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Mayor reopens
13 restrooms in
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after complaints

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Jennifer Campbell responded to concerns from residents, visitors, and other elected officials of unhealthy and unsanitary conditions by announcing on Wednesday, Aug. 13, that 13 of the restrooms that were closed because the city couldn’t afford maintenance and upkeep will be reopened. Gloria said that a higher-than-expected state grant can now be used to reopen 13 restrooms along Mission Bay Park and keep them open through the end of 2026. The announcement comes after a month of complaints from residents and others about rampant public urination in the park and potential public health issues. **PAGE 3**

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Mission Beach woman shot
in Tijuana still recovering

Cassandra Light was shot in an attempted car-jacking in Tijuana and is facing a long physical recovery as well as mounting financial challenges. The assault has left her immobile and unable to walk without assistance. **PAGE 4**



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Grand jury report supports improvements to region's bicycle network

By Dave Schwab
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – A recent San Diego County Civil Grand Jury report highlights the challenges faced when traveling by bicycle and urges local jurisdictions to improve the region's bicycle network, including expansion and interconnection of bike lanes.

The San Diego County Civil Grand Jury is an independent body of 19 citizens that investigates citizen complaints. The group audits local government operations, evaluating the efficiency of city and county agencies.

The Grand Jury's report, *Shifting Gears: San Diego Peddles Bicycle Mobility Through a City Dominated by Cars*, has been hailed by several cycling groups, including the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, BikeSD, Circulate Planning & Policy, Families for Safe Streets San Diego and Climate Action Campaign.

Cyclists insist it is a major step forward in encouraging people to get out of greenhouse-gas emitting cars, and into more active, healthy and less polluting travel modes like bicycling and mass transit.

"We are grateful for the grand jury report, which outlines what anyone who gets on a bike in the city knows: in many places the infrastructure is inadequate, the streets are dangerous, and maintenance is lacking," said Ian Hembree, advocacy and community manager for the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition. "We hope our elected officials take these recommendations seriously, and continue supporting safer, more multi-modal streets for all."

"Reaching 10% bicycle mode share by 2035 will require more than ambitious targets," said Anar Salayev, executive director of BikeSD. "It will require building a transportation system that ordinary people trust enough to use. The Grand Jury has provided a detailed assessment of where San Diego stands today. What happens next depends on whether we have the resolve and political will to turn those findings into action."

"The City's Climate Action Plan shows that 57% of greenhouse gas emissions come from vehicles and driving, yet they've made barely any progress toward their 10% bicycle mode share goal that would help reduce these emissions," said Anthony Dang, policy and community outreach manager at Climate Action Campaign.

"The Grand Jury's report recommendations need to be implemented if the city is to reach its climate goals and create safer communities."

"Families for Safe Streets San Diego knows what happens when there are gaps in the bike network and plans without implementation. People die, families are shattered, and lives are cut short," warned Laura Keenan, co-founder of Families for Safe Streets San Diego.

"Council President LaCava and other council members submit their responses for the Grand Jury to the Independent Budget Analyst," said council communications director Chris Chan, who said it's premature to comment yet on the Grand Jury's report.

"LaCava and other council members submit their responses for the Grand Jury to the Independent Budget Analyst," Chan said. "The IBA compiles them and creates an official response which will come to the committee, and then the City Council in the next few months."

Maintenance of bike lanes and their expansion have been a hot-button issue in San Diego for many years. Unlike the bicycling community, which actively supports bike-network expansion, formal opposition to adding more bike lanes typically comes from ad-hoc local merchant groups, neighborhood coalitions, and specific community associations rather than major civic institutions. Opposition typically centers around the loss of street parking and traffic-lane reductions.

To take the community's "pulse" on bike lanes and their proposed expansion versus preservation of vehicular parking citywide, Times of San Diego conducted a "shout out" on social media for residents' views.

Here's what people had to say:

Restaurateur Mark Oliver of Pueblo in Pacific Beach doubts that mixing bike lanes with car traffic is ever going to be safe enough to consider on a broad scale.

"The city will never have enough surplus money to budget for maintaining and increasing bike lanes on the scale of the Grand Jury recommendations," Oliver said. "Stop pretending that bikes will replace cars, trolleys, Uber, and buses. My recommendation would be to focus on bike lanes around schools, recreational areas, and scenic routes, some of which are already



Bicycle riders cruise around Crown Point on the Mission Bay Park path. (Photo by Thomas Melville/Times of San Diego)

designated street routes."

Jim Baross, president of the California Association of Bicycling Organizations, offered a counter perspective. "If/when every motorist learns to behave as though bicycling belonged on public roadways, there would be less need for separated spaces," he said.

"Most people, and apparently this Grand Jury, seem to believe and act as though bicycling on public roads should be reserved for people using motor vehicles and that people should only ride where there are 'bike lanes.' Roads are for people, not only for people in cars. Public roads are to be shared between all people traveling lawfully."

Eleanor Mosca of La Jolla suggested adding more bike lanes would be putting the cart before the horse. "Before bike lanes are established, the roads where they are to go should be fully repaired," she said. "Why put in a bike lane at great expense, and later repair the road and have to replace the bike lane a second time?"

"[Bike lanes] are going to ruin our city," warned Tim Hill of La Jolla. "Get it on the ballot to stop this colossal waste of money!"

Laura Meldrum of PB believes there are other, higher priorities than bike lanes. "I'm all for making things better for cyclists, but not at the expense of so much," she said. "We cannot afford more bike lanes if we have to close the restrooms in Mission Bay Park."

Alek Nagel of University City believes bicyclists need to pay up or shut up. "If bicyclists want bike lanes, they should pay for their use," he said. "Our roads are terrible, and we are wasting millions on green lines and protected bike lanes for very few people."

Mayor reopens Mission Bay restrooms after complaints of conditions

By Dorian Hargrove
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

MISSION BAY – The complaints about public urination and unsanitary conditions at the recently closed restrooms at Mission Bay came from residents, the Mission Bay Park Committee, and council members from the other side of town.

San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria and Councilmember Jennifer Campbell responded to those concerns, Wednesday, Aug. 13, announcing that 13 of the restrooms that were closed because the city couldn't afford maintenance and upkeep will be reopened.

"This was an extremely difficult budget year for the city of San Diego," Gloria said during an Aug. 12 news conference. "...Balancing the budget required significant reductions across all city departments. Closing these public restrooms were among the difficult choices we were forced to make to balance the budget."

The mayor added, "I understand the frustration that this has caused. I share in that frustration."



Men's public bathroom at Spanish Landing Park on North Harbor Drive. (Photo by Thomas Murphy/Times of San Diego)

Gloria said that a higher-than-expected state grant can now be used to reopen 13 restrooms along Mission Bay and keep them open through the end of 2026.

"This does solve our immediate problem," he said, while reiterating his long push for increased revenues such as a higher sales tax. "It does not solve the gap between the resources it takes to keep city services at the service levels that San Diegans expect. Ongoing city services require ongoing funding."

The announcement comes after a month of complaints from residents

and others about rampant public urination and potential public health issues.

"Bathrooms should be open at beaches," reads an Aug. 11 complaint on Get It Done, the city's app for reporting community issues, about the shuttered restrooms. "What is wrong with you people? We won't be 'America's Finest City' for long. It will become a public health crisis before long!"

On Aug. 4, the Mission Bay Park Committee also weighed in.

"Some of the park's comfort stations may be closed, but those areas are still in use by the public," reads a letter from the committee to Gloria. "The result of these closures is public urination, lack of sanitation, and negative impact to disabled, elderly and young children who cannot easily travel the additional distance to access comfort stations that remain open to the public."

“The result of these closures is public urination, lack of sanitation...”

