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California is now recognizing lifeguards as first responders

By Thomas Murphy
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — California lawmakers will formally recognize lifeguards as first responders, a classification that supporters say is long overdue. Senate Concurrent Resolution 192, which recognizes open-water lifeguards as first responders and emergency response providers, passed through the Rules Committee and the Senate before the State Assembly approved it on Aug. 19. The resolution will take effect after it is signed by the Secretary of State, bypassing the governor's office. This is only the start. Advocates are promoting a broader effort to give lifeguards the recognition, benefits and protections afforded to other first responders. "It's long overdue; a lot of states are doing this," said Chris Carlson. Carlson's son, Ben, died while saving a drowning victim at Newport Beach in July 2014. Chris later started a foundation in his son's honor. A 15-year veteran, Ben was the first lifeguard to be posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

California's resolution mentions the Ben Carlson Foundation, honoring his sacrifice and illustrating why supporters say lifeguards' work must be formally recognized. Despite having performed over 1.4 million rescues in California's oceans, lakes and rivers, lifeguards are not recognized the same way as firefighters, police and other first responders. California now joins New Jersey and Hawaii in formally recognizing open-water lifeguards as first responders. Veteran San Diego lifeguard Drasko Bogdanovic calls this "a simple oversight," saying nobody thinks of lifeguards as critical public safety infrastructure "until you're the one that's not breathing out the back of six-foot waves and can't get back to shore." The work of California lifeguards was celebrated this past summer in Santa Cruz after Ryder Williams, a 16-year-old California State Parks lifeguard, was captured on video rescuing a child from 8-to-10-foot waves at Seabright State Beach in Santa Cruz on July 25. Video of the rescue went viral. Williams was invited to the White House, meeting President Donald Trump on Aug. 17.



Lifeguards watch surfers at Windansea.
(File photo by Chris Stone/Times of San Diego)

"A 16-year-old lifeguard might see a dead body their first day at work," Bogdanovic said, who began his own career at 16-years-old protecting North County beaches. "How does that separate them from firefighters and law enforcement, who are dealing with similar things? Yet, the 16-year-old kid is part-time, doesn't get the same benefits or the same resources."

Bogdanovic, who leads the nonprofit Lifeguard Project, said the viral rescue and White House visit came at an opportune time for advocates pushing the state resolution. But he sees California's resolution as a starting point, not an end goal. "I don't think this single resolution adds any crazy changes to our field, but they do start the process with recognition," Bogdanovic said. "It levels the playing field of what lifeguards are even considered from an image and response perspective, which then allows us to advocate more." He pointed to broader issues facing lifeguards, including access to year-round, full-time work. "There's lifeguarding year-round, but these seasonal guards are trying to work their hours so they can try to make a living the entire year. Yet, it's not classified as a full-time position," Bogdanovic said. Seasonal support is another key issue for Bogdanovic, who says departments are often overburdened protecting California's coastline during peak tourist season. "The ocean attracts everyone inland, and departments are taking the brunt of the impact from that visitation, not realizing what the real impact is that these lifeguards are burdened by," Bogdanovic said.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

San Diego lawmakers told Times of San Diego they support the measure, with every councilmember who responded

unanimously backing the resolution. "Every day, San Diego lifeguards put their own safety on the line to protect our communities and save lives. They pull people from ocean riptides and swift, chemical-laden waters during floods, respond to heart attacks and traumatic injuries on our beaches, and are often the first on the scene to provide medical care," Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera wrote. Councilmembers Marni von Wilpert, Henry Foster III, Jennifer Campbell and Stephen Whitburn also expressed support. Mayor Todd Gloria has not taken a position on the nonbinding resolution, a city spokesperson said. Council President Joe LaCava declined to comment, citing ongoing negotiations with employee organizations. Councilmember Vivian Moreno did not respond to requests for comment. Council President Pro Tem Kent Lee wants lifeguards recognized for their lifesaving work, pointing to the unique niche they work within. "They are routinely the first trained professionals on the scene for drownings, cardiac arrests, flood rescues, cliff rescues, scuba diving rescues, and boating emergencies," Lee said.

Councilmember Raul Campillo is glad to see the measure passed without opposition, pointing out that San Diego's lifeguards operate as part of Fire-Rescue without the same legal classification as firefighters. That is how San Diego's department is set up, but lifeguards operating along California's coast are a mix of public, private and state employees — illustrating why a broad state measure is necessary to ensure they are all properly recognized. State measures have made substantial progress, but there is also movement at the federal level that could change lifeguards' first responder status across the nation.

AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL

Meanwhile, federal lawmakers' efforts have faced a similar uphill climb. New Jersey Rep. Christopher Smith has introduced three measures since 2023 calling for open-water lifeguards to be recognized as first responders and emergency response providers.

One of two projects done at Sea World Drive, Friars intersection

By Drew Sitton
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

MISSION BAY – Two-way traffic is flowing at the intersection of Sea World Drive and Friars Road once again after an underground water project wrapped up, opening long-closed eastbound lanes.

Drivers navigating the intersection of Sea World Drive and Friars Road have had to weave around lane closures and slow-downs for so long that the neon orange cones nearly blend into the background.

After years, most of the Morena Pump Station is complete, including the underground work on Friars Road that became part of the project.

That pump station, located near Morena Road but affecting Friars Road sewers, is part of the Pure Water San Diego effort, in which the city aims to provide 50% of drinking water through purifying and cleaning recycled water by 2035. The pump station will divert wastewater north to the North City facility that will purify water.



The Morena Pump Station while under construction. (Photo courtesy City of San Diego)

However, underground conditions discovered when crews began to build caused major headaches – and delayed the Morena Pump Station project. Crews ultimately had to construct six sewer structures, according to city spokesperson Jennifer McBride.

After testing the infrastructure, crews rebuilt the above-ground structures, including medians and traffic signals.

But that’s not the only project happening at the intersection – and the other

one, the Alvarado 2nd Extension Pipeline Project, will take even longer to complete while the city reevaluates the scope of the project and what permits it needs.

On the other side of Friars Road, east of Napa Street, crews are replacing a water main made of asbestos cement that was installed between 1965 to 1975. They are changing it to 16-inch and 48-inch PVC materials.

The Friars Road section is part of a 10-mile stretch of aging pipeline being replaced from Mission Valley to Mission Bay. The partially funded project to replace them costs \$158 million, according to the city’s capital improvement projects tracker.

However, the Friars Road and Sea World Drive section is spurring delays, according to city spokesperson Tyler Becker.

Becker said the pipeline work began with jet grouting operations, but during the work, “project conditions and additional regulatory and permitting requirements were identified that

require further evaluation and coordination.” The city is looking at the proposed work and coordinating with other agencies.

