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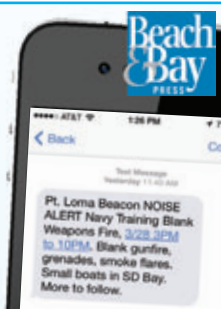
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**TRIBUTE TO 100 YEARS** Community leaders and civic club members unveiled this stunning monument on March 22 to commemorate the rich, long history of Mission Beach in the first of a months-long series of gala events. Courtesy photo

## Mission Beach centennial celebration formally gets under way

The Mission Beach centennial celebrations continue with the Taste of Mission Beach event on Thursday, April 10 from 5 to 9 p.m. Eighteen restaurants in the community are participating, including The Mission, Rubicon Deli, Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill, Bahia Resort Hotel's Café Bahia, and Catamaran Resort Hotel and Spa's The Atoll.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at six locations leading up to the event: Luigi's at the Beach (3210 Mission Blvd.), Cheesy Express (3219 Mission Blvd.), Starkeys BBQ (3231 Mission Blvd.), Olive Café (805 Santa Clara Place), Saska's Steak & Seafood



**MOMENTOUS OCCASION** Civic leaders were joined by Mayor Kevin Faulconer, second from left, and Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman, left, in a plaque dedication ceremony March 22 to commemorate the centennial of Mission Beach. Courtesy photo

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## Planners tackle issue of parking headaches

By DAVE SCHWAB

A new committee being formed by Pacific Beach Planning Group (PBPB) to study parking issues is hosting its first organizational meeting Thursday, April 17 at 6 p.m. at Discover Pacific Beach, 1503 Garnet Ave.

The response to the parking committee's formation has been so positive that the new group will be larger than expected, said Elvin Lai, president/CEO of Ocean Park Inn, Inc. at 710 Grand Ave., who is spearheading committee formation.

"There are a total of 16 members, including myself," said Lai, who is

also president of Discover PB, the community's business improvement district (BID). "We're going to hit the ground running."

Formed in 1997, Discover PB is San Diego's second largest BID, with 1,300 member businesses in Pacific and Mission beaches.

"We had a lot of great candidates willing to volunteer," said Lai of parking committee formation, adding the effort under way in Pacific and Mission beaches to create an eco-district promoting greener and more sustainable development is "really energiz-

ing" local residents.

The new parking committee also includes Dan Mazzella of Discover PB; Chris Olson and Paul Falcone of PB Plan Group; Adam Meyer and Robert Citrano of PB Town Council; and residents-at-large Katie Matchett, Richard Walwood, Ambrose Wong, Devon Arnold, Paula Ferraco, John Shannon, Linda Tarke, Billy Ramirez, Gordon Frohlich and Greg Daunoras.

"One criterion for moving the

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## Faulconer's temporary fill-in to be named by council on April 7

By DAVE SCHWAB

On Monday, April 7, the City Council will choose from among 18 candidates to temporarily replace the District 2 City Council seat vacated by now-mayor Kevin Faulconer.

"Each person will get three minutes to speak before the council," said Katie Keach, deputy chief of staff for council District 3. Keach said selecting Faulconer's replacement is the only item on the agenda.

At a recent press conference, District 3 Councilman Todd Gloria noted Faulconer's replacement will be "sworn in immediately. We need a fully staffed council."

The appointee will serve until December, when the newly elected City Council

representative for District 2 will be seated. That interim councilmember will have the discretion to retain or replace existing District 2 staff, said Tracy Cambre, communications director for District 2.

Remaining District 2 staff are Thyme Curtis, chief of staff; Chet Barfield, council representative; and Nicole Capretz and Steve Hadley, council representatives.

Faulconer was sworn in March 3 and will serve until his term expires in December of 2016.

The 18 candidates for the temporary District 2 Council

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**CHANGE AFOOT** The Green Flash is under new ownership after being a staple in the beach community for years. Meanwhile, longtime owners of the China Inn on Hornblend Street have closed their doors. Photo by Dave Schwab

## Turnover is afoot as Green Flash is sold, China Inn shuttered

By DAVE SCHWAB

The Pacific Beach restaurant scene is a lively one, with the menu always changing.

One longtime staple, The Green Flash, at 701 Thomas Ave. on the boardwalk, recently changed ownership, and another, China Inn, at 877 Hornblend St., is history.

Named for the green-spot optical phenomenon occurring just before or after sunset, The Green Flash has reportedly been sold by longtime owners the Gemora family to Michael

Bezerra, who also owns Cabo Cantina and PB Cantina.

Longtime China Inn owners Judy and Andy Kim closed shop after losing their lease on March 31.

The Kims said they will be going on a deserved vacation before returning and possibly relocating to an as-yet-to-be-determined spot.