Mission Bay Park Committee's letter to Mayor Gloria

Council members in districts at the other end of the city also derided the decision to close the Mission Bay restrooms.

"I have been pushing hard against this public health issue alongside community leaders and local medical professionals since it was proposed," Councilmember Raul Campillo, who has expressed interest in running for mayor in 2028, said in a statement.

"I'm proud that my advocacy, along with that of tens of thousands of San Diegans on this important issue, finally got through to the mayor, and much-needed relief is coming to our community. I thank him for hearing what San Diegans have been asking for and delivering today."

He added, though, that, even with the restrooms soon to re-open, "the job is not done." "They must be monitored."

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Mission Beach woman recovering after being shot in Tijuana

By Karen Pearlman
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

MISSION BEACH — In the aftermath of an attempted carjacking in June, life coach Cassandra Light says she is facing a long physical recovery as well as mounting financial challenges.

Light, a Mission Beach resident, said she was driving back to San Diego from Rosarito with her dog on a Monday afternoon in mid-June when a vehicle blocked her from entering a highway on-ramp on a busy Tijuana road.

A masked man then approached her window and opened fire, according to Light's account on GoFundMe, which she launched to help cover medical costs.

One bullet passed through the driver's side window and exited through the passenger door. A second struck her lower leg, shattering her tibia and fibula before exiting near her ankle. The masked assailant threw Light from the vehicle onto the street.

Light said that two women who witnessed the attack came to her aid; one applied a makeshift tourniquet that she credits with helping save her life. Ellie, her dog, also made it out of the car.

The assault has left Light immobile and unable to walk without assistance for about half a year.

Initially treated at an emergency room in Tijuana before getting transferred to the U.S. border, where she was picked up by American paramedics and taken to Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego. She spent 10 days in the trauma center and has undergone four surgeries, leaving her with a metal plate, a rod and multiple screws in her leg.

More than a month after the attack, Light said her cast and stitches have been removed, but doctors told her in mid-July that she will be unable to put weight on the injured leg for at least six months.

"Simple things I never had to think twice about, getting down my stairs to go outside, walking Ellie, making breakfast, taking a shower safely, carrying anything, everything now requires planning, assistance, or isn't possible at all," Light wrote on her GoFundMe page.

"My days are spent with my leg elevated, focused on minimizing pain and healing. The medication I need to manage the pain also means I can't show up for my



Mission Beach resident Cassandra Light with her Golden retriever, Ellie. (Photo courtesy of GoFundMe)

coaching clients in the way they deserve, so my business has been placed on hold while I recover."

INVESTIGATION UNCLEAR

It is not clear whether Mexican authorities have identified a suspect or made any arrests. Multiple outlets reporting on the case have stated that no arrests had been made as of Aug. 1.

The FBI's San Diego field office, asked whether it was aware of the attack or providing investigative or technical assistance to Mexican authorities, referred comment to Mexican investigators.

"The FBI stands ready to assist in any way that the Mexican government may request," the agency said in a statement attributable to the FBI, provided by its San Diego Public Affairs office. "We would refer you to the Mexican authorities leading the investigation for any comment on this matter."

The statement did not address whether the FBI's Legal Attaché in Mexico has been in contact with Mexican authorities about



Cassandra Light's Mercedes SUV with a bullet hole in the door. (Photo courtesy of GoFundMe)

the case, nor did it confirm or deny any open investigation or victim assistance involvement on the FBI's part.

Light's Mercedes SUV remains impounded in Tijuana, where it was held as evidence. She has said Mexican authorities told her she must appear in person at the tow yard to retrieve it, a requirement complicated by her inability to walk or travel. Storage fees have continued to accumulate in the meantime.

Light said she hired a Mexican attorney to help navigate the vehicle's release and said she has also been in contact with the U.S. Consulate General in Tijuana.

TRAVEL SAFETY

Joaquin Luken, executive director of the Smart Border Coalition, a nonprofit focused on cross-border mobility between Tijuana and San Diego, said the attack on Light appears to have been an isolated incident rather than evidence of a broader pattern targeting American travelers.

"I don't think they were targeting her and said, 'Oh, she's American, let's take advantage of that,'" Luken said, noting that roughly 150,000 people cross the San Diego-Tijuana border on a given day for reasons ranging from culinary quests to work and school to medical and veterinary care.

Luken said Tijuana remains a safe city that depends heavily on visitors from the United States and on tourism in general, and that isolated violent incidents can occur in any densely trafficked border region.

He recommended that travelers take common-sense precautions: know their destination in advance, confirm appointments or businesses through research or referral rather than asking strangers for directions, carry adequate insurance — he

pointed to providers like Baja Bound that specialize in coverage for U.S. travelers in Mexico — and exchange cash for pesos on the U.S. side of the border before crossing.

Luken also urged travelers to be aware of vehicle lane rules when crossing back into the U.S.

Drivers without a Trusted Traveler program membership, such as SENTRI or Global Entry, must use general traffic lanes, which he said can carry waits of four to six hours. He cautioned that repeated use of the wrong lane — including the SENTRI lane, if a driver isn't officially enrolled — can result in fines or a vehicle being placed in secondary inspection.

The U.S. State Department maintains a Level 3 "Reconsider Travel" advisory for Baja California, citing crime, including armed carjacking and kidnapping.

"I'm not saying never go," Light shared on her Facebook page. "But right now it's at peak crime rates. I had no idea. I learned the hard way."

SILVER LININGS

Throughout the ordeal, Light has said Ellie, her dog, has been a source of comfort. Ellie was in the back seat of the vehicle during the shooting and, according to Light's account, jumped out to reach her after she was thrown from the car.

The dog was allowed to ride with Light in the ambulance from the scene to the Tijuana hospital and again across the border to Scripps Mercy, where hospital staff cared for the young dog outside the operating room during Light's surgeries.

Light said hospital staff who interacted with Ellie during her recovery encouraged her to have the dog trained and certified as a therapy dog.

Their input is now among the goals of Light's GoFundMe campaign, which as of Aug. 1 had raised \$11,690 toward a \$13,000 goal to cover housing, rehabilitation, transportation, legal costs, the recovery of her vehicle and Ellie's future therapy dog training.

Light, who founded Clight LLC and The Confident Shift, said she left a decade-long career in tech before launching her coaching business about two years ago. She added in her GoFundMe post that she has had to pause client work while she manages pain medication and recovery.

Community rallies to help renovate Fire Station 16 on Mount Soledad

By Karen Pearlman

SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — After more than four decades, firefighters at San Diego Fire Station 16 are finally getting something most people take for granted: a quiet, private place to sleep.

The station on Mount Soledad is undergoing its first major renovation since opening in 1982, replacing cramped, makeshift sleeping quarters with insulated private rooms designed to give firefighters the uninterrupted rest they need between emergency calls.

The nearly \$150,000 project, now in its final stages, culminates years of discussion and planning.

Led by the nonprofit San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation, the Rotary Club of La Jolla and La Jolla Sunrise Rotary Club, the effort has drawn support from architects, contractors, businesses, city staff and hundreds of community donors.

"This has been in the works since before the pandemic, so it's been a long journey to get here," said Wendy Moore, executive director of the San Diego Fire-Rescue Foundation. "But once we finally got everything lined up and in place, it happened surprisingly smoothly."

FIREFIGHTERS' HEALTH

The renovation replaces the station's aging open-concept dormitory, where firefighters slept behind makeshift partitions and accordion doors that were short in length.

"The firefighters' bedroom doors were corrugated plastic that latched and squeaked," said Cindy Goodman, president of the Rotary Club of La Jolla. "They didn't even go to the ceiling, so every sound, every smell, every light — it all went from room to room. There was no privacy."