“At this time, the city has not made a final determination regarding the future scope or alignment in this area while the evaluation continues,” he said.

The description of the project states that new 24- and 48-inch transmission mains are planned for Friars Road between I-805 and West Mission Bay Drive. Plus, the project also includes replacing a 12-inch main on Sea World Drive and a 16-inch main parallel to the transmission main on Friars Road. The engineering department began designing the project in 2015 and broke ground in 2024.

Afterward, the contractor will also resurface the road and add back pedestrian curb ramps and bike facilities. The entire project, not just the Friars Road section, will be done in late 2029 according to current estimates.



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City sued for misinterpreting state housing law for projects near transit

By Dorian Hargrove
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — Two California housing advocacy groups are suing the city of San Diego, alleging city planners illegally excluded properties from a state program meant to spur development near transit stations.

In a legal filing obtained by Times of San Diego, Californians for Homeownership and the California Housing Defense Fund say San Diego ran afoul of the state housing law by requiring that projects are connected to bus or rail stations by dedicated sidewalks to qualify.

Signed into law by Gov. Gavin Newsom in October 2025, Senate Bill 79 allows developers to build more housing than allowed by local zoning restrictions for projects that are near major transit stops.

In May, city officials adopted an ordinance that interpreted the state law to exclude any property within a mile from a transit stop that does not include a sidewalk connecting the project and the station.

Matt Gelfand, counsel for Californians for Homeownership, said that was a misinterpretation. The law calls for a “safe walkway,” but the housing groups say that does not require a dedicated sidewalk.

As an example, the lawsuit cites a parcel near the 62nd Street Trolley Station in Encanto, which Gelfand said the city excluded from its list of sites for transit-oriented developments.

The site is 375 feet from the station but was excluded from the city’s transit-oriented development map because pedestrians must traverse a 100-foot dirt alley to reach the station.

Because there is a gap in the sidewalk, the city excluded the area.

“The city of San Diego has misinterpreted this provision to allow the exclusion of a parcel based on any gap in sidewalk availability between the parcel and the qualifying transit stop,” the lawsuit said. “As a result, the city is unlawfully excluding numerous parcels throughout



Construction on student housing near San Diego City College. (File photo by Adrian Childress/Times of San Diego)

the city, including parcels that are nearly adjacent to qualifying transit stops,”

Gelfand said the city’s decision contradicts the law.

“This walking path issue is a San Diego issue and not what state legislators and the state law require,” Gelfand told Times of San Diego.

He said there are many examples of locations similar to the example in Encanto that the city excluded from the map, but did not know of any specific developments that were rejected because of it.

“This is a common effort by local agencies throughout the state to minimize state legislation, and this is not unique to San Diego,” Gelfand said.

Bill Fulton, the city’s former director of planning and a professor of urban studies and planning at UC San Diego said the city likely erred on the side of caution when defining what walkable passages meant because state legislators failed to do so.

“This is what happens in California,” Fulton said. “Legislators are vague and fail to define what a walkable pathway is, and now it’s left up to a judge to be the one to define it.”

The lawsuit will now make its way through state court.

The city declined to comment due to pending litigation.

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New developments to transform Grand Avenue in Pacific Beach

FROM STAFF REPORTS

PACIFIC BEACH – Changes are coming to the heart of Pacific Beach. Less than a month after the sale of the former IHOP at Grand and Mission avenues, and word that the location would likely be transformed into a mixed-use development, a new proposal has surfaced to demolish three small commercial buildings and a residence-turned-business next door to the former IHOP to build a three-story, 11,231-square-foot housing project with a total of 17 units, two of which are designated as affordable. If approved, as is proposed, the project will include a three-space carport on the bottom floor.

On Aug. 7, Golba Architecture submitted plans to turn the properties at 866 to 872 Grand on behalf of the developer.

Architect Tim Golba told Times of San Diego that the three small commercial buildings and the adjacent former residence appear to have been intended for housing and will not return to that use.

As for the neighboring IHOP building, Golba said no final plans have been made. “There is nothing definitive that is designed yet, and it will be some time before any design direction is finalized,” wrote Golba in an email.

The eventual transformation is among the many new housing projects under consideration in Pacific Beach, a needed trend, say some Pacific Beach residents.

Marcella Bothwell, chair of the Pacific Beach Planning Group, considers projects that replace struggling storefronts with residential units whose tenants can help boost local businesses as a win-win for the community.



The proposed housing development would be at 870 Grand Ave. (Photo by Jennifer Vigil/Times of San Diego)

“We are seeing a growing number of multi-family infill projects in Pacific Beach, and I am generally very supportive of them, especially when they respect the Coastal Height Limit and include on-site affordable units,” Bothwell said.

“Pacific Beach benefits from additional residential units when they are developed thoughtfully and in the right locations. Commercial zones such as this one already allow mixed-use by right. The 870 Grand site currently holds three vacant, undersized commercial spaces that are emblematic of struggling storefronts in the neighborhood. Projects that add residents along an existing transit corridor on a highly walkable site have the potential to strengthen, rather than compete with, the commercial fabric already in place,” said Bothwell.

A city hearing officer is expected to decide on the proposal at 866-872 Grand in the coming weeks.

Annual PAESAN fundraiser set for Sept. 23

The 46th annual PAESAN (Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night) celebration hosted by the Pacific Beach Town Council honoring San Diego firefighters from local stations in 2026, will be Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 4-6:30 p.m. at De Anza Cove Park in Mission Bay Park, 3000 N. Mission Bay Drive.

The annual celebration functions as both

a community gathering and a fundraiser to purchase underfunded equipment and items on that year’s local first responders’ “wish list.” Admission includes an all-you-can-eat community BBQ spread featuring burgers, hot dogs, refreshments, and sides.

Tickets for this year’s first-responder celebration can be purchased ahead of time or directly at the venue.

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Coastal Commission approves De Anza Natural, could take 20 years

By Karen Pearlman

SPECIAL OF TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

MISSION BAY – After years of planning, De Anza Cove's transformation in Mission Bay is finally gaining ground.

The California Coastal Commission in mid-August voted unanimously to approve the city of San Diego's De Anza Natural plan — but with some important changes required to what was passed by the San Diego City Council in May 2024 as the De Anza Natural Amendment to the Mission Bay Park Master Plan.

The plan to "re-wild" DeAnza Cove, a plan discussed by environmentalists and the city as far back as 2015, will eventually convert Campland on the Bay and much of the current Mission Bay RV Resort into wetlands. It will expand habitat in the area from about 70 acres to a little over 260 acres, and relocate some camping spots further inland.

"This is one of the last opportunities the city is ever going to have to really recreate the wetlands that were so characteristic of the Mission Bay area, and frankly the entire coastline," said San Diego City Council President Joe LaCava.

