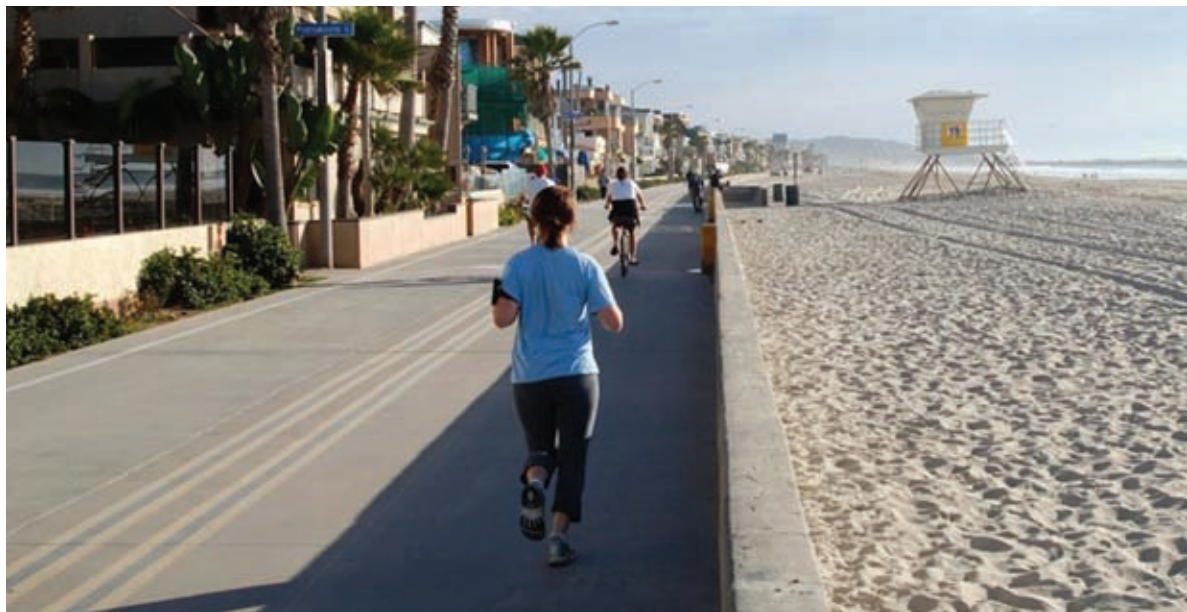




The longstanding flap between People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and SeaWorld escalated on Jan. 6 as the groups debated the virtues and demerits of SeaWorld's planned orca habitat expansion - and the partisanship has never been sharper. See our story on **PAGE 5**.



Another San Diego Restaurant Week will soon be in full swing, with nearly 180 restaurants plying their wares countywide. One participant, Mission Beach's Acqua California Bistro, features a bonus you don't even have to order, namely its proximity to the water. Take a closer look on **PAGE 11**.



THAT'S MORE LIKE IT Rain and colder temperatures are about as familiar to San Diegans as a Padres championship - but they do occasionally sweep down and spoil everybody's fun, like they've been doing mostly since the beginning of the year. These photos along Mission Beach's Boardwalk and Pacific Beach's Crystal Pier reflect things as they usually are by day and by night. COURTESY PHOTOS



Paris tragedy, triumph: Lesson isn't lost on San Diego

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

Don't look now (unless you somehow find yourself duly compelled), but I'm off to France for most of July to help recast a big farmhouse outside Bordeaux into a bigger live-in education and community center. The project is in the southwest commune of Brossac, and this is great for two reasons: I'll get a hard-won

taste of true rural life (Brossac, a farming town, holds just over 500), and my workmates come from around the world, which means I'll be that much less conspicuous amid my totally suckworthy French.

Tiny, windswept Brossac is a cultural solar system away from Paris, the Western world's premiere historical landmark - but even as six months will have passed, both

locales will operate in lockstep following the horrific Jan. 7 massacre of 17 innocents and the police killings of three perpetrators of the crimes. What began as a mass murder at a controversial Paris newspaper morphed into the latest installment in religious fervor gone mad, with satirical cartoons of Islam's prophet Mohammed fueling two battles of almost Shakespearean proportions. Nearly 90,000 French forces were involved in the aftermath, with French Prime Minister Manuel Valls declaring Jan. 10 that France is at "war" with radical Islam.

Charlie Hebdo ("Charlie Weekly"), the paper at the center of the tragedies, normally circulates 60,000 copies every Wednesday. This week's edition was to have



Millions marched across France Jan. 11 in a show of solidarity on the democratic freedom of expression. COURTESY PHOTO

PB, MB amid 'perfect storm' as neighborhood leaders hail 2015

By DAVE SCHWAB

A new councilmember and a more environmentally sustainable approach to community development marked the numerous changes in the make-ups of Pacific and Mission beaches in 2014, and the communities hope for more as they head into the new year.

2015 promises to be a busy one for freshly minted Councilwoman Lorie Zapf, whose District 2 covers the beachfront. Her citywide policy priorities include "finding a solution to our SDPD recruitment and retention problems, increas-



District 2 Councilmember Lorie Zapf touts emergency preparedness and "Pothole Patrol" among her hot-button issues. COURTESY PHOTO

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Mission Beach centennial, PB construction figured heavily in 2014 area developments

By DAVE SCHWAB

Mission Beach celebrated its centennial and Pacific Beach got demolition and reconstruction in its Staples-anchored strip mall at 1650 Garnet Ave. as two of the area's major developments in 2014.

Here is a month-by-month account of happenings last year as chronicled in Beach & Bay Press:

JANUARY

Looking ahead can also involve looking back, as did four old friends (including John Crie, who still lives in Mission Beach) reflecting on their childhoods growing up and attending Mission Beach Elementary School in a Beacon feature. On Jan. 11, Friends of Famosa Slough formed a clean-up volunteer work party to at the wetlands preserve. Organizers of Mission Beach's yearlong centennial celebration planned a series of monthly events that begin in March and ran through September.

PB Denny's appealed a beer and wine license decision at a hearing of the California Department of Alcohol and Beverage Control (ABC) in San Diego on Jan. 8, attempting to override public opposition due to the saturation of

liquor licenses in the community. The appeal was ultimately denied a few weeks later. It was announced that Nick's at the Beach, which had shuttered its doors in December of 2013 after 18 years, would be reborn as The Local PB, owned by Mina Deesiderio, co-owner of Wonderland in OB.

FEBRUARY

The Seaside farmers market at Mission Bay High School celebrated its one-year anniversary. Little did the school know the market would close soon after because of high operating costs. Beautification of PB under its Eco-District plan continued, with promotion of median "cactus gardens" throughout the beach community. Local residents Jill and Daniel Rigoli celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family on Feb. 16.

Mission Bay resident Judy Churchill was named chair of the Scripps Health board of trustees. Alan Harris was installed as president of Pacific Beach Town Council during the group's 53rd officer installation. Dynamic duo PB street musician Sam Schildkraut

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and his sidekick Gangsta, a Yorkie-Chihuahua mix, were profiled by Beach & Bay in the Feb. 6 edition. New Kate Sessions Elementary School principal Margaret Joseph brought a hands-on approach to education at the school.

A (killer) whale of a controversy, kindled by a Point Loma theater class public service announcement denouncing SeaWorld San Diego's treatment and use of orcas in commercial shows, was picked up by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and other animal rights groups that lobbied for a change in business practices by the marine mammal park. Everything you wanted to know about birds but were afraid to ask was answered at the San Diego Bird Festival Feb. 27 to March 2 at Marina Village on Mission Bay.

