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For ticket prices, show schedules and more information, visit www.SeaWorldSanDiego.com or call (800) 257-4268.

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Council District 2 readies for changing of the guard

Harris enters final stretch, reflects on city's progress

Describing his eight-month District 2 City Council stint as a sprint, Ed Harris said he'll be sin-

gularly focused on the district's issues during remainder of his term.

Dec. 10.

Harris and his staff are busily **ED HARRIS** preparing to pass the baton to his successor, Lorie Zapf,

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Zapf prepares to take over district's reins Dec. 10

Lorie Zapf will be exchanging City Council District 6 for District 2 when she assumes stewardship

of the beach areas between Point Loma and La Jolla Dec. 10.

For her, it won't be too difficult a move. After

successfully run-



ning for the District 2 Council seat vacated by now-Mayor Kevin Faulconer in June, she and her

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PB Community Garden uprooted; search on for new location

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Now that the Pacific Beach Community Garden has been displaced at Shasta Street and Rosevelt Boulevard, gardening enthusiasts are seeking a new location. Courtesy photo



By DAVE SCHWAB

Now that the Pacific Beach Community Garden (PBCG) has lost its space in Crown Point, other appropriate spots are being sought for communitywide "greening."

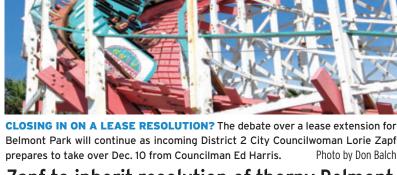
"After 37 wonderful years I am sad to report that the PBCG has lost our space here at Shasta Street and Roosevelt Avenue," said PBCG coordinator Paula Ferraco. "We are actively in the process of acquiring new long- and shortterm garden spaces for both vegetable gardening and beautification projects."

Ferraco invited interested PB residents to join in community garden building, noting, if they SEE GARDEN, Page 6

Ed Harris will be handing over the reigns of City Council District 2 to fellow Councilmember Lorie Zapf on Dec. 10, along with some thorny, unresolved issues, including negotiation of a lease extension for Bel-

On Sept. 22, the City Council rejected a long-term lease extension for Mission Beach's iconic Belmont Park, with its signature and historic

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PB holiday celebration gearing up for family fun

By DAVE SCHWAB

News

A fun run, a holiday parade and a tree lighting will all be part of Pacific Beach's yuletide celebration come rain or shine on Saturday, Dec. 13.

"Discover Pacific Beach will host the 2014 Holiday Celebration on Dec. 13th featuring the San Diego Santa Run, Pacific Beach Holiday Parade and Christmas on Crystal Pier," said Sara Berns, executive director of the beach community's Business Improvement District (BID). "Also, we are still accepting donations as we are about \$3,000 short of paying for the parade."

Berns said the parade is funded strictly by donations and sponsors.

"This year our previous title sponsor was unable to commit funds to us to raise the \$10,000 to have the parade," said Berns, adding donations pay for the cost of equipment and security required in closing the street.

"To help with parade funding, the Pacific Beach Town Council has made a \$500 donation, as well as having placed Donation Cans at multiple businesses around PB to help raise funds," said town council president Alan Harris.

The holiday celebration begins at 9 a.m. and will last until sunset



SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY Santa, flanked by two firefighters, waves to an appreciative crowd during a previous PB Holiday Celebration. Photo by Don Balch

when the Christmas tree on Crystal Pier will be lighted.

The Christmas parade starts at 1 p.m., immediately following the Santa Run 5K, with the starting line at Garnet Avenue and Bayard Street. The run is held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"The theme this year is 'Everything Old Is New Again,' which will allow everyone to re-create and share their favorite holiday traditions with community floats, local school bands and Santa wrapping up the parade," said Berns, adding the event will have "something for everyone, the young, young at heart and even the four-legged members of your family as we celebrate the holidays and everything local."

Berns noted paradegoers can spend the day participating in the events, or just spectating, but added "everyone should be out to knock off some of that holiday shopping at our local neighborhood businesses."

