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## SURF & TURF

Saska's, the popular family-run Mission Beach steakhouse, which opened in 1951, is set to reopen Feb. 23 with a classic menu of seafood, steaks, and drinks.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

The Flamenco Festival in Pacific Beach on Feb. 26 will feature flamenco performers from Spain, where flamenco was born. Also included will be an internationally acclaimed gypsy troupe.

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# Mission Beach men guilty of sinking boat for insurance money

By NEAL PUTMAN

Two Mission Beach businessmen have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to sink a 57-foot boat used for charter sport-fishing trips in order to collect insurance money.

Christopher Alan Switzer, 39, of La Jolla, and Mark D. Gillette, 37, of San Diego, will be sentenced March 6 by U.S. District Court Judge Michael Anello.

They face a maximum sentence of 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine, though a lesser sentence is expected. Restitution is also expected.

Both men will be required to reimburse the U.S. Coast Guard for \$15,000 for the



The Commander charter boat sinking off Dana Point.

PHOTO FROM OC SHERIFF'S DEPT.

price of launching a rescue helicopter and other costs, according to the U.S. Attorney's office.

Their vessel, the Commander, was homeported in Mission Bay and was headed out to sea on Oct. 11, 2016, when it was intentionally sunk for the insurance money, the U.S.

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# Driver pleads guilty in Pacific Beach hit-and-run

By NEAL PUTMAN

A motorist pleaded guilty Feb. 9 to committing attempted murder and two assaults in hitting three pedestrians in Pacific Beach in which one suffered brain damage and was in a coma for three weeks.

Probation has been ruled out for Omar Anthony Gutierrez, 24, and he faces a prison sentence ranging from 5-17 years, said Deputy District Attorney David McNees.

J'Ron Erby, 23, was an intern for the then-San Diego Chargers when he was struck

on Aug. 5, 2016 around 1 a.m. in the 900 block of Garnet Avenue. His roommate, Kendrick Hester, and the roommate's friend, Martin Thomas, were also struck, and were hospitalized.

Erby was in a medically induced coma, but has made a significant recovery despite a skull fracture in three places and brain swelling. He was initially hospitalized in critical condition and on a ventilator.

Gutierrez pleaded guilty to attempted murder of Erby and

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Jetty cat Tiggs (above) relaxes on a rock as Spot (below) watches the sun set.

PHOTOS BY THOMAS MELVILLE

# USDA program not targeting jetty cat colony

By DAVE SCHWAB

Rumors that Mission Beach's jetty cats may become part of the annual United States Department of Agriculture predator cull to protect endangered birds in Mission Bay has residents riled, leading to a petition drive initiated on Forcechange.com to protect the feral felines.

But the outrage about the predator program removing members of the well-known cat colony may be misguided.

In December 2016, the City of San Diego posted a notice about the federal predator management program noting its purpose is to "protect the endangered California least terns and their nests from predatory animals at nesting sites through Mission Bay."

The notice said actions against



potential predators – skunks, raccoons and opossums including feral cats – may include monitoring, trapping, dispersal and shooting. That statement led to the rumors that the jetty cats could be targeted by the USDA program.

But according to a statement on the Jetty Cats - San Diego Facebook page:

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"We have received a lot of messages and posts regarding the issue with the USDA. They are not trapping near our colony and any cats trapped in other areas will be taken into animal control.

"We have been working with several other groups regarding the safety of our cats and we have found that this is already an active project that the USDA has been doing for 10 years now. The sad news is any wildlife (predators to the protected birds) will

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The Ambassador, a classic steak and potato entree at Saska's in Mission Beach.

## Saska's steakhouse reopens in Mission Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

Sold in summer of 2015 and closed for renovations since last fall, Saska's Steak & Seafood is returning with an updated design and menu – but the same classic feel.

Now called Saska's, the popular family-run Mission Beach eatery, which opened in 1951, is set to reopen Feb. 23.

Saska's has been meticulously restored by The Patio Restaurant Group, which also owns The Patio on Lamont, The Patio on Goldfinch, Fireside by The Patio, The Swell Cafe, Surf Rider Pizza Co. and Bao Beach.

One of San Diego's oldest steakhouses, the game plan in revitalizing Saska's was for it “to remain a staunchly traditional, unflinchingly classical steakhouse of yore,” according to The Patio Group.

With Saska's grand reopening, The Patio Group aims to “move forward by looking back to the past.”

Branded as “San Diego's Original Steakhouse,” Saska's will showcase a sleek, refined interior with an intimate setting that harkens back to the good ole days, embracing originality over novelty, and timelessness over fleeting fads.

“Saska's is one of my favorite restaurants in San Diego. I've been a regular for more than 20 years,” said Patio Restaurant Group owner/CEO Gina Champion-Cain. “Restoring the long-standing restaurant to its former glory is a dream come true, and a passion project brought to life.”

Champion-Cain also operates Luv San Diego Surf and is CEO of Luv Surf Brands, LLC, a San Diego-based lifestyle brand for real estate, hospitality and branded merchandise.

Saska's new menu is a take-off from the classic menu of the '60s and '70s. It includes Shrimp Louie



Diners can get nostalgic with creamed spinach on the menu.

salad, creamed spinach, various cuts of steak, and a wide variety of seafood including grilled salmon and Alaskan king crab legs.

Customers will also be able to choose from a number of other traditional menu favorites such as a half-pound cheeseburger, fettucine alfredo, briased short rib and teriyaki marinated chicken breast. Sides and desserts showcase ice cream, cheesecake, mud pies, chocolate cake and seasonal pies.

“We're not trying to emulate a classic American steakhouse,” said restaurant GM Ryan Rohrbacker. “We are a classic American steakhouse that's going back to our roots and sticking to what we do best.”

