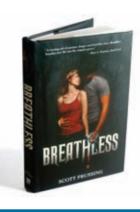
#### **FANG IN THERE:**

A Pacific Beach author publishes novel about vampires just in time for Halloween.

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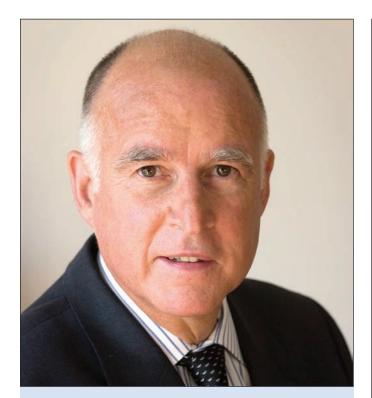
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# Election Day is Nov. 2

Registered voters will elect a new governor Tuesday. The leading candidates are Republican Meg Whitman and Democrat Jerry Brown. Top ballot measures include Prop D (sales tax to bolster the city budget), Prop J (parcel tax to help schools) and Prop 19 (legalization of marijuana).



#### Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown, Jr.

- Born in San Francisco on April 7, 1938
- Graduate of University of California at Berkeley and Yale Law School
- Elected California secretary of state. (1970)
- Elected governor of California (1974, reelected 1978)
- President of the University of California Regents
- Elected mayor of Oakland (1998, re-elected 2002)
- Elected California attorney general (2006)



#### **Margaret Cushing "Meg" Whitman**

- Born Aug. 4, 1956 in Long Island, N.Y.
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- Held executive positions at Disney, Stride Rite, FTD and Hasbro
- Joined eBay (1997) and became its president and CEO
- National co-chair for McCain-Palin campaign
- Announced candidacy for California governor (February 2009)

compiled by John Gregory

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#### **Voting facts**

- Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2.
- Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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- · Voters may also vote at the Registrar of Voters office, 5201 Ruffin Road, on Saturday, Oct. 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; or Tuesday, Nov. 2 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- For more information, visit sdvote.com.

#### **Early voting** · Absentee voters are encouraged to mail ballots by Friday, Oct. 29. · Absentee ballots must arrive at the Registrar of Voters office no later than 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2 (postmarks not · Ballots may be dropped off at the registrar's office, Friday, Saturday and Monday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., or Tuesday between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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Source: San Diego County Registrar of Voters

## **NEW BUDGET OPTIONS CONCERN FIRE CHIEF**

Lifeguard cuts, local station brownouts a distinct possibility

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The city of San Diego projects a \$72 million budget deficit for the 2012 fiscal year, beginning in July. City departments were asked to submit proposed budget reductions by close of business Oct. 4 - and the ramifications could be dramatic.

The San Diego Fire-Rescue Department (SDFD), which also encompasses the area's lifeguards, was asked to cut \$7.2 million.

"We will have to — for the first time — consider browning out single-unit fire stations," said SDFD Chief Iavier Mainar.

#### **FIRE OPTIONS**

Brownouts occur when station crews are temporarily reassigned to another area in the city, making that station unavailable to respond to emergency needs. The brownout rotation is already employed at Fire Station 21 on Grand Avenue, which has an engine, a truck and an ambulance and is considered a multi-engine

However, two nearby stations that are not currently affected by brownouts — Station 22 on Catalina Boulevard and Station 15 on Voltaire Street — are single-engine fire stations that could now be included in the brownout rotation, Mainar said. Because there is only one engine each at Station 22 and Station 15, taking them out of the mix and rotating the crews elsewhere would essentially result in "blackouts" — a more drastic measure that the fire department has so far escaped.

This cut — which could extend to single-engine stations - would increase the number of daily brownedout stations from 8 to 13.

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# **Boo-tiful costume** creations lurk

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Finding the perfect Halloween costume can be daunting, haunting or exhilarating. It just depends on one's perspective.

Carissa Casares, an employee at Buffalo Exchange — a popular resale clothing chain — said there are typically two types when it comes to dressing up. There are those who look for ward to the process of selecting a costume and those who want to attend parties and, therefore, who must scavenge for a lastminute option.

She has some advice for both, as well as those who fall in

"Our prepackaged costumes always sell really well," Casares said.

Classic choices like Snow White and other princesses are popular for women or girls.

French maid costumes, while more risqué, are also popular selections for women.

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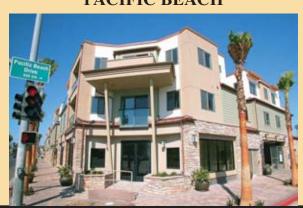
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# **Dredging draws concerns**

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Members of the Surfrider Foundation are finding excess trash on the beach at the end of the long, black pipe near San Juan Place. The pipe is part of the Mission Bay Channel dredging project, which is vital for public safety. By dredging the channel — removing significant sand build-up and funneling it onto Mission Beach — the waters will be safer for lifeguard vessels, commercial fishermen and recreational boaters.

The dredging will increase the depth of the channel and eliminate breaking waves, which are dangerous to vessels, especially when large swells are present, according to a statement by Mayor Jerry Sanders.

Sanders secured \$5.3 million of federal stimulus funding for the dredging project, which is overseen by the Army Corps of Engineers. Mason Construction has been contracted to carry out the estimated 30-day long dredging, which began Sept. 21.

The sand being dredged from the channel is intended to replenish the beach.

"We are concerned with beach safety and issues

like this," said Bill Hickman, spokesman for the San Diego Surfrider Foundation.

He believes that debris on the sand poses a safety risk to beachgoers, he said. A grassroots organization, the Surfrider Foundation is committed to protecting the beaches.