The volunteerism of Friends of Rose Creek, a grass-roots environmental group overseeing the lower Rose Creek area between I-5 and Mission Bay, was profiled. Nextdoor.com flourished, linking PB neighbors. Mission Bay High School broke ground on new \$13 million athletic facilities, including a new synthetic turf field and an all-weather track. Jennifer Tandy was named honorary mayor of Pacific Beach for 2014.

MARCH

Our March 6 cover featured photographer Don Balch's images of local Boy Scouts holding a Pinewood Derby competition at St. Brigid's Parish Center in Pacific Beach. A coalition of local groups kicked off Spring Break with a media event at Pacific Beach Shore Club, imploring students not to drink and drive but to use taxis and mass transit instead. Discover PB continued its hard work promoting local business. Portions of PB streets were car-free March 30 during the second CicloSDias event, a free celebration promoting nonmotorized travel.

It was announced that Mission Bay High School seniors would hold their graduation ceremony at Clairemont High School due to construction work at the high school's new sports

complex. Developer McKellar-McGowan, who converted the former Mission Bay Elementary School into condos, answered tough audience questions March 11. Blondies in PB, serving up delicious barbecue with warmth and woodsy humor, was profiled in BBP. A monument plaque dedication March 22 at Mission Beach kicked off the community's centennial celebration.

APRIL

On April 7, ex-marine and San Diego lifeguard Ed Harris was chosen by City Council to replace mayor-elect Kevin Faulconer in District 2, covering the beachfront. A new committee was formed by Pacific Beach Planning Group to study parking issues. Two longtime business institutions, China Inn and the Green Flash on the PB boardwalk, were shuttered. PB'an Cippy Teran, former Jammm Z90 radio talent, was among 50 contenders to become the San Diego Padres' next PA announcer.

The 41st annual San Diego Crew Classic was held April 5-6 at Crown Point Shores on Mission Bay. BBP editorialized against adopting extreme points of view in the ongoing debate over changing SeaWorld's business model. A Taste of Mission Beach was held April 10, the second event in a yearlong centennial celebration.

MAY

Residents packed PB Middle School's library at an EcoDistrict/Livability Workshop to weigh in on proposed improvements to make the community more environmentally and economically sustainable. PB planners gave thumbs up to summer work on the new Palisades Park restroom. Discover PB announced plans for PB-Opoly, a board game fundraiser based on the Monopoly model to raise funding for community projects. Bikeshare announced 19 proposed sites in PB for its short-term bike rentals.

The next installment of Mission Beach's centennial celebration was "Meet The Legends" Spring Classic, held May 17 at San Fernando Court. The city announced plans to create a "no-fly" zone in MB via public education and extra planned trash pickups. The Coast of Pacific Beach Restau-

rant Walk May 20 tantalized palates. The city announced, and later rescinded, its ruling not to allow under-21 guests or players at the annual OTL tournament in July.

JUNE

A proposed Balboa Avenue trolley stop, part of the extension from Old Town to UTC, got a boost from a \$787,000 state grant to begin developing a specific plan for the area surrounding the project. North PB resident Judy Dryden showed off her amorous tortoise couple, Charlie and Ms. Malcolm, in a BBP feature. Ronan Harvey of The King's Head Tattoo in PB was profiled in BBP discussing his original take on an ancient art form.

A car show, a fire run and the annual Polish Festival got a thumbs-up from PB's Special Events Committee, but the annual Brazilian Festival got only conditional approval, with many planners feeling the event may have already overgrown its venue. The city approved an oversize vehicle ordinance on streets, to take effect citywide in August.

JULY

PB Library celebrated its centennial July 12 with a ceremony and tree decorating. PB planners endorsed a policy proposal prohibiting the sale of tobacco and e-cigarettes, as well as sales of drug paraphernalia, during community special events. MB's centennial celebration continued

with a "Dive-In" movie, "Jaws," at The Plunge in Belmont Park July 15. Concerts on the Green sizzled yet again in 2014 at Kate Sessions Park. The new lineup of tenants in the PB strip mall renovation at 1650 Garnet Ave. was announced. The list included Trader Joe's, Walgreens and a PetSmart as well as a Staples and a San Diego County Credit Union branch. PETA took its battle to change SeaWorld's business model to the airport, putting up banners discouraging Comic-Con attendees from going to the marine mammal park.

AUGUST

Sandcastle building was yet another

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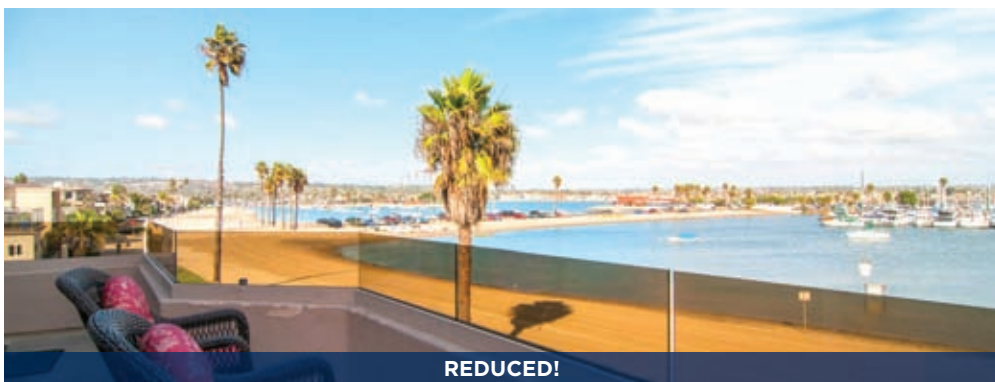
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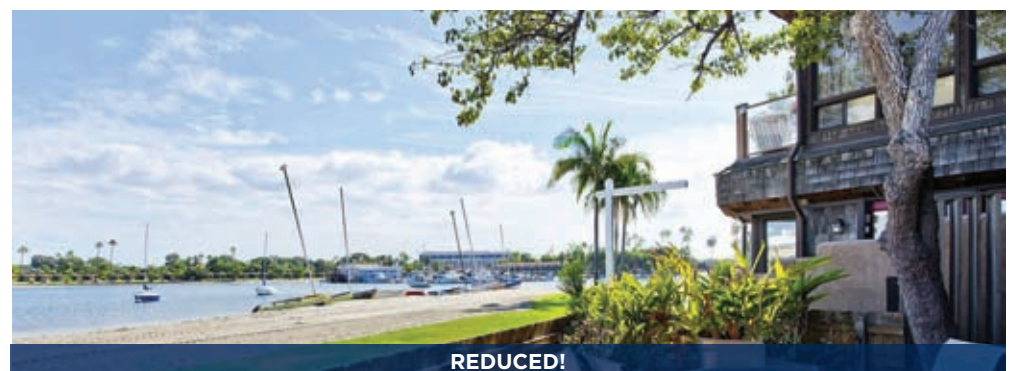
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Haynes murder proceedings suspended amid attorney's incompetency finding

Criminal proceedings were suspended Jan. 7 for a 22-year-old Point Loma man charged with killing his parents in their Sunset Cliffs home Nov. 28 after his attorney told a judge he doubted his client's mental competency for arraignment.

Attorney Richard Gates said his client, Peter David Haynes, whose last court appearance was on Dec. 3 in San Diego Superior Court, has schizophrenia.

Haynes is accused of killing his father, David Haynes, 61, and his mother, Lissa Haynes, 62, the morning after Thanksgiving. His father called 911 at 3:09 a.m. after he and his wife were shot.

