80TH ANNIVERSAY:

Pacific Beach VFW Post 5985 will celebrate its 80th anniversary March 12.

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TRYING TO JOIN THE CLUB:

MBHS senior tries to join the 2 percent who get to play in college.

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Five-year-olds Josh Woodard, Russell Fish, Ethan Corbitt and Cole Duffy, all part of The Wave swim group, prepare to show off their swimming skills.

Little fish in a big pool

Local swimmers take the 'Plunge' as coach's accomplished career goes along swimmingly

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Forty-four-year coaching veteran Donald Watkinds leads his swimmers to Olympic gold medals, participation ribbons and everything in between. Swimmers can find Watkinds all around town, from Naval Medical Center San Diego, where he coaches as part of the Wounded Warriors program, to the Plunge at Belmont Park, where he instructs swimmers from 5 to 41. If there is a pool, chances are he'll be there.

Watkinds also coaches beach-area swimmers

at the Plunge on a team named The Wave. Among that group are 5- and 6-year-olds who are beginning to learn their way around a pool.

"Some are fantastic little swimmers, looking like little mini swimmers," said Lisa Duffy, a former Watkinds pupil turned swim mom. "Others are still trying to learn their strokes, trying to keep up with the more 'accomplished' kids. They all have much heart and perseverance."

For Watkinds, the most rewarding part of

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Swim instructor Donald Watkinds encourages Cole Duffy during a recent swim session at the Plunge.

PB man honored for work with Air Force drones

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

In the early days of aerial espionage, balloons floated over the skies of Europe, seeking to gather information from across enemy lines. Today, unmanned aircraft dubbed Predators patrol the skies of Afghanistan, looking to destroy the Taliban without risking American

Somewhere between the beginning of this evolving phenomenon and now, Pacific Beach resident Dale Weaver trained members of the United States Air Force in this technology.

While working for Ryan Aeronautics in the 1960s, he was sent by his employers to Vietnam. The Air Force contract-

ed Weaver's company to help find safer and more effective ways to gather sensitive information.

"There are certain jobs that really don't make sense for man to do, and penetration reconnaissance is one of them — if you can in fact get the same job done with the people some place else," Weaver said.

Although he was a civilian, Weaver participated in missions while members of the Air Force caught up with this quickly-changing field. One plane even had the words "Dale's Eye in the Sky" inscribed on its side. A humble gentleman, Weaver claims the decal was in reference to both him and Colonel John Dale.

The unmanned aircraft called drones started out as a means of training, mainly for target practice. It wasn't long before cameras and monitors were added to get a look at enemy movements and capture electronic signals. High resolution cameras were used to view objects within inches from thousands of feet above.

When American troops left Vietnam, the need for drones in the U.S. military quickly dissipated. Weaver helped with various other projects all around the world. About 15 years ago he unofficially retired but continued to help out his former employer a few months a year.

Five years ago, Weaver decided to pull back completely and enjoy the comforts of his Pacific Beach Drive home

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John Charles Millenbah, May 29, 1941-Feb. 10, 2010

Chuck Millenbah, a longtime key member of OMBAC

By TOM McFADDEN | BEACH & BAY PRESS

This July, when 50,000-plus descend on Fiesta Island seeking the legendary debauchery offered by the annual Over-The-Line tournament, few will notice much difference from years past. The competition will remain fierce, the party loud, the team names cringe-worthy, and Ms. Emerson, uh, gifted. To the 450-member strong brotherhood of the Old Mission

Beach Athletic Club, however, the absence of OMBAC legend Chuck Millenbah will prove conspicuous.

John Charles Millenbah, whose 32year stewardship of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club transformed the group from a handful of volleyball buddies into the most respected community service and sports club in San Diego, passed away Feb. 10. He is survived by his beloved family; wife Janine and son C.J.

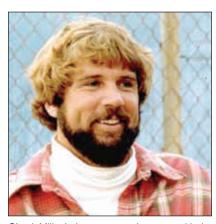


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earned a tryout with the Green Bay Packers. A career on the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field wasn't in the

A four-year let- cards, so Millenbah headed for the terman in football Windy City to attend Graduate school and basketball at at George Williams College, earning the University of a masters degree in physical educa-Wisconsin, Stevens tion in 1966. Following graduation, Millenbah left the frigid winters of the ed in 1964. Soon Midwest for the desirable climes of San Diego. After working for the YMCA for a year, he was hired by the University of California, San Diego in

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Chuck Millenbah once earned a tryout with the Green Bay Packers. He was eventually elected chair of the UCSD Physical Education Depart-



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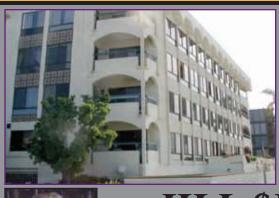


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PB VFW Post celebrates 80th birthday

By SANDI PIERZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Pacific Beach Post 5985 will celebrate its 80th birthday by hosting a prime rib dinner for its members on March 12 at 6 p.m. Although some VFW meetings are open to the public, the 80th birthday dinner is reserved for VFW members

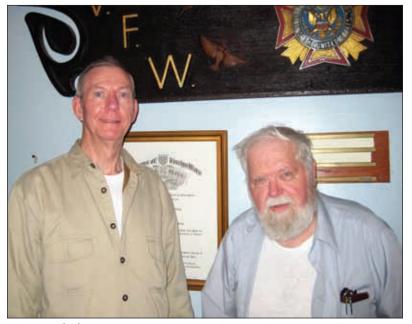
The VFW Pacific Beach Post 5985 is located at 853 Turquoise St. The post has 396 members ranging from 18 to 96 years of age. Membership includes veterans who served in various conflicts, including World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The VFW of the United States, with its auxiliaries, includes 2.3 million members in approximately 8,400 posts both stateside and overseas.

The primary function of the VFW is to provide assistance to veterans and their families, however, the organization is committed to finding ways to contribute to the local community. Every year, hundreds of thousands of students participate in the VFW-sponsored Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition and the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest, which provide more than \$3 million in scholarships and incentives.

Last year, the Pacific Beach Post 5985 received more than 90 entries for the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. An invitation to participate in this year's contest will soon be distributed to local schools. Twice a year, in May and November, Post 5985 participates in the Buddy Poppy Drive to help raise money for veterans and their dependents.

1800s by veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine-American War who returned from battle sick and wounded with no specialized medical care or veteran-



John Reece (left), post quartermaster, and John "Jack" Porath, adjutant of VFW Post 5985 in Pacific Beach, prepare for the upcoming celebration of the post's 80th anniversary.

s' pension. These men decided to because of these early efforts. take on a new battle: to create an organization that would fight to protect the rights of returning veterans. The VFW exists today

For additional information on programs and services provided by VFW Post 5985, visit http://vfw5985.com or call (858) 488-3631.