Hickman called the Army Corps of Engineers and spoke with a representative on Oct. 18, he said.

'When I walked the tideline on [Oct. 18] I found armfuls of debris, everything from outdated soda and beer cans to old fishing gear to degraded lobster traps wrapped with wire to leftover caution tape from the project," Hickman said.

The city has weekly meetings with project officials to discuss the state of the project, and the topic of trash was brought up at the most recent meeting, said Alex Roth, spokesman for the mayor's office.

"We expect them to leave the beach as clean as they found it before this project started and we are confident that they are going to do that," Roth said.

He added that he believed Manson Construction will clean the beach area around the project until the dredging is com-

"Beaches should be barefoot friendly." Hickman said.



#### DAYS OF THE DRAGON

A team rows through the calm waters of Mission Bay during the San Diego Dragon Boat Race and Festival. Men's, women's, corporate and college teams rowed the colorful boats sporting carved dragon heads during the two-day event hosted by the San Diego Dragon Boat Team on Oct. 23 and 24.

#### **Kate Sessions Park alcohol** ban moves one step closer

The Natural Resources and Culture Committee, one of the six committees of the San Diego City Council, heard the public's plea for a 24-hour ban on alcohol at Kate Sessions Park on Wednesday, Oct. 20. It answered by unanimously supporting the 24-hour ban on alcohol within the park, said Mary Ann Kempczenski, spokeswoman for the committee.

The ban, previously supported by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, will now be presented to the full City Council within 30 days of Oct. 20.

Kempczenski said the majority of the public comments heard at the meeting were in support of a 24-hour ban. Only one person spoke in favor of a compromise.

# MB Town Council officers slate up for election

By LEE CORNELL| BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Mission Beach Town Council (MBTC) formulated its elected slate of board members and officers Oct. 13, as sitting board members accepted nominations for the 2011 term.

Voting to finalize the Town Council's officers takes place at the next MBTC meeting at 7 p.m. on Nov. 10 in the community room next to Belmont Park.

Bob Ruane is the nominee for board president, while Jasmine King is nominated for vice president's role. In addition, newcomer Betty Jean Lundquist was nominated as secretary and Scott Morrison as treasurer. Jill Lester was nominated as membership chair, while Willie Gardner would serve as past pres-

Nine area representatives have been nominated

and await formal approval: Ed Thiele, area 1; Abby/Alan Murray, area 2; Debra Bowman, area 3; Andy Chotiner, area 4; Kat Ohlmann, area 5; Jasmine King, area 6; Richard Hodges, area 7; Bill Bradshaw, area 8; and Bob Craig, area 9.

#### In other Town Council news:

• The Sound Wave Restaurant/Wave House San Diego, located at 3125 Ocean Front Walk, was granted support to be allowed to serve alcohol on its roughly 400-square-foot deck from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. As part of the endorsement, the venue would close the doors and the deck will not be used when there is live music.

• Thyme Curtis, representing District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer's office, spoke on the city's winter homeless shelter debate. She reiterated Faulconer's belief that "a winter homelessness shel-

ter should not be just a downtown problem."

- Lifeguard Chief Rick Wurtz spoke about a hightech video-surveillance program that will be implemented in and around Mission Bay in the coming months. He said the system will help deal with emergency situations and help crack down on illegal activities, including smuggling operations. Wurtz also said the number of lifeguards around Mission Beach, Mission Bay and Pacific Beach could be slashed significantly next year as a result of proposed citywide budget cuts.
- Police department Lt. James Filley spoke about homeless camps developing around Mission Bay. He said his staff is keeping a close watch on the enclaves and that the homeless will be "moved along as efficiently as possible."

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# St. Paul's fall carnival promises family fun

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School will hold its annual fall carnival on Saturday, Nov. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is open to the public and will include a rock climbing wall, food from Gloria's Bar-B-Q, video games, a live rock band and spray-on tattoos designed by a clown.

The event takes place at the church, located at 1376 Felspar St.

"The mission of the fall carnival is to not only have a good time but to raise our profile in the community," said carnival organizer Mint Arella.

Arella's son, a sixth-grader at St. Paul's, is donating the use of his gaming system for the event. Arella also has a first-grader at St. Paul's.

The United Studios of Self Defense is one of the sponsors of the carnival and will be teaching self-defense moves throughout the day.

"They are doing an interactive demonstration," Arella said. "Rather than have people watch them, it's more of a community service to teach them something dunk Principal Fred Friedrichs into visit www.stpaulspb.com.



A clown at St. Paul's fall carnival Nov. 6 will spray tattoos on those who dare to leave with an artful presence. The spray tattoo includes two or three colors which are sprayed on using PAUL HANSEN | Beach & Bay Press stencils as guides.

they can take with them that day."

The carnival would not, however, be complete without a dunk tank. Schoolchildren and neighbors will be able to purchase tickets to

the chilly waters of the tank.

All proceeds from the event go back into the school. Admission to the carnival is free, but games and food will have "family-friendly" prices. For more information,

# Musical director celebrates 50 years of music ministry



Kenneth McMillen, who learned to play piano at age 5, is celebrating 50 years in Christian COURTESY PHOTO

**BY MARY WENDT** 

SPECIAL TO BEACH & BAY PRESS

Kenneth McMillen, musical director for Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (UCC), was recently honored at a special service celebrating his 50 years in Christian music ministry. Former choir members, who had been directed by McMillen, sang with the Pacific Beach choir. Musical selections included five contemporary anthems and traditional hymns as well as those of the current generation.

"It was so exciting to work with many of my former choir members, of all denominations, at this special event," McMillen said. "It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with what is going on musically as well as their lives."