San Diego Superior Court Judge David Szumowski ordered Haynes to participate in a Feb. 5 meeting with a psychologist, who will write a report and forward it to a judge before a Feb. 20 hearing.

Another judge will determine whether Haynes is mentally compe-

tent to stand trial. If found incompetent, Haynes would likely be sent to a state mental hospital for treatment that include anti-psychosis medications.

"His understanding of his role in what happened is muddled by the mental illness," said Gates to reporters afterward.

When a television reporter asked Gates if Haynes has expressed remorse, Gates said the mental illness doesn't cause him to have much emotion. "The schizophrenia plays a role in what happened," Gates said.

The District Attorney's Office filed three special circumstance charges in the case that could lead to the death penalty or a life sentence without parole. They allege murder during a burglary, murder while lying in wait and multiple murders.

Haynes remains in the central jail without bail and has yet to be arraigned on the charges.

— Neal Putnam

Guilty plea is entered in CHP vehicle theft

A female prisoner who drove off in a California Highway Patrol vehicle in Mission Bay while handcuffed pleaded guilty Jan. 6 to theft of an emergency services vehicle.

Casaundra Rose Lane, 27, also pleaded guilty to felony evasion of police with reckless driving during the Nov. 6 incident, which ended after she collided with three cars at Friars Road and Qualcomm Way in Mission Valley.

Lane also pleaded guilty to two counts of assault with a deadly weapon—the CHP vehicle she drove off in. She slipped her handcuffed hands in front of her and slid from the back into the front seat. The seats did not have bars between them.

Lane agreed to accept a prison

sentence of four years and eight months, said Deputy District Attorney Michael Runyon. Sentencing was set for Feb. 24 before San Diego

Superior Court Judge Robert O'Neill.

"It's really a bad idea to steal a patrol vehicle," said Runyon to reporters afterwards. "Theft of a police car is certainly unusual."

The theft drew a heavy law enforcement presence, as there was a rifle inside the car.

Although Lane was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition, that count was dismissed Jan. 6. Runyon said Lane didn't gain access to the rifle.

The incident started after Lane



CASAUNDR LANE

was arrested for auto theft when a CHP officer found that a stolen vehicle had collided with street signs in Mission Bay. Lane was placed in the back seat of the vehicle, and after the officer stepped away, she drove off. The officer fired shots as she drove off.

Runyon said Lane drove more than 70 miles an hour, while still handcuffed, on Interstate 5 to state Route 163 and to Interstate 8 until she struck three vehicles in Mission Valley. The car was disabled, and Lane was arrested. One man in a car Lane struck was injured.

Lane remains in the Las Colinas Women's Detention Facility on \$255,000 bail. She has a previous conviction for felony possession of heroin.

— Neal Putnam

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ing the City's emergency preparedness and resources for our Office of Homeland Security and partnering with MTS to increase transportation options for seniors who can no longer drive."

The Republican also has a number of district-specific priorities. Among them are a "new policy for vacation rentals to protect neighborhood residents."

Zapf said she also intends to lead the charge on plans for potential new uses of the De Anza property while assisting with the creation of the new Point Loma Business Improvement District.

She also plans to bring her successful "Pothole Patrol" program to District 2, where her staff proactively reports potholes in the district and gets them in the queue to be fixed. She also will be hosting regular office hours at locations throughout the district to give residents "increased access to their elected official in City Hall."

Chris Olson, a member of beautiful PB and the Pacific Beach Planning Group, gazed into his crystal ball and saw big things ahead.

"The perfect storm for planning the Pacific Beach EcoDistrict is arriving on our shores this year," Olson said. "It is my wish that people catch the wave of community involvement by committing to one or more of the following: educate themselves on the opportunities in our community; join, volunteer for and/or support a community group; attend community meetings and workshops; participate in online surveys/forums on community issues; and encourage our students to get involved in planning the future of their community."

Olson said the top planning

opportunities for Pacific Beach community involvement in 2015 include:

- Identifying short- and long-term locations for urban agriculture/community gardens, which are in high demand;
- Beginning plans for the Pacific Beach Mobility Study if the City wins the \$500,000 grant submitted for it, in which case planning will begin for the PB Parks project, including boardwalk widening and a mobility hub at Mission Boulevard to improve infrastructure and increase beach access via multi-modal linkages to the Balboa Trolley Station;
- Submitting proposals in February for joint occupancy development at Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy, plans for which includes a large section along Rose Creek;
- Beginning layout of signage and road markers on selected routes of PB Pathways, a network of safe neighborhood routes for pedestrians, while the planning continues for future routes and related improvements;
- Finalizing PB Planning Group recommendations for short-term vacation rentals in early 2015 (nothing will change unless the community continues to put pressure on the mayor and City Council);
- Taking the finalized joint occupancy agreement between PB Middle School and the YMCA from concept to design;
- Amid the De Anza settlement, begin planning the future of Pacific Beach along the eastern bayfront, with possibilities to include De Anza, Campland, Mission Bay Golf Course and other facilities surrounding Mission Bay High School;
- Recognizing that every community group has a role in the City of San Diego's Climate Action

Plan, expected to be finalized and adopted in 2015 (the Pacific Beach EcoDistrict is expected to be a leader for CAP strategies); and

- Using the \$900,000 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant to engage the community in planning transit-oriented development adjacent to the Balboa trolley station, including the eastern portion of Pacific Beach between the I-5 and Rose Creek.

"All of these opportunities can be guided by strong community engagement," concluded Olson.

Karin Zirk, founder of the non-profit environmental group Friends of Rose Creek, said there are a couple of "carryover" issues from 2014 to be addressed.

"We'd like to obtain Dedicated Parkland Status for the orphan stretch of Rose Creek," Zirk said, noting the City of San Diego and the Stormwater and Transportation Department need to survey the land and identify assessor parcel numbers for dedication.

"The roughly \$300,000 price tag for this is in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year," Zirk said, adding that parkland dedication will ensure "Rose Creek can fulfill its promise of functioning as a linear park, with bike trails that connect PB and Mission Bay Park with Clairemont and University City. We feel this fits in perfectly with San Diego Audubon's grant to look at restoration possibilities for the mouth of Rose Creek, the De Anza Cove and Campland areas."

Friends also wishes to build its membership base this year and find funding to hire a coordinator for the Rose Creek Watershed. Funding for the existing position ended at the end of 2014.

Friends also announced that it will participate in this year's Creek to Bay Cleanup, set for Saturday, April 25.



Virginia R. Milton "The Shell Lady"

SAN DIEGO – Mrs. Virginia R. Milton (born Virginia R. Byrd in 1915), 99, passed away in her sleep on December 8, 2014, at a Sharp Coronado nursing facility in Coronado, San Diego, CA.

Mrs. Milton married twice and had five children, who she raised as a single mother. Notably, she was the "Shell Lady" at Crystal Pier in P.B., San Diego, for almost 20 years before retiring in Sept. 2000. Mrs. Milton is survived by her four children.

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We would like to Honor Roy for all his years of service to our community. **Thank you Roy!**

PETA, SeaWorld argue virtues, demerits on planned expansion of orca habitat

By DAVE SCHWAB

Is SeaWorld's plan to nearly double the size of its killer whale enclosure a step forward or a token response to negative feedback from the documentary "Blackfish," which called the marine park's business practices into question?

That debate was rejoined Jan. 6, when SeaWorld representatives and animal-rights activists from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) renewed their debate over the marine park's "Blue World Project" at a meeting of the Mission Bay Park Committee in Mission Beach.