City closes some beach-area restrooms

Beachgoers will feel the effects of the city's mid-year \$26.2 million budget cuts when they head for the restroom this month.

The Department of Park and Recre-The VFW was formed in the late ation has closed six of the 11 bathroom stalls at La Jolla Shores and bathrooms at nine locations around Mission Bay through March 31 when fewer people use the beaches.

Closing the bathrooms will save the Playa Avenue.

department \$120,000 by not filling 2.2 full-time employees, according to Scott Reese, assistant director of Park and Recreation

In the Mission Bay and Mission Beach area, restrooms are closed at nine sites: El Carmel Point, East Bonita, Bahia Point, North Cove, West Vacation Isle, South Crown Point Shores, Fiesta Island youth camp, North Tecolote and La



San Diego Police Department traffic officer Greg Lindstrom monitors traffic at the corner

Influx of traffic cops nothing big, police say

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The past couple of weeks San Diego Police Department (SDPD) traffic officers have been more visible around Pacific Beach, seemingly sitting at every other four-way stop. But according to SDPD officials, the visibly-increased enforcement is nothing

"Our Traffic Division routinely does have officers out working all of our divisions month-to-month," said SDPD Northern Division Captain Chris Ball. "I'm not aware of anything out of the ordinary that Traffic Division is doing in Northern Division."

According to Captain Mary Cornicelli with SDPD Traffic Division, the staffing in the Pacific Beach area has remained the same. Cornicelli said one squad, made up of one sergeant and at least five officers, works the Northern Division.

"I have a motor squad that's assigned to the Northern Division out there," Cornicelli said. "But they patrol the entire division.'

Though Cornicelli said that no information for increased patrols in Pacific Beach has come through her office, she did mention that it is typical for traffic enforcement to be beefed-up in response to a complaint. Traffic complaints can come from the public, the City Council or internally from a police officer.

"Somebody has complained or they're asking for increased enforcement or they've gone through the council office to ask for increased enforcement based on what's going on there in the community," Cornicelli said. "That's very common and probably where it's coming from."

As for how long this increased enforcement will last, Cornicelli said it depends on where the complaint is being generated from and the type of complaint it is.

"If it's a patrol officer, they can give more specific information," Cornicelli said. "We get hundreds and hundreds of speed complaints in the city and the motor officers get out there when they can."

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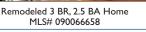


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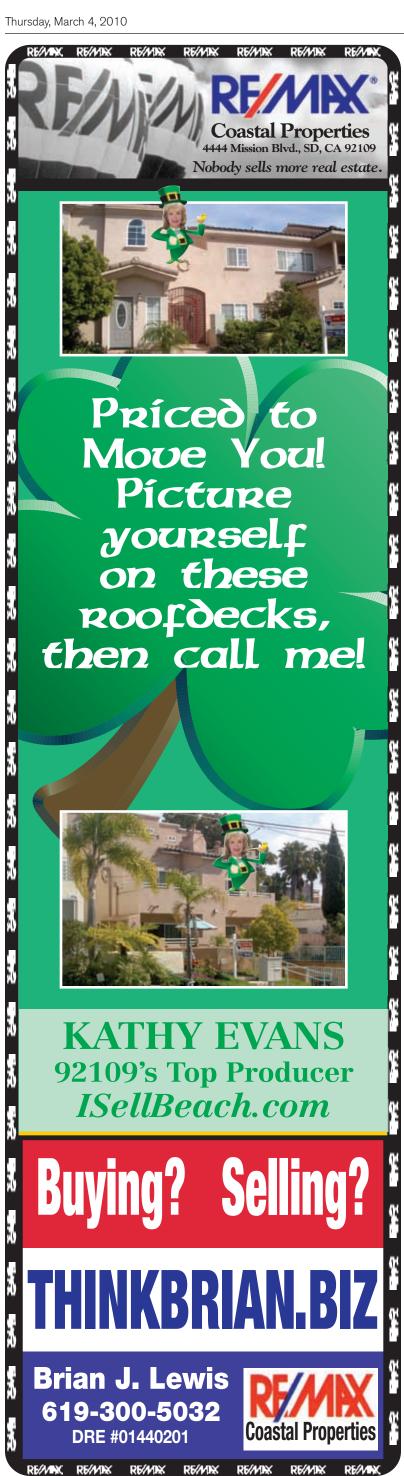






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Ashley Aranas, Cole Duffy and Russell Fish gather at the side of the Plunge in Belmont Park during a swim session.

Photo by Lisa Duff

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coaching the young swimmers is that they are eager to try new things.

"They are so willing to do anything, and they are willing to try in a new environment," he said.

His goals for this group are simple: "To learn to have fun in the water; to feel comfortable in the water; and to get them to want to learn the basic strokes."

Try they did at a scheduled Feb. 28 Novice Fun Event at the Mission Valley YMCA, where each youngster was met with a ribbon after swimming the length of the pool.

"It's all for the fun of swimming," Watkinds said. "All the ribbons are the same."

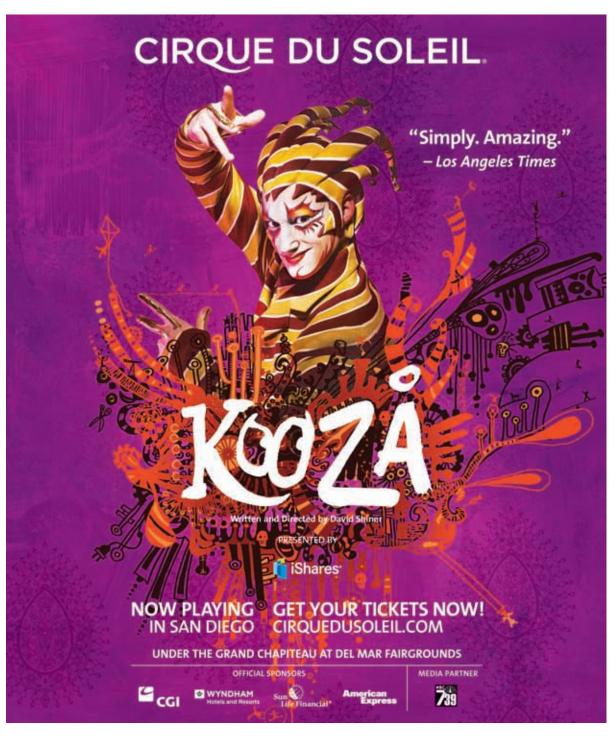
Watkind's stamp on the local and national swimming world is undeniable. An Imperial County native, Watkinds began coaching after he tagged along with his swim coach cousin and her husband as a child. Watkinds carved his own way into the coaching world by the age of 15.