McMillen learned to play piano at age five, and the organ at age 10. When he was 12, he was cast as Amahl in a San Diego Symphony production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors." At the age of 15, he was hired as the organist at 32nd Street Naval Station. Following his 1963 graduation from Sweetwater High School, he joined the Navy and served as organist/choir director at bases in Florida, Japan and the Philippines. He comes by his musical talents naturally as both his mother and grandmother were church organists.

Upon his return to the states, he sang in the Choir of Men and Boys at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco. After his release from the service in 1974, he returned to San Diego and earned a music degree from California State University, Fullerton. McMillen's intent was to teach music in the school system. However, the passage of Prop 13 forced him to change his course of study as the university dropped its music teaching

credential program. While attending college, he served as organist at the First Baptist Church in National City. After graduation, he

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# 'Treasure Island' sails into PB Elementary

By DEBBIE HATCH | BEACH & BAY PRESS

The Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary School (FOPBES) recently welcomed two visiting directors from the Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT) in Missoula, Mont. The pair produced and directed the mentary School.

produced, taught, and performed in just one week's time.

"This will be the ninth year that Missoula Children's Theatre has come to PB Elementary," said Lani Ryan of FOPBES, a parent's organization.

Having just completed a sucmusical "Treasure Island," which cessful production at a school starred about 60 school children near the Redwoods National Foron Oct. 16 at Pacific Beach Ele- est in Northern California, MCT's Dan Davidson, 27, and Katie Murk, The magic of this production, how- 23, arrived in San Diego on Oct.

ever, was that all of the performance was 11 to produce "Treasure Island."

truck needed to put on a musical production," Murk said.

Murk is a certified teacher and codirector, while Davidson has a bachelor of fine arts degree in acting.

"During the week, students learn amazing," Ryan said.

about the audition process, acting, "We bring everything in our red choreography, music, makeup, costumes, script reading, memorizing lines, cues, props, stage sets, lighting and — at the end of just one week of really hard work — they are able to perform a onehour musical that is always absolutely

Each day, there were four hours of rehearsals, which were divided into two, two-hour sessions.

The week culminated in two public performances. Performances were open to the public and held Oct. 16.

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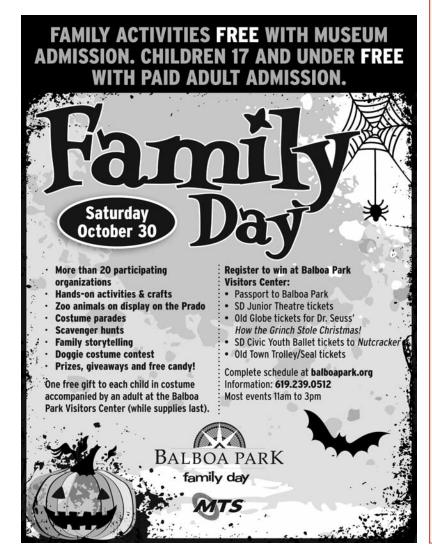


Students perform in "Treasure Island" on Oct. 16 at Pacific Beach Elementary School.









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# **Prop 19: A budding** controversy over pot

By Lauren ventura | Beach & Bay Press

With a growing number of medical marijuana dispensaries taking root in San Diego's beach communities, attention is lighting up around Prop 19 — the marijuana legalization measure on California's Nov. 2 ballot.

The budding campaign is firing up critics and supporters of medicinal pot and the proliferation of neighborhood dispensaries - as well as the smoky enforcement issues that accompany them.

Eugene Davidovich, chairman of the San Diego Chapter of Americans for Safe Access (ASA), heads to The La Jolla Brew House on the second Tuesday of every month to give a rundown of legislation and court action facing medicinal marijuana patients.

The decision to run the meeting in La Jolla, according to Davidovich, is because there are hundreds of patients there looking for safe access.

"At least 30 percent or so of our regular attendees come from La Jolla," said Davidovich.

This month's meeting, though, focused on the upcoming Prop 19 vote next week.

Perhaps what makes Prop 19 unique compared to the litany of previous initiatives to legalize cannabis is that, if passed, it will also allow cities and counties to control the sale of marijuana much like alcohol. This could, according to advocates for "Yes on 19," generate billions of dollars in rev-

"The medicinal marijuana community is for Prop 19 because if it is completely legalized it will advance the opportunity to research the other medicinal properties of cannabis," said Davidovich. "As of now, cannabis collectives cannot do this."

ASA members feel the passage of Prop 19 would also reduce the amount of medicinal marijuana users being arrested by local and federal officials because it would rein-

Adding to the drama swirling around the issue was Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's recent signing of the bills SB 1449 and AB 2650. Although the bills seem to conflict one another, it appears the current administration's intent is clear. Simply put:

• SB 1449 decriminalizes possession while AB 2650 aims to limit the amount of dispensaries that can deliver it. Basically, an individual can have up to one ounce in their possession and only face a \$100 infraction if caught, but they cannot sell it — at least not as easily as medicinal marijuana collectives would like.

· AB 2650, which will take effect in January, prohibits dispensaries from operating within 600 feet of schools. This means the measures passed under Prop 215 for medicinal marijuana access will be more difficult to maintain. AB 2650 will likely make many local dispensaries ineligible to remain in away safe access for patients looking for operation, Davidovich said.



Californians will weigh whether or not to legalize marijuana under Proposition 19 on the Nov. 2

Sundt Memorial Foundation, a La Jolla nonprofit group, opposes the passage of Prop 19 because its goal is to promote a drug-free world for children by encouraging kids to get a "natural high."