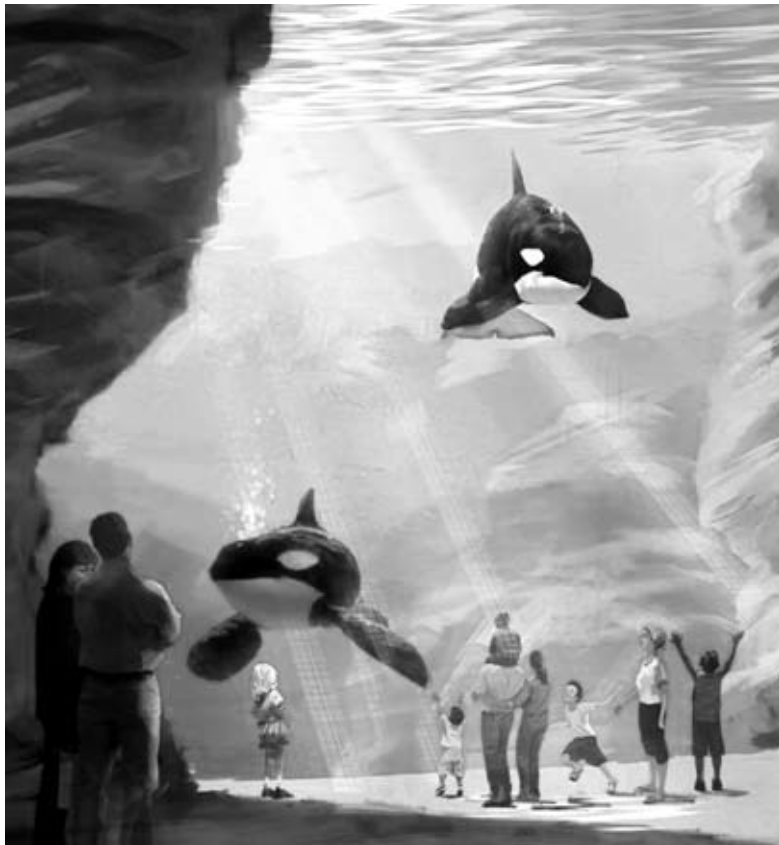
Announced last year, the project is a master-planned expansion of the park's killer whale environment.

"We're going to replace the existing pool in the same place, making it 50 feet deep and 350 feet across," said SeaWorld spokesman Jerry Howes about the park's expansion plans to reconfigure the orca habitat by 2018.

Details on the project, an informational item only before the park committee, will be presented to the California Coastal Commission for review later this year.

Animal-rights activists view SeaWorld's expansion plans as a negative.

"This is clearly a drop in the bucket, a desperate maneuver by SeaWorld to turn back the hands of time when people are learning about the suffering that these orcas go through in captivity," argued PETA campaigner and



SeaWorld's Blue Whale Project would expand the park's killer whale enclosure by 350 feet across. COURTESY PHOTO

spokesman Matt Bruce during broadcast interviews prior to the committee hearing. "It is fluff for visitors and does nothing for the orcas who are still confined to small, barren concrete tanks that they have to swim in in circles with chemically treated water. Even if you make the prison bigger, it's still a prison."

A handful of PETA protestors stood outside and inside the Santa

Clara Recreation Center, where the park committee meeting was held, holding signs protesting orcas being held in captivity, which activists contend is a "failed business model."

"We're kind of changing our business model right now, building twice as big a habitat for the killer whales, making sure they continue to stay happy, breed and their numbers grow," answered

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rolled out at an unbelievable 5 million, a figure underscored by the nearly 4 million (about a third of Paris' metropolitan population) who on Jan. 11 swelled the country's streets in defiant, jubilant defense of freedom of expression the world over. Some 40 world leaders walked among the crowds, arms linked in a rare show of unity (President Obama's absolutely unbelievable absence notwithstanding).

Je suis Charlie, or "I am Charlie," became the mantra of choice in Paris and in cities from Beirut to Tokyo, and "Le Marseillaise," the French national anthem, totally hit the top of the charts. In the blink of an adoring public eye, France's 9/11 had morphed into a political Woodstock.

The upshot from the bloodshed wasn't lost on San Diego, whose House of France in Balboa Park was the scene of a hastily arranged candlelight vigil on Jan. 8. On the day of the Paris rally, about 125 showed their solidarity at the park — and perhaps no presence was more reassuring than that of Taha Hassane, director and imam at the Islamic Center of San Diego, who participated in both rallies.

"I'm against injustice," he said in a published report. "I'm against crimes committed in the name of my faith, in the name of the God that I worship, in the name of the

prophet that I follow. Extremism and terrorism have no religion, no culture except the culture of hate."

French President François Hollande isn't highly thought of by his people, but it's a cinch he carried himself every inch the statesman Jan. 11, when he declared that "Today, Paris is capital of the world." And so it has been for centuries as the signature city of about 40 peace treaties since 1229. By contrast, little Brossac became a commune in 1793 and has never had more than 1,200 residents at one time.

But this is one case where size, thankfully, doesn't matter. Paris, Brossac and every French city in between stand shoulder to shoulder as the moment's true leaders of the free world. Just as I'm elated at their courage, I am shaken amid my devastation at the attack on a free press and loss of life.

I am rapt with anticipation of my trip and my hosts' colossal resolve, writ bold and extra-large Jan. 11 on the world stage.

And even as my French is well-near hopeless, I am beside myself with pride for a nation that fuels mankind with its almost unimaginable presence, dispensing hope and humanity as freely as an impoverished world can scare draw its sustenance.

Je suis Charlie.

Martin Jones Westlin is editor of *La Jolla Village News*, sister paper of *Beach & Bay Press*.

11 Critical Home Inspection Traps to be Aware of Weeks Before Listing your Home for Sale

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. 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

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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.

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Planners OK short-term vacation rentals permit process

By DAVE SCHWAB

A Pacific Beach Planning Group subcommittee charged with making recommendations on how to reign in short-term vacation rentals voted overwhelming Jan. 10 in favor of instituting a citywide permit process with attached suggested conditions. The subcommittee's recommendations will now be forwarded to the full group for review.

In the subcommittee's third monthly meeting, chair Jim Krokee led a discussion by members of the public as well as subcommittee members including community planners, rental industry representatives and impacted neighbors.

"We've had two meetings previously, four hours of public discussion for and against," Krokee said, adding that "The feeling was that a permit would help regulate vacation rentals and have some control over how taxes (on it) are collected."

Krokee suggested that a rental permit with conditions would best

be issued citywide, as problems with troublesome vacation rentals are widespread.

Not all subcommittee members agreed.

"I don't see why this ordinance would have to be citywide," said planner Chris Olson. "What's suitable in PB might not be in different areas like downtown San Diego. To try and suggest what we want here is the best fit for the entire city might not be the right approach."

Previously, Krokee noted short-term vacation rentals "essentially are unregulated except for the required tax that doesn't include any restrictions." He said he's received scores of emails from PB neighbors complaining of excessive noise, parking, traffic, trash and late hours.

Some PB residents insist short-term rentals displace single-family homes, a negative consequence they feel could be excluded via zoning changes.

The subcommittee favored a pro-

positional to modify the City's existing municipal code requiring a permit for operating short-term vacation rentals defined as those renting for 30 days or less.

Some PB residents agreed more regulation of short-term vacation rentals is required.

"I favor the permit. I think it's badly needed," said Chris Brewster.