The remodeled dorms include insulated walls, full-height doors, new windows, flooring, lockers, cabinets, desks, chairs, mattresses, bedding, televisions, individual lighting, white-noise machines and additional storage. The station is also sporting a new exterior and fresh interior paint.

Moore said the improvements are about



Fire Station 16 is undergoing its first major renovation since opening in 1982. (Photo by Karen Pearlman/Special to Times of San Diego)

much more than face value and a higher level of comfort for the firefighters.

"Sleep deprivation is so closely linked to mental health and cardiac issues, and they're working these strange hours," Moore said. "Anything we can do to help them rest and restore themselves is important."

Architect Parker Davenport, who has donated his time to lead the project, said the sleeping quarters are the team's top priority.

"What's really important is their ability to get a good night's sleep so they can respond efficiently to calls," Davenport said.

Davenport, a member of La Jolla Sunrise Rotary and a project manager with Arista Architects, was recruited by retired architect and fellow Rotarian Tripp Bennett, who helped lead the successful remodel of Fire Station 13 in 2007.

"Being in the architecture profession, I had the tools to create a floor plan and work through the cost estimates," Davenport said. "It was a good opportunity to use those skills through Rotary to give back."

He said one of the most rewarding moments has been watching firefighters see their new rooms take shape.

"It's been really awesome to see the firefighters walk into their rooms after they were framed," Davenport said. "Seeing their reactions has been pretty gratifying."

Goodman said the renovation reflects what can happen when community organizations, and residents work together.

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California has thousands of abandoned oil wells, two near Mission Bay

By Mireya Miner
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — Earlier this year, a report from the Center for Biological Diversity identified over 30,000 idle oil and gas wells throughout California, many of which sit in proximity to schools, public parks and residential care facilities.

The report identified over 4,000 idle wells throughout California located within 3,200 feet of these sensitive sites. While the state has prohibited any new oil and gas drilling projects within this “health-protection zone,” 3,800 sensitive sites remain near these wells.

Of the 34 wells in San Diego, 25 lay within this 3,200-foot distance of sensitive sites — or just over half a mile. Two are in Bay Park near Mission Bay.

CLAIREMONT WELLS

When Eadie DeMarcus, a Clairemont resident and board member of the Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Group, first heard about abandoned oil wells, she was curious how many were in her neighborhood.

She found that three of the wells are in Clairemont, and they are near at least 12 schools, playgrounds and healthcare centers.

Hoping to learn more, DeMarcus soon found there was little information available.

“I don’t know exactly the impact of the specific wells in Clairemont,” she said. “Which is why it’s also important for people to know about.”

DeMarcus added that many of these wells are “hidden in plain sight,” unnoticed by residents and long-forgotten by drilling companies.

According to the California Department of Conservation’s Geologic Energy Management Division (CalGEM), an idle well is “a well that has not been used for two years or more and has not been properly plugged and abandoned (sealed and closed).”

IDLE WELL PROGRAM

It’s not just a public health concern, though the risks are as yet unclear. Tax dollars are at stake too. Current estimates suggest that it will cost \$21.5 billion to plug all idle wells statewide.

The wells are monitored under CalGEM’s Idle Well Program. While it is the

responsibility of the oil and gas companies to properly seal these wells under section 3206 of California’s Public Resource Code, “they’ve only provided financial assurance for about 1% of the money to clean up oil and gas wells in the state,” according to Emily Diaz-Loar, author of the Center for Biological Diversity report.

She added that many companies “often offload these responsibilities on the state” and desert the wells. These “orphaned wells” then become CalGEM’s responsibility to properly seal, leaving taxpayers to cover the costs.

Diaz-Loar said that the majority of idle wells in San Diego have been unplugged for over 40 years, with three wells having been unplugged for over 100 years. “The longer the wells go unmonitored, the more likelihood there is of leakage,” she said.

Proper sealing procedures for idle wells includes creating a cement plug to permanently “isolate the hydrocarbon-bearing formation from water sources.”

WATER POLLUTION

“If a well is not properly sealed and closed, it may provide a pathway for hydrocarbons or other contaminants to migrate into drinking water or to the surface,” according to CalGEM.

Linda Lara Jacobo, a toxicologist and assistant professor for San Diego State University’s Department of Environmental Health, said that possible contaminants from idle wells can include methane, benzene, hydrogen sulfide and other volatile organic compounds.

DeMarcus said that one of her primary concerns is “the risk of environmental pollutants like benzene and toluene, especially since those have been linked to things like cancer.”

A 2020 study from the California Energy Commission found that 65% of idle wells surveyed were leaking methane, with a “mean emission (of) 5.6 grams of methane per hour.” This means that of the over 30,000 idle wells identified by the Center for Biological Diversity, 19,500 could be leaking methane.

Methane can cause groundwater and air pollution. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, methane accounted for 12% of greenhouse gas emissions in 2022, with energy and industrial development being the second largest source of the

pollutant in the U.S.

Local communities are at risk from methane exposure. However, Jacobo said that the extent of that risk is “hard to tell,” due to improper monitoring of idle wells. “Chronic exposure” to methane — and other pollutants, such as benzene, a carcinogen — can lead to health complications such as heart conditions or respiratory illnesses.

“I mean, if right now we start [monitoring] it, that would be best,” she said. “But, it’s really hard to predict this type [of pollution]. If they haven’t done the surveillance properly, it’s going to be complicated to tell what is the risk.”

According to Diaz-Loar, this “limited and insufficient monitoring” of pollution is one of the top concerns associated with idle wells. She added that while there “is not a huge body of scientific evidence identifying exactly what the threats are from these wells,” raising awareness is the first step towards finding a solution.

“We did the analysis to inform the public on the proximity of these wells to these sensitive sites across the state, and to try to push the legislature to pass laws that make oil and gas companies pay for their cleanup,” she said.

LEGISLATION

Some bills have been passed to provide more financial incentives for the companies to properly seal and plug wells. AB 1866 amends CalGEM’s Idle Well Management Plan (IWMP) program by “removing the restriction of long-term idle wells and allowing for the management and elimination of all idle wells on the plan,” according to the plan website.

ABANDONED OIL WELLS NEAR MISSION BAY

— Milton and Chicago Street (Bay Park).

— Jelette and Arnot Street (Bay Park).

This bill also raised annual fees for operators who are not enrolled in an IWMP.

Another bill, AB 2461, would require well operators to file a bond “in an amount determined by the supervisor to be sufficient to cover, in full, all costs of plugging and abandonment,” offsetting well cleanup costs for the state and taxpayers.

While the extent of environmental and public health risks regarding idle wells are mostly uncertain, experts said persuading people to learn more is an important first step.

“And I know it costs effort,” Jacobo said. “But it’s some effort and some money that is well invested; because, in the end, it’s for the long-term health of all humans and all animals and all ecosystems.”

DeMarcus said that she will present her findings at the next Clairemont Mesa Community Planning Group meeting on May 19 in hopes that more people will join her effort, reach out to state legislators and spread awareness.

“I think, just in general, it’s important for people to know about this and how it could potentially affect our communities,” DeMarcus said. “And just have transparency on what the impacts could be.”

Couple gets years in federal prison for mail theft in Pacific Beach

By Neal Putnam
SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — A couple who stole people’s personal checks in the mail in Pacific Beach and elsewhere have been sentenced to several years in federal prison and were ordered to pay \$74,808 to more than 10 victims.

David Anthony Burge, 34, was sentenced to

four years in prison while his wife, Kyrsten Renee Bospflug, 36, was given 37 months in prison by U.S. District Court Judge Barry Ted Moskowitz on July 20.