By highlighting their protein-centric dishes, including signature cuts such as “The Duke” sirloin and “The Original” filet mignon, Rohrbacker noted Saska's is aiming to put the “steak” back in “steakhouse.”

Executive chef Michael Ground is enhancing Saska's storied meat program.

“A steakhouse isn't rocket science,” Ground noted. “It's really about taking the best cuts of a cow and preparing them simply to elevate their quality.”

The chef said all of Saska's steaks are hand-cut daily to ensure consistent quality and grilled over an open

### SASKA'S

Where: 3768 Mission Blvd.

Opening: Thursday, Feb. 23.

Info: [www.saskas.com](http://www.saskas.com), 858-488-7311

flame for an optimal sear.

Saska's drinks program is classically inspired, offering crowd pleasers such as the Old-Fashioned, the Whiskey Sour, and the Last Word.

Joe Saska and his wife opened the family owned and operated restaurant at 3768 Mission Blvd. in 1951. When Saska died, the business was handed down to son Mike. After Mike died of a heart condition, the business was transferred to brothers and sisters Tommy, Mary and Jimmy.

Saska's transferred ownership on Aug. 10, 2015 to The Patio Group. At that time, Champion-Cain noted Saska's fit into her company's plans on “expanding our brand and our neighborhood-centric eateries along with our coffee and surf shops and our gourmet food store.”

Champion-Cain said Saska's fit into her plans incorporating “a hospitality theme catering to the local neighbors.”

Saska's will provide dinner service daily, with brunch offered during the weekends.

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# Mission Bay soccer teams prep for playoffs

By DAVE THOMAS

If you're thinking the regular season went by quickly for both soccer programs at Mission Bay High, many others likely are thinking the same thing. With the regular season in the books, action turns to post-season play.

## Girls soccer

On the girls side of the ledger, the Bucs finished the regular season 22-3-1 and won the City League championship under head coach Jorge Palacios. The 22 wins are the most for a season in the program's history earning Mission Bay a No. 4 seed and first-round bye in the playoffs. Their first match will be on Satur-

day, Feb. 25 in the quarterfinals.

Freshman Lina Rodriguez set a new MBHS single-season record for goals with 39. Meantime, Malaya Sharpe, Story Thomas, and Andrea Clemente started every game this season, providing the team with many great efforts.

"The team is excited for the post-season and is currently ranked No. 5 in the division," Palacios stated. "It'll be really fun to see how far the young squad can go. I wouldn't put anything past them."

## Boys soccer

On the boys side, head coach Joe Panian's squad sported a 7-8-1 record heading into CIF playoff action this week.

According to Panian, the Bucs have been led by senior Luis Rojas, junior Saul Camacho, and sophomore Enrique Moreno. "They have been strong for us the last two weeks," Panian noted.

Mission Bay was to open the playoffs earlier this week on the road versus Santana.

"I feel we have a good chance of winning the game if we are a collective unit," Panian went on to say. "I think anything is possible for this team when playoffs begin, because they are talented. However, they need to make good decisions and continually maintain their defensive shape to have a chance of winning CIF. I know we will score goals, but defense wins championships."

# Albion Pros gear up for Division 2; open with Phoenix Rising

San Diego's only professional outdoor soccer team, Albion Pros, won a 3-2 thriller over East Bay Stompers with a last-minute goal by Pros forward David Luquen on Feb. 11 at Mission Bay High.

The team is set to prove that San Diego is ready for Division 2 soccer. "San Diego has been the hotbed for youth soccer players for many decades," said Pros CEO Noah Gins. "The community is ready to fully support professional soccer. Whether it be the MLS, USL, NASL, or NPSL there is a fan base and desire to watch and be entertained by this beautiful game."

This match on Feb. 25 will be more than just a pre-season match. It will be a battle between two leagues, that has the potential to shake up U.S. Soccer. In the past, the Albion Pros have been closely linked to a move into what has been U.S. Soccer's sole Division 2 for many years, the North American Soccer League (NASL), before the United Soccer League gained traction and just recently gained Division 2 status alongside NASL.

Many first division teams have their reserve teams playing in the USL, such as Seattle Sounders, Portland Timbers, and LA Galaxy.

Albion head coach Ziggy Korytoski recognizes the importance of the game, and the potential the Pros offer, after the Chargers left a void in the hearts of San Diegan sports fans. "San Diego is an ideal setting to develop players. The proof is in Albion, which has integrated our



Albion Pros beat East Bay last week.

PHOTO BY AMANDA SANMARTIN

## NEXT MATCH

Albion Pros vs. USL's Phoenix Rising FC  
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25.

Where: Mission Bay High Stadium, 2475 Grand Ave.

youth organization to complete the soccer pyramid – our model creates a pathway to the Pros.

"We averaged more than 2,000 supporters in our first season with a good mix of community and youth club support. Everybody from players, supporters and sponsors wants to be associated with a winner ... and we proved that we were in year one," Korytoski said.

"We qualified for the US Open Cup, we had an undefeated first season, reached the national quarterfinal, we developed a strong fan base and while we contract players from around the world, we develop top talent and promote players from within. What more would you want from a local professional franchise?" he added.

The match bears special significance, as the ownership group of Phoenix Rising FC, is also involved in the bid for a potential MLS expansion team in 2020, and a direct

competitor for the City of San Diego. Phoenix and San Diego are two of 12 cities that threw their hat into the ring for an MLS expansion, and this Saturday will be a chance for all supporters in San Diego to make a statement to the MLS, and Commissioner Don Garber, as U.S. Soccer will be watching.