The parade timetable includes:

• San Diego Santa Run: 9 a.m. check-in, 10:30 a.m. Santa Run 5k, 11:45 a.m. Santa's Little Helper Wave (Dog Wave), 12:10 p.m., Santa's Elves Wave (Kids Wave), 12:30 p.m., Speedy Santa

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Holidays Can Add to Stress for Family Caregivers

Family members who care for cognitively impaired or disabled seniors may find the approaching holiday season to be more stressful than joyful. Caregivers may already feel overwhelmed by their day-to-day responsibilities and view holiday preparations as an additional source of stress. Family dynamics at the holidays can also be challenging. Primary caregivers may feel resentful toward visiting family members who they feel have not helped out enough. Family members returning home after a prolonged absence may be surprised and depressed by the decline in their senior loved one and feel that the caregiver hasn't communicated well enough leading to arguments and discord among family members. Plan-



ning ahead and modifying holiday routines to accommodate the needs of the caregiver and the person being cared for can foster peace and good will instead of anger and frustration.

The Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) suggests alerting family members and guests ahead of the visit to the current condition of a loved one with Alzheimer's or other Dementia. This can be achieved through a letter or email explaining what to expect and offering suggestions for effective communication while educating them about daily routines. Being prepared allows family and guests to arrive with realistic expectations and an understanding that changes in behavior and functioning are caused by the disease and not the person.

It is also important for the primary caregiver to let family and friends know that their caregiving responsibilities may limit how much they can do in terms of holiday festivities. It is ok for caregivers to let others pitch in and only take on what they can reasonably manage. The Alzheimer's Association suggests involving the person with Dementia in holiday plans, building on old traditions and adjusting activities as needed to stick to the person's daily routine.

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- PB free Holiday Parade: Starts on Garnet Avenue and Haines Street at 1 p.m. and ends on Garnet Avenue and Bayard Street.
- Christmas on Crystal Pier: 2 to

5 p.m., Take your pictures with Santa on the end of historic Crystal Pier. The pier will be decked out with lights, and wreaths decorated by local businesses along with the community tree. Tree lighting is at sunset. Cost is \$10 for a digital picture with Santa, \$20 for a wreath (must be purchased by 11/28).

"Join us on Garnet Avenue for a family friendly event to rejoice the holidays," said Berns, who noted there's still time to register a parade entry at www.pacificbeach.org and Discover Pacific Beach at 1503 Garnet Ave.

Discover PB is also launching the Shop Local, for the Holiday! Campaign from Shop Small Saturday on Nov. 29th through the holidays.

"This is a marketing campaign to encourage people and highlight our small businesses," said Berns.

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staff have been transitioning ever since.

"My home landed in District 2 and I wasn't going to move," she said after the most recent redistricting. "I knew if I was going to run again it would be in District 2."

Zapf has lived in Bay Ho for 17 years with her husband, Eric, and her two daughters.

A broadast journalist early on, Zapf was inspired by her grand-mother's successful Los Angeles Mexican restaurant to go into business herself. The Zapfs sold an all-natural energy bar, the Boulder Bar, to health food and grocery stores nationwide and in Canada.

As a successful businesswoman, Zapf decided to run initially for City Council in 2010 to help right the city's finances. She became the first Latina ever elected to the San Diego City Council.

Zapf noted the coastal communities of District 2 are all one of a kind.

"PB is nothing like OB, which is nothing like MB and the Midway District, which is nothing like Point Loma," Zapf said.

"The communities all have a very distinct character. It's like children in the same family who all have very different personalities," she said.

Of the primary difference between Council Districts 6 and 2, Zapf said, "There are so many more — and very active — community groups."

The City Council member said she intends to hit the ground running in her new district, as she talked about each community, their issues, and what she'd like to see accomplished.

Zapf was supportive of OB's community plan update, which was recently passed by the City Council. It's her task to help the community implement that plan.

"My job is to make sure any developers in the community adhere to that plan," she said. "They know the rules of the road. My job is to make sure we hold them to that (plan), make them accountable to that."

Where Point Loma is concerned, Zapf pointed out Peninsula residents have strong ties to their community sometimes "going back generations." "People have a very strong bond to Point Loma, are very active volunteers and care very deeply about their community," she said. "My role is to support the community and help make things happen."

Zapf favors moves throughout the Peninsula to create Business Improvement Districts to further economic growth and development

On broader issues, Zapf noted a salary study on San Diego's police department confirmed it's "near the bottom" in terms of salary compensation, an issue that needs to be immediately addressed.

"We've all seen the impacts," said Zapf of declining police presence as officers have retired or moved to other, higher-paying positions.

"Where there's a police presence, they're more proactive, patrolling rather than responding with less resources."

