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San Diego Scene

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*Torrey Pines Gold, 30 x 40 oil on canvas by Jeff Yeomans*

The **San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce** will have a heavy presence at the **California Hispanic Chamber's** 30th annual convention Aug. 16-22 at the U.S. Grant Hotel, a confab that also will feature Gov. **Arnold Schwarzeneger**, Sen. **Dianne Feinstein** and a host of other state legislators and business leaders. The local Hispanic Chamber will host the Supplier Diversity Business Expo on Aug. 21 from 2 to 7:30 p.m. under the theme, "Doing Business with Public Agencies." The business expo will include procurement matchmaking opportunities with corporations, certification workshops, seminars and a reception for members. It is one of the first large projects undertaken by **Nick Inzunza**, former San Diego councilman who is chairman of the local chamber and its board of directors. More than 80 exhibitor booths will be part of the event. The California Hispanic Chamber's convention also will have business procurement and matchmaking sessions designed to bring business owners together with corporate and state procurement officers. Also being featured is the Access to Business Capital program where companies are advised on how to receive private investment or equity financing beyond traditional financial institutions.

Other speakers besides the governor and Feinstein are Assembly members **Manuel Perez** and **Lori Saldana** and **Karen Mills** of the U.S. **Small Business Administration**.

San Diego artist **Jeff Yeomans** presents an exhibition of his recent works titled "Beach Sessions" at **Art Expressions Gallery**. Yeomans' current work documents California lifestyles, with a number of coastal studies, including paintings of La Jolla Shores, Point Loma and San Elijo Lagoon and urban landscapes including "Kettner and Hawthorne" and "Little Italy." His show runs through Sept. 12. The gallery is at 2645 Financial Court, just off Morena Boulevard North. More information can be obtained at artexpressionsgallery.com.

The **Building Industry Association of San Diego County** is offering scholarships for high school seniors, high school graduating seniors and full-time second, third and fourth year technical, vocational and college/university students who are pursuing a career in the building

commander of **Navy Region Northwest**. Hering became commander of Navy Region Southwest in 2005. He oversees 75,000 active duty sailors on 10 installations in the six-state southwestern region. A change of command ceremony with Hering and French has been scheduled for Aug. 14 at **Naval Base San Diego**.



Rear Adm. Len Hering



Rear Adm. William French

Hering was commissioned through the NROTC Scholarship Program from **State University of New York Maritime College** in 1977 with a bachelor of science degree in meteorology and oceanography. He also has a master's degree in international relations and strategic studies from the **Naval War College**, and a master's degree in business management from **Salve Regina University** in Newport, R.I. Hering's initial sea assignment was aboard **USS Santa Barbara** where he served as 1st and 2nd division officer and assistant first lieutenant. He had command of **USS Aries** from January 1989 to January 1991 and **USS Doyle** from July 1995 to March 1997. His assignments ashore include aide and administrative assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Warfare; 1st Battalion Officer and Ethics Instructor, **U.S. Naval Academy**, Annapolis, Maryland; commanding officer of Naval Base San Diego; commander, **Naval Surface Group Pacific Northwest**; and commander, **Navy Region Northwest**.

Event dates have been confirmed for the 2009 Fleet Week, the nation's largest and longest celebration of the military. The sponsoring **San Diego Fleet Week Foundation** will offer more than a week of celebration. The Foundation's goals are to foster awareness of the contributions made by enlisted military personnel and their families, to enhance relationships between the civilian, business and military communities, to provide events that military personnel and their families can attend at little or no cost, and to raise funds for charitable efforts benefiting enlisted service members and their families.



Major events:

Star Spangled Salute Gala: Saturday, Aug. 15 — Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Fleet Week Padres Baseball Game: Thursday, Aug. 20, 7:05 p.m. — Petco Park.

All Enlisted Golf Tournament: Wednesday, Sept. 16 — Admiral Baker Golf Course.

Heroes Appreciation Luncheon: Tuesday, Sept. 22 — Town & Country Resort.