Their terms are to run consecutive to state court sentences for a similar scheme, according to court records. They received credits for serving 378 days in jail since their arrests on July 8, 2025.

Environmental report explores impact of Topgolf at Harbor Island development

By Andi Ruiz
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – Lights, poles and nets at a proposed waterfront golf and entertainment center could have a negative impact on habitats and native species, according to an environmental analysis of the project.

The concerns are addressed in a draft environmental impact report (EIR) on the redevelopment of East Harbor Island being sought by the Port of San Diego, which would include a Topgolf complex and waterfront park, each covering about 10 acres.

The report cites light pollution and height of the Topgolf poles and nets as notable impacts.

Bright light, according to the analysis, could disrupt the behavior of birds and attract them to nets in the structure, leaving them entangled.

A proposed alternative would limit the Topgolf to one story, as compared to the currently proposed three stories. The planned 108 hitting bays would drop to 34 and the height of the netting poles would fall from 170 feet to 140 feet with the shift to a one-story structure.

According to the EIR, those changes would reduce impacts from light and glare, transportation and greenhouse gas emissions.

The area planned for development sits next to Harbor Drive, adjacent to Harbor Police Headquarters and across from San Diego International Airport's home for car rentals. The site is currently made up of asphalt lots with fencing along the bay, said Lesley Nishihira, vice president of planning and development at the port.

She said the project is intended to be a "huge amenity to the community," revitalizing the area to bring visitors to the waterfront.

Matt Smith, senior director of real estate at Topgolf, said the entertainment company is excited to see the East Harbor Island draft EIR, which was released July 8, out for review.

"Topgolf has been engaged with the Port of San Diego on the redevelopment of East Harbor Island, which includes our proposed Topgolf, since 2019," Smith said "We remain firmly committed to working

with the Port to see this entitlement process through to a successful conclusion."

The public is part of that process.

The comment period, which is open through Aug. 24, is a required part of EIRs under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). EIRs must be completed before the approval of a project.

CEQA gives the public the chance to review an analysis of proposed developments and their potential impacts and allows them to weigh in on the projects.

"This is the time in the process to make concerns known," Nishihira said. "Rather than (once) it's under construction and people go 'Hey what's going on?'"

California Department of Fish and Wildlife is one of the parties that noted the height of the poles and golf netting, as well as the impacts from artificial light at night.

In an email statement, agency officials said developments like the port's can harm ecosystems in many ways, including over predation, disruption of migratory bird species and entanglement of birds in the nets.

"The indirect impacts can lead to reduced overall health of the animals, population declines and even direct mortality of individuals," a spokesperson from CDFW said.

Lesley Handa, lead ornithologist at the San Diego Bird Alliance, said there are about 522 species in San Diego County that use the bay for migration routes and as their main habitat for nesting.

She said concerns focus on Raptors, a carnivorous bird that preys on other birds. They would be able to perch on the 170-foot poles, which could increase the mortality rate of prey that nests in the harbor.

Migratory birds also could fly into nets as they navigate the coastline. On the heaviest migration days, up to 2.4 million birds fly through San Diego County, Handa said.

Even with the proposed alternative nets, operators of Topgolf would need to monitor them closely to watch for birds needing rescue.

"There are other locations that would have a lower impact than putting it along the coastline," Handa said. "I'm hoping that they might consider moving the location because this is a very unfavorable location."

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Scripps scientists creating a coastal landslide warning system

By Dave Schwab
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — A Scripps scientist gave a recent update on continuing efforts to enhance coastal monitoring to better understand bluff failures to develop an early landslide warning system along San Diego's coast.

Following a four-year study, Dr. Adam Young, a researcher and coastal geomorphologist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego, gave a virtual webinar on July 9 on coastal erosion and the dangers that it presents. A specialist in coastal erosion, sea-level rise, and hazard mapping, Young gained recent recognition for his research using ground tilt sensors to predict coastal cliff collapses days in advance.

Research reveals roughly 70% of the California coast is made up of eroding coastal cliffs. These cliffs are home to important infrastructure like highways, railways, coastal access points, energy facilities, and structures. They can be



A LIDAR-equipped drone supplements efforts to monitor coastal erosion, joining a truck-mounted LIDAR system. (Photo by Erik Jepsen/UC San Diego)

deadly to beachgoers when a cliff collapses.

The "California Coastal Landslide Early Warning Research" report found that a network of in-ground sensors can provide a reliable warning of impending, dangerous landslides with hours-to-days' notice. But the report warned that more work is needed to formalize the findings into an actionable warning system.

Young discussed how we might go about

implementing an early-warning system for coastal landslides during his webinar and a following Q&A session. He noted the state's heavily eroded coast covers more than 1,000 miles and has the largest coastal population in the nation.

"The coastal economy is worth billions of dollars annually," he said. "So, it's incredibly important that we monitor our coastline to understand how it's changing with time."

To conduct research, Young and geophysicist Mark Zumberge instrumented key sites with advanced in-ground monitoring technology. The sensor technology used included tiltmeters, instruments often used to measure the movement of earthquake faults.

Young's slideshow presentation depicted numerous landslides throughout the state, including some in San Diego County. He referenced one landslide in Torrey Pines State Park in La Jolla in order to "highlight the sudden collapse of massive amounts of (cliff) material that can fall down to our coast very suddenly." He added, "There

are at least 15 (landslide) events that have caused at least 25 fatalities in the state. Ten of these fatal events have happened in San Diego County."

La Jolla frequently experiences coastal landslides and sea cliff collapses due to wave erosion, heavy rainfall and other factors. In January 2023, a massive landslide estimated at 150,000 cubic yards collapsed onto Black's Beach. There have been emergency seawall projects to shore up eroding cliff edges and protect properties in Bird Rock. While Pacific Beach has experienced isolated bluff failures near Diamond Street, Mission Beach is completely flat and is instead prone to tidal flooding rather than coastal landslides.

Of the results of their four-year study of cliff collapses, Adams concluded:

"One of the things we learned is that we need to develop protocols for how to deal with this information. This is a new type of data that we made available, including some possible actions that could be done if a (cliff) failure is imminent."

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Back to school for SDUSD, with students seeing some big changes

FROM STAFF REPORTS

SAN DIEGO – Nearly 100,000 San Diego Unified students are returning to classes, with some major changes awaiting children going back to school, including revised technology policies.

Following the district’s Phone-free School Day policy last year, the district’s “Learner-Centered Technology initiative” is intended to change how district-issued devices are used in schools.

District-issued Chromebooks will now have video-streaming platforms such as YouTube blocked unless enabled by teachers for specific instructional activities. Non-instructional gaming platforms will also be blocked and computer carts will be removed from transitional kindergarten classrooms.

Students with Individualized Education Programs, Section 504 plans, or language-learning needs will continue to receive “appropriate access” to technology, a district statement read.

“Back-to-school is an opportunity

to establish healthy routines that help students succeed throughout the year,” said Richard Barrera, president of the San Diego Unified Board of Education.

“Technology has transformed education in many positive ways, but it works best when it is used with purpose. These changes help ensure our classrooms remain places where students are actively engaged with their teachers, collaborating with classmates, and building the skills they need for success in school and beyond.”

District-issued devices will use Blocks, a digital safety platform that filters inappropriate content.

“Learning doesn’t begin by interacting with a screen. It begins with curiosity, meaningful relationships, and engaging face-to-face instruction,” said Shana Hazan, trustee of SDUSD’s school board.

“These changes are designed to ensure technology serves as a tool that supports learning while giving students more opportunities to think critically, collaborate with one another, and build

the communication skills they’ll use for the rest of their lives.”

The existing phone policy prohibits the use of phones during school hours depending on each school’s bell schedule. Phone use is permitted before and after school on campus, and high schools will allow use of phones before the first bell, during lunch and passing periods.