Regarding the homeless, Zapf noted it's an ongoing, troublesome issue with no easy solution.

"You need to be compassionate and help people," she said. "But a lot of these people are refusing services." Zapf said she's backing the "housing first" model being tried successfully to combat homelessness.

"These people need to get a roof over their head first, get some stability back in their life, then you can come back with (other social) services," she said.

In Pacific Beach, Zapf said she will adopt a more positive negotiating stance toward the proposed lease extension in Belmont Park.

"Pacifica (developers) bought it out of bankruptcy and have invested millions of dollars into it," she noted adding her approach is to "have conversations with people about where they have heartburn and what they would like to see done differently and then work it out. That's the way I like to move forward and deal with things."

She added most people are happy with the strides Pacifica has made, noting crime has gone "way down" under Pacifica's management.

Zapf would also like to work with PB residents to achieve the EcoDistrict the community has planned.

"I'll be here as an advocate to help them get their plan in place," she said. "They want more parklets and green space and walkability and bikability. Those will all happen in phases."

Zapf said she's not changing offices in City Hall, just phone numbers. One thing that won't change in District 2 under her administration, she said, is her open-door policy.

"We hold meetings out in the community at libraries or in people's homes," Zapf said. "If someone would like to host a coffee at their home or business, just let us know."

Zapf has released a list of staff members and which communities they'll be representing: Conrad Wear: Point Loma, Ocean Beach; Liezl Mangonon: Pacific Beach, Mission Bay; Shirley Owen: Bay Ho, Bay Park, Clairemont; and Ernie Navarro: Mission Beach, Midway.

For more information, visit www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd6/staff/zapf.shtml.

HARRIS >> CONT. FROM PG. 1

On April 7, Harris — a veteran San Diego lifeguard — was chosen from among 18 candidates to temporarily fill the District 2 City Council seat vacated by Kevin Faulconer, who was elected mayor.

It took two rounds of voting by the City Council to select Harris, a Point Loma resident. He was chosen from a diverse field of 18 candidates that included a TV producer, a retired judge, a disabled-persons advocate, an attorney and an architect.

"The odds were better for being hit by lightning than being chosen for an eight-month council seat," said Harris, who had previously gained political punch as the lifeguard's labor representative to the city. "I was honored to be chosen."

It's been a busy eight months for the lifeguard turned legislator.

"To date, we've attended 67 community meetings and hosted six others, as well as hosting five morning coffees," said Harris, an ex-Marine who will return to work as a San Diego lifeguard sergeant and member of the lifeguard dive team after a holiday break with his family.

Harris said he and his staff have been there for District 2 constituents, representing their interests.

"Our goal was to get out to the neighborhoods as much as we could," Harris said, noting he's received compliments on how transparent and accessible his office has been

"We made sure that we got back

to people within 24 hours," Harris said.

Harris said his lifeguard training came in handy as a politician.

"I observed, listened and paid attention," he said, noting his function as a councilmember was to "help people navigate through the government system to get stuff done."

Preserving quality of life has been, and will continue to be, a top priority for Harris, he said.

"Protecting the beach areas is something I'm very passionate about," he said. "I want to ensure we don't overdevelop the coast. My feeling is that's everybody's backyard. We won't have access to it if we overdevelop."

The outgoing councilman said the way to prevent overdevelopment is by updating community plans, like the one recently approved in Ocean Beach.

"Updating the Point Loma community plan, which has been needed for a really long time, is the most important issue in the district for Point Loma," said Harris, who urged Point Lomans and others in the beaches to "lobby the next City Council person to fund that in next year's budget."

Concerning Belmont Park's proposed controversial lease extension, Harris pointed out that an extension, not a "new" lease, is what's being negotiated.

"They are in a lease for another 26 years and they want to add another 23 years," he said, adding he wants to hold leaseholder Pacifica's feet to the fire by ensuring they are responsible for "maintaining and fixing the Plunge pool and the building."

Harris said the city should only negotiate a "good" deal for extending Belmont Park's lease.

"What do we get out of it?" asked Harris, noting he's happy with the improvements leaseholder Pacifica has made at Belmont Park but just wants to ensure the city gets fair market value and its rightful share of proceeds from Belmont's redevelopment over time.

On environmental issues, Harris said he's proud of having backed the state-passed elimination starting next year of single-use plastic bags to protect the ocean as well as pushing for mandatory water restrictions that are now law.