"We've been here before," noted subcommittee member and PB planner Scott Chipman. "These rentals do have impacts on our community. There has to be some kind of regulations." But Chipman cautioned that "a permit for the sake of a permit just means nothing until we know what kind of regulations are going to be in the permit."

Insurance broker Dennis Bell, a Crown Point resident for 22 years, said he's seen vacation rentals on the beachfront "boom, boom, boom."

"Mission Beach has changed forever (because of vacation rentals)," Bell pointed out.

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er summer event, held Aug. 17, for MB's centennial celebration. Sea-World took another hit from a group of residents who complained of noise and disturbance to wildlife caused by the marine park's nightly summer-time fireworks shows. Seeds were planted for more community garden spots across PB. PB planners expressed concern about DecoBike's 19 proposed bikeshare locations in their community. The PB Classic Car, hot rod and motorcycle show was a big hit Aug. 24. On Aug. 15, Sea-World announced plans to double the size of its orca exhibit. The city stepped up efforts to eradicate PB's illegal medical marijuana dispensaries. Ernest Remillard was named as MBHS's next principal.

SEPTEMBER

PB planners rejected, by a 12-5-2 vote, a proposal for a medical marijuana dispensary at 4645 De Soto Ave. in a business park off Balboa Avenue. PB's Tower Paddle Boards made the list of fastest-growing companies in the city. PB's oldest coffee-house, The Purple Café, on Grand Avenue, was proposed to be replaced by a senior-care facility on its corner site. A bubbly BBP feature talked about Hot Tub Cruisin, a rental company run by the Rhodes brothers, on Mission Bay.

Thousands of volunteers participated in Coastal Cleanup Day Sept. 20. Bayfair powerboat races marked 50 years of thrills and spills on Mission Bay. Safety measures were ramped up at Fiesta Island after a wrong-way driver plowed into a group of cyclists, injuring several of them. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held Sept. 20 to unveil the first "Safe Route to School" giant mural painted at PB Middle School.

OCTOBER

The city turned thumbs down on an initial proposal to sign a new 55-year lease with operators of Belmont Park. District 2 Rep Ed Harris opposed

the deal, arguing the city needs to hold out for better terms and more money. St. Maximilian Kolbe Roman Catholic Church held its 19th annual Polish festival; Pacific BeachFest Oct. 4 was a crowd pleaser. Fostering love of surfing was the top priority at the Oct. 11 Jetty Kid Surf Contest at the South Mission Beach Jetty. Mission Bay Park was among the first in the city to see reverse-angle parking stalls.

A North PB hat sale raised money for local elementary schools. Foothill Boulevard resident Jeffrey Rosan began lobbying to change the speed limit from 30 miles an hour back down to 25 on the thoroughfare. PB planners heard from some neighbors that they didn't like condo conversions and were in favor of "downzoning" to prevent density-creep in their community. Mr. Frostie, owned by John and Debbie Conca, was profiled as a "cool" PB tradition. Ghouls just wanted to have fun as the community turned out to celebrate Halloween.

NOVEMBER

District 2 Councilman Ed Harris reflected on his eight-month term during a State of the District speech. Incoming District 2 Councilwoman Lori Zapf inherited the thorny problem of negotiations with Belmont Park operators for a lease extension.

It was announced that PB Community Garden was to be uprooted and that it needed to move to a new location.

DECEMBER

After a 35-year legal dispute, De Anza Cove mobile home residents agreed to voluntarily leave the park within a year in exchange for \$22 million, an average of \$77,000 per resident, in compensation for moving.

Mission Bay High School held a ceremony celebrating the 10,000th student tutored in its ACES after-school program.

Pacific Beach landlord John Nobel was slapped with heavy fines for repeatedly allowing illegal medical marijuana dispensaries to operate on his properties.

PB man released from jail under bond

A Pacific Beach man indicted on drug and weapon charges, including endangerment of human life during an explosion while manufacturing hashish oil, was released from jail Dec. 23 on a \$75,000 property bond.

The terms of the release for Steve Elar Mora, 34, are that he live with his mother in Buena Park while his case is active in U.S. District Court in San Diego. He was freed after Judge Jan Adler accepted a trust deed that was filed as collateral for the bond, according to court records.

Mora, who has pleaded not guilty, will return to San Diego for a Jan. 23 hearing to set a trial date. His

apartment, near Mission Bay High School, was raided after a marijuana dispensary lab blew up on July 21 in Kearny Mesa, where he was working. No one was injured in the July 21 explosion, but the U.S. Attorney's office said the process for making butane hash oil or honey oil is dangerous.

Mora was indicted Nov. 28 on seven counts, including felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm in a drug trafficking crime, manufacturing marijuana and hashish oil, conspiracy and maintaining a drug-involved premises.

— Neal Putnam

Tourists are the icing on the cake in the PB of 2015

By SARA BERNIS

Executive director, Discover Pacific Beach

Starting off the year, we saw many businesses that had endured difficult economic times or new business ready to open where others had not survived.

Pacific Beach, being a major tourist destination attracting millions of visitors each year, has always had a business mix that understood the importance of capturing those visitors during peak months in order to get through the slower times. When times were tough and tourism went down, many businesses were forced to look closer to home to make it through. Reliance on the year-round crowd became more important than ever. As a result, we have seen a resurgence of culinary focus and distinctive concepts.

The small business owner finally felt confident to invest, and these ideas resulted in many remodels and change-overs in 2014, bringing a fresh perspective to our business community. While we lost some of our favorites, we gained some unique and exciting new ventures. As the summer came, businesses saw the return of the visitors – but as one business owner put it, "Now the tourist are the icing on the cake rather than the bread and butter."

The hospitality industry has always been a leader in trends; however, that was not the only place we saw these changes. In fact, 2014 brought 50 new members to Discover Pacific Beach, making PB the largest business

improvement district in San Diego, with 1,556 businesses. Similar to trends in cities all over the nation, 2014 brought innovation and opportunity, particularly in the tech and health industries. Pacific Beach is home to hundreds of professionals, from accountants to acupuncturists, all living and working in a beautiful beach setting.

Discover Pacific Beach was busy keeping up with the booming business this year, continuing its longstanding programs and adjusting to changes as well. We

The importance of shopping local, buying local and supporting local will be a trend we hope to foster in Pacific Beach.

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focused heavily on social media and targeted marketing to promote local events and businesses, seeing some of our most successful events yet. Our two restaurant walks and Pacific Beachfest reached record attendances in 2014, and we hosted the Pacific Beach Holiday Parade for the third consecutive year since canceling it in 2009 due to economic difficulties.

Thanks to the funds collected from Pacific Beach's Tuesday

farmers market, we have continued sidewalk cleaning services for our most heavily trafficked streets and continued the Beach Area Community Court Program. Discover Pacific Beach could not have been successful without the contribution and support from the volunteers and sponsors that contributed this year.

Collaboration was also key this year as citywide changes affected our neighborhood. Community groups, government officials and volunteers worked together to help navigate these changes. The biggest project was bringing the Pacific Beach Eco-District to life in partnership with beautifulPB, the Pacific Beach Planning Group and many others.

With change comes growth – smart growth, that is. This year, there will be a big focus on continuing efforts in smart growth, particularly in alternative transportation and development that continues to be a need as our neighborhoods grow. We have seen a resurgence of the neighborhood not just in Pacific Beach but nationwide. The importance of shopping local, buying local and supporting local will be a trend we hope to foster in Pacific Beach.

Whether that means supporting our local public schools, spending a little more time offline when shopping or getting out and exploring your neighborhood, we at Discover Pacific Beach encourage you to rediscover PB in 2015! Happy New Year!

