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## Beautifying PB

*one median at a time*

Cactus gardens like this one in the broad median on the corner of Pacific Beach Drive and Jewell Street are part of community beautification that Pacific Beach is promoting as part of the eco-district plan it intends to begin implementing this year.

Paula Ferraco, a member of the Pacific Beach Community Garden, said she had, until recently, been searching for the resident who has been maintaining the cactus garden. She said Beautify PB and organizers of the eco-district want to support their efforts and help maintain the space and hopefully create more spaces like it in the community.

In December, residents in Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and Mission Bay Park met with several members of the American Institute of Architect's Sustainable Design Assessment Team, a team of nationally accredited professionals in urban design, planning, landscape architecture, renewable energy, and traffic and transportation. The team and the community worked together on a strategy to make beach communities greener, cleaner and more economically lean.

— Dave Schwab

PHOTOS BY KENDRA HARTMANN



## Seaside Farmers Market

### APPROACHES ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Market proves popular, but future still unknown By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

The Seaside Farmer's Market at Mission Bay High School (MBHS) wants the residents of Pacific Beach to know that it is open for business with a new voucher program to promote local schools and a couple of noteworthy events planned for this month.

Seaside Market launched a voucher program late last month, which involved the six public schools in Pacific Beach (Mission Bay High

School, Pacific Beach Middle School, Crown Point, Kate Sessions, Pacific Beach and Barnard elementaries) by working with DonorNation. The voucher program offers "beach bucks" that can be purchased online in the form of a voucher. Parents can purchase the vouchers from [www-donornation.com](http://www-donornation.com) with 15 percent of

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## MAYORAL ELECTION: THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

### Alvarez, Faulconer spar in run-up to run-off election

EDITOR'S NOTE: Leading up to the mayoral election, the San Diego Community Newspaper Group presented five questions to both candidates on issues of importance to our beach communities. We hope the answers provided by the candidates – City Councilman David Alvarez and City Councilman Kevin Faulconer – will be of value in helping you make a more informed vote when you head to the polls Feb. 11.

*Q: With the City Council's renewed emphasis on neighborhood enhancement/improvement programs and long-needed updates to decades-old community plans, what is your specific vision for San Diego's beach communities?*

**A:** Our beach communities have specific needs that



**DAVID ALVAREZ**

*Q: With the City Council's renewed emphasis on neighborhood enhancement/improvement programs and long-needed updates to decades-old community plans, what is your specific vision for San Diego's beach communities?*

**A:** As the beach-area councilmember, I'm proud to



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## VALENTINE'S DAY

## For local couple, lasting love comes from give-and-take attitude

By DAVE SCHWAB

The secret to success in love is the two Cs: commitment and compromise.

That's the key to surviving a long-term relationship, said Jill Weinberger Rigoli, who's about to mark her 50th wedding anniversary this Valentine's Day season with husband Daniel at a celebration brunch at Bali Hai Restaurant. The pair will be joined by more than 30 family and friends on Feb. 16.

"We depended on each other for everything, traveling around the world from base to base," said Jill.

She and Daniel were married Feb. 6, 1964 in San Antonio, Texas while Daniel was attending Air Force Officer Training School.

"I hate to use a cliché, but love conquers all," said Jill. "There really has to be a strong bond. Hopefully, our children have seen that."

Jill and Daniel's relationship, the union of "two complete opposites,"

in Jill's words, also wasn't love at first sight.

"It just progressed. We wanted to be together," Jill said. "I look back and I think I love him so much more than we did when we got married."

Daniel is of a like mind. When Jill asked him what he thought the most important thing was in their 50-year marriage, he replied, "Lots of love."

That sums up Jill's feelings, too.

"It's love and respect," she said. "There are always going to be rough times," which Jill said couples get through and pass beyond, becoming stronger because of it.

Jill's third "key" for love longevity was something a little more offbeat. She said it's important for married couples to love each other enough to respect and give one another their own private space.

"He didn't step into my little realm and I didn't step into his," she said.

"He never once said, 'You can't have



**STILL IN LOVE** Jill and Daniel Rigoli will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 16. COURTESY

this, or you shouldn't do that, or don't go someplace without me."

The couple also respected one another's space in their longtime business partnership, Danji Designs, a wholesale needlepoint design company now owned and operated by their daughter.

"I handled the design part, the trade shows," she said. "He did the financial part. We set our own little parameters."

"Even today he pays all the bills and I spend the money," joked Jill, noting Daniel always trusted her with not spending frivolously.

The couple have also done things apart at times, which contributed to their enjoying — and appreciating — each other's company more when they've been together. Jill, for example, went to Antarctica alone for her 60th birthday.

Neither Jill nor Daniel are overly demonstrative of their affection for each other on Valentine's Day.

Jill said the couple "always give

each other cards but don't usually go out to dinner."

When they do dine out, it's often at La Jolla's oceanfront Marine Room, which Jill referred to as "their place."

Daniel doesn't usually buy Jill stuff. He's not a "shopper," Jill allowed, while confiding that he'll give her money, telling her to "buy something that you wouldn't ordinarily."

But Daniel can be romantic — and surprising — on occasion, like those times when he's bought Jill a new car of her choosing. Though even then, their personal styles diverge. Jill's willingness to haggle with customizing the new car contrasts with Daniel, who, she said, is "not a bargainer."

The Weinberger and Rigoli families both have deep roots in the local Pacific Beach and La Jolla communities.

Jill is the granddaughter of Jacob Weinberger, the first resident federal district judge for San Diego for whom the restored San Diego Court House is named.

Daniel, who graduated from La Jolla High School, is the son of Henry R. Rigoli, a prominent real-estate broker in the 1940s and '50s who built approximately 300 homes citywide, including several duplexes and triplexes in Pacific Beach.

Of Henry, who died in 1959 at the

age of 50, Dan wrote in a 2009 Pacific Beach Historical Society Newsletter: "He was a self-made man. He drove his 1936 Ford across country during the winter of 1941 and purchased a home in the 1700 block of Thomas near Pacific Beach Elementary School. He worked 12 or more hours daily for nine straight years."

Jill, who graduated from Mission Bay High School, is equally proud of her judge grandfather, whom she described as a "soft-spoken" attorney.

Jill recalled getting a speeding ticket once on Riviera Drive in PB on a stretch where the limit had just been changed and going to her grandfather to complain.

"He asked, 'Was there a sign there?'" said Jill. I answered, 'Yes.' He said, 'Well, ignorance of the law is no excuse.' He shot me down right there."