Asked what he liked most about politics, Harris replied, "You get to do good things, weigh in."

Harris said there are a number of community projects, like the community garden in Pacific Beach, that he's passing along that he hopes will ultimately come to fruition.

Harris said he learned a lot about City Council District 2 — and about life — during his brief term representing San Diego coastal areas.

"Sometimes you've got to stand on your own and make hard decisions and defend your position," Harris said. "And that's not always a comfortable place to be."

In the final analysis, Harris said being District 2's councilman was a real learning experience.

"I'm glad to have had the opportunity," he said. "If everyone had the chance (to serve in local government), they'd understand the city a lot more."

Harris will deliver a State of the District address Monday, Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. at Dana Middle School, 1775 Chatsworth Blvd.

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GARDEN »

do so, that "they'll be rewarded with a space in one of our new community garden(s) based upon your gardening preferences."

The Pacific Beach Community Garden with 55 cultivated plots has bloomed largely under the radar at Shasta and Roosevelt in Crown Point. Nearby residents, who didn't have room to garden at their own homes, have waited as long as two years for a chance to till the soil at the community garden. Though vegetables — including tomatoes, squash, zucchini, beans, peppers and chard — are the biggest crops,

flowers have shared many of the 15-foot-by-20-foot and half-size plots.

The land for the PBCG is owned by The Arc of San Diego, which provides services to children and adults with disabilities and owns a group-living home in the neighborhood. ARC had previously allowed its land to be used as a community garden, but now finds that changing financial circumstances has forced its hand.

"Due to increased costs and reduced funding, The Arc of San Diego is selling the property to reduce fixed costs such as monthly payments on debt," said ARC. "The sale is necessary to effectively manage our assets. Currently, this property is valuable real estate that is under-utilized by serving very few clients (less than 2 percent of our total number of clients)."

ARC said proceeds from the PBCG sale will "assist with retiring debt and eliminate large interest payments that have become increasingly difficult to handle, as well as improving our organization's cash flow and our improving our financial strength."

ARC spokeswoman Jennifer Bates Navarra said "it is unknown at this time what will occur with the community garden property as the purchaser will make those decisions." She said ARC will continue to provide regular updates to the community on the garden property's disposition. She can be emailed at jnavarra@arc-sd.com.

Ferraco assured residents with existing garden plots that their "investments" are safe.

"For those gardeners whose spots are occupied with shrubs, trees, etc. that are property of PBCG, those plants will be moved, if possible, to the new garden," she said. "But, in the event that a plant can be donated to another charity, arrangements will be made to do this. All seasonal plantings in each garden are the property of that gardener, and it is our hope that gardeners will plant and harvest."

Ferraco noted there are two community subcommittes which she said will be "reaching out heavily into the community to recruit new members. We are supported by the various gardening organizations in our search, development and operational start to our new garden(s)."

Addressing what is a proper spot for a community garden, Ferraco said some will be medians, some will be in pedestrian walkways (strips between sidewalk and street) and some will be abandoned or underutilized public spaces for beautification projects.

"Community garden spaces are more problematic because we need a space large enough for at least 20 individual spots, with water," Ferraco said.

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wooden rollercoaster, delaying final action. At issue was a proposal for a 55-year lease, which also called for valet parking at Belmont Park.

"Belmont will most likely not be returning to the council docket before the end of the year," said Alexandra Bell, Zapf's director of communications. "The city's Real Estate Assets Department is negotiating a new agreement with the feedback they received from the council in closed session as well as Councilmember Zapf and Mr. Harris' memos. They will only bring a new agreement before the council for city approval after it has been signed."

"While I am disappointed that I

will likely not be in office when the final agreement between the city and [leaseholder/operator] Pacifica is reached regarding the Belmont Park lease, I am confident that the mayor and council will work out a deal that will be better for the city and the taxpayers," said Harris. "I am grateful for all of the work staff and the parties have done to make that happen."

Harris said he considered the previous terms of the lease extension to be a bad deal for the city, pointing to a recently released Independent Budget Analyst Report, Number 14-44, which he said concluded the city is "losing over \$64 million dollars of improvements to our public asset over the life of the lease. The IBA also noted this lease could be interpreted as a new lease given the significant

changes to the financial requirements and terms of the lease, and in that case our Council Policy calls for the City to perform an independent appraisal."

Zapf said she views the situation differently.