Korytoski knows of the importance of this game for San Diego: "Now is the right time and a tremendous opportunity for San Diego to take center stage in the American soccer landscape. To be a city in consideration for the next round of MLS expansion just stamps the entire soccer community."



## PB Locals surf to first

Pacific Beach Middle School surf team, the PB Locals, took first place in the Scholastic Surf Series contest at Oceanside Pier on Jan. 29. Every team member who competed earned overall points for the team win and many students placed in the finals. Boys Bodyboard: Jake, fifth; Boys Longboard: Xander, sixth; Boys Shortboard: Kale, first, Niko second, Nathan, fifth place; Girls Longboard: Ellah, second; Girls Shortboard: Jenna, first, Hannah, fourth.

## PB coach earns Service to Sports Award

Pacific Beach resident David (DJ) Johnston, a mathematics teacher at The Bishop's School since 1993 and assistant coach of girls varsity volleyball and girls varsity soccer, was selected by the High School Sports Association as a recipient of the Service to Sports Award.

He was honored at the 29th annual Winter Awards Night on Feb. 6 in Marina Village.

It is no surprise that he was singled out for this esteemed honor. One could not overestimate what Johnston has meant to The Bish-

op's School during his tenure. Many teams have benefited from his expertise and wisdom, including cross-country and track.

And his influence doesn't stop there. A former practicing attorney, he left behind civil law to practice the laws of mathematics. Add a beloved instructor, valued colleague and distributor of Hershey's Candy Kisses to his list of accolades.

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Attorney's office said.

Switzer and Gillette admitted they destroyed plastic PVC piping in the ship's engine room that caused sea water to flood into it. They also pumped sea water onto the vessel and punctured its bulkhead.

They called the Coast Guard for help. A Point Harbor Patrol rescue fireboat later found them atop the partially submerged ship. Both men

gave a series of false statements to officials to cover up that the boat was intentionally sunk.

They told authorities the Commander suffered a power failure and did not know why it was flooding. The next day, the Commander was found adrift near Dana Point and only partially submerged.

A commercial salvage company towed the boat to San Diego Bay, and investigators uncovered the deliberately torn pipes in the engine room.

Both men remain free on their own recognizance.

## DRIVER >>

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two counts of assault with a deadly weapon in the striking of Hester and Thomas. The deadly weapon was the Hyundai Elantra Gutierrez was driving.

Also pleading guilty to accessory after the fact was Jamillah Amirah Jones, 23, who was with Gutierrez that night. Surveillance camera footage showed them walking down a sidewalk following a verbal alter-

cation with Erby.

Sentencing was set for both on April 19 by San Diego Superior Court Timothy Walsh. McNees said Jones could be sentenced up to a year in jail and it is expected she would get probation.

Two other counts of attempted murder involving two others who jumped out of the path of the car were dismissed.

Gutierrez remains free on \$350,000 bond and Jones is free on \$20,000 bond. He was arrested Sept. 27, 2016.

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# New pizza shop serving squares in Pacific Beach

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The eatery offers two unique styles: "Beach Pizza," a thin, crisp crust, with generous amounts of signature sweet sauce and premium blend of cheeses; and the "Detroit Red Top," a rectangular pie, thick and fluffy, framed with a border of crispy golden cheese and topped with two stripes of savory

organic tomato sauce.

Passionate about the art of crafting pizza, the owners are hands-on and focused on delivering thoughtfully crafted, delicious pizza. With a combined 20 years in the pizza industry, the owners spent years perfecting this new style of pizza, which included attending the King Arthur Baking School in Vermont and the Tony Gemignani's International

School of Pizza in San Francisco.

"We wanted to create a special atmosphere in a beach location with a sense of community for locals, as well as to attract tourists, all in a beautiful historical building, tying in our passion for traditional pizza-making methods," said Fred Santos, co-founder of Square Pizza Co.

Selling fresh pizza by the slice is their concept. The pizzas are 80

percent baked until they are customized, with toppings of choice, and then fully baked to order. Each pre-baked pizza stays out for a maximum of one hour; any pizza not sold within this time is then frozen, bagged and sold at a retail discount. Additionally, not leaving anything to waste and giving back to the community, frozen squares are not sold within one week are donated to San Diego Food Bank.



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## Pilates for Guys and Here's Why

While women tend to dominate Pilates classes, Pilates holds plenty of benefits for men who rise to the challenge. Whether you're a powerlifter, or you've never tried Pilates, a Pilates class can help fine-tune your performance. How? The Pilates method is a system of physical and mental conditioning formerly known as contrology. A big part of Pilates is focusing on those muscles that don't typically get a lot of attention. In my 20 years of experience working with men, their muscles are a little tighter than women's, especially in the hips and ham-

strings, but exercises can be easily modified to allow those areas to stretch out gradually. Men that add Pilates to their routine can show improvements in a just a few sessions, including muscle strength, control, balance and posture. While I'll never know what makes one guy pursue Pilates and another try it only once, one thing is true: Pilates does benefit men just as it does women.



Mission Beach Pilates

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Kelli Denton R.N., is the director and

has more than 35 years of nursing experience that includes oncology, infusion therapy, home health and home care. Denton explains that all caregivers are live-scanned fingerprinted, have extensive background checks through the Ca. DOJ (Dept. of Justice) and FBI on a national level. All employees are also bonded and covered with worker's comp. Effective 6.1.16, all home care agencies were required to be licensed with Ca.'s Dept. of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division and are subject to un-announced state surveys, which Denton welcomes. "Licensure keeps us on top of our game and will weed out those agencies that are not compliant with regulations".