MCRD Bootcamp Challenge: Saturday, Sept. 26 — MCRD San Diego.

Coronado Speed Festival and Navy Open House: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26-27 — Naval Air Station North Island.

Enlisted Recognition Luncheon: Wednesday, Sept. 30 — SeaWorld San Diego.

Miramar Air Show: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 2-4 — MCAS Miramar.

Operation Liberty Call: Friday, Oct. 2, 4-9 pm — Historic Gaslamp Quarter.

Fleet Week Golf Tournament: Wednesday, Oct. 7 — Salt Creek Golf Course.

Navy Birthday Ball: Saturday, Oct. 10 — Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Veterans Home of California BBQ: Saturday, Oct. 17 — Chula Vista.

Fleet Week Foundation Breakfast: Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Admiral Baker Club, Naval Base Point Loma.

For more information, visit www.fleetweeksandiego.org/events.html.

Call for Green projects: **The American Institute of Architects**, San Diego chapter's "Committee on the Environment" (COTE-SD) is putting together a database of sustainable regional projects that may be used for tours, case studies or possible event venues. Projects that members or the community at large is aware of can be submitted via e-mail by Aug. 20 to cote-sd@aiasandiego.org. Projects can be any size, built in any area of the county and do not need to be LEED certified. Additional information on what constitutes a "green" or sustainable project can be found at the national COTE Website, www.aiatopten.org.

The International Council of Shopping Centers' Western Division Conference will be held Sept. 3 at the **San Diego Convention Center** in Downtown San Diego. Proceedings get under way at 8 a.m. Highlights include a "Retail Design Exhibit" showcasing leading design concepts; "A View from the Top" featuring a panel of industry CEOs; and "Let's Talk About the New Deal," with industry professionals exploring how deal structures and negotiations have changed in 2009.

This year's State Bar Annual Meeting will be held Sept. 10-13 at the **Grand Hyatt** in Downtown San Diego. As part of the event, the Office of Bar Relations Outreach will host an all-day Bar Leaders' Conference. This year the conference will be co-hosted by the **San Diego County Bar Association** and the Office of Bar Relations Outreach. Presidents, presidents-elect, board members and executive directors from California's local bar associations will participate in an all-day conference offering a variety of sessions on leadership, governance, finance, planning and communications. For additional information, contact **Leanna Dickstein**, Office of Bar Relations Outreach at (213) 765-1337.

The **Downtown San Diego Partnership** will host a Civic Center luncheon Sept. 11 at noon at the **Hard Rock Hotel**, 205 Fifth Ave. The luncheon will provide insight into the proposed redevelopment of the Civic Center complex and will include a project overview by **Jeff Graham**, assistant vice president for redevelopment for the **Centre City Development Corp.**; presentations by the development teams of **Hines and Gerding Edlen**; and a financial evaluation of both proposals by **Mike McShea** of **Jones Lang LaSalle**. For reservations, contact **Todd Voorhees** (619) 234-0201.

The **San Dieguito Wetlands Restoration Project**, part of an effort to offset any adverse impact on ocean ecosystems caused by the **San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station**, will get a complement of uniformed rangers to patrol the almost 500-acre site and provide education to the public, maintain the new trail systems and direct people to approved areas to protect sensitive habitat. The project, now in its final stages, is being handled by **Southern California Edison** and **San Diego Gas & Electric**. They have agreed to pay for the ranger service to be managed by the **San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority**. The ranger patrols were considered necessary because of the growing number of visitors to the site. Several endangered migrant birds already have been spotted at the site, and new species are colonizing the wetlands more rapidly than predicted. Minimizing interference with these new residents and their habitat is the goal of the project.

Wetlands rangers will patrol during daylight hours throughout the nature preserve, providing visitors with maps, directions and general information. As the park trail system becomes operational, rangers will conduct pre-scheduled hikes available to the general public, schools, local environmental groups and park supporters. Subjects covered will include the value of