The Rigolis said they are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary just after Valentine's Day.

"Our three children and most of my nine grandchildren are coming, some from as far away as Montana and North Carolina," Jill said, adding just all being together for the special occasion is what's really important to her and Daniel.

"The little things are what mean a lot to us," she said.

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## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS &gt;&gt;

Mission Bay resident Judy



**Judy Churchill**

Churchill, Ph.D., has been named chairwoman of the Scripps Health board of trustees.

Churchill, a retired Scripps clinical psychologist, has served

on the Scripps board since 2008. "Dr. Churchill's extensive tenure with Scripps, her proven leadership,

and her deep knowledge of the community will be a great asset as Scripps moves forward during this challenging and exciting time in health care," said Chris Van Gorder, president and CEO of Scripps.

Prior to her service on the Scripps board, Churchill dedicated 20 years of service as a psychologist at Scripps. She designed and implemented Scripps Mercy Hospital's employee-assistance program, which has since been expanded across the entire Scripps system. She has published numerous jour-

nal articles on employee assistance programs and is recognized as a national leader in the field of employee assistance.

In addition to her six years of service on the Scripps board, Churchill also served for seven years on the Mercy Foundation board of directors, including two years as chairwoman. She has volunteered with the Mercy Surgical Outreach Team by flying medical supplies into Mexico, where she provided hands-on assistance in the surgical recovery area. In addition, she serves on the board of Green Manor, a senior housing facility in Mission Hills.

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the voucher purchases directly deposited into their child's school's paypal account.

Events at the market this month include a rummage sale on Feb. 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. where families of Pacific Beach students can rent a space for \$10 and bring items to sell. Then, on Feb. 22, the principal from the school that sells the most vouchers for the market will have the chance to step into a money-blowing box and grab money for their school.

There is a wide variety of vendors at the Seaside Farmers Market, including fresh produce, roasted coffee, roasted nuts (almonds, cashews, pecans and peanuts), freshly roasted kettle corn, honey, Mediterranean items, quesadillas, pet treats and more. One regular vendor at the market is retired Mission Bay High School basketball head coach and teacher Mike Seaman. Seaman, who spent more than 30 years at MBHS (1971-2008), sells his homemade cutting boards shaped in the form of small surfboards.

All proceeds from the market go to MBHS to help fund a variety of extracurricular programs and equipment. Market organizer Cori Meara said the year the market has been in operation has been a rewarding one.



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"We have thoroughly enjoyed the benefit of providing MBHS with another source of much-needed revenue," she said.

To date, the market has given more than \$12,000 to the school, helping to purchase items like ceiling fans for the weight room, tennis equipment and art classroom supplies, as well as helping to finance things like the robotics program, the "Compassion It Club," the homecoming float, lacrosse program, basketball and softball.

The farmers' market is held every Saturday at the MBHS parking lot (2475 Grand Ave.) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Meara said that, despite

the success of the market so far, the expenses associated with it mean organizers have tough choices to make. She put out a plea to the community for more support of the weekly event.

"Expensive permit and insurance fees are due for renewal and we need to make a realistic decision to continue with the market or not," she said. "We have set the stage and we really need just one simple thing: more shoppers. Please stop by the market, invite friends and neighbors and talk it up."

For more information, visit [www.seasidefarmersmarket.org](http://www.seasidefarmersmarket.org).



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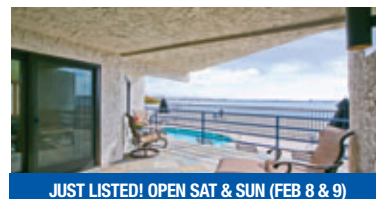
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# Planning group looks forward to next phase of improving PB

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPG) intends to take expert recommendations made to it last year about creating a proposed eco-district and run with it in 2014.

Brian Curry, PBPG chairman, made that pledge during the advisory group's Jan. 22 monthly meeting.

In 2013, Pacific Beach hosted the Sustainable Assessment Design Team (SDAT), a nationally accredited group of professionals in numerous areas of expertise, including urban design, planning, landscape architecture, renewable energy, and traffic and transportation. They were invited in by local stakeholders to offer their exper-

tise on how best to make beach communities greener, cleaner and more economically lean.

"This is a very exciting time for PB as different groups — Discover PB, PB Town Council, Beautiful PB and the PBPG — are collaborating to implement the SDAT's recommendations," Curry said.

Curry said implementing the SDAT could involve an economic transformation in the beach economy.

"The idea is to increase the value of underlying land through a change in the economy using certain corridors to concentrate lower-end retail," said Curry. "Then we can begin to focus long-

term planning to fit our commercial retail putting it on two or three blocks on Grand Avenue. That frees up other (business district) portions that could be used for mixed-use, residential or other things."

Upcoming infrastructure upgrades in PB are to include safety improvements, including crosswalk marking at neighborhood schools.

"We will start at PB Middle School, getting crosswalks at Haines Street on both sides of the school, and then we'll be repainting crosswalks for all the elementary schools," said Curry, adding future beautification is to include

"a community garden on Pacific Beach Drive and also little community parklets in different areas, like the green belt at the (PB) library."

Parklets could include benches for adults, children's seating and play areas, said Curry.

"We'll be taking existing public areas and making them much more community friendly for public use, putting in greenways and bike paths," he said.

March 17 is the date that has been tentatively chosen to host the next public meeting for discussion of revising and adopting SDAT eco-district recommendations.

"We can refine it, fine tune it, all be involved in re-envisioning the community going forward," Curry said.

or within 600 feet of schools, day-care centers or places of worship," Clampett said, adding interim Mayor Todd Gloria will be introducing a new ordinance soon to "create buffers between medical marijuana dispensaries and 'sensitive receptors.'"

• Ed Clancy of BikeSD told planners about the next CycloSDias event to promote bicycling and other non-motorized modes of travel to be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 in Pacific Beach on portions of Ingraham Street, Garnet Avenue, Mission Boulevard, La Jolla Mesa and Cass, Turquoise and Dawes streets.

• A representative from the Barnard School PTA pitched the PCPG board on a proposal to consider a number of traffic-calming improvements at Culver and Fogg streets near the school, the most popular of which was a stop sign at the troublesome intersection.

"Did you consider speed bumps first?" asked PBPG board member Baylor Triplett, to which planner Paul Falcone answered, "It's extremely hard to get speed bumps put in."

