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The Opera Singing Chef brings Aphrodisiac Cooking class to the Pacific Beach Women's Club.

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Youngsters raise money for earthquake victims by selling lemonade and cookies.

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### STORM WATCH

# Rains turn roads into raging rivers

Precipitation expected to taper off Saturday

By ADRIANE TILLMAN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The rainstorms that have battered the coast will continue for the rest of the week but precipitation should taper off by Saturday morning, according to the National Weather Service. Another large storm with heavy rainfall, possible thunderstorms and 25 mph winds is expected this afternoon, and a rainstorm, possible hail and 20 mph winds are expected Friday morning. Gusty winds may hit 40 mph.

"We encourage everyone to take a quick look around their property and put their lids back on their trash cans so that debris doesn't flow out and clog drains," said Bill Harris, spokesman for the San Diego Storm Water Department. "Make sure wood chips and mulch aren't flowing out of the yard."

Mission Boulevard and low-lying alleys flooded as usual from the storms, and

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A fallen tree blocks a sidewalk and the southbound lane of Cass Street near Loring Street on Jan. 19.

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NOT RECOMMENDED - Thrillseekers play a dangerous game of car surfing on a flooded Mission Boulevard near Brighton Court in South Mission Beach on the afternoon of Jan. 19 following a storm. One sits atop the hood of a vehicle and another is pulled along while the driver roars through the water.

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Lisa Alexander, HR/accounting manager at Playground Warehouse, enjoys the slide on a structure that is part of the Sky Top series by Woodplay.

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## A hidden home to unique businesses

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Tucked away between the freeway and the train tracks in east Pacific Beach, Santa Fe Street is a relatively hidden business district. A number of unique, local businesses dot this area that is easier to see than to get to.

"All these businesses are pretty hidden," said Angela Williams, who works at Fon-Jon Pet Care Center, 5050 Santa Fe St. "There's a lot down here that I think is very useful that people don't know about."

On the south end of the street - accessible going west on Balboa Avenue - Fon-Jon offers lodging for dogs and cats, doggie day care and dog bathing.

Not to worry, felines and pups don't lodge together.

"The dogs seem to like the cats more than the cats like the dogs," Williams said. "They're pretty separated - they

can't hear or see each other."

Santa Fe Street is also accessible by turning from East Mission Bay Drive on to Damon Avenue, which dead ends with a collection of signs pointing either left or right to various businesses along the road. With only two entry points, Santa Fe Street is not the most accessible street in the area.

"People always say it's hard to find," said Mark Tollison, owner of Fitness Mart, located at 5555 Santa Fe St.

They simply went ape to help make it easier for customers to find Fitness Mart. The specialty fitness equipment and retail store stands out, thanks to a 30-foot inflatable gorilla tethered to the roof.

Next door, Playground Warehouse, 5555 Santa Fe St., resorts to a similar strategy for exposure by putting its products on top of the building. Playground Warehouse is a unique family-owned business, selling

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Mark Tollison uses a 30-foot gorilla to call attention to Fitness Mart. Below, Tollison demonstrates one of the store's many exercise machines.

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## January Blues is taking shape

Mission Beach celebration is being planned for Jan. 30

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A party to celebrate the spirit of Mission Beach and help its local businesses was started as a wishful idea and is now closer to becoming a reality. January Blues is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, and is becoming more feasible as the date nears.

"Come play with us. Come celebrate the beauty of where we play and work, and the privilege we have to be here," said Sally Aderton, co-chair of the event and a real estate agent with AMSI, located on Salem Court.

January Blues will be a day-long party from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It will begin with a walking sea life themed-parade on the boardwalk and west side-walks of Mission Boulevard. A costume competition is planned, as well as an art and music festival in the parking lot of the Wavehouse in Belmont Park.

"We're gathering people for the community, by the community, with the community," Aderton said.

The Mission Beach Town Council heard the pitch for January Blues at its Jan. 13 meeting, but ultimately did not give its approval. Despite that, Aderton said she has met with city special events administrator Cindy Kodama and will be able to meet the necessary requirements in time for the event.

The January Blues plan met opposition when it required the closure of Mission Boulevard during

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# PB Town Council welcomes officers, directors and new honorary mayor

**By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS**  
The halls of the Mission Bay Yacht Club saw friends old and new come together to name board members and directors of the Pacific Beach Town Council during the board's installation dinner and ceremony Jan. 16.

The council officially recognized board officers — including newly elected Town Council President Rose Galliher, and appointed Todd Brown as the Honorary Mayor of Pacific Beach.

“One of the things I want to do is make sure all the different organizations work together because it takes all of us to work and make Pacific Beach beautiful,” Galliher said.

One area where Pacific Beach groups can work together is fundraising. Brown said he has plans to help raise funds toward a yearly held community event



Assistant Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman (from left), PB Town Council President Rose Galliher and Vice President Ruby Houck enjoy the ceremonies at the annual PBTC dinner.

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which didn't happen last year. “My only thought is that we will have a (holiday) parade this year,” Brown said.

The parade didn't occur this past holiday season because of a lack of funds but “that's not going to happen this year,” Brown said.

Past Honorary Mayor Don Mullen added that the community should come together to “revive” the parade. Mullen joined several other community members who volunteer for another group: the Pacific Beach Community Foundation. The foundation helps raise money for community events, he said.

Several involved with the community foundation, including Mary Cook, Georgina Smith, outgoing Honorary Mayor of Pacific Beach John Logan and Jim Moore also attended the installation

dinner, joining approximately 50 neighbors and Pacific Beach community members. District 2 City Council representative Kevin Faulconer was also in attendance.

With established community members in tow, a spirit of cooperation and optimism filled the speeches of several who spoke both publicly and behind the scenes. Second-year board member Nini Balistreri said that “working together” with neighbors and businesses will help Pacific Beach tackle any problems that may arise. Balistreri, a mother of two, helped organize the dinner. She added that she's excited for the newly elected board members.