"What we're looking at is that any of the uses that you see there today will be preserved," LaCava added, citing continuing low-cost camping opportunities as well as the retention of adjacent Mission Bay Golf Course, Pacific Beach Tennis Club and the Bob McEvoy Youth Fields.

While the changes to DeAnza are coming, they're not happening anytime soon. Many connected to the DeAnza Natural Plan maintain that the process could take at least 20 years.



Ken and Valerie Cain with their dog Daisy at the former mobile home park site on De Anza Cove. (Photo by Karen Pearlman/Special for Times of San Diego)

CONSERVATION WIN

Andrew Meyer, Director of Conservation at San Diego Bird Alliance and a leader of the 101-member ReWild Coalition that has pushed for the restoration for years, called the outcome a clear win.

"We are thrilled with it," said Meyer, who spoke at the Aug. 14 Coastal Commission meeting near Santa Cruz. "The City's De Anza Natural Plan was improved by the recommendations at the Coastal Commission. These are improvements the ReWild Coalition has been calling for since the city passed its plan."

ReWild says the approval commits the city to planning for marsh migration onto a proposed island as sea levels rise — turning what starts as usable parkland into long-term marsh habitat. The city has said its planning incorporated sea-level-rise modeling from the United States Geological Survey.

"The public, and our children and grandchildren, get the habitat acreage and the long-term plan the ReWild Coalition's been pushing for," Meyer said.

He also pointed to a city commitment of about \$10 million toward Mission Bay projects this year, including \$3 million for De Anza Natural planning. ReWild said this marks the first time money has flowed from the Mission Bay Park Improvement Fund toward habitat restoration.

TWEAKS NEEDED

Among more than 30 modifications and changes the Coastal Commission asked for were language issues needed in a certified plan — the city of San Diego used "should" instead of the preferred/authoritative "shall" — and concerns that the city's plan as submitted wasn't conforming to the Coastal Act.

The city had also proposed converting existing eelgrass habitat into marsh while claiming mitigation credit for the swap — at odds with the Coastal Act, due to eelgrass being a protected marine resource already performing ecological functions that would be lost.

The Coastal Commission also found that a central engineering piece of the plan — two channels proposed to redirect part of Rose Creek through De Anza Cove — had never been backed by technical studies showing they would work. There is now a requirement that those studies are completed before construction.

Additionally, the plan lacked enforceable water-quality monitoring standards, despite Mission Bay already being listed as impaired for mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and bacteria, the Coastal Commission said, as reported by Times of San Diego.

"Time will tell, but this significant expansion of the tidal wetlands will definitely improve water quality in the northeast corner of the bay, which does not benefit from the same tidal mixing actions that western parts of the bay receive," said Phillip Musegaas, executive director and coastkeeper at San Diego Coastkeeper. "Coastkeeper will continue to monitor water quality in the bay to track pollution sources and hopefully future improvements in water quality."

LEADERSHIP WEIGHS IN

LaCava characterized the commission's stance as more a difference in sequencing than substance.

"The Coastal Commission really embraced the very big idea that is the De Anza Natural Plan," LaCava said. "This was important for me. This is not only a regional park; this is not only an opportunity to re-create wetlands and natural habitat, but it's also the backyard park for the Pacific Beach community. And the work that we did at the city side was really to balance all those uses as we reconfigure that."

He said that Coastal Commission leaders wanted more specifics locked in now rather than deferred to the city's forthcoming General Development Plan process.

A modified DeAnza plan will head back to City Council for approval before year's end, LaCava said. He said that at that time, the city could reach out for state and federal grant funding for the design work ahead.

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San Diego has fewer fire rings; here's where you can light a bonfire

By Tessa Balc
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – Through the smoke and torrent of this year's budget, do you recall the conversation last year about removing the city's fire rings?

You probably noticed that these rings didn't enter the budget conversation this year. There wasn't an uproar. Yet the rings didn't disappear into thin air.

That's because the city didn't attempt to touch the beloved San Diego staple.

The fire rings were restored, for the most part.

Some areas saw the loss of only a couple of rings, but there's one spot where they no longer exist: South Mission Beach. That decision was made because numerous residents had complained about the amount of smoke, city spokesperson Caleb Olsen said.

From the 11 rings there, the city moved six to Fiesta Island and two to Bonita Cove.

As a whole, there are 16 fewer rings than the 185 available in 2025. And citizens want the city to pay for them. The mention of them disappearing residents who didn't want to see them gone.

Even the California Coastal Commission chimed in on the city's proposal to cut down on the rings at the time. By the way, the commission also urged the city to keep beach restrooms open, but we're not going to go there.

Talks of removing the rings ended after Council President Joe LaCava and County Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer, who both represent much of the coastal area where these rings are located, announced a grant to add financial fuel to the fire.

It was a one-time grant that saved the rings through July 1. Now, the rings are funded through the city's general fund.

The past year wasn't an anomaly in terms of funds for the rings coming from outside the city. When Jerry Sanders was mayor – he left office in 2012 – paying for the fire pits was the people's problem for more than three years.

In 2008, the city actually began removing the pits until an anonymous donor dropped \$260,000 to save them.



A man sits on one of the city's fire rings.
(File photo/Times of San Diego)

Shoreline Parks (Beaches)

La Jolla Shores – 7 (summer only).
Mission Beach (Belmont Park) – 5 (summer only).
Ocean Beach – 7 (summer only).
West Mission Bay

Mission Point – 1.
Bonita Cove – 7.
Mariner's Point – 7.
Ventura Cove – 7.

Dana Inn area

Sunset Park – 3.
Dana Landing – 2.

Vacation Isle

Vacation Isle-Southside – 11.
Vacation Isle-Paradise Point – 15.
Vacation Isle-North Cove – 4.
Ski Beach – 1.

Crown Point

Crown Point Shores – 16.

East Mission Bay Drive Area

De Anza Cove – 5.
De Anza Boat Launch – 2.
Playa Pacifica – 11.
Hilton-North – 2.
Hilton-South – 3.

Fiesta Island and South Shores

Fiesta Island – 41.
South Shores – 2.

There are also multiple fire rings at Shelter Island, maintained by the Port of San Diego.

When it came up again in 2010 and 2011, foundations, residents and community associations chipped in to help the city make up the difference.

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By Alysa Horton
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rep. Scott Peters is part of a legislative push to tackle climate change by removing carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere.

He's a co-sponsor of the Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act of 2026, a bill proposed in both chambers of Congress that would require Secretary of Energy Chris Wright to create a robust carbon removal regime within his department.