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# Business



## Sprouts expands with salad bar, deli

Open since late last year, Sprouts natural and organic grocery store's new addition has enlarged its space from 19,000 to 23,000 square feet. 'We were able to add a new salad bar, full-service deli, and a juice bar as well as providing an area for seating and dining,' said a Sprouts spokesperson about the store, which has been in PB since 1994. The space was previously a Boney's, and then a Henry's before Sprouts purchased it. 'One of the cool things is that some of the employees have been here since the very beginning. Our expansion has been well received, and we're happy to have such loyalty from our customers.'

# Garnet Vape offers wide range of products

By DAVE SCHWAB

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"What we have is juice and liquids in all different flavors as an alternative to smoking cigarettes," Smith said. "It still has nicotine in it, but you don't have the rough tobacco on your lungs. The flavored smoke gets a bigger cloud, which some people like,

and it doesn't have the cigarette smell."

An electronic or e-cigarette is a handheld electronic device that vaporizes a flavored liquid. The user inhales the vapor in a process called vaping. The liquid in an e-cig is usually made of nicotine, propylene Glycol, glycerine and flavorings. Some e-

liquids do not contain nicotine.

Vaping may be less harmful than smoking regular cigarettes, but it's not totally harmless. And nicotine is addictive.

The modern e-cigarette was invented in 2003 by a Chinese pharmacist. As of 2015, most e-cigarettes were made in China. Since they were first sold in 2004, global use of e-cigarettes has risen exponentially.

Marcello Castillo at Garnet Vape said he still smokes cigarettes, though a lot less, since he started vaping. He added it's more discreet than tobacco smoking.

"If I'm around my kids or certain areas — I don't want to light a cigarette," he said. "Vaping has supplemented, substituted for it (tobacco). I smoke cigarettes a lot less. I vape instead of (using) cigarettes."

Smith talked about what makes Garnet Vape unique.

"Nobody has the different brands of juice that we have," he said adding, "Before this I had another vape shop. It was a good experience and I know which brands are best."

Also unique to Garnet Vape is that it carries CBD oils and other hemp materials, which are non-psychoactive therapeutic products for medicinal marijuana users to treat a variety of ailments including cancer, epilepsy and arthritis.

Smith got involved with vape shops as an investment.

"I saw the potential," he noted.

Smith added vaping is legal for ages 21 and up. He stressed his vape shop is a good neighbor.

"We're a legitimate business with a good presence in the community," he said.

Flavored vape liquids are sold in 60-milliliter and 30-milliliter bottles for \$30, and \$20, respectively. Smith noted those quantities typically last vape users two or more weeks.

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Time for questions and answers is available. Presented by Naomi Broering, dean of libraries and Greg Chauncey, health information instructor, Pac College of OM.

## Funds for affordable housing projects

The City of San Diego has announced the availability of \$25 million to fund affordable housing projects. This Notice of Funding Availability released by Civic San Diego will allow projects that meet certain affordability requirements and development objectives to apply for funds in order to facilitate the development of affordable rental units for the people of San Diego.

The goal is to leverage the \$25 million, at below market interest rates, with other funding sources from public and/or private organizations, into several projects that demonstrate certain affordability and mixed income levels. To read the full notice and obtain information to apply, visit [www.civicsd.com](http://www.civicsd.com).



## Zapf road repair

In response to recent rains, Councilmember Lorie Zapf joined patch truck driver DeArcy Harris to fill potholes in Pacific Beach. In 2016, city crews filled 7,961 potholes and repaired more than 25 miles of streets in District 2.

## Free ice cream

The Baked Bear, known for its custom ice cream sandwiches, will give out free ice cream during its Customer Appreciation Day on Feb. 25. From 11 a.m. until sunset, customers may receive one free cup of ice cream at any of the four San Diego locations (4516 Mission Blvd. in Pacific Beach). Find more information at [thebakedbear.com](http://thebakedbear.com).

## Marijuana delivery stolen in Point Loma

Two males ordered marijuana from a marijuana delivery dispensary on Feb. 20. The delivery driver arrived at the location, 3900 West

Point Loma Blvd., at 7:15 p.m. and two males stole the marijuana at gunpoint. The value of the marijuana is unknown at this time.

The two suspects were last seen running away from the scene. Nobody was injured during the incident. One suspect was described as a Hispanic male, mid 20s, 5-foot-7-inches tall, with a slender build in dark clothing. The second suspect was described as a black male, mid 20s in unknown clothing. Anyone with information related to the above incident is encouraged to call the listed Command handling the investigation or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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One of the jetty cats cleans up after a late afternoon meal.

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## CATS >> CONT. FROM PG. 1

be killed. The methods are not humane and this should not be tolerated in such a modern society. San Diego Humane Society is actively working to fight this.”

The Jetty Cats - San Diego Facebook page is run by volunteers who control the jetty cats population by using the trap-neuter-return program. The dedicated volunteers also feed and look out for the health and safety of the jetty cats.

The annual Mission Bay predator cull is conducted by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services, which noted previously: “Our predator management

activities are meant to boost the survival rate of these endangered birds and increase their population numbers.”

“Our devices are adjusted to minimize non-target take, and if non-target animals are captured, they are released or taken to local shelters,” said a USDA spokesman. “We have captured five cats since 2014 while doing this type of work. All were unharmed and taken to local shelters.”

“Wildlife Services posts signs and issues warnings to alert pet owners when wildlife traps or other devices are being used in an area for wildlife damage management,” the spokesman said. “These devices are only set at the request of and with permission from property owners or managers.”

A nonprofit dedicated to animal welfare providing adoption and veterinarian services, San Diego Humane Society acknowledged it opposes the USDA's predator management program.

“Suggesting we trap and kill one group of wildlife to save another is contrary to the mission of San Diego's oldest nonprofit, and not the answer,” said San Diego Humane Society spokesperson Kelli Schry. “For 136 years, SDHS has forged common ground in our community for working together on humane and effective solutions for companion and wild animals. No one denies that the problems caused by outdoor cats are real.”

