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ClubFest Bands: Party Grooves For Everybody

Bands offer fun grooves for all tastes to enhance party.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{THE}}\xspace$ CLUB — What kind of party music do you like? Rock? Blues? Funk? Latin? Soul? R&B? Well then, get ready to tap your feet, clap your hands and treat your soul at ClubFest.



too. Featured at ClubFest this year are three bands: Jamnesia, playing party jams; Latin Gents, cranking up

such a hit that music is a big part of this year's ultimate party,

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Top Students Awarded Club Scholarships

Club's expanded scholarship program awards Club family members with great potential.

THE CLUB — "I understand that being a leader is more than a title, it is a lifestyle," writes soon-tobe college freshman Irvin Shannon. "I must not only hold leadership positions, but my actions must be indicative of one who is deserving of respect and capable of making a lasting impact." That's the kind of winning outlook that won



the Club's top scholarship for Irvin, the son of Club

Member Shelia Shannon, Payroll Supervisor, Street Services (Public Works). Irvin receives a stipend of \$3,500 to encourage his further study, which he will be doing at Howard University in Washington, D.C., in the fall.

Irvin Shannon, First Place Club Scholarship winner.

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Celebrate easy summer days with a visit to the beautifully restored Point Fermin Lighthouse in San Pedro.

This Rec and Parks facility overlooking the blue Pacific offers informative and **See Page 11.** enjoyable tours for the whole family.

Kristen Childs, Historic Site Curator and City employee, welcomes fellow City employees - and everyone - to the lighthouse.

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City gem: Doint Fermin Lighthouse

■ This City gem is a perfect destination for an easy, end-of-summer day.

REC AND PARKS — A treasure from the Victorian era offers a peek into the City's past ... and a great view of the Pacific and the Harbor.

The Point Fermin Lighthouse, which dates from 1874 and had been closed to the public, underwent a major restoration in 2002 and reopened the following year. Tours are offered most afternoons (except Mondays).

Kristen Childs, Historic Site Curator and City employee, welcomes fellow City employees – and everyone – to the lighthouse. With Point Fermin Park sur-

rounding the lighthouse and great views of the ocean and Harbor area from its observation room, the lighthouse is a great family destination for a summer daytrip.

Restoration efforts were spurred on in the 1960s by Coast Guard plans to tear down the lighthouse. San Pedro residents William Olesen and John Olguin spearheaded the restoration of the lighthouse to its original appearance, based upon blueprints provided by the Coast Guard.

The lighthouse, one of the oldest light stations on the West Coast, was built on a hilltop west of Pacific Avenue at Gaffey Street and Paseo Del Mar. Built in 1874 as a beacon to ships in one of the nation's busiest ports, the lighthouse no longer contains a functioning light beacon, although it did for many decades. When Pearl Harbor was attacked in 1941, the threat became very real that the West Coast could be next. The Navy seized the lighthouse and dismantled the lantern room as well as removing the lens. They constructed a lookout tower, which served the war effort for several years.

The Victorian building in which it was housed was constructed of bricks with a wood frame and contained a cupola where the lens was mounted. Bricks and lumber shipped around Cape Horn were used to build the station and three cisterns.

Rec and Parks contracted with the federal Lighthouse Service in 1927 to operate the facility, and the house became the residence of a superintendent.

HOURS OF OPERATION

The lighthouse is open from 1 to 4 p.m. every day except Monday, when it is closed.

Lighthouse tours:	
Tuesday:	1, 2, 3 p.m.
Wednesday:	1, 2, 3 p.m.
Thursday:	1, 2, 3 p.m.
Friday:	1, 2, 3 p.m.
Saturday:	1, 2, 3 p.m.
Sunday:	1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3:30 p.m.

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