"San Diego will face the effects of climate change from sea level rise, more intense wildfires, and flooding, which we've seen over the past couple decades," Peters said in an interview with Times of San Diego. "It's important for the federal government to do what we can to lower emissions and slow the rate of climate change."

The bill has five main components: increase carbon removal, create a rigorous tracking and reporting program for that removal, lower the removal cost over time, support new technology generation and create domestic jobs that serve local communities.

Erin Burns, the executive director of Carbon180, said California and its leaders have been on the frontline of carbon removal efforts and advancement.

"Peters (is a) huge carbon removal advocate ... He's been thinking about this and how it can help folks in San Diego," she said. "California has a lot of amazing carbon removal leadership in general."

Carbon180 is a national carbon removal advocate, pushing the federal government to embrace policies and projects that remove carbon at a gigaton scale — that



Rep. Scott Peters. (File photo by Thomas Murphy/Times of San Diego)

is, billions of tons each year. Erin Burns said the scale Carbon180 is trying to help achieve is "what climate models show we need ... especially now."

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that limiting global warming to 1.5 to 2°C will require urgently cutting greenhouse gas emissions and removing substantial amounts of CO₂ from the atmosphere.

The Carbon Dioxide Removal Leadership Act of 2026 supports the potential development of future carbon dioxide removal technologies, while currently focusing on direct air capture — where giant fans pull in surrounding air and pass it through chemical filters at an industrial plant.

Peters said that desire for new technologies could be an economic development opportunity for the San Diego region.

"We don't have a lot of heavy industry in San Diego," he said. "There are opportunities for things like direct air capture ... and that's something that does require a lot of a lot of land. That's something that could be set up in our county as well as any place else."

Wil Burns, the co-director of the Institute for Responsible Carbon Removal

at American University, warned direct air capture can be complicated because of the need for ongoing storage.

"You have to have areas underground geologically that are stable enough that you can store the CO₂ for long periods of time, so it doesn't leak into groundwater or end up back in the ground," he said. "You need pipelines or other things to get the CO₂ from where you've captured it to where it's going to be stored, unless you're lucky enough to have a direct air capture plant that's just right above areas that you can store the CO₂ — that's not usually what happens."

The institute looks at developing technologies for carbon removal, like enhanced rock weathering, which can permanently store carbon, unlike direct air capture.

Enhanced rock weathering spreads finely ground rocks rich in magnesium and silicon over soil. As the rocks react with rainwater and CO₂, they break down and convert the CO₂ into stable bicarbonates and carbonates, locking the carbon away — a permanent storage.

Any carbon removal efforts need support from states and the federal government, Wil Burns said. He said the need for governmental action is to keep pace with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's projections and rising global temperatures.

"We have to aggressively decarbonize the economy, stop putting more CO₂ in the atmosphere, but we also have to take huge amounts out of the atmosphere if we're going to meet these temperature goals," Wil Burns said. "There's no turning back from that, and the question is

'How do we get to those huge levels that we're nowhere near at this point in the longer term?'"

Erin Burns — she and Wil Burns are not related — said the carbon removal needed to combat emissions will require multiple strategies.

"You can create a carbon removal project, or you can create lots of kinds of them, (but) can you actually get to that gigaton scale? ... because if we're only going to remove a couple million tons, frankly, we're kind of wasting our time," she said. "That's not going to get us to any meaningful impact on climate."

She pointed to a game called Road to Ten Gigatons, developed by her colleagues, to show the difficulty of balancing the different carbon removal approaches to remove 10 billion tons of CO₂ from the atmosphere by 2050.

"(Carbon removal is) really not one thing. It's this really broad set of approaches, and some of them work well, and some of them — the best way to frame it is ... Can it work at scale? Can it work in a way that matters for climate?" Erin Burns said.

Wil Burns said carbon removal is one of the least politically controversial tactics to combat climate change.

"It's one of the few things that the (Trump) administration has not been openly hostile to," he said. "It's a mixed bag, but it means that there is a possibility that this legislation could go through and the president could sign it."

Still, neither Wil Burns nor Erin Burns believe the bill will pass right now. Both said they believe the timing and political climate will hold this bill back.

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Pacific Beach Arts Center holds groundbreaking to start renovations

By Dave Schwab
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

PACIFIC BEACH – Over 100 local arts supporters, volunteers, artists and residents gathered inside the new Pacific Beach Arts Center, etching their names on a wall and posing for photos on Sept. 2 to mark the official groundbreaking of the new community arts center. The event marked a major milestone in bringing new life to a long-vacant mid-century modern building in Pacific Beach.

The community grassroots group, beautifulPB, spearheaded the project to transform the 1950s-built former library at 4606 Ingraham St. into the home base and gateway for a proposed Pacific Beach Arts District. “Today is a very special day for Pacific Beach. Just a little over a year ago, beautifulPB had a vision to create a vibrant arts center for our community. Together, we’re building a center with the potential to do so much,” said Pacific Beach



Those attending a Sept. 2 groundbreaking for the new PB Arts Center posed for a group photograph commemorating the occasion. (Photo by David Rogers/beautifulPB)

Arts Steering Committee member Vince Glorioso.

“This is more than the beginning of a construction project. It is the beginning of a new chapter for the community,” said San Diego City Council President Joe LaCava. “You have proven time and again that Pacific Beach gets things done.” Lee Dulgeroff, senior executive director, facilities planning and construction at

San Diego Unified School District, spoke about the important partnership between the school district and the Arts Center. “We are proud of our collaboration and happy to support the efforts of the Pacific Beach Arts Center to bring expanded access to the arts to all students in the community,” Dulgeroff said.

Phase 1 of the arts center’s renovation, now underway, is projected to be

completed by the end of 2026. The renovation involves remodeling of the 7,000-square-foot, single-story mid-century building and 23,000 square feet of outdoor space called the PB Commons, which is to be used for events. That space has been activated since spring. The new arts center intends to deliver arts education programs for youth, adults, seniors, veterans and the underserved. It will offer after-school classes, summer camps, as well as support local artists with studio space, exhibitions, and resources. In addition, the Pacific Beach Arts Center will provide a space for community gatherings, meetings, and civic events. According to the project’s steering committee, they have raised over half of the campaign goal of \$1.25 million to complete the project. With over \$600,000 raised, the construction team can now stabilize the building with ADA compliance and work on the roof, flooring, plumbing, lighting and paint.