Additionally, district leaders said SDUSD will focus on four priorities: student wellness, literacy, mathematics and college and career readiness.

“Every new school year is an opportunity to reimagine what is possible for our students,” said Superintendent Fabi Bagula. “This year, we are making meaningful investments in the whole child — strengthening student wellness, expanding literacy and mathematics achievement, and creating even more opportunities for students to

discover their passions and prepare for college, careers, and life.

“When students feel healthy, supported, challenged, and connected, there is no limit to what they can accomplish.”

New efforts will include information campaigns to focus on the importance of sleep, hydration and physical activity to learning, a preschool curriculum designed to nurture early language and literacy development through play and exploration and relaunching the 6th grade middle school math curriculum with a focused approach on integrating online, paper, and hands-on experiences, the district statement read.

“Student wellness is not separate from academic achievement, it makes academic achievement possible,” said Susan Barndollar, the district’s executive director of nursing and wellness.

“Learning doesn’t begin by interacting with a screen...”

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Rescues are rising, but thrill seekers still jump at ‘The Arch’

By Thomas Murphy
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

POINT LOMA — Jumping off Sunset Cliffs has become one of San Diego’s most enduring social media spectacles, as videos of thrill seekers’ dangerous — and illegal — stunts draw millions of views and bring new visitors to The Arch, an iconic rock formation jutting from the cliffs at Pappy’s Point near Osprey Street.

Daredevils come from across California and beyond, watching the high tide flood the pool 20 feet below while waiting for lifeguards to leave the area.

Yet San Diego’s municipal code for public property prohibits jumping from more than five feet above the water; violators are given citations with fines that begin at \$100, but sometimes reach much higher.

Still, that often doesn’t deter those eager to make the leap. During a recent visit, lifeguards returned frequently to warn crowds that a bad jump doesn’t just endanger the diver — it also puts fellow beachgoers and rescuers at risk.

The increased presence isn’t a coincidence. Following two major rescues this week, San Diego lifeguards have performed 32 water rescues at Sunset Cliffs since June 1. Lifeguards say they have increased patrols to enforce the cliff jumping prohibition. San Diego police, who issued multiple citations Friday afternoon, offer support too.

Due to recent cliff collapses, local geology experts also caution against jumping in the area.

Neither warning, however, discouraged Logan Hicks, a diver from Springfield, Va., and part of a group visiting San Diego for a martial arts training camp. After rough weather dashed his diving hopes during a 2024 trip to La Jolla, social media guided Hicks to The Arch.

“I like diving headfirst into things. It’s nerve racking at first,” Hicks said. “I belly-flopped; I rotated too early and I think that’s where I went wrong. My adrenaline dropped once I got out of the water. Now, I’m good.”

Still, whether it’s divers, law enforcement or onlookers, every crowd that comes to the cliffs faces the same question: How much longer will this last?



A tourist jumps from the roadside cliff facing The Arch, the same cliff face a 17-year-old was injured jumping from just days before. (Photo by Thomas Murphy/Times of San Diego)

DIVE INTO HISTORY

Jumping from Sunset Cliffs predates the historical record, and longtime residents describe it as a decades-old local tradition. Thrill seekers first made major news in a 1990 report by the Los Angeles Times, noting that experienced locals often jumped safely, but the inexperienced often did not.

Rescues became more common in the 21st century, with lifeguards regularly responding to rescue calls after 2005, according to a 2015 compilation of public incident reports by the OB Rag.

That same year, the LA Times reported that lifeguards blamed social media for drawing crowds of up to 100 people to The Arch on busy summer weekends, prompting a need for increased enforcement and a rising number of rescues.

Now, The Arch has become one of Southern California’s premier cliff-jumping spots, but debates over the danger have reignited following recent rescues.

On Sunday, July 26, a 17-year-old boy was saved by fellow divers and lifeguards after a botched jump from the roadside cliff facing The Arch. Local jumpers told Times of San Diego the boy had already made the leap successfully, but struck the rock shelf below after slipping during another attempt.

He was transported to a hospital and later shared that he suffered six fractured vertebrae, a bruised tailbone and a cut to his foot that required stitches. After thanking various rescuers in his post, he concluded, “do NOT attempt.”

Video of the incident made waves online, renewing attention on illegal cliff jumping and resulting in more lifeguard patrols of Sunset Cliffs. Sometimes they return every half hour to issue the same warnings over their loudspeaker.

Then on Tuesday, July 28, a man who reportedly lost his footing while climbing the cliffs, fell onto the rocks below and required the aid of Rescue 44 — a cable-haul system on a modified fire truck designed specifically for cliff rescues.

This is not the first time the area has been heavily enforced, and the recent injuries are far from the first or worst suffered by divers. Anthony Womack died jumping from the cliffs in September 2019, with the community coming together to mourn the 15-year-old’s passing. More barriers and warning signs were installed following the tragedy.

Ed Baier, a native San Diegan and videographer behind TheBeachcam on YouTube, has witnessed it all. Baier has been jumping from Sunset Cliffs since the ‘60s and recalls how things have changed

since the city installed a nearby emergency call box about three decades ago. Now, he wonders if social media trends threaten The Arch’s future.

“One kid made a mistake, jumped in the wrong spot and now the city is freaking out. There are always injuries here, but the call box makes things safer,” Baier said. “All this hype is why they put the box in, but they’re here in four and a half minutes, tops — sometimes the cops beat (the lifeguards).”

Baier, who has documented the activities of local law enforcement for 11 years, recalls the last time he saw The Arch under so much scrutiny. It was two years ago, when lifeguards again had to save two jumpers from drowning.

“In 2024, they had two cops here for 12 hours to stop people from jumping — from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.,” he said. “They’ll park on Froude Street. The second someone jumps it’s like a drug raid, lights and sirens, screeching wheels. ‘Everyone hold it, you’re going to be arrested.’”

NATURE’S COUNTDOWN

Tickets, though, are far from the only worry. Real dangers can await divers at and below the cliffside, including powerful waves and boulders that once formed the cliffs themselves.

Hazards extend below the sea. Strong currents, submerged rocks and reef structures can all cause serious injuries, according to San Diego lifeguards, who note incidents in which jumpers lost consciousness or drowned after slipping below the surface.

The sandstone cliffs surrounding The Arch are slowly crumbling, with a large section breaking free in mid-April. Rope barriers have been installed to keep people away from the eroding edge. And it’s not just Sunset Cliffs. Cliffs across San Diego’s coast can lose between 1.5 inches to 5.6 feet annually, according to California Sea Grant at UC San Diego.

Lisa Chaddock, a physical science professor at San Diego City College, warns that now is not the time to practice diving at Sunset Cliffs.

“Sandstone in San Diego wears away quickly,” Chaddock said.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME; CASE NO 26CU041432C SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF San Diego; Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, 330 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101, Hall of Justice TO ALL INTERESTED PER-SONS: 1. Petitioner (name) a. Kelly James Clayton Filed A. Petition With This Court For A De-cree Changing Names As Follows: Present Name: a. a. Kelly James Clayton To Proposed Name: a. Kelly James Mangold THE COURT ORDERS That All Persons Interested In This Mat-ter appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that indicates the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition with-out a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: September 22, 2026: 8:30 AM DEPT: C-61; a. A copy of this Order to show cause shall be published at least once each week for four consecutive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): La Jolla Village News, Beach & Bay Press & Peninsula Beacon. Date:08/03//2026 by M. Guyot, Deputy Clerk. Judge Michael S. Groch, Judge of the superior court ISSUE DATES: August 14, 21, 28 & September 4, 2026.

