropped back to my zone and put my hand up. Thank God I’ve got long arms... I slapped it up, looked around and saw it redirect. I put my hands on it and took off.”

After a stalled drive, MBHS kicker Isaac Griffin and Aaron Cobbler to finish off the victory. The win propelled MBHS to 3-3 on the season, raising its record to above .500 for the first time since 2009.

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Set up a trick-or-treat route and curfew with your parents before heading out for the evening.

Carry a flashlight or wear reflective tape to ensure you're visible to cars.

Never go inside a stranger's home, and avoid approaching dark houses.

Cross streets at crosswalks. Never cross between parked cars.
The many ghosts of Old Town

By Karen Spring

It's that time of year again, when Old Town's fame for being the birthplace of California plays second to a host of resident spooks that live among us. Although there are frequent reports of paranormal sightings throughout San Diego, the most famous ones are found at the historic Whaley House. Tourists have had countless encounters with long-departed family members, checking in on their past place of residence.

A frequent visitor from beyond is Yankee Jim Robinson, who was hung in 1852, on what is now the front steps of the house. On trial with a noose tightened around his neck and a poorly made scaffold beneath his feet, Yankee Jim was to be hung to death with a little ball cast called the Plims. Death seemed like a hefty price to pay for such a small theft. In fact, Yankee Jim's two crotchets were only given a one year jail sentence and a small fine. But there was a strong feeling of vigilance in those days. Many residents felt the law was too lenient and unanimously agreed that they needed to show a united force of intolerance to all who would consider coming to town and committing any crime.

As a known desperado, Yankee Jim didn't stand a chance against the towns concerns. During his capture, Yankee Jim had been struck across the back side of his skull so hard that it left him fogy during the trial where he was encouraged to defend himself. Inevitably, he was defenseless against his accusers who wanted him lynched on the spot instead of waiting the mandatory 30 days. Yankee Jim never thought in a million years that the town would come and hang him since stealing horses was a crime you got 'hung for'... not a little boat!

Until that fateful moment when the orders to kick the mules were given from atop to the crew, begging them to reconsider, but to no avail. The cruel moment arrived but without a major hitch that would haunt the minds of generations to follow. Instead of being killed swiftly by a broken neck, the poor workmanship of the scaffold led Jim to suffer a slow, slow death that would last well over an hour. It was not until the next day that he was pronounced dead. Today, Yankee Jim has been known to haunt the steps of America's most haunted house and to plead to his case to 'Who ever listen...'

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One of the most popular hauntings was 'Lucy' the white deer of Presidio Park. Residents of the area use to feed and care for her and because of all the affection, she felt very comfortable among people. Unfortunately, this trust led to her fatal death by careless people who drove her into a hound to move her to a safer area. The local reports of her death were outrageous. After the death, someone raised money for a raised for reflection pond at Inspiration Point in memory of her freedom and beauty as this was Lucy's favorite spot. Many locals today still report sightings of her skimming down the hills and munching on her favorite Zinnias - which are found nearby.

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La Casa de Estudillo is the original adobe home of the wealthy Estudillo family and stands proudly as a pristine museum in the State Park. For over fifty years, the house was a social center, offering a perfect views from its cupola to the public events held in the plaza below. When the Mexican War was in full blow, the Casa served to protect many and its chapel served to smooth the times of the war. By chance, well-known author Helen Hunt Jackson decided to write a historical novel and came to the Casa to research her project with then resident Father Antonio Ubach. Because of their common interest in the mistreatment of the local Indian people, the novel "Ramona" was written - placing La Casa de Estudillo on the map forever.

Restoration projects have saved the house and throughout the years, many lovers have had an opportunity to get married on its magnificent grounds. Several brides have reported looking into the well to make a wish, only to have a beautiful young woman looking back at them. Most of these sightings have been passed of as mental disturbances, but are they? Along with classic reports of footsteps, moving objects, creeping doors and mirrors that seem to look back at you, many have reported seeing a musician at the piano and hearing traditional Mexican melodies. Some Old Towers have reported hearing a distinctive male voice that orders visitors to "Get Out!"

Unlike the Whaley House, this adobe house has little or no recorded tragedies, but one seems to know who really haunts it. Could it be Father Ubach protecting it from rain and destruction? Is it a bride who's only happy moment was he day she made her wish in the well? And what about the music...

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The Black Pearl, located on Grand Avenue at the corner with Cas Street, is a fine Pacific Beach restaurant/bar — and I would be bereft in my duties if I just wrote some humdrum food-and-beverage story about it. I mean, the name of the place is The Black Pearl, after all!

“The name came to me when I had returned to San Diego after a five-year hiatus,” said owner Brigita Petrutis.