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17. Aircrafts
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23. Take to the limit
24. Baglike structure in a plant or animal
27. Start over
29. Administered
32. Romanian monetary unit
34. Unit of liquid capacity
35. Equips with weapons again
36. Disney town
39. Female deer
40. Title of respect
43. A place to go rafting
44. A way to conclude
46. Type of television
47. Georgia rockers
49. Leonhard ____, Swiss mathematician
51. Slang for gun
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Longtime Vogue editor Wintour
5. A Spanish title of respect
10. A way of looking
12. Properly
14. Rolled steel
16. Not down
18. Law degree
19. Consume food
20. Intermediate ecological stage
22. Old world, new
23. Dispense justice
25. Stiff hair-like structure
26. Ethiopia
27. Cool!
28. Father
30. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
31. Holm oak
33. Be united
35. Rattling breaths
37. Supermarket chain
38. Provided with a quality
40. Samoan monetary unit
41. Swiss river
42. Hill (Celtic)
44. Have already done
45. ATM company

48. Syngman ____, Korean president
50. Very willing
52. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
53. Food listings
55. Bachelor's place to crash
56. Big Blue
57. Sports magazine
58. Relating to a place north of south of the equator
63. Female follower of Bacchus
65. A type of laugh
66. Slovenly women
67. Large jug

CLUES DOWN

1. Boxing's GOAT
2. Zero
3. Midway between north and northeast
4. Concurred
5. Added flavor
6. Amount of time
7. Eggs of parasitic insects
8. S-shaped moldings
9. Atomic #45
10. ____ d'art: small artistic item
11. A godparent's "kids"
13. Nocturnal burrowing lizard

Mayflower replica appeared at Pacific Beach garden party

By Debbie L. Sklar
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

Imagine arriving at a garden party in Pacific Beach in 1929 and discovering a replica of the Mayflower sitting on the beach.

That was the scene at Braemar, the sprawling Scripps estate overlooking Mission Bay, where the ZLAC Rowing Club held its annual garden fete.

Braemar was the Pacific Beach home of Frederick T. Scripps and his wife, Sarah Emma Scripps. By the 1920s, the estate had become one of San Diego's show-places, known for its expansive gardens and unusual features.

The property included a log cabin, an adobe house, and an attractive lath house. Its gardens also provided a setting for social gatherings, with lawns and a strip of private beach adjoining Mission Bay.

In 1928, the nearby ZLAC Rowing Club began holding a garden fete at the Scripps estate to raise money for a new clubhouse. The event proved popular and became an annual spring tradition.

Then came the Mayflower.

In April 1929, the San Diego Union announced that Brae Mar, the home of F.T. Scripps, had again been selected as the site of the ZLAC Rowing Club's annual garden fete. The afternoon would include dancing, a Japanese tea room, fortune-telling and other entertainment.

But children had attractions of their own.

The newspaper noted that on the Scripps private beach was a "replica of the Mayflower." Around the boat, children could take part in treasure hunts, ride ponies and listen to storytellers.

A photograph preserved by the San Diego History Center shows the unusual vessel sitting on the beach in front of Braemar Manor, providing a remarkable glimpse of the Scripps property nearly a century ago.

The ship was apparently more than a one-day curiosity. In later garden fetes, it was described as a "pirate ship" and remained part of the entertainment for children.

The garden fetes grew into major social events. By 1931, the ZLAC celebration was



A replica of the Mayflower sits on the beach in front of Braemar Manor, the Pacific Beach estate of F.T. and Sarah Emma Scripps. The replica was an attraction at the ZLAC Rowing Club's annual garden fete, where children could participate in treasure hunts around the boat, c. 1929. (Photo and caption courtesy of the San Diego History Center.)

attracting more than 1,500 guests and had collected more than \$1,000 for the club's new clubhouse. Children enjoyed the pirate ship, along with a puppet show and other attractions.

The elaborate afternoons reflected the social life of San Diego during an era when private estates could become settings for charitable and community events.

The Mayflower replica was just one of the unusual sights at Braemar, but it may be the most memorable today.

Sarah Emma Scripps continued to live at Braemar until she died in 1954. The seven-acre estate was then acquired for redevelopment, and Braemar Manor was razed in 1959. The Catamaran Motor Hotel was subsequently built on the site.

But a piece of Braemar survived. The dining and entertainment wing, added to the mansion in the 1920s, was preserved and eventually relocated to its present site beside Rose Creek, where it is now known as Rose Creek Cottage.

The gardens, mansion, and Mayflower replica are all gone now.

Rush Bowls offers a fresh, nutritious alternative in Pacific Beach

By Dave Schwab
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

PACIFIC BEACH – Adrian Lopez came a long way from Arizona and the trucking business to San Diego to pursue a new occupation as a food franchisee and to live a healthier lifestyle.

“We’re part of a franchise that’s family-owned,” noted Lopez, who, along with his family members, operates Rush Bowls, serving up acai and fruit-blended smoothie bowls at 1418 Garnet Ave.

The franchise was created in 2004 by CEO Andrew Pudalov, who left finance in New York City to pursue health and wellness instead, opening his first all-natural acai bowl and smoothie bar in Boulder, Colo.

The Lopez family moved into food franchising initially for personal reasons. “After COVID, when everybody was getting sick, we wanted to shift our health and wellness, eat better, work out,” Adrian Lopez said.

Discussing the process Rush Bowls uses in producing acai and smoothie bowls, Lopez said, “Our whole concept is no added sugar – just blend the fruit. We’re the first in San Diego. We’re coming here with a healthier trend, not looking for the



Franchise owner Adrian Lopez standing in front of his place of business in Pacific Beach. (Photo by Dave Schwab/Times of San Diego)

soft-serve ice cream that we grew up on. It’s just more blended fruit.”

Added Lopez, “Our bowls are meal replacements for dinner, lunch or breakfast.”

Founder Pudalov created Rush Bowls to offer a fresh, nutritious alternative to traditional fast-casual dining. As demand grew, so did Rush’s menu and the brand’s mission of making healthy eating convenient, approachable, and craveable.

Over the years, Rush Bowls has maintained a disciplined, long-term approach to growth rooted in strong operations,

authentic wellness, and innovation. Today, Rush Bowls has grown into a nationally recognized franchise brand with more than 50 locations nationwide and over 100 in development.

Originally from Tucson, Lopez said he often visited Rush Bowl’s Tucson location. It was love at first bite.

“We fell in love with the product with no sugar added,” he said. “We couldn’t believe it was so good, tasty and healthy for you. After a while we said, ‘We should look into [franchising].’”

After having been in the trucking industry moving household furniture in Arizona for over 25 years, switching to food franchising in San Diego was a refreshing departure.

“We wanted something different, something more health-conscious,” Lopez noted.

And Lopez and his family were exactly the type of franchisee Rush Bowls wanted. “They loved our story,” he said. “Anybody can do it. You don’t have to have restaurant experience. So, we got into it and moved out here because we knew the (economic) outcome was going to be a lot better.”