He eventually found his niche in unpaved territory. He held the first-ever USA swimming camp for disabled swimmers. Decades later, Watkinds holds a seat on the Disability Swimming Committee for the U.S. Swim Team and boasts a decorated coaching history

with the U.S. Paralympics Swimming Team, which includes local success sto-

Out of the 20 men who made the team for the Beijing 2008 Paralympic Games, three of them were San Diegoraised and Watkinds-coached. Count Bishop's High School alum Roy Perkins as one of them. Perkins, who now attends Stanford, earned a gold medal in the 50-meter butterfly and a bronze medal in the 100-meter freestyle.

Locals Kendall Bailey and Mike DeMarco also competed in Beijing. Although neither of them brought home medals, each holds national records. DeMarco holds a bronze medal from Athens in 2004.



2010 San Diego Bird Festival finds perch in Marina Village

By LILLIAN COX | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Visitors from as far away as Europe will converge on San Diego from March 4 through 7 for the 2010 San Diego Bird Festival. The event, headquartered at the Marina Village Conference Center in Mission Bay, will be held at venues throughout the county.

"For the first time this year we have guests arriving from Austria," said spokeswoman Karen Straus. "They are coming to see 'life birds' such as the Heermann's gull and phainopepla, those with an extremely limited range in Southern California, Baja and Southern Mexico."

Phainopepla is a member of the silky flycatcher family. The male is shiny, coal black with a crest that raises up and down like a cockatoo. The male's eyes are blood red. The female is gun metal gray, also with the top knot and blood red eye. At least one pair has been spotted at Santee Lakes.

Thirty field trips are scheduled for the festival, from the Anza Borrego Desert to Camp Pendleton.

Straus has been scouting the Wild Animal Park for a trip she'll be leading.

"Birding is like going on safari in Africa," she said. "Through we have an idea, we never know what we are going to see. It'll be a bonus if we see Mr. and Mrs. Phainopepla."

Straus said the goal is to see 100 species in a single day.

"Every festival we've met our goal," she said. "You're surprised not only to see new species, but life birds or a new behavior.

Last year the festival also set a new



The phainopepla is a member of the silky flycatcher family. The male is shiny, coal black with a crest that raises up and down like a cockatoo.

record in attendance, attracting birders from Great Britain and Canada.

San Diego is a popular destination for birders because it lies beneath the Pacific Flyway, boasting 300 known species.

"Birding is for people who like the outdoors and who are environmentally aware," Straus said. "Birders tend to be no-frills. We offer a quality experience for a reasonable price.

Visitors can also visit a Birding and Optics Expo at the festival headquarters at Marina Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, which is free to the public.

For up-to-the-minute scheduling information on workshops and field trips visit

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The Heermann's gull is an example of the type of bird that is drawing people from as far away as Austria to partake in the 2010 San Diego Bird Festival. **COURTESY PHOTO**

Schedule changes at the PB/Taylor Library

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Library the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library that new carpet may be installed. The library will reopen April 8 at

In addition, the entire San Diego Public Library system will permanently reduce its service hours effective Saturday, March 20, due to budget cuts.

When the Taylor Library reopens on April 8, it will use the new service hours that are being instituted systemwide on March 20. The permanent schedule at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library will be: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 12:30-8 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:30-2:30 p.m.; and closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Four San Diego Public Library locations will open on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. They are La Jolla, Point Loma, Serra Mesa/Kearny Mesa, and the Central Library. More information about the library system's new hours is available at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

Both bookdrops will be closed at

closed temporarily as of Feb. 28 so during the temporary closure for reaccepting. Items that have been reserved may be picked up at the La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, located at 7555 Draper Ave. The phone number there is (858) 552-1657.

The new schedule for recurring activities at the Beach/Taylor Library that will move due to the change in schedwill be posted www.pblibraryfriends.org.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Library opened on May 3, 1997, and is currently used by approximately 20,000 people each month. The 12,484 square foot facility was designed by Manuel Oncina Architects to be open, light and airy. This will be the first time that the carpet has been replaced in this facility. The new carpet will be paid for by funds donated to the Pacific Beach/Taylor Library.

The Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch of the San Diego Public Library is located at 4275 Cass St. For questions, call the library at (858) 581-



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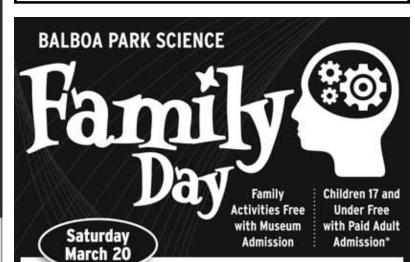




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with his wife of 45 years, Jo Ann Weaver.

Dale Weaver's contributions have not been forgotten. On Feb. 19, he was honored at the Air Force Association Air Warfare Symposium in Orlando. He was presented the Jimmy Doolittle Education Fellow award for his work in the evolution of remotely piloted vehicles, as a member of the Firebee "Lightning Bug" program.

the gala that included several four-star gen- Wagner, which can be found at the San Diego erals. "I wore a tuxedo and I'm not really a County Library or Amazon.com.

tuxedo kind of guy."

Staying busy since retirement, Weaver recently spent a year on the San Diego County Grand Jury. These days he is a proud squad leader of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program's Traffic Division.

"I feel like I'm giving something back to the community," Weaver said about volunteering. "It's a good community to give something back to."

To find out more about Weaver and the drones he helped develop in Vietnam look for "Reconnaissance Drones — The can-do story "It was quite spectacular," Weaver said of of Ryan's unmanned spy planes," by William

> Chuck's leadership style was the embodiment of the essence of OMBAC. To the casual observer, OMBAC might look like a hardpartying boys' club. This assumption while not erroneous — fails to reveal the totality of the club. Below the surface of OMBAC's pursuit of leisure lies an aggressively philanthropic organization whose contributions to the San Diego community are not only appreciated, but required. OMBAC's list of beneficiaries is far too long to list in this space, but the group's contributions range from monetary down to good old-fashioned elbow grease. Nearly 60 years after its inception, the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club continues to thrive on this spirit of communal responsibility, a spirit largely instilled by John Charles Millenbah, a spirit that will forever stand as the keystone for the San Diego seaside community.

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1967, and was eventually elected chair of the Physical Education Department.

From 1974 to 1975, he served as president of the Easter Seals program, one of many philanthropic endeavors he would undertake in his life.

After 40 years of service at UCSD, Millenbah retired in 2007.

Though his unspoken distinction as the heart and soul of OMBAC was obvious, it was earned through respect rather than bombast.