Recently, her office held a one-day petition drive at Belmont Park, prior to a City Council closed-session meeting on the lease extension, which netted more than 300 signatures. Zapf's petition asked residents to support fixing the Plunge pool and to continue other improvements at Belmont Park.

"The goal was to show the other councilmembers what the community really wanted in relation to Belmont, since Councilmember Zapf hadn't felt their voices had been represented in the process up to that point," said Bell. "Since then, the Mission Beach Town Council voted to overwhelmingly support Lorie's proposal."

Zapf's petition drive was launched Nov. 9 during a rally held by Zapf and Mission Beach community leaders

Noting Belmont Park is "thriving under current ownership," which is heavily invested in redevelopment, Zapf said in a memo. "In order to assist Pacifica to continue to make investments, and open the widely used Plunge swimming pool, I have reached out to stakeholders to help determine what is best for Mission Beach."

Zapf said after meeting with the city's Real Estate Assets Department, community members and Pacifica, she has developed revisions to the proposed lease, which she believes are "amenable to all parties," and called on her City Council colleagues to "support the incorporation of these recommended modifications into the proposed lease when it comes before them."

Zapf's Neighborhood Plan for Belmont would:

- Set a term of 40 years with one 10-year option to extend
- Have leaseholder Pacifica Enterprises assume all costs to restore the iconic Plunge pool, with the city limiting rent credits to no more than \$5.9 million
 - Remove paid valet parking
 - Request that Pacifica commit to

\$18 million in new capital improvements in Belmont Park

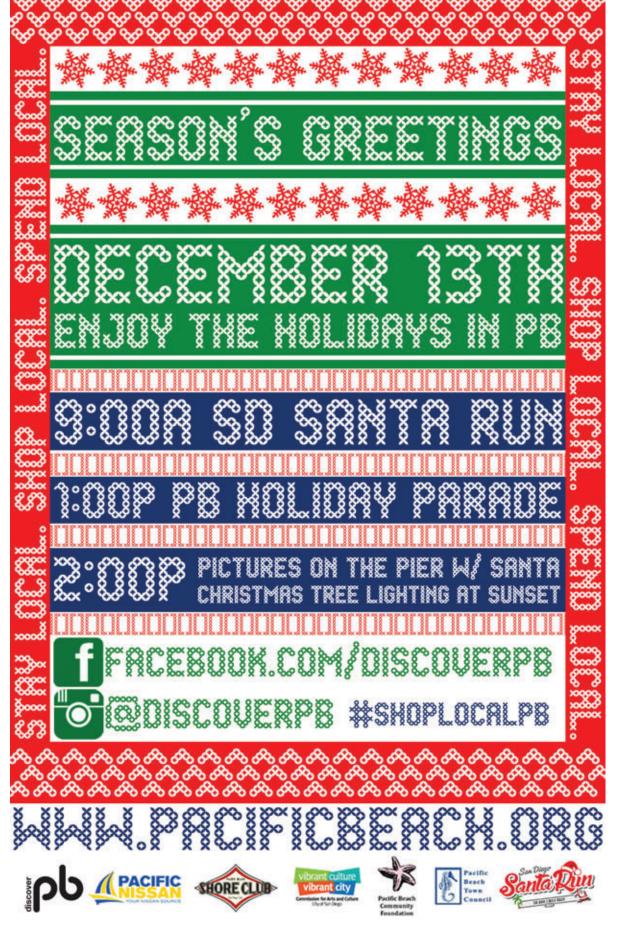
• Require future park improvements 20 to 30 years into the lease term.

Outgoing District 2 City Councilmember Harris noted there are complications in finalizing a long-term lease extension for Belmont.

"We have yet to receive a city attorney opinion regarding the issue I raised about Proposition G, the 1988 citywide ballot initiative passed by 67 percent of the voters that limited commercial uses at Belmont," he said. "It will be necessary to know how the municipal code implementing Proposition G impacts the lease and the allowable uses on the site before finalizing the deal."

In November 2010, Wave House Belmont Park LLC filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. Former master leaseholder Tom Lochtefeld, who was the master leaseholder at the time, alleged the city had breached its lease agreement. He filed a \$25 million lawsuit in 2011 against the city, accusing it of breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation for preventing him from completing a second major expansion of the park, including adding a hotel. The city said Lochtefeld was no longer eligible to receive rent subsidies and his rent increased by about 800 percent, from about \$70,000 to \$550,000.