The eatery’s menu offers a choice blend of all-natural fruits and veggies plus a

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wide selection of fresh fruits and toppings, like granola and honey. The menu includes an assortment of smoothies with some high-protein choices such as peanut butter. Rush’s menu also features appetizing bites made with ingredients like coconut, banana bread and granola.

There are also numerous cold coffee brews at Rush Bowls with flavorings like dirty chai, mocha and vanilla sweet.

Rush uses no artificial sweeteners, additives, preservatives or MSG in its products. The franchise is also dog-friendly — there’s even a Bow Wow Bowl on the menu.

Lopez and his family are now converts to eating healthier foods. Now, as a franchise owner, he urges others to come and check out Rush Bowls and see for themselves what healthier dietary choices are all about.

No seed oils and only organic ingredients at Sourpuss Donuts

By Mark Nero
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

MISSION BEACH – A donut shop isn’t usually what first comes to mind when one thinks of healthy food, but classically trained chef Renee Fox is trying to change that with her new café, Sourpuss Donuts in Mission Beach.

The eatery on Misson Boulevard has your traditional sweet treats of course, as well as another donut shop staple, fresh coffee. However, Sourpuss also offers health-oriented options and was created from a desire to bring a high quality “better for you” donut option to San Diego, according to Fox.

Instead of using canola oil, soybean oil and artificial ingredients, Sourpuss uses only organic ingredients, no seed oils and engages in local ingredient sourcing. The

café also offers San Diego’s only sourdough brioche donuts, according to Fox.

“The donuts are crafted with organic ingredients and choosing slow fermented sourdough make a unique donut that you can feel good about treating yourself to,” according to a statement provided by the café. “Cooking without seed oils or artificial ingredients allows you to enjoy a treat that otherwise may be considered off limits.”

Other offerings at Sourpuss for the health-conscious include yogurt bowls and fresh fruit. For those who aren’t as worried about calories, the menu includes sandwiches, burgers, fries and more.

A statement printed on the menu also makes it clear that Sourpuss isn’t your typical donut shop café.

“Real food, made from scratch using quality ingredients we trust – grass-fed, thoughtfully sourced and always free of inflammatory seed oils,” it says.

Sourpuss Donuts was previously a vendor at the Del Mar farmers market for three years before opening a physical location in spring. The storefront also includes a patio between the beach and the bay.

“(We) are so excited to embark on this new journey,” the owners said in a statement. “Our location is designed to be a relaxing and joyful space.”

Before moving to San Diego, Fox had years of experience owning and operating two farm-to-table restaurants in Santa Fe, New Mexico – Arable and Loyal Hound. She has also appeared on the Food Network multiple times and is an alumnus

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Where: 3231 Misson Blvd.

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Info: sourpussdonuts.com, call ahead at 619-509-0678.

of the James Beard Foundation’s Chef Bootcamp for Policy and Change, a rigorous three-day training course covering sustainable food systems, media relations and other topics.

She and her husband Dave say they moved to San Diego to pursue the California dream, and that dream is fulfilled with the opening of their brick-and-mortar Sourpuss Donuts café.

Live music round-up – My Town Fest and Neil Diamond Experience

By Bart Mendoza
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

Sing along to Sweet Caroline
Iconic singer-songwriter Neil Diamond may have retired from touring a decade ago, but his music’s popularity only seems to have increased in the ensuing years. There are currently multiple tribute acts around the country performing Diamond’s music, with one of the most popular being So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience, starring Robert Neary. Neary and the gang are stopping off at the Epstein Family Amphitheater on Sept. 11. The band is terrific, and Neary does a good job of replicating Diamond’s signature moves and sound. Diamond released a new album earlier this year, “Wild at Heart,” but this show is all about his amazing catalog of hits, with songs such as “Forever In Blue Jeans,” “Solitary Man,” and, of course, “Sweet Caroline,” sure to be amongst the evening’s highlights.

• *So Good! The Neil Diamond Experience: Friday, Sept. 11, at the Epstein Family*

Amphitheater, 9500 Gilman Drive. 7:30 p.m. \$20 and up.
Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ hit Humphreys Blues giants Taj Mahal and Keb’ Mo’ recently teamed up as the duo, Tajmo, for the second time in a decade to record and release the album, “Room on the Porch.” Blues fans won’t want to miss the pair’s current road trip celebrating the album’s release, which stops in at Humphreys Concerts by the Bay on Sept. 11. This is a true collaborative performance. While a handful of songs from their solo careers are in the current set list, alongside a few choice cover tunes originally by the likes of Jimmy Cox and Sleepy John Estes, the bulk of the night’s music will be from Taj Mahal and Keb Mo’s two solo albums to date.

• *Taj Mahal & Keb’ Mo’: Friday, Sept. 11 at Humphreys Concerts by the Bay, 2241 Shelter Island Drive. 7 p.m. \$88 and up.*
My Town Fest in Ocean Beach
My Town, a two-day music festival celebrating San Diego’s punk community, takes place at the Holding Company on

Sept. 12–13. Almost two dozen groups will perform across the weekend, with some of the highlights set to include a reunion show from ’90s era favorites Everready, costumed mayhem from tongue-in-cheek rockers, The Spice Pistols, and adrenaline-charged trio, The Mice, playing their first gig in six years. However, the event’s top spot goes to pioneering and influential South Bay band The Zeros, whose classic singles such as “Don’t Push Me Around” and “Beat Your Heart Out” still pack a punch nearly 50 years after their initial release.

• *My Town Fest: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12–13 at The Holding Company, 5046 Newport Ave. 1 p.m. \$20 per day.*
Afro-Cuban Jams
On Sept. 14, The Athenaeum hosts jazz quintet Mar Picao as part of their free, Monday lunchtime concert series. Led by composer and keyboardist Julio Valdes, as heard on their new album, “Antecedente,” Mar Picao mixes Afro-Cuban rhythms with jazz and touches of rock, for a lively sound that in a non-library setting would

surely have an audience up and dancing. While jazz listeners will enjoy this show, so will fans of jazz-influenced artists such as Santana and Steely Dan, particularly during the extended solos.

• *Mar Picao: Monday, Sept. 14 at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library, 1008 Wall St. Noon. Free.*
John January
Blues guitarist John January will bring his band to The Harp on Sept. 13 for a free show. One of the linchpins of San Diego’s music community, January has been in over a dozen top-rated local bands since he started performing in local clubs back in the late 1970s. An excellent guitar player, January and company turn in solid versions of songs by the likes of John Mayall, but he also has good originals such as “So Much Going On,” from his latest album, “True,” that sound like they are cut from the same cloth as the songs of his musical heroes.