The group voted 13-3 to endorse the traffic-calming measures in concept, which will now be submitted for a city traffic study.

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AARP volunteers are once again offering tax-preparation assistance to Pacific Beach residents for free. This year, the program has moved from St. Brigid's Church to the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library and assistance is available Mondays through April 14, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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— Marsha Kay Seff

## IN OTHER ACTION

• Ian Clampett from District 2 City Councilman Kevin Faulconer's office told planners the district is aware that there are "eight to 10" medical marijuana dispensaries operating in Pacific Beach, contrary to city rules disallowing them. He said the councilman is working diligently to address the issue.

"Dispensaries are not allowed to exist within the city of San Diego

## Town Council looks back on 2013, forward to 2014

The Pacific Beach Town Council held its 53rd installation of officers and directors on Jan. 19 at the Mission Bay Yacht Club.

Alan Harris was installed as president while Adam Meyer was installed as vice-president, both for a second term. William Marsh was installed as treasurer.

The following were installed as directors of the PBTC: Anita Gentry, Robert Citrano, Cathie Jolley, David Tallon, Desiree Herrera, Ed Reay, Joe Wilding, Keith Antigiovanni, Kristi Nelson, Matthew Winter and Michael McQuary.

Chris Olson was honored with The Pug and June Sanford Community Service Award for his commitment to community service. A lifelong Pacific Beach resident, Olson has participated in the PB Planning Group for 18 years, is co-founder of beautifulpb.org and leads a monthly community collaboration meeting.

Joe Wilding was presented with the Silver Seahorse Award for his outstanding service to the community and the Town Council. Wilding serves on the PB Planning Group, volunteers his time at events throughout the year, and organizes beach cleanups each month.

Cathie Jolley was presented with the President's Award by past president Alan Harris. The award represents an individual member who

had the greatest impact in the mission and achievements of the Town Council in 2013. Jolley serves on numerous committees and events throughout the year.

Jennifer Tandy, meanwhile, was named honorary mayor of Pacific Beach

Harris reviewed successes of the Pacific Beach Town Council in 2013 and goals for 2014 during the meeting.

"Our one thing for 2014 will be membership," he said. "We will increase membership with an additional 400 members. We also plan to update the Pacific Beach entryway and community service signs. The Town Council will also take the lead role in coordination of the utility-box artwork in Pacific Beach.

"2013 was a fantastic year for the Town Council," Harris continued. "We awarded \$3,000 in grants to support our local schools and raised \$4,000 to support the Fire Station 21 kitchen remodel. For us to reach our goals in 2014, we will need everyone that calls Pacific Beach home to partner with us."

Councilmembers thanked the Mission Bay Yacht Club for hosting the event.

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## RIGOLI & WEINBERGER CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!

Daniel Rigoli and Jill Weinberger Rigoli will hold a 50th Anniversary Wedding Celebration Brunch at the Bali Hai Restaurant on February 16, 2014. More than 30 family members and close friends will join them in their celebration.

The couple were married in San Antonio, Texas on February 6, 1964 while Daniel was attending Air Force Officer Training School.

While completing a career in the Air Force, the couple raised three children and lived in different parts of the world. Assignments included West Berlin, Germany, The Pentagon, Vietnam, Los Angeles AFB, CA and different Air Force units in Texas.

The couple also established Danji Designs, a wholesale needlepoint design company, currently owned and operated by their daughter. Later the couple moved back to San Diego and opened the Needlecraft Cottage in Pacific Beach which they operated for more than 20 years. Daniel is a graduate of La Jolla High School and Jill of Mission Bay High.

Daniel is the son of the prominent Real Estate Broker in San Diego during the 1940 & 1950s, Henry R. Rigoli. Jill is the granddaughter of Jacob Weinberger, the first resident Federal District Judge for San Diego, for whom the restored San Diego Court House is named.

The couple are retired and reside in La Jolla, California.

**ALVAREZ »**

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have been ignored by past city leadership. As mayor, I will ensure we have clean beaches and water. I have pushed hard to implement a plan that utilizes water purification technology that will help reduce the outflow of wastewater into the ocean. Additionally, I feel strongly about the importance of beach safety and have prioritized restoring funding to lifeguard services in the city budget. As such, I am proud to be endorsed by the San Diego Lifeguard Association, which safeguards our beaches for the thousands of families that use our beaches every year.

*Q: Describe in detail what sets you apart from your political opponent and how you will captain San Diego's economic and political future to promote the city and compete with the interests of neighboring counties and cities fighting for the same piece of California's funding pie.*

**A:** I have been consistent in my desire to see all communities throughout San Diego be treated fairly and equitably by City Hall, while my opponent has prioritized taxpayer giveaways to developer special interests. In order to increase funding for vital infrastructure projects in every community, it is critical the city get its fair share of state and federal funding. For far too long, the city has not had a strong presence in Washington, D.C. and Sacramento. As mayor, I will actively lobby state and federal agencies for everything from homeland security funding to grants for critical infrastructure projects in blighted communities.

*Q: With the departure of former Mayor Bob Filner, much healing appears needed at City Hall and within San Diego's respective neighborhoods. What is your plan to promote cohesiveness within the City Council and local town councils and planning groups?*

**A:** City Hall is healing from a tumultuous year. To effectively govern, it's critical that the mayor represent ALL San Diegans — not just special interests. As such, I will govern by treating all members of our communities with the dignity and respect they deserve. Unlike past administrations, I'll work with our town councils and planning groups to help with neighborhood issues. I have and will continue to work cooperatively with each city councilmember to ensure each community receives the resources and services it needs. Although

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the mayor and City Council may not always agree, by working together to do what's best for the city we can get San Diego back on track and moving full steam ahead.

*Q: The city's tourism industry — particularly the Embarcadero-based cruise-line business and the Convention Center's bookings — has struggled in recent years. What is your plan to put San Diego's tourism industry back on the map and at the forefront of lure in the region?*

**A:** San Diego's tourism industry is vital to our economy and it's critical we effectively market the city to ensure tourism revenues continue to grow. This was the reason I brokered a compromise to free up tourism funding, working cooperatively with all stakeholders involved and solving a stalemate that had paralyzed City Hall and our ability to market San Diego for weeks on end. As mayor, I'll continue to ensure the city is competitive, attracting more conventions and making sure our own events like the upcoming Balboa Park Centennial, San Diego Pride, golf tournaments and craft-brew festivals are strong.