"We're going to take a rest;

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## PB man among final 50 list for Padres announcer

By DAVE SCHWAB

Pacific Beach resident Cippy Teran is among the top 50 candidates vying to be Petco Park's next public-address announcer.

Teran, formerly a radio talent with Jammn Z90, is a lead supervisor at Cymer in San Diego, a leader in developing light sources used by chipmakers.

The group of finalists was selected from nearly 800 in-person auditions and online submissions.

"The diversity of our Top 50 is a reflection of the great diversity of San Diego," said Padres chief marketing officer Wayne Partello. "We're taking this search very seriously because this individual will be the voice of Petco Park."

Partello said that after reviewing the auditions multiple times, "We decided to extend the timeline to ensure that each candidate is thoroughly evaluated."

There will be a fan vote online and via social media in early April to help narrow down the field from 30 to the Top 10. Those finalists will announce additional parts of a Padres game between April 11 and April 20 before the pool is narrowed to the Top 3.

As part of their final tryouts, each of the three will announce a full game.

Petco Park's next public-address announcer will be named during the series against the San Francisco Giants, April 18 to 20.

## PB's business shuffle continues

By KEITH ANTIGIOVANNI

Spring 2014 figures to be a busy time for many Pacific Beach businesses as some longtime businesses have already closed, some have moved and others are in the process of moving.

The CVS at 1652 Garnet Ave. will be moving into the CVS store just across the street at Pacific Plaza this month to consolidate both stores at one location, while its next door neighbor Staples (1650 Garnet Ave.) expects to move into the 1652 location by May.

Trader Joe's (1211 Garnet Ave.) is rumored to be the next tenant at 1650 Garnet Ave., but according to its manager, the move is not definite and would not happen until next year at the earliest.

Empire Beauty Salon (1660 Garnet Ave.), just three doors east of Staples, is also on the move in the near future to its new location just across the street at 1637 Garnet.



# Woodworker finds joy in crafting gifts from the heart for others

By MARSHA KAY SEFF



**THE WONDERS OF WOODCRAFTING** Karl Israel takes advantage of the fully equipped workshop at Wesley Palms Retirement Community to craft wooden creations he generously donates to local children and organizations.

Photos by James Steinberg

After decades in the retail clothing business, Karl Israel turned his “handy” hands to making wooden toys.

It was tough to slow down after overseeing four stores with his brother, working six days a week, often till 9 p.m. Though he and his wife traveled extensively at the beginning of retirement 22 years ago — they’ve visited every state in the country and been to Paris five or six times — travel got to be too difficult as they got older.

So when the couple moved to Wesley Palms Retirement Community in Pacific Beach 10 years ago, Israel was content to continue his longtime hobby of woodworking.

“I’ve always been very handy,” he said. “My mother taught me. “My woodworking really grew after I quit working (in Pennsylvania). I had to have something to do.”

Fortunately, the retirement community has a fully equipped workshop, to which Israel added some of his favorite tools. Now 92, the engineering graduate puts in at least 10 hours a week in the shop fashioning the toys he donates to local children for Christmas.

He pays for all his own supplies, and the only requirement to using the woodshop is donating his services, along with a handful of res-

idents, to fellow residents who bring tables, chairs, lamps and even some jewelry for repair.

The father of three, a grandfather and great-grandfather figures he has made several hundred boats, planes, dumptrucks and stools that he’s given to Father Joe, Toys for Tots and a Mexican orphanage, as well as some to family and friends. Among his favorite projects are cradles that convert to cribs and toolboxes complete with wooden tools.

His secret to a healthy life and retirement is simple — keeping busy.

“I worked hard while working,

bookkeeping and physical work. I don’t have the patience for sitting still.”

When he’s not cutting, drilling or sanding, he “fiddles on the computer,” reads three newspapers and cooks the two meals a day he and his wife don’t eat in the community dining room.

He has no grand aspirations for his craft and how it might cheer children who don’t otherwise get many presents.

“I really don’t expect anything from it,” he said. “I just like the busywork.”

His toys, he says, “are more about the process than the goal.”

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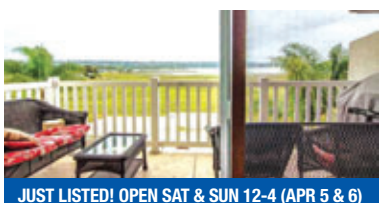


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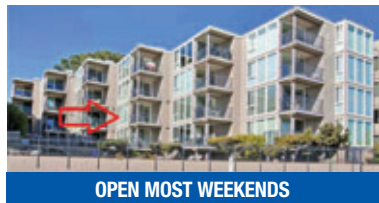
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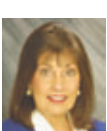


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# Crew Classic again set to power across Mission Bay to pit college powerhouses

The 41st annual San Diego Crew Classic, set for April 5-6 at Crown Point Shores on Mission Bay, will include a new collegiate entry this year from Hong Kong.