"We obviously have grave, grave concerns about the ramifications of Prop 19 if it passes," said Michelle Ahearne, executive director of Sundt. "Teachers are already required by California health laws to educate children about the harmful effects of drugs and alcohol. If it passes, how will they do that?"

Children today already receive mixed messages from the media and celebrity culture regarding drug use, said Ahearne.

"If we add the element of legalization to the mix, what's the message we're supposed to send?" Ahearne asked.

Conversely, San Diego native and ASA member Vey Linville has been using cannabis concentrates to treat his emphysema for over a year, and believes the passage of Prop 19 will ensure patient's rights in California as well as help his children, not hinder them.

"As a parent, I fear that a single minor episode of experimentation with cannabis could lead to one of my children becoming ensnared in the criminal justice system," said Linville, echoing the argument by "Yes on 19" proponents that legalization will allow law enforcement to fight more serious crimes.

"Let's make room in the courts. Let's stop wasting the police's time and let them chase violent offenders," Linville said.

What happens next for San Diego medicinal marijuana patients though is not known. Regardless of whether Prop 19 passes, local ASA members remain concerned about the San Diego Board of Supervisors' upcoming decisions regarding zoning for collectives in January.

"The city ordinance proposal will ask that collectives be 1,000 feet from schools, libraries, places of worship, youth camps, playgrounds and more," said Davidovich.

"But if you forget for just a minute that it's marijuana, and [view it as you would] aspirin or any other medicine you can get in a pharmacy, you'll realize that it's taking relief," he said.

# Question: If elected, what will you do to heal the state budget?

#### By JERRY BROWN

ANSWER: The next governor must be ready to stand against the crowd to lead a broken legislature out of a morass of poisonous partisanship. It will take old fashioned-hard work, patience and a keen understanding of the process.

To turn California's budget around, it is critical that we first reform the budget process. The current process is not designed to a produce a collaborative agreement. It starts too late, involves too few people and fails to require adequate intellectual engagement on the task at hand. Since this is the most important function of the legislature, we need a process designed from the start to build consensus on the central elements of the budget.

As governor, I will start the budget negotiations immediately and involve the entire Legislature. This means:

- Personally engaging the legislators, in large and small groups (both Republicans and Democrats) beginning in November, shortly after the election.
- · Meeting with and listening to the concerns of groups most impacted by key budgetary decisions.
  - · Promptly identifying the differing perspec-

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** San Diego Community Newspaper Group asked the top two California gubernatorial candidates — Meg Whitman and Jerry Brown — what they would do first to fix the state budget if elected. Each was contacted in September and given the same deadline and word count for their responses. Although the paper was in contact with both camps, only Brown sent a response. The responses were intended to run in early

tives that must be addressed.

- Using the bully pulpit to gain public support early in the process with respect to key decisions that have to be made.
- · Recent budgets contain proposed cuts and expected revenues that are illusory. We must stop this game. As governor, I will level with the people and present an honest budget without the smoke and mirrors.
- I will also put teeth behind legal budget deadlines and push for the adoption of legal changes that would penalize state leaders (both executive and legislative) if they don't pass a budget on time. Examples include suspension of pay, per diems, car allowances and a moratorium on any non-emergency legislation until a budget
- I have a deep knowledge about how government functions and how politicians operate. I have seen it as a governor, as a mayor and as attorney general. I know how to get budgets done — balanced and on time.

As governor, I will ensure that money is spent carefully and that state government is operated as efficiently as possible. I have always taken a no nonsense and frugal approach to taxpayers' money.

October, but the project was delayed until Whitman responded, but to no avail. Every reasonable attempt was made to gain a response from the Whitman campaign. Therefore, the response from Brown appears here alone.

> **John Gregory Executive editor**

## BUDGET

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Another major cut would be the elimination of the staffing for one of the two helicopter crews, who are in service for six months of the year. The department would retain both helicopters, but one pilot would be laid off, Mainar said.

The fire department uses the helicopters for medical aids and transportation, firefighting, cliff rescues, swiftriver rescues and ocean searching.

Certain areas in and around Pacific Beach and Mission Bay are considered by the city to be "very high fire-hazard severity zones," according to SDFD grid maps.

These areas include areas along Mission Bay: Sea-World, Perez Cove and Fiesta Island. Mainar said Mount Soledad is also considered to be in the very high fire-hazard severity zone. These are key areas to which the helicopters could be called should a brush fire occur.

#### LIFEGUARDS

North Pacific Beach could potentially lose all of its more-experienced Lifeguard Level-II coverage. However, it will have more less-experienced Lifeguard Level-I lifeguards on duty during the peak summer season.

The night crew consists of a team of four lifeguards who respond to swift-river rescues, offshore search and rescue work requiring scuba certification, cliff rescues and the more common ocean rescues and medical aids, boats sinking, disabled, on fire — or boaters calling for medical aid for those aboard, at all hours of the night. The four lifeguards cover the coast from Torrey Pines to the tip of Point Loma and three miles out to sea. This encompasses Mission Bay as well.

The night crew could potentially be reduced to two lifeguards, who would be stationed at the Mission Bay Headquarters location, eliminating the staffing of two guards in La Jolla overnight.

"We now reduce our capability to respond by half," Mainar said of the nighttime hours guard coverage.

Ocean Beach, South Mission Beach, Mission Beach, La Jolla Rocks and La Jolla Shores could lose a Lifeguard Level-I tower relief, which means fewer breaks for guards. However, Mainar said fewer breaks does not mean less

relaxation, but rather less time to train. Lifeguards typically train when they are on break from tower duty.