"Chuck led by example," said longtime friend and OMBAC Treasurer Jim Whelan. "He worked harder than anyone else, and never gave orders."

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Carolyn Chase's pet, Dozey (above), enjoys the surroundings on the bamboo deck that won Project of the Month and \$500 for Chase (right), a longtime Pacific Beach resident COURTSEY PHOTO (above)

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Local Earth Day founder wins national competition for her bamboo deck

By MEAGHAN CLARK | BEACH & BAY PRESS

If you want to go green, just ask local resident and San Diego Earth Day founder Carolyn Chase. Updating her Pacific Beach home's front yard with a Cali Bamboo "BamDeck," this green enthusiast won the company's February Project of the Month — and \$500.

"I decided to try and win," she said, asking friends and family to vote for her new bamboo deck and stairs online, earning her the title prizes and the company's biggest voter tally in history of

Chase's own "BamDeck" project took about a year to complete, and like other Cali Bamboo customers, she was offered a chance to participate in the national competition upon completion.

For Chase, going green was a nobrainer.

"It's just one of the ways homeowners can reduce the impact on our planet," she said.

Already the proud owner of a recycled plastic bridge and solar-energy water heaters, she found that bamboo was the easy way to go green but stay stylish and on-budget. Following some research, she chose Cali Bamboo for its use of eco-friendly material that could weather the San Diego storms while still maintaining its beauty.

'We looked at all the options, then I started thinking about renewable sources ... and it turns out [bamboo] is not only better looking, but cheaper [than recycled plastic]," she said, comparing the deck to her already-existing bridge.

This San Diego resident has done much to help sustain the environment — not just to speak of her working with the nation's largest Earth Day festival, San Diego Earth Day. Already recruiting for 2010 volunteers, she pleads with homeowners looking to make a difference that there are an array of options for going green.

"There's a green alternative for everything these days," she said, listing everything from kitchen appliances to outdoor equipment. The best part, she added, is that these eco-friendly options "look great," helping to sustain San Diego's natural wonders and its local character.

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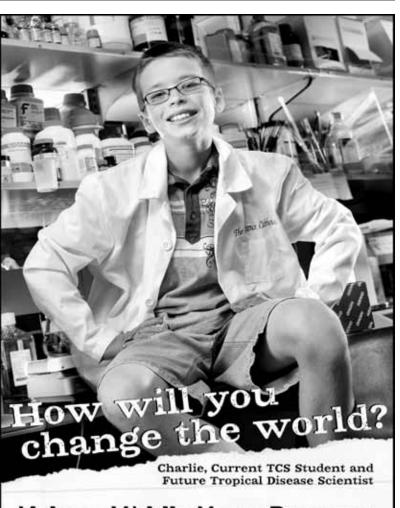
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Luella Boutique Grand Opening

Turquoise street has a hot, new fashion source. Just open, Luella Boutique celebrates its grand opening tomorrow, March 5, 6-10 p.m., with refreshments and 15 percent discounts. Owner Lori Arnerich has realized her dream-come-true shop featuring a capiz shell chandelier and sconces, crown molding, ingenious display racks and Italian terrazzo cash wrap, all courtesy of her fiancee Mat of Helie Builders; and the ultimately feminine 10 row ruffle dressing room curtains by friend Lisa. The "Luella"

moniker is an homage to Lori's grandmother, Ella, combined with her own nickname, Lulu.

A longtime fashion industry insider, Lori carefully selects her very affordable, figure-enhancing, casually-elegant items to complement and not compete with other area shops. The product mix includes introductions by Lovers & Friends (shoes), Lush, Mimi Lu, 5005 jewelry lines that are enhanced with gold-filled feathers, swarovski crystals and gems. Apparel features "day to evening" looks by Indah with unique natural dye, no-twoalike designs; BB Dakota with buttery-soft leather, structured denim and lace dresses, tuxedo front shirts and tops with delightful cut-outs; colorful LaMode tops in luscious fabric; and la mixx offers comfy baby french terry separates. New introductions appear weekly. April and May will bring a flurry of summer fashions.

The Prvcy product line, near to Lori's heart, are yummy, soft denim jeans. They donate generously to the prevention and research of breast cancer. Their lifeline logo also signifies their commitment to Faith + Hope + Love for the cure. Lori is now planning her third 3-Day Walk with her "Pink Stiletto" walking team. Lori invites you to unwind at her cozy beach shop with "Social Hours" every Friday, 4-7

Luella Boutique, open Tues.-Sun., 949 Turquoise St., (858) 488-8846, luellaboutique.com

NEWS*briefs*

Killer whale show resumes at SeaWorld

The killer whale show at San Diego's SeaWorld resumed Feb. 27 after being cancelled since Feb. 24 when a trainer was killed in a show at Orlando's Sea-

Dawn Brancheau, a whale trainer at SeaWorld in Orlando, was killed when a killer whale named Tilikum grabbed her pony tail, pulled her into the water and dragged her around the tank.

SeaWorld officials closed the shows until Saturday, and did not allow the trainers into the water with the orcas once they resumed. SeaWorld will continue to review last week's incident and has yet to announce when it will allow the trainers back in the water.

Rock 'n' Roll Marathon changes course

After nine years of finishing at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, this year the Rock 'n' Roll San Diego Marathon and Half Marathon will finish at SeaWorld. The race, set for June 6, will have a new course and. for the first time, the event will feature a half marathon.

The new marathon course will feature a tour of San Diego including the Prado in Balboa Park, the Gaslamp Quarter, Fashion Valley, Mission Bay and a marathon stretch inside the Park at the Park at PETCO Park. More than 10 miles of the marathon will feature views of Mission Bay, including a nearly 5-mile loop on Fiesta Island.

PB Planning Group needs volunteers

Those who would like to have a say about parking, traffic, development and future planning in Pacific Beach might consider joining the Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG), which advises the city on these and other important community issues.

The PBPG is a city-recognized, volunteer board composed of 15 residential and five commercial members. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacific Beach Library. Pacific Beach residents, property owners and business owners are eligible to serve on the PBPG.

Applications are being accepted now. For more information call Marcie Beckett at (858) 483-8908.

Man gets 13 years for kidnapping

A man who participated in kidnapping a couple at gunpoint in Pacific Beach a year ago was sentenced Feb. 26 to 13 years in state prison. Arturo Galarza, 39, was given consecutive terms for the kidnapping which was related to one victim's losing \$80,000 worth of marijuana for sale.

Galarza pleaded guilty to two counts of kidnapping in the Feb. 2, 2009, incident in which Silvia Arellano and her then-boyfriend Joshua Castrillon were approached by Galarza and two other men on Ingraham Street. The couple had just gotten out of their car when Galarza and two others ordered them back into their car at 11:30 a.m. at gunpoint.