• *The John January Band: Sunday, Sept. 13 at The Harp, 4935 Newport Ave. 2 – 5 p.m. No Cover.*

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SDSU alum Ty France, last of MLB players once guided by Coach Gwynn

By Barry M. Bloom

SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — The Padres have been winning during the second half of the season mostly because of an offensive turnaround from their superstars, but the feel-good story of the year has to be the emergence of once and future first baseman Ty France.

The Padres are 10-4 in their last 10 games, and a half game behind Arizona for the third Wild Card spot as they head into the final stretch.

France grew up in Orange County, was drafted by the Padres, and as a member of the San Diego State baseball team more than a decade ago is the last active Major League tie to San Diego great and Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn Sr.

That makes France Padres royalty just by association.

“Looking at it now it’s unbelievable,” France said in an exclusive interview with Times of San Diego. “Just the amount of knowledge he had and how good he was at being able to slow down the game for us. He was there to get you better, get you to the next level and hope you succeed.”

“I mean, I still call him Coach Gwynn. That’s how I viewed him. But now being so far removed from college I understand how special that was.”

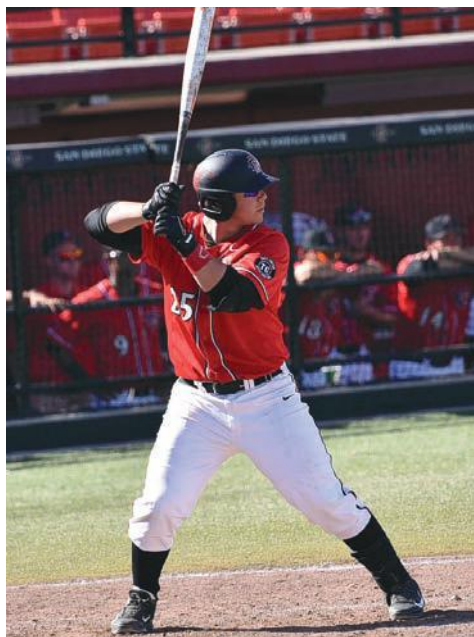
Gwynn was head coach of the Aztecs when he died at 54 on June 16, 2014, from complications of salivary gland cancer. France was a member of that team.

Gwynn retired in 2001 after 20 seasons, all with the Padres, holding a .338 lifetime batting average, while amassing 3,141 hits and a record-tying eight National League batting titles.

He was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame along with Cal Ripken Jr. on a July day in 2007 when a crowd of 75,000 poured into Cooperstown, N.Y. There hadn’t been that many fans before and not even close since.

Gwynn replaced Jim Dietz as the Aztecs coach in 2003. Along the way, some of his prominent players made it to the majors, including the electric pitcher Stephen Strasburg and his son, Tony Gwynn Jr., now one of the Padres’ broadcasters.

His father always had high expectations for France, the younger Gwynn said.



Ty France as an Aztec in 2015. (Photo courtesy of San Diego State University)

“Ty reminded him of his approach as a hitter in terms of using the whole field,” he said. “He wanted Ty to be drafted, and he knew when he got his foot in the door he would hit.”

France was picked by the Padres in the 34th round of the 2015 draft, made it to the Padres, and lasted almost two seasons during his first San Diego tour before being traded to the Mariners in late 2020. He was batting .305 at time.

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He’s hitting .294 (.267 during the first half of the season and .347 since then) with 20 home runs and 63 RBIs, according to MLB statistics. Gwynn was right.

“When it comes to hitting my dad wasn’t wrong about a lot,” Gwynn Jr. said. “The question was where he would play, and he turned himself into a Gold Glove first baseman.”

France, who won his first Gold Glove last year, evidently has Gwynn’s famous work



Ty France throws a ball to first base during a 2020 practice. (File photo by Chris Stone/Times of San Diego)

ethic. He recently took incessant throws across the diamond and grounders at first base, leaving an interviewer waiting at Chase Field in Phoenix.

Gwynn wasn’t much of a fielder either when the Padres drafted him in 1981 with a third-round pick, also out of San Diego State. His arm was weak.

During batting practice at old Jack Murphy Stadium, a Padres coach, the late Bobby Tolan, backed him up to the cyclone outfield fence so he could long-toss the ball, building up his arm strength. Gwynn started 2,122 games in right field and won five Gold Gloves.

Gwynn’s greatest adjustment as a college coach, he said at the time, was not expecting his young players to have his commitment. That’s a common malady among star players who become college coaches or big league managers. Gwynn forgot he split his time as a guard playing basketball where he’s still San Diego State’s all-time assist leader, for a single-game (18), season (221) and career (590).

Baseball was really an afterthought, although he batted .416 in 1981, his final college season.

Someone at the old San Diego Tribune used to say, “Tony could fall out of a bathtub and hit,” which he proved in his final 2001 season, batting .324 despite playing

on an injured left knee.

“I don’t want to say the game was easy for him,” France said about Gwynn. “But he was so talented, he was part of the zero to one percent. He was so at that level of the game he couldn’t understand why, as college kids, we weren’t as good as he was. It took him awhile to adjust.”

France was a .337 hitter for his three college years, most of them under Gwynn, who passed away before his final season. Gwynn always attributed his cancer to chewing tobacco, a habit he never really quit.

France remembers the day Gwynn died as if it was yesterday.

“Everything we heard he was getting better,” France recalled. “He was getting past it. I was going to come back for my junior year, and he was going to be there as coach. That morning I woke up to a handful of text messages and phone calls asking me if it was true? I had no clue. And I turned on the TV, and it was all over the place.”

Gwynn played in the only two Padres’ World Series appearances, 1984 and 1998, both losses. France has a chance to do it this postseason.

The Padres are right there in the NL Wild Card race. If he does ultimately lift a trophy, he can dedicate it to Gwynn.

Despite US Open loss, PB's Zach Svajda having breakout season

By Michael Lewis

SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

FLUSHING, N.Y. — There's a reason male tennis players never have to play two Grand Slam, best-of-five matches on consecutive days.

The wear and tear on the body is overwhelming. Pro tennis in 2026 is brutally physical, with matches and games stretching past three, four, and on occasion five hours.

Zach Svajda, the 23-year-old San Diego kid who has rocketed up the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) rankings this year, felt every bit of it before, during and after his Sept. 3 match at the US Open against France's Arthur Gea.

"I woke up this morning, and my abs and my core were totally locked up," Svajda said. "My back, my legs, everything was a lot more sore than usual. So I knew it was going to be a struggle."

That struggle resulted in a second-round, four-set loss to France's Gea at the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center Thursday night, knocking Svajda out of the tournament after a 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 loss.

The San Diegan won the first set 7-5, but Gea rallied to take the next three sets.

"Even when I won the first set, I wasn't feeling too good," Svajda said. "But you know, it's the Open, a Grand Slam, a big opportunity, so I tried to push through and hang in there; who knows what could happen. But he played really, really well."