“We believe that trap-neuter-return programs, matched with effective public education campaigns to reduce the number of owned cats outdoors, will produce measurable results in the years ahead. Studies have shown that TNR is the most successful method we have of controlling healthy feral cat colonies. And it's the most humane,” Schry said.

Noting San Diegans “have the power and responsibility to speak up for the voiceless,” Schry added, “TNR and the other humane strategies for outdoor cats and wildlife represent a forward-thinking approach that is in tune with both ecological sensibility and the practical realities of protecting our animals and preserving our ecosystem. We don't need to war with animals so much as we need to work together to make sure our pets and wildlife are safe now and in the future.”

Asked their views on the jetty cat issue by Beach & Bay Press on NextDoor.com, several Pacific Beach residents responded.

“My point of view is based solely on my opposition to the notion of culling anything ... cruel and avoidable,” said Sara Jouin-Nah of PB.

“Killing any animal, especially a cat, is never a 'good idea,' ” said Art Morris of PB. “Now, for the previous owners of abandoned cats ... don't get me started.”

“These poor cats need a chance to go to a good home rather than ending their lives because of humans who don't care for them,” said Susan Srouse of Pacific Beach. “Please help these feral cats.”

Addressed to San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer, a preamble to the Forcechange.com petition to save the jetty cats reads:

“A proposed roundup in the Mission Bay area of San Diego could result in the barbaric killing of stray cats by nearly any means deemed appropriate, including the shooting of cats ... The intended proposal will involve the placement of traps throughout the Mission Bay area, and could threaten a well-maintained and beloved feral cat colony ... The laying out of traps to capture these semi-tame cats, only to have them euthanized or possibly shot off-site, is cruel and unnecessary.”

The jetty cat petition in its entirety is at [forcechange.com/164591/stop-the-brutal-killing-of-feral-cats](http://forcechange.com/164591/stop-the-brutal-killing-of-feral-cats).

# Village Veterinary Hospital Provides State-of-the-Art Care without compromising personalized service

*Dr. Sue Morizi, VMd, PhD., owner-operator of VVH since 1989, prides herself on her “personal touch” with both four-legged patients and their two-legged providers.*

*Morizi has all the latest state-of-the-art equipment in pristine-clean facilities. She offers numerous products and services not provided anywhere else among area vets.*

## VVH's one-of-a-kind, personalized services:

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- Specialty referral and networking
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- Medications/products (not typically stocked in-office)
- In-office lab work and testing



## Pet Taxi Service

Morizi noted she literally will “go the extra mile” for her patients/clients. “We have people in assisted living like

Chateua La Jolla and Casa de Manana, or who are hobbled from having broken bones, who are unable to drive for a short period of time whose pets may require emergency care,” noted Morizi. “That's where our pet taxi service is available. Our staff will pick up these patients and bring them in for treatment without charging them if they live relatively close by.” A charge may be required if the pet lives a long distance from the hospital.

## Available Weekends and (most) Holidays

The Village Veterinary Clinic is only closed on the 5 major holidays. “We're closed on Sundays,” noted Morizi, who was quick to point out that she and her staff will make themselves available on Saturdays for emergencies as a service to patrons. “People know that if they need that (Sunday) service — it's available,” Morizi said noting such care can sometimes be the difference between life and death for an ailing pet. “I pay my staff to come in on Sunday and follow my instructions,” Morizi said. However, a life threatening emergency on a Sunday may require a trip to the ER. She cited one recent example, of a pooch with an intestinal obstruction. It was originally thought the animal needed emergency surgery when it was first brought in on a Saturday. “We decided to give it fluids and injections on Sunday, and luckily, the obstruction resolved itself and the dog did not have to go to surgery,” the vet said. “The owner saved thousands and thousands of dollars not having the dog housed in an emergency facility over the weekend.”

## Specialized Boarding & Grooming Services

“We do a limited amount of boarding, though we're not a boarding facility,” Morizi said noting her virtual online

tour at [villagevetlj.com](http://villagevetlj.com), shows her separate boarding rooms for dogs and cats with “very large runs.” “We can only take care of a few animals at a time — but they get a tremendous amount of care,” said Morizi. She pointed out the cost anywhere else, without access to care by a licensed doctor, would be a great deal more.

Morizi also touted her available grooming services, which are all part of the VVH “experience.” “Dogs will come in for grooming service and we'll check their skin and ears. If we find a problem, we can use medicated treatments, shampoos and cleaners, at our regular charge. It's a great way to keep small problems from becoming big ones,” she said pointing out, “Having a grooming facility within a hospital has that one-stop-shop advantage.”

## Personalized Full-Service Care

A big part of the VVH experience is personalized care. “People dislike going to vet hospitals where, each time they go in, there's a different doctor and no continuity of care,” said Morizi. “I have a one-person show here. People have been coming in since 1989 when I started practicing in La Jolla. I give patrons my cell number. I have all the data here on the patient's bloodwork and x-rays. If a transfer is needed, I'm able to speak to an emergency doctor, or staff, if they need instructions, on what to do. I can also be an advocate for the client and patient. I can help “translate” an estimate, which can be very confusing. Because of the continuity, they (patients) get better treatment.” Morizi noted VVH “is a familiar place,” adding that familiarity extends to knowing the pet patient's history, and what products, medications or anesthesia they might be allergic to. “It's like having your family doctor involved — no matter what the situation is,” she said.

