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Takes aim at the Holidays

Jason Knibb

Restaurant: NINE-TEN, La Jolla

Birth city: Montego Bay, Jamaica

Current neighborhood: Bay Ho

PacificSD: On which TV show(s) have you appeared?

JASON KNIBB: Food Network's *Cooking Live with Sara Moulton*, Bobby Flay's *Food Nation – Best of Utah* and Food Network's *Iron Chef America*.

How has becoming a celebrity chef changed the way you cook?

The spotlight has certainly made me more aware of what I and my team at NINE-TEN are cooking, and I have become much more critical of the dishes that we are putting out. The pressure to perform is also much greater.

How has it changed the way you run your business?

You really have to be ready and on your game at all times, as you never know who may walk through your dining room front door.

What will you be doing in 10 years?

It's hard for me to even predict a year from now. But hopefully I will be enjoying life, enjoying my family and good friends, and still creating amazing food that I am proud of and that people love to eat.

Who inspires you?

For me, inspiration can come from just about anything — shopping at Chino Farms or the local farmers' markets, dining at another restaurant, even surfing. But I can say wholeheartedly that most of the other chefs and

young cooks that have passed through my kitchen or even started their careers with me are doing great things in our industry. That inspires me.

Which are your favorite San Diego restaurants?

I don't really have a favorite restaurant in town. My favorite thing to do is visit new restaurants when I go out, and try a variety of different places. I do have some favorite dishes though: the sweet breads at Whisknadle, the Tonkotsu Ramen at Ramen Yamadaya, the carnitas burrito at Porkyland and the lengua taco at La Tiendita Market in Clairemont. I also love the burger at Bankers Hill Bar & Restaurant.

What's your favorite food?

It really depends on my mood, but I guess it would have to be Jamaican food. My favorite is curried goat and Escovitch fish. I also love jerk pork and chicken but I don't order it unless I'm in Jamaica because I'm always disappointed. Nobody can make jerk pork or chicken like they do at home.

What food do you detest?

Easy. Monkfish liver terrine. Hands down.

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