Despite the loss, 2026 has been a remarkably successful year for the former USTA 18s national champion.

His climb up the ATP rankings has been slow and steady; 2025 saw him break into the Top 150 for the first time, then the 23-year-old cracked the Top 100 after a strong start to the year.

But then his 2026 took off like a rocket ship: In Australia, he won three qualifying matches to make the main draw for the first time, then shocked everyone by reaching the fourth round of Roland Garros before losing a close four-setter to No. 14 seed Flavio Cobolli.

Proving his run in Paris was no fluke, Svajda made it to the third round at Wimbledon before losing.



Zachary Svajda in action during a Men's Singles match on Day Four of the 2026 US Open at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center on Sept. 2, in Flushing, N.Y. (Photo by Garrett Ellwood/USTA)

He earned \$948,000 in 2026 heading into the U.S. Open, and now has blown past the \$1 million mark.

"The only big thing I bought myself was a new Rolex," Svajda sheepishly admitted.

Svajda cracked the Top 65 in the ATP rankings earlier this summer, before an intestinal virus knocked him off the tour for a few weeks after Wimbledon. He entered the Open ranked No. 80.

"Going into Roland Garros, making the second week I was like, 'wow,'" he said. "It was a little shocker because I never grew up on clay. I only grew up on hard courts. That showed a lot to me, that I could beat anyone on any surface."

"It's been a good year so far. You know, a lot of goals have been achieved, and I'm still hunting for more, but it's been a good year."

At the U.S. Open, Svajda endured rain delays that postponed his match a few times before winning in the first round over Germany's Daniel Altmeier. Then

came his loss to Gea.

"I'm very happy with where his game is right now. He seems to be in a great spot," said longtime coach David Nainkin, who, along with Ray Sarmiento, coaches Svajda. "He's made great strides and has really come along nicely."

Svajda said there hasn't been any one thing that has made his 2026 so successful, just having the confidence to try what he does in practice, in matches.

"We're putting the pieces together," he said. "I felt like I could always do that in practice but now we're finally this year putting that into matches and so like, I keep going after my serve more, and looking for the forehand. Even though I'm kind of known to have a really good backhand, I'm actually running around my forehand, using that more and just building more weapons."

"Before," he continued, "I'd be scared in a way to not really to play my game like how I do in practice, but I told myself

like you know we put so much hard work in with my team and I want to become a top player, I'm gonna have to do what I do in practice on the match."

Other players have noticed how well Svajda is doing. After his own second-round win, fellow Californian Alex Michelsen beamed when asked about Svajda.

"Zach! That's my boy! He's doing so great, so happy for him," Michelsen said.

Coming back to Flushing Meadows this year brought mixed feelings for Svajda. Last year on Aug. 27, on Arthur Ashe Stadium, he played one of the greatest men's players of all time, Novak Djokovic, and gave the legend all he could handle in a four-set loss.

Watching from his home in San Diego, Tom Svajda did his best to follow the action, as he always has when watching or coaching his sons, Zach or Trevor. Tom Svajda was a longtime pro at Pacific Beach Tennis Club, nurturing players young and old.

He started (coaching me) when I was 2," Zach Svajda said Thursday. "It's been our tradition our whole life. So, him seeing me (play Djokovic) was really special."

That match was always going to be memorable the 23-year-old, but one reason it is, is a tragic one: It was the last match Tom was able to watch. The elder Svajda had been battling cancer for years, and passed away on Oct. 13 at age 60.

Zach played one more match in 2025, then took the rest of the year off, to grieve and help his family.

"I didn't hit a ball for like three months, not until it was time to leave for Australia," Svajda recalled. "And then I knew that for the rest of my career, I was going to play for my dad. I think about him every day."

Despite the loss, the arrow is most decidedly pointed up for Svajda's career, as it also is for Trevor, currently a top college player at Southern Methodist University in Texas.

"I've been staying positive and really enjoying seeing the progress," Svajda said. "Still a long way to go."

Wherever he does go, he knows Tom will be watching.

San Diego Bayfair returns bigger and better than ever

By Mark Nero

SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

MISSION BAY – Although Labor Day is seen as the traditional end of summer, fall doesn't officially begin until Sept. 22, which means that there's one more big event in town before summer finally winds down: San Diego Bayfair.

For those who aren't familiar, San Diego Bayfair is a beach festival and powerboat competition on Mission Bay. This year's event is set for Sept. 18-20, ending just a couple of days before autumn replaces summer.

As always, this year's San Diego Bayfair features powerboat races, live music, a classic car show, food and drink vendors, U.S. Coast Guard demonstrations and more.

The event draws locals and powerboat fans from up and down the state as well as Arizona.

"We'll have over 1,000 RVs that will come in," organizer Gregg Mansfield told Times of San Diego. "We kind of become



San Diego Bayfair features powerboat races, live music, and a classic car show. (Photo by courtesy of San Diego Bayfair)

a mini city, so to speak, inside Mission Bay Park for this event."

Mansfield said that part of the reason's existence is to bring in visitors and revenue during a time when summer has already peaked, and some tourists are leaving San Diego and heading back home. In fact, one of the event's biggest sponsors is the San Diego Tourism Marketing District, which this year provided \$150,000 in funding.

"Our event helps attract people who come in and stay in hotel rooms," Mansfield explained. "And so, we're part of the city's effort to help bring people in to spend nights in hotel rooms. We (also) sell RV spaces that are part of it, and we generate money from that. We generate a lot of hotel room occupancies, and importantly, we generate them outside the summer season."

"That's why our event is always after Labor Day; it's kind of an effort to help the city in general," he explained. "Just trying to bring in some extra revenue for the city, outside the summer."

San Diego Bayfair, which was first held in 1964, has been a mainstay event, Mansfield said, due to the accessibility that attendees receive.

"We're not an event like a NASCAR event, where you gotta buy a ticket to get to this point, or you gotta do this to get these services. We're basically an event where you buy a ticket, you can go to the pits and go talk to the drivers, go see all

SAN DIEGO BAYFAIR

Where: Crown Point and east Vacation Island on Mission Bay.

When: Sept. 18-20.

Tickets: Cost ranges for \$15 for a one-day pass to \$450 for three-day VIP tickets.

Info: sandiegobayfair.org/ or 858-578-0884.

the stuff. You can walk; you have accessibility," he said.

"And so, I think the nice thing about it is, is that people understand that not only is Mission Bay beautiful, but it's really kind of family-friendly and accessible," he continued. "If somebody doesn't know the boats, they literally can walk up to the rail and just start asking questions because these guys love their boats so much, or like the sport, that they're more than willing to engage in conversations."

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