Racing as the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club University (RHKYC), top athletes selected from seven Hong Kong universities with rowing programs will compete for the first time in an international competition.

"We're really excited to welcome these young athletes from Hong Kong to San Diego for the Crew Classic," said Darlene Disney, executive director of the San Diego Crew Clas-

sic.

"They will join almost 4,400 other athletes from more than 125 universities, clubs and high schools from across the United States, as well as the world, to participate in our legendary, premier spring regatta," she said.

The RHKYC has been the primary driving force behind rowing in Hong Kong, which dates back to the mid-1800s. One of RHKYC's latest initiatives is called the University Elite Program (UEP). This program was created as a way to help bring university rowing in Hong Kong to a

higher level.

To help bridge the gap between university and club rowers and introduce collegiate rowers to the Masters level, UEP created a membership level to allow university athletes to participate in and for the RHKYC.

As UEP is a neutral body within the university community and has pedigree coaching, it was perfectly suited to launch this program — the first of its kind in Hong Kong.

"Rowing in Hong Kong, which has an independent system from mainland China, is exploding, and these athletes have made amazing strides," said Sean Hall, elite rowing coach at RHKYC.

"There are seven active universities that have rowing programs. Being at the San Diego Crew Classic will certainly be a springboard to their programs and provide these athletes with a new experience competing against the best rowers in the United States," he said.

Men and women, chosen from the following universities, have trained together to compete at the San Diego Crew Classic: Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK); University of Hong Kong (HKU); Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU); Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBK); Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST); Lingnan University; and City University of Hong Kong (CityU).

Thanks to the generosity of a single sponsor from Hong Kong more than 40 athletes will travel to the US. The RHKYC team will enter



**MUSCLE POWER** Rowers from 125 universities, clubs and high schools from across the U.S. and the world will power across Mission Bay on April 5-6 to demonstrate their competitive prowess. This year, a new entry from Hong Kong will be among those competitors. Courtesy photo

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SAN DIEGO. According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new report has been prepared which identifies the eleven most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an older home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 11 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale

or worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for, and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free report entitled "11 Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved. To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report, call toll-free 1-800-276-0763 and enter 1003. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get your free special report NOW to learn how to ensure a home inspection doesn't cost you the sale of your home.

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## GABRIEL ALEGRE AND COOPER TAFTE Kiwanis Students of the Month

Cooper Taffe, from Barnard Asian Pacific Academy and Gabriel Alegre, from Kate Sessions Elem. are the Kiwanis Students of the Month. These students represent outstanding leadership in their classroom. They both were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach and Brian McMullen of Allstate P.B. with breakfast at the Broken Yolk. Pictured left to right is Matt Serritella of Kiwanis P.B., Cooper Taffe, her parents, Gabriel Alegre and his mother. Congratulations!

## PB Girl Scouts help 'Finish Chelsea's Run' in Balboa Park

Girl Scouts San Diego Board Chairwoman Debbie Rider and Junior Troop 3811 were among nearly 7,000 participants who filled Balboa Park during the annual "Finish Chelsea's Run" event in Partnership with Girl Scouts.

March 1 was a day to honor the memory of Chelsea King, a former Girl Scout who was tragically murdered.

Following two days of stormy weather, the skies cleared and the sun came out just in time for the start of the 5K competitive race and 1-mile shortcut.

Rain showers later in the morning — during a surprise flash mob performance to a lively reggae tune — simply added to the upbeat mood.

The event also included a community festival with a live band, face painting and other family-friendly attractions, like STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities led by teen Girl Scouts.

This is the first time Girl Scouts have co-hosted the run/walk and the fourth year San Diegans have gathered to remember Chelsea,



**PITCHING IN FOR A GREAT CAUSE** Pacific Beach Girl Scout Troop 3811 was front and center at the starting line for the March 1 "Finish Chelsea's Run" event in Balboa Park to raise funds for a scholarship foundation in memory of murder victim Chelsea King. An estimated 7,000 participants took part in the event. Courtesy photo

whose life was cut short at the age of 17 while out jogging.

She was an avid runner and community volunteer who loved Balboa Park. Proceeds from the 2014 event will benefit Chelsea's Light Founda-

tion's Sunflower Scholarship Fund, educate the public about Chelsea's Law and support Girl Scouting.

For more information, visit [www.chelseaslight.org](http://www.chelseaslight.org) or [www.sd-girlscouts.org](http://www.sd-girlscouts.org).