Newly elected Town Council board member Chris Decker said one mission of the council should be to reach out and attract big and small businesses to the community.

“Everyone realizes that PB will grow regardless of the economy,” he said. “I think we can get the right businesses for Pacific Beach.”

Part of how Decker plans to reach out to the business community is through the newly revamped PBtowncouncil.org website redeveloped by Town Council member Todd Sarouhan.

Town Council Vice President Ruby Houck said that another goal of the council should be to increase its membership base.

“What I see are fresh new faces with fresh new perspectives and a can-do attitude,” she said. “This board needs to get out and spread the word and get more people involved for a better community.”



**HELP FOR HAITI** Declan and Maeve Saldaña, students at Mission Bay High School and Pacific Beach Middle School, have collected \$236 by selling cookies and lemonade at the intersection of Fanuel and Loring streets on Jan. 16 and 17. The funds are being sent to the American Red Cross fund for Haiti (www.redcross.org). The students learned about community service through the local schools' International Baccalaureate program. The two sold more than \$600 worth of lemonade when the Twin Towers came down, \$350 worth of avocados when the city's fires hit and \$200 worth of lemonade after the tsunami hit Thailand.

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## BLUES

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its parade. Aderton said that thanks to the Johnny Leal at Wavehouse — who donated the space, stages and tables for the event — no road closures will be necessary.

Aderton is co-chairing January Blues with Shelley Carlson, a hair designer in Mission Beach. Both said they are looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the event.

Money raised at the event will cover all incurred costs, and the leftover money will go toward establishing a Mission Beach merchants association, Aderton said. Aderton plans to create a Merchants of Mission Beach group in February.

“There is no organized voice for

## JANUARY BLUES

**WHEN** Jan. 30, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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**CONTACT** Sally Aderton, (858) 488-6700, ext. 1001, saderton@amsisd.com  
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the merchants in Mission Beach,” Aderton said. “Business is suffering now and we need to promote our businesses now.”

For general information about January Blues or to volunteer for the event, e-mail saderton@amsisd.com or call her at (858) 488-6700, ext. 1001. A website has been created for the event at www.missionbeachjanuaryblues.com.

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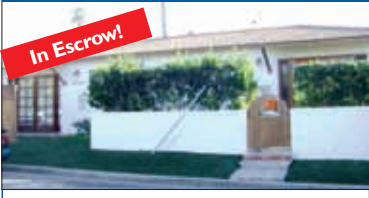


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and manufacturing all different types of playgrounds, playground equipment and other fun items such as basketball hoops and air hockey tables.

"We build fun and that's pretty much it," said Playground Warehouse owner Sam Morrison. "You don't get as much impulse on this street. We're kind of like a hidden destination, and once they can find us, it's good."

On the way to those businesses is Yorkshire Pine, 5076 Santa Fe St., an importer of English pine furniture. Yorkshire Pine could be considered the veteran of the street. In the 20 years its has been located on the street, owner Shirley Zylstra has seen the area change from a heavy industrial area to more of a retail stretch.

"When my daughter came out here and decided to open a store, it really was warehouse row. There was nobody down there doing anything retail," Zylstra said. "It was kind of an ever-changing business location for most of the time we were there."

A little bit past Yorkshire Pine heading north is perhaps the most unusual business of the bunch. Gym Ventures, 5066 Santa Fe St., is part gymnastic studio, part kids play area, with something to

Shirley Zylstra is the owner of Yorkshire Pine, 5076 Santa Fe St., an importer of English pine furniture.  
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offer parents, too.

"We provide a really special environment through gymnastics and creating an environment for children to play and use their imagination and creativity and be able to bond with their parents," said Gym Ventures owner Darren Solomon. "It's

A detailed play castle is among the structures available to children at Kid Ventures, which is part of Gym Ventures, 5066 Santa Fe St.  
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very much designed for both kids and parents."

While Gym Ventures has been on Santa Fe Street for six years, it expanded into Kid Ventures only last March. Kid Ventures consists of a play town, castle, pirate ship and tree house for kids, and a parent cafe that features wireless internet, allowing parents to play while their kids do the same.

"We call ourselves the hidden gem of the area because most people don't know about us unless it's through word of mouth because there's no visibility," Solomon said.

That could be said for any of the businesses on Santa Fe Street.

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# City rides the wave to be tsunami-ready with evacuation signs

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Forty-four tsunami evacuation route signs being installed in coastal areas around the county now point out which way to flee if a big wave hits. The signage is part of the city's effort to become recognized as "tsunami-ready" by the National Weather Service.

Tsunamis are waves created by a quake or landslide in the ocean that last a longer period than usual, resulting in an abnormally large wave reaching shore.

"We plan for all risks and all hazards and a tsunami is one of those," said Donna Faller of the city's Office of Homeland Security. "While pretty rare, San Diego is considered in a moderate tsunami (prone) area, so we plan for that."

Installation of the signs began in December and will wrap up soon. Faller said the signs were already purchased and the installation costs of \$21,000 came from city's 2008 general fund.

"We purchased the signs, but we did not have the staffing at the time to do the outreach component," Faller said. "We were able to move some of the '08 monies over to the current year to pick up the cost of this current project."

Twenty-one of the signs are located within Mission Beach and Pacific Beach. Multiple signs are up along Mission Boulevard, West Mission Bay Drive, Sea World Drive, Clairemont Drive and Ingraham Street. Other signs are located at 800 Grand Ave., 800 Garnet Ave., and 1100 East Mission Bay Drive. While the direction of these evacuation signs

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DONNA FALLER  
City Office of Homeland Security

may seem like common sense to locals, the signs are in place to raise awareness in case a tsunami strikes San Diego, and to help visitors.