*Q: In terms of maintaining/growing the presence of law enforcement in our beach communities and maintaining/boosting budgetary support for the San Diego Fire/Rescue Department's Lifeguard Services, what will you advocate as mayor?*

**A:** I have consistently fought for increased funding for Fire Rescue and Lifeguard Services in the city budget. When I was elected to the City Council, my opponent and past city leaders had chosen to slash public-safety funding and resources. This was a reckless way to balance the budget. I proposed and successfully restored funding for browned-out fire engines and lifeguard personnel. I found unnecessary expenses to cut without impacting public services. I'm proud to have the firefighters and lifeguards supporting my campaign and, as mayor, funding public safety services over nonessential budgetary expenses will be a top priority.

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have brought financial stability to City Hall so we can begin to reinvest in our neighborhoods. As mayor, I plan to repair our roads and improve every San Diego neighborhood — without raising taxes. I've set a goal of paving 500 miles of roads and investing \$900 million for neighborhood improvements over five years — including repairs to the crumbling seawall in Pacific Beach and Mission Beach. I will also create "Economic Opportunity Districts" to encourage revitalization in older neighborhoods. By updating community plans to include incentives for private investment, we can create more livable, walkable and economically thriving communities.

*Q: Describe in detail what sets you apart from your political opponent and how you will captain San Diego's economic and political future to promote the city and compete with the interests of neighboring counties and cities fighting for the same piece of California's funding pie.*

**A:** I'll be an independent leader who puts the interests of San Diego residents first. I'm the only candidate who opposed the 2010 sales-tax proposal and supports the pension and budget reforms that have turned our city around. I have the proven experience to lead City Hall and a bipartisan track record of working with local leaders to create jobs and opportunities for local families. 85 percent of the money behind my opponent — a freshman councilmember — comes from unions. My campaign is overwhelmingly supported by individual San Diegans. I'll spend every day creating the world-class city we deserve.

*Q: With the departure of former Mayor Bob Filner, much healing appears needed at City Hall and within San Diego's respective neighborhoods. What is your plan to promote cohesiveness within the City Council and local town councils and planning groups?*

**A:** I was first elected to the City Council in the wake of the last mayoral resignation [Mayor Dick Murphy, who stepped aside in 2006 during a fiscal meltdown surrounding the city's employee pension funds]. I've been successful during my eight years on the City Council because I've always been willing to work with anyone with good ideas. I've led numerous bipartisan coalitions, including passing a measure to protect Mission Bay and finding housing solutions for homeless women, children and veterans. As mayor, I will continue that collaborative approach. I

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will also enact new transparency initiatives to increase openness, honesty and communication between City Hall and the neighborhoods it serves.

*Q: The city's tourism industry — particularly the Embarcadero-based cruise-line business and the Convention Center's bookings — has struggled in recent years. What is your plan to put San Diego's tourism industry back on the map and at the forefront of lure in the region?*

**A:** I'm the only candidate who understands the tourism economy is critical to creating jobs and generating revenue to improve our parks, roads and neighborhoods. David Alvarez opposed key tourism initiatives — financing the Convention Center and advertising San Diego — casting lone "no" votes against a bipartisan supermajority. Within my first term, I will strengthen our port and secure a long-term contract with Comic-Con to keep the convention in San Diego for years to come. And within my first year as mayor, I will create a Film and Creative Industry Commission to market San Diego and attract film and entertainment projects.

*Q: In terms of maintaining/growing the presence of law enforcement in our beach communities and maintaining/boosting budgetary support for the San Diego Fire/Rescue Department's Lifeguard Services, what will you advocate as mayor?*

**A:** Every San Diegan deserves to feel safe. And as home to thousands of residents and tourists, the beach communities face additional public-safety needs. My three-point "Strong and Safe Neighborhoods Plan" will rebuild the shrinking San Diego Police Department by streamlining recruitment and hiring practices, closing the compensation gap that is luring officers to other agencies after San Diego taxpayers pay for their training and investing in staffing and equipment. My four-point "Neighborhood Fairness Plan" will improve emergency response times by building new fire stations and create enhanced accountability measures for emergency first responders. Read more at [www.KevinFaulconer.com](http://www.KevinFaulconer.com).



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## LIVEMUSIC &gt;&gt;

By BART MENDOZA



Blues guitarist Gino Matteo appears at the Kona Kai on Feb. 8, 7 p.m. and Feb. 9, 11 a.m. Immersed in electric 12-bar blues ever since he was a child, Matteo's earliest inspiration to play guitar came when he first saw someone playing the guitar along a Los Angeles beach. A lyrical player, it's clear that Matteo speaks through his instrument, so even if you're a bit jaded by standard blues, his playing will inspire you with a technique that spotlights ultra-fluid licks shot out of his six-string Epiphone in sharp bursts of notes. In addition to his electric playing,

Matteo is also a wonderful acoustic performer, with a performance in that style set for the Kona Kai's Sunday brunch.

**GINO MATTEO:** Saturday, Feb. 8, 7 p.m., Sunday Feb. 9, 11 a.m. at the **KONA KAI RESORT**, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, [www.resortkona-kai.com](http://www.resortkona-kai.com)

Anyone looking for a musical soundtrack to help pass the afternoon is directed to Café-Bar Europa on Feb. 10, 4 p.m. Appearing on the patio will be singer-songwriter David Hermesen, perhaps better known as a member of the band Locked Out of Eden. An adept guitarist, while he gets to rock out a bit with the band, here he'll be performing a seated set, playing a mix of classic covers and originals on the venue's outdoor patio. Hermesen's music is the perfect way kick off the post-work

Monday blues.

**DAVID HERMSEN:** Monday, Feb. 10 at **CAFÉ-BAR EUROPA**, 873 Turquoise St. 4 p.m. 21 and up. [www.theturquoise.com/wordpress](http://www.theturquoise.com/wordpress)

The Farmers are such a huge part of San Diego's music community that sometimes it's easy to take them for granted. If it seems like they've been around forever, you're only slightly off. Guitarist Jerry Raney could be found playing local stages as far back as 1964, while bassist Chris Sullivan and drummer Joel Kmak are icons in their own right, with time spent in such groups as the Penetrators and the Hitmakers. It all culminates in The Farmers, mixing up country and rock into a sound that is the definition of a good time. It's almost taken for granted that local legends the Farmers appear at Humphreys Backstage Lounge on Feb. 15, 9 p.m.