## EDITORIAL

## Extremism on either side should not drive SeaWorld debate

The documentary “Blackfish” and Point Loma High theater students reacting to it with a public-service announcement calling for SeaWorld to eliminate orca show performances has ignited a chain-reaction of local debate and inspired a state Assembly bill that would ban the practice.

At issue are a number of fundamental questions. One is whether animals have legal rights and deserve protection under the law. Another is whether it is appropriate, moral or ethical for humans to hold animals of higher intelligence, like dolphins and killer whales, in captivity. A third involves the ethics — and wisdom — of requiring marine mammals to perform in live shows.

It’s an interesting discussion and one that should — and apparently will — be fully vetted.

The outcome seems uncertain But however things ultimately unravel, one thing seems clear: In the end, the public’s perception of the relationship between humans and captive animals is likely to be forever altered.

And the debate comes at an interesting time, as SeaWorld is being saluted for rescuing distressed marine mammals, promoting their conservation, and for the theme park’s economic contributions to the city over the past half-century. The City Council has declared March as “SeaWorld San Diego Month.”

Sides have been chosen, lines drawn.

On the one hand are global institutions like SeaWorld, zoos, aquariums and similar institutions exhibiting animals that many people would otherwise never have the chance to see. Such mostly for-profit entities insist what they do is essential to public education. They



**MAKING A STATEMENT** Protesters make their message known about SeaWorld’s captivity and its public shows during a rally on Sea World Drive on March 21. Photo by Don Balch

point to their conservation and research work that contributes toward saving and preserving endangered species as justification for what they do.

On the other side are the pro-animal rights advocates who insist keeping dolphins, orcas and other higher-order animals captive is slavery, labeling institutions which do so as “abusement” parks which profit from exploiting innocent, allegedly illegally held captive animals.

There are telling points on both sides. Whether or not it’s right to hold higher-order animals captive requiring them to perform in shows is justifiably a matter of public debate. At the same time, it is undeniable that the SeaWorld and San Diego Zoo and Stephen Birch Aquariums of the world are not only cornerstones of our culture, but serve a useful purpose, not only in terms of research and education for humans, but in protecting and preserving dwindling global wildlife populations continually encroached upon and threatened by expanding human habitation.

The danger here is in taking the argument too far. While “reassessing” the situation with captive animals performing for human enter-

tainment is entirely appropriate, denying people the opportunity to see animals first-hand in marine parks, zoos, aquariums, circuses, etcetera, is not.

Horses that we’ve saddled and ridden and used and held captive for centuries and “gambled” on in competitive races, doesn’t that constitute exploitation?

Are people who own dogs and cats “slaveholders,” as some animal-rights extremists would have us believe?

Should we stop using mice in scientific research aimed at discovering cures to diseases afflicting mankind?

Let’s salute SeaWorld for the fine work its done and its contributions to San Diego over the past half -entury. Let’s discuss, fully vet and come to reasonable conclusions as to whether captive dolphins and orcas performing in live shows is exploitation or not. Let’s come to a collective consensus on that, and then act accordingly, changing the rules if they need to be changed for the betterment of both species.

But let’s not let extremists on either side of the debate dominate and control the conversation.

Human beings and animals co-exist. They always have and, hopefully, always will. Let’s define that relationship and set the parameters for what is, and is not, right and just for them as they continue to share this world.

Let’s question whether orca shows at SeaWorlds are entertainment or exploitation.

But let’s not question SeaWorld’s right to exist, or that they do — or should — have a continuing central, positive role to play in society moving forward.

Tom Frost, a fourth-generation Pacific Beach resident and owner of Pacific Beach Properties, which owns the Beach Cottages Motel, at 4255 Ocean Blvd. next door to Green Flash, cautioned people against jumping to conclusions about the new restaurant’s owners or their intentions.

Frost noted The Green Flash is well known for its somewhat “upscale seafood” cuisine and for catering to locals and tourists alike.

“When you have so few tables, no parking, and you’re successful — that means you’re doing something right,” Frost said of Green Flash’s success.

Noting the beach alcohol ban has been a real “game changer” for beach businesses and how they operate, Frost noted that “the change of (no) drinking on the beach was a good change, putting drinking in the bars, which is better than on the beach.”

He cautioned that “a delicate

## PARKING »

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beaches forward was parking management,” said Lai, noting, “PB has a parking district already formed.”

Lai said having a larger parking committee will be an advantage.

“We wanted to make sure everybody was heard,” he said, adding that a bigger group means there will be “enough feedback and know-all.

“The more people we have, the more opinions we’ll have, and the better sample size we can get,” Lai said, adding, “We’re always trying to find ways to better improve the business district in order to better serve the community.”