## Costs & Specialty Care

Another advantage VVH offers is that it has much more flexibility in terms of costs and the quality of care offered being independently owned and operated. “In veterinary medicine, things are going in a very corporate direction,”



said Morizi. “With corporate rule, there are corporate policies, and pricing, and the standard of care is not as high.” Concerning networking with veterinary specialists, Morizi noted, “We have a relationship with the Veterinary Imaging Center of San Diego. Someone can come here for a mobile service like an ultrasound or echocardiogram, and they don't have to be referred to (another) specialist. I can do monitoring and communicate with that specialist. We also have a relationship with a mobile, board-certified surgeon, Dr. David A. Frankel, who can come in and do surgery.”

## State of the Art Equipment

Concerning VVH's equipment, Morizi noted she has “two anesthesia machines, both equipped with oxygen and new Sevoflurane gas anesthesia. I can have one patient on oxygen on one machine, while the other machine is used for surgery. Most vet hospitals don't have multiple machines like that.” Being a truly full-service veterinary hospital means, said Morizi, that “we have medicines available to dispense, which are not available at most places.” We have a full service dental medicine, heated surgical recovery systems, EKG and blood pressure monitors with data loggers to name a few.

Much of the essential pet lab work can be done at VVH, noted Morizi, with “blood work results available in 20 minutes.” She also has a state-of-the-art digital x-ray machine that streamlines the whole process making it easier for x-rays to be sent to radiology, with consultations within the hour. Morizi said her goal from the start has been to “have all the latest, state-of-the-art technology available,” noting “we also accept pet insurance.”

*Of VVH and the quality of the service it provides, Morizi said, “Very few, if any, vet hospitals I've ever worked at, or seen, are as transparent at what we do here. I allow people to come in and tour the hospital and see where their animals are going to be groomed or boarded. We also offer tours of our medical and surgical facilities.”*



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## EDUCATION NOTEBOOK>>

### Mission Bay High

■ PBMS Parent Night at MBHS will be 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23 in the library. Parents and students will be introduced to the academic, sports, and extracurricular activities offered at MBHS. Counselors will be available for questions about articulation choices.

### Pacific Beach Middle

■ Kale Cadam surfed in the final Scholastic Surf Series contest at La Jolla Shores on Feb. 12, placing third in the short board competition and first overall for the season.

The team won the contest with top boys short boarders Niko Lounais taking second place, Kale Cadam with third place, Silas Patricelli in fourth place, and Levi Retish with fifth place. Ellah Campagna placed third in girls longboard and Jenna Clark won girls shortboard with Hannah Dunfee taking third place. PBMS Surf Team, the PB Locals placed first overall for the season in the Scholastic Surf Series, Division 2.

Coach Scott Cadam remarked: "I am proud of all of the team members who competed this season and appreciate the support of all of the families. We had a great season!"

### Barnard Elementary

■ More than 20 student ambassadors from Barnard Elementary School attended San Diego's annual downtown Chinese New Year Festival on Feb. 11 and 12. Kindergarten through fourth grade students introduced themselves to event attendees in Mandarin, handed out fortune cookies, and spoke about their love for their school. They were joined by Barnard principal Aida Hernandez, teachers, and parents in raising awareness about the school's Mandarin immersion program.

"Our students are our best salespeople," said Barnard PTA president Janis Tan. "They most clearly exemplify Barnard's strengths and successes. If our children can't win you over, nobody can!"

### PB Elementary

■ PBE Family Science Night will be 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24. After the Makers Space dedication, the evening will be filled with hands-on STEM exploration and fun with SPAWAR, Climate Kids, Climate Science Alliance, and San Diego Youth Science. Chip's Beach Eat'z will be on-site at 4:30 p.m., providing food for purchase with part of their proceeds donated to PBE.

### Kate Sessions

■ Congratulations to students who will be participating in Read



### Barnard peace garden

Principal Aida Hernandez and Barnard Asian Pacific Language Academy students stand with the newly-installed peace pole in the school's new peace garden, an area for all students to enjoy a quiet moment, read a book, think about life, or sit with a friend. Construction on the peace garden will continue throughout the school year. Most costs were covered by parents, but donations are needed for plants and paving services. Contact Barnard PTA at [barnardpta@gmail.com](mailto:barnardpta@gmail.com) if you can help.

Across America on March 2. Research shows that kids who are motivated readers will do better in school. Thank you to the PB business community for continued support. Friends of Kate Sessions will be holding their auction April 28. Donations support programs such as art and music which are not funded by the school district.

### CPJMA

■ On Friday, Feb. 24, at 4 p.m., Crown Point Jr. Music Academy will dedicate a garden in memory of CPJMA advocate and past PTO president, Raul Cadena, who was killed in a car accident last June. Former CPJMA students and Suzuki violin teacher, Stephen Luchs, will perform at the dedication. Community members are welcome to attend.

### FOPBSS

■ The 12th annual Taste of North Pacific Beach will take place 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Organized by the Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools, all proceeds benefit programs and special events at Mission Bay High, Pacific Beach Middle, and Pacific Beach Elementary schools.

Sample an assortment of food and drink from 14 restaurants in North Pacific Beach. Listen to local school bands on the lawn of The Turquoise Animal Hospital and view student artwork at Gallery at Land's End and Java Earth Café. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 for children 5 to 12 years and can be purchased at Mission Bay High, Pacific Beach Middle, Pacific Beach Elementary, Java Earth Café, Leilani's Café, and Pernicano's.