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Having spent most of their lives doing everything together, going into business seemed like the next best idea for the Cosco sisters. Before Studio Barre, Lindsay found her fitness in the water surfing and practicing yoga. Jennifer, an endurance athlete, competes in Ironman triathlons and ultra-marathons annually. However, when Studio Barre became a shared passion of theirs they decided to bring Studio Barre to Bird Rock! Studio Barre offers a specialized barre class that focuses on building core strength, improving posture, and creating a dancer-like body. "Coming from opposite sides of the fitness spectrum, we felt if we could both fall in love with this type of fitness routine, we could relate to a lot of people." Located at 5705 La Jolla Blvd in Bird Rock, class schedule is online at studio-barre.com/birdrock/. Come check out the grand opening promos and fabulous boutique! First class is free! See you at the barre!

Immigrant licenses, bag ban among 900 new state laws

California lawmakers passed more than 900 laws signed by Gov. Jerry Brown during the 2014 legislative session that ended Aug. 31. Here's a look at a few of the more impactful measures, and the subjects they affect, that have gone into effect (or will) in 2015:

Transportation and natural resources

Immigrant driver licenses (AB 60) -- The DMV must issue driver licenses to undocumented immigrants who meet every other qualification and pass required driving tests. About 1.4 million people without U.S. citizenship are expected to apply for the licenses in the first three years.

Health and public safety

Yes means yes (SB 967) -- To receive state funding, colleges and universities must consider sexual behavior on campus consensual only if both parties actively agree to it and are not incapacitated, throwing out the old refrain "no means no" and replacing it with "yes means yes." California becomes the first state in the nation to use this rubric for sexual consent.

Groundwater management (SB



Plastic bags as we know them will be a thing of the past as of July 1. COURTESY PHOTO

1168, 1739, 1319) -- This is a sweeping set of groundwater regulations that require local water agencies to manage how much water is drawn from wells, making California the last Western state to end "pump-as-you-please" rules during a severe drought.

Plastic bag ban (SB 270) -- Grocery stores across California must follow the lead of cities like Los Angeles and stop bagging items in single-use plastic bags and allowing them to charge 10 cents for paper bags. This, the first statewide plastic bag ban in the nation is scheduled to take effect July 1.

Audrie's Law (SB 838) -- Teenagers convicted of sexually assaulting someone who is unconscious or can't give consent will face stiffer punishments, including mandatory sexual-offender treatment. The bill is named for Audrie Pott, a California teenager who committed suicide after photos of her sexual assault surfaced.

Selfie revenge porn rights (SB 1255) -- This expands a law that makes it a misdemeanor to distribute a naked picture of someone, often in an act of revenge, even if the photo was originally taken by the naked person.

Sex abuse rights (SB 926) -- Children who claim they're victims of a sex crime have until their 40th birthday to file charges, up from their 28th birthday. (This applies only to crimes committed on or after Jan. 1, 2015.)

Mandatory sick leave (AB 1522) -- Starting July 1, anyone who works for 30 days is eligible to accrue sick pay under this law, known as the "Healthy Workplaces, Healthy Families Act." About 6.5 million workers are estimated to be affected by the law.

Firearms and lifestyles

Massage parlor oversight (AB 1147) -- Local governments get greater oversight of massage parlors, which have been used as fronts for sex trafficking.

Gun owner welfare check (SB 505) -- This requires law enforcement agencies to encourage their officers to consult with gun ownership records when conducting welfare checks, something agents didn't do before Isla Vista shooter Elliott Rodger killed six people in May.

Legislations passed by State Sen. Marty Block that took effect Jan. 1 includes:

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Elderly (RCFE) staff training and protection (SB 911) -- Protects seniors living in RCFEs by increasing requirements for administrators and prohibiting retaliation against employees who call 911 when residents need urgent care.

Water quality testing (SB 1395) -- This authorizes counties to use quicker tests to determine beach water quality if they comply with federal Environmental Protection Agency guidance. Quicker notification to California's 238 million beachgoers will assist in protecting public health.

Other bills include mandatory reporting to OSHA (AB 326), requiring an employer's immediate report of a severe injury, illness or death to the state Division of Occupational Safety and Health; prevention of abusive conduct (an expansion on 2004's AB 1825), requiring that existing sexual harassment training include training on all types of abuse; and the elimination of California waiting periods (SB 1034), which prohibits group or HAMO health insurance contracts from imposing waiting periods on individuals.



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In-water displays mark sixth Sunroad boat show

By NICOLE SOURS LARSON

Whether you're in the market for a new or used boat, kayak, paddleboard or trailerable boat or just looking to flesh out your longtime dreams, there's something for everyone to enjoy at this year's San Diego Sunroad boat show.

The sixth annual winter show, now with larger than ever in-the-water displays, kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 22, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 25, at Sunroad Resort Marina, 955 Harbor Island Drive, at Harbor Island's east end. Show hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The show offers guests the chance to experience more than 140 sail and powerboats in every price range, style and size, from trailerable 25-foot boats to yachts over 90 feet, plus self-propelled vessels. Show director Jim Behun, who doubles as the marina's general manager, said the fare is about equally split between sail and power models.

"The industry," Behun said, "has really perked up, with more new and used boats sold. The interest rates are low, about 4 percent, and we'll have four or five companies offering boat financing. This has become the premiere selling show in southern California." Behun

added that it's designed to be informative and fun as well.

New this year will be a special exhibit on the docks, with representatives from ten Mexican marinas and boatyards explaining their available facilities and amenities. Along the docks, Seaforth Boat Rentals will provide sailboat rides for the family. A novel double-decker pontoon boat equipped with a slide will be exhibited on land.

Unlike many boat shows, the Sunroad show offers both new and brokerage boats in the water. The show's expansive tent and adjacent space feature more than 85 vendors offering marine services and products, including canvas, electronics, boat maintenance and supplies, surveys and boating accessories.

This year's largest exhibitor is JK3 Nautical Enterprises, displaying 12 boats, both sail and power, including several models shown for the first time in California. Their exhibits include the German-built Dehler 46 and three Hanse sailboats from 34 to 57 feet.

JK3 is also exhibiting Maine-built Sabre and Back Cove yachts. The Sabres are noteworthy for their twin-engine pod-drive, explained JK3 president Jeff Brown.

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stick, that's where the boat goes."

West Coast Multihulls is showing two catamarans, a 35-foot American-built Gemini and 44-foot French-built Fountaine-Pajot, as well as showcasing their catamaran sailing school and charter operations.

Multihulls are increasingly popular because of their stability and spaciousness, explained West Coast Multihulls President Kurt Jerman.

"Catamarans, especially in the 36- to 40-foot range, are like a condo on the water," Jerman said. "They're very beamy, giving them the stability and comfort people tend to like."

Tickets are \$12, with children 12 and under admitted free. Admission for active-duty military, police, EMTs and fire personnel with ID is free Thursday and Friday. Because of crowded docks, show staff ask guests to leave pets and strollers at home, with service animals always welcome.

Parking is available for \$10 at Cabrillo Isle, Cortez and Harbor Island West Marinas, with shuttles provided, plus preferred marina parking at \$20. Sunroad's Island Deli and food trucks will offer varied menus, all to the accompaniment of steel drums.