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LIVE MUSIC >>

By BART MENDOZA

There are not too many music offerings on Thanksgiving, but for earlybirds, Humphreys Backstage Lounge has a performance from jazz singer and trombonist Aubrey Fay. A local institution, Fay crosses over into R&B with tunes like "Brick House," "Grazing in the Grass" and "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" in his set list. The latter in particular is indicative of his music, as a classic soul singer in the same vein as Lou Rawls, but all of his music has a great groove, making this a great way to kick off an extended holiday weekend.

• AUBREY FAY: Thursday, Nov. 27, at HUMPHREYS BACKSTAGE LIVE, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, www.humphreysbackstagelive.c

The Acoustic Alliance music series celebrates its 10-year anniversary with a special show on Dec. 4 at Brick by Brick. Featuring three sets of performers, each playing "unplugged," a round-robin style, it's a terrific way to take in the music of a lot of artists in one concert, touching on Americana, folk, pop, jazz and country. As might be expected with an anniversary show, host Cathryn Beeks has put together a seriously impressive bill full of local headliners that includes Jeffrey Joe, Podunk Nowhere, Christopher Dale, Josh Damigo, Steph Johnson, Nena Anderson, Lindsay White, Suzanne Harper, Calman Hart, Jeff Berkley and Jimmy Lewis. While all are well worth hearing, of particular note is jazz guitarist and singer Steph Johnson, whose soulful tones and hook-filled tunes are starting to draw national attention.

• ACOUSTIC ALLIANCE: Thursday, Dec. 4 at BRICK BY BRICK, 1130 Buenos Ave. 7 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. www.brickbybrick.com.



The holidays are upon us, and jazz fans who appreciate the season's tunes will want to head to Dizzy's for a pair of special concerts. On Dec. 4, the Mesa College Jazz Ensemble will host its annual Jingle Bell Jazz presentation under the direction of James Romeo, with special guests the Mesa College World Music Ensemble, directed by N. Scott Robinson. Meanwhile, on Dec. 6, the venue will be the site of A Yuletide Jazz Concert, presented by saxophonist Charlie Arbelaez, with a band featuring pianist Irving Flores, drummer Fernando Gomez, bassist Mackenzie Leighton and vibraphonist Ian Harland. Two wonderful opportunities to enjoy holiday favorites, two wonderful opportunities to enjoy music from San Diego's jazz community.

• HOLIDAY CONCERTS: Thursday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 6, at DIZZY'S, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. www.dizzysjazz.com.

Tribute-band fans will want to check out the 710 Beach Club on Dec. 5 when it hosts a triple-band bill. On hand will be Core (Stone Temple Pilots), Hey! Ho! Let's Go! (Ramones) and Township Rebellion (Rage Against the Machine). Expect the music to be loud and heavy, but the best time will likely be had during the middle set by

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• HEY! HO! LET'S GO!: Friday, Dec. 5, at the 710 BEACH CLUB, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.710bc.com.

You can shake off the midweek blues at Reds Saloon's weekly comedy night, held each Wednesday. The intimate location offers a mix of local and national comics, with Byron Powers set for Dec. 3 and Sarah Tiana on Dec. 10. The latter in particular is a real gem, with terrific observational and relationship jokes and a great delivery that seemingly takes the guests into her (and the jokes') confidence. Yes, the language can get a bit on the rough side, but in context, it doesn't seem crass or added for shock value, Tiana is just funny. She's made appearances on the likes of TV's "Reno 911" and "The Late Late Show" with Craig Ferguson, but with her wit, it likely won't be too long before she scores her own

• SARAH TIANA: Wednesday, Dec. 10 at REDS SALOON, 4190 Mission Blvd. 9 p.m. thewoodgroupsd.com/reds.

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Yes, it's a one-joke premise, but it's a good one: an all-girl tribute band dedicated to Cheap Trick, dubbed Cheap Chick, appearing at Tio Leo's on, Dec, 6. Music veterans Kristi Callan, formerly of legendary Los Angeles combo Wednesday Week, takes on the persona of singer Robbin Zander, and bassist Pamela Moore, formerly of surf-inspired trio the Neptunas, is Pam Cheatersson. Cheap Chick is excellent, providing an alternate reality's worth of their honorees hits. They specialize in the classic 1970s repertoire such as "I Want You to Want Me," but best of all, they dress the part with costumes that depict different eras of Cheap Trick's career, including "In Color" and "Dream Police." While there are obvious differences in the vocals, the band truly rocks, maintaining the key to its namesake's music:

• **CHEAP CHICK**: Saturday, Dec. 6. **TIO LEO'S**, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. www.tioleos.com.