Lifeguard coverage at Ventura Cove, Sail Bay, Crown Point, De Anza Cove, and Tecolote Shores will be reduced or eliminated mid-June through Labor Day, which is when these areas are typically staffed.

#### **TOUGH CHOICES**

The next step, Mainar said, is for the cuts to go before the mayor and the full City Council.

"The council is not interested in making [those] cuts," said District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer. "I will not support those cuts."

"The choice is not between cuts or taxes," he said. The choice is between reform or taxes."

Ed Harris heads the Lifeguard Teamsters Union. "Over the last couple of rounds of budget cuts, we have

slowly picked away at our relief system," he said. The identified budget-cut options were not to include

items that generate revenue — but instead, only contain items that can be cut.

"There's nowhere else to cut," Harris said.

He suggests many revenue-generating ideas in the forms of selling advertisements on items like rescue boards and lifeguard towers.

"We all live here. We all work here. We don't want something that's not tactful," Harris said.

Last year's budget reductions impacted how lifeguards train, said Lt. Andy Lerum, spokesman for the city's Lifeguard Services.

As a result, the training shifted from hands-on scenarios to online learning. The benefits are that information is standardized and tracking of progress can be done more efficiently. Lerum said the negative is the time a guard spends on the computer, which is time taken away from patrol. Advocates of Prop D on the Nov. 2 ballot — the half-

cent sales-tax proposal — have said the measure will shore up the public safety budget and hedge against cuts. Critics have said there is no guarantee the money will be used for those purposes.

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# Red Marlin serves up fine dining in comfortable confines

BY LORALEE OLEJNK | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Red Marlin Restaurant Bar and Terrace is quite the catch in Mission Bay fine dining. Though the beach areas are more frequently associated with pub fare than poke or filet mignon, this place may just be proof that diners can have an upscale meal and still ride their beach cruiser home.

The restaurant, located in the recently renovated Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Spa and Marina, features an array of steaks, seafood and pasta options with a respectable wine list and full cocktail bar selections, all in a contemporary atmosphere.

"I tell you, there's nothing better than when the sun sets," said Clint Peetz, restaurant manager, referring to the spectacular 360-degree views of Mission Bay that are visible from the restaurant.

The sunset attraction is just one of the highlights that draws so many diners and special events.

The restaurant also overlooks the marina at Quivera Road, where private boats and fishing charters come and go, and views are on par with some of the finest waterfront dining establishments on San Diego's bays.

Red Marlin was part of the Hyatt Mission Bay's fresh berries. (formerly Hyatt Islandia) renaissance, when the hotel's 430 guest rooms and grounds underwent a \$65 million renovation.

Red Marlin named Danny Bannister as chef de cuisine when it opened in early 2008. Bannister's culinary philosophy involves using fresh, local and environmentally-responsible ingredients.

One of Bannister's specialties is a blue-crab cake, probably among the best in town. He considers the rounded seafood staple the litmus test of the worth of a seafood restaurant.

Bannister was schooled at the French Culinary Institute in New York City and has worked at Laurel. Third Corner, Island Prime and Pamplemousse Grill. On a recent night, Bannister hosted the first in a series of cooking classes and wine and beer pairings that will be a regular occurrence at Red Marlin.

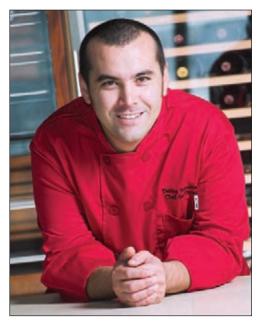
"I don't really like recipes that much. I just use them as a guideline," Bannister said to the group gathered around the fireplace at the chef's table. Visitors watched him create some of his signature dishes and desserts, including crème brulee with

Red Marlin is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Lunch options include salads, ahi tuna, club and flat-iron steak sandwiches, and entrees — all in the \$12 to \$20 range.

The most popular dinner starters include the homemade blue-crab cakes served with preserved lemon aioli and baby greens, and the ahi poke with sesame dressing and wonton crisps. Dinner entrees include a variety of seafood, including scallops, salmon, halibut, swordfish and ahi tuna, along with steaks and filet mignon and pasta dishes. Dinner entrees range from \$19 to \$35.

Some of the menu items also change seasonally. For example, the pork chop, currently served with grilled peach and broccolini in the summer, will soon be swapped with apple and squash for

Red Marlin is located at 1441 Quivira Road. Parking is easily available either on the street or in the hotel lot. For more information on special events, wine and beer pairing dinners, or reservations call (619) 221-4868, or visit www.redmarlinrestaurant.com.



Danny Bannister is chef de cuisine at the Red Marlin Restaurant Bar. COURTESY PHOTO



Buffalo Exchange carries costume options and accessories like wigs and nurse shoes. DEBBIE HATCH | Beach & Bay Press

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quantities that Buffalo Exchange has sold out of them.

"The biggest pop-culture reference I've heard of is 'Alice in Wonderland,'"

Trying to recreate Johnny Depp's look as the Mad Hatter from Tim Burton's "Alice in Wonderland" can be time consuming, yet rewarding.

Buffalo Exchange has had many shoppers interested in prepackaged Alice costumes or men attempting to recreate the colorful hatter.

Casares anticipated hearing more buzz about people wanting to dress up as characters from AMC's hit television show "Mad Men." As the new season debuted July 25, the store saw a rise in people shopping for vintage clothing to wear to "Mad Men" parties.

Casares advises those in desperate need of a costume to tap into their more creative side.

She suggests to women that they purchase a vintage dress from a resale shop. Then, she said, shred it. Next, women should purchase fake blood and wipe it all over their dress and skin.