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Rebecca Jade leads agenda

San Diego isn't known for much of a soul or funk scene, but that is now rapidly changing thanks to the likes of singer Rebecca Jade, who appears at Tio Leo's Friday, Jan. 16. She's a brilliant blues or jazz vocalist, but when she turns on the funk, the wow factor goes up significantly. Whether she's turning out great cover versions of tunes such as Etta James' classic "I Would Rather Go Blind" or terrific originals such as "Cuts Like A Winter," Jade is making dance music at its best. Jade is a formidable talent; with the right push, it won't be long before she takes her music to a national level.

REBECCA JADE: Friday, Jan. 16, at Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 9 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. www.tioleos.com

Best known for his collaboration with Dan Fogelberg, Tim Weisberg is considered one of the pioneers of rock/jazz fusion. Appearing at Dizzy's on Saturday, Jan. 17, Weisberg is an incredibly dynamic performer heard on dozens of recordings from the Carpenters to Herbie Hancock, but it's live where his music truly takes flight, with plenty of room to breathe and an ace backing band including guitarist Chuck Alvarez, keyboardist Barnaby Finch, bassist David Hughes and drummer Maria Martinez. Jazz

fans will love every second of Weisberg's set, but pop fans or anyone who enjoys instrumental music will also find much to appreciate in a set of his music.

TIM WEISBERG: Saturday, Jan. 17, at Dizzy's, 4275 Mission Bay Drive. 8 p.m. \$20. dizzysjazz.com

Area musicians, or anyone who wants to add a little stage time to their resume, may want to check out the 710 Jamathon, to be held on Monday, Jan. 19, at the 710 Beach Club. The jam is open to musicians of all types and skill levels, with all instruments except guitars provided. The tunes are most often standards, giving budding musicians a great opportunity to perform on one of the area's most popular stages. There is a three-song limit before a shift in musicians, giving everyone in attendance a chance to join in on the fun.

710 JAMATHON: Monday, Jan. 19, at 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet. 9 p.m. No cover. 21 and up. Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Avenue. 8 p.m. 21 and up. \$10. www.710bc.com

Local jazz fans are spoiled with choices this month. One of the clear highlights is a special "Jazz Fest" taking place on January 18 at Humphrey's Backstage Live.

Beginning at 4 p.m., aficionados will be treated to sets from the Johnson Project, Reggie Smith, Marcus Shaw, Willie Bradley and host and DJ John Phillips. With its scenic views and prime location, not to mention plenty of free parking, Humphrey's is a great place to hear music, especially for those romantically minded. This evening's concert will provide the perfect soundtrack.

JAZZ FEST: Sunday, Jan. 18, at Humphrey's Backstage Live, 2241 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island, 4 p.m. \$25. humphreys-backstagelive.com

The tribute band craze continues unabated, with Brick by Brick one of the best spots in town to catch like-minded metal groups. On Tuesday, Jan. 27, the club presents a double bill of Aerosmith doppelgangers Aerosmythe and Led Zeppelin clones Black Dog. While both bands' set lists will be hit filled, top marks for this bill go to Aerosmythe, simply due to its longevity and proclivity for hit singles. Either way, if classic rock is your thing, this is an unbeatable double bill.

AEROSMYTHE: Tuesday Jan. 27, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. \$6. www.brickbybrick.com

-- Bart Mendoza

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Acoustic blues guitarist Robin Henkel is already a formidable talent, but when matched with singer Whitney Shay - watch out! Set to perform at the Kona Kai Resort on Sunday, Jan. 25, Henkel is a stunning guitarist as well as a manic performer, clearly having a great time onstage and doing everything in his power to make sure his audience is doing the same. Meanwhile, Shay's sassy stage persona and vocals are the perfect foil for Henkel's wonderful music. Together they are simply one of the best musical combos this city has ever seen.

WHITNEY SHAY & ROBIN HENKEL: Sunday, Jan. 25, 11 a.m., Kona Kai Resort, 1551 Shelter Island Drive, Shelter Island. www.resortkonakai.com

Zapf and Zimmerman to speak at Pacific Beach Town Council banquet

District 2 Councilmember Lorie Zapf and San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman will speak at the banquet marking the 64th annual installation of officers and directors of the Pacific Beach Town Council Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Mission Bay Yacht Club, 1215 El Carmel Place. The event is billed as an event that will usher in a new era for the association.

The itinerary includes a social hour beginning at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 if reserved with the council office, at (858) 483-6666 by Thursday, Jan. 22. Tickets are also \$35 at the door. Tables for parties of 10 are \$250. Speakers for the evening include Council Woman Lorie Zapf and Chief of Police Shelley Zimmerman.

Good behavior leads to tire-slashing panhandler's release after 97 days

A panhandler who slashed the tire of a motorist on Garnet Avenue was released Jan. 7 from jail after getting credit for 97 days spent in detention, including time for good behavior.

Rex Wayne Manley, 48, of Pacific Beach, was sentenced to 180 days, but the rest of the sentence was sus-

pended pending successful completion of three years' probation. He could have faced a three-year prison term.

San Diego Superior Court Judge Robert O'Neill fined Manley \$1,344.

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Paul Gauguin, *Spirit of the Dead Watching* (detail), 1892. Oil on burlap mounted on canvas. Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY. A. Conger Goodyear Collection, 1965. Photograph by Tom Loonan.

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Restaurant Week: Acqua California Bistro – room with a view

By MARTIN JONES WESTLIN

The only thing cooler than really good American cuisine is talking about it. And talking about it commands an ideal venue, like the outdoors. And an ideal venue like the

outdoors features really neat water-side dining, the kind you find along San Diego's nearly 17 billion miles of coastline and beachways. Water, after all, is the primary way we oxygenate ourselves (other than breathing); so too does it enliven

our banter on the delicious meal we just had.

That's where a place like Acqua California Bistro comes in. For starters, it overlooks Mission Bay, whose 27 miles of coast make its Mission Bay Park the largest man-made aquatic park in the country. "Acqua," in fact, is the Italian word for "water" – and given the eatery's locale and vistas, that part of its name was no mistake (to further illustrate the point, SeaWorld San Diego, Mission Bay Golf Course and other notoriously low-lying areas are mere hops, skips and jumps fore and aft).

You've probably guessed from the headline that this restaurant is one of the county's 180 participants in San Diego Restaurant Week, which runs from Jan. 18 to 24 – your money gets you two-course lunches ranging from \$10 to \$30 and three-course dinners from \$20 to

\$50, and they include tried-and-true American staples like beef and goat cheese, New York steak, seared diver scallops, yellowfin tuna tartar and loin of venison. Wash them down with chocolate terrine and Vienna-style cheesecake, and you'll not soon forget this eatery, any more than you'll consign the aquatic splendor to lost memory.

Acqua California Bistro is located in the Hilton San Diego Resort & Spa, 1775 East Mission Bay Drive, just south of Playa Pacifica Park. As you might imagine, you can take delivery on your menu items through room service if you choose to stay – but you'd be indoors, and that's no fun. These waterside views are as stimulating as the food, and that's something to talk about!

For more, see sandiego-hilton.com/acqua-restaurant.aspx or call (619) 275-7920.



Mission Bay lies just beyond all the food and talk the waits inside Acqua California Bistro. COURTESY PHOTO

California Tower opens for first time in 80 years

The California Tower at the San Diego Museum of Man in Balboa Park reopened to the public on Jan. 1, marking the first time the public has had access to the structure since 1935.

The California Building, the tower's anchor structure, is home to the San Diego Museum of Man, was constructed for the 1915 Panama-California Exposition. It was designed by architect Bertram Goodhue as a hybrid, blending several details in a Spanish-Colonial façade. Its design hints of Gothic influence with inspiration from Spanish churches in Mexico.