The April 17 meeting is expected to be largely an informal, get-acquainted session, Lai said.

“We’re going to discuss what the needs are in PB for parking and traffic management, figure out where we want to go,” he said. PB, he added, is likely to benefit from the experience of other California cities that have dealt with similar traffic management issues.

“We have a lot of history on how other people have solved their problems, how it’s been done before,” Lai said.

He noted that the “possibilities are endless” for what the parking committee can achieve.

“Everything is going to be on the table” in terms of subject matter to be dealt with by the committee, he said.

Olson joined the parking committee because he’s been involved in the issue since he chaired the PB Planning Group Parking Solutions forums in 1998.

“I’ve learned a few things over the years, so I think I can contribute from a historical per-

“The parking situation needs to get to a certain ‘pain threshold’ before people want to consider paid parking.”

**CHRIS OLSON**  
PACIFIC BEACH PLANNING GROUP

spective,” Olson said, adding, “The parking situation needs to get to a certain ‘pain threshold’ before people want to consider paid parking.”

Olson agrees with San Diego planning director Bill Fulton that “We need to look at this as a system of multiple components rather than a single solution. I strongly believe that anything we can do to get people out of their cars and walking, biking, skating or riding some type of transit is a big component for a parking management system.”

Mazzella said he volunteered to serve on the PB parking committee because there’s a need to develop a parking game plan.

“Currently, there is no real parking or traffic plan in effect to mitigate the effects of traffic during the peak seasons,” Mazzella said. “I volunteered to help formulate a parking and traffic plan that will enhance the PB experience for homeowners, businesses and visitors. That can be done by creating more predictable traffic and parking patterns and expectations. The solution is to develop a plan for traffic and parking to reduce the chaotic effects of an impacted PB.”

## CHANGES »

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we’d like to reopen at some point,” said Judy Kim. “We have no plans right now.”

According to The Green Flash website, the restaurant as presently configured opened in 1965 as Armando’s Snack Bar.

“I remember it as a beach café, with beach rentals out front and a take-out window,” longtime PB resident Marcie Beckett said.

Reincarnated as The Green Flash in 1990, another popular eatery, World Famous, operated in that spot for some years before 1990. World Famous moved to its present location, 711 Pacific Beach Drive, displaced by Armando Gamora and The Green Flash.

China Inn as owned by the Kims opened in 1988. Previous tenants on the site, according to the Pacific

Beach Historical Society newsletter, were Larry Waibel, who opened Waibel’s restaurant in 1954, and Copper Skillett, which took over in 1975.

“This is a favorite spot for longtime residents, and it will be greatly missed,” Beckett said, noting the restaurant serving mandarin cuisine is an institution, part of the community’s fabric.

“My extended family has been going there regularly for as long as it has been in operation,” she said.

Beckett said some in PB fear the new owner will turn Green Flash into an oceanfront version of Cabo Cantina/PB Cantina.

“The (Gemora) alcohol license was issued many years ago and likely has few if any conditions, which means it is very valuable, because it can be used to sell full spirits from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. with very few restrictions,” Beckett said. The restaurant is presently open between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.



**GASTRONOMIC ICON CLOSSES** China Inn, which has operated on Hornblend Street since 1988, has officially closed its doors. Photo by Dave Schwab

balance” needs to struck between “noisy” bars and “quiet” hotels in the touristy beachfront neighborhood.

“We’re trying to find that balance,” Frost said, noting a “higher level of activity” is needed on the boardwalk to keep it vibrant.

“Otherwise, people won’t come here,” he said, adding that “to some degree you need to maintain excitement at the beach.”

The *Beach & Bay Press* was unable to reach Bezerra or his firm for comment on their future plans for The Green Flash.



College alums sizzle onto PB burger scene By FRANK SABATINI Jr.

From mustard-yellow walls to ketchup-red, the lively burger joint in Pacific Beach that was Fatburger for 15 years is now under different ownership, greeting visitors with a new look and an evolving menu.

Longtime friends Mickey Mance and Robert Gregorio purchased the lease in October to open their second location of Buddies Burgers, which they originally launched in the College Area while attending San Diego State University. Based on its continued success, they decided to test their seasoned beef patties and house-made condiments on a wider demographic.

"We see a lot more families come in here compared to our college location," said Mance, revealing that an enhanced kid's menu will roll out by early April.

The eatery's late-night patronage is also greater in Pacific Beach because of the number of nearby bars. As a result, specialty items like pastrami burgers and new hot-dog options will soon materialize between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

"We're still throwing around ideas," said Mance, who recently partnered with several bar operators to further promote the business.

Also unique to the Pacific Beach location is the hot-selling Sandy Eggo burger topped with bacon, avocado and a fried egg, not to mention a few salads like the chicken Cobb, the Southwest and steak with



blue cheese.