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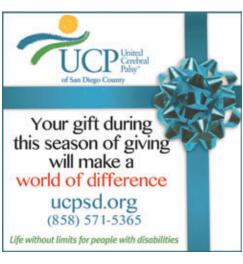
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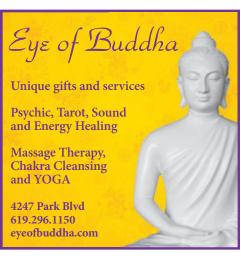
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Quick cleaning

Go from room to room identifying spaces that are in need of a thorough cleaning. Spend time in the kitchen clearing clutter from the counters and make sure the dining space is clean and the table is presentable. A table runner and a centerpiece of festive flowers can brighten up the space instantly. Fluff cushions on sofas and give floors or carpets a quick vacuuming. Always be sure the bathrooms are clean and fresh, with laundered hand towels at the ready. Children's bedrooms and other areas of the house may not require such a critical eye. Simply keep doors closed in off-limits rooms.

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Stock up on supplies

Purchase extra travel-sized toiletries at the drug store so your guests' needs are covered in case they forget something. Store them in a zip-top bag and let guests know where these items are kept.

Purchase a guest set of towels, sheets and pillowcases. Keep these in an air-tight storage bag or bin, so when guests arrive, they will have their own set of linens. Launder these linens after use.

Stock up on food

Ask guests which foods and beverages they prefer and try to have some on hand. Use your spare time to prepare some meals and freeze them. This way if someone drops by unexpectedly, you can simply defrost a meal and have it ready in no time. Keep a tin of cookies and tea bags ready for those who pop in for a snack and conversation.

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Park Service eyes plan to boost fee for vehicle entry into Cabrillo

The National Park Service (NPS) is making its case for tripling vehicle fees for entry into Cabrillo National Monument in Point Loma, insisting the hike is essential to pay for park maintenance and improvements.

The NPS plan would increase the cost for vehicles from \$5 to \$15 and double the cost for bicycles and pedestrians from \$3 to

Under the proposal, the fee charged motorcycles would be hiked from \$5 to \$10. Annual park passes, which currently sell for \$15, would be doubled to \$30. If the fee hikes are adopted, they would begin in summer 2015.

"Fees haven't been raised in 27 years," said Eileen Martinez, head of interpretation for Cabrillo. which is San Diego's only national park. "We were given national direction to consider increasing entrance fees. We're doing this because we (NPS) have millions and millions of dollars of backlogged maintenance."

Martinez said 131 of the nation's 401 national parks are seeking similar entrance-fee hikes. She said the money from entrance fees goes toward visitor's services. Those services include restrooms, trail and road maintenance and improving park visitor centers.

"One of the things we're doing with park entrance fees is we're making a new film about Cabrillo — our old one is outdated — and to do other enhancements for the visitor's experience," Martinez said. She added future plans at Cabrillo include updating the monument's military history exhibit "to truly reflect the dignity of that story. We need to make it relevant and modern in telling

A public meeting on the possible fee increase was held Nov. 12.

Martinez said it's not a foregone conclusion that the monument's entrance fees will be increased.

Comparing entrance fees at other popular San Diego park destinations, Martinez noted it costs \$20 to board the U.S. Midway and \$84 to get into SeaWorld San Diego. She added the \$15 fee for cars is a seven-day pass.

Martinez said the NPS is trying to get word out about all there is to do and see at Cabrillo National Monument.

Located at the southern tip of the Point Loma peninsula, the Cabrillo National Monument commemorates the landing of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo at San Diego Bay in 1542. It was the first time a European expedition set foot on the West Coast of what would become the U.S.

The site was designated a California Historical Landmark in 1932 and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1966.

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MISSION BAY HIGH

- The school's annual winter concert: Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the auditori-
- MBHS will host school tour on Wednesday, Dec. 17 beginning at 8 a.m. in the library. Please check in at the front office.
- · Mission Bay High School was awarded a \$250,000 grant for enrichment. The 21st Century Learning Grant provides students with learning and enrichment opportunities before and after school, during holiday breaks and over the summer. The funding will be used to augment the successful ACES after-school tutoring and college-prep program. Also funded are the robotics team, a new Mural Club, Marketing Club, Dance Club and college trips. Students are welcome to stop by Room 233 for more information on activities taking place after school.