Pictured left to right is Katelyn Krebs (Harkamal's teacher), Harkamal Parmar, Evelyn Miller, Paul Gallo (Evelyn's teacher)

### EVELYN MILLER AND HARKAMAL PARMAR "Kiwanis Student of the Month"

Evelyn Miller, from Pacific Beach Elementary, and Harkamal Parmar, from Crown Point Jr. Music Academy are the Kiwanis Students of the Month. These students represent outstanding leadership in and out of their classroom. They both were honored by the Kiwanis Club of Pacific Beach and Brian McMullen of Allstate P.B. with breakfast at the Broken Yolk.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**



### Cathie Jolley Day

At Pacific Beach Town Council meeting in January, City Councilmember Lorie Zapf (right) presented former PB Town Council president Cathie Jolley (left) with a proclamation that Jan. 18 was to be recognized as 'Cathie Jolley Day' in District 2.

### Avoid losing thousands when selling your home

SAN DIEGO, A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home. A 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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### San Diego's largest thrift, estate and garage sale

The 89th Thursday Club Rummage Sale – San Diego's largest thrift, estate and garage sale - will be held Saturday, March 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Balboa Park Activity Center. Proceeds will benefit 18 community charities from children to the elderly, health, veterans, arts, life skills, animals and education.

The Thursday Club, started in 1921, is a non-profit, volunteer organization of more than 300 women. Our goal is to promote educational, cultural, social, moral and civic activities. Through the Rummage Sale we hope to raise more than \$120,000 for the community.

There will be bargains galore. We have furniture, rugs, lamps, sporting goods, toys, bikes, linen, holiday items, clothes, art, frames, jewelry, hats, purses, household and kitchen items, electronics, antiques, books and more new and gently used merchandise.

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### Tree falls in PB

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Due to strong winds and rain, a tree snapped, landed on a car and partially blocked the eastbound lane of Diamond Street near the intersection of Jewell Street on Friday, Feb. 17.

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# Prepare for St. Paddy's with Skelpin at Tio Leo's

By BART MENDOZA

A Mexican restaurant, Tio Leo's, might not seem like the obvious place for a pre-St. Patrick's Day concert, but such will be the case on March 5, with a special afternoon show from Celtic favorites Skelpin.

Led by fiddler Patric Petrie, the band includes percussionist Enrique Platas, guitarist Jimmy Patton and bassist Wesley Forsberg. The group's members are all headliners in their own right, which makes a show from the band a rare occasion not to be missed. The key to the Skelpin's success is their mix of manic energy, virtuoso musicianship and folk fusion, all adding up to what will surely be an afternoon of fun.

**Skelpin: Sunday, March 5 at Tio Leo's, 5302 Napa St. 4 to 7 p.m. 21 and up. Cover TBD. [www.tioleos.com](http://www.tioleos.com).**



Fiddler Patric Petrie, of the Celtic band Skelpin, which will play at Tio Leo's on Sunday, March 5, poses for a photo.

Anyone looking for a dose of classic rock will want to hear the Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival, performing at the 710 Beach Club on Feb. 24. The quartet excels at bluesy tunes along the lines of the Georgia Satellite's or early 1970s-era Stones, with a set list full of excellent originals such as "Comin' Home" and "Daddy I Want to Rock 'n' Roll." This is music meant for dancing and partying that fits in well with the songs of their heroes, giving fans of early '70s rock the opportunity to hear a group with the same spirit and musicianship as long time favorites, but with brand new music of their own.

**Brian Jones Rock 'n' Roll Revival: Friday, Feb. 24, at the 710 Beach Club, 710 Garnet Ave. 9 p.m. 21 and up. [www.710bc.com](http://www.710bc.com).**

The proof of San Diego's current musical renaissance is in the fact that so many of the non rock-pop and R&B genres are thriving, with new events springing up to celebrate them. The latest such happening on San Diego's calendar is the inaugural Flamenco Festival, taking place on Feb. 26 at Tango Del Rey. The night will feature a blend of music and dance, with musicians and dancers direct from Spain, including award-winning dancer Lakshmi Basile, guitarist Pepe del Morao and singer Manuel Tane. This performance promises to be as much about art as it is about music, with much to appeal to both the eyes and ears.

**Flamenco Festival: Sunday, Feb. 26 at Tango Del Rey, 3567 Del Rey St. \$25 - \$40. 5:30 p.m. All ages. [www.tangodelrey.com](http://www.tangodelrey.com).**

Fans of iconic Eric Clapton-led trio, Cream, will want to check out Extreme Cream, performing at Brick by Brick on March 2. Although technically a tribute band, the sheer musicianship of the three players involved takes things to a whole new level. On hand will be acclaimed drummer Sufi Baker, who is son of original Cream drummer, Ginger Baker, bassist Joey Tafolla and crucially, guitarist Mike Keneally. Without a doubt, Keneally is one of the best guitarists on the planet, as heard in his work with Frank Zappa, Andy Partridge of XTC and Deathklok, to name a few. Expect all the classics, including "Sunshine Of Your Love" and "White Room," played with a passion that only those who truly love these songs can muster.

**Extreme Cream: Thursday, March 2, at Brick by Brick, 1130 Buenos Ave. 7:30 p.m. 21 and up. \$22. [www.brickbybrick.com](http://www.brickbybrick.com).**

Dizzy's is known for its wonderful schedule of jazz artists, but owner Chuck Perrin does, on occasion, feature deserving acts, you might not get a chance to hear elsewhere. Such is the case with an appearance at the venue on March 5 by the world's first steampunk orchestra, Prof. Marvill's Spectacular Aerialists Show Orchestra. The group celebrates music from the late 1800s through to the turn of the last century, as might have soundtracked such vintage TV dramas as "The Wild Wild West." The orchestra performs original music, mixing rags, marches, tangos and waltzes, in full costume, combining the elements for a show that's both a visual and audio time warp. Each admission receives a free copy of the group's latest, self-titled, album.