"You'd be like a tortured prom queen," Casares said.

She added that the cost could easily be around \$10 for the simple get-up, because not all costumes have to be expensive. Many of the prepackaged items cost around \$40.

"Halloween is Buffalo Exchange's Christmas," Casares said.

The store purchases clothing and costumes from its customers year-round.

It gathers up all of the Halloween costumes it has been storing throughout the year and puts them out the last week of September. If newer, used costumes arrive before Halloween, they will be added to the selection. The prepackaged items, however, are not replenished until next year.

Buffalo Exchange saw an early influx of those eager to dress up. However, the staff anticipates the crowds to remain steady through Halloween Day.

Buffalo Exchange is located at 1007 Garnet Ave. For more information, call (858) 273-6227.

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# Pacific Beach author lets it all fang out

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Local author Scott Prussing takes what his friends say to heart. When one of his buddies finished reading a suspense novel Prussing wrote, he made the comment that Prussing should write a story about vampires, because it would definitely sell. Prussing ran with the idea and recently released a vampire-themed

time for the Halloween season.

"It's getting great feedback from people of all ages, from teenagers up to seniors," Prussing said. "I think that's because it's got a good underlying story. I've had several people send me comments that they really love the book and they've never even been into the vampire phenomenon."

novel called "Breathless," just in New Jersey in 1978 and landed in Pacific Beach. He left for several years, but came back in 1988 — and he's been here ever since. Prussing said he loves the area because he can go for a walk or a bike ride along the boardwalk or bay every morning before taking that natural energy and applying it to his craft. Usually when he gets home he writes for a couple of hours or more Prussing arrived in California from depending on how it's going.

Prussing has been progressively honing his talents for the last 10 years, to the point where he has become a full-time writer.

After writing two mystery-suspense novels, Prussing decided to enter into the vastly popular world of modern day vampires. "Breathless" is about the lives of some college students, the vampires who lurk among them and a race of beings called volkaanes, who are mortal enemies of vampires.

Although he is well past traditional college-student age, Prussing found that observing the abundance of twentysomething's and their styles roaming around PB was helpful in describing scenes that would ring true to readers.

"Since the main characters are in college. I got a lot of ideas for outfits just by looking at the young women in PB," he

He also had a college student help edit the book to reinforce its authenticity.

A first edition hardcover of "Breathless" costs \$17.99 and can be pur- Kearny Mesa or on amazon.com.

chased at scottpruss-

ingpublishing.com where interested readers can also find out more about Prussing and the book.

Pacific Beach residents have the option of getting the book delivered and signed by the author himself if they want to avoid shipping charges. "Breathless" can also be found at the Mysterious Galaxy Bookstore in



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#### Christmas Day Buffet

Saturday, December 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. \$41 adults, special pricing children 12 and under. Enjoy a holiday feast of Cherry Stone Clam Lobster Chowder, Cajun Mustard Glazed Iowa Ham, Brandt Farm Top Sirloin, Eggnog Pecan Cheesecake, a children's station, and more.

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## **MUSIC**calendar

By BART MENDOZA | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A traditional Southern California Halloween staple, Dead Man's Party performs at the Wavehouse on Oct. 29, 8 p.m. The group is the ultimate Oingo Boingo cover band. Not only does the group sport a Danny Elfman look-a-like for a frontman, but the band is so exacting in its performances that former members of Boingo have sat in with them. Expect all the hits for this concert: from "Only a Lad" to "Weird Science" all from one of the best tribute bands going today.

Deadman's Party: 8 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, at the Wavehouse, 3125 Oceanfront Walk. \$30. 21 and up. www.deadmansparty.com

The Jazz Project Big Band, which performs at Tango Del Rey on Nov. 1, is just that. Sixteen members strong, the group features new players — as well as a host of well-known veterans that include director Michael Smith, trumpeters Marty Conley and Bruce Cameron and saxophonist Lee Elderton. The band has released one album to date: "The Music of Ken Downin: Thanks for the Memories" in 2006. It's an excellent recording to be sure, but with an eight-piece brass section and a mix of new and classic material, this is a group that

should be experienced live.

Jazz Project Big Band: 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. Cover TBD. All ages. www.jazzproject.com

Hard rock and Lady Gaga may seem like a long way apart, but not for Joker Face, which performs at the 710 Beach Club on Nov. 6. Taking the sound of Metallica and combining it with tunes by Gaga and other pop heroines like Britney Spears, the band has come up with a fun, melodic new brand of hard rock. Though played just slightly tongue in cheek, the songs work surprisingly well in their new settings.

Joker Face: 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. Cover TBD. 21 and up. www.myspace.com/-jokerfacemusic

Access Music continues to be one of the best spots to catch up-andcoming rappers and hip-hop artists. On Nov. 6, the music store will host an appearance from Los Angelesbased Pigeon John, promoting his new album "Dragon Slayer." If response so far to his new album is any indication, Pigeon John looks set to be a major player in 2011. The first single from his new disc, "The Bomb," is now heard on TV several times a day, via its inclusion in a current Volkswagon commercial.

Pigeon John: 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Access Music, 1537 Garnet Ave. Free. All ages. www.myspace.com/pigeonjohn

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ist/choirmaster at Saint Luke's Episco- experience, not just perform." pal in San Diego for 10 years. He then became choir director at First United Methodist Church in National City and later at Mission Hills United Methodist Church. He was also the organist/choir director at St. Philip's Episcopal, Lemon Grove, and minister of music at the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) in Bonita.