"They serve those who are not familiar with the area. We have more than 20 million visitors to our beaches every year and those people may not be familiar with where the higher ground is," Faller said.

The signs are one component of the city becoming tsunami-ready. Faller said the city has submitted its draft application to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Another component of the process is tsunami inundation maps, which the state unveiled for the entire coast of California on Dec. 17. The maps can be found at [www.conservation.ca.gov](http://www.conservation.ca.gov).

"It means that there's a greater likelihood that the water could reach you up to a certain point," said Yvette Urrea Moe, public information specialist with the county's Office of Emergency Services. "We would recommend to those people living in those areas to know their way away from there."

Local inundation areas include the boardwalk south of Tourmaline, which would be underwater in the event of a

tsunami. The maps also show that a tsunami would bring significant amounts of water to areas on Mission Boulevard south of Grand Avenue and that most of South Mission Beach would be underwater as a result.

The county is educating San Diegans about tsunamis with videos and information on its website, [www.readysandiego.org](http://www.readysandiego.org). A DVD about what to do is also making its way around to local schools.

"It tells them what they can do to be safe and what some of the warning signs are," Urrea Moe said. "Living in San Diego, we've never experienced a tsunami, and a lot of people don't really realize what they're supposed to do."

Richard Seymour, a Scripps Institution of Oceanography research oceanographer, said the San Diego area has never seen damage from a tsunami. The last tsunami that caused damage in the state occurred in 1964 in Crescent City, near the California-Oregon border.

As far as predicting a future tsunami, Seymour said there is not a mathematically or scientifically sound method. What is sound, he said, is predicting the results of a distant earthquake that could potentially produce a tsunami.

"We can measure them with a pressure gauge that we have off Scripps Pier," Seymour said. "We can go into our record from that pressure and actually see the tsunami — the very, very slow rise and fall of the sea level. I don't think we're going to be in the situation of the false alarm or false warning we were in for many years."

Even without a surefire way to fore-



This tsunami evacuation sign in the 800 block of Grand Avenue is among those placed around Mission Beach, Mission Bay and Pacific Beach. The signs were funded by the city and the National Weather Service.

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cast a tsunami, Seymour said one occurring in San Diego is highly unlikely. He said the most dangerous type of tsunami — one that occurs very close to the shore as the result of a landslide — is not likely to happen given the makeup of the sea floor off local coasts.

"Based upon the local geometry

of the sea floor, which doesn't tend to magnify the effect of tsunami waves, the chances of our having anything destructive are extremely small," Seymour said.

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NEWS**briefs**

**Local physician joins emergency team in Haiti**

Pacific Beach resident Colleen Buono, M.D. is part of a five-member team of doctors and nurses that took medical supplies to Haiti on Jan. 16 to provide emergency services for survivors of the recent devastating earthquake there.

The group is part of San Diego-based International Relief Teams (IRT), an international humanitarian and health-care nonprofit organization. IRT selected the team members based on their prior experience working on disasters. Buono was previously deployed to Louisiana to provide help for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

**PB Planning Group looks for new members**

The Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) is now accepting applications for new members.

The PBPG is composed of 20 community volunteers (15 residential and five commercial seats). The group advises the city on land use and new development, traffic, parking, alcohol licensing and other issues of importance to the community.

Candidates must be residents of, or own a business in Pacific Beach. New member elections will take place on March 24, but all candidates must have attended at least one PBPG meeting during the period of January 2009 through January 2010. Applications can be found at [www.pbplanning.org](http://www.pbplanning.org) or by attending the next PBPG meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the

Pacific Beach Library, 4275 Cass St. For more information contact Marcie Beckett, (858) 483-8908.

**Man shot on boat**

A 38-year-old man was shot once in the stomach during an altercation on a boat at Seaforth landing Jan. 17, according to a police report. The suspect, Thomas Corning, 53, was taken into custody and a weapon was found at the scene.

The victim's wounds were not considered life-threatening. San Diego Police Northern Division is handling the case.

**Man sentenced for possessing machine guns**

A federal judge on Jan. 12 sentenced a Lake Elsinore man who was driving a truck in Pacific Beach with machine guns in it to 6 1/2 years in federal prison for unlawful possession of the unregistered weapons.

It still isn't known why Jason Ray Hilliard, 36, was driving around with weapons. He crashed into a parked car in Pacific Beach after driving erratically and was arrested on May 6, 2009.

Hilliard was sentenced by U.S. District Court Judge Larry Burns. Burns sentenced him to 80 months for each of four counts, but ordered the 80-month terms to run concurrently with each other. His attorney said Hilliard had no criminal record. Hilliard pleaded guilty to three counts in October 2009, and had a non-jury trial on two other weapons charges that he disputed. Burns acquitted him of one weapon charge and convicted him on a fourth charge.

— Neal Putnam

**Gunman sentenced to 24 years in prison**

A gunman who randomly wounded a man outside a Pacific Beach taco shop in 2007 has been sentenced to 24 years in state prison and ordered to pay the victim's medical expenses of approximately \$7,000.

Aaron Sung-Uk Park, 25, was also fined \$4,800 by San Diego Superior Court Judge Francis Devaney on Jan. 7. Park was convicted July 15, 2009 of attempted manslaughter and felony assault of Eric Joseph, 27, who was shot in both legs and his right hip on Sept. 23, 2007, around 2 a.m. on Garnet Avenue at Bayard Street.

Park was given consecutive terms that included 10 years for using a gun in a crime, and five years consecutively for being convicted of assault with a deadly weapon in 2003. The jury acquitted him of attempted murder, a charge that could have resulted in a life sentence.