**Prof. Marvill's Spectacular Aerialists Show Orchestra: Sunday, March 5 at Dizzy's at Arias Hall, 1717 Morena Blvd. 2:30 p.m. \$15. [www.dizzysjazz.com](http://www.dizzysjazz.com).**

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Lakshmi Basile, a native San Diegan and the daughter of musicians, honed her flamenco art while residing in Spain for several years. She will perform along with other professional flamenco performers.

## Flamenco Festival to debut in Pacific Beach

By DAVE SCHWAB

Lakshmi Basile, who's returned to San Diego as an ambassador for her craft, is spearheading the city's first Flamenco Festival in Pacific Beach.

The event, on Sunday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight, at 3567 Del Rey St., will feature Basile and other professional flamenco performers from Spain, where flamenco was born. Also included will be an internationally acclaimed gypsy troupe.

Created, organized and produced by private flamenco instructor Basile, the festival celebrates Spanish and gypsy cultural arts through a memorable evening of music, dance and song.

Showcased at the inaugural fest will be young talent, as well as internationally acclaimed flamenco performers and dancers accompanied by live authentic gypsy music. It will be an inspiring evening of entertainment with Mediterranean cuisine, refreshments, artisan crafts, a cash bar, a silent auction and gifts from supporting donors.

Lakshmi Basile La Chimi, a native San Diegan and the daughter of musicians who honed her flamenco art while residing in Spain for several years, made history there. She was the first non-Spanish artist to win an award in the central flamenco contest in Spain in 2011.

### FLAMENCO FESTIVAL

**When:** Sunday, Feb. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight.

**Where:** 3567 Del Rey St.

**Tickets:** \$35 online, \$40 at the door.

**Info:** Visit [www.lakshmibasile.com](http://www.lakshmibasile.com) or email [lachimi.basile@gmail.com](mailto:lachimi.basile@gmail.com).

She discussed the new festival's significance.

"We want to have a strong community out here for flamenco," she said. "The idea is to bring together the flamenco community, bring the cultural art to San Diego. We want people to get interested in the art form, or interested in supporting the cause of the nonprofit."

A portion of proceeds from the festival will support a culture group providing flamenco and other dance instruction to more than 1,000 children throughout San Diego.

"I work alongside a nonprofit organization, Roots Performing Arts Youth Company, that gives free and low-cost classes," Basile said. "They will be present for the show, and a portion of the proceeds (10 percent) will go to them to help that organization thrive."

What to expect from the flamenco cultural event?

"People will see me dancing and three other artists from Spain for this show," Basile said. "It's not going to be

watered-down flamenco. There will be authentic dance, song and guitar playing by authentic gypsies from there."

Basile said the flamenco performance will last about 90 minutes, to be followed by a buffet dinner with an opportunity later for the audience to mix with performers.

Discussing the dance style's appeal, Basile noted professional flamenco dancers get into a "meditative state," something she herself is familiar with.

"Flamenco is one of the few art forms that allows me to do that," she said. "It touches me, speaks to me. It's really rewarding. You get to really transmit it to other people. Many times, people have come up to me and they cried or were touched in some way or other. It's a gift, a very special state of being."

Flamenco performing artists direct from Spain will include:

- Pepe Del Morao, a guitarist from Jerez, is from one of the most important flamenco guitar dynasties in history.

- Manuel Tane, who started performing at age 16, has gained national and international acclaim from his performances in theaters worldwide.

- Luis De La Tota, is a beloved teacher known for his ability to share the secrets of flamenco with endless energy, humor and grace.

## Six to be inducted into the Women's Hall of Fame on March 5

Nominations to honor women of accomplishment from the community flooded the offices of the Women's Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame selection committee identified five women – from more than 200

nominated – who have worked tirelessly to improve the lives of other women and to bring change to their communities. On March 5, these women will be inducted into the 16th annual San Diego County

Women's Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony is open to the public and will take place 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the Joe and Vi Jacobs Center. Tickets and details about the ceremony are at [womenshalloffamesd.org](http://womenshalloffamesd.org).

## San Diego Humane Society offers free spay and neuter services on Feb. 28

On Feb. 28, San Diego Humane Society will perform 80 free spay/neuter surgeries and give away 75 free spay and neuter appointments to qualifying pet owners for World Spay Day.

Income-qualifying individuals with pit bulls, Chihuahuas and cats are invited to sign up their pets for a free spay or neuter surgery starting as early as 10 a.m. at one of San Diego Humane Society's three campuses: Oceanside, Escondido and San Diego, at 5500

Gaines St. Each campus will schedule 25 appointments for future dates on a first-come, first-served basis. While pet owners are signing up for future appointments, 80 pre-scheduled surgeries will be performed on animals who are the most at-risk of entering shelters in San Diego – pit bulls, Chihuahuas and cats.

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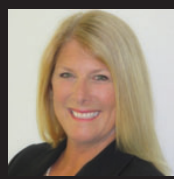
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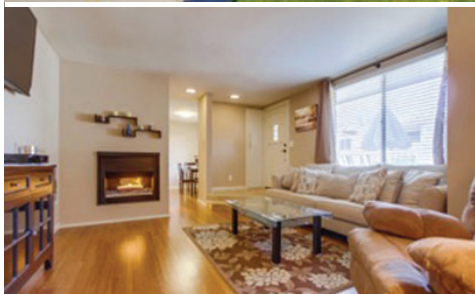


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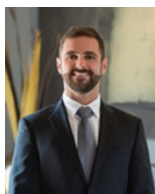
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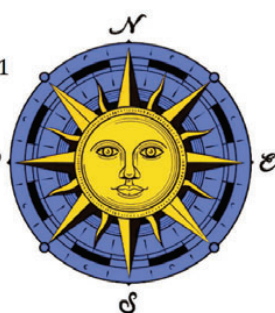
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