“Originally, the name of this bar was The Australian Pub … and when I returned, the establishment was in total turmoil, a complete shipwreck! So, after some hard work and restructuring of management, I felt as if we had raised and resurrected this old bar from the depths of the bottom of the sea and thus, I christened her The Black Pearl! For those of you who are history buffs and fans of “Pirates of the Caribbean,” The Black Pearl was an actual ship in the Caribbean. It was registered to the East India Trading Co. and owned by Lord Cutler Beckett. Captained by Sir Henry Morgan, The Black Pearl was sunk in a battle. This ship was never extracted from the sea, but with a little Disney magic, The Black Pearl became a household name. Just thought you should know. You don’t have to Google everything, you know. Sometimes we reporters do it for you. Now that you know how The Black Pearl was named, the real question is, how did it become known for being a Green Bay Packers bar?”

“That’s easy!” Petrutis said. “If you’re going to name your bar after a pirate ship, you need a loyal crew and Packers fans are very loyal to their team.”

While that may be true, you should also know that it’s a savory move on Petrutis’s part, since The Black Pearl also serves some fine wines and — as everybody knows — Cheesesteaks go great with wine!

“I know, I know. You’re not going to eat the Cheesesteaks because they are made of rubber. However, if you do get hungry, The Black Pearl has a full menu for dinner and does some of the best hot wings in Pacific Beach. They are made from a secret recipe they

“Hungry, Hungry, How About Some wings?”

Green Bay Packers fans ham it up outside The Black Pearl at 1014 Grand Ave.
By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Mission Bay High School (MBHS) football team had more than just the Homecoming game on its plate when it hosted Serra High School on Oct. 14.

“We just [heard about a former] player named Ryan Porteous, (No. 12, who played outside linebacker in 2010),” said Buccaneers quarterback Nate Long following the 17-14 victory over Serra. “Over the weekend, he paralyzed himself by diving into a lake and before the game, the coaches told us. I don’t think our locker room’s ever been that quiet ... ever.” While details of the accident remained unclear, the emotional effect could be seen on the players’ faces, especially members of the senior class who played with Porteous last year.

“He might not play here anymore but he’s still in our hearts and he’s still mer teammates.”

Porteous was a senior.

“Ex-teammate’s plight spawns emotional win

Long, who has grown into the defining leader of the team, could be seen cheering on his defensive teammates while he was on the sidelines. On more than one occasion, Long demonstratively pleaded for fans to get up and get loud. He has worked tirelessly the last two years to improve his athletic performance and achieve his potential. Besides preparing physically, Long has sought outside help to keep his mental approach sharp. Recently, he discovered a video on YouTube called “How Bad Do You Want It?”

Long has been preaching and playing by the words of that inspirational video ever since.

“I told my (teammates), when you want to succeed as bad as you want to breathe, then you will be successful,” he said. “I’ve been telling myself that ever morning after every class. I’ve been telling myself that over and over and living that life for the past week.”

“We’ll see.”

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When I walked into The Black Pearl to do this story, a man named Gabe invited me to sit down next to him and bought me a drink. Then he asked me, with a friendly smile, “So, you a Packers fan?”

I was truthful and said not really. "Ohhh, that’s OK,” said Gabe. "You’ll have to buy your next drink though. You understand, don’t ya?" Sure, I understood. I felt kind of bad but he seemed to appreciate my honesty and then moments later turned to me and said, “You know? Never mind. I was rude. You don’t have to like The Pack,” and insisted on buying me another round.

“Ex-teammate’s plight spawns emotional win

Then I thought about it. Why didn’t I like the Packers? I knew I didn’t hate them. I guess I really never gave them much thought. While I was pondering my thoughts on the Packers, I was approached by a young lady in a Packers shirt, holding a white poodle named Cali, which was dressed in a Green Bay Packers cheerleading outfit. She introduced herself as Denise.

“Hi, I’m the mayor of Green Bay Fans here at The Black Pearl,” she said. So, ya a Packers fan?”

“Hmmmm ... “I guess I don’t hate the Packers,” I replied.

That brought a smile. “That’s good enough!” said Denise. “You come with us to the game on Nov. 6 (a home game for the San Diego Chargers at Qualcomm Stadium at 1:15 p.m). We have a party bus and you’ll have a good time. You understand?”

“Hmmmm ... “Yes,” I replied.

What else are you going to say when the mayor of Packer Nation invites you to a football game? You just go. So maybe you don’t like the Packers. Maybe you don’t like bars named after ships (if that’s the case, you probably don’t like Girl Scout cookies either). But no matter what you don’t like, I promise that you will enjoy the time you spend with the crew of The Black Pearl. You will feel like all of your problems are sailing away.

“Ex-teammate’s plight spawns emotional win

If you’re a member of Facebook, you can like their page and get updates on all their activities, like the party bus for the Nov. 6 Packers game against the hometown San Diego Chargers. But there really isn’t any need to fuss with the stadium crowd when you have smooth sailing ahead in the comfy confines of The Black Pearl, conveniently moored at 1014 Grand Ave.