The stand-bys include a variety of quarter-pound beef patties flavored with "special seasonings." For those with iron-clad stomachs, the burgers are available in double and triple versions. Turkey, veggie and spicy black-bean burgers also comprise the list, along with spiral-cut hot dogs, grilled sandwiches, fries and onion rings.

As any aficionado will attest, no burger is complete without some type of oozy secret sauce. Mance said the recipe used at Buddies originates from Gregorio's home kitchen.

"We tried a bunch of different recipes from friends who went to culinary school. But we ended up throwing something together ourselves, sitting there stirring things in bowls," he said, revealing only that their savory sauce is ketchup-based.

Mance and Gregorio also taste-tested "tons of hamburger patties" from different meat companies when searching for a purveyor before opening their first location three years ago.

"Nothing stood out to us at first," he said.

Thanks to a recommendation by

Mance's father, who runs a deli in Hermosa Beach, they eventually turned to K&M Meat Company, which was founded in Los Angeles more than 40 years ago by Polish immigrants.

"We immediately tasted the difference and knew this was good-quality beef," said Mance.

The flat-grilled burgers and their fresh garnishments ultimately end up tucked inside classic rolls from Puritan Bakery, also in the Los Angeles area.

Prior to opening the doors in Pacific Beach, the space underwent extensive remodeling. Old ceiling tiles were replaced. New flooring was installed, as well as flat-screen televisions. All the kitchen equipment was upgraded and interior walls took on splashes of red.

"We had been looking for an additional location for a while, and when this popped up at the corner of Mission Boulevard and Garnet Avenue, we knew it was a great location," said Mance.

— Frank Sabatini Jr. is the author of "Secret San Diego" (ECW Press) and has written food and feature articles for more than two decades. He was a staffer for the former San Diego Tribune and has since covered the culinary scene extensively for NBC, Pacific San Diego magazine, San Diego Downtown News, San Diego Uptown News, Gay San Diego and Living in Style Magazine. He can be reached at [fsabatini@san.rr.com](mailto:fsabatini@san.rr.com).

## Local eatery to host tequila dinner

The Patio on Lamont Street is bringing the spirit of Mexico to the heart of Pacific Beach. On Wednesday, April 16, the neighborhood restaurant will be hosting its first tequila dinner, featuring Tres Agaves. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome cocktail. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. and will be hosted by Tres Agaves President and co-founder, Barry Augus.

After implementing a successful monthly wine dinner, The Patio's next step is to showcase the passion of our new general manager Chris Simmons. As a certified catador (a certified Tequila expert), Simmons has planned several types of these events, most recently having developed the Agave program at Rancho Valencia Resort and Spa.

Similar to a traditional wine dinner, our first Tequila version will feature three different types of Tequila, including a blanco, reposado and añejo that will be expertly paired with four courses plus dessert and a craft cocktail. Each diner will learn about the history of the Tres Agaves brand, the technique involved in creating the different types of Tequila, and what flavors to expect from each sampling.

Pairing with the tequilas will be eclectic dishes created by Executive Chef John Medall. The courses include yellowtail ceviche, stuffed Fresno peppers, seared Spanish octopus, chipotle braised goat shoulder, and for dessert, tequila gelato, of course.

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## APPOINTMENT &gt;&gt;

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seat are: Stephanie Antin, CBS 8 executive producer; retired Judge Robert Coates; disabled-persons advocate Mary Elaine Cooluris; historical preservationist Bruce Coons; Karl Strauss Brewing Co. co-founder Christopher Cramer; retired San Diego State University education professor Jane Gawronski; lifeguard union chief Ed Harris; accounts receivable clerk Daniel Holstein; attorney Cary Lowe; California National Guard pilot James Mark McBride; ex-City Council staffer Don Mullen; sales account manager James Musgrove; LeSar Development communications director Gretchen Kinney Newsom; attorney Wayne Rafflesberger; retiree and frequent City Council public speaker Richard Jarvis Ross; state deputy Attorney General Michael Howard Wayne; retired lawyer John Wertz; and architect Matthew Winter.

Coons lives in a historic home in Loma Portal. Coons is best known as longtime executive director of Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), the state of California's oldest continually operating historic preservation group.

Coons, also a board member the

18 candidates are in the running to temporarily replace now-Mayor Kevin Faulconer for the District 2 City Council seat until after the formal election to fill the full term. That successful candidate is expected to be sworn in this December.

Peninsula Community Planning Board, told his colleagues at the advisory group's March meeting about his background and why he's running for the vacant seat.