Castrillon testified last year that he knew Galarza was "disappointed and mad" about the disappearance of \$80,000 worth of marijuana that Castrillon was keeping for sale for him. Castrillon testified the men told him "you know what this is about" and put him and his girlfriend in the back seat of their own BMW.

Arellano testified she was shocked with a taser and \$100 from her purse was taken. She said she didn't know her boyfriend was involved with drugs and broke up with him afterward. The kidnapping, however, was brief, as one of the men's driving patterns drew the attention of a San Diego police officer who tried to pull them over. Instead, the driver sped up, got on Interstate



Tans of Pacific Beach displays the 4-Star Hybrid Superstar tanning booth during the store's open house event Feb. 26 which featured an assortment of neighborhood businesses and free Mystic tanning opportunities. DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press

8, and engaged in a high speed chase that ended in

San Diego Superior Court Judge Jeff Fraser fined Galarza \$1,000, and gave him credit for spending a year in jail. The sentencing of co-defendant Daniel Jasso, 33, was delayed to April 9. Jasso also has pleaded guilty to two kidnapping counts. Three others have pleaded not guilty and await a May 6 trial.

- Neal Putnam

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Looking ahead

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MARCH 10

PB Sundowner: This month's Sundowner (a great, affordable community gathering) will be on Wednesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. The location will be the Discover PB Office, 1503 Garnet Ave. For more info, call the office at (858) 483-6666.

MARCH 13

Native Plant Weed & Water - Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. Weeds to the left of us, weeds to the right, come out all volunteers and fight fight (or at least pull, pull, pull)! Be prepared for lots of weeding. Meet behind Rose Creek Cottage, 2525 Garnet Ave. Park on Fogg Street just South of Garnet. Join the Friends of Rose Creek on the second Saturday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon while we work on The Nature School's native plant interpretive garden behind Rose Creek Cottage. Enjoy weeding, watering and planting native species and get involved with your creek and your community. We'll have snacks and beverages. Easy one to two hour project - great for children of all ages. Perfect for community service credit hours. Please wear sunscreen, closed-toe shoes and a hat. Volunteers should bring water and heavy-duty work or gardening gloves. More information, Karin Zirk (858) 405-7503 or kzirk@earthlink.net.

MARCH 17

PB Town Council (PBTC) general meeting is

the third Wednesday of each month, currently held at the PB Woman's Club, 1721 Hornblend St. at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers include representatives from your City Council and SD Police Department. PBTC annual membership is \$20 (individual); \$25 (family); \$50 (business). To join, go to

www.pbtowncouncil.org or call (858) 483-6666. Members and guests are encouraged to attend the monthly general meeting.

MARCH 20

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Paradise Point completing \$20 million renovation

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Later this month, Paradise Point Resort and Spa will have the look inside to match its picturesque views. The resort that has been on Vacation Isle for four decades is renovating its meeting spaces and guest rooms.

"The original structure has been around since 1962 and it has a great footprint on the water," said resort general manager Geoff Young. "It was time to reinvent the space. There are a lot of new hotels and resorts in San Diego and there came a point in time when it was time to renovate."

One of two recent projects at the resort was a two-year, \$10 million endeavor to upgrade and update its existing conference space. That project expanded the space to more than 35,000 square feet and was completed last month.

"What we have that's so unique is waterfront meeting space," Young said. "Half of our meeting space overlooks the bay and we wanted to capitalize on it design, bigger windows, flat screen TVs and open up the space to the views."

According to Young, the conference space renovations turned 25 percent of interior kitchen space at Paradise Point into meeting space. The 29 meeting and banquet rooms are now connected with interior hallways and each features an interior foyer.

the plans for the renovation. Seattlebased designer Andrea Dawson did the design, which Young calls "South Beach Polynesian meets contemporary meets

By the middle of March, the second part of Paradise Point's renovations will its 462 rooms. The bungalow-style cottages now feature a new South Pacific visit www.paradisepoint.com.



Views such as these of the parlor areas in the bayside bungalows are factors that make Paradise Point Resort and Spa so appealing. The bungalow-style cottages now feature a new South Pacific design, bigger windows, flat screen TVs and ceramic plank flooring.

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and ceramic plank flooring.

Of course, the 44-acre resort didn't need to upgrade its best feature, the fact that it is surrounded by nearly a mile of sandy beach. Young said 25 percent of Paradise Point's guest rooms are on the

'We're on an island — and there's no Local architect Steve Rossi handled other island in Southern California where you have a full-service resort and the kids can run around and everybody feels safe," Young said. "A lot of people don't realize that if the bridges weren't here, you wouldn't come onto the island.'

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New Irish pub plans March opening in Pacific Beach

By SEBASTIAN RUIZ | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A local business group plans to unveil a new Irish pub in early March at 1261 Garnet Ave., the former site of the Tropicoso Latin music bar. The owners tentatively set to open doors Monday, March 8, with a grand opening celebration in April, said Verant Group partner Eric Lingenfelder.

"The décor would definitely be of an Irish design," he said. "We're always looking for new locations and we had a couple ideas, and we wanted to bring a bit of the Irish spirit to a place on Garnet [Avenue]."

Partners Mark Cirillo, Joe Vaught and Lingenfelder opened their first location, Tavern at the Beach, 1200 Garnet Ave., more than 11 years ago, he said. Since then, the group has spawned several bars and restaurants in San Diego including Mission Beach's Sandbar Sports Grill, Offshore Tavern and Grill along Morena Boulevard, True North, in North Park; and West Coast Tavern, also in North Park. The group has also spread its wings as far as Tempe, Ariz., with Tavern on the Mill.

The group has a firm foot planted in the community and touts local participation as a key to success. According to Lingenfelder, the group hires locally and gets involved in the local political scene. Lingenfelder serves on several community groups including the local business improvement district's board of directors. Lingenfelder also serves on the Pacific Beach Community Advisory Committee, which advises the city on special events in the community and liquor licenses.

The address of the group's planned Irish pub had an existing license to sell beer and wine, which the new establishment will continue.

"What's important to us is to be a productive member in the community, not on the business front but ... we understand we have to have a good relationship with the community," he said.

Separating the truth from blarney

Test your St. Patrick's Day knowledge: 1. St. Patrick was Irish.

Blarney: St. Patrick was born in what today

would be called Britain.

2. Patrick wasn't the first Christian missionary to visit Ireland.

Fact: There were other missionaries to visit the Emerald Isle, but none were as successful as Patrick.

3. St. Patrick drove snakes into the Irish Sea. **Blarney:** Snakes have never been native to Ireland, and Patrick did not drive any off the land.