**THE FARMERS:** Saturday Feb. 15, at **HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE**, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, 9 p.m. \$12. [www.humphreysbackstage-live.com](http://www.humphreysbackstage-live.com)

With the 50th anniversary of The Beatles' arrival in the U.S. creating a minor media blitz, fans of the group are spoiled for choices these days. It's a trend likely to continue through the summer. Not only will there be a local Beatles fair this year (March 29 at Queen Bee), but the San Diego County Fair's theme this year will also be a tribute The Beatles. Get-

## MUSTHEAR &gt;&gt;

A founder of The Neville Brothers, one of the most acclaimed groups to ever call New Orleans home, saxophonist Charles Neville appears at the Kona Kai on Feb. 8, 8:30 p.m. Though The Neville Brothers band came together in the 1970s, the group's roots go back decades before, with Charles having performed with everyone from B.B. King to James Brown.

He is without doubt one of the lynchpins of early rhythm and blues and a modern jazz wonder. He has performed in much bigger venues locally, so this chance to hear him in the intimate Vessel lounge should not be passed up.

**CHARLES NEVILLE AND THE GENT TREADLY BAND:** Saturday, Feb. 8 at the **KONA KAI RESORT**, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, 8:30 p.m. [www.resortkona-kai.com](http://www.resortkona-kai.com)



THE FARMERS

ting a jump on things will be the annual George Harrison Birthday Tribute concert by Fred Benedetti, set for Feb. 22 at Dizzy's. He'll be joined by his vocalist daughters Regina and Julia, along with special guest multi-instrumentalist Jeff Pekarek for a show that will include a mix of both Harrison's solo and Beatles performances. Fans of either the Fab Four or virtuoso six-string performances will

enjoy this show immensely.

**FRED BENEDETTI:** Saturday, Feb. 22, at **DIZZY'S**, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$15. [www.dizzys-jazz.com](http://www.dizzys-jazz.com)

Music fans wanting a taste of something fresh should check out Krimson Blues, performing at the 710 Beach Club on Feb. 13, 9 p.m. Bluesy and psychedelic, the quintet is fronted by Karla Irish, topping its swirl of sound with world-weary vocals that perfectly suit the material. Not an easy band to pigeonhole, it also seamlessly incorporates elements of classic pop, from "White Album" Beatles to 1980s post-punk guitar, and even shoe gaze shuffle, all highly melodic and with more than a touch of groove. A superb live act, particularly in the guitar department, Krimson Blues is definitely a band to watch in 2014.

**KRIMSON BLUES:** Thursday, Feb. 13 at the **710 BEACH CLUB**, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. \$5. 21 and up. [www.710bc.com](http://www.710bc.com)

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## REMEMBER WHEN? >>

**REMEMBER WHEN**  
the Video Store sold televisions where Skecher's is on the southeast corner of Garnet and Mission? Howard Rozelle took this photo, I believe, in 1946.



I finally found out the history behind the mystery slab on the corner of Felspar and Soledad Mountain Road. It's detailed in the January issue of the PBHS newsletter. Contact me if you'd like a copy.

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## A blooming tradition at The Patio

By Samantha Robinson, Asst. Marketing Director

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This "love potion" features hibiscus syrup-infused sparkling wine with an actual hibiscus flower at the bottom.

Director of Operations, Lucas Reeve, is excited to be offering this unique item on the menu for lovebirds. "The flower opens on its own with the aid of the bubbles to create a cool effect. The flower itself is an interesting flavor and texture and the syrup adds both a scent and a touch of sweetness," said Reeve.

Not stopping there, Executive Chef John Medall decided to start using this versatile flower in the kitchen. He has already created an amouse-bouche where he opens the flower and pits it, stuffs it with a blend of whipped chèvre and mascarpone cheeses, and tops it off with a garnish of fresh chives. The flavors and presentation have guests raving!

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# Street musician finds inspiration in sprightly pup

By DAVE SCHWAB

You may have seen Sam Schildkraut and his sidekick "Gangsta," a Yorkie-Chihuahua mix, giving saxophone performances nightly outside Skechers shoes at 4475 Mission Blvd.

The unlikely pair, both transplants to Pacific Beach, Schildkraut from New York and Gangsta a stray from San Bernardino, have "adopted" one another.

Schildkraut refers to his diminutive friend, who resembles a furry frankfurter, as a YoWAWa.

"I tell people that's British-Mexican and Jewish — like daddy," he said.

Schildkraut and Gangsta ran into one another nearly three years ago in San Bernardino in a hotel parking lot.

"He comes over to me and gives me a bunch of kisses," said Schildkraut who contacted a local animal shelter to see if his new-found friend was lost, then adopted him after no one came to claim him.

"His first meals were a 7-Eleven hot dog and a Carl's Jr. hamburger," said Schildkraut.

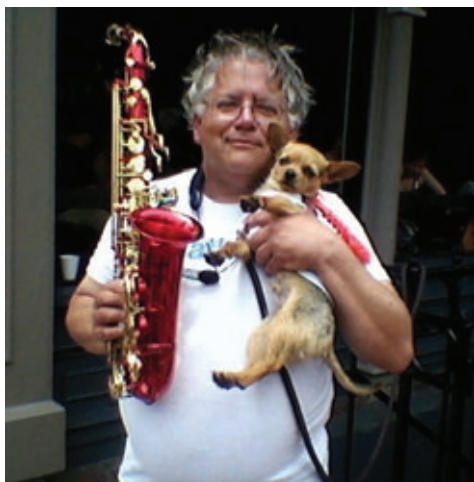
To commemorate Gangsta's third birthday recently, Schildkraut bought him a plastic hot dog and hamburger.

But Gangsta doesn't get hot dogs on his birthday anymore. It's strictly the Ritz these days.

"I went to Outback and bought him prime rib," Schildkraut said.

Lewis had Martin, Abbott had Costello and Schildkraut has Gangsta, and equally big plans for their partnership.

"I intend to write a children's book about him," Schildkraut said, noting he's also got a



**TROUBADOUR DUO** Sam Schildkraut plays his saxophone around town, often in front of the Skechers store on Mission Boulevard, but never without the companionship of his loyal pooch, Gangsta. COURTESY PHOTOS

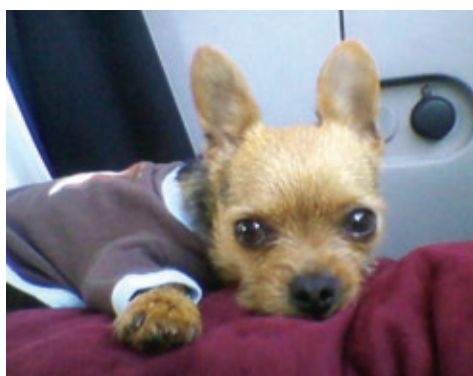
Gangsta calendar in the pipeline with the mutt mugging with famous folks like actor Sylvester Stallone, Cheech Marin, adult-film star Ron Jeremy and Barbara Eden of "I Dream of Jeannie" fame.