More recently, the semi-retired McMillen did volunteer work at several churches in San Diego and a year ago accepted his director of music position at the Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach (UCC). He is a member of the National Association of Church Musicians and serves as the organist for the Scottish Rite's degree productions and business meetings in Mission Valley.

"I have had a very rewarding career and especially love choral direction," McMillen said. "I get so much satisfaction drawing the music out of people.

I've helped people who did not feel comfortable singing at all to become soloists. Good choral direction involves integrating the music with the message of the assumed the duties of organ- service. A choir should enhance the

> When not involved in musical ministry, McMillen said he enjoys classical and big band music of the 1930s and 1940s.

> "Mr. McMillen is one of the most gifted vocal, piano, organ and choral director musicians I have worked with in more than 40 years in parish ministry. His professionalism, sense of humor and amazing talent combine to make him superb in his field," said Rev. Jerry Lawritson, the church's pastor. "Our congregation is so proud that we had the opportunity to celebrate this milestone in his life. Our choir members feel they have a much stronger presence since his arrival. He is a great asset to our church family."

> Community Congregational Church of Pacific Beach, United Church of Christ, is located at 2088



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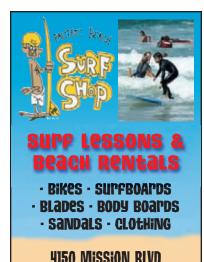
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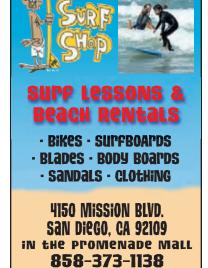


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## The fast Rhoades to volleyball success

Mission Bay High School senior

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quickly turned heads — fast enough to lege, too."

sign, seal and deliver a commitment to play for the University of Arizona in 2011, paid in full. Rhoades, who is rounding out her senior campaign as a Buccaneer, started her career on the freshman squad, followed by three noteworthy varsity seasons and club playing time as well.

volleyball player Rachel Rhoades. Rhoades' 6-foot-1-inch frame and her innate, honed volleyball prowess,

coupled with a 4.25 GPA, allowed her who have gotten me to where I am today, the luxury of being selective when deciding her next stop.

"When I was choosing, the weather was definitely a huge deal," Rhoades said. "Also, the level of volleyball, the surrounding community, the college and the feel of the team. Also, a big thing was the mascot. If you don't have a cool mascot, then I don't want to go there."

Rhoades' good nature is one of her most-appealing off-the-court attributes. On the court, Rhoades' road to elite play began as a suggestion.

"I started playing club volleyball my sophomore year of high school," Rhoades said. "I never really thought I could play club volleyball. My high school coach [Steve Upp] said I would be good for that. I started off at a ... club in Poway. Coast came up and that was crazy, because I had no idea I would make one of those teams."

The surprises kept rolling. Coast coach Ozhan Bahrambeygui saw the potential in Rhoades and put her on the club's No. 1 team.

"I had no idea, I didn't even think I would make the No. 3 team at his club. Despite being labeled a newcomer to and he puts me on the No. 1 team," the sport, Mission Bay High School vol- Rhoades said. "The team is amazing. levball standout Rachel Rhoades has He's just helped me so much with col-

> Rhoades savs Bahrambeygui's connections in the sport allowed her to get noticed and eventually recruited.

> "He kind of got the word out there that he's got this tall girl who is physical and athletic and he helped out a lot," Rhoades said. "Colleges started e-mailing me. I did make a website but that didn't help at all.

> "I think the two people

college-wise, are probably Steve Upp and Ozhan."

Rhoades also considers her family in that helping group. Her sister, Ashley, played for Mission Bay High and was the reason Rachel picked up the ball in the first place. Rachel said her parents played a huge role in her decision to attend the University of Arizona where she plans to major in psychology or sociology. Her mom took most of the college visits with her.

"They are just excited I am going to college and it's even better because it's getting paid for," Rhoades said.

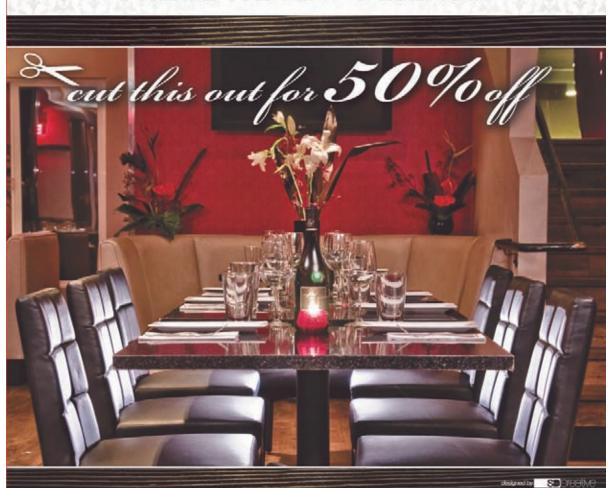
Rhoades is definitely doing her part.

"As a senior, I feel like I've stepped up a lot as a leader," Rhoades said.

With playoffs looming, Rhodes has one goal in mind.

"I want to get past first round in CIF," Rhoades said. "We are going to get to first round this year for sure, but we've never made it past first round to second round and that would be amazing if we could do that."

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# No simple answer to Chargers' woes

By LEE CORNELL | BEACH & BAY PRESS

A lot of people are wondering what's wrong with the San Diego Chargers. That seemingly simple question, however, does not have an easy answer.

On paper, the Chargers look good in the four statistical categories that generally define teams. They have the top-ranked passing attack in the NFL and a solid running game that falls in the middle of the pack.