Park, of Las Vegas, was in Pacific Beach to see his brother. The shooting



**Garage fire**  
Firefighters extinguished a blaze in a garage in the 4100 Block of Bayard Street on the afternoon of Jan. 12. Neighbors helped contain the fire with a garden hose, but a Mini Cooper parked nearby received heat damage.  
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occurred after a woman complained of being injured and Park yelled to people passing by "who pushed me?" Park pulled out a gun and shot randomly, hitting Joseph, whom he did not know.

— Neal Putnam

**Teen wins contest**  
Teen actor and model Eartha Hubbell, a Pacific Beach resident, won the Clinique/Teen Vogue Fresh Faces modeling contest. Eartha and two other finalists

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**STORM**

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drains clogged from debris and trash. Storms earlier this week caused the usual fender benders on city streets and high winds pulled branches from trees with some large limbs as well.

Street flooding was reported in Pacific Beach in some areas of Hornblend Street, Oliver Avenue and Kendall

Street with damage to homes in some cases. A tree was uprooted and fell in the road Jan. 19, blocking a lane of traffic at Cass Street near Loring Street. Three to five inches of rain is expected to fall this week. Lindbergh Field typically receives 11 inches of rain annually, according to Dan Atkin, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in San Diego. Storms moving across the Pacific from the northwest, coupled with an El Niño year,

are bringing in the rain.

"If you see (city) barricades and moving water, don't attempt to cross it," Harris said. "The city is prone to flash flooding when we get large amounts of water. Moving water can be very deceptive."

Waves may reach 15 to 20 feet this week, and a high surf advisory has been issued until 10 a.m. on Sunday. Meteorologists are also warning of coastal flooding following storms on Thursday and Friday.



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Eartha Hubbell

finished first in a field of more than 6,000 contestants.

As a winning contestant, Eartha will be flown to New York City; featured in two photo shoots for Teen Vogue Magazine; lunch with the editors of Teen Vogue Magazine; receive \$1,000 in Clinique products; and be treated to a Broadway show.

This ends a great year for Eartha, having begun last January with the short film "Letters Lost," directed by Dorian Iribe, co-starring Eartha, winning first place and audience choice awards at the Com-Col Film Festival.

—Jerry Calburn

Event raises funds for youth shelter

The yoga community participated in a charitable event to raise money for homeless youth on Jan. 10. The event, held at The Haven Yoga, 4170 Morena Blvd. in Clairemont, raised money for PhotoCharity, the largest donor to the Storefront program. Only one shelter provides housing to youths who are homeless. This shelter, Storefront, is a source of hope for youths 12 to 17 years of age who are homeless without resources or familial support. These youths do not qualify for county programs, largely because they haven't broken the law.

"It is our intention to raise awareness of the youth who are in need and on the streets. Once attention is raised I know the community cannot close its doors on our children," said Susan Griego-O'Connor, owner and yoga instructor at The Haven Yoga,

Special music events



Singer-songwriter Judy Fjell, Feb. 5-8

- Concert Feb. 5, 7:30 p.m., features Montana singer-songwriter Judy Fjell, a performer celebrated for her generosity, humor and stories in a rare appearance with San Diego's own Peggy Watson performing best-loved favorites and new originals at Christ Lutheran Chapel. Suggested donation \$10.
- "Vocal Workshop for Everyone," Feb. 6, 1-3:30 p.m. For anyone who ever said "I wish I could sing," Fjell's workshop will transform your feelings about your voice and let you discover the joy of freeing your voice in song. No experience or talent necessary. Christ Lutheran Church Lounge. Sliding donation: \$15-\$30.
- Senior Empowerment with Music Workshop, Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m. Lots of fun and music-making for energizing, grounding, sharing and feeling the joy of spirit and community. Christ Lutheran Church Lounge. Free. Reservations: (858) 483-2300. Information: (858) 270-7922

UPCOMINGevents

Friday, JANUARY 22

Bio O Tire store owner Dave Garmo invites the community to see the monster truck "Blue Thunder" on Friday, Jan. 22 from 1 to 5 p.m. The driver will be signing autographs in the Big O parking lot, 1106 Garnet Ave. All kids and adults are welcome.

Saturday, JANUARY 23

More than 400 outrigger paddlers, watermen and women from all over California will participate in the 14th annual Hanohano Outrigger Canoe Club Huki Outrigger/Surfski Ocean Challenge at Bonita Cove, presented by OEX Dive and Kayak Center, Jan. 23. Registration opens 7 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m., Long Course awards and raffle at 1 p.m. Entry fee \$20, \$15 for under 18. www.hanohano.org

Monday, JANUARY 25

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Library's informal book discussion group, Under the Covers, will meet on Monday, Jan. 25 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Under the Covers is an off-shoot of the PB Library's "Monday Night Meetup" series. Each attendee is invited to speak for a few minutes about a book that they've enjoyed. By the end of the event you should have an eclectic list of good books to read, and you might even make some new friends. The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch of the San Diego Public Library is located at 4275 Cass St. in Pacific Beach. (858) 581-9934.

Look for the next issue of *Beach & Bay Press* on Thursday, Feb. 4

EVENT HIGHLIGHT

The Opera Singing Chef brings Aphrodisiac Cooking to PB Women's Club

By LILLIAN COX | BEACH & BAY PRESS

An Aphrodisiac Cooking Class will be presented by Chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo, also known as the "Opera Singing Chef," at the Pacific Beach Women's Club at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 29.

The event is just in time for Valentine's Day.

Dishes will include filet mignon with a spicy mustard sauce, horseradish mashed potatoes, chocolate mocha cookies and an ancient love potion.

"Each dish contains ingredients known for hundreds of years as being an aphrodisiac," Podsiadlo said. "Since I am the Opera Singing Chef, there will be a few love songs sung as well."

Podsiadlo will be joined by pianist John Danke, baritone Pandeli Lazari-di and tenor Jef Olson in performing arias from Mozart, Gluck and Puccini. They will also assist in the kitchen.