4. The Christian concept of the Trinity being taught with a shamrock cannot be accurately credited to St. Patrick.

Fact: There is no mention of using a three-leaf shamrock to teach the concept of the trinity in Patrick's writings.

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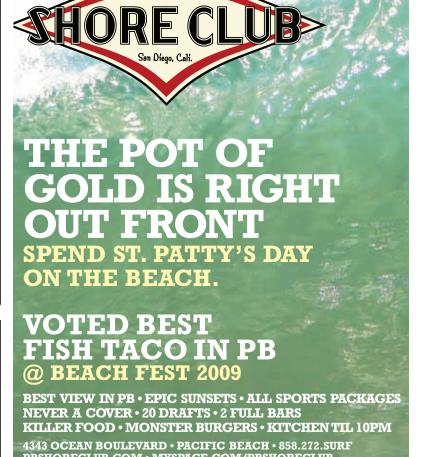




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Beachwood will serve up drinks with a view in May

By ANTHONY GENTILE | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Just in time for summer, beachgoers will have a new place to enjoy a rooftop drink at sunset. The Beachwood, a three-story bar and restaurant, is set to open at the Promenade in Pacific Beach in May.

"The foundation is going to be our food and our staff," said general manager Justin Lopez. "You can get a beer or cocktail anywhere."

If the name sounds familiar, it's not a coincidence. The management team at the Beachwood is the same as the Fleetwood bar and restaurant downtown, and Lopez said the similarities to the downtown venue start with the food.

"You come to the beach and at a lot of the places it's out of the bag, out of the fryer, basket-type food," Lopez said. "We're not going to bring in snobby-type food. It's going to be fresh, from scratch bar food — everything is going to be fresh.'

Beachwood will feature California cuisine involving seafood and comfort dishes from the Fleetwood, including a short ribs dish that he a Pacific Beach connection. Lopez calls a pot roast on steroids.

"A lot of people think Fleetwood is just this bar and nightclub," Lopez said. "But we actually have great food and that was the gist of it."

The Beachwood also plans to distinguish itself in Pacific Beach with its service. This includes well-known bartenders from around San Diego.

that have established bases and fol- visit www.thebeachwood.com or elowings here in San Diego," Lopez mail info@thebeachwood.com.

said. "We've pulled from different locations here in San Diego and so we get a different crowd in every night when a bartender is working."

The Beachwood signed a 20-year lease to move into the three levels previously occupied by Hooters. Lopez said the first level will be a "Sinatraesque" dark bar with a beach lounge feel to it.

"You're going to know you're at the beach," Lopez said.

The second level, where the main Hooters restaurant was, will house the Beachwood's restaurant and bar, utilizing the current floor to ceiling windows to capitalize on the views. A circle bar facing the ocean and a retractable roof will also highlight the second floor.

On top, the Beachwood will spruce up the previously underutilized patio. An L-shaped bar and circle booths will face the ocean, which is less than a block away.

"We're going to put a couple of In addition to bar fare, Lopez said beds and outdoor booths and seating out there just to look at the sunset," Lopez said.

> Beachwood also has a bit more of himself was general manager of Moondoggies when it first opened.

> "A lot of our core management team got their start in the biz here, so it's kind of like we have our roots here." Lopez said. "Even though PB rotates often, we've built our roots here."

Beachwood will be located at 4190 "We've hired a lot of bartenders Mission Blvd. For more information,



The Beachwood is expected to open in May at the former Hooter's location in the Promenade. The second level will house a restaurant and bar, utilizing the floor to ceiling windows to capitalize on the view.



The top deck of The Beachwood will include an L-shaped bar and circle booths facing the ocean.



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Coach has placed his stamp on MBHS basketball

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Boys' basketball players at Mission School program that won three Bay High School (MBHS) confirm that coach Dennis Kane not only teaches basketball, he also teaches about life. That's probably because he's seen it all in 25-plus years of coaching.

Kane's resume is extensive. For the last seven years he has held the whistle at MBHS. Prior to his Bucs stint, he coached for 17 years at San Diego High School.

He brought both programs from zero to heroes. In the mid-1980s, Kane took over the San Diego High games in five years.

"My first year we went 0-19," Kane said. "So I had lost more in one year than I did in my previous four years as a JV coach at

"I go over there, and it's like the animals are running the farm, "he said. "In three years, we are playing for the CIF Championship."

The same story rings true at MBHS. The Bucs won just two games under Kane's firstyear direction. Four years later, they won the CIF championship.

Kane's career hasn't all been marked

with glory though. He brought San Diego High School accolades on the court but didn't have control over many circumstances.

"I had everything from a guy who went to jail for murder to a guy who graduated from UCSD with a degree in economics in three years, and everything in between," Kane said.

Through it all, Kane stays consistent. He teaches his players that talent without discipline is a waste and encourages players by providing a clear path.

"If this is your dream, then this is what you have to do," Kane said.



Mission Bay High School basketball coach Dennis Kane has seen it all in 25-plus years of coaching. He has a record of rebuilding teams into champions.















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MBHS senior Thompson shoots for the 2 percent club



Derrick Thompson drives to the hoop during a game against Cathedral High School on Feb. 19 in the Mission Bay High School gym.

Ten things you didn't know about Derrick Thompson

- 1. He's led the Buccaneers to the playoffs every year since he's been on varsity.
- 2. He started playing basketball at 8 years old after he got into trouble one day with his grandmother. As punishment, she made him sit down on the couch with her and watch a Lakers game.
- 3. His favorite team is the Lakers.
- 4. His favorite NBA player is Kobe Bryant, but looks up to Chris Paul.
- 5. He's been on the honor roll his whole life.
- 6. He helps his four younger brothers and sisters with their homework and their basketball.
- 7. His mom is his biggest supporter. She never misses a game and unconditionally believes in him.
- 8. He turned 18 on Feb. 17.
- 9. He played football for two years at wide receiver.
- 10. He thanks coach Kane for teaching him everything he knows.

By AMBERLY DRESSLER | BEACH & BAY PRESS

For the first time in four years, there's a problem with Mission Bay High School boys' basketball senior point guard Derrick Thompson. It's not on the court, as Thompson is a two-time team captain; he led the team in both points and assists; and he was the team's toughest defender. His problem is not in the classroom, either. Thompson holds a 3.6 GPA, and his coach, Dennis Kane, refers to him as a player who comes along once every 15 years.

So what's the problem?

It's something coach Kane refers to as "the 2 percent club." This label is given to the elite group of high school basketball players who go on to play college basketball at any level.

"I you have 12 guys on your team, you are lucky if you have one guy go away, a year, to play basketball," Kane said.