"One month has [a photo of] Gangsta dressed as Santa Claus, another with him stealing a sandwich, one with him stealing candy, another with him getting booked for disorderly, then he's in jail," said Schildkraut.

Of his occupation, Schildkraut said, "My real love is acting, but to make ends meet I play the saxophone on the sidewalk."

Gangsta accompanies him.

Being a sidewalk musician is hard work,



but Schildkraut keeps after it.

"In the one year and seven months I've been here, I've had like two calendar days off," he said. "I was going 12, 14 hours a day there for awhile."

But he said he gave up performing during the day because the tips just weren't there.

"Drunk or sober, people really tend to tip at night," he said.

The Schildkraut-Gangsta duo is beginning to get attention — and draw some rave reviews.

"We've been on TV a couple of times," said Schildkraut, noting he and Gangsta dressed in matching tuxedos were filmed performing on a street corner at a recent Oscar's awards night.

Of Gangsta's likes, Schildkraut said he fancies "pit bull girls, steaks, whipped cream, toys and getting his way."

Schildkraut said he's got a title for his new Gangsta children's book. He intends to call it, "Gangsta: The story of a three-pound puppy lost in the 'hood."

## DININGBRIEF >>

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Guests will be able to enjoy delicious entrees at the flagship Casa de Reyes restaurant such as chipotle shrimp-stuffed sea bass, blackened chicken skewer salad and raviolis con carne. Barra Barra Saloon will be serving up carne asada con chimichurri, chipotle gorgonzola cream chicken or sea bass con rajas.

The dessert at both restaurants is a choice

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## Karl Strauss celebrates a quarter-century of brewing up local favorites

By LORALEE OLEJNIK

ited San Diegans, but our biggest fear was always, 'Will they come?'" said Matt Rattner, president and co-founder of KSBC. "When we saw the line around the block on opening day, we knew we were on to something."

The idea for KSBC started in the mid-1980s when Rattner and friend Chris Cramer, both recent college grads, were sharing an apartment in Mission Beach.

Inspired by a brewery they came across on a trip to Australia, the two decided to reintroduce microbrewing to the San Diego scene.

Cramer's cousin, master brewer Karl Strauss, was brought in as technical consultant and his image has been used in logos and marketing over the years. Strauss worked for 44 years with Pabst Brewing Co. in Milwaukee and died in 2006 at the age of 94.

The original downtown brewery was a hit, and as business grew, the team began distributing to other establishments. In 1996, KSBC purchased a greenhouse on Santa Fe Street in Pacific Beach and converted it into its main



brewery. Last year, the company completed a major expansion and remodel of the brewery, adding a tasting room and increasing brewing capacity. In 2013, KSBC brewed about 60,000 barrels.

As the company expanded, brewery restaurants were added in La Jolla, Sorrento Mesa, Carlsbad, Costa Mesa, Universal City Walk and the newest locations in 4S Ranch and Temecula. The company recently began distributing in Northern California.

KSBC was instrumental in securing San Diego's spot as a national craft-brewing mecca and has since been joined by dozens of local powerhouse craft brewers.

The names of the company's beers and label designs highlight San Diego's iconic landmarks like Windansea Wheat hefeweizen and Red Trolley Ale, one of its trademark beers. Originally brewed as a holiday beer, Red Trolley Ale has won multiple awards, including gold medals at the World Beer Cup



and Great American Beer Festivals, competitions largely considered to be the "Olympics" of brewing.

An organization with a conscience, KSBC has supported many causes over the years, including throwing "Beach to Brewery" beer and music festivals benefiting the Surfrider Foundation. More than \$100,000 was raised at these events to advance the mission of the clean-water advocacy group.

In addition to hosting a series of Brewmaster dinners to be held in the coming months, KSBC is commemorating its birthday milestone with a 25th Anniversary Doppelbock,

a lager aged in oak bourbon barrels that will be previewed at the Feb. 8 celebration at the Pacific Beach brewery. Guests will enjoy beer, music and food, and will be given a bottle of the anniversary beer as a take-home souvenir. Proceeds from the event benefit the Karl Strauss Brewers Education Fund, granting scholarships to aspiring brewers to attend the UCSD extension brewery program. More information and tickets are available at [www.karlstrauss.com](http://www.karlstrauss.com).



**BREWING UP HISTORY** Karl Strauss Brewing Company founders Chris Cramer and Matt Rattner, above, were inspired to start a microbrewery by a trip to Australia. The company's namesake was Cramer's cousin, Karl Strauss (below), who worked with Pabst Brewing Co. for 44 years. COURTESY PHOTOS



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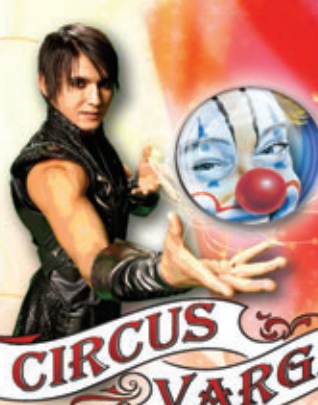
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## EDUCATION NOTEBOOK >>

### MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL

• Each year the California League of Schools honors a few outstanding educators who have been nominated by their principal as Educator of the Year. Tracy Borg, Mission Bay High School IB psychology teacher, was selected as one of four high school educators of the year for San Diego Region 9 and honored at the annual dinner and awards ceremony on Jan. 23.

• For those interested in attending MBHS in 2014-15, applications are being accepted online or at the district office. The enrollment period runs through Feb. 15. Visit the enrollment options web page for the application and other materials.



**SPELLING FOR THE WIN** Congratulations to Virginia Dunn, winner of the Pacific Beach Middle School spelling bee. Virginia will represent PBMS at the county-wide bee.

### PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

• PBMS tour — Thursday, Feb. 6, 8 to 10:30 a.m. in the upstairs media center. Check in at the front office. Visit [sandi.net/pbmiddle](http://sandi.net/pbmiddle) for more campus tour information. Families in the 92109 ZIP code always have enrollment priority. For more information, contact Jennifer Sims at [jsims@sandi.net](mailto:jsims@sandi.net) or call (858) 273-9070, ext. 2357.