NO HEARING WILL OCCUR ON THE DATE SPECIFIED IN THE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE. The Court will review the documents filed as of the date specified on the Order to Show Cause for change (JC Form#NC-120) If all requirements for a name change have been met as of the date specified, and no timely written ob-

jection has been received (require at least two court days before the date specified), the petition for change of name (JC Form#NC-120) will be granted without a hearing. One certified copy of the Order Granting the Petition will be mailed to the petitioner. To change a name on a legal document, including a birth certificate, social security card, driver license, passport, and other identification, a certified copy of Decree Changing Name {JC Form #NC-130} or Decree Changing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be required. Contact the agen-cy(ies) who issues the legal document that needs to be changed, to determine if a certified copy is required. A certified copy of Decree Changing Name (JC Form #NC-130) or Decree Chang-ing Name and Order Recognizing Change of Gender and for Issuance of New Birth Certificate (JC Form #NC-230) may be obtained from the Civil Business Office for a fee. Petitioners who are seeking a change of name under the Safe at Home program may contact the assigned de-partment for information on obtaining certified copies. If all the requirements have not been met as of the date specified, the court will mail the petitioner a written order with further direc-tions. If a timely objection is filed, the court will set a hearing date and contact the parties by mail with further directions. A RESPONDENT OBJECTING TO THE NAME CHANGE MUST FILE A WRITTEN OBJECTION AT LEAST TWO COURT DAYS (excluding weekends and holi-days) BEFORE THE DATE SPECIFIED. Do not come to court on the specified date. The court will notify the parlfes by mall of a future hearing date. Any Petition for the name changes of a minor that Is signed by only one parent must have this Attachment served along with the Petition and Order to Show Cause, on the other non-signing parent, and proof of service must be filed with the court.

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San Diego targets owner of 11 smoke shops for selling kratom

By Dorian Hargrove
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego City Attorney’s Office has filed a civil lawsuit against the owner of 11 smoke shops, alleging he illegally sold kratom, a psychoactive substance linked to hundreds of deaths nationwide, and dozens here in San Diego.

In a newly filed enforcement action, obtained by Times of San Diego, City Attorney Heather Ferbert’s Office hopes to stop kratom sales at the 11 smoke shops owned by a businessman named Wadea Wadea.

In recent years, kratom’s popularity has grown in San Diego and beyond. Kratom products are marketed as being derived from leaves of the kratom tree, a plant native to Southeast Asia. Some products have opioid-like effects, according to health officials.

More and more smoke shops and even some convenience stores are selling kratom extracts, which are often marketed as organic and holistic products. That, say attorneys from the City Attorney’s Office, has led to medical emergencies and, on many occasions, has even resulted in fatal overdoses.

From 2015 to 2025, the Centers for Disease Control have recorded at least 233 kratom-associated deaths in the U.S. — more than 10% of those deaths occurred in San Diego County in the past five years alone.

The rising number of deaths and other medical emergencies has led cities throughout the state to outlaw kratom and crack down on stores that sell it.

According to the newly filed court injunction, City Attorney Ferbert’s Office says Wadea Wadea is one of the city’s largest sellers at his stores in Otay Mesa West, Normal Heights, Ocean Beach, North Park, Mira Mesa and South San Diego.

The injunction is not the first legal action Ferbert’s office has taken against Wadea. In December 2025, Ferbert’s Office filed a civil enforcement action against the smoke shop owner for selling unlicensed cannabis products.

In that investigation, investigators for the City Attorney’s Office discovered workers at Wadea’s Mira Mesa Smoke and Vape were selling cannabis products from a “concealed back room.”

Now, Wadea will be in court against the city for allegedly selling kratom as well. In the newly filed case, the city is asking a judge to prohibit Wadea’s smoke shops from selling kratom. The city is also asking the smoke shop owner to pay a multitude of fines.

Times of San Diego contacted Mr. Wadea’s attorney for comment. This article will be updated with any response.

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- 31. Moves into a place of thought
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- 41. Secondary or explanatory title
- 45. Relating to a wing
- 47. One who gives a speech
- 48. In the middle
- 52. Loop with a running knot
- 53. Airborne (abbr.)
- 54. Sweet persons
- 56. Put into play
- 57. Small cattle breed
- 59. Millisecond
- 60. Revolutions per minute
- 61. They ____
- 62. Moon crater
- 63. A place to stay the night

CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Midway between south and south-east
- 4. Fathers
- 9. Wine grape
- 14. Al Bundy’s wife
- 15. Derived from ammonia
- 16. Venezuelan state
- 17. Interest rate
- 18. Experts
- 20. Vascular tissues
- 22. Smooth and glossy
- 23. Administrative region in S. Korea
- 24. One from Damascus
- 28. Special interest group
- 29. It cools your home
- 30. Oh, God!
- 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Men
- 37. Twelfth star in a constellation
- 38. Former CIA
- 39. Arrange in grades of size
- 41. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- 42. “The Great Lakes State”
- 43. Having earlike appendages
- 44. Momentarily stop
- 46. Ancient kingdom
- 49. Of I
- 50. White clerical vestment

- 51. Songs to one’s beloved
- 55. Charges
- 58. Computer application originator
- 59. A place to dock a boat
- 60. One guided by reason
- 64. Slang for cigarette
- 65. Sailboats
- 66. “Jerry Maguire” actor Zellweger
- 67. Screen type
- 68. Country legend Haggard
- 69. Puts together in time
- 70. When you anticipate arriving

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Involuntary muscular contraction
- 2. Eastern US transit agency
- 3. Leaves a place
- 4. Cease to participate
- 5. Current units
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- 7. General’s assistant (abbr.)
- 8. Earth vibration
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Dance in moonlight: City Ballet's 34th season opens at UCSD

By Elizabeth Ireland
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

PACIFIC BEACH — George Balanchine was so taken with California orange groves, he built Serenade's famous opening around their visual pattern, arranging 17 women in a scattered, uneven formation of an orchard rather than traditional straight lines.

Nearly a century later, Pacific Beach-based City Ballet of San Diego will open its 34th season with "Serenade," performed under the stars at UC San Diego's Epstein Family Amphitheater, a setting artistic director Steven Wistrich said is particularly suited to the landmark ballet.

"The actual lighting for 'Serenade' is moonlight," Wistrich said. "I always thought what a wonderful opportunity it would be to perform this ballet outside as it was originally conceived."

Set to Tchaikovsky's "Serenade for Strings," the performance unfolds with a large corps de ballet in long, pale blue dresses that fall nearly to the floor. Wistrich described it as ethereal yet athletic, built around a sweeping opening and an equally dramatic close.

Wistrich, who danced "Serenade" across two continents and three decades, said the ballet holds a singular place in his life. He first performed in its corps as a young dancer with Boston Ballet, later rose to the lead "Waltz Boy" role and eventually danced that same part again in Geneva, Switzerland, where Balanchine himself coached him.

"If I was going to be leaving this planet and someone said, 'You have time to see



City Ballet of San Diego's new season closes next May with their first full-length production of 'Swan Lake,' performed with the company's live orchestra and an expanded corps of swans. (Photo courtesy of City Ballet of San Diego)

one more ballet before you go,' it would be 'Serenade,'" Wistrich said. "There's just something so exquisitely beautiful about it. Once you see 'Serenade,' you never forget it."

The opening program also features "Rhapsody in Blue," choreographed by company member Geoff Gonzalez, and Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's "Ecliptic," returning for a third season after selling out in past runs and drawing audiences back for repeat viewings.

"The audience went absolutely bonkers," Wistrich said of the "Ecliptic" debut.

City Ballet was founded 34 years ago as a school in Pacific Beach before growing into a full company that now employs dancers from around the world, including Japan and Brazil.