A symbol of San Diego, the California Building stood as an entryway to the 1915 Exposition. It was complemented by a Mission-style building constructed across the promenade from the building and attached to it with two arched passageways. Arched gateways enclosed the structures to form the Plaza de California. The south side of the plaza included St. Francis Chapel and its Spanish-style altar.

Tickets for California Tower tours are available at CaliforniaTower.org.

TIRE-SLASHING »

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His probation will expire in 2018, and he could get more jail time if he violates probation terms.

Manley told a probation officer he carried around a knife with him to use as a can opener and not as a weapon. He pleaded guilty Dec. 8 to possessing a concealed dagger used in a Sept. 16 incident when he stabbed the tire of a motorist during a rainstorm.

Freelance writer Nicole Sours Larson wrote an account of the incident in Beach & Bay Press on Oct. 16, writing she ignored a panhandler trying to attract attention while holding a sign and flyers. She was waiting for a green light in order to turn from Garnet Avenue onto East Mission Bay Drive.

Larson wrote she saw the man kneeling by her front left tire, jabbing at it, before he walked away. Another motorist signaled her to check her tire. The tire was flattened, and her husband had to change it in the rain.

Larson wrote she posted an account of what happened on social media site Nextdoor.com and was interviewed on KGTV Ch. 10. A KGTV reporter contacted police when he saw Manley, and Manley was arrested.

Manley had been on probation for a previous misdemeanor, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia. O'Neill ordered the probation terminated on that case, and Manley received credit for 73 days in jail.

-- Neal Putnam

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Mike Scarpuzzi, SeaWorld's vice president of zoological operations, who defended SeaWorld's expansion plans as "the best thing for the animals."

Scarpuzzi characterized PETA opposition as "radicals with an extreme point of view that we don't accept."

Asked about the timing of the orca habitat expansion, coming in the wake of public blowback from "Blackfish" and declining profits from SeaWorld's three U.S. marine parks, Scarpuzzi said it was "more coincidental than anything."

"I've been here almost 40 years, and there's always ebbs and flows in any business," he said. "There's no doubt in my mind that SeaWorld is going to be strong and we're going to continue."

Scarpuzzi added this is the fourth planned expansion of SeaWorld's orca habitat. He pointed out development of large-scale projects like Blue Ocean "take time," adding that "we've been talking about this expansion for many years."

PETA has challenged the ethics of keeping killer whales captive and profiting from their alleged commercial exploitation in public shows, brought to a flashpoint by the critical documentary "Blackfish." Bruce noted killer whales dive up to 1,000 feet deep in the wild and swim up to 100 miles a day.

"They would have to swim 1,500 laps in their expanded tanks to approximate what they would swim in the wild," Bruce said. "So this isn't anything to do with making lives better for these animals."

Scarpuzzi added SeaWorld is now into its fourth generation of orcas bred in captivity in the park, noting the most recent baby was born just 32 days ago.

"Killer whales don't breed if they're unhappy," Scarpuzzi contended. "These animals were born and raised here, and now they have their families here."

Asked his impression of "Blackfish," Scarpuzzi described it as "one truth... Yes, somebody died, but all the rest... is a lot misrepresentations and, frankly, a lot of lies."

Scarpuzzi said the

marine park's main concern is "about our animals and giving them the best environment we possibly can."

Bruce attacked the Blue World Project labeling it as "unnatural" and not in the best interest of killer whales.

"If SeaWorld is really interested in changing their image and doing the right thing by these animals, they would release them to seaside sanctuaries, where they can feel the ocean surround them and where they can hear the cries of distant relatives and maybe one day swim free with them," Bruce said.

Asked about SeaWorld's characterization of them as "radical," Bruce replied, "There's nothing radical about caring for these animals, wanting them to be left in the wild to live their lives as nature intended. What is radical is capturing these animals in the wild, artificially inseminating them and forcing them to live in small tanks that are the human equivalent of a bathtub, then forcing them to do tricks for crowds of screaming people."

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AJ Degrasse Trio, piano jazz, 7 p.m., Eddie V's

The Calidore String Quartet, chamber music, 7:30 p.m., Athenaeum

Tad Sisler, vocals, piano, keyboards, 8-11 p.m., In the Lounge, The Manhattan

Afro Jazziacs, Latin sounds, 9 p.m., The Turquoise

DJ Vinny Bravo, classic rock, 9 p.m., Beaumont's

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

Bossa Lounge Project, acoustic covers, 10 a.m., Bird Rock Coffee Roasters

Vera Cruz Blues, Latin sounds, 5 p.m., The Turquoise

Whitney Shay, jazz and blues, 6 p.m., La Valencia

Freddie A, piano jazz, 7 p.m., Eddie V's

Tad Sisler, vocals, piano, keyboards, 8-11 p.m., In the Lounge, The Manhattan

Takacs Quartet, string quartet, 8 p.m., MCASD Sherwood Auditorium

Goma, Latin sounds, 9 p.m., The Turquoise.

Jewel City Rhythm Authority, classic rock, 9 p.m., Beaumont's

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

Keni Yarbro, pop and jazz, 10 a.m., La Valencia

Todd Pyke, covers, 11:30 a.m., Beaumont's

Brent Curtis & Mike Myrdal, classic covers, noon, Prospect Bar & Grill

Sounds Like Four, jazz, 4 p.m., The Turquoise

John Cain, piano jazz, 5 p.m., Eddie V's

Big Boss Buble, rock and Euro jazz, 7 p.m., Café-Bar Europa

MONDAY, JAN. 19

John Cain, piano jazz, 5 p.m., Eddie V's

Indie Open Mic, hosted by Talia, 6:30 p.m., The Turquoise

TUESDAY, JAN. 20

Mikan Zlalkovich Trio, piano jazz, 5 p.m., Eddie V's

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The PBMS annual spelling bee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22. FOPBSS is supporting the event by purchasing a pizza party for all classroom finalists from their English classes. Winners will continue on to compete at the district level.

PACIFIC BEACH ELEMENARY SCHOOL

Family Fun Night at Mamma Mia Italian Restaurant is Thursday, Jan. 15, at 1932 Balboa Ave.

Join us for a delicious Italian meal, and Mamma Mia will donate back to PBE.

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS (FOPBSS)

FOPBSS meeting, Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. at PBMS.

MISSION BAY CLUSTER SCHOOLS

January 25, 2015. All-school fair and schoolyard dash 5k, Sunday, Jan. 25.

Awards will be given for the top three finishers in each category and for the best team spirit. The morning will be a fun-filled event, with a kids fun run, a walk, a 5k run, local kids bands, school presentations, goodie bags and a vendor village.

Proceeds benefit Mission Bay High and PB Middle School enrichment programs. Register now at schoolyarddash.org.

There are more ways to help make the event a successful community building and fundraising effort.

If you don't want to participate in the race but still want to support the schools, please consider making a straight donation, sponsoring the event at one of our higher levels, or promote the event on social media outlets.

CHILDREN'S THEATRE'S 'ALADDIN'

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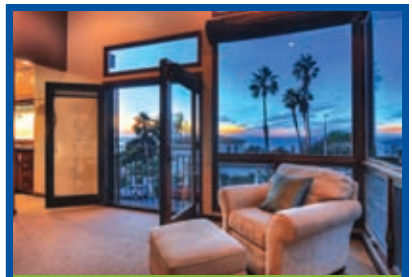
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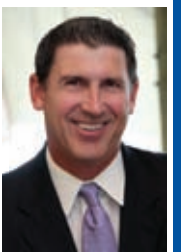


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