• PB families from the middle and elementary schools attended the PBMS International Baccalaureate's annual math, science and design night on Jan. 21. Through the award-winning partnership with Sea World and HUBBS, children learned about conservation efforts and one lucky winner went home with a new surfboard from Rerip.com. This year, the event

included a pre-engineering focus on design. Design activities at the event included a tower-building exercise, a tangram activity and the introduction of the IB Design Cycle.

### KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

• The Kate Sessions annual art show was held on Jan. 23. Art teacher Laura Haight celebrated students by showcasing framed student artwork, while music teacher Mark Lamson created a family drum circle. Dancers with Paloma Aragon Art Flamenco graced the stage with drama and flare. As part of the annual fund raising event, parents were able to purchase their child's framed artwork, visit with friends and neighbors, and dine on local cuisine.

• The school thanks the platinum auction sponsor Ocean Park Inn and the gold auction sponsors PB Fish Shop, Duck Dive and Shore Club. Their donations to Friends of Kate Sessions will help fund art, music, Spanish and library programs at the school. Thanks also go to Rubios on Grand Avenue for a great dine out in January.



**FIGHTING FOR SAFETY** Firefighters from Pacific Beach Fire Station 21 visited Pacific Beach Elementary to talk about fire safety and demonstrate fire-fighting equipment.

### PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

• School tour — Thursday, Feb. 13, 8 a.m. Check in at the front office.

• Tickets for the Taste of North PB Art & Restaurant Walk can be purchased in the PBE front office.

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• The Taste of North PB Art &

Restaurant Walk is right around the corner, taking place on Wednesday, March 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids (5-10 years) and can be purchased at PBE, PBMS and MBHS. The walk features more than 18 restaurants, displays of artwork by local students and music by the MBHS Preservationists, PBE musicians and local duet Mad Colony.

• Save the date: April 26 is the School Yard Dash 5K Run. Lend your time and expertise to organize the event. Your sponsorship or contribution will help to provide enriching programs and supplies to our schools and is 100 percent tax deductible. Contact Kim Schoettle at [kim@schoettlefinancial.com](mailto:kim@schoettlefinancial.com) for more information.

### MISSION BAY CLUSTER

The next Mission Bay Cluster meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m. at Mission Bay High School in the library. Come for updates on the Common Calendar, Common Core implementation, MBHS stadium and PBMS/YMCA updates. We will also be discussing cluster goals in relation to the LCFF (Local Control Funding Formula).

### MISSION BAY HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Seaside Farmers Market will host a rummage sale on Saturday, Feb. 15. Clean out your garage and closets and bring your items to the sale. Spots to sell your items are \$10 per spot, and 100 percent of the profits will benefit MBHS. To reserve your spot(s), email Cori Meara at [cmeara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cmeara@sbcglobal.net).

### DESIGNING THE FUTURE

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# New principal brings a hands-on approach to Kate Sessions Elementary

By LEE SILBER

As a grade schooler, were you scared to get summoned to the principal's office? I know I was. However, at Kate Sessions Elementary, the new principal is changing all that — and a lot of other things — to make the highly regarded school in Pacific Beach even better.

Margaret Joseph was on vacation in France last summer when she picked up the phone at 2 a.m. and learned she was chosen to take over Kate Sessions Elementary. (It is an International Baccalaureate school.) After 30 years in education, she was so excited she cut her trip short to start right away — and she's been going strong from day one.

Every morning Joseph is in front of the school greeting kids and parents on their way in and wishing them well on their way home. During the day, she spends a lot of her time in classrooms.

"The myth is a principal sits in

an office all day and deals with student issues. The truth is, I spend most of the day away from my desk observing teaching and learning," said Joseph.

One of the things the new principal discovered is the need to bring technology and teaching together in a bigger way.

"Kate Sessions will soon have Promethean boards and video projectors in every classroom, and all students will have access to iPads and computers," she said.

When asked what she would do if money were no object, Joseph said she has a long list of innovative ideas. However, as is the case with most public schools, funds are always in short supply. That's why the parents of Kate Sessions Elementary put on an annual auction to raise money to pay for art, music, Spanish and library programs, all of which wouldn't exist



**REDEFINING THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE** Margaret Joseph has been at the helm of Kate Sessions Elementary School since last summer. She is leading the school into the future with a number of innovative ideas, including enhancing teaching opportunities with technology.

LEE SILBER

without fundraising. This year, the fundraiser is being held March 21 at the Soledad Club in La Jolla.

It's fitting the school is named after Kate Sessions, a former educator and local leader who became

famous for her work beautifying Balboa Park and other neighborhoods. Today, the school has a strong leader in Joseph, who exemplifies what a good principal can do for a school and a community, and dedicated parents who support her and the school by volunteering their time to raise money to give the best possible education to area kids.

If you or your company wants to make a tax-deductible donation of goods, services or talent to the annual auction to raise money for programs, email [sessionsfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:sessionsfundraising@gmail.com).

— Lee Silber is the best selling author of 19 books with two sons attending Kate Sessions Elementary School. He is volunteering his time as the emcee of this year's annual auction and his band is providing the music. [www.lee Silber.com](http://www.lee Silber.com)

## PB Town Council helps firefighters get cooking

Last year, the firefighters of Station 21 began a much-needed renovation of the station's kitchen. Due to their very small budget, they were doing all of the work themselves. So, last summer, the Pacific Beach Town Council (PBTC) stepped in to help, by

naming Station 21 the beneficiary of PAESAN, the Police and Emergency Services Appreciation Night.

The Pacific Beach Woman's Club, Mission Beach Women's Club, Old Mission Bay Athletic Club and Mission Bay Rotary Club all worked with the PBTC to make the event fun and successful. With the community's

support and a generous donation from The Bahia Hotel, the PBTC raised \$4,000 to help fire fighters get cooking.

The PBTC purchased new dishes, utensils, glassware, steak knives and mixing bowls for the station's kitchen. It bought a beautiful industrial barbeque for the station's patio

and paid for the final coats of finish to be applied to the new cabinets and drawers. To finish up, the PBTC commissioned a local artist to create two pieces of art to brighten up the office and hallway. Once the makeover was complete, the firefighters hosted a thank-you luncheon for everyone involved.