Defensively, the Chargers have put up formidable numbers as well. They boast a top-10 run-stopping unit and a secondary that is holding opposing receivers to the lowest yards per game in the league.

"We're a good secondary. We know what we can do," said cornerback Antoine Cason. "We can go out there and be physical with people and make plays.'

Although the Chargers have solid numbers in these normally telling statistics, they've fallen short in other aspects of  $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$ the game that are sometimes overlooked. Simply put, they haven't done the little things it takes to win.

There have been well-documented problems on the special teams, as well as a tendency to turn the ball over. The Chargers rank near the bottom of the league in takeaway-to-giveaway ratio.

In a 23-20 loss to New England on Oct. 24, the Chargers turned the ball over four times in the first half. That was too much to overcome, despite a valiant second half comeback and a defense that kept making plays to stop the Patriots' vaunted passing attack.

"They've got a good secondary. They've got good players back there and they've got a good rush, which made it tough on us," said New England wide receiver Wes Welker. "They did a good job across the board of keeping us in check and keeping us off the field."

With the season still in its first half, changes can be made. The Chargers have enough talent and character to play with anyone in the league. If they can find a way to drastically cut the mental mistakes, there's no doubt a playoff run in San Diego could still be in the cards.

'That team is very talented and very explosive," said Patriots receiver Deion Branch. "I mean they've got everything. I'm pretty sure they're starting to string everything together, they're starting to play a little bit better."

The road back to prosperity isn't going to be easy. The Chargers take on the AFC South-leading Tennessee Titans (5-2) at Qualcomm Stadium Oct. 31 and then go on the road to face the upstart Houston Texans Nov. 7.



Antoine Cason defends against Larry Fitzgerald during the Chargers victory over the Cardinals earlier this season. Through seven games, San Diego's pass defense is best in the league in yards allowed. DON BALCH | Beach & Bay Press

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Sunday, Oct. 31, 1:05 p.m. Qualcomm Stadium

TV: CBS

**All-time series:** 

Chargers lead 24-16-1

Last meeting: Chargers won 42-17 at Tennessee Dec. 25, '09

Key matchup: Chargers offensive line against Tennessee defensive line - The Titans have one of the most physical defenses in the league and the Bolts will need to control the line of scrimmage to establish their running game and protect Philip Rivers.

Players to watch: Chargers receiver Vincent Jackson returns to the team two days before the game after a lengthy holdout. Will plan or even used as a decoy?

Fun Fact: The last meeting between these two teams at Qualcomm Stadium was in the Wild Card Round of the 2007 playoffs, a Chargers' victory.

Prediction: Tennessee 27, Chargers 24

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Prediction: Houston 31, Chargers 17



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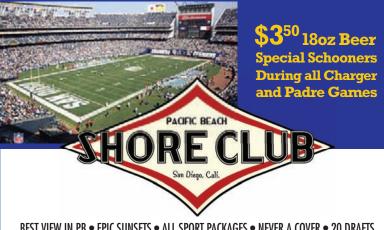
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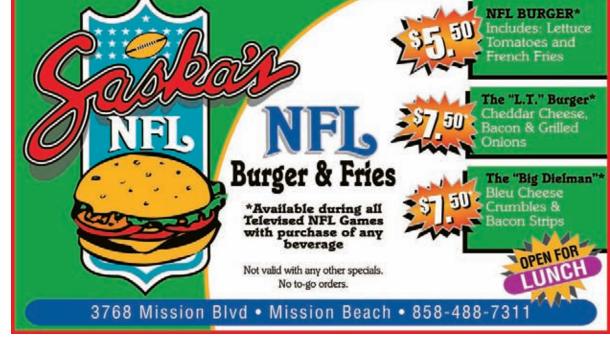
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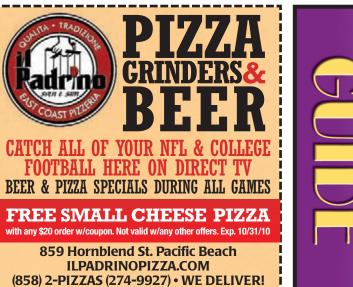
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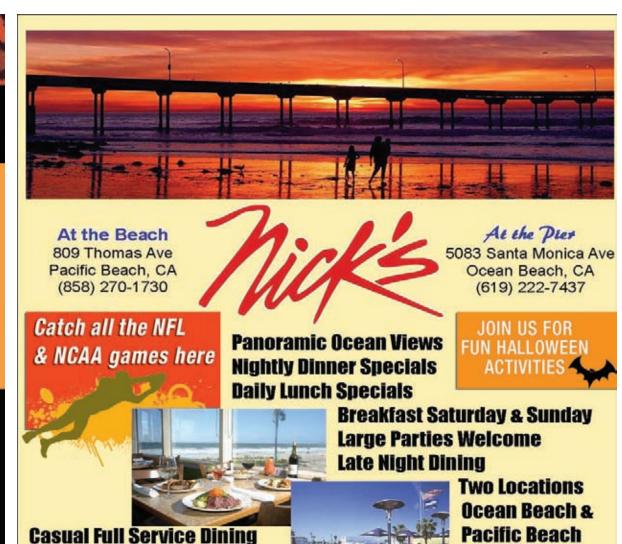
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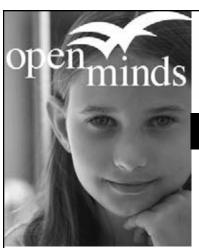












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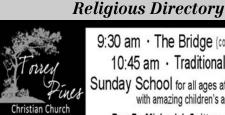
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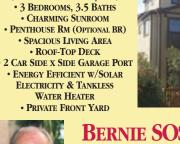
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