Even though the class is being held at the venerable PB Women's Club, Podsiadlo said things could still get out of hand.

"At last year's Greek food cooking class, the phyllo dough was flying to the sounds of Beethoven's 5th, and I mean flying," she said. "It took us an hour to clean up the mess afterwards, and the attending ladies laughed till they cried."

The club's Hornblend Hall is among her favorite venues to perform.

"It is a singer's dream as the acoustics are amazing," she said. "The wood in the theater and the shape of the mouth of the stage have made this



Chef Elizabeth Podsiadlo, the "Opera Singing Chef." COURTESY PHOTO

a wonderful place to sing and hear singers."

Podsiadlo is the author of two novels about cooking: "Talking Pictures" and "The Last Aria." She has also recorded a companion CD for "The Last Aria" and a second CD, "The Good Woman."

Podsiadlo can be seen once a month on "San Diego Living" on TV Channel 6.

"There will be recipes and samples of each dish for everyone participating in the Aphrodisiac Cooking Class," she said. "Iowa Meat Farms donated the beef at half price, which is very generous."

Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for any San Diego Chapter Women's Club member. RSVP by Jan. 25 at (858) 547-8620. Walk-ins will be charged double.

The Pacific Beach Women's Club is located at 1721 Hornblend St. For more information, visit theoperasingingchef.com.

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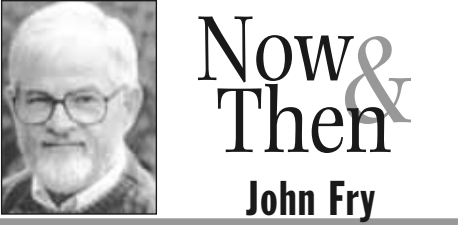


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Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Nov. 28,1886.

The entire letter is reproduced in the January issue of the Pacific Beach Historical Society newsletter. If you'd like a copy contact me at one of the numbers at the end of this column

“WHERE DO YOU STAY?” “What?” “Where do you STAY?” “Do you mean where do I LIVE?” I called Ralph’s a while back and ended up in the Twilight Zone. I wanted to tell them about the shopping cart that had been abandoned in my alley. I used to do this a lot, but it seems these days that the stores don’t really care. And now I had run into either a language barrier or a minor stroke on my part. I gave them the address again, which isn’t all that easy when the cart is in the alley, and bade them a good day. The cart is still there, by the way.

RED ROSES are in – yellow poppies are out. That’s how I view the 2011 license plate stickers. I’m taking a childlike pleasure toward the end of each year in anticipating what color the new tags will be. Don’t ruin it for me if you already know what next year’s will be. If you’re still sporting blue tags you might want to park in your driveway – backward.

REGGIE DUBLIN is back – or maybe he never left. My morning newspapers (knock on wood) have been waiting for me at the old, early time.

WOULD A PORSCHE LIE? The \$60,000 Porsche Cayman ahead of me had a tail light out, so I eased up alongside the driver. I had to honk to get his attention. “Your left brake light is out,” I said.

“That’s what it was just telling me,” he replied. “I didn’t know whether to believe it.”

LICENSE PLATE FRAME on an SUV: “Honk if a kid flies out.”

John Fry may be reached at 722-6655 or mail@johnfry.com

COUNCILMAN’S CORNER

New committee holds keys to Mission Bay’s future

By KEVIN FAULCONER | DISTRICT 2 CITY COUNCILMAN

I’m very excited about a new group of community leaders who hold the keys to Mission Bay’s future. This 11-member committee, punctuated by passionate, bright and dedicated people, has the tools to deliver the type of results that should make all San Diegans proud.

The members of the new Mission Bay Park Committee are: Paul Robinson, Jim Greene, Lani Lutar, Gregg Peterson, Judith Swink, David Potter Cynthia Hedgecock, Mort McCarthy, Kevin Konopasek, Katy Bendel and Rick Bussell.

I attended the committee’s first meeting on Jan. 12. The committee is scheduled to meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Santa Clara Recreation Center, 1008 Santa Clara Place. The meetings are open to the public and I encourage you to attend.

Mission Bay Park is the largest manmade aquatic park in the world and one of our most treasured assets, but it has been a neglected jewel.

For decades, money that was supposed to be reinvested in Mission Bay was siphoned away and spent on other city priorities. The Mission Bay Park Master Plan identified more than \$300 million in

improvements 16 years ago — most of which remain outstanding.

Proposition C, which voters overwhelmingly approved, ensures that lease money generated in Mission Bay Park stays in Mission Bay Park. Committee members will be the ones who will carry out the voters’ will and oversee the future success of Mission Bay Park.

The committee, appointed by the City Council, was created to carry out Prop C. It will oversee funding of priority projects that are now possible because of Prop C.

The priorities include restoration of navigable waterways, wetland expansion and water quality improvements, the protection and expansion of eelgrass beds and erosion control features, expansion of endangered or threatened species preserves, and completion of bicycle and pedestrian paths.

I spearheaded and campaigned hard for Prop C,



Kevin Faulconer

and prior to becoming District 2’s council representative, I chaired the Mission Bay Park Committee.

I personally know many of the members on the new committee, and I can assure you that we could not have assembled a better team. These folks bring a wealth of experience from diverse backgrounds, including community planning and development, finance, project management, public policy, land use and environmental planning and law.

The committee is results-oriented, community-focused and genuinely interested in doing what’s right for Mission Bay Park.

If you have any suggestions for the group, please feel free to pass them along to Mission Bay Park District Manager Stacy McKenzie, who can be reached at (619) 235-1154.

I’m looking forward to seeing this group in action. I’m confident they’re going to be admirable stewards of Mission Bay Park.