Kane's club is represented with framed pictures of his former high school players turned college athletes on the wall in the team room. Although his alumni have played at schools like Notre Dame and Portland, the number of pictures is far from staggering.

"It motivates me because when you really think about it, it's only 2 percent that really make it in," Thompson said. "I know that I am capable of making it."

Kane thinks so too.

"To play college basketball you have to have the talent, the in-the-classroom performance and your coach's approval," Kane said.

Thompson has the trifecta. So, with only three months until graduation, Thompson plans to send out more film, make a couple of visits to schools and continue to put in the work that has separated him form others all along.

strongest characteristic is Derrick's he loves to play basketball." warrior mentality," Kane said. "He's a coach's dream. What you tell him Thompson's praises as well. to do is what he does. He's not afraid of work. Most kids aren't self-directed and self-motivated. He is. He he plays," teammate Irving Valdoviwants to be a great basketball play- leads by example. "

"I think his biggest attribute or er. Most kids like to play basketball,

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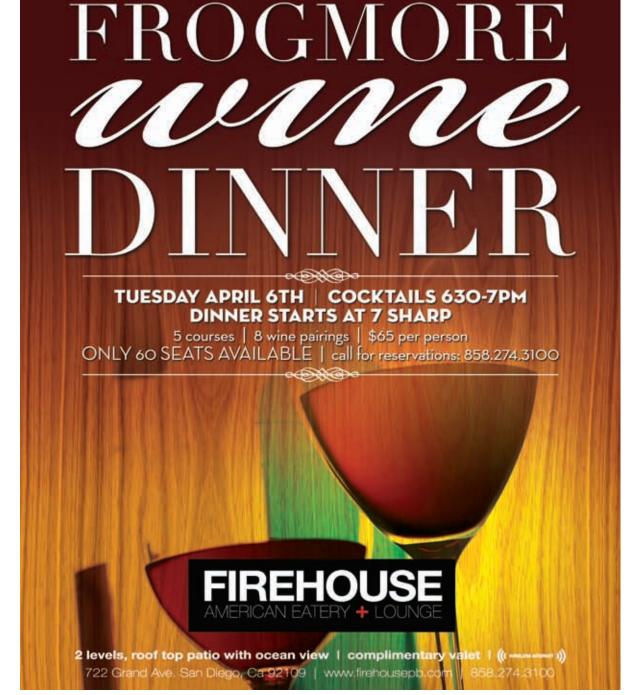
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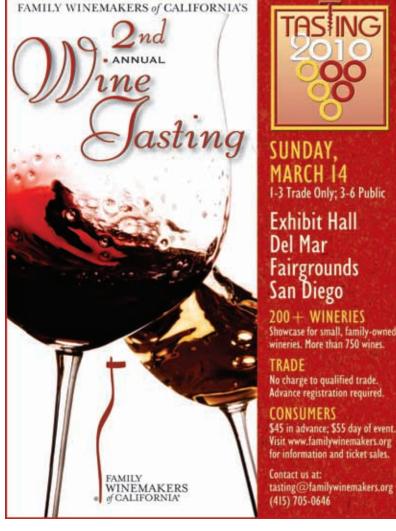
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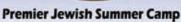
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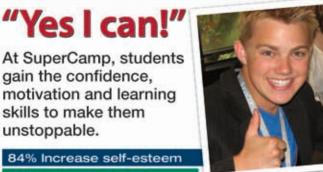






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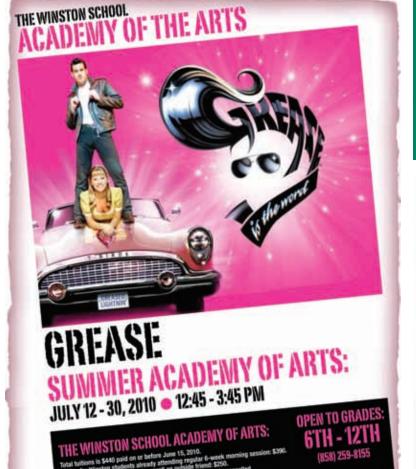
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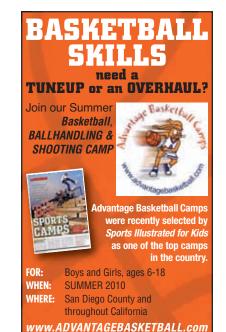
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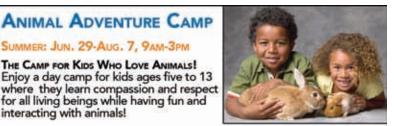
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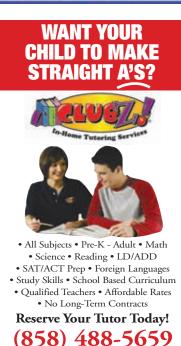




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Skelpin, Candye Kane, Big Fat Soul and Crashing Marbles

MUSICcalendar

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

There are many world music groups based in Southern California, but few can get a crowd going like Skelpin, which performs at Hennessey's tonight, March 4. Although considered to be a Celtic group, this five-piece combo, led by fiery fiddler Patric Petrie and manic multi-instrumentalist Tim Foley, adds up to much more. Indeed, taking a mix of music that includes Celtic influences as well as Flamenco guitar, traditional folk and even occasional pop overtones, Skelpin has come up with a unique sound that's both rousing and melodic as heck. With a growing fan base across the U.S. and successful forays into the Far East, Skelpin's music looks poised to explode on an international level.

Skelpin: Tonight, March 4, 9 p.m. at Hennessey's, 4605 Mission Blvd. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.myspace.com/skelpin

While original hip-hop appears at times to be all but invisible in San Diego, for aficionados in the know there is a thriving underground scene that's both exciting and vital. Case in point is the five-act showcase at Brick by Brick tonight. Topped by East Coast-based A&E Feat. Masta Ace & Edo G, the bill also includes locals Mr. Brady of San Diego Music Award winners Deep Rooted, trio Broken Dreams and Bread & Butter, as well as Los Angeles rap duo Zoolay. The evenings soundtrack will be provided by D.J.s Steven Flex, J. Blow, Pound & Timeless. Mr. Brady is a particular stand out, with a new album just out, Left Overs Volume 2, but if you are a fan of cutting edge hip-hop, this show shouldn't be passed up.

A&E Feat. Masta Ace & Edo G: Tonight, March 4, 8:30 p.m. at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 21 and up. \$15. www.brickbybrick.com



Skelpin brings its unique sound to Hennessey's for a performance tonight, March 4 at 9 p.m.

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moting her newest

album "Superhero,"

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see her returning to

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the meantime, Kane is

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Holland.