— Walter Ruskin is a member of the San Diego Community Newspaper Group’s “Ugly News Team.” Catch his videos and interviews at www.sdnews.com.
SeaWorld San Diego will host its annual Halloween Carnival (rain or shine) on Friday, Oct. 28 with a night of activities that include a fire engine ride, games, a free costume contest, giant slide, food, cake walks and free arts and crafts. All games and rides cost 1-2 tickets and tickets are sold for $1. Costume contests are grouped by age and times are staggered. The event is sponsored by the Santa Clara/Pacific Beach Recreation Council and takes place at the rec center, located at 1405 Diamond St. For more information, call (858) 581-9927.

• Crown Point Junior Music Academy’s PTA will hold its annual Trunk or Treat Trunk or Treat Halloween Festival on Friday, Oct. 28 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the school, 4033 Ingraham St. For more information, call (858) 273-9830, or visit www.sand.net/crownpoint.

• The annual Kate Sessions Elementary School Halloween Carnival will take place Oct. 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the school, located at 2150 Beryl St. The community is invited to attend and enjoy games, food, pony rides and a spooky haunted house. Celebrate the fall season with the staff and families of Kate Sessions Elementary. For more information, call (858) 273-3111, or visit www.sand.net/sessions.

• SeaWorld San Diego will host its final weekend of the “Halloween Spectacular,” in which children can meet some spooky and not-so-spooky animals, pose for pictures with characters and ride six Halloween-themed coasters to treat in a sea-inspired atmosphere. Festivities are geared for kids 12 years and under who can enjoy dressing in costume and enjoy animal meet and greets, special Halloween shows and colorful costumed characters throughout the park. For more information, call (800) 25-SHAMU or visit www.seaworldsandiego.com.

Ocean Beach/Point Loma

• It’s time to harness the imagination and create that special doggy Howl-o-Ween costume for the Kinnicius Club’s Ocean Beach Canine Carnival and costume parade. The canine caper features a costume parade led by Chopper the Biker Dog and an array of contests for doggies and humans on Sunday, Oct. 30 at Dusty Rhodes Park on the west side across from Robb Field at Sunset Cliffs and Miritz boulevards. The activities get under way about 10 a.m. with the canine carnival and street fair, featuring vendors offering canine-related merchandise and services. For more information, call (818) 326-8105, or visit www.oceanbeachkinnicius.org.

La Jolla

• The La Jolla Recreation Center has planned three hours of free kid-friendly fun for its annual Halloween Festival on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. The festival will include pony rides, an inflatable jump and slide, carnival games, a balloon artist, cakeswalk, face painting, music and free arts and crafts for kids. Halloween prizes will be awarded for carnival game winners and a traditional costume contest award a total of 25 children — five children from each of five 10 and under age groups — with prizes including a trophy and Target gift card. Tickets are four for $1. Carnival games are one or two tickets each. La Jolla Recreation Center is located at 615 Prospect St. For more information, call (858) 552-1658.

A Red Ribbon Week is services as a vehicle for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives. Activities are planned each day of the week to reinforce the ideals of a drug-free America.

• On Monday, May 2 from 8 to 10:30 a.m., Pacific Beach Middle School will host a school tour beginning in the media center/library. If you want to learn more about the international baccalaureate program at PBMS and the opportunities for your incoming middle school kids, join the school tour, called “a day in the life” of a PBMS student. You will meet administrators, learn about PBMS and meet teachers and see students in action in class. Your student is also welcome to attend this informative tour.

• Kate Sessions Elementary will host a family science night on Thursday, Nov. 3rd from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The Reuben H. Fleet Space Center will provide standards-based investigations for students and their families. Funding is provided by “Operation Student Achievement,” a grant from the Department of Defense.

• Friends of Kate Sessions PTO meeting Tuesday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m.

San Diego offers a plethora of events throughout the month of October. In an attempt to make your Halloween planning as easy as possible, the following is a list of some of the major events happening around the County. These events include those that are free and those that require special registration or tickets. Enjoy!

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- Finished with the finest amenities one would expect
- Ocean Front Patio with fire pit and outdoor cooks station
- Private Roof Top Deck

$4,995,000 TO $5,550,000

**3490 Bayside walk # B**
- Bay front penthouse over 1,600 SQFT
- Floor to ceiling glass windows in front
- Large top floor deck with cooks area
- 3 bedroom 3 bath completely re-done
- Master suite huge shower oversized tub
- Walk in closets peek ocean view from deck
- Pecan floors top line appliances and fixtures
- Two car garage central heat A/C
- Comes fully furnished never rented

$1,590,000

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**Crown Point Jewel**
- Custom built 4,800 SQFT home in 2009
- 4 bedrooms & 4 baths with an incredible open floor plan
- Modern cooks kitchen with commercial grade appliances
- 4 car garage + RV parking
- Wrought iron and hardwood throughout
- Unique Architecture with curved windows & doorways
- Complete outdoor patio with cooks station
- Over 1,000 SQFT roof top deck with 360 panoramic views
- Finest home in Crown Point

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