PACIFIC BEACH MIDDLE SCHOOL

- PBMS will host a school tour Thursday. Dec. 4 at 8 a.m. in the school library. Join in on the conversation about the widely acclaimed International Baccalaureate Programme, meet with Principal Meng and IB coordinator Jennifer Sims, visit classrooms and tour the campus. Check in at the front office.
- The award-winning PBMS IB Music Department presents its annual winter concerts, led by IB music director John O'Donnell. Enjoy the Winter Strings Concert on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:30 p.m, The Winter Band Concert takes place on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- PBMS can make a difference because PB Middle cares. To raise homeless and hunger awareness, PBMS IB students are running three collection drives to help the Salvation Army Food Drive; Hope in the City Toy Drive and a storefront hygiene items collection. Please bring unopened, packaged, unwrapped items to the PB Middle front office to contribute. The food and toy drives end Monday, Dec. 8. The small hygiene item collection benefiting homeless teens at the



VICTORIOUS SEASON Mission Bay High School boys water polo seniors Owen Nelson, Nick Schoettle, Cole Ambrose, Colin Tandy, and John Martinez, celebrated their successful season, beating Mira Mesa High School 7-6.

Storefront Shelter is ongoing. Contact jsims@sandi.net for more information.

• Thank you to the Zakaria family for providing the PB Middle Builders Club a sponsored dinner at the Storefront Teen Shelter for November and December.

KATE SESSIONS ELEMENTARY

- · Sessions' annual jog-a-thon was a great success. Funds raised at the jog-a-thon support the music, art and library programs at Sessions. Special thanks to the jog-a-thon community supporters, including Ralphs, Trader Joe's, Vons, PB Water Store and Woodstock Pizza.
- Kate Session will host its third annual Homemade in San Diego Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 6 on the Sessions campus. More than 100 crafters specializing in handmade jewelry, pottery and other holiday treasurers, as well as a holiday photo booth, entertainment and delicious food vendors, will be on hand. The chairwoman for the event, Julia Sieders, has worked many hours to bring this event to our community.
- · Sessions held elections for Student Council on Nov. 4, which is National Election Day. Students applied for positions on the council, created a campaign and presented speeches to their peers. The 2014-15 Student Council will create spirit events, participate in community events and work to create and develop opportunities for the entire student body to participate in global events. These future

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Barnard, with support from SPAWAR, will be holding its annual Science Night on Thursday, Dec. 4. Students will be conducting a variety of experiments to further their knowledge of science and its impact on our daily lives.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENTARY

The Friends of Pacific Beach Elementary School (FOPBE) invites you to join a 13-year tradition and partnership with Missoula Children's Theatre as the students grades K-5 present "Hansel and Gretel." Performances will be presented in the PBE Auditorium on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for children and \$6 for adults and are available at Pacific Beach Elementary School's office, 1234 Tourmaline St. and at the door. The Missoula Children's Theatre residency in Pacific Beach is presented locally by FOPBE with support from Mamma Mia Italian restaurant. For more information, contact Zoe Sidell at zoesidell@gmail.com.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER

Join us at the next Mission Bay Cluster Congress meeting Thursday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m. at Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy. We will be discussing the newly proposed San Diego Unified School District school calendar for the years 2015-16 and 2016-17. The proposal calls for schools to start one week earlier (in August) for the next two years. We will have details on the process, rationale and next steps. We will also have updates on the YMCA/PBMS joint occupancy agreement, which goes to the Board of Education at the Dec. 2 meeting. We will share informa-



TIME FOR CELEBRATION The entire Mission Bay High School boys water polo team relishes its successful season in this shot at Crystal Pier.

tion about the Mission Bay Cluster Schools Fair and Schoolyard Dash 5K. Please come to the meeting and support your local schools.

FRIENDS OF PACIFIC BEACH SECONDARY SCHOOLS • Friends of PB Secondary

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• The next FOPBSS meeting is set for Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. at the MBHS library. We will be voting on new teacher grants and discussing upcoming events like the new stadium opening celebration and volunteer needs.



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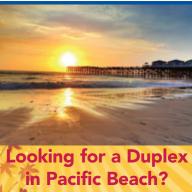


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