Blues shouter Candye Kane may have had major cancer surgery less than two years ago, but you

The hard-working Candye Kane will appear with the Skip Heller Jazz Trio tomorrow, March 5 at Tango Del

Jazz Trio, who appear at Tango Del Rey tomorrow, wouldn't know it from her schedule. Already one March 5. The new setting for her powerhouse voice of America's hardest will thrill long time fans, but anyone who likes working musicians, classic, Blue Note-styled tunes, won't want to miss since her recovery, this performance. Kane has redoubled Candye Kane with the Skip Heller Jazz Trio: Friday, her efforts on a seem-

March 5, 8 p.m. at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. \$10-\$15. All ages. www.myspace.com/candyekane

Mixing originals with an eclectic batch of covers, Big Fat Soul, which performs at RT's Longboard on March 6, provide the perfect musical accompaniment for a Saturday night. The band is all about groove, whether on renditions of chestnuts such as "Ain't No Sunshine" or reggae-inflected versions of new wave favorites like Elvis Costello's "Watching The Detectives." Varying the standard rock quartet line-up with the addition of keyboard and trombone, Big Fat Soul is able to venture into more

time she has been performing with Skip Heller's varied material than the average bar band, resulting in a band whose music you'll want to check out more than once.

> Big Fat Soul: Saturday, March 6, 10 p.m., RT's Longboard, 1466 Garnet Ave. 21 and up.. www.myspace.com/bigfatsoul

> Inhabiting a space somewhere between Green Day and the Cramps, Crashing Marbles, who stage a CD release show at the 710 Beach Club on March 13. attack their version of rock 'n' roll with fervor. The night's cover charge includes a complimentary copy of the band's new album, "Pocket," which shows the band to be adept at both turning out pop-edged punk with shout along choruses, and creating monster riffs and hooks.

> Crashing Marbles: Friday, March 13, 9 p.m. at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 21 and up. \$10. www.myspace.com/thecrashingmarbles.

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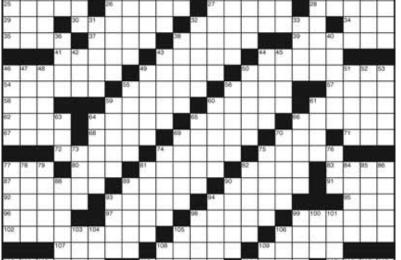
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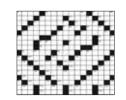
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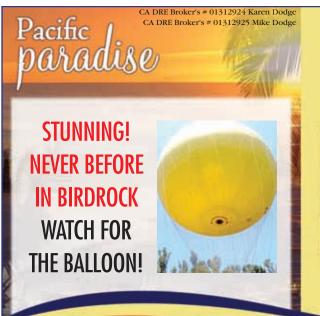


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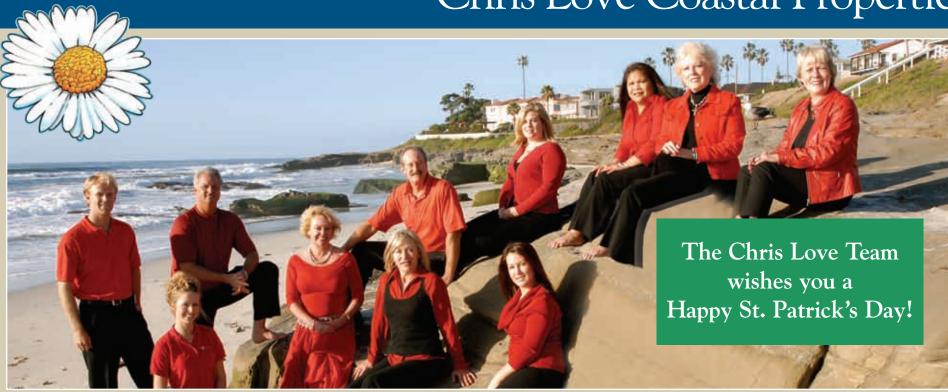
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■ Gorgeous 4BR/2.5BA, 2,270 esf home 2 blocks off Sail Bay. Peak bay, night light and firework views from bedrooms, living room and rooftop deck. Stone flooring, stainless apples, cherrywood cabinetry, 2 zone AC unit, surround sound/security and much more. Best location in Pacific Beach walking distance to bay, beach, restaurants, etc!



■ Gorgeous 3BR/3BA, 1,600 esf upper floor unit with panoramic bay & evening light views. This unit is sold completely turn-key furnished with upgraded interior, electronics/TVs, furniture, hardwood floors. This condo sold for \$1,850,000 in 2006 and has undergone extensive upgrading since purchased. Great value!



■ Brand new custom 4BR/4BA, 3,000 esf home built by Custom Development and designed by Frontis & Young. This masterpiece has an ideal floor plan with entertaining beach front room with full bar, panoramic master bedroom views with Jacuzzi tub, 3rd floor kitchen with GE Monogram apples, granite counters, cherry cabinetry. A spacious roof top deck awaits up top, elevator services all 3 floors and has a large 2-car garage. The best



Only 1 unit left. Gorgeous 4BR/3BA, 1,800 esf, 2nd level unit with panoramic bay & city light views. GE monogram appliances, natural stone flooring, open bayfront great room, accordion sliding doors and entertainment deck. Exclusive bayside patio use, 2-car tandem garage & plumbed AC/solar.



■ Whiting Court located just off Ocean Front Walk with great potential. These two adjacent 2BR/2BA detached homes are subject to court approval and sold together in package deal. Seller motivated, fix-up, great rentals, 2-car garages and water



■ Newer construction just steps to the ocean and Mission Bay! Gorgeous bay views and ocean views from large roof top deck. Amenities include granite counters, lovely maple stairs and floors, luxurious kitchen with stainless appliances, Viking gas cooktop and huge island counter. Perfect for a second home or can be a great vacation rental



■ Lowest priced 3BR on Ocean Front Walk with white water views & great rental potential. Tile floors, newer kitchen with cherry cabinets/rock backsplash, 1-car garage, great storage unit for beach items and much more. Only 6 units in this ocean front complex. Walk to shops, restaurants and more! NW upstairs corner unit and most furniture conveys with sale.



■ Two 3BR/2BA, 1,900+ esf properties for sale in this building and both with great potential and stunning water views of Sail Bay. Quiet 100% owner occupied in this building with pool, tennis and easy access to Sail Bay. Come with your contractor and



■ Charming and rustic 3-level single family detached home in the heart of Mission Beach on a great Court. Just steps to Mission Bay and one block to the ocean. Enjoy bay views from both the second and third levels including the Master Bedroom. Huge third-level loft may be used as a 3rd bedroom or office. Attached 2-car side-by-side garage + one space.

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