Noting he considers himself a grass-roots candidate, Coons said there's been a "constant onslaught in quality of life," adding that local government has had a pro-development bias and "hasn't been listening to what local residents have had to say."

Candidates running in this year's election cycle for the Dis-

trict 2 full-term council position in the June primary, and the November run-off if necessary, are Lorie Zapf, current District 6 councilwoman; federal prosecutor Sarah Boot; Pacific Beach community activist Jim Morrison; and organic fertilizer marketer Mark Schwartz.

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## LIVE MUSIC &gt;&gt;

By BART MENDOZA

Billy Joel hasn't released an album of new music since 1993, but he continues to be a force in music, selling out arenas on his rare tours. With such a huge demand, it's only

natural that tribute acts pick up a bit of the slack. One of the best, 52nd Street, is right here in San Diego. Performing at Humphrey's Backstage Live on April 9, this a hit-filled show, from "Piano Man" to "Uptown Girl," perfect for singing along or dancing. It's unlikely that Joel will ever perform in San Diego again, so if you're a fan of Joel's music, 52nd Street is

the next best thing.

• **52ND STREET** performs Wednesday, April 9, at **HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE**, 2241 Shelter Island Drive at 7 p.m. \$5. [www.humphreysbackstage-live.com](http://www.humphreysbackstage-live.com).

It's true San Diego is seemingly overrun with singer-songwriters,

making it a little difficult to pick out the truly great acts. But Christopher Dale is certainly one of these. He has a wealth of great material, including his semi-hit "Hilary" and terrific re-cast covers like an acoustic take of the Cars' "Just What I Needed" that would make Benjamin Orr proud. As wonderful as his music is, it's topped by his stage presence,

which lures you in and keeps you there. Charming, witty and fun, Dale's sets are always worth catching and always enjoyable.

• **CHRISTOPHER DALE** performs at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 at **TIO LEO'S**, 5302 Napa Street. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. [www.tioleos.com](http://www.tioleos.com).

Fans of classical music won't want to miss the Neave Trio, featuring violinist Anna Williams, cellist Mikhail Veselov and pianist Toni James, who perform at the Pacific Beach/Taylor Branch Library on April 9. The free concert by this world-class group is part of a monthly series at the library, perfect for all ages. Though the trio is local and are artists in residency at SDSU, they have been making international headway with appearances on PBS, ABC and more. This intimate library setting is a great way to take in the music of this promising young trio.

• **NEAVE TRIO**: Wednesday, April 9 at **PACIFIC BEACH/TAYLOR BRANCH LIBRARY**, 4275 Cass St., 7 p.m. All Ages. No cover. [www.pblibrary-friends.org/concert.htm](http://www.pblibrary-friends.org/concert.htm)

Between the great scenery and food, it might be easy to forget that the Kona Kai Resort has a terrific music schedule, but this is an incredible spot to enjoy music. The beautiful setting might seem at odds with the blues, but aficionados will not be disappointed with the music of The Backwater Blues Band. On April 9, the band will perform a full roster of Chicago-style blues classics and originals, set to go with the venue's signature BBQ — it's a match made in heaven.

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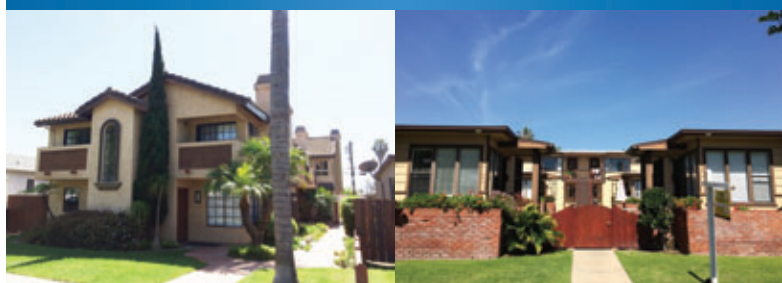
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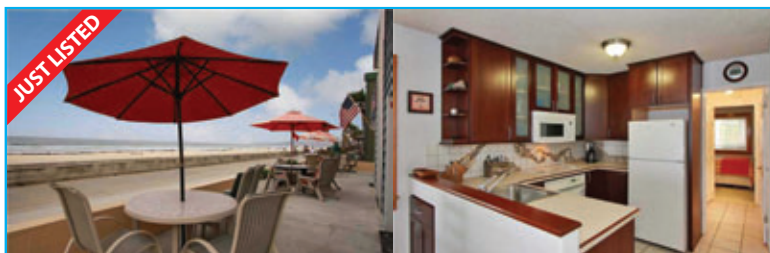
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## MUST HEAR &gt;&gt;

Japanese jazz pianist Chihoro Yamanaka performs with her trio at Dizzy's on April 9. One of Verve Records' leading lights, the prolific Yamanaka has released 17 albums since 2001, each a wonderful display of her sense of melody and lyrical, virtuoso playing. Her music has a cinematic feel with perhaps an occasional touch of Bacharach or Guaraldi in the notes, but Yamanaka's songs — as well as performances — will leave you breathless. It's been reported that jazz has been in a downward spiral for a few decades now. Indeed, show attendances and album sales have been down. But with new talent like this performing on the world's stages, there's not only hope but reason to rejoice.