"San Diego really deserves to see

world-class dancing, and they don't have to go outside of San Diego to see it," Wistrich said.

The company is also a family affair: Wistrich's wife, Elizabeth, and son-in-law Geoff Gonzalez both serve as resident choreographers, and his daughter, Ariana Gonzalez, a principal dancer, was recently named associate artistic director.

"It's wonderful we get to see each other all the time. How many people get to see their grown daughters just about every day?" Wistrich said.

Family ties are just one part of a season that continues with four more programs across San Diego County.

In the fall, "American Icons" runs Oct. 24-25 at the Balboa Theatre. The program pays tribute to three choreographers who shaped American dance and is funded in part by a National Endowment for the Arts grant commemorating the nation's 250th anniversary. The show pairs Balanchine's Concerto Barocco with Peter Martins' Ash and a company premiere of Gerald Arpino's 1981 Joffrey Ballet classic "Light Rain."

City Ballet's holiday staple, "The Nutcracker," returns with its signature opulence Dec. 19-23 at the California Center for the Arts in Escondido.

In March, Geoff Gonzalez's condensed staging of "West Side Story" will have its world premiere in Escondido, sharing the bill with Elizabeth Wistrich's multimedia work "Enigma," last performed by the company in 2011, and a stand-alone pas de deux from Christopher Wheeldon's "The American."

The season closes in May with City Ballet's first full-length production of

CITY BALLET

What: City Ballet of San Diego performs "Serenade," "Rhapsody in Blue," and "Ecliptic."

Where: Epstein Family Amphitheater on UC San Diego's campus.

When: 8 p.m. on Aug. 21 and 22.

Info: Tickets and season details are available at cityballet.org.

"Swan Lake," performed with the company's live orchestra and an expanded corps of swans.

Wistrich said the season, taken as a whole, was built with a wide range of audiences in mind.

"It's a season for everyone," he said. "If you like tutus, you're going to love Swan Lake. If you like athletic ballets, you're going to love 'American Icons.' If you want to be dazzled with something that's timeless and unforgettable, you want to see 'Serenade.'"

He added that newcomers shouldn't feel intimidated by the art form.

"People don't need to know anything about ballet to enjoy it," he said. "It's just meant to be visually enthralling."

Student tickets are \$12 for every performance, Wistrich said, while tickets to "Serenade" start at \$39.

For Wistrich, the payoff comes once the curtain rises.

"The highlight of the whole thing for me is watching the dancers grow right in front of my eyes," he said.

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The Tourmaliners lift spirits through surf music, but needed a push to get there

By Donovan Roche

SPECIAL FOR TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO — Deven Berryhill, founder and guitarist of Pacific Beach-based surf rock band The Tourmaliners, can probably thank a photographer and the owner of a Linda Vista bar not only for his group's name but perhaps even for launching its career.

As one might expect, the quartet, who performed at Tiki Oasis last week, took its name from PB's popular Tourmaline Surfing Park.

But the story behind the name has a few more twists and turns.

Eight years ago, photographer Howard Fincher could often be found hovering over Tourmaline with his long-lens camera, filming surfers for his DVD series, "Tourmo Blasters." When he met Berryhill, then recording surf tunes in his home studio, Fincher asked if he could use the instrumental music on soundtracks for his films.

"People started loving the songs. They were like, 'Great video, Howard, but who's the music?'" Berryhill recalled. "Howard came back to me and said, 'Man, people are digging your songs. You should put together a band.'"

At the time, Berryhill was playing in his dad's band, The Surfaris, revered for the 1963 surf-guitar classic "Wipe Out." After a gig at Tio Leo's on Napa Street, bar owner Frank Sciuto asked if Berryhill would be interested in putting together something of his own for a regular Tuesday night spot.

"I was like, 'It's interesting you say that because I have this surf band.' And he goes, 'Cool, what's it called?' And I'm like, 'The Tourmo Blasters!' Just off the top of my head, kind of stealing the name from the video. He said, 'Let me think about that.'"

The name, however, didn't make it to opening night.

"I get a call about two weeks before the show, and he's like, 'Dude, we can't do that name. Our clientele is a little jazzier, more mature. Can we call it something else, like The Tourmalines or The Tourmaliners?' And I'm like, 'Sure, whatever, pick something.' He picked the Tourmaliners, and it just kind of stuck."

The band — which currently includes guitarist Joe Dameron, bassist Matt



Pacific Beach-based surf rock band The Tourmaliners. (Photo by John Gianini/Special for Times of San Diego)

Clowmintzer and drummer John MacElwee — went on to play more than 100 shows at Tio Leo's. They even recorded last year's "Live & Alive" at the popular lounge.

The Tourmaliners played many of those original songs at the Tiki Oasis, in Mission Valley, last week.

"We're stoked!" Berryhill exclaimed. "We're coming guns blazing. Straight out of the chute, we're gonna be bringing the energy."

They're also excited to debut their new single, "El Gato," which dropped on all digital platforms July 19. Showcasing a jazzier, more Latin-inspired sound, the song draws inspiration from Miki Dora, the legendary surfer known as "Da Cat" in "Endless Summer."

"He was considered the greatest to ever surf Malibu," Berryhill said.

The single will appear on The Tourmaliners' upcoming fifth album, which carries the same name, due out on Pacific Records in September. In addition to the live album, the group has released two studio albums — 2019's "Tourmaline Dream" and 2022's "Surfidia," winner of a San Diego Music Award for Best Rock Album — as well as the 2020 holiday collection "Surfin' Christmas Carols."

Growing up the son of Bob Berryhill, co-founding member and guitarist of The Surfaris meant becoming a surf rock

guitarist was in the musician's blood.

"I was born to a surf rock legend," Berryhill said. "I really didn't have a say in the matter. I just grew up around it in Seal Beach, and my room was above the garage, where his studio was. He would have the band practicing my entire life downstairs. So, I think through osmosis it kind of went up through the floor."

As a small child, Berryhill watched his dad perform with such surf rock legends as Dick Dale, The Beach Boys and Jan & Dean. By the time he turned 8, he wanted his first guitar so he could follow in his father's footsteps.

"So we went down to Tijuana," Berryhill said. "He bought me the crappiest guitar he could find. He goes, 'If you can learn to play this, you can play anything.' I'm like, 'Dad, I want a Stratocaster like you!' He's like, 'No, no, no. You gotta learn on this acoustic. You gotta build up your calluses and your fingers.'"

Eventually, Berryhill mowed enough lawns at 12 to buy his first Fender Mustang guitar.

"I bought it in pieces off the 'Recycler' magazine," he said. "My dad helped me put it back together, and we refinished it."

Over the years, Berryhill honed his craft playing in alternative rock bands, but he

never lost his love of surf music. After a short-lived solo stint, he joined his father in 2002 as a guitarist in the Surfaris, which evolved into a family affair.

"My brother had learned how to play drums, and my dad brought my mom into the band as a bass player. She was a concert violinist, and he taught her how to play bass," Berryhill said. "We just started backing up my dad as a family, like the Partridge family."

The group toured worldwide in that incarnation for 20 years before Berryhill decided to carve out something of his own.

"I just thought it was good to have something local where I can start writing my own songs," he explained. "This Tourmaliners thing just kind of organically happened. I really wasn't aiming to form a band. It just came out of those 'Tourmo Blasters' soundtracks and Frank asking if I had something going on."

Eight years later, The Tourmaliners remain rooted in those humble beginnings and committed to delivering more than just nostalgic sounds.

"We came together as a community of surfers, beach people, and San Diegans egged us on to [play music] that makes people want to dance and have a good time," Berryhill said. "When we play somewhere, it's not just another gig for us. It's an opportunity to bring joy, happiness and fun."