Kevin Faulconer sits on the San Diego City Council as the representative for District 2, which includes Mission Beach, Ocean Beach and Point Loma.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The world is changing

For 17 years, Small World has shared PB’s triumphs, from the opening of PB’s Taylor Library (1997) to Capehart Dog Park (2004) – and the years of intense effort they required.

It’s been fun highlighting PB’s restaurants, shops, people and lively events, such as BeachFest, Concerts on the Green and restaurant walks, plus assorted school and local activities.

A good columnist should educate, elucidate, advocate and, if possible, entertain; I’ve really tried to achieve the “aha!” factor.

Readers enjoyed gorgeous views from beaches, Mission Bay and Kate Sessions Park, discovered PB’s murals and picked up helpful hints for saving water and energy.

On a serious note, I’ve covered memorial services for developer Vern Taylor, former Councilman Mike Gotch, landscape architect Gerald Garner, and residents Pug Sandford and Carmie and Bern Swarts.

Readers also joined me (vicariously) for my 50th high school reunion and various vacations through the years, when I’d return with ideas for PB. You learned the challenges of long-distance care-giving for my now-98-year-old mother in Philadelphia. These columns often elicited the most positive comments.

Beach&Bay Press has changed its format, however, and I don’t fit their format. So, good readers, thank you for letting me share my world. Now it’s YOUR turn to write letters to the editor. Start a Neighborhood Watch. Attend community meetings.

When controversial issues divided PB, I’d explain the background. And then I’d take a stand. In my first column, Nov. 5, 1992, I championed diagonal parking on Garnet, led by the new PB Business Improvement Association. And the last line of my final Small World was this: “Most important, let’s do what’s best for PB.”

Eve Anderson  
Pacific Beach

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Book recommendation  
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**AUTHOR:** Stieg Larsson  
**SYNOPSIS:** The first novel in the “Millennium Trilogy” of the late Swedish author Stieg Larsson (1954-2004) “The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo” combines a murder mystery, family saga, love story and financial intrigue into one satisfyingly complex novel. Harriet Vanger, a scion of one of Sweden’s wealthiest families, disappeared over 40 ago.



Her aged uncle, Henrik, continues to search for the truth of her disappearance. He hires Mikael Blomkvist, a crusading journalist recently trapped by a libel conviction, to investigate. Blomkvist is aided by the pierced and tattooed prodigy Lisbeth Salander. Together, they tap a vein of unfathomable iniquity and astonishing corruption.

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# Sunroad Marina welcomes new boat show Jan. 28-31

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Lower ticket prices, brokerage boats, free sailboat rides, more marine accessories and a different venue — these are just a few of the changes that await attendees of the new San Diego Sunroad Boat Show.

The boat show opens Thursday, Jan. 28 and will continue through Sunday, Jan. 31. The event runs from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Sunroad Resort Marina, 955 Harbor Island Drive on Harbor Island's east end.

Slightly larger than last year's early-January convention center show, the Sunroad Boat Show will feature about 200 exhibits, including 100 in-the-water boats.

The Unified Port of San Diego and the Port Tenants Association are partnering with Sunroad Marina to stage the show.

For the first time, this year's show will offer boat buyers the choice of both new and brokerage (used) boats. The show's previous sponsor, the National Marine Manufacturers Association, which represents new-boat dealers only and cancelled several shows nationwide because of the recession, previously barred brokerage boats.

Other new features at the Sunroad show include an art show by the pavilion



Sunroad Marina at the east end of Harbor Island will be the site of a showcase of boats, both new and used, at the San Diego Sunroad Boat Show. COURTESY PHOTO



Those attending the San Diego Sunroad Boat Show might come away with visions of pleasure craft such as this one anchored in a tropical cove. COURTESY PHOTO

and new and returning vendors offering a greater selection of electronics and boating accessories. Seaforth Boat Charters will provide free sailboat rides and introductory lessons to potential sailors.

Another first this year, buyers will be able to do immediate sea trials prior to sealing the deal on their dream boat.

In addition to the 27- to 90-foot sail and power boats exhibited in the water, Hipp Marine is showing a range of smaller trailer-capable boats in the paved lot

adjoining the exhibits. Boatyards, marinas and vendors of marine services, products and equipment will display their wares under large tents.

"All of the major San Diego boat dealers, both power and sail, will be there, as well as some from Orange County," said show director Jim Behun, who doubles as the Sunroad Marina manager. "People will have a real boat show with more boats in the water."

Also on exhibit will be the solar-pow-

ered electric boat which wowed viewers at December's San Diego Bay Parade of Lights.

Guests will reportedly also have a wider choice of dining options. Maria's Café & Deli located at the marina is offering a calypso band to accompany their barbecue. Chefs from the adjacent Island Prime and C Level Lounge will provide cooking demonstrations.

Educational seminars will run throughout the show, according to boat

show sales manager Kat Ohlman. A full schedule of seminars is available online. On both Saturday and Sunday, Capt. Debra Marks will offer sessions on dock-line handling, while Richard Benschoter will talk about cruising to Catalina Island and Capt. Marty Fogel will present tips on preparing for boat handling in heavy weather. Other seminar topics include "green" boating, knot-tying and computer-based navigation.

Parking is available for \$10 a day at the Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel at the corner of North Harbor Drive and Harbor Island Drive, with shuttles to the show available.

Tickets, which include all seminars, are \$10. Children 12 and under are admitted free. A \$2 discount coupon is online at the show's website, [www.bigbayboatshow.com](http://www.bigbayboatshow.com), where participants can also find details about seminars, exhibitors and discounts. For more information, call (619) 497-5254.