• **CHIRHO YAMANAKA** performs at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9 at **DIZZY'S**, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. \$20. [www.dizzysjazz.com](http://www.dizzysjazz.com).

— Bart Mendoza





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• A tour of Mission Bay High is slated for Tuesday, April 22 at 8 a.m.

### PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

• A tour of Pacific Beach Middle School is slated for parents on April 10 from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

• A Pacific Beach community cleanup is planned in collaboration with the PB Town Council on April 11 at 2:30 p.m. at the campus. Students must attend with an adult. PB Middle is looking for a restaurant or dessert/coffee shop to donate food or snacks for participants. Contact [jsims@sandi.net](mailto:jsims@sandi.net) if you are interested in sponsoring this event.

• The Builders Club member Nicolas Campagna is hosting a big beach cleanup on Wednesday, April 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Law Street beach. All PB schools are invited to participate. Join friends to clean up the beach and enter a raffle for fantastic prizes. Pizza, juice and other goodies will be available to purchase to support the Pacific Beach Middle School.

### PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

• Pacific Beach Elementary School's fourth- and fifth-grade Rubik's Cube team took first place at the Super STEM Saturday SD Festival of Science and Engineering on March 15. Team members Owen Getz, Brayden Burdick, D.J. Monahan, Reid Cain, Matt Watts, Alex Branch, Ryan Marshall, Andy Knight and Ryan Megliola solved 25 cubes as a team in 4:17:59 and won \$150. Thanks to Mr. Sandler for heading up the Rubik's Cube Club at PBE.

• On March 14, The Greater San Diego Reading Association (GSDRA) and Pacific Beach Elementary School partnered to host The GSDRA annual Authors' Fair. Storyteller Marilyn McPhie and seven dynamic authors, Patty Hall, Edith Hope, Virginia Loh, Lori Mitchell, Joy Raab, Suzanne Santillan and Melissa Wiley interacted with students of PBE, while each class created an artful display and a writing piece in response to the book they read. PB Elementary would like to send special thanks to Conzia Zolfanelli of Mamma Mia for donating

a delicious Italian lunch, Einstein Bagels for breakfast and Warwick's Bookstore of La Jolla for working closely with PBE on the book orders.

### CROWN POINT JMA

Crown Point Junior Music Academy is a great school in part to our parent support and engagement. This school year, CPJMA started a special event called "Lunch with a Loved One," where parents join their children for a special-themed lunch. Our most recent event, "Fiesta Lunch," on March 18 engaged parents with child's education, both academically and socially.

### KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

• The Friends of Kate Sessions would like to thank all of our generous local businesses for their support and donations to our annual auction. With your help, our auction raised over \$40,000. These funds allow Sessions to continue music, art, library programs, as well as purchase much needed supplies for our K-5 grade students.

• Our March Family Dine Out was a big success this month. Thanks to The Fish Shop, Duck Dive and all of the families who attended.

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**MISSION BAY CLUSTER**

Our next MB Cluster meeting will be on April 10 at 6 p.m., at Pacific Beach Middle School. Dr. Julie Martel

will be leading the MB Cluster Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) workshop. An LCAP is required by the state from the SDUSD to identify annual goals and specific actions and measure progress for student subgroups across multiple performance indicators, including student academic achievement, school climate, student access to a broad curriculum and parent engagement. The district is required to obtain parent and public input in developing, revising and updating their LCAP. The MB Cluster will be using the work we have done so far to give input into this process. Join us for this very important MB Cluster meeting.



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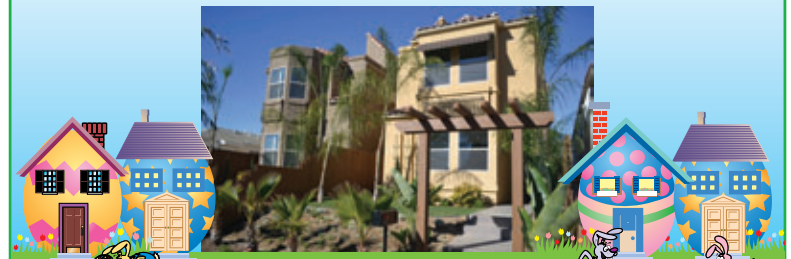
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