Donovan Roche is a longtime music writer and regular contributor to Times of San Diego.

RESTAURANT WALK

The Heart of PB Restaurant Walk takes place on Wednesday, Sept. 16, from 4–9 p.m. running along Garnet Avenue from Dawes Street to Lamont Street. The event features local food tastings, business activations, and artistic displays. Visit the Pacific Beach Tuesday Farmers Market between 2–7 p.m. to purchase tickets for the exclusive advance price of \$30, a \$10 savings off the regular admission price, only available at the PB Farmers Market. For more information, visit pacificbeach.org.

Pacific Beach Retro Fun Fair & Car Show rolls onto Garnet

By Dave Schwab
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

PACIFIC BEACH — The community's third annual car show on Saturday, Aug. 15, promises to be bigger, better and more car-centric than ever.

The free Pacific Beach Retro Fun Fair & Car Show will be kicking into overdrive on four blocks of Garnet Avenue from Mission to Dawes, including alleyways from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Co-hosted by Pacific Beach Town Council, the car show is being promoted as an "exciting blast to the past."

Pacific Beach Town Council president Charlie Nieto, a classic car buff who owns a 1974 Buick Apollo, spoke of how the event got started in 2023.

"I wanted us to take on the car show, which had been done sporadically, not annually, over the years," he said, noting the reconstituted show is unique, being the only time Garnet is ever partially closed off.

"We wanted to turn the avenue into

a promenade with unique classic cars that people wanted to see." Nieto added, "Not everyone in PB gets to see cars like this unless they go to this event. This is one major way our community can highlight and support unique aspects of San Diego culture and demonstrate what our neighborhood and businesses have for everyone to enjoy."

Nieto noted this year's show will be gearing up with 200 or more classic and eclectic vehicles, including Woodies, trendy VW Bug family cars, and much more.

Nieto said the Pacific Beach Town Council partners each year with "Charger" Steve Lordigyan, a renowned car collector who promotes several classic car shows regionally, including the Cajon Classic Cruise Car Show in downtown El Cajon. Lordigyan's nickname does not refer to the NFL team, but rather to his ownership of a 1969 Dodge Charger, a legendary American muscle car.



Attendees check out a classic car from last year's car show. (Photo by Thomas Melville/Times of San Diego)

The Retro Fun Fair & Car Show is more than just an assortment of vehicles. It will feature several attractions, including music. There will also be more than 100 local hot rods and cruisers present.

Regarding entertainment at this year's

car show, Nieto said there will be live performances other than music.

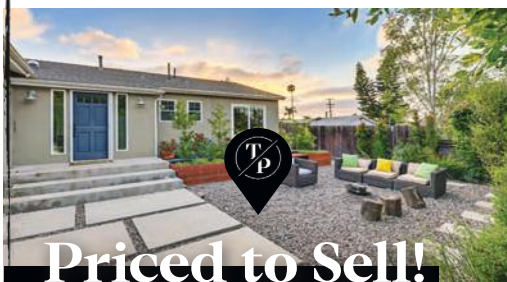
"Some cars will be doing tricks, and we will have a magician performing," he said. "The San Diego Police Department will be bringing in its 'Lowrider Guardian.' It's a cool site to see as it only gets rolled out to a couple of special events each year."

San Diego Police Department's Guardian is a custom lowrider police cruiser designed as a community outreach and goodwill vehicle, first commissioned in 2013 as part of a community relations project. The Guardian is not used for regular patrol, but serves as a promotional and symbolic tool to connect with the public, especially the Southeast San Diego lowrider community. It was created to humanize law enforcement, show solidarity, and foster positive relationships.

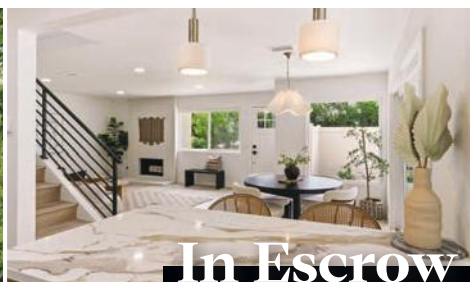
"Our main focus continues to be successfully promoting this beloved event, keeping it rolling. Pun intended," Nieto said.

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Crown Point: How it became one of Mission Bay's favorite neighborhoods

By Debbie L. Sklar
TIMES OF SAN DIEGO

On a summer evening, Crown Point Park feels like a perfect snapshot of San Diego.

Families gather on the grass. Boats glide across Mission Bay. Walkers and cyclists follow the shoreline. As the sun sets over the water, it is easy to forget that this beloved waterfront neighborhood was once an undeveloped peninsula with a spectacular view and a vision of what it could become.

Nearly a century ago, Crown Point began its transformation from open land into one of Mission Bay's most recognizable communities — a story shaped by ambitious plans, early residents and the enduring appeal of living beside the water.

The land's history stretches back well before the neighborhood's streets and homes. Crown Point was originally part of Pueblo Lot 1802, a 92-acre tract connected to San Diego's early land history. Charles B. Richards purchased the tract from the city of San Diego in 1869, but

the peninsula remained largely undeveloped for decades as nearby communities such as Pacific Beach grew during the late 19th-century development boom.

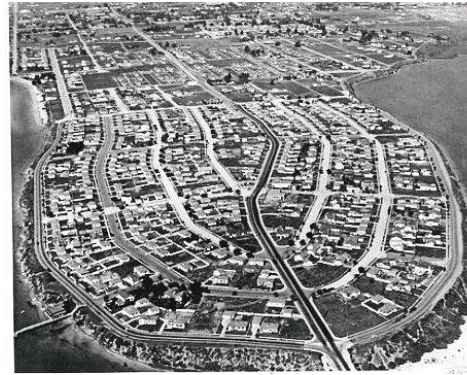
Interest in the property increased in the early 20th century.

In 1923, Illinois banker S. L. Tripp purchased the tract with plans to create a new residential community. By 1926, the Crown Point subdivision was ready to introduce the peninsula to prospective buyers.

Unlike many older San Diego neighborhoods laid out in straight grids, Crown Point's streets followed the shape of the land, creating the curving roads and distinctive layout residents recognize today.

Developers promoted the new community with the optimism and extravagant language of the 1920s, calling Crown Point the "Venetian Promontory on America's Riviera."

The subdivision's official opening celebration, known as Discovery Day, took place on March 7, 1926. Thousands of visitors reportedly traveled to the peninsula to see the newest waterfront community,



Aerial photograph looking north over Crown Point, which juts into Mission Bay from Pacific Beach. Ingraham Street runs straight north through the middle of the point and the Mission Bay Yacht Club on Rivera Drive c. 1947. (Photo and caption info courtesy of the San Diego Historical Center)

with period accounts describing entertainment, crowds of prospective buyers, and strong interest in available lots.

But turning a vision into a neighborhood took time.

Although Crown Point generated excitement, development moved slowly. The

economic downturn of the late 1920s and the Great Depression delayed growth, and only a small number of homes were built during the neighborhood's earliest years.

Among those early residents was E. G. Anderson, whose Spanish-style home was constructed in 1927. Anderson, a businessman associated with the development of the four-tube door chime, became part of Crown Point's early history.

Another early landmark was Gray Gables Inn, which opened in 1930 in their Crown Point home by Paul and Iva Valle. The tea room became a popular gathering place for luncheons and social events before later relocating during preparations for the 1935 California Pacific International Exposition.

Crown Point's story continued to evolve as San Diego changed around it.

Following World War II, major projects transformed Mission Bay into the recreational destination residents know today, adding parks, beaches and boating areas while reshaping the waterfront surrounding Crown Point.

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