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CHARGERS SEASON REVIEW

San Diego had a fantastic season going as they entered the playoffs

By BOB HURST

The 2009-10 San Diego Chargers season started with an uplifting come-from-behind win at Oakland and ended with a thud in a heartbreaking playoff loss to the New York Jets. Here's a look back at the Chargers' year:

Trailing 20-17 with 2:34 left in their season opener at Oakland, the Chargers launched an 89-yard drive with Darren Sproles running in from five yards for a touchdown with 18 seconds to play for a 24-20 win on Monday Night Football.

Despite a career-high 436 passing yards and two touchdowns from quarterback Philip Rivers, the Chargers fall 31-26 in their home-opener to Baltimore when Sproles is stopped in the closing

seconds by linebacker Ray Lewis.

Following a loss at Pittsburgh and a bye week, San Diego drops to its lowest point of the season in Week 6 with a 34-23 defeat at home against Denver. The Broncos' Eddie Royal ran back a kickoff return 93 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter and added a 71-yard punt return for a score in the second. Denver improved to 6-0, 3 1/2 games ahead of the 2-3 Chargers in the AFC West.

LaDainian Tomlinson scored two touchdowns in a 24-16 victory over Oakland in Week 8. It was the Bolts' 13th straight win over the Raiders.

In a series of three key games, the Chargers traveled to New York and beat the Giants 21-20; returned home to defeat Philadelphia 31-23; and won a

rematch with the Broncos at Denver, 32-3. Rivers led an 80-yard drive against the Giants, ending with an 18-yard TD pass to Vincent Jackson with 21 seconds to play. Tomlinson ran for a season-high 96 yards and two touchdowns against the Eagles. In a dominant defensive performance against the Broncos in Week 11, the Bolts held Denver to 271 total yards with three forced turnovers and three sacks. San Diego (7-3) took over sole possession of the division lead over the Broncos (6-4).

In Week 12 at Qualcomm Stadium, the Chargers crushed Kansas City 43-14 to run their winning streak to six games. Tomlinson scored two TDs while moving into 10th place on the NFL's all-time rushing list, and tight end Antonio Gates had his 14th career 100-yard receiving game while scoring two touchdowns.

The Chargers rolled into Dallas in Week 14 and beat the Cowboys 20-17 as Rivers led two scoring drives in the fourth quarter. Nate Kaeding's 34-yard field goal put the game away at 20-10 with 1:56 left.

In Week 15, Gates caught his fourth TD pass in three games and Kaeding kicked a 52-yard field goal with 3 seconds left to lift the Bolts to a 27-24 home win over Cincinnati. It was San Diego's ninth consecutive win and clinched the AFC West title for the Chargers, their fourth straight.

The Bolts closed out the regular season with wins over Tennessee and Washington, making it 11 straight victories.

San Diego came into the AFC Divisional round of the playoffs with a 13-3 record against the New York Jets, who were 10-7. But it was the Jets who

advanced to the conference championship with a surprising 17-14 win before 69,498 fans, the largest crowd ever at Qualcomm Stadium. The Chargers played the kind of football that was

uncharacteristic for them compared to their 11-game winning streak. They dropped passes, missed tackles and com-

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LaDainian Tomlinson will ponder his future with the Chargers during the off-season.

Photo by Don Balch

Has LT played his last game as a Charger?

By BOB HURST

Tomlinson ran 12 times for just 24 yards in the playoff loss to the Jets, and had career-lows of 730 yards gained and a 3.3 average per carry this season.

"I can't tell you right now," Tomlinson said after Sunday's game, on whether he has played his final game in a Chargers uniform. "I've heard all the speculation. But I'll tell you what: I've had a heck of a time here and if it is (the end), I've enjoyed the ride."

If the Chargers release Tomlinson,

they'll need to acquire a sturdy running back who can carry the load that the 5-foot-6, 185-pound Darren Sproles might not be able to handle. San Diego needs improvement in its running game after finishing 31st in the NFL at 88.9 yards per game.

The Chargers also will have to upgrade their rush defense, which allowed 117.6 yards per contest, good for 20th in the league. The Jets out-gained the Chargers on the ground 169-61 in the playoff game, with Shonn Greene running for a 53-yard touchdown.

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# NFL Conference Championships


Sunday, Jan. 24

By BOB HURST

**NFC:** Minnesota 13-4 at New Orleans 14-3  
**Time:** 3:40 p.m.  
**TV:** FOX  
**All-time Series:** Vikings lead 18-7 in regular season, 2-0 in postseason.  
**Last Meeting:** Minnesota won 30-27 at New Orleans in 2008.  
**Last Playoff Meeting:** Vikings won 34-16 at home in 2000 Divisional game.  
**Stats & Stuff:** Minnesota's offense averaged 29.4 points per game during the regular season, second-most in the league. Saints led NFL in offense with 403.8 yards per game. Vikings have won last four meetings with Saints, including three in New Orleans, and eight of last nine overall.  
**Game Day:** This one smells of an offensive shootout, despite both teams playing solid defense in their Divisional playoff games. Brett Favre has thrown for 37 TDs, 7 INTs including the postseason for Minnesota while the Saints' Drew Brees has passed for 37 TDs, 11 INTs. Return men Percy Harvin of the Vikings and Reggie Bush of the Saints could play a key role.  
**Pick:** Saints, 38, Vikings 35



**AFC:** N.Y. Jets 11-7 at Indianapolis 15-2.  
**Time:** Noon.  
**TV:** CBS  
**All-time Series:** Colts lead 40-26 in regular season; Jets lead 2-0 in postseason.  
**Last Meeting:** New York won 29-15 at Indianapolis in Week 16.  
**Last Playoff Meeting:** Jets won 41-0 at home in a 2002 Divisional game.  
**Stats & Stuff:** The Jets had the No. 1 running game and top-ranked defense in the NFL during the regular season. Indianapolis had the second-best passing game in the league, averaging 282.2 yards per game.  
**Game Day:** This is a rematch of the Week 16 game when the Colts pulled their starters in the third quarter to rest them. Indianapolis has to put the clamps on Jets running back Shonn Greene, who has 263 yards rushing and 2 TDs in two playoff games. It will be an interesting matchup between Colts' QB Peyton Manning (33 TDs, 16 INTs in regular season) and New York's No. 1 pass defense.  
**Pick:** Colts 24, Jets 14