The PBTC and the firefighters greatly appreciate the organizations involved and the many residents of Pacific Beach and the surrounding area for supporting PAESAN. The PBTC would also like to give a special thanks to The Bahia Hotel for its donation.

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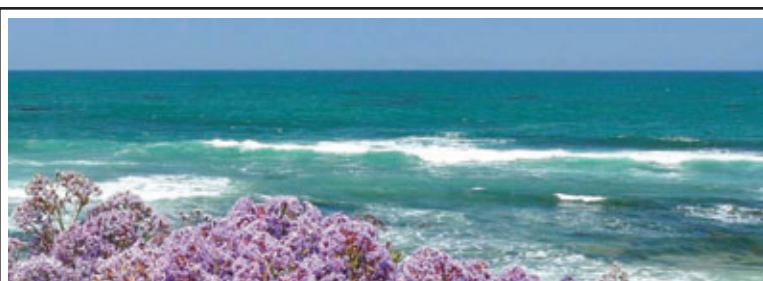
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## FEB. 15: LOVE YOUR WETLANDS DAY

**WHERE:** Kendall Frost Marsh, Mission Bay, noon to 4 p.m.

**HOW MUCH:** Free

**WHAT:** The Kendall-Frost Marsh at the north end of Mission Bay is managed by the University of California Natural Reserve System. It is a protected environment – only authorized workers are allowed in the area. The Love Your Wetlands event brings volunteers into the marsh to help clean up the area, as well as giving them a close-up view that is not usually available. No experience is required; volunteers will be trained before they begin. For more information, visit [saverosecreek.org](http://saverosecreek.org).



## FEB. 7: PUPPY LOVE VALENTINE'S PARTY

**WHERE:** Bar West, 959 Hornblend St., 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**HOW MUCH:** \$10

**WHAT:** Local nonprofit Furry Foster, in partnership with Philanthro San Diego, is hosting the event for animal lovers 21 and older. 100 percent of event proceeds will benefit Furry Foster and Philanthro San Diego, helping save the lives of adoptable pets through the Foster 2 Forever program that matches shelter dogs and cats with available foster families. Donations also provide resources like daycare, training, food and supplies to rescue foster programs. \$10 ticket donation includes all-night admission, 1 free well drink, 1 raffle entry and a glow stick. No pets allowed. To purchase tickets, visit [FurryFosterLove.Eventbrite.com](http://FurryFosterLove.Eventbrite.com). For more information about Furry Foster, visit [www.FurryFoster.com](http://www.FurryFoster.com).



## NEWSBRIEF &gt;&gt;

**PACIFIC BEACH BANK ROBBER GETS 2 YEARS, 2015 PAROLE** – A Pacific Beach bank robber who stole only \$100 will be paroled on Jan. 29, 2015 after being sentenced to two years in federal prison.

The parole date for Roosevelt Bracks, 33, was recently revealed on a federal inmate locator website after Bracks was transferred to a Victorville medium-security prison.

Bracks entered the Wells Fargo Bank at 1302 Garnet Ave. at 9:15 a.m. on May 4 last year and presented a demand note to a teller. The note demanded \$500 in \$5 bills, but the teller only gave him \$100.

"You have 60 seconds. This is for the homeless," the note read.

Bracks was homeless at the time, his attorney wrote

in court records. Bracks admitted he paid a homeless woman whom he did not know to call a cab for him before he robbed the bank.

The prosecutor had asked U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Cathy Benciven-go for a 57-month term while Bracks' attorney sought an 18-month sentence. Bracks, who formerly worked in the grocery industry, pleaded guilty to bank robbery.

The teller alerted a bank security guard who ran outside and talked to the taxi driver before he drove off. The guard detained Bracks while waiting for police. The woman who called the cab was never identified. The same bank was robbed the day before by a suspect in his 60s who was never identified.

– Neal Putnam

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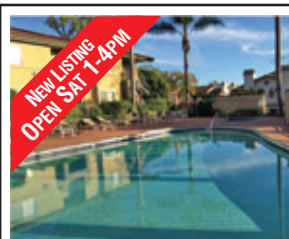


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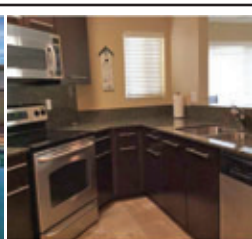
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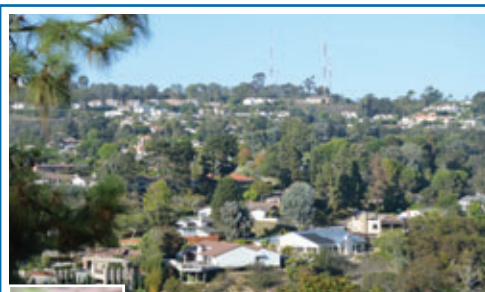
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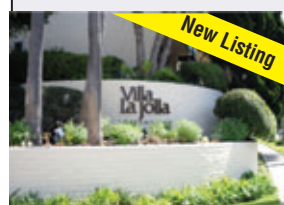


New Listing

## Condo in Crown Point

This 1300 sqft 3 Br 2 Ba is close to the Bay. Located on a quiet residential street with a garage. Lots of natural light, granite counters, custom cabinetry and 2 balconies

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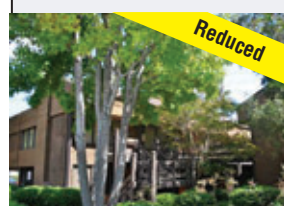


New Listing

## WindanSea Condo

This La Jolla 1 Br 1 Ba 713 sqft condo is 2 blocks to WindanSea Beach. 3rd floor unit with custom cabinetry, granite counters and new carpets.

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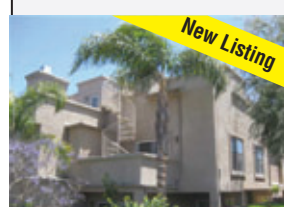


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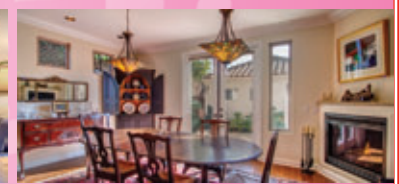
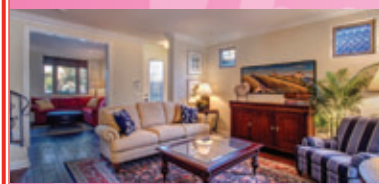


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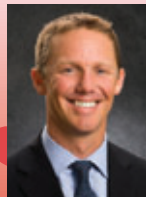
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