## CHARGERS

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mitted 10 penalties for 87 yards. Kaeding, on a streak of 20 straight field goals made during the season and 69 in a row from inside the 40, missed three attempts, including a 36-yarder in the first half and one from 40 with 4:38 left to play in the game. Rivers, who threw nine interceptions during the regular season, threw two INTs, including one that set up the Jets go-ahead touchdown, and was sacked twice in the second half. The Chargers were unable to adjust to the Jets defensive switch to man-to-man defense in the last 30 minutes. "You'd like to play your best games in January in games like this, and certainly, for whatever reason, we did not do that today," Chargers' coach Norv Turner said. "These games come down to a few plays. There were some great efforts out there. Defensively, I thought we did an awful lot of good things. We made mistakes that we normally don't and we didn't do enough good things."

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MUSICcalendar

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Indie rockers Deaf Zero host a CD release show for their latest album at the 710 Beach Club on Jan. 30. Featuring shared lead vocals and writing duties from guitarist Greg DeFuria and keyboardist Courtney Senoret, the group is radio friendly to a fault, with a broader range than the average modern rock heard on radio. Deaf Zero's sound comes in somewhere between Concrete Blonde and '90s alt rock, complete with anthemic choruses. The singer's solo vocals turns are good, but when Senoret and DeFuria's vocals intertwine, especially live, it's something special. **Deaf Zero: Saturday, Jan. 30, 7 p.m., at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. Cover TBD.**

Perhaps best known as a former drummer with Karl Denson's Tiny Universe, Craig Dawson, who appears with his jazz trio at The Turquoise on Jan. 30, has also spent time keeping the back beat with numerous other combos. These include The Bay-side Band and his own Latin Jazz Trio, where he is joined by bassist Kevin Freeby, for a mix of standards and originals. What keeps the trio's shows exciting is that the third member of the group is left open to whim and circumstance, resulting in a series of unique performances involving some of the area's top players. **Craig Dawson Trio: Saturday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m., at The Turquoise, 873 Turquoise St. 21 and up.**

Although the Mississippi Mudsharks, who appear at the Tiki House on Jan. 29, are technically a blues band, that description doesn't do them justice. Harder edged than a typical blues combo, they are also more rock oriented and sport a punk attitude, even mixing a bit of country twang into songs like "Devils Road." Just back in town after a tour across five



The Mississippi Mudsharks play The Tiki House Jan. 29.

European countries, the band's high-octane, high-energy songs make them the perfect soundtrack for a night at the Tiki. **Mississippi Mudsharks: Friday, Jan. 29, 9 p.m. at The Tiki House, 1152 Garnet Ave. Cover TBD. 21 and up.**

Though some traditionalists consider them to be too pop oriented, there is little doubt that UB40 is one of the biggest reggae-oriented groups in the world. With a huge catalog of hits, it's no surprise that a tribute group like Labour of Love, which appears at Brick By Brick on Jan. 21, should pop up — the only question is what took so long. The quintet uses synthesized horns and uniquely for a reggae group, a stand up bass, managing to catch UB40's sound with impressive accuracy, particularly in the vocals. Labour of Love also mixes in the occasional genre classic from the likes of Bob Marley and Peter Tosh, making their shows a good choice for reggae fans at any level. **Labour of Love: Thursday, Jan. 21, 8:30 p.m., at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. 21 and up. \$7.**

Jazz vocalist Karin Carson worked on every aspect of her debut CD

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN  
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Even with all the history that colors it, jazz normally commands about 3 percent of the national music market share, putting it on a level with classical fare and well below that of some old-time radio formats. But there's a positive ring to the numbers, too — the genre has always banked on its go-it-alone improvisational elements for its fame, and ratings be damned.

When local vocalist Karin Carson unveils her "The Time Is Now" CD on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Tango del Rey, she'll be following in the footsteps of jazz's fiercely independent pioneers. She had a hand in every single piece of the process, from the initial live downtown gig in April of 2007 to the final mix to the cover art. And the experience was as memorable as the music itself.

"I always wanted to do my own album first, on my own, before anything else," Carson said. "I've spent a lot of money and time and love. But I did it myself. I produced it. I hired the musicians. I paid them. I got them a place to stay.

"There's an honesty about the music because I was really particular about making sure that my voice was heard, not necessarily the sound of some unknown engineer. I'm really proud of that. It's definitely from my heart."

And to think the foundation for this effort was once thought to be lost. A friend, Carson explained, had the sessions on a hard drive in order to back up and mix them; "For about a

year, I couldn't get in touch with him, and I didn't even know if it was still around."

But that scare proved fortuitous. Carson, 31, noted that she's changed substantially as an artist and human being since then — and a savvy San Francisco engineer took it from there. Worth the wait, she said, as connections with local tech people simply weren't materializing.

As founding president of the San Diego Jazz Musicians Guild, Carson said her nonprofit is designed to help foster such alliances. "People are hesitant to call (San Diego) anything" that labels the city as an arts hub, Carson explained. "But that's changing, too. There's a lot of art happening in this city and a lot of creative forces."

Indeed, on Saturday, Tango del Rey will be the venue of choice for some. The doors open at 6 p.m., with shows at 7:30 and 9:30. The musician's roster features the acclaimed Christian McBride, Derek Cannon, Gregory Hutchinson, Tom Catanzaro and Joshua White. Tango del Rey is located at 3567 Del Rey St. in Pacific Beach. More information is available at (858) 581-1114 or